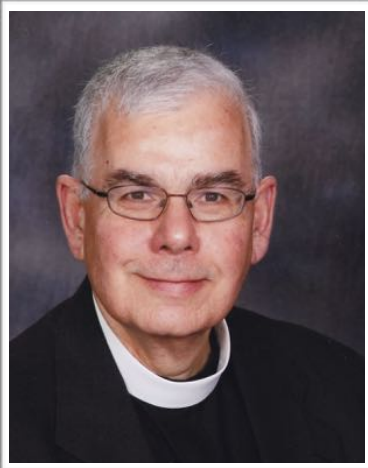




March
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THE NATIVITY SCENE



An Ancient-Future Church

At the recent gathering of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry addressed the twin issues of the future of faith and the church as an institution. Bishop Curry shared that when he was in South Africa the week prior, a young Anglican asked him if there was a future for the church. "I realized that he was asking if there is a future for faith," Curry said. "Therefore, does the church, the community of people who have faith in Jesus, have a future?"

Bishop Curry told the young man, "Faith does not have a future if faith and religion is seen and understood primarily as an institutional arrangement. Faith will not have a future if we believe that the church is primarily an institution which we must prop up to keep it going." Bishop Curry went on to say that God is not calling the church to enact another strategic plan, but to dare "to ask the Spirit, 'Where shall we go?'"

Curry reminded the Executive Council that before the church was an institution, "it began as a nascent Jesus Movement." Today the church has become "a fragile minority" in our society. We need to recapture our passion and drive for Jesus and the Gospel. We must witness the Jesus way of love. "When we are less than that, then we ought to die because we have nothing to give the world," he said.

Bishop Curry then asked the Council "to think, to pray, to listen to what the Spirit is saying to our church and find our life." He concluded, "We may not have easy days ahead of us, but that's all right. Our Lord was crucified; Pilate thought he killed him - thought he was down for the count - but on Sunday morning, the brother got up and that's who we follow. If we follow his way of love, then the gates of hell will not prevail against us."

Bishop Curry addressed an issue of deep concern to all Episcopalians: What is the future of Christian faith in our culture and in our church? What will faith look like in the future? What will the church look like? What kind of church will be able to witness the faith of Jesus in a rapidly changing world?

The United States is now undergoing a culture shift like none before in our history. There are many aspects to this culture shift, including a pervasive secularism, the disillusionment with established religion, the rise of personal spirituality, the dominance of autonomy, choice, consumerism and self-actualization, and the desire to explore the meaning of life without religious authority. We often hear that people today are "spiritual but not religious," but a growing number are now "spiritual but secular" - meaning that organized religion is no longer an option for them.

Frankly, in such a new religious landscape, the Episcopal Church has been very slow to respond, often doing the same old thing but expecting a different outcome. Einstein said that's the definition of insanity.



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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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As I survey the culture, I think there are three key shifts that have made ministry extraordinarily difficult.

First, people's understanding of God is highly pluralized. There is no one way of thinking about God anymore. Back in the 1950s, sociologist Will Herberg wrote a book titled *Protestant, Catholic and Jew* in which he argued that there was now an American religious consensus – the Judeo-Christian ethic as normative for society. No one would write such a book today. In terms of religious belief and practice, Americans are all over the place, with a growing number of atheists, agnostics and “nones” – people who vaguely identify as Christian but without church membership.

Second, people no longer feel a need to attend church on a regular basis. Church is one of many options in people's lives, and no longer a high priority. Back in the 1950s, there were “blue laws” which restricted what businesses could be open on Sunday. Today any business may be open. Churches compete on Sunday with the National Football League and Major League Baseball. Children and teen sporting events are now regularly held on Sundays. Social club gatherings, community organizations and environmental groups now meet on Sunday. For many families, Sunday is their day to rest or do house chores. Increasingly, our secular culture has managed to squeeze church out of our lives.

Third, people are increasingly eclectic about what they choose to believe. There is no “one size fits all” anymore. Religion has become a matter of personal preference, much like the kind of food we eat. In our culture we have many “cafeteria Christians” – people who pick and choose what to believe much like they would pick and choose foods at a cafeteria. We even have the phenomenon of people choosing more than one religion at the same time – Jewish Buddhists, Episcopal Quakers, Hindu Catholics, and every conceivable mix. Consistency doesn't matter – personal preference trumps all. Thus, the church – any church – is more a way station than a destination. People remain at a church only so long as their needs are being met. Loyalty to a religious institution is a thing of the past.

This means that the church needs to compete in the marketplace in a way we have never had to do before. The Episcopal Church has been slow to grasp this new way of being church. We need to move beyond thinking of ourselves as an established church and transform into an entrepreneurial church – understanding the people we want to reach, building relationships with the unchurched, meeting needs, healing hurts, planning ministries around lifestyles, and communicating the gospel in ways that resonate with people who may have little or no understanding of Christianity. Our methods will need to change even as the gospel message remains changeless.

How do we do this? We do it not by renouncing the past or uncritically embracing the future but by becoming an “ancient-future” church – a church of roots and wings that is steeped in the truth of the gospel but open to the Spirit active in the world. While I certainly do not claim to have all the answers, here is what I think the “ancient-future church” will look like.

1. It will be more experiential and less dogmatic, balancing both heart and mind as two valid approaches to faith.
2. It will focus less on distinctive denominational beliefs and more on “faith in Jesus” as the heart of Christianity.
3. It will be unashamedly supernatural, from spiritual gifts to miracles, proclaiming boldly the mighty acts of God: creation, incarnation, redemption, resurrection, and the Spirit at work in the church and world.
4. It will reach out and minister to people at their own level of need and understanding, offering the good news in terms and forms that relate to their situation, that speak to them in their language and cultural style, addressing their existential questions.

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5. It will offer diverse worship services on Sunday and during the week that reach people at the different stages of life, with different styles of music, using multi-media, and with messages that are biblical, relevant and practical.
6. It will be a community that practices the spiritual disciplines through patterns of listening and speaking to God in sustained prayer, personal devotion, scripture study and fellowship.
7. It will be a church that moves beyond the three-fold ministry of bishops, priests and deacons into the five-fold ministry in Ephesians of apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers, with all members being ministers.
8. It will provide a seven-day-a-week program that is secular as well as religious, including educational, community and recreational programs for all ages.
9. It will be a center of mission and outreach that works to solve basic community problems through community action and service, offering the love of God in concrete ways to the least, the last and the lost who are living in poverty, unrelieved suffering and other kinds of need.
10. It will extend the church's outreach through the Internet and mass media, marketing to target audiences and sharing the good news of Jesus.
11. It will be child friendly and sensitive to the needs of youth, young adults and persons with disabilities.
12. It will embrace the potential for becoming a diverse and inclusive congregation – multiracial, multigenerational and multicultural, all reflecting the all-embracing love of Jesus.
13. It will have a practice of radical hospitality and a willingness to open membership to everyone who could profit from belonging.
14. It will tackle the tough issues of the day with moral passion and genuine tolerance, being a public forum for gospel values.
15. It will inspire members to extravagant generosity in support of need-meeting ministries that further the reign of God, impact the community and transform lives in Jesus.

I believe that the Episcopal Church is in a unique position to be an “ancient-future” church because of our tradition of comprehensiveness – our willingness to expand our circle of love and be a “both/and” and not an “either/or” kind of church. We have never been content to adopt a sectarian mentality that insulates us from the culture. That is to our credit. So, as we move forward in a post-Christian, post-modern world, we should not lose confidence in our ability to build bridges that connect the church and the unchurched. There is a future for faith in a revitalized Episcopal Church. Yes, the old religious world is falling apart, but the Spirit is stirring anew.

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

Quiet Lenten Morning:

Reserve the morning of Saturday March 16th for a quiet interlude of prayer and reflection. Sign up now on the clipboard in the church office, or email marthadurham@thenativity.net Deadline for signup is March 10th. Facilitated by Deacon Martha, William Bailey and Margaret Cohea.





The first followers of Jesus were all Jewish, but from a wide variety of different ideologies. It was when the believers after the resurrection appearances started to spread outward from Jerusalem that they were called “Christians” for the first time— Luke tells us this in his 2nd volume we call “Acts.” That community of faith was just one step in evolving into what was becoming the church. The beginnings of our Christian community of faith, the church, started with the people of Israel. Israel had their distinctive beginning in becoming a community of faith only after their deliverance from Egypt. It was in the wilderness between the slavery of Egypt and the promised land of Canaan when this community formed it’s religious expression. All the forms of religious expression that were revealed to them in this time formed the seedbed of what we do in our Sunday morning worship at Nativity.

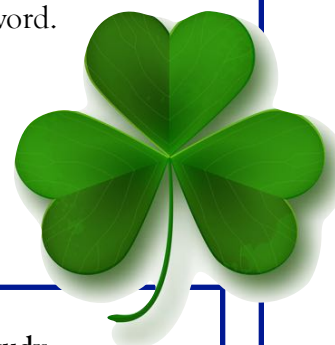
The books of the Bible that tell about this nascent time in their formation are what we call the Pentateuch, or Torah—the instruction of God found in the 1st five books of the Bible. The 4th book, called “Numbers,” finishes the Sinai revelation to this community and moves them from the depths of the wilderness to the precipice of the Promised Land. Yes, from the time they leave Egypt in Exodus and then park themselves at the foot of Sinai, 2 books later they are still there, getting instruction on how to worship and get along with one another. When the 4th book ends in Numbers they will still not be in the Promised Land, but purposefully poised to enter it—just on the other side of the Jordan River.

Bible Study Wednesday has been undertaking a systematic study of the Pentateuch since last summer and continues in Lent with the 4th book, “Numbers.” It’s simply amazing to see how the experiences of our earliest spiritual forebears are parallel to our own. Their time in the wilderness is a metaphor for the time we collectively know as life-on-earth. We Christians, like Israel, know we have been saved from a fearful existence and that God has a wonderful promise ahead of us; but in the meantime, we’re here on this terrestrial plain working out how to get along and how to respond to God’s word.

Make Lent 2019 your time to reconnect with your spiritual forebears in faith, and yourself, by partaking of bible study that makes a difference—Wednesday nights at 6:30 with yours truly and your Nativity brothers and sisters.

See you in church,

Dr. W+



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.

Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Services

Ash Wednesday, March 6

- Noon – The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Eucharist and Hymns
- 7:00 p.m. – The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Choral Eucharist

Palm Sunday, April 14

- 8:30 – The Palm Sunday Liturgy with Traditional Eucharist
- 10:00 – The Palm Sunday Liturgy with Choral Eucharist

Note: These services will be identical except for the choir singing at 10:00.

Maundy Thursday, April 18

- 7:00 p.m. – The Maundy Thursday Liturgy and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 19

- Noon – The Good Friday Liturgy with Sermon and Hymns
- 7:00 p.m. – 1662 Choral Evensong with the Great Litany

Easter Eve, April 20

- 7:00 pm. – The First Eucharist of Easter with Music and Hymns

Easter Sunday, April 21

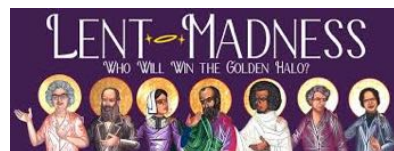
- 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. – Festival Choral Eucharist of Easter – Identical services

In addition to these services, Dr. Wayne Whitney will celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesdays during Lent at 6:00 p.m. Preceded by Evening Prayer.

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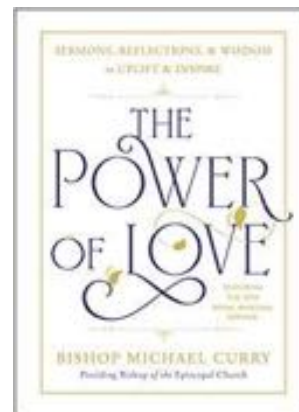
Lent Madness begins March 7th

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! Stop by the table in Christopher Hall for information. 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." Sign up by going to lentmadness.org to get yourself in on the fun.



Lively Lenten activity

We will read and discuss PB Michael Curry's Book, *The Power of Love* Tuesday's from 10:30-1130 during Lent. Our fist meeting is March 12. Sign up in the Narthex. Contact Margaret Cohea for more details, 703-717-1877



Newcomer's Cafe Sunday March 31, 2019



After the 10:00 service in the Youth Room YOU are invited to meet other newcomers, clergy, vestry and ministry leaders for fellowship and to learn more about your new church home. If you are new to the parish or have not had the opportunity to attend cafe in the past and have questions, please come. We look forward to getting to know you!

Questions - Contact Cindy Cohen scohen@bellsouth.net

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.



Ministry Leaders Calendar Meeting SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 4, 2019
9:00 - 11:00

Sunday school Classroom Area

MUSIC NOTES

Music calendar

6 March 7pm

Ash Wednesday

10 March 2pm

toe tappin' tunes
w/ the Spirited lads

22 march 7pm

Melanie holm
benefit concert

🍀 Celebrate St. Pat's Day 🍀

with the Spirited Lads!

You'll be tapping your toes to their festive tunes!
March 10th, 2pm, Tickets @ArtsatNativity.org



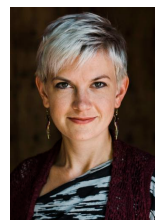
Lent 2019

Sunday, March 3rd, Transfiguration Sunday, will culminate our musical celebration of Black History Month with some gospel music. We can't trace our African-American music and jazz back to Africa and look at the full gift of black composers without enjoying some real gospel music! Hope you have enjoyed our little journey of music by black composers in

I am looking forward to a more traditional upcoming Lenten season. Choir will enhance the Ash Wednesday by presenting a hauntingly beautiful arrangement of *Miserere Mei, Deus (Have Mercy on me, Oh God)*, by Arlen Clarke in collaboration with a violinist in our parish, Jonathan Fitzgerald. Choir will also present a setting by Thomas Tallis, a 16th-century composer known for some of the first English settings of the liturgy.

During Lent, you will hear a variety of traditional music by the masters: J.S. Bach, Vaughan Williams, Haydn, and a special more contemporary treat for St. Patrick's Day!

I hope and pray that this music brings healing to souls and peace to hearts. It can soothe, break, agitate, inspire, and sometimes requires some vulnerability to let music break your heart before it can heal you. Going through my own grief this week has made me realize how much I need music as a healing balm, to take my moment with my heartache, then wipe away the tears and go on.
Peace and light to you,
Juliana



Luncheon for Neighborhood Seniors May 3rd at 11:30 am.

Nativity will host a luncheon in partnership with Foothills Caring Corps. We will be serving seniors in our community who live alone and are looking to connect with others. There will also be a speaker for them to enjoy.



We need people to cook, serve and mingle with our guests. If you would like to help, please contact Barbara Worthington 480-748-0173 bandb718@msn.com

This gives us an opportunity to do something for our community, especially lonely seniors.

Ones & Twos

Ones & Twos is a social group of adults at The Church of the Nativity, which meets about once a month.

It is open to all members, visitors and guests.

The next event is hosted by: Mary Lynn & David Bolger

Date: March 15th

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: 6506 E Mountain View Rd
Scottsdale 85253

Please Bring: Personal libations and shareable victuals.

RSVP: 602-999-0855 or marylynn@djbolger.com

Directions: South of Shea on 64th St. Left (east) on Turquoise; immediate right on 64th Pl. Curves around and becomes Mountain View Rd. House is on North side of street, middle of the block.





Planned Giving

What Is Planned Giving?

Planned giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the church from accumulated resources.

It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the wise use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their ultimate disposition.

In general planned gifts are made through:

Bequest in a Will

- Planning for the End of Life

Life Income Gift such as a pooled income fund, a charitable gift annuity, or a charitable remainder trust

- Pooled Income Fund
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust

Gifts of Special Assets (real estate, closely held stock, life insurance, retirement accounts)

Planned giving establishes a way for a donor to provide for family members while remembering the church as well. It often enables the donor to provide more for his or her heirs and to make a larger gift than thought possible. It often reduces taxes as well.

Planned gifts can be designated for an organization's general funds or its endowment.

Planned gifts are either outright gifts (i.e., gifts of appreciated securities, real property, personal property, etc.) or deferred gifts (i.e. bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts).

Ron Cramer,
rcramer2@cox.net



THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone of you who either pledged or considered pledging. For me I know that whatever you did was between you and your God. Because you see, I've come to realize that Stewardship comes in two important parts.

First, the Church is an organization which has financial obligations that require a budget to operate. We need pledges to determine how much funding we can plan on to operate when the Vestry approves a budget.

Secondly, and most important, why you give is totally the most important thing. As Christians we believe that we are all children of God. That it is God who created us, not ourselves. Therefore, what we have come from God and we should share to enable God's people, us, to bring others to the life we enjoy celebrating our family, supporting our programs and community. A place where we belong, a place that gives us comfort.

The amount you give is truly between you and your maker.

Our once a year campaign is our Ask and for this year's, Thank you.

Stewardship Chair,
Mark Dobbins



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.

Apply for Your Scholarship Now!

Thanks to parishioner Mary Longley Cook, the Church of the Nativity now has a scholarship fund to assist a parishioner with high education expenses. We are inviting interested parishioners who will be attending post-secondary education in the fall to apply now for a scholarship. Candidates may be either graduating high school students or students already in college or university. People considering or already enrolled in trade schools will also be considered.

Candidates interested in applying for a scholarship will need to complete a scholarship application form which can be picked up in the parish office. They will need to supply their personal information, extra-curricula activities and any community service or other relevant information. A reference from a school official will need to be submitted along with a certified copy of grades and evidence of admission to a post-secondary educational institution. Candidate should also submit an essay detailing career goals, personal history, the institution in which the candidate will be enrolled, and the proposed course of study. All this information is on the application form.

The scholarship committee would like to encourage parishioners to donate to the fund. As the fund grows, there will be opportunity to assist more parishioners with their educational expenses. In an era when college and university tuition is becoming an astronomical expense, Nativity will be able to assist worthy parishioners with at least some portion of their costs. This is an investment in the future as well as an investment in our children.

For prospective applicants, please apply as soon as possible. While there is no set deadline, the scholarship would like to award a scholarship for the fall term. Applicants will ideally have all their materials into the committee by April 15. A copy the application is included in this newsletter. For more information about the scholarship and fund, please speak with Gary Nicolosi our Interim Rector, Mandy Hodges our Christian Education Director, or Art Graf our Treasurer.



Nativity Scholarship Fund Application

Name _____

Address _____

Are you a member of the parish and for how many years? _____

Name of high school attended _____

Expected graduation date (or when you did graduate?) _____

Extra-curricula activities _____

Honors, Prizes, Awards Received _____

Community Activities _____

Church Activities _____

Applicant should submit the following information to the Committee:

- A reference from a guidance counselor or other school administrator such a principal.
- A certified copy of grades and evidence of high school graduation within the current scholarship year or college academic year.
- An essay detailing career goals, personal history, and institution in which the candidate will be enrolled and course of study.

Application and Materials should be submitted to:

Scholarship Committee
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
22405 N Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255





A vital outreach at Nativity is helping the mothers and babies at Homeward Bound. Please console your hearts and consider helping the smallest among us in need.

For those of us who haven't purchased diapers in a long while, they come in a variety of sizes and the ones most needed are size 4 and 5. The average baby does through more than 1000 diapers per year!

These children and mothers will be most grateful for your help. Please bring the diapers to the church between now and March 24th.



Mother's Day Purse Project



It's time to start collecting your gently used purses and small toiletry items for our special gifts for Moms. We will deliver our "stuffed" purses to Phoenix Rescue Mission's Women's Shelter and Save the Family, so kids can select and give a "new" purse to their mom for Mother's Day. It is one of our most popular missions.

We need: purses, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, costume jewelry, makeup and scarves.

There will be a box in Christopher Hall near the front door, so bring your items in anytime between today and Sunday, April 28th.

Any questions, Barbara Worthington 480-748-0173 bandb718@msn.com



Anti-Aging Therapies Discussion Group

Thursday 9:30 AM, March 7, 2019

“Courage is grace under pressure” - Ernest Hemingway

Growing older requires courage with grace. Our Ant-Aging topic for discussion at our March meeting will be about facing courageous decisions while keeping everyone’s stress under control. Stress can be a major factor reducing the quality and even the length of our lives. The program will be conducted by Lois Tager an award winning author and authority on Geriatric Caregiving. Here is a quick thought for Lois;

“When seniors and their families experience life stressors such as making a major move, health issues, Alzhemier’s disease and end of life issues, it is not uncommon for their lives to unravel. My passion is to bring healing and help to people who are going through stressful and often traumatic experiences. I help my senior clients and their families find a pathway to resolution.

My intent is to Assist. Advise and Advocate and comfort families in anyway possible.”

Hope to see you there.

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

Don’t forget **STARTCPR1st** another opportunity to extend someone’s life being offered at Nativity on Saturday March 16, 2019 @ 2PM.



New Jewelry Class - Beginning in March

All are invited to a class at Nativity that will be lead by Mary Longley-Cook. Mary will have a couple of helpers with extra tools to assist in the “finishing off” stages of making a piece of jewelry. We all have jewelry that we no longer wear, but that brings back good memories. Maybe it was from a Grandma, Mom, or Auntie. Let’s think about updating and/or redesigning that lovely old piece of jewelry. Its next incarnation might be a totally different item...a bracelet, necklace, keychain, or even a rosary. Mary will share her extensive expertise with the group, and guide us in the options available to redesign our pieces. She will also share lots of gorgeous beads that she has accumulated through the years as a beader.

The first “planning meeting” will be Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. Email or phone to rsvp or with questions: Mary: stgermain47@cox.net or 480-272-2053
Dawn: dawnkast@live.com. Allergies are an issue in any group setting. Please remember to respect scent-free requests.





Course:

Start CPR 1st - CPR & AED

**Saturday,
March 16, 2019 - @ 2pm
At Nativity**

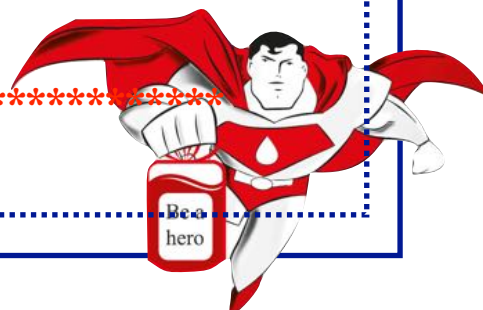
The CPR AED course covers:
 Adult CPR & AED - Adult Choking
 Child CPR & AED - Infant CPR & AED
 Child and Infant Choking

Course length is approximately 2 hours

Please contact Mina at minarafferty@thenativity.net

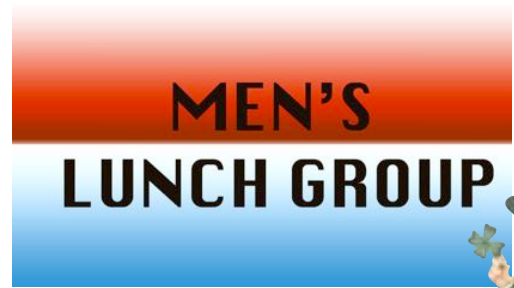
*******IMPORTANT NOTE*******

**ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING PLEASE CONTACT MINA
 BY MONDAY, MARCH 4. WE NEED TO KNOW IF WE HAVE ENOUGH
 PEOPLE TO HOST THIS CLASS**



Men's Luncheon

Please join us on Wednesday, March 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 March 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, March 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 March gathering of the MPF is Thursday, March 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
mxcgk25a@aol.com

March Worship

Lessons

March 3

The Last Sunday after the
Epiphany
Exodus 34: 29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2
Luke 9: 28-36

March 10

The First Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

March 17

The Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3: 17-4:1
Luke 13: 31-35

March 24

The Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 3: 1-15
Psalm 63: 1-8
I Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9

March 31

The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5: 9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32



Film Club

Join us for a potluck and discussion about **BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**. See the film first, then come for conversation and fellowship. March 9th, cocktails at 6, dinner at 6:30. Main dish will be provided by the host, Donna and George Hartz. The address is 20307 N. 93rd Pl, Scottsdale 85255. RSVPs or questions contact Darrell Spencer at darrellwspencer@yahoo.com/480-540-5229 or Donna Hartz dahartz@hotmail.com.

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: March 2: pack/March 4 deliver, April 6: pack/ April 8: deliver & May 4: pack/May 6: deliver.

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

Bag-A-Meal: Sandwiches for the Homeless

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED March 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 March 5th work day, we are starting at 10 am.



Next work day - Tuesday, March 5.

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



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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

Knitting hats for Premies continues this month on March 7th and 21st.

We meet at 10am and are done before noon. We knit simple caps for premature babies and are branching into other charity knitting work. We are teaching some women who are beginners and others knit with great experience.

We laugh, pray and knit.

Contact Deacon Martha if you are interested.

Drop-ins are invited!

(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.



Nativity Attendees Included:

- John Adamthwaite
- Bob Ringdahl
- Alley Walukiewicz
- Greg Hardman
- Ron Nollen
- Matt Langan
- Chuck Potts
- Kay and Bob Blinn
- Rich Cappizzani
- Cotty Peabody
- Diana Morgan
- Carrie Wagner
- Dr Wayne Whitney

If we omitted your name, we are sorry, Please let us know for future print.





Mark your calendars and
Join us
for our next
Build Dates:

March 23rd and May 11th!

Children's Ministry Update

March is bringing some awesome family fun & faith your way! We have the Pancake Supper on the 5th (Mardi Gras & all-you-can-eat... don't miss this!) and we begin our 7 week Lenten Series on Sunday, March 10th (you can read all about it on the next page). We are feeling truly lucky and blessed to be a part of this amazing church family. Hope to see you all soon!



Highlight: Children's Chapel



We have had the best time in Children's Chapel this past month! In addition to having some fun, interactive lessons for Valentine's Day, about the Beatitudes, and prayer (sending them up to God via paper airplanes), we have been singing to the top of our lungs with Juliana!

Learning the song SiSi Ni Moja (which means "We are One" in Swahili) has been a gift to all. Just this past Sunday in church, the children joined the adult choir and special guest drummer, Arouna Diarra, as part of Nativity's musical celebration of Black History Month. It was a joyful moment!

Special thanks to Melanie and Logan for their help in getting this Vivace Children's Chapel ready to sing in "big church".



JOIN US FOR SOME MARDI GRAS FUN AT THE

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper



TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH

5:30-7:30PM

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

RSVP on the Church Website! NativityScottsdale.org/learn



LENT SERIES FOR FAMILIES

7 Weeks of Traditions & Connection

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.

Please join in this meaningful gathering any week you are able (you can come to them all or show up when your schedule allows). We will meet in the Longley-Cook Children's Center at 11AM each week.

There will be no Sunday School during this session.

Email MandyHodges@thenativity.net if you have any questions.

March 10 - Learn

Lent 101: What's it all about?

March 17 - Pray

Interactive walk through the Lord's Prayer

March 24 - Give

Ministry project (almsgiving)

March 31 - Connect

Make hot cross buns together!

April 7 - Wonder

Group art project

April 14 - Praise

Palm Sunday parade & activities

April 21 - Easter Party!

Youth Group Update

Happy March! We've got lots of great stuff this month...Read up on the Lenten Retreat below, bring your slam dunk skills for March Madness starting THIS Sunday, and make sure you join in for our first Mission Trip fundraiser at the Pancake Supper.



March 22-24, 2019

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!

Email: mandyhodges@thenativity.net

Call/Text: 480-388-9513





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