

ANNOUNCEMENTS



INTRODUCING OUR NEW RECTOR

Your Vestry at Church of the Nativity is pleased to announce the calling of **The Reverend Grey Scott Maggiano** as our new Rector, beginning September 1, 2024. His first services will be Sunday, September 8. His calling follows an eight-month search by a dedicated Search Committee that generated 11 candidates from different parts of the country.

Grey and his family will be moving to Raleigh from Baltimore, Maryland where he served for eight years (2016 to present) as Rector of Memorial Episcopal Church, an historic Civil War era church founded in 1860. Highlights of his time at Memorial Church included improving church attendance, community engagement and stewardship year over year; launching the Guy Holiday Justice and Reparations Initiative and leading an evacuation and resettlement effort of more than 160 Afghan refugees.

Prior to that his first assignment as an Episcopal priest was to serve as Associate Rector of Trinity Cathedral in Miami, Florida from 2013 to 2016. Highlights of his achievements there included growing the Spanish language congregation from 8 to 65 people and leading social justice work on the environment and LGBTQ+ rights.

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 14

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Caregivers Support Group (Conference Room)

MONDAY, JULY 15

- (Bradley out of office)
- 7 pm: Walk In Love: Adult Confirmation (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

- 10 am: Chatty Yarns (Corlett Hall)

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 8:30 am: Rite II Eucharist, spoken (Nave)
- 10:30 am: Rite II Eucharist with music (Nave)
- 12 pm: Senior Luncheon



Grey was ordained in 2013 after earning his Master of Divinity Degree at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. He is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute.

Before he was called to be an Episcopal priest, Grey began his first career after earning his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Spanish Literature from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts in 2003. As he was fluent in Spanish, he joined AmeriCorps and spent two years assigned to El Pueblo, Inc. here in Raleigh. This is an advocacy group dedicated to helping NC Latinos achieve positive local change.

In 2006, Grey earned his Master of Public Policy degree at Georgetown Public Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. and then joined the U.S. State Department as a foreign affairs officer. From 2006 to 2012 he spent most of his time in Afghanistan where he managed an overseas staff of 60 and led an effort to develop Anti-Corruption and National Security Courts in that country.

Grey and his wife Monica are excited about moving to Raleigh as both have relatives and friends in the area. Their children Isabella (age 12) and Nicholas (age 8) expect to attend Wake County schools this fall.

The planning for welcoming Grey and his family to Nativity are underway and details will be announced in August!

More information about the search process, as well as a video greeting from Grey, is available in a blog post on the Nativity website, nativityonline.org

JULY OFFICE HOURS

Beginning July 8 and lasting through the end of the month, Bradley will be out of the office every Monday. Church office hours will remain as normal: Monday through Wednesday, 10 am to 2 pm; Thursdays by appointment.

ADOPT A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Join in an intergenerational program to support our seven rising high school seniors! Sign up to "adopt" a senior for the 2024–25 school year. Throughout the year, adopters will send notes of encouragement, seasonal cards, small treats, and then participate in next spring's church-sponsored graduation activities, such as graduation Sunday and the family luncheon. The program's goal is to foster church-wide relationships and help prepare our high-school seniors to head out into the world, knowing of God's, and this community's, deep love for them. Sign up by scanning the QR code, or by visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

ONE WAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PETITION

Affordable housing has been defined as costing no more than 30%

of your gross income and currently 56,000 households in Wake County can't afford housing. One Wake has a petition to deliver 10,000 signatures to elected officials with a vision to alleviate this issue and secure support from elected officials. Nativity has committed to delivering 500 of the 10,000. Please take a minute to sign the petition, which is available by scanning the QR code, or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY 2024–25

Registration is now open for Education for Ministry (EfM) for the 2024–25 academic year. The EfM group meets on Monday evenings at Nativity. EfM, offered through Sewanee, is a unique distance learning certificate program in theological education based on mentored, small-group study and practice that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions, deepening Christian faith. The deadline to register is July 21, as there is limited capacity. For more information, please reach out to Jeremy Clos. To register, visit nativityonline.org/quick-links or scan the QR code.

BOOK STUDY: RADICAL LOVE

The Rev. Phillip Bass will lead a four-part book study of Patrick S. Cheng's *Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology* starting Wednesday, August 14, via Zoom. This book explores the intersections of Christian theology and LGBTQ+ issues, offering a transformative vision of God's inclusive and radical love. Join us for engaging discussions and deepen your understanding of how love transcends boundaries. James H. Cone calls it "a must-read for anyone who cares about the health of the church and theology today." Register online to participate by scanning the QR code or visiting nativityonline.org/quick-links

PILGRIMAGE TO THE UK IN 2025

Adults and families are invited to join a transformative journey through sacred landscapes in the United Kingdom, October 3–13, 2025, as we visit sites central to early English Christianity and Celtic saints—including Edinburgh, Lindisfarne, Bamburgh, Durham, Hexham, Whitby, and York. A pilgrimage offers an opportunity to build community, deepen faith, learn, and rest. Our youth experience this opportunity annually, and now it's your turn, too. An informational meeting will follow the 10:30 service on July 28 to unveil the itinerary. Registration begins in August. Don't miss this chance to explore our rich spiritual heritage.

