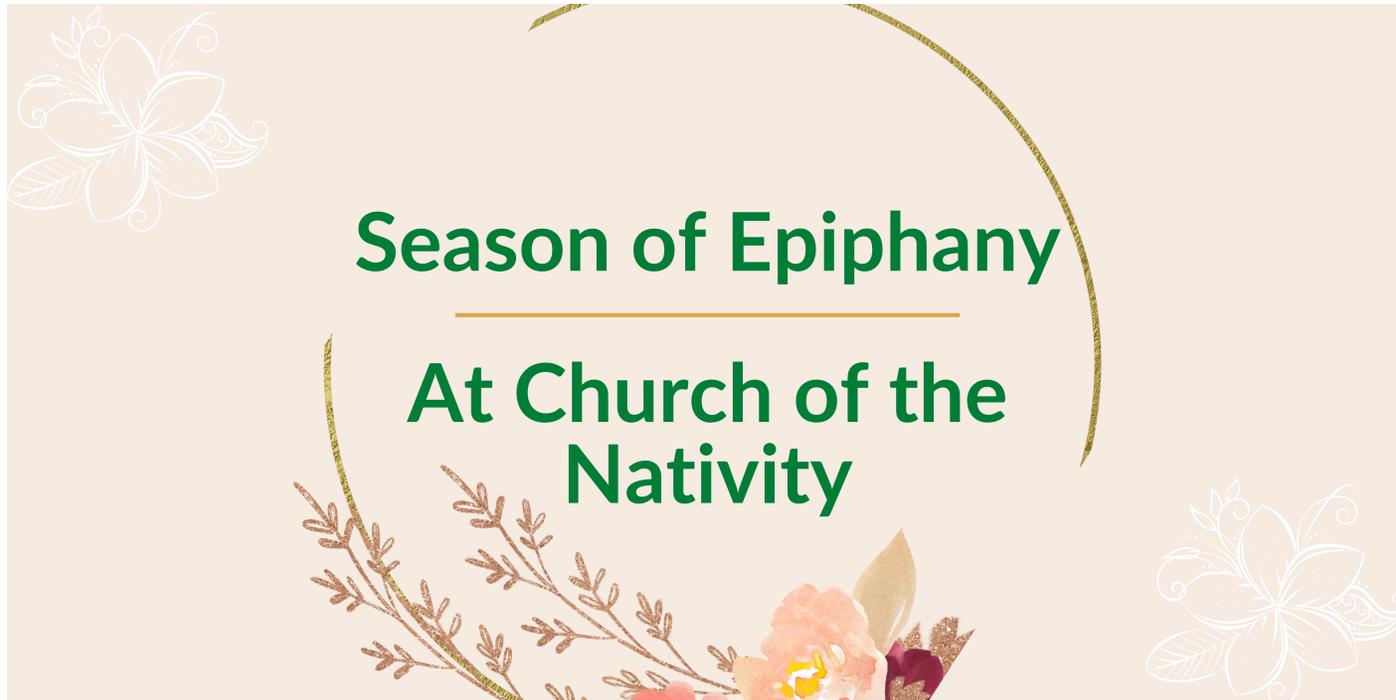




Glad Tidings

January 22, 2026

INCLEMENT WEATHER UPDATE: We are monitoring the predicted storm for this weekend. Please watch for an email and text update by Saturday regarding Sunday services. Our primary concern is the safety of our community.



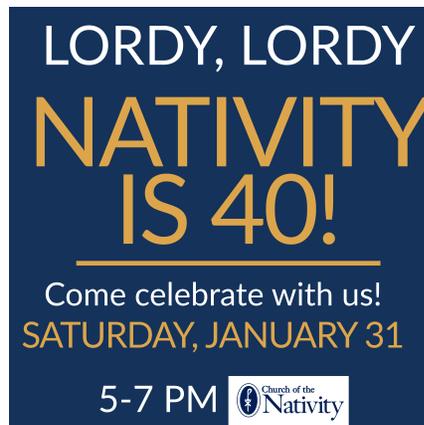
Visit the website for a full list of [upcoming events](#), [upcoming services](#), and [current signups](#).

Parish Life



Buddhist Monks' Walk For Peace

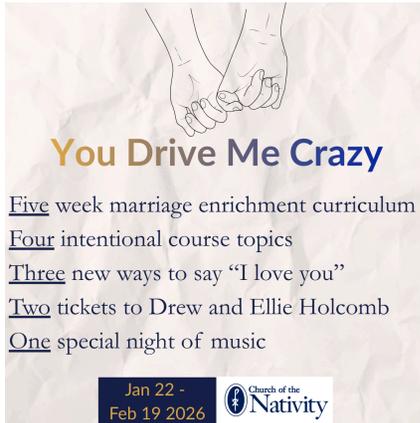
The Walk for Peace is expected to pass through Raleigh on **Saturday, January 24**. The Buddhist monks began their approximately 120-day journey in late October and will conclude in Washington, D.C. We are planning on attending to show our support, however weather is making it more uncertain. We are also still waiting on the specific location and time for supporting the Buddhist monks' Walk for Peace. We will send out a text message on Friday with an update – for now, pencil in Saturday midday.



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. Just note that there will be one Sunday service on **February 1**, at 10 am.



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.



Youth Chili Sale

Who wants some delicious chili for SuperBowl Sunday? Nativity Youth will be selling chili again this year to raise money for their pilgrimage to Virginia. They’ll be selling beef and chicken chili (recipes from the Nativity cookbook) and vegetarian chili for \$15 per quart. Order one or many (it freezes well)! Place orders via [this form](#), and payment (cash, check, Venmo) will be accepted at time of pickup. Pickup will be **Sunday, February 8th** after both services in Estill House.



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.



Ramadan Friendship Dinner

Nativity has been invited to once again participate in the Annual Friendship Iftar Dinner at the Divan Center (1076 W Chatham St, Cary, NC 27513) on **Thursday, February 26**, at 6 pm. This special evening is an opportunity to share in the spirit of Ramadan, enjoy a meal with our neighbors, and celebrate unity in diversity. Space is limited, so [please register soon](#). Join us as we gather to learn about Ramadan, share a meal, and build lasting friendships.

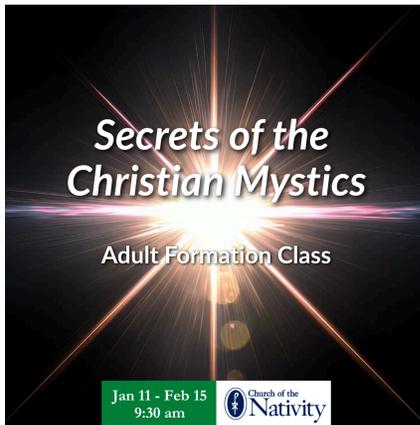


A New Online Donation System: Engage

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.

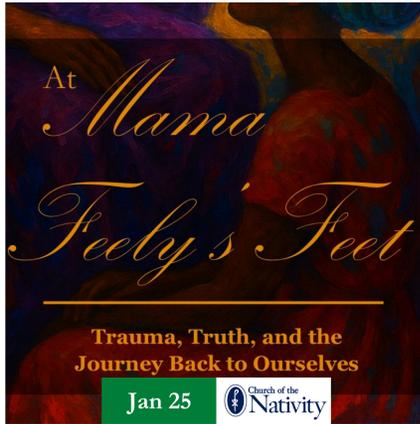
To create an Engage account or get assistance, email [here](#) or contact Alfred Christensen. Thank you for supporting Nativity through this new, convenient system!

Adult Formation



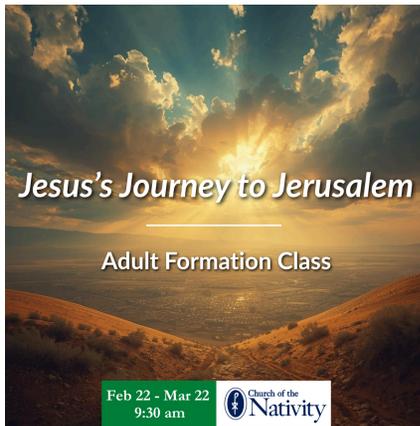
Secrets of the Christian Mystics

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!



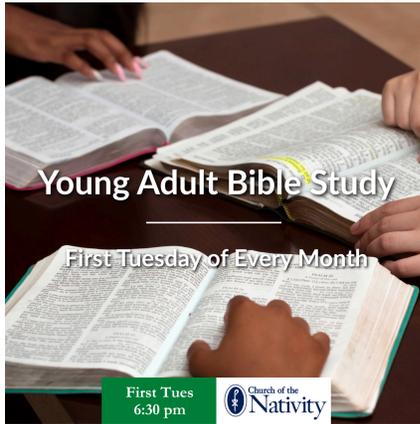
At Mama Feely's Feet

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.



Jesus's Journey to Jerusalem

Discover the power and meaning of Jesus's final days in a five-session adult formation class exploring the journey to Jerusalem and the Passion. Based on *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem* by Marcus Borg, this class will offer thoughtful, accessible insights into the events at the heart of Holy Week. Taught by Jo Dykes, the class will meet Sundays from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, from **February 22–March 22**. [Please register](#) so we will have enough materials for everyone. All are welcome!

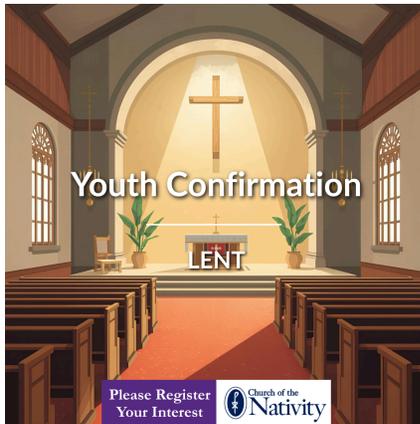


Young Adult Bible Study

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 Classes

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). Youth Confirmation classes will start with a retreat on **February 20-21** and continue with three further sessions following the 10:30 service on **March 1, 8, and 15**. [Please register your interest](#) if you plan for your youth to participate.



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.

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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