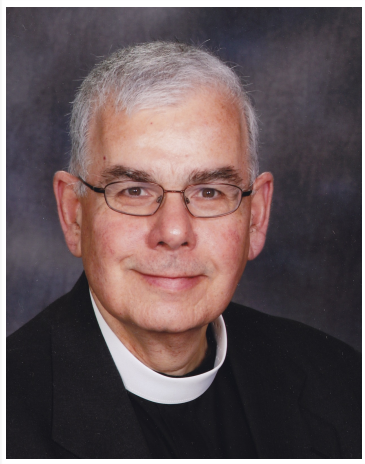




February
2019

THE NATIVITY SCENE



I now have been Nativity's Interim Rector for 19 months. Much has happened since I began work on September 1, 2017. I have gotten to know parishioners in one-on-one conversations, group meetings, social gatherings and during times of crisis and sickness. I have a good understanding of the issues this parish faces as it prepares to call its second Rector. And I appreciate the enormous potential of Nativity to grow and thrive as an Episcopal presence in north Scottsdale. As I have repeated many times, the best days of this church are yet to come.

The primary tasks of an Interim Rector are threefold. First, promote the emotional health of the parish. Second, maintain the vitality and viability of the parish. Third, prepare the way for the next Rector. On all three counts, I think we are in very good shape.

Nativity is an emotionally healthy church. By that I mean, parishioners appreciate and value the diversity of our membership, respect one another, listen to differing viewpoints, and seek to accommodate one another in ways that maintain the unity of the body of Christ. We have done a marvelous job of coming together as a parish family, uniting in common mission, focusing on the fundamentals of our faith, and practicing the Episcopal way of being Christian – an open, tolerant, thoughtful and compassionate Christianity.

In our politically divisive country, it is not always easy for Christians to remain united. Personal antagonism and shrill speech are all too common in our culture. Christians must resist the tendency to divide over political issues, because what unites us as brothers and sisters in Christ is far greater than what divides us as Republicans and Democrats. To our credit, Nativity is more unified now than when I first came to the parish. We have followed in the way of St. Augustine who counseled members of his diocese: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, diversity; and in all things, love." Or, as I often like to say, quoting the English Bishop Michael Marshall: "Christians have nothing in common except Jesus Christ in whom they have all things in common." Let us continue to keep our focus on Jesus. When our focus is on him, everything else will become secondary.

Another task of the Interim Rector is to maintain the vitality and viability of the parish. Here, I think, the parish has come a long way. We now enjoy a debt-free campus. We have the sixth largest budget of any parish in the Diocese of Arizona. For a parish of about 350 members, our stewardship is exceptionally strong. Yes, some of us can – and should – do better, but as a parish we can take pride in what we have accomplished. There are very few parishes in the Episcopal Church with our size membership that have our kind of budget. Those parishes our size with large budgets have endowments to bolster their income. We do not have an endowment; instead our members give generously.

In 2018, thanks to the generosity of our members, and with the approval of Vestry, I have called two new staff members: Juliana Witt and Mandy Hodges. Both are highly competent in their fields of expertise, and in their short time here have done an outstanding job.

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Nativity Schedule

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Sunday Schedule!

8:30	Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00	Festive Eucharist Rite II
11:00	Hospitality
11:00	Christian Formation
11:15	Bible Study for Adults

Wednesday Schedule

6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer Rite II with Holy Communion
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study Wednesday

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Our new Music Director Juliana Witt has done a stellar job of moving the music ministry to the next stage of excellence. Our choir has grown in numbers and in musical repertoire. Our 10:00 a.m. service uses a wide variety of musical styles from classical to contemporary, from chant to gospel. And at our 8:30 Eucharist we have introduced singing a hymn in addition to instrumental music.

In addition to Juliana, Mandy Hodges has assumed the role of Christian Education Director and injected new vision and energy into our Christian formation programs. Rebuilding our children and youth ministries may take several years, and it is important for us to be patient as the process unfolds. From my perspective, I see no reason why Nativity should not have thriving children, youth and young adult ministries in the coming years. Mandy is moving the program in the right direction.

In addition to Juliana and Mandy, one can point to many areas of vitality at Nativity that should not be taken for granted. Dr. Wayne's Bible studies allow parishioners to study scripture with someone who should well be teaching in one of our seminaries. Wayne is a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from one of the finest seminaries in the country. There are few parishes with such a gifted resource.

We also have an array of programs that nurture the mind, spirit and body, including Centering Prayer, programs on health and aging, and our book club.

In addition, this parish takes seriously the maxim of Archbishop William Temple that "The church exists for the benefit of those who do not belong to its membership." Here at Nativity we focus on others, not just ourselves. We raised more money for mission and outreach in 2018 than ever before in our history, about \$35,000. We have an active cadre of volunteers who give generously of themselves in working on a variety mission projects, including support for our veterans, feeding school children and the homeless, and building homes with Habitat for Humanity. We understand that those to whom much has been given, much is expected.

A parish's vitality is often tied to its worship. Here, I think, Nativity does a very good job of offering members a variety of worship styles that include both traditional and contemporary worship on Sunday morning as well as Wednesday Evening Prayer, with Eucharist during Advent and Lent. In addition, the sermons are sent out electronically to parishioners on Tuesday, with a reflection on the Sunday readings sent out Thursday.

I also want to mention our Christmas Eve worship services. While there was some consternation about changing the time of the principle service from 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., we did increase attendance from 94 in 2017 to 140 in 2018. I do think the trend in our culture is toward earlier services on Christmas Eve, but I do understand that some people would prefer a candlelight service in the dark. Although I will not be at Nativity for Christmas Eve 2019, I would recommend either going to three services - 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. - or changing the times of the existing services to 4:00 p.m. for the children's pageant and 6:00 p.m. for the Solemn Eucharist. This will be an issue for the new Rector.

Although I function primarily as a parish priest, I keep in mind that I am preparing the way for your next Rector. I want our new Rector to come into the parish and focus on building personal relationships and developing a coherent mission strategy rather than to put out one fire after another. Although stewardship and finance will be an important part of the new Rector's ministry, his or her focus should be on pastoral care, spiritual growth, uplifting worship, preaching inspiring and edifying sermons, and leading a diverse and talented membership. There will be major decisions for the new Rector, including staffing, developing a viable growth strategy, and empowering members for ministry. All these will come in time as the new Rector better understands the people and culture of the parish.

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Lastly, let me share with you some of the challenges I see for Nativity in the next five years. Clearly, finances will be an issue. The church was fortunate to have a very generous donor fund a considerable part of our church campus and donate a significant amount of money to our operating fund. We are now debt-free because of his generosity. With his death, the church will have to make up for his pledge with other pledges. Or, we will have to consider other sources of income, or even scaling back expenses and tightening our budget. Thankfully, this issue will not be a serious one for 2019, but it is one to think about in planning for the future. The good news is that even without our generous donor, Nativity's pledges are far above the average church our size.

A second issue is discerning the right balance between children and youth ministries and older adult ministries. Will Nativity thrive as a multi-generational church which ministers to every stage of life from nursery to nursing home? Or will Nativity become, like so many Episcopal churches, a church that mainly ministers to the elderly? From my perspective, we need to continue our focus as a multi-generational church offering the kinds of programs and ministries that appeal to children, youth and young families while also caring for the pastoral needs of our retirees and old adults. In other words, it is not either/or but both/and that will guarantee a thriving, vital church.

A third issue for the church is developing a viable growth strategy that will reach out to the community with the kinds of programs and ministries that will meet needs and heal hurts. While I appreciate how much effort is done on behalf of mission and outreach in our parish, I don't see that same passion, enthusiasm and financial commitment to a growth strategy. As a church growth consultant, I discovered that while every church will say it wants to grow, few are willing to pay the price for growth. That means thinking outside the box in a way that may make Episcopalians feel uncomfortable. As the Interim Rector, it is not for me to push the church in a new direction. That must be for the new Rector. But I can say there can no growth without change. Cardinal Newman put it this way: "In heaven it may be otherwise, but in this life to grow is to change, and to have grown much is to change much."

Finally, I want to commend our very talented and competent staff: our Parish Administrator Mina Rafferty, our Music Director Juliana Witt, our Christian Education Director Mandy Hodges, our Assistant Rector Wayne Whitney, our Deacon Martha Durham, and our Priest Associate Fr. John Millar. They all do a superb job in serving this parish and I am very thankful to be able to serve with them in ministry. Add to their efforts the many volunteers who make this parish work and who give generously of their time and talent. I cannot mention everyone in ministry - there are too many of them - but I do want to acknowledge our Treasurer Art Graf, our Secretary of Vestry Cheryl Dunkelberg, and our Coordinator of Lay Ministries Jennie Dobbins. As I often say, ministry is a team effort, and no one person can do everything in a parish. It is only by using our gifts together to build up the body of Christ that the church thrives and prospers in its mission. So, thanks to all of them for a job well done!

In conclusion, I want to express my profound thanks to the Vestry for the call to become your Interim Rector. Heather, Allison and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time in this parish. We will miss you very much, but we hope to keep in touch. God willing, the new Rector should be called in April or May. My intention is to complete my work here by June 1. However, as I indicated to Vestry, I will be available to serve the church after that period if there is some extenuating circumstance that requires my presence. I am not going to abandon you. But at this point, if all goes well, the new Rector should be on board by the end of the summer.

May God bless you as this parish moves forward in Christ's love. If you hold fast to that love, you can't go wrong.

Your Friend and Interim Rector,
The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi



You don't hear a whole lot about the third book of the Bible, Leviticus. It has the reputation, perhaps, as being the most neglected of all the neglected biblical books—especially considering its considerable length (27 chapters). Leviticus has the reputation as being that book of the Bible that gets quoted whenever you might want a proof-text to point out how wrong somebody is for doing something with which you disagree. But there's a context for understanding what is contained in Leviticus that makes it something we need to study.

Jesus knew Leviticus; and much of what he says in the Sermon on the Mount is predicated on us knowing the book as well. Viewed from this side of the cross of Calvary, Leviticus can give us insights into how we relate to God. In the Christian experience of "God with Us," Leviticus helps us get powerfully related to how God is IN the details. We are asked to be a mindful people who revere order in the same way as God ordered creation out of chaos. All the instructions of Leviticus reflect God's intentions to abide with us if we would only remain present to that possibility. Bible Study Wednesday in February features a look into this forgotten book that has never not been included in the canon. Consider making Bible Study a part of your formation into the likeness of God's Son.

Dr. W+



Lent Madness is coming!

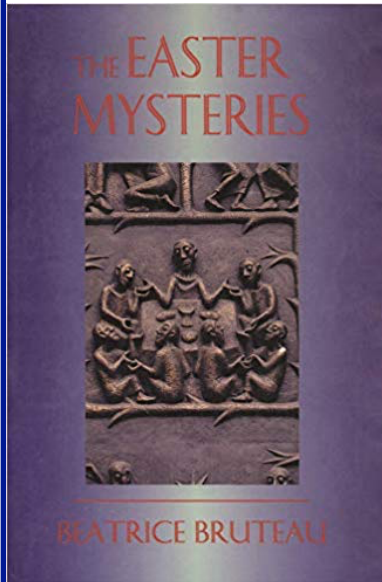
Lent Madness is coming! What's that you say?

It's a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints.

This unique Lenten devotion, which combines a passion for the lives of the saints with a tongue-in-cheek sense of humor, is a great way to find yourself on Easter Sunday with more than just a gnawing tummy and a craving for chocolate—you'll be smarter!

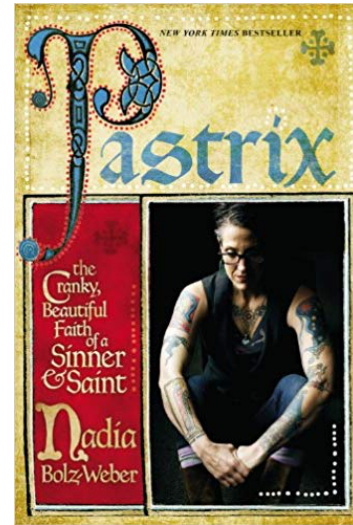
Lent Madness is put out into the world by our Episcopal friends at forwardmovement.org who are the same people who bring you the daily devotional booklet "Forward Day by Day."

Go to lentmadness.org to get in the game and much, much more.



Centering Prayer

Nativity's Centering Prayer Group will continue weekly Wednesday gatherings at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room through Lent and Easter. As we finish Nadia Bolz-Weber's book February 13 we will turn to Beatrice Bruteau's book, *The Easter Mysteries* beginning February 20. Whether you join our group or not, consider working your way through the book alongside us. It is a worthy journey. Contact Vicky Dinneen at dinneenv@earthlink.net for more information on affordable sources for *The Easter Mysteries*.



Bible Study Wednesday

Leviticus is one of the most controversial (and unread) books of the entire Old Testament. Spend your February Wednesday nights getting acquainted with this unique biblical writing—a writing which Jesus quoted a lot in the Sermon on the Mount. (Fundamentalist Christians are particularly enamored with it, as well, but in a different way than was Jesus.) Join Dr. Wayne at 6:30 in the Longley-Cook area. Classes close with the Prayers of Compline at 7:30.

Sunday Morning Power Bible Study

Dr. Wayne hosts this look at one of the lections from the Sunday service each Sunday from 11:20-Noon in the Music Classroom.

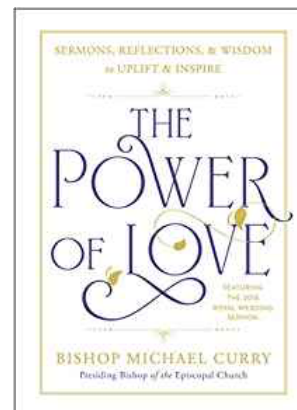


Evening Prayer

Take a mid-week prayer break and sing some of your favorite prayers at Evening Prayer on Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 6:30 in the Prayer Chapel. This lay-led service includes a reflection on a historical Christian witness and an opportunity for healing prayers.

Lively Lenten activity

Looking for an interesting, lively Lenten activity? We will offer a study and discussion of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's new book, *The Power of Love*. It's five of his sermons calling us to be a people of love. We will discuss how we can do that. It will be led by Margaret Cohea. Stay tuned for dates and times.



Quiet Lenten Morning:

Reserve the morning of Saturday, March 16 for a quiet interlude to make this Lenten season a meaningful time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Facilitated by Deacon Martha Durham, Margaret Cohea, and William Bailey



Scent-Free Seating in the Nave

Because some folks have allergy issues, we have created a scent-free section in the front right part of the sanctuary. Please sit in that section only if you are free of scented items such as perfume, after-shave, body spray, hand lotion, etc. It's an act of hospitality.

The Candidates for Diocese Delegates

The candidates are listed in alphabetical order. The congregation will elect five delegates and two alternates. The delegates that are elected will serve at the October Diocesan Convention.

1. Cindy Cohen
2. Cheryl Dunkelberg
3. Jan Dunkelberg
4. Jennie Dobbins
5. Paul Rank

Alternates:
Donna Hartz
George Hartz

MUSIC NOTES



FROM THE NATIVITY MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DESK

Music calendar

2 February 7pm

salonnières Concert
(arts at nativity)

24 February 10am

World Music Sunday

Vivace Sing

24 february 2pm

Burkina Strings
(arts at nativity)

**Don't miss this Saturday's choose-your-own program with
Salonnières!
Feb.2nd, 7pm (food and wine included!)**

February: Black History Month! As a musician and music minister, I am always seeking ways to diversify the expression of our worship experience in music. It's important to stay tuned in to what's new in the church music/choral world while also acknowledging that every decision I make is reinforcing the canon of music being shaped by my generation. Despite the belief that our well-preserved canon of classical music has remained intact for hundreds of years, it is, in fact being constantly shaped by the choices we musicians make with regards to programming. Every concert program that I create expresses my value system as I reinforce or challenge the standards of classical music to my audiences. The people who wonder why the canon is not more diversified and current in 2019 must turn their gaze to us, the musicians and teachers who are deciding what to teach and what to program. For many years, I just taught what I had been taught without much thought towards my responsibility for expansion and diversity in my heritage of western Euro-centric music traditions. Through many friends and initiatives that promote diversity among new music in particular, I am now much more aware of my personal responsibility and passion for the inclusivity of great standards to our repertoire that reflect our diverse world.

With these kinds of thoughts in mind, I began searching for choral music by African-American composers to feature in February, black history month. I've spent dozens of hours listening, reading, finding titles but not scores and finding great works that I can't program because of copyright. However, I have found some gems that I am really excited to share with you this month. I learned a lot and I'm extremely excited to share my findings with you during the month of February. Check the PowerPoint screens on Sunday mornings as well as the history handouts at the door for some great stories and accounts that might offer a deeper insight into the choral music by black composers that we are championing this month.

My hope is to celebrate the inclusion of African song traditions in our hymnal as well as the contribution of African American composers to art music, sacred and secular choral music and the development of the spiritual and its influence on gospel music. The selections reach far beyond just gospel music, although that is one of our favorites at Nativity. I hope you enjoy listening and singing this music as much as I have enjoyed putting it together! Happy February!

Juliana Witt

MLK Legacy Concert

Thank you to all who made the MLK Concert such a special experience! We loved welcoming some new community members to the choir and having some new participants this year. A big thanks to the team that made it all a wonderful success!!

Anti-Aging Therapies Discussion Group

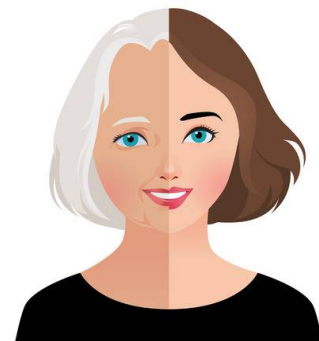
Thursday 9:30 AM, February 7, 2019

Learning the Secrets of Blue Zone Dwellers for Healthier and Longer Lives.

Blue Zones are regions of the world where people tend to live much longer than average. They are populated by a much higher percentage of Centenarians per capita than other regions. Studies have shown the people inhabiting Blue Zones share common lifestyle characteristics that contribute to their longevity. Learn the 9 lessons for living longer using the Blue Zone method. Sample foods will be served along with the 9 lessons for longevity.

Living an active, fulfilling life well into your 90's is possible and easier than you think. Does this sound too good to be true. Well a variety of organizations and institutions are beginning to believe it is quite likely true. Even venerable and conservative British financial giant, Barclays, recently published and sent a report to its private bank client's titled "*Beyond 100: Understanding the challenges and opportunities of living longer, healthier lives.*" And the headline of the first section states plainly that; "*Humankind is on the cusp of halting the aging process. New opportunities are possible.*" Barclays was founded in 1690.

Come and learn more with us about the many new research breakthroughs that can impact your own health and aging. As always the goal of all our meetings is to provide, free of charge, information with supporting references that can be applied by those who attend or shared with others who they think might benefit.



Please RSVP if attending to Jeri at antiaging320@gmail.com



Course:

Start CPR 1st - CPR & AED

Saturday, March 16, 2019 @ 2pm At Nativity

The CPR AED course covers:
Adult CPR & AED - Adult Choking
Child CPR & AED - Infant CPR & AED
Child and Infant Choking

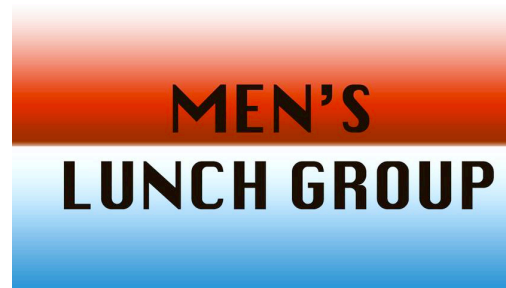
Course length is approximately 2 hours



Please contact Mina at minarafferty@thenativity.net

Men's Luncheon

Please join us on Wednesday, February 27 at noon for a friendly gathering and lunch at the All American Grill in D.C. Ranch. RSVP to Bill Worthington at 480-575-7830 or bandb718@msn.com.



Women's Luncheon

Women's Monthly Luncheon to be held on Wednesday February 20th at noon at The All American Grill in DC ranch. Please RSVP to Susan Burnham at 602.312.0186 or susan4420@gmail.com.



Women's Wine Night

First Thursday of the month, February 7th, the women of Nativity partake in Happy Hour at PNPK (SE corner of Scottsdale Rd. and Pinnacle Peak) starting at 5:00pm.

Need more details, email Kathy Graf, kgraf518@aol.com.



Men's Pub Fellowship

The February gathering of the MPF is Thursday, February 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the All American Modern Sports Grill at 20751 N Pima. Bring a friend or meet and make new ones! <http://www.allamericanmodernsportsgrill.com/>



For questions - contact Art Graf
mxxg25a@aol.com

February Worship Lessons

**February 3 – The Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71: 1-6
I Corinthians 13: 1-13
Luke 4: 21-30

**February 10 – The Fifth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm 138
I Corinthians 15: 1-11
Luke 5: 1-11

**February 17 – The Sixth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17: 5-10
Psalm 1
I Corinthians 15: 12-20
Luke 6: 17-26

**February 24 – The Seventh
Sunday after the Epiphany**

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15
Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42
I Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50
Luke 6: 27-38

Consecration of Bishop-Elect Jennifer Reddall

Saturday, March 09, 2019
Church for the Nations, 6225 N Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85012

SAVE THE DATE!

The event is free AND tickets will be required. Go to the diocesan website www.azdiocese.org and click on the Events tab for the latest information.

Bag-A-Meal: Sandwiches for the Homeless

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

February 5th - 10:00 am.

First Tuesday of the month at Nativity, is our Bag A Meal Outreach for the Homeless through the Phoenix Rescue Mission.

We bag 2 PB&J sandwiches, cookies, granola bar and a bottle of water.
For our February 5th work day, we are starting at 10 am.

Contact Kathy Graf. kgraf518@aol.com for more info.

Next work day - Tuesday, March 5.



Casa Food Packs

Please join us in packing weekend food packs for food insecure K-2nd grade students from Casa Academy.

We also are seeking help for delivery of the packs. Both packing and delivery happen at 10AM, with packing taking place in the Fellowship Hall and delivery is to the school in North Central Phoenix .

Upcoming dates:

Feb 2: pack/Feb 4: deliver. March 2: pack/ March 4: deliver

We look forward to you joining us - all ages are welcome! If you have any questions please contact Laura Dobbins lauradobbins01@gmail.com

Apply for New Ministry Support

The outreach committee is asking parishioners to apply for a grant from the outreach budget to support a new ministry. The committee will pick one such application based on four criteria:

- 1.The ministry is consistent with the mission of the Church of the Nativity.
- 2.The parishioner submitting the request is willing to lead the new ministry.
- 3.The ministry allows for participation by other parishioners.
- 4.The ministry provides the opportunity for parishioners to interact with those being served.

The ministry could build on an existing ministry outside of Nativity or is a new ministry to address a need.

\$2,000 has been budgeted for this new ministry.

Those interested can apply by asking Mina for an application and returning it to her or by applying online by going to <http://nativityscottsdale.org/new-outreach-ministry-application-form/> or by going to our website and then clicking on “Gather” followed by “Forms” and then “New Outreach Ministry Application Form” at the bottom of the listed forms.

The deadline for applying is February 28 and the outreach committee will decide on the ministry at its March meeting.

Box Tops

This school year Nativity will, once again, participate in “Box Tops for Education”. Coupons, worth 10 cents each will be given to Casa Academy. Their school coordinator will combine our coupons with those collected by the students’ families. Twice a year, Casa Academy will receive a check to use for the purchase of things they need.

Look for coupons on products from Big G, Pillsbury, Old El Paso, Green Giant, Ziploc, Hefty, Kleenex and Scott. A collection jar is located in the kitchen next to the stove. Thank you to anyone who is interested in participating!



Knit Premie Hats

Come join us to chat and knit (or crochet) hats for little ones.

Instructions and supplies available if you don't know how to knit or crochet. We meet the first and third Thursday of the month in the Youth Room at Nativity - 10am - noon. We are currently donating hats to the NICU at Shea Honor Health. If you know of other infant cap needs (homes for unwed mothers, mothers in need, new mothers on the Navajo reservation, etc) please let us know. We are looking for additional donation outlets for the caps. February dates: Feb 7 and 21. Contact Martha
(Marthadurham@thenativity.net).



Take Them a Meal - SIGN UP TO HELP

It happens to all of us at some point, and receiving a meal when you are sick, following surgery or going through a major crisis can be a blessing. Whether it is homemade soup, your favorite casserole, or even something from a restaurant or store, providing a meal is a wonderful act of kindness and can be a catalyst for healing. If you would like to join the team providing food when occasionally needed, please email Betsy Goode (goodehilogirl@cox.net) with your contact information (name, address, email and phone). We have a list of great volunteers and are looking to add to the team!

Questions? Email Betsy at goodehilogirl@cox.net or phone 480-912-5331.

In Need of a Meal?

If you are in need of a meal, please reach out to a clergy member with your request.

Children's Ministry Update

As you read up on all the happenings for youth and children, here's a friendly reminder that we keep all of our current events online, too!

Visiting the church website
(www.nativityscottsdale.org), click on "**Learn**".



Practice Lent Together



Lent is a season of spiritual growth. As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, we practice fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. These traditions may be ones you are familiar with or they may be entirely new. This Lent, we invite our families to grow in faith together. Much like our Advent Series, we will host special gatherings during Lent open to children of all ages and their parents/grandparents.

*We will learn about prayer.

*We will practice serving others via a ministry project.

*We will have fun making hot cross buns.

*We will parade with palms on Palm Sunday.

*We will have a huge party on Easter Sunday!

Stay tuned for more info. The Lenten Series for families begins on March 10th.

Super Save-the-Date

For all the planners out there, plug this into your calendar! Vacation Bible School at Nativity will be June 24-28, 2019.



JOIN US FOR SOME MARDI GRAS FUN AT THE

Pancake Supper



TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

5:30-7:30PM

\$7/PERSON & \$30/MAX PER FAMILY

Youth Group Update



Youth Group 2019 has been pretty rad so far!

Pictured:

(Left) A quick New Year selfie with our new basketball arcade game.

March Madness, here we come!

(Right) Having a blast at the January 19th lock in with Saint Matthew's Youth Group in Chandler. Can't decide what the best part was... midnight breakfast at Ihop or the human hungry hippo game.

Already excited for next year!

"Happy is the one who finds wisdom."

PROVERBS 3:13
#BECOMINGAWISDOMANOFWISDOM

← **We agree.**

This month we are diving into the Book of Proverbs at Youth Group. There will be real talk about our choices, friendships, money, and character. Hope to see you on Sunday mornings!

Lenten Retreat

YOUTH GROUP WEEKEND AT CHAPEL ROCK

March 22-24, 2019

Here's the Scoop...

Open for all youth, grades 6-12.

No cost.

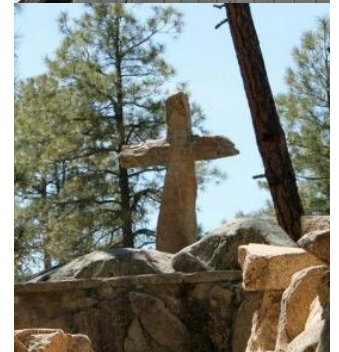
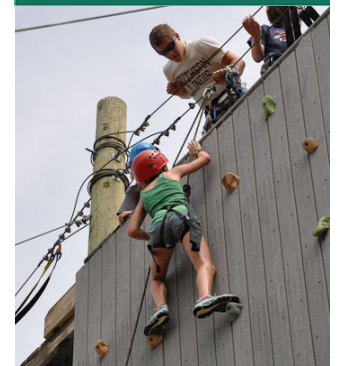
We will meet at Nativity on Friday, March 22nd at 5:00PM. Arriving at Chapel Rock around 6:30PM, we will settle in Taylor Lodge, and get started around the campfire at 8PM. Saturday morning will start with breakfast, include time on the ropes course, and have some other cool surprises mixed in! This weekend retreat will be a time for fun - obviously - but we will also create a sacred space where we can talk about important stuff... Life. God. Faith. Being our best selves.

We return on Sunday, March 24th at Noon.

Want to RSVP? Get in touch with Mandy!

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