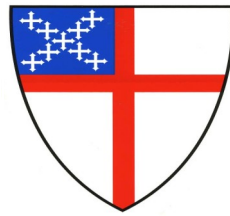


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Dear Nativity,

The Christian faith calls us to witness, even in death, the new life, which God gives in Christ through his death and resurrection. Death is a reality of our living and the Christian acknowledges this reality and prepares for its inevitability.

Most people love to plan for vacation, college, babies, weddings, and birthday parties, but most don't want to plan their own funeral....But if you want to give the best gift ever to your loved ones, let them know your final wishes. This is not always the easiest task to undertake but one that is well worth the thought, time and effort it takes to complete your burial plans.

Planning ahead allows family and friends to deal with their own grief at the time of death, lightening the burden of the many details that often arise when we are separated from someone deeply loved.

The Church of the Nativity has a booklet to help you and your family prepare in advance. It will enable your family and the parish clergy to understand your wishes and preferences. I am always available to assist you in this planning. A copy of your plans is kept on file in the church.

Some of you may not be aware of or have ever visited our memorial garden. Nativity's Memorial Garden is available for any parishioner or family member for interment of their ashes. For many people the desire to be buried on or around church grounds is abiding and strong. To them, burial near a church - a place of prayer and peace - is the final symbol of the holiness of the body. Included in this newsletter is the policy for our memorial garden.

If you want a funeral planning package or if you have any questions about our memorial garden, please contact me in the office at 343-0401.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Mary+

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Happy 4th of July!

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Contemporary Eucharist
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Noah's Corner Nursery
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Worship

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Healing
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist and Healing
6:15 pm Supper—Ultimate Salad Bar
7:00 pm Study

Happy Birthday!

Waldwin Crawford	7/1
Vasco Coombs	7/2
Judith Irons	7/3
Fred Pearsall	7/5
Becky Davis	7/6
Fr. Ken Lewis	7/6
Judy Beeman	7/7
Ann Boatswain	7/7
Eula Bryan	7/8
Juli Walls	7/9
Phillip Boyd	7/10
Edward Brunell	7/11
David Hills	7/13
Benny Garcia	7/14
Ernie Tarof	7/14
Teslyn Braithwait	7/15
Carolyn Elkins	7/16
Joshua Hosein	7/16
Deacon John Jasper	7/18
Alesha Kelly	7/18
Dennis Zebosky	7/18
Wendy Garcia	7/20
Joni Vernaglia	7/20
Bunny Webb	7/21
Horace Webb	7/21
Gregory Chadbourne	7/26
Frank Ellis	7/26
Philbert Roach	7/26
Roy Lippincott	7/27
Manuel Mesias	7/29
Christina Diaz	7/30
Claire Hartman	7/31

Happy Anniversary!

Evens & Reneie Latortue	7/1
Joe & Betty Foley	7/5
Victor & Carol Cyrus	7/6
Coley & Laurette Whitehurst	7/19
Vasco & Audrey Coombs	7/20
Benjamin & Fay Scott	7/27
Kenneth & Myrna Bridges	7/31



Going on Vacation?—As you visit a parish on your vacation, please drop us a card in the mail and bring their bulletin home with you signed by the Rector. We will put these on the notice board for all to digest. Don't forget to let the office know of your travel dates so we can keep you in our prayers. God Bless!

Update from the Senior Warden

You may recall that our mortgage contract allows Nativity to make one extra principal payment (minimum of \$10,000) on the anniversary date of the mortgage. An extra payment in the amount of \$13,634 was made in March. \$10,000 was taken from the operating fund and the remainder was given by parishioners to be used specifically for this purpose. Fortunately, we have not had to take money from the Money Market Building Fund for the “extra” principal payment since the operating fund balance has been sufficient. **Many thanks to those who helped with the extra payment.** That “extra” principal payment is saving Nativity \$110 a month in interest. The mortgage balance as of May 1, 2011, was \$591,680.

At the regular monthly Finance Committee meeting, May 17, we discussed the possibility of setting aside funds for the future. After much discussion, the finance committee agreed to the following:

Effective June 1, 2011,

1. Monies from the Operating Fund instead of the Money Market Building Fund be used for the once-a-year \$10,000 extra payment on the mortgage principal.
2. Money received in the Building Fund envelopes be deposited in the Money Market Building Fund.
3. The \$110.84 difference between the old monthly mortgage payment and the new monthly payment be deposited in the Money Market Building Fund.
4. The Money Market Building Fund will only be used to build a new church.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was approved by the Vestry.

Terry Garman

Children’s Sunday School

Sunday School ended for the year on June 5th with a party in Wolfe Hall. We had cake and made special crafts. Please stop by the back hallway near the nursery to see examples of the Lord’s Prayer bookmark and Fisher’s of Men wall hanging the kids made.

Sunday School will begin again on August 28. We are looking for additional volunteers to assist the current teachers on a rotating basis. If you are interested in this ministry, please join us for a meeting of the Sunday School teachers on July 31 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service (Wolfe Hall). In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Elaine Clem at 772.529.3478.

Have a wonderful summer!

Ms. Elaine, Mr. Greg, Ms. Sarah, and Ms. Sharon



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is a religious order whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

Sunday, July 10, 2011

7:30 a.m. Daughters of the King Installation Service for Pat Donegal. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Hall.

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

There will be no regular meeting in July. The Daughters of the King will provide a ministry of service for the parish on Wednesday, July 13 by providing the meal for the Wednesday night program.

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

There will be no regular meeting in August. The Daughters of the King will provide a ministry of service for the parish on Tuesday, August 2. The Daughters will coordinate the meal for the Tuesday evening children's Vacation Bible School program.

Margaret Hover, President

Summer (Stay) Vacation

THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS - JULY 14th-16th

Join us for a **Nativity Camping Trip** – right on the grounds of the church! Have a tent? A pop-up camper? An RV? Sleeping bags?

If you have any of these that you could loan the church for this event, we would love to have families join us that may not have equipment. We'll set up a ring of tents, tarps and Bar-B-Ques – have waterplay, flashlight tag and fellowship. Time for songs, games and close-to-home adventure!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 6

Ladies Luncheon at The Big
Kahuna
12:00PM

Sunday, July 10

Spaghetti Mission Luncheon
12:00PM

Thursday - Saturday, July 14 - 16

Summer (Stay) Vacation

Friday, July 22

Newcomers Dinner
6:30PM

Family Vacation Bible School

August 1st – 5th from 5:30-8:30

God spell



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Sign up your children or your whole family – we will plan for meals and craft supplies by how many pre-register for the week. Volunteers will be welcomed and appreciated!

Please pre-register to attend or volunteer: 772-343-0401



It's never too early to begin thinking about school supplies for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Last year, the Church of the Nativity held an extremely successful school supplies drive and we were able to deliver two boxes of supplies to Garden City Early Learning Academy in Fort Pierce.

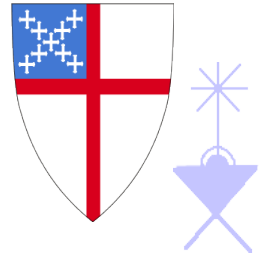
During the entire month of July, there will be a collection box in the Narthex. Following is a list of suggested items:

- Crayola Crayons (box of 24)
- Crayola Markers (box of 8 or 10)
- Crayola Colored Pencils (box of 12)
- # 2 Pencils
- Elmer's school glue (small bottles)
- Glue Sticks
- Safety Scissors
- Construction Paper

We will deliver the collected supplies to Garden City Elementary the first week of school. Garden City is focused on the early childhood needs of students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades. Garden City is also a "Kids at Hope" school, which started in Arizona. This program inspires, empowers, and transforms families, youth serving organizations (schools, parks and recreation departments, police and fire departments, etc.) and entire communities to create an environment where all children experience success, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please let us know if you have any questions. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Elaine & Greg Clem

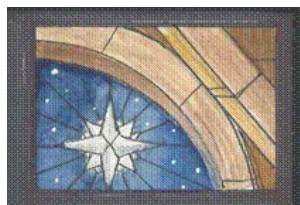


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Throughout history, parishioners have sought to be buried on church grounds, their spiritual home on this earth, and a place of prayer and peace. In recognition of those desires, the Episcopal Church of the Nativity has established the Memorial Garden for the interment of the cremated remains of parishioners and their immediate family members. While the primary purchase of the Memorial Garden is that of a cinerarium, the tranquil setting and holy purpose of the garden, make it a place where all parishioners can walk and rest in quiet prayer and reflection.

POLICIES-RULES-REGULATIONS

1. An agreement for interment in the Memorial Garden, or reservation for future interment, will be entered into with the Church of the Nativity by signed agreement and payment of \$75.00.
2. The Church of the Nativity agrees to provide perpetual care of the Memorial Garden. Artificial flowers are not to be placed in the Memorial Garden. A memorial donation for Altar flowers or for permanent Memorial Garden planting is suggested.
3. Families will make all funeral and cremation arrangements. Rev. Mary is always available to assist the families.
4. Families are encouraged to have funeral services held at the Church of the Nativity or in the Memorial Garden. Ashes will be interred with a committal, as provided in the Book of Common Prayer.
5. Interment will be without permanent containers. Ashes will be buried directly in the ground.
6. Every effort will be made to accommodate family requests in the interment of the remains.
7. The name of the parishioner or family member, and years of birth and death will be provided on an appropriate memorial plaque, to be located in the Memorial Garden.
8. Husband and wife parishioners will be interred in the same location, if requested.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW MEMORIAL PROJECT

Several months ago and after many discussions, the vestry approved the Stained glass window memorial project. These windows, which will be installed in the current windows that open to the outside, will be all given as thanksgivings or memorials from parishioners and friends. Although the vestry approved this project there was still some discussion on exactly what images would appear in the stained glass windows. During this time vestry member Judy Hammett came to me and said "Rev. Mary, aren't we the Church of the Nativity?" and I replied, "Well, yes we are!" Then Judy said "Well why don't we have one large Nativity scene in our stained glass windows? And I replied "what a marvelous idea". We then took the idea to the vestry and it was approved with an overwhelming "YES". Through the beauty of stained glass, Nativity will experience a magnificent change to the inside of our church. Paul Pickel, of the Conrad Pickel Studio, Inc. has designed 12 stunning windows specifically for the Church of the Nativity. His skilled artisans have created a sweeping panorama of the night of the Nativity.

The stained glass windows are arranged in sets of four, with two smaller upper windows and two larger lower ones. The upper windows depict a host of angels heralding Christ's birth.

The center grouping depicts the Holy Family. Mary gently holds the swaddled Christ Child and Joseph leans protectively toward them. Jesus looks out at the parishioners. An angel kneels on the straw, amidst the animals, bowing his head to the baby Jesus. Overhead, a snow-white dove sheds the light of God onto the manger scene, while the star shines brightly in the night sky to guide the way.

To the left, shepherds in the field hear the heralding angels and point to the star shining over Bethlehem. Cradling a small lamb, they are drawn toward the manger. Even the sheep seem pulled by the miracle of the Savior's birth.

To the right, the three Kings stare upward at the brilliance of the holy Star. Excitement shows in their faces as they run forward, urged by angels to follow the star to Bethlehem.

The stained glass windows will be installed in our current window and door locations. They are designed to be mounted on the interior side of the existing windows. Each window will have a bronze plaque mounted on the sill below it with the location of the specific window and the name(s) of the person(s) being honored with it.

As of June 19th 8 of the 12 windows are already committed by parishioners. The four remaining are the three kings and the two above them with the angels. If you are interested in this memorial project or have any questions, please contact either Rev. Mary 343-0401 or Ms. Judy Hammett 344-9808.



It is difficult whenever we have to say good-bye to someone we love. Although there may be mixed emotions of sadness and joy it is nonetheless difficult. There are times in our church when we have to say our goodbyes to friends and family.

Mario and Sharon Scubla and their two children Daniel and Elizabeth are going back to New York where Mario has accepted a new job. This move will take them back to be near family who include the grandparents of Daniel and Elizabeth.

This will be a great loss for our Nativity family but a true blessing for their family in New York. They will be moving this summer so the children will be able to begin the new school year.

When Sharon came to me with this news I reminded her that most people move **to** Florida from New York not **from** Florida to New York! Sharon has played a vital role in co-leading the TNT (The Nativity Teens). She also filled in occasionally as Sunday School teacher and the Scubla family were faithful members of Nativity and supported our 9am service. They will all be greatly missed!

We give God thanks for the Scubla's faithful ministry at Nativity and we wish them many blessings as they continue on their journey.

Rev. Mary+

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

It's that time of year again. Prepare for the 2011 Hurricane Season that begins June 1 and runs through November. Although we have been lucky with no hurricanes for the past five years, we must not let our guard down. Forecasters tell us that we will have a very busy season this year, with 16 named storms predicted. No one can say for sure if a storm will impact our area, but preparation is essential. Develop a hurricane plan, get supplies, protect home and family, and plan for an evacuation or emergency shelter.

Many in our Nativity family may need help in protecting their homes. If you NEED HELP in erecting shutters and/or moving patio or porch furniture indoors, sign the NEED HELP List located in the Narthex. If you are willing and able to provide help, sign the WILL HELP List also located in the Narthex. Please list also: address, telephone number, cell phone number and email address, as applicable.

A map of Port St. Lucie will be posted with the names and locations of those signing the List. Those that NEED HELP will be marked in RED. Those that WILL HELP will be marked in GREEN.

Any questions contact that Coordinator or the Church Office.

Coordinator:
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Family Vacation Bible School

Prepare Thee the Way of the Lord..... Day by Day!

August 1st through August 5th. 5:30-8:30pm

Return to the days of **Godspell** - Peace, Love and Hope were taught through the Gospel of Matthew. You will experience inspired lessons, uplifting music, fun games, arts & crafts and fellowship – with a family atmosphere!

Kids will learn:

- Jesus' Parables
- Godspell Songs
- Acting Skits
- Beatitudes
- Art of Tye Dying!

We will provide:

- Nightly Dinners
- Craft Supplies
- Supervision
- Team Work
- Cool Water Play!

Wish Lists: (These * items and + duties are needed to make this ministry a success!)

- * White T-Shirts
- * Paper Towels (and the empty tubes!)
- * Baby Wipes
- * Tye Dye Shirts (for Teen Counselors)
- * Bottled Water
- * White Tube Socks (for Hand Puppets)
- * Old Towels
- * Pony Beads (to string on pipe cleaners)
- + Registration Form Organizing
- + Registration Table each Night
- + Greeters (of all Ages)!
- + Teenager Team Leaders
- + Name Badge Assistant
- + Clown Facepainters (& Clowns!)
- + Waterplay Supervisors
- + Chaperones



Please pre-register to attend or volunteer:

Sign up your children or your whole family – we will plan for meals and craft supplies by how many pre-register for the week. Volunteers will be welcomed and appreciated!

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

Last Grade Completed _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Are you planning on (circle answer): attending volunteering drop off/pick up

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Allergies/Medical Conditions? _____

**– Please fill out completely and turn into the church office –
You can also register online at www.nativitypsl.com**

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Daughters of the King Installation

On Sunday, June 5th at the 10:30AM Service, Laura Bierbaum was installed as a Daughter of the King.

Lena Maxwell-Schardsmidt was honored for sixty-three years of her lifetime commitment as a Daughter of the King.



A Reception was provided by the Order of the Daughters of the King in Wolfe Hall after the Service.



*Congratulations
Laura and Lena!!*



God Bless America