Visit the website for a full list of upcoming events, upcoming services, and current signups.

Parish Life

Sound System Fundraiser Personal Story

Two weeks ago we heard Viola Baldwin's thoughts about why the sound system upgrade is so important. Today we hear from Lloyd Childers. Read Lloyd's story on the blog.

Caring for our Couple Relationship: Invitation to Retreat
You are invited to participate in a couples' retreat to be held at the Doubletree Inn in RTP. Participants will have an opportunity to celebrate and grow in their relationships. There will be fun times and opportunities for couple reflection. The retreat is open to all committed couples.

For more information and to register, go to the Better Marriages website and click on the events page for details and to register. Registration is $236, which includes two meals. A block of rooms is being held at the hotel at a special conference rate until August 18. Scholarships are available.

Contact Carl and Nancy Terry for more information, at 919-559-2827.

From the Clergy

True Colors: LGBTQIA+ Youth Support Group

We had a terrific meeting about Nativity's upcoming LGBTQIA+ support group.

Read more about this wonderful initiative in Phillip's blog post.

Youth & Children

RITE OF PASSAGE

If you have a youth who has recently turned 13, or will turn 13 before the end of August, they are eligible to participate in Nativity's Rite of Passage during which we will celebrate the beginning of their move from the world of
childhood toward the world of adulthood. On **August 27** our celebrities will assist in the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist that will also include a special blessing for them. The service will be followed by a lunch for the celebrated youth and their families. Please **register your youth before August 4** to participate in the August ceremony.

If your youth is older than 13 and has not previously participated in a Rite of Passage ceremony because of the pandemic, they are welcome to join in the August ceremony. We will hold another ceremony in January for those turning 13 after September 1.

### Adult Formation

**The Eucharist: Six-part Course**

Our next adult formation series will be *Pilgrim: The Eucharist*. In this 6-week series, we will delve deeper into the meaning and significance of the Eucharist, a central sacrament of our faith. *Pilgrim: The Eucharist* begins **August 6** and will meet in Corlett Hall at **9:30 am**. Registration has closed, but you are always welcome to join in the discussion.

### Nativity Prayer List

**We remember the sick and suffering in our community**
Alice, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Carol, Dee, Diane, Don, Jack, Jane, Karen, Kelly, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Stephen, Steve

**We pray for our friends, family, and neighbors**
Anna, Arybella, Bob, Chris, Danielle, Danny, Dave, Emma, Gabe, Gemma, Ginny, Henry, Ian, Jackson, John, John, Kelvin, Licia, Michelle, Roy, Roy, Sara, Tom, Vivian

**We pray for those expecting a child**
Annelise and Lennox, Adam and Sarah, James and Emily

**We pray for those preparing for marriage**
Taylor and Drew

**We pray for those who have died**
Dorothy Hamilton, Craig Dick, Rodney Clos, Henry Halvorson, Wes Chavis, Maxine Highsmith, Ron Salter, Diane Dougherty
If you would like to add someone to the Nativity prayer list, please email Bradley.

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