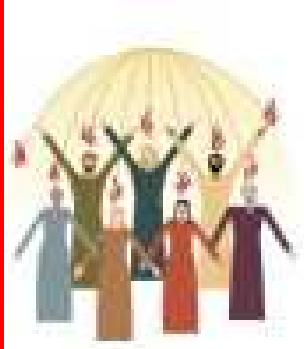


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*The Joy
Of Pentecost*

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



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CONGRATULATIONS



Taylor Magee



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Johnny Vernaglia



Alex Jennings

CONGRATULATIONS

Why I come

To the Altar of God

I COME, NOT BECAUSE I am worthy, but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by God's help, I might have been.

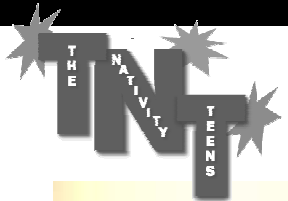
I come, not that there is magic in partaking of Christ's body and blood, but because of the Lord's command, "Do this for the remembrance."

I come, because Christ bids me come. It is His table and He invites me.

I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord who gave Himself for me.

I come, because I find myself drawn closer to God, the Christ of Calvary, and to those who kneel with me at Holy Communion. Yes, I am made to feel my kinship to all those everywhere who proclaim Christ as Savior.

I come, because I rise from the Lord's Table with a new strength, courage, and power to live for Him who died for me.



THE NATIVITY TEENS



A TASTE OF THE WORLD

On Sunday, May 31 the TNT hosted a very special successful event raising \$300..

The fundraiser benefited all our Children. It featured food from a multitude of countries and proved we have some fine young chefs in our midst.

Our youth will be conducting the service on Pentecost Sunday. We also look forward to TNT's Dog Washing Day in July.

Saints - A Year in Faith and Art

By:Giorgi, Rosa

This richly illustrated, unique volume portrays more than 375 Catholic saints, arranged by the days of the year on which each beatified figure is honored.

Renewing the Face of the Earth - A Theological and Pastoral Response to Climate Change

By:Atkinson, David

This important and timely book provides a much needed framework for understanding and responding to the most urgent environmental challenge facing the world today.

In a highly readable and clear style, it explores the spiritual questions being opened up by this issue: questions about human life and destiny, about our relationship to the planet and to each other, about altruism and selfishness, about the place of technology, about justice, our values and hopes. seeing climate changes in the light of these foundational biblical principles makes clear the strong moral imperative to act in ways that will help fulfil the hope that the whole of creation will one day be renewed in Christ.

Grace on the Go - Powerful Prayers to Ease Money Worries

By:Bartocci, Barbara

Barbara Bartocci returns with another practical, imaginative installment in the popular *Grace on the Go* series, which is designed to present simple connections and time for prayer in the ordinary moments of our busy, hectic lives. This new guide is particularly timely and addresses the challenges of dealing with money worries in an uncertain economy.

The Red Letter Christian

By: Tony Campolo

Tony writes this book with the bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other., reminding us that our faith must affect how we live in the world. this book challenges, questions, invites and instructs us to be people who love and live the word of jesus.

Baby - Preschool Reading Level

The Moses Basket

By:Koralek & Baynes

Long, long ago in the land of Egypt, a Hebrew mother and her daughter, Miriam, hide a newborn baby boy in a basket that they float down the Nile River to save the child's life. Rescued from the river by the Egyptian princess, Pharaoh's daughter, the boy is named Moses. When he grows up, he leads the Israelite people out of slavery.



Mary's Book Nook

A THANK YOU TO OUR OUTREACH

Following are quotes from a letter received By Rev. Mary from the Council on Aging of St Lucie, Inc.:

"The Council on Aging of St Lucie, Inc. would like to extend its appreciation to you and the members of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity for the most plentiful Easter food boxes you provided to our clients and their families. Sharing the blessings of Easter and the beginning of spring with the seniors we serve, truly is special to all of us."

"Your willingness to support the Council of Aging of St. Lucie, once again during the Holiday Season, is appreciated by many".

Mary Craig,

Senior Service Director



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nilcia Diaz	6/1
Phillipe Chibas	6/3
Tyler Cox	6/3
Glenn Chadbourne	6/4
Sharon Croce	6/5
Chuck Pereny	6/6
Audrey Coombs	6/9
Sharlene Figueroa	6/10
Les Mesecher	6/14
Iverine Raffington	6/14
Elwood Dance	6/16
Ray Justice	6/16
Jackson Bearor	6/17
Pearl Bailey	6/18
Chris Chibas	6/20
Jane Moscato	6/21
Bob Carey	6/22
Michael Davis	6/23
Anya Carey	6/24
Darrell Chibas	6/27
Maggie Westfall	6/27
Trey Pereny	6/29

CAMP WIGMANN

Camp Wigmann was originally founded in 1939 as a place set aside for kids to come and have fun while growing in their faith in Christ. It is located on forty-two beautiful acres wrapping around Trout Lake about four miles north of the town of Avon Park, Florida. The rustic buildings are mostly nestled under moss-draped live oaks. The Lodge and all the cabins are air-conditioned.

Camp Wigmann believes that being a Christian is fun. Therefore, every session will have lots of games and camp activities as well as daily chapel and times of Bible study. Recreation opportunities include swimming, kayaking, tubing, basketball, archery, kickball, beach volleyball, softball, Frisbee golf, arts and crafts. And the ropes course. There is always time for lots of singing, skits and silly games. Scholarships available-See Rev. Mary.

CAMP WIGMANN 2009 SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 7-12- Camp St. Mark; Senior High Campers (entering grades 9-12)

June 14-19-Camp St. Barnabas; Middle School Campers (entering grades 6-8)

June 21-26-Camp Trinity; Elementary Campers (entering grades 3-5)

July 5-10; Camp St. Peter; Senior High Campers (entering grades 9-12)

July 12-17-Camp St. Francis; Middle School Campers (entering grades 6-8)

July 19-24-Camp St. Mary; Elementary Campers (entering grades 3-5)

SARAH'S KITCHEN

An Interfaith Community Kitchen

In response to God's Love and in the scriptural spirit of hospitality, "Sarah's Kitchen" is a new project being sponsored by seven area congregations to welcome and feed those in our community who are hungry.

A meal will be served each Monday evening at St Andrew, Lutheran Church. The various teams needed will be comprised of volunteers from all congregations involved: Episcopal Church of the Nativity, First United Methodist Church, Grace Lutheran Church, New Jerusalem Worship Center, Temple Beth El Israel, St Andrew Lutheran Church and All Villages Presbyterian Church.

"Jobs" needing to be filled include shoppers, cooks and food preparers, dishwasher and clean-up, servers, table set-up, greeters, music/entertainers, and even someone to wash towels and aprons..

And, of course, as with any outreach project, funds are always needed.

Applications to volunteer are available in the Narthex. The co-ordinator for Nativity is Larry Jennings 340-3599. You may also call Bob Carey 834-2818, or David Landry 539-9274 for more information.

Share your stimulus check with Sarah

If you will be a recipient of one of the \$250 checks being issued to those receiving any type of Social Security benefits, you might want to consider sharing this unexpected income with those less fortunate. A great way to do this would be with a donation to Sarah's Kitchen. As little as \$10 to buy a large serving spoon or the full \$250 to sponsor a meal for one Monday will be of great assistance to this project and the hungry people being served.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Bill & Janie Shaver	6/7
Karl & Maureen Wallace	6/7
Steve & Belinda D'Agostino	6/9
John & Ann Said	6/11
Bob & Joyce Velzey	6/11
Mike & Rev. Mary Rosendahl	6/17
Mortimer & Pearl Bailey	6/18
Roy & Sally Lippincott	6/20
Ray & Mary Justice	6/22
Chuck & Deborah Benway	6/23

Volunteers are needed to help with special receptions as in funerals and various other occasions. The DOK has been doing a great job of handling these but a helping hand is needed. If you help with this important hospitality function please contact Margaret Hover

GENERAL CONVENTION

The national legislative body of the Episcopal Church. It consists of a House of Bishops, which includes all active and retired bishops, and a House of Deputies, which includes four lay persons and four clergy from each diocese, each area mission, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe. The Convention meets every three years. The Houses meet and act separately, and both must concur to adopt legislation. The General Convention alone has the authority to amend the Prayer Book and the church's Constitution, to amend the canons (laws) of the church, and to determine the program and budget of the General Convention, including the missionary, educational, and social programs it authorizes. A majority of the bishops may request the Presiding Bishop to call a Special General Convention. Special General Conventions met in 1821 and in 1969. The General Convention elects twenty of the forty members of the Executive Council, which administers policy and program between triennial meetings of the General Convention.

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This year the General Convention meets in Anaheim, California from July 8-17.

CONGRATULATIONS

To

Father Kenrick Lewis



*On Fifty Years of Devotion and Service
to the Episcopal Priesthood*

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The DOK is happy to announce that

There are two ladies now undertaking instruction as prospective DOK members;

Gwen Carey

Iverine Raffington

Congratulations to them!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Adult Christian Education Class is embarked on a new and exciting Biblical adventure with the use of a text by David C. Cook.

Subjects it will be addressing are:

**Job, Psalms & Proverbs
(Summer Subjects)**

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9-10:15 AM

ROOM 2-WOLFE HALL

FLOWER GUILD

As you worship at Nativity you can't help but notice the flower arrangements that beautify our church. We are blessed to have a dedicated group who make up the Flower Guild ministry. In order to keep this ministry going we offer you an opportunity to donate money for flowers in thanksgiving for, in memory of, or for any other occasion. The suggested donation is \$20. The Christmas and Easter Flowers donation are \$15. The money received covers the cost of the flowers, greens, floral foam and various necessary supplies. Any extra money goes to our altar guild to purchase such items as linens, candles, etc.

Recently four of our flower guild members traveled to Holy Trinity, Melbourne for a seminar in floral arrangement. We are currently planning a seminar here at Nativity to share their learning experience with you. If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild please contact Joan Jasper 785-6552.

The Church of the Nativity

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7pm Social Committee	6:30pm DOK	10am HE & Healing	7-9pm SDA	Office Closed	7:30am -Del Rio Cleanup
7 Trinity 7:45am HE Rite I 9:00 am Children's HE 9:00 am Adult S School 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite 12pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10	11	12	13
		6-9 Girl Scouts: (Wolfe Hall) 7pm- Vestry	10am HE & Healing	7 to 9pm- SDA	Office Closed	12-4pm Secret Sisters Luncheon (Wolfe Hall) 9-1pm SDA Church 4:30-6- SDA
14 Pentecost 7:45am HE Rite I 9:00 am Children's HE 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite 12pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17	18	19	20
			10am HE & Healing	7 to 9pm- SDA Church	Office Closed 7 pm-TNT	9-1pm SDA Church 4:30-6- SDA 12-3pm-SDA Rental
21 3 Pentecost Father's Day 7:45am HE Rite I 9:00 am Children's HE 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite 12pm Choir Rehearsal 2:00pm Bowling	18	19	20	21	22	27
	6:30pm-Cancer Support Group		10am HE & Healing	7 to 9pm- SDA Church	Office Closed	9-1pm SDA Church 4:30-6- SDA 8:00am MEN'S BREAK-FAST Bayshore Diner 742 SW Bayshore Blvd, PSL 12pm-Ladies Lunch Red Lobster-US!
28 4 Pentecost 7:45am HE Rite I 9:00 am Children's HE 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:45 am Sunday School 10:30am HE Rite 12pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30				

A LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR, REVEREND MARY

Dear Nativity,

Pentecost, one of the most underrated feast days in our church. Our plans for Christmas begin as early as September. Our longing for the arrival of Easter extends throughout our 40 days of Lent with great anticipation. We observe these two great feasts of the church with great joy and wonder. But what about Pentecost? It seems to get lost in our in the midst of these two great and major feasts.

According to John Hartness, rector of St Elizabeth's Ridgewood, New Jersey, Christmas and Easter are wonderful celebrations, but they are preliminary. God first came to us in the person of Jesus, and then went to the cross for us, died, and then was raised, not to show off, but to give us what we needed to be transformed. Until that transformation happens, the story is unfinished and the true meaning of those holidays unfulfilled. It may be that the transformation is not fully accomplished until we are born from this life into the life to come. But at Pentecost we claim what we can be apart of that transformation here and now, for ourselves and for our world.

We have now entered into the Season of Pentecost. There is a very simple, but true story about a man called Yates, but who could be you and me - and this congregation or any of a thousand and one other congregations, a thousand and one other persons.

The story is told of a man called Yates who, during the depression, owned a sheep ranch in Texas. He did not have enough money to continue paying on the mortgage - in fact he was forced like many others to live on government subsidies.

Each day as he tended his sheep he worried about how he was going to pay his bills. Sometime later a seismic crew arrived on his land and said that their might be oil on his land and could they test drill. After a lease was signed they went ahead.

At 1115 feet a huge oil reserve was struck - subsequent wells revealed even more oil than the first well revealed. Mr. Yates owned it all. He had the oil and mineral rights. He had been living on relief - yet he was a millionaire. Think of it - he owned all that oil with its tremendous potential, yet for many years he did not realize it.

How often are we like Mr. Yates? Considering ourselves poor and helpless all the while unaware of the extraordinary power that we have available to us - that which is lying just below the surface in our minds and our hearts.

We are reminded during this season of the Church that we are a Pentecost People. The Spirit has been and is being poured out upon us. The gift of God is just below the surface in our minds and hearts, and to the right and to the left of us - above us and below us,
to the front and to the rear.

For the Spirit which gives us life - we thank you God. For the treasure that you bury within us and the power that you fill us with - we thank you God. And for the fruit you produce when we are grafted into your vine - we thank you God...

In Christ's Love

Mary+


Rev Mary+



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 TNT dishing up some Tasty Treats. Yummm!



A Happy
Jude with
Grandma



Rev. Mary, Fr. Ken Lewis &
Guest Preacher Fr. Horace Ward
Celebrating Fr. Ken's 50th Anniversary
to the Priesthood



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