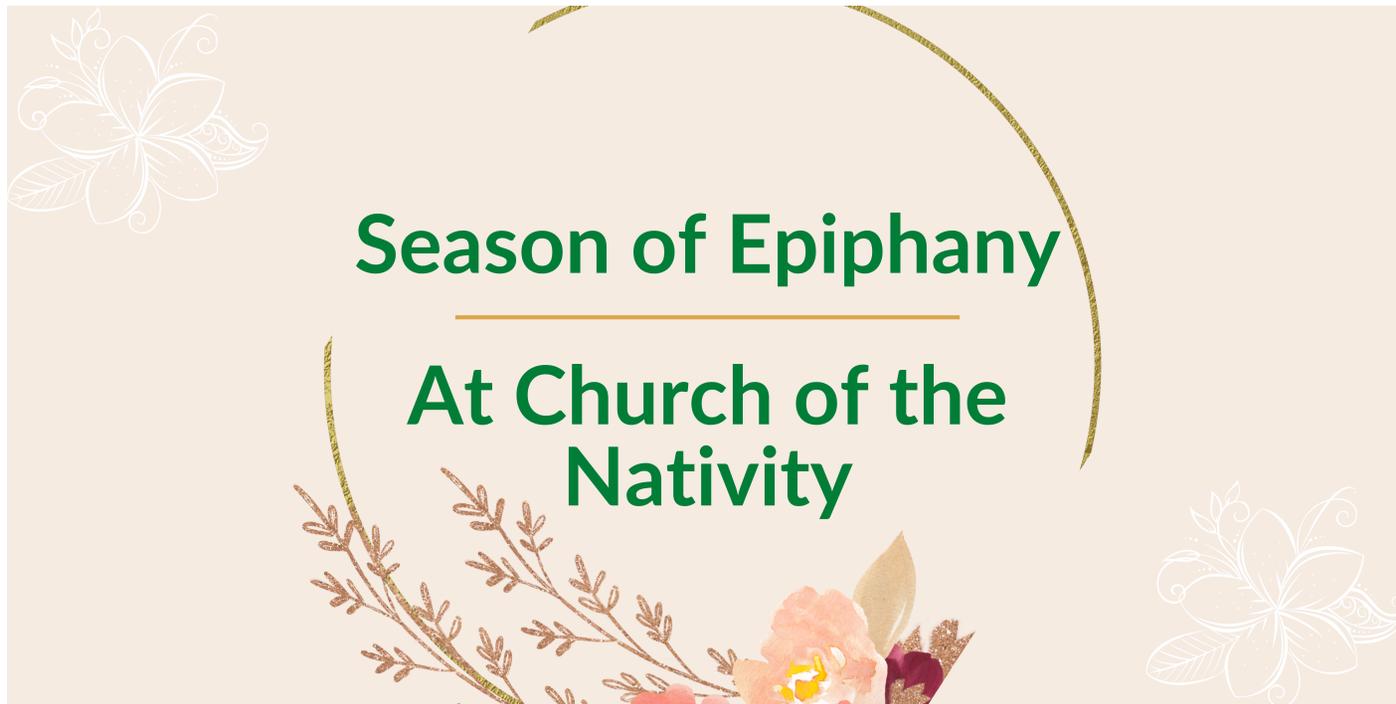




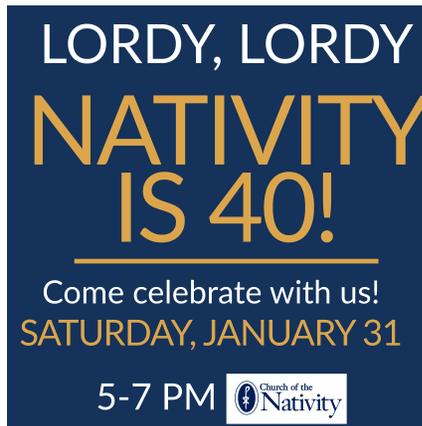
Glad Tidings

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Visit the website for a full list of [upcoming events](#), [upcoming services](#), and [current signups](#).

Parish Life



Church of the Nativity Turns 40!

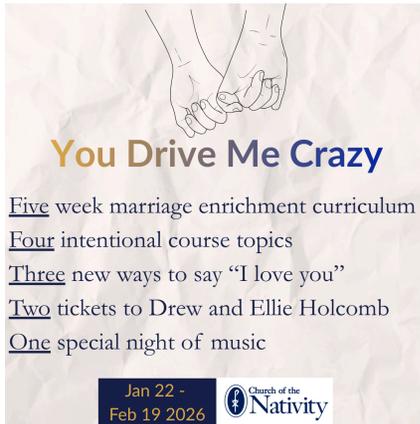
Nativity's 40th Anniversary Party is quickly approaching! Join us on **Saturday, January 31**, from 5-7 pm as we celebrate four decades of community and ministry together. Please register [here](#) to let us know you're coming. Child care will be available.

We're anticipating a large crowd and would appreciate your help by contributing hors d'oeuvres. You may also choose to make a financial donation on [Nativity's Signup Genius](#). As part of our celebration, we're creating a timeline of Nativity's past 40 years and would love to include your memories. Click [here](#) to share your stories and reflections.



Senior Luncheon

Our next Senior Luncheon will be **Sunday, January 18** at 12:15 pm. Allison Martin is hosting at Tra'Li Irish Pub and Restaurant located at 10370 Moncreiffe Rd., Ste. 109, Raleigh, NC. Please [email Allison](#) to let her know you're joining in on great community and conversation.



You Drive Me Crazy: Marriage Enrichment with Music and Scripture

Inspired by Drew & Ellie Holcomb's new album celebrating the beauty and challenges of marriage, join us for a five-week Prepare/Enrich Marriage Enrichment program from **January 22 to February 19 at 7 pm** on Zoom. We'll explore communication, family of origin, conflict, and creating space to celebrate your relationship. The series culminates with a group outing to Drew & Ellie's concert at the Carolina Theatre on **February 19** at 8 pm. Cost is \$150 per couple (includes assessment exam, results, and two concert tickets). Please [sign up](#) early as space is limited. If you require financial assistance to participate please register and contact the office.



Don't Miss! Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us on **Shrove Tuesday, February 17** in Corlett Hall for our annual Pancake Supper from 6-7:30 pm! All are welcome to enjoy pancakes, toppings, and warm fellowship as we mark the day before Ash Wednesday and enter the season of Lent together. Bring family, friends, and an appetite! Please contact the [church office](#) if you can help with setup or clean up.

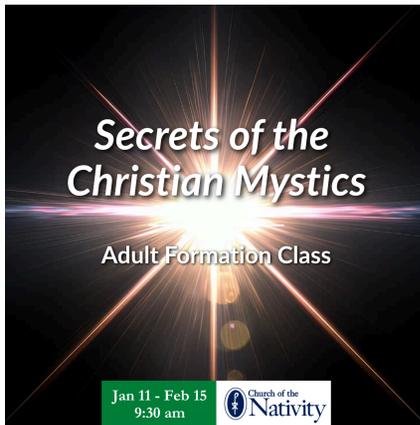


A New Online Donation System: Engage

Nativity's new online donation system, **Engage**, is now available! Visit our website and click the 'Donate' tab to learn how to set up and use it. We encourage existing WeShare, PayPal, Venmo, and bank/credit union bill-pay users to switch to recurring donations through Engage. This helps streamline contributions and reduce mailed checks.

To create an Engage account or get assistance, email [here](#) or contact Alfred Christensen. Thank you for supporting Nativity through this new, convenient system!

Adult Formation



Secrets of the Christian Mystics

Discover the depth and beauty of Christian mysticism in a new six-week adult formation class meeting Sundays 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, from **January 11–February 15**. The class will offer an engaging introduction to the mystical tradition through the lives and writings of Hildegard von Bingen, Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Thomas Merton, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, and Cynthia Bourgeault. [Please register](#) so that we will have enough materials for everyone. All are welcome!

A safe online space to share experiences & find healing from religious trauma, facilitated by Sam Laurent, PhD.

VIRTUAL Religious Trauma Support Group

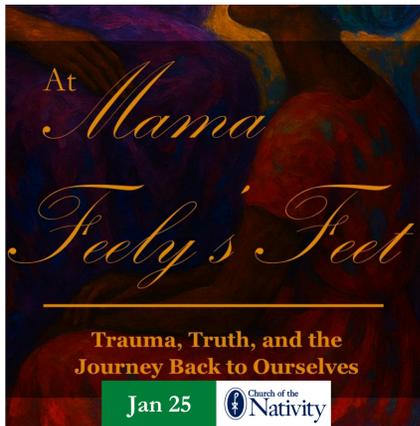
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Virtual Religious Trauma Support Group

Led by Sam Laurent, PhD, and hosted by The Beloved Community at the Trees. Religious trauma is the physical, emotional, or psychological harm caused by religious beliefs, practices, or systems, often affecting long-term well-being. Common signs include anxiety or panic, perfectionism, people-pleasing, guilt, fear of judgment, and confusion about identity. Meetings are on Zoom, Tuesdays from 7–8:30 pm, **January 13–May 5**. Open to anyone who identifies as having experienced religious trauma. Register [here](https://bit.ly/TBC-2026-ReligiousTrauma) to participate.



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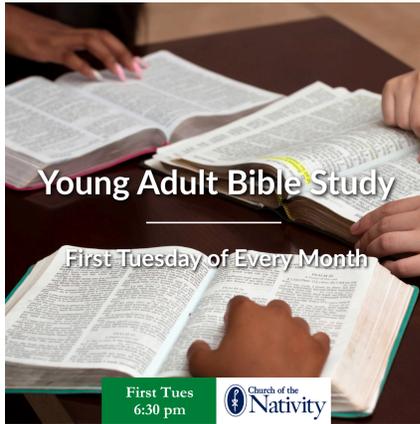
Trauma, Truth, and the Journey Back to Ourselves

Jan 25



At Mama Feely's Feet

Join us in Corlett Hall after worship on **Sunday, January 25** for a special forum with Hope Venetta, MA, LCMHCA, NCC, psychotherapist and author of *At Mama Feely's Feet: Trauma, Truth, and the Journey Back to Ourselves*. Hope will introduce her book, read selected excerpts, and engage in conversation. Her work, which centers the experience of Black women, explores the intersection of trauma, identity, faith, and cultural resilience, inviting healing that honors mind, body, and spirit. All are welcome to attend.

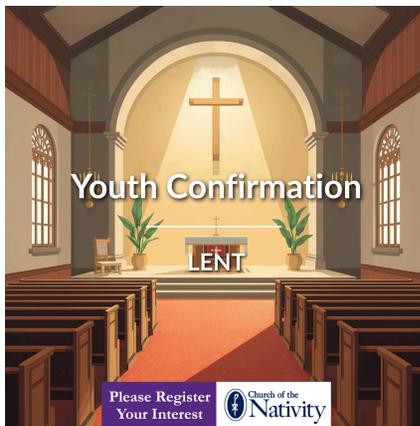


Young Adult Bible Study

Young Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30–8 pm, led by The Rev. George Black. Our next gathering is on **February 3**. This is a relaxed, welcoming space to explore scripture, ask questions, and grow in community. Whether you're new to Bible study or have lots of experience, you're invited. And who counts as a "young adult"? That's up to you.

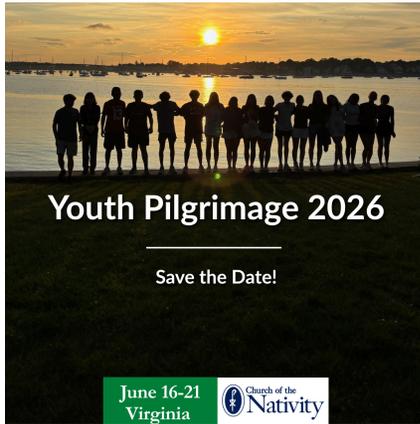
To obtain the Zoom link, please contact [The Rev. George Black](#).

Youth and Children



Youth Confirmation

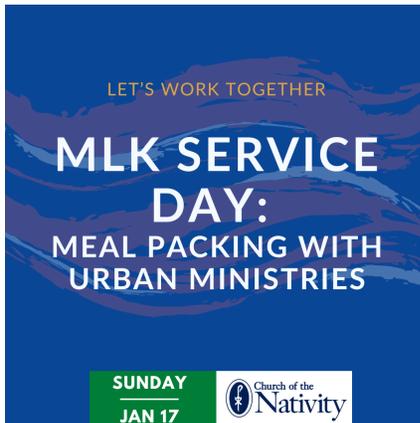
Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson will visit Nativity on **Sunday, May 10** to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation and Reception. Youth who will be at least 13 years old by that date are invited to prepare for the sacrament during Lent (following the ancient Christian tradition). We are hoping to create a preparation schedule that accommodates youth and families while encouraging full participation. [Please register your interest](#) and let us know which program format(s) work best for your household so we can design the most effective and meaningful formation plan.



Youth Pilgrimage 2026

From **June 16–21** our high school youth will travel to Richmond and Williamsburg, Virginia, to explore the deep roots of our Episcopal tradition. We will listen to the stories these places hold and reflect on how our faith has shaped, and been shaped, by history. We will worship alongside the communities who welcome us, lend our hands in service, and find joy and renewal in shared play and rest. Together we will travel with open hearts and thoughtful attention, seeking connection with the people and communities who host us along the way. Registration opens just after the holidays.

Outreach



MLK Service Day: We'd Love to Partner Again

It's that time of year again, and we hope you're doing well! As we look ahead to our annual MLK Service Day, we'd love to partner with you once more. This year's project will take place at 11:30 am on **Sunday, January 19**.

Just as in past years, we'll bring all the supplies to Estill House, where beans will be sorted and organized together. Urban Ministries will collect them on the Tuesday following the MLK holiday. We're so grateful for our continued collaboration and hope you'll be able to join us again this year.

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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