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Parish Life



SpringFest at Church of the Nativity!

Join us on **Saturday, May 31**, 2025 from 11 am–3 pm for SpringFest! Meet new neighbors, join in on activities and games for everyone, and enjoy free food. This is a great opportunity to meet and grow as a community. Help us spread the word and don't forget to add it to your calendar. Looking forward to seeing you at the church grounds to enjoy the warmer season!



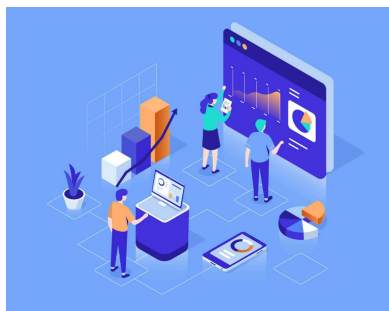
SpringFest Bakers Needed

As many of you know, Nativity's SpringFest is coming up on **May 31**! One way we extend hospitality to our community is through food—and we're counting on Nativity's many talented bakers to help. We hope to offer easy-to-carry desserts for attendees to take with them: cookies, individually sliced cake, and simple cookie bars. Please consider [signing up](#) soon so we'll have plenty of sweet treats to share with our neighbors!



Nativity's 40th Anniversary: Pictures and Stories Needed

Nativity's 40th anniversary is coming up, and we need your help to celebrate! Share your stories, videos, and photos that reflect our life together—outreach, youth, creation, justice, arts, and fun. Whether you've been here for decades or days, we want to hear your memories: big events, quiet moments, spiritual growth, or just good laughs. Written or recorded—whatever works best. Photos of community life, from potlucks to retreats, are especially welcome. Let's honor all we've shared! [Contact Us](#) to contribute or ask questions.



Update to the Parish Directory

Our Parish Directory was last published in October 2024 and will soon be updated. If you and your family are not in the current edition, we need to add you. Does the office have your vital information - home address, phone numbers, and email addresses? Please send them to office@nativityonline.org.

Gail Christensen will be in the Narthex after the 8:30 and 10:30 services this coming Sunday, June 1, to take your photos to put in the directory. Please look for her.



What is the Funeral Committee?

At Nativity, we support grieving families by offering hospitality during funerals, including a simple reception after the Burial Service. This meaningful ministry is coordinated by our Funeral Committee, which organizes food and volunteer help through Sign Up Genius. Set-up and clean-up are typically quick, with plenty of support.

We currently have three members and are seeking three more. The commitment is light, but the impact is deep—offering comfort during a tender time. If you're interested in helping, please [send us an email!](#)

Youth & Children



Graduation Sunday - June 1

Join us as we celebrate our graduates during the 10:30 am service on **Sunday, June 1!** Graduates are invited to wear their regalia and walk in the procession. There will be recognition of the graduates during the liturgy. A parish-wide reception will follow the service in Corlett Hall. We can't wait to honor this milestone with you!



VBS Kickoff Meeting - June 3

Join us as we launch this year's Vacation Bible School with a focus on Creation Care! All potential VBS leaders are invited to our kick-off gathering on **June 3rd**, 5–6 pm at Church. We'll begin with a welcome and program overview, followed by introductions and time to connect with our neighbors from North Raleigh Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity to build relationships and get inspired for our joint VBS. We look forward to seeing you there!



Church Birthday Celebration - June 8

Join us as we celebrate the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, **Sunday, June 8!** Right after the 10:30 am service, we'll gather in the Narthex for a joyful celebration filled with cake and ice cream. Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church's mission in the world, and there's no better way to honor that than with fellowship, sweet treats, and a spirit of joy. Don't miss this special event—it's a birthday treat you won't want to miss!



Peace Library Summer Adventure

From **June 15 - August 24** Nativity's Peace Library will be sponsoring a special reading adventure program for all in the congregation, from our toddlers to our seniors. Though this library is a collection of children's and youth books, their subjects are relevant to all ages and can be appreciated by any person. All are invited to read, listen to or view stories about loving yourself, your family and community and caring for God's world. More information and participant leaflets are coming soon. Questions? Contact the [Peace Library Team](#). You can also take a look at the [book list](#).



The Justice Theater Project Youth Summer Theater Camp

Open to rising 3rd–9th graders, this exciting week-long camp (**August 4–8**) offers a full day of acting, movement, and technical theater, led by professional instructors. Campers collaborate to create and perform a show based on a book from Nativity's Peace Library by week's end. No experience necessary—everyone gets a part! Camp runs 8:45 am–4 pm here at church, with optional before/after care. Cost: \$285 (plus \$50 for extended care). Scholarships available.

For more information and for how to register, [check out this blog post](#).

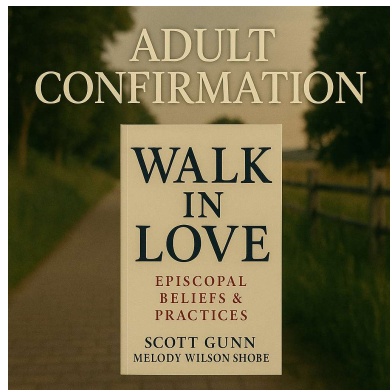
Adult Formation



Women of the New Testament

Meet the remarkable women of the New Testament: followers of Jesus, healers, supporters of his ministry, and spreaders of the good news. Some, like Mary Magdalene and Martha, are well-known; others, like Joanna and Prisca, played vital but lesser-known roles. Some are unnamed despite their pivotal roles in the story.

Join this six-week class led by Jo Dykes on Sundays, **May 4–June 15** (break on May 25), from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall Room 204.



Walk in Love: Adult Confirmation Class

This fall, the Bishop will visit Nativity for the rites of Confirmation and Reception. To prepare, we'll read *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shore. This six-week class meets Mondays from 7 to 8:30 pm on Zoom, beginning **June 23** (with a break on July 7). Open to adults 16 and up, the course explores Episcopal beliefs, sacraments, the liturgical year, prayer, and more. Whether you're seeking Confirmation, Reception, or simply want to learn more, you're welcome. [Register by Friday, June 13](#) to take part in this journey of faith.

Outreach



Support Pride Packs: Final Collection on June 1

Sunday, **June 1**, will be our FINAL Pride Pack Collection Sunday. Here are some examples of foods that we need that are easy for children to fix for themselves:

- Shelf stable individual boxes of milk
- Juice boxes
- 15 oz cans of fruit or vegetables
- Cans of tuna or chicken
- Microwavable mac and cheese or Rice-a-Roni
- Thank you for your generosity in helping the children of Leesville Elementary School.

Let's help support



Upcoming ONE Wake Actions

ONE Wake is continuing its good work in 2025 by advocating for affordable housing in Wake County in these upcoming events. Save these dates and join us to make a difference in our community! ***This is how we make change!***

- **July 12**, 12–2 pm, Affordable Housing Accountability Action (Location: TBD), RSVP [Here](#). Nativity Target: 15 people.



Habitat for Humanity: Helpers Needed!

Join us for Nativity's Habitat work day on **June 7** at Old Poole Place in Southeast Raleigh. Volunteers must be 16 or older. It's a great opportunity to serve and build community. [Sign up here!](#)

From the Diocese



Bible Study on Reparations and Healing

The Reparations and Restitution Committee invites you to a four-week online Bible study series, Monday evenings in June (2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, 6:30–7:30 pm) on Zoom. As we prepare for Diocesan Convention, we'll reflect together on Scripture and the Spirit's call to racial justice and healing. Whether you're passionate, curious, or seeking deeper understanding, all are welcome. Attend as you're able—and invite others to walk this journey with us. To receive the Zoom link, please [email Jeremy](#).

Nativity Prayer List

Please click here for the prayer list: [Nativity Prayer List](#)

To add someone to the list, please [email the office](#).

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