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Sundays:

7:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite 1
9:00AM Contemporary Holy Eucharist
9:00AM Adult Sunday School
10:00AM Sunday School
10:00AM Noah's Corner Nursery
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday:

10:00AM Holy Eucharist & Healing
5:30PM Holy Eucharist & Healing

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**The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
Fall Festival**

**October 22nd, 2011
Time: 3:00PM –6:00PM**

**“TRUNK OR TREAT”
PUMPKIN PATCH
SCAVENGER HUNT
BOUNCE HOUSE
FACE PAINTING
GAMES / CRAFTS**



**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME**

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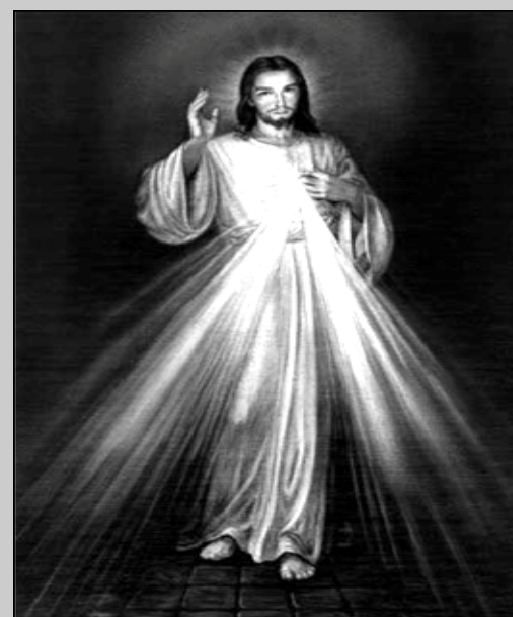


Maurice Davis	10/1
Phyllis Savage	10/1
Kymani Wallace	10/2
Rose Tolbert	10/4
Sally Lippincott	10/5
Elise Batista	10/6
Frances Robertson	10/7
Mike Rosendahl	10/7
John Erickson	10/8
Garnet Davis	10/10
Luis Diaz	10/12
Pamela O'Brien	10/12
Kerry Powell	10/13
Shah Hosein	10/15
Kathy Woodward	10/17
Caroline McLoughlin	10/18
Ross Page	10/24
Eva Sutcliffe	10/24
Lucas Walls	10/24
Wendy Chadbourne	10/26
Nella Morgan	10/27
George Nouhan	10/27
David Scott	10/27
Lena Figueroa	10/30
Phyllis Brandt	10/31
Anthony Donegal	10/31
Doreen Mayers	10/31

**GOD'S
RICHEST
BLESSING**



Michael & Angela Swanchak	10/1
Jack & Dottie Johnson	10/5
Yvonne & Bill Broestler	10/10
Bobby & Carolyn Elkins	10/10
David & Linda Horan	10/12
Dennis & Barbara Zebosky	10/14
Racquel & Kirk Wallace	10/17
Bob & Gwen Carey	10/18
Horace & Bunny Webb	10/20
Dick & Maggie Westfall	10/20
Seth & Arline Jagger	10/21
Richard & Judith Irons	10/25
Margaret & Calvin Lewis	10/29
Les & Sue Mesecher	10/30



STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT

Since first introduced to the parish there has been an overwhelming response by many of you in support of this exciting project. In my last report nine of the twelve windows were chosen by parishioners to give in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. The final large window, the two kings, will be given in Thanksgiving for the Church of the Nativity. As of September 14th \$900.00 has been donated for this large window. If you would like to donate towards this window please make your check out to Nativity and on the memo line write stain glass window. We will continue to offer this opportunity until the full \$6000.00 is collected.

There is also one small window, an angel, available and the cost is \$2400.00.

Judy Hammett and I visited Paul Pickel Studio on Friday, September 9th. They are beginning to cut the glass for the windows. These pictures are the full size pencil drawings of the windows. Paul has promised that the center 4 windows will be in for Christmas.....

If you have any questions about this project please call me at 343-0401 or Judy Hammett at 344-9808

Rev. Mary+

Parents
Night
OUT

Mark your calendars!!!!

Parents Night Out

Will be held on

Friday, December 2nd from
6:00PM -10:00PM in

Wolfe Hall for children ages 3

and up. Stay tuned for more details in the November issue of *The Herald*.



Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School started on August 28 for 2011-2012. In addition to Sarah Bearor, Elaine Clem, Greg Clem, and Maureen Wallace, we would like to welcome our newest teachers:



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
Make the Connection

- Laura Bierbaum
 - Paula Hosein
 - Mary Mosely
- Kathy Woodward

Please stop by our bulletin board (across from Noah's Corner Nursery) to see our artwork on display. We are really growing and are always looking for additional help. If you are interested, please contact Elaine Clem at 772.529.3478.



We Give Thanks for the
Lives of:
Cayo Garcia
Eric Daley
Margaret Gordon
Robert (Bob) Butler
Beatrice Christian



Condolences may be sent to:

Augustin Rodriguez (cousin of Cayo Garcia)
6445 NW Volucia Drive
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

Audrey Coombs (Sister of Eric Daley)
1713 SW Haylake Ave
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953

Claudette Pinnock-Scott (Daughter of Margaret Gordon)
487 SW Dagget Ave
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953

Nancy Smith (Sister of Bob Butler)
706 Glenview Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Bunny Webb (Niece of Beatrice Christian)
7825 Sabal Lake Drive
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

A Look At A Few Sketches of The Stained Glass Windows



STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT ARTICLE ON PAGE #11



Dear Nativity,

It is finally Fall, my favorite time of the year. While on my computer the other night I came across a website with the following information about some of the "signs of fall."

"In many regions of North America, the landscape silently explodes with vibrant colors of red, yellow, and orange. The leaves begin to drop off the trees, providing endless hours of jumping into leaf piles for kids and raking them back up for parents! Baseball season hits the home-stretch, while football season is just warming up. Temperatures begin to drop, nights begin to get longer, and all the woodland critters are storing up for the long haul of winter."

Although we don't get much if any "change of leaves", we do get temperature changes....well at least they aren't in the high nineties anymore! One thing not in the list is the return of "snow birds" from the North! Even though our change of season may not be as drastic as the northeast or west we do have changes.....

But one of the things at Nativity that has been consistent throughout the year, not really seasonal, is the need for more space.....

Many churches would love to have this "problem", lack of space. Nativity continues to grow and grow including the attendance at all three Sunday services. But it is the 10:30 service that has been a concern of the vestry and clergy for a long time. Except for the very front pew, that no one likes to sit in and for a good reason all the other pews are full. The Sunday school is outgrowing the available space. The youth have no place to call their own. During the week we juggle for space for the different ministries and meetings.

The vestry has held two special workshops on Saturdays discussing this issue of space.....after prayer and discussion we have planned a special meeting for the parish on Sunday, October 16th. There will be only one service that day at 9am followed by a meeting in Wolfe Hall....We ask that all parishioners plan to attend and be a part of this discernment process. This is your church and we need your input into the conversation. Each vestry person will facilitate a discussion at tables filled with you all. There will be 3-4 questions to discuss and reflect upon.

Every church in every denomination has its own individual "problems" to deal with and we are no different. But I like to call this "lack of space" not a problem but an opportunity. Nativity needs you, your voice, your thoughts, your ideas, your prayers, in meeting and answering these needs.

Please put this date, October 16th on your calendar, one service, one meeting together, as one body.....

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Mary +



WELCOME !!!! WELCOME!!!!

On Sunday, September 4th, the Choir welcomed Hazel Graham as their new Choir Director. It didn't take long to see this was a breath of fresh air. One of her opening statements that rang a chord with me specifically, was the fact that she wanted us all to be green, so we can grow and learn and not ripe, because when we are ripe we rot. Where did I hear that before? Dr. Vernon Smith perhaps. At first take, there was quite a bit of food for thought within those words.

Hazel is now looking to grow the Choir, and is planning a workshop for us all. Anyone interested, or just has a spark of an interest within is welcome to come give the workshop a go, schedule for Sunday, October 9th, after the 10:30AM service. Take the time and let our sister in Christ feel welcome to the Nativity family, and don't forget to join us for the workshop. *Men that means you as well, we could use a few!!*
Vasco A Coombs

JAZZ IN THE SANCTUARY

This Season's Concerts 2011-2012

All concerts on Monday Evening's at 7:30PM

*Tickets available in advance - donations \$10.00,
\$12.00 at the door*

*Episcopal Church of the Nativity
1151 SW Del Rio Blvd, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953
Tickets are available from Jim van Voorheis, Maggie
Westfall, Don Bestor & Church Office*

*Tel: 772-343-0401

*Monday, November 14th, 2011
In kahoots with the Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society
a huge Piano Explosion plus One
Featuring Don Bestor & Jim van Voorheis
on the keyboards*

*plus one wonderful vocalist Debbie Bestor
Chris Hulka, bass & Claudio Barardi, drums

*Monday, December 12th, 2011
The Christmas Jazz Concert
Featuring Mia Batalini and the Nativity Choir
Mia returns again by popular demand

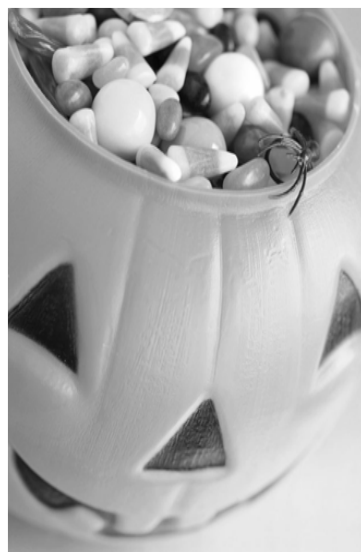
*Monday, January 9th, 2012
More outstanding Treasure Coast talents are returning
Jane Oster, jazz vocals & Bob Sagnella, alto sax

*Monday, February 13th, 2012
A loving Valentine's Concert
vocalist Shelly Keelor & guitarist Maurice Sedacca
Shelly, a fine jazz and Broadway singer
Maurice will feature the Suite he composed
for his wife*

*The Episcopal Church
of the Nativity Fall Festival
Saturday, October 22nd,
Time: 3:00PM -6:00PM*



**"Trunk or Treat"
Pumpkin Patch
Scavenger Hunt
Bounce House
Face Painting
Games / Crafts**



**Everyone is
Welcome to
Participate**

**Contact:
Katrina Boyd
772-678-2086**



The Daughters of the King is a religious order whose mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We will be starting a training for prospective members at the end of October and concluding with the installation after Christmas. If anyone is interested in becoming a daughter, please speak to or call Nancy Landry at 713-4340 or any other daughter to answer questions.



The Pastoral Care Ministry

Beacon of Light

Will be Featuring A Celebration Afternoon With

A SING - A - LONG

*On Saturday, October 15th, 2011
Time 2:00PM -3:30PM*

*At The Parish Hall
Holy Faith Episcopal
6990 South Federal Highway
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952
Tel: 772-464-4570*

All are Invited Please bring a Friend and a Song

ADMISSION: FREE

We are looking forward to seeing You



<http://www.nativitypsl.com>

Our Website

To keep up with the latest on a daily, weekly or monthly basis, please be sure to visit our website. The website has the weekly sermon posted for the shut-ins (or someone who could not attend services).

Also, any organization that is running a function should send a copy of their flyer or announcement of the upcoming event to Elwood Dance at edance30@comcast.net so he can put it on the website. Thanks in advance for your attention going forward.

Check it out soon





Roy & Sally Lippincott welcome their Grandson
Yes, "It's a Boy"

Name: James Andrew
Date of birth: August 15th, 2011
Weight: 9lbs. 15oz.
Length: n/a



Richard & Claudette Pinnock-Scott welcome
their grandnephew

Name: Cameron Amiri Clarke
Date of Birth: September 2nd, 2011
Weight: 7lbs. 14oz.
Length: 21 inches



Blessing of the Animals

When : Sunday, October 2nd, 2011

Time: 9:00AM

Outdoor Chapel



KIDS IN ACTION

Kids in Action

We are in the planning stages of the formation of a children's group called "Kids in Action" and would love your input! Starting in October, we'd like to have a "Friday Fun Night" to get to know each other and to get ready for upcoming special events. At this time, we're hoping to join the "TNT" group's Pumpkin Patch / Fall Festival, do a skit for Thanksgiving, raise funds for The Heifer Project and march in the Christmas and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade! Whew! We'll need all the blessings and help that we can get!!! Chaperones, Game Booth Volunteers, Costume Assistants, fundraising ideas - any and all help would be welcome! If you're interested in signing up your children, let us know! Please contact Paula at 772-342-8722 or Laura at 772-418-5388



Jello Bobbing

TNT NEWS

September was a busy month for The Nativity Teens. They had their first trip, participated in WestFest and had a sports night at the park.



"Night of Joy"

In October we will be working on plans for the Fall Festival and lots of other exciting things. A Special thank you to *Greg & Elaine Clem* for helping out with our trip to Disney for "Night of Joy".

Meetings every Tuesday 6:30PM-8:00PM

Check our website at <http://www.thenativityteens.wordpress.com>



Dear Nativity family,

This year we are planning our first ever Fall Festival. We are kicking off fall at Nativity with our first ever pumpkin patch! We will have pumpkins for sale for 2 weeks in October. Highlighting fall at Nativity is going to be our Fall Festival. The event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 22 from 3-6pm. This event is going to be a free family event for the entire community. TNT will have several games/activities set up for the kids and all ministries are encouraged to participate in setting up a game or activity. The main event will be "Trunk or Treating". If you are not familiar with trunk or treating it is a safe alternative to door to door trick or treating. Church members will back their cars into a designated area and the children will go from car to car where each person will give out treats from their trunk. If you have never participated in this type of event, you don't want to miss out! The kids have a blast and it gives us adults an excuse to dress up too! Kids love seeing grown ups all dressed up in costumes!

Please contact Katrina & Phillip Boyd with any suggestions/ideas: 772-678-2086 or nativityteens@yahoo.com





"The Joke Corner"

A man dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter meets him at the pearly gates. St. Peter says, "Here's how it works. You need (100) points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in." "Okay" the man says, "I attended church every Sunday". "That's good, says St. Peter, " that's worth two points". "Two points?" he says. "Well, I gave 10% of all my earnings to the church". "Well, let's see," answers Peter, "that's worth another 2 points. Did you do anything else?". "Two points? Golly. How about this: I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans." "Fantastic, that's certainly worth a point, he says. "Hmmm...." the man says, "I was married to the same woman 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart." "That's wonderful," says St. Peter, that's worth THREE POINTS!" the man cries, "At this rate the only way I get into heaven is by the grace of God.

Come on in!"

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" My friend, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service...details...."



Harvest Day
Sunday, October 23rd

Our Annual Harvest Day will be held on Sunday, October 23rd.

The Church will be decorated on Saturday, October 22nd.

See Vivienne Bennett or call the church office at 343-0401for details.....



Blessings to all,

Trust everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation. With the fall season on our door steps, we would like to kickoff the season with a "Potluck Dinner", the theme being a fall menu. Our "Potluck Dinner" will be held on Friday, October 7th, 2011 at 6:30pm Wolfe Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet provided in the Narthex to

facilitate this process.

The Social Committee is looking for additional members. If you like planning social activities, we would love to have you join our committee. Our meetings take place on the second Sunday of every month following the 10:30 service. Hope to see you.

God Bless,

Sharlene Figueroa



**THE MEDITATION CORNER
THE AUTHOR CALLS IT
GRACE FOR THE MOMENT**

The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them..... Romans 8:14

To hear many of us talk, you'd think we didn't believe that verse. You'd think we didn't believe in the Trinity. We talk about the Father and study the Son—but when it comes to the Holy Spirit, we are confused at best and frightened at worst. Confused because we've never been taught. Frightened because we've been taught to be afraid.

May I simplify things a bit? The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in our lives, carrying on the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us in three directions—inwardly (by granting us the fruits of the Spirit, Gal. (5: 22-24), upwardly (by praying for us, Romans 8:26) and outwardly (by pouring God's love into our hearts Romans 5:5.)

***The Applause of Heaven
Max Lucado***

Christian stewardship and Christian giving works hand in hand. Generosity is one of the primary ways in which Christians see the fruits of the Spirit at work in our lives. The biblical standard being the "Tithe", or (10%) ten percent the Episcopal Church upholds this standard as the basics for Christian giving. That at first seems like a lot, but lets be honest here. Many people work toward tithing by committing to proportional giving. People who commit to tithing often learn the truth that it is not possible to out-give God, and that when we are faithful, so is God.



Question: What is proportional giving?

Answer: Proportional giving is a way of working the standard of tithing. It is based on choosing to give a percentage rather than a dollar amount, for giving money. Example, giving 3% of a weekly income of \$600 equals giving \$18 each week. Many of our brothers and sisters use this way of giving, adding to the percentage each year to work toward tithing. Remembering always, it can only start with an open mind and God's help, so if we seek we will find, and if we knock it shall be opened to us all.

Vasco A. Coombs

