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

Parish Life

Call for Youth Volunteers

The Diocese of North Carolina requires two adult volunteers to be present whenever the youth are gathered in order to comply with the standards set forth in the Safe Church, Safe Communities guidelines. In order to keep offering our weekly youth gatherings, volunteers are needed to be the second adult each week. All that is required on a weekly basis is a willingness to be present with our young people, engage in some fun games with them, and add your voice to the discussion following the lesson or story. Regular volunteers need to complete Safe Church, Safe Communities training online. Please reach out to Jeremy Clos if you are willing to engage in this vital ministry.
Help Needed for Rite of Passage

On August 27, Nativity will offer a Rite of Passage ceremony for young people who have recently turned 13. This ceremony celebrate the beginning of their transition from the world of childhood to the world of adulthood. Following the ceremony, the youth and their families will gather for a special luncheon in Corlett Hall. Sign-up to volunteer to prepare a simple dish for the youth and their families here.

Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheon will begin a new season of adventures in dining on September 17. We thank last season’s hosts for introducing us to new experiences and revisiting old favorites.

Each month a different member of the group hosts the luncheon. In a nutshell this is what hosting entails: choosing a restaurant, making the reservation and confirming the number with the restaurant. Once you’ve let Cheryl know where we will be dining, Cheryl will take care of getting the information out to the group, collecting the names of the attendees, and giving the host our final number, so you can confirm the number with the restaurant.

Cheryl has a list of restaurants in the area that we have used in the past, as well as a few we haven’t yet. For more information, or to join the group, please email Cheryl Waechter.

Adult Formation

EFM Registration Now Open

Registration has opened for Education for Ministry (EfM) for the autumn of 2023. The EfM group will meet here at Nativity on Monday evenings starting in late September. If you plan to participate in EfM, please register as soon as possible in order to receive your materials. Tuition for 2023-24 is
Pilgrim: The Eucharist

*Pilgrim: The Eucharist* continues to meet during the traditional 9:30 am formation time in Corlett Hall. In this six-week series, we will delve deeper into the meaning and significance of the Eucharist, a central sacrament of our faith. You are welcome to drop in and join the discussion at any time.

Social Justice

**One Wake Update: Priorities and Invitation**

Following the Listening Sessions, One Wake has ratified three new priorities for the organization: housing, mental health, and public transportation. To learn more about this, and to find out what you can do further, read this blog post by Becky Showalter.

**Social Justice August Update and Events**

This month's highlighted social justice events include the Raleigh African-American Cultural Festival, a one-act play festival, a Gladys Knight concert, and more.

Read the full Social Justice Team update.

Peace Library Review: One Big Heart
Carol Smith has reviewed the latest addition to the Peace Library: *One Big Heart: Celebration of Being More Alike, than Different*.

“... One Big Heart combines lyrical rhymes and a whimsical art style that delivers an inspiring message of inclusion and connection within a school classroom.”

[Read the full review.](#)

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### Outreach

#### Rise Against Hunger

Nativity’s 11th annual Rise Against Hunger intergenerational meal-packing event will be held in Corlett Hall after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 10. This year we’re hoping to have at least 60 participants from Nativity and our neighbors at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church to help pack 10,000+ meals. RAH requires all participants be registered for the event. Please [register you and your family](#) ahead of the event.

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### Veterans@Nativity

#### Veterans Coffee Hour This Sunday

The next Veterans@Nativity coffee hour will be on this Sunday, August 13, following the 10:30 am service. You can read more about this initiative in this [blog post by Ryan Parker](#). For more info, please [contact Ryan](#).

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### Diocesan Events

#### Inclusion Zoom: Learning About LGBTQIA+ Youth

The Diocese of North Carolina will host a single-session Zoom on September 14 from 7 to 8:30 pm for those wishing to learn more about the
LGBTQIA+ youth community and how to better serve them. Come learn about vocabulary, pronouns, special concerns, mental health issues, and inclusion. To receive an invitation to the Zoom call, please register.

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, Caroline, Danielle, Danny, Dave, Emma, Gabe, Gemma, Henry, Jackson, John, John, John, Kelvin, Licia, Michelle, Roy, Roy, Sara, Sissy, Vivian

We pray for those expecting a child
Annelise and Lennox, James and Emily. We celebrate the birth of Hunter Alexander Sopko, son of Adam and Sarah and great nephew of Ailsa Tessier

We pray for those preparing for marriage
Taylor and Drew

We pray for those who have died
Dorothy Hamilton and James Christiansen

If you would like to add someone to the Nativity prayer list, please email Bradley.

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