

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RESPONSE TO THE PASTORAL LETTER

Our bishops have called each congregation to continue in the work of racial reconciliation and restitution. Now that many of you have read the recommended books or participated in Sacred Ground, what next? Come to an information gathering session following the 10:30 service on **today**. In the meeting we will summarize what has already been done and share some examples of what other congregations have done. The next step will be to determine how Nativity feels called to move forward, based on your unique history and the gifts and talents within the congregation.

### LATEST CLERGY TRANSITION UPDATE

The Search Committee, after sharing the Parish Portfolio draft with the Vestry, met this week to review their feedback. We are currently revising the document for Vestry approval. Read the full update on the Clergy Transition Page for our next steps and a word cloud reflecting the themes that emerged when we answered the question of what would be Nativity's most exciting, energizing and spirit-filled accomplishments over the next three years.

### EXPLORING THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

We continue to embark on a study of the non-canonical Gospel of Thomas through Sunday, March 24 during our regular 9:30 am Adult Formation hour. We will meet in Curry Hall, Room 204 to explore its history, comparison to the Synoptic Gospels, and the diverse communities and audiences the Gospels were intended to address.

### NATIVITY/NAACP SCHOLARSHIP

The fourth annual Nativity/NAACP Scholarship fund, which supports black students needing financial help to enter college in the fall, launched during the Day of Giving. So far, \$4,000 has been raised, and we hope to meet or surpass the average \$8,000 collected in previous years. We aim to conclude the campaign by Easter. You can donate online or via check marked "NAACP Fund". Thank you for your ongoing support.

### SUMMER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Our high school youth will embark on a transformative pilgrimage to Wilmington, NC from June 13-18. Through worship, service, and play, we'll explore the Coup of 1898 and its lasting im-

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10

- 8:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave Chapel)
- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Exploring the Gospel of Thomas (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave Chapel)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 11:45 am: Veterans@Nativity Coffee Hour (Curry Hall)
- 11:45 am: Response to the Pastoral Letter (Corlett Hall)
- 5 pm: Middle School Youth Formation (Curry Hall 202)
- 7 pm: High School Youth Formation (Curry Hall 202)

### MONDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:30 pm: Education for Ministry (Conference Room)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)
- 7 pm: Book Study: The Wisdom Way of Knowing (Zoom)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 9 am: Beginner Spanish Class (Conference Room)
- 10:30 am: Advanced Spanish Class (Conference Room)
- 2 pm: Pastoral Care Meeting (Conference Room)
- 3 pm: Memorial Garden Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 7 pm: Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave Chapel)
- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Choir warmup (Nave)
- 9:30 am: Exploring the Gospel of Thomas (Curry Hall 202)
- 10:15 am: Anglican Rosary (Nave Chapel)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Senior Luncheon
- 5 pm: Middle School Youth Formation (Curry Hall 202)
- 7 pm: High School Youth Formation (Curry Hall 202)



plications. Enjoy tours, beach outings, fishing, a river cruise, and more. Register via the Google Form by March 15. Contact Jeremy Clos for details.

### **ADULT PILGRIMAGE IN 2025**

We have begun to explore the possibility of a 2025 adult pilgrimage to holy sites within the United Kingdom. Before serious planning begins, we need to gauge interest, so we invite you to a meeting that will follow the 10:30 am celebration of Holy Eucharist on March 24 if you want to dream with us, learn more, or indicate your interest in attending. We will meet in Curry Hall Room 204.

### **PILGRIM: THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our next adult formation class will explore the Lord's Prayer in six sessions that will explore each of the powerful lines of the Lord's Prayer in a theologically rich and historically informative way, while aligned with the Episcopal ethos. The course will begin on Sunday, April 7. To receive your own copy of the course book, please register by March 24, using the QR Code.

### **BOOK STUDY: THE SAVVY ALLY**

Join us for The Savvy Ally Zoom Book Study led by Rev. Phillip Bass on Wednesdays at 7–8:30 pm, April 10 through May 1. This resource is invaluable for LGBTQ+ allies. Learn to support and advocate effectively in a safe, inclusive world as we dive into this informative guidebook for even the most tentative allies. If you would like to participate, sign up to receive the zoom links by scanning the QR Code.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We would like to bring back the beloved tradition of holding an Easter Egg hunt for children following the 11 am Easter service. Volunteers are needed to provide candy, stuff eggs, hide eggs, and help out with the hunt following the service. A point person is also needed to oversee the event. For more information, reach out to Jeremy Clos or sign-up to volunteer by scanning the QR Code.

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS WORKDAY**

The next Buildings and Grounds workday is Saturday, March 23. Come help keep our campus in good shape. There is something for everyone to do!; all ages are welcome. The work begins at 9 am, but you can come and go as you need. Refreshments will be provided.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS**

A recent letter from our bishops describes a racist incident that took place at the recent Bishop's Ball. Some Nativity youth attended the Bishop's Ball, as did Jeremy Clos, Lay Associate for

Christian Formation. No Nativity youth were involved in the incident, however, racism within the church does harm to the entire Body of Christ, including all of us at Nativity. Jeremy, Cathy and Stephanie are all available to talk should you have questions after reading the letter. We ask your prayers for all involved, particularly the youth of the Diocese. The letter, dated February 24, can be found at [episdionc.org](https://episdionc.org).

### **BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Thank you to those who contributed to the Blessing Bags for the Homeless. Please drop off any remaining items on the table outside Jeremy's office in Estill House by Sunday, March 10. Bags will be packed by Randy Smith and the high school youth on March 17 and available for pick-up after church services on Palm Sunday, March 24.

### **ANNUAL INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER**

Share the joys of Ramadan with our Muslim neighbors over a delicious meal on Thursday, March 14 at 6:15 pm. Come together to break bread, make new connections, and experience the power of community. Nativity has been invited to bring 12 people to celebrate with our friends at the Divan Center in Cary. If you would like to attend, please email Jeremy Clos.

## OFFICE HOURS

<b>Monday, March 11</b>	10 am to 2 pm
<b>Tuesday, March 12</b>	10 am to 2 pm
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>	10 am to 2 pm
<b>Thursday, March 14</b>	By appointment only
<b>Friday, March 15</b>	Office closed

