



# *Glad Tidings*

February 12, 2026

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

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MATTHEW 17:1-2



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

**Announcement:** The Church office will be closed **Monday, February 16** in observance of Presidents' Day.

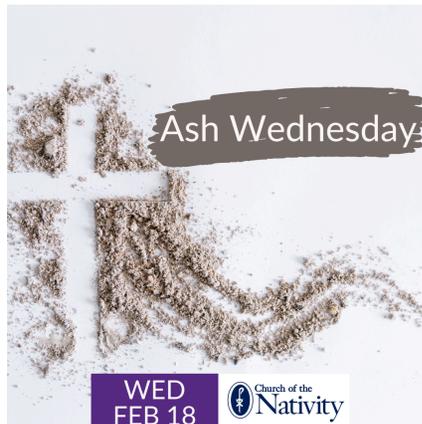
# Parish Life



## **Don't Miss! Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Join us **Tuesday, February 17**, from 6-7:30 pm in Corlett Hall for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Come enjoy stacks of pancakes, sweet toppings, and warm fellowship as we gather on the eve of Ash Wednesday and step into Lent together. Bring friends, family, and a hearty appetite.

Want to flip pancakes, donate supplies, or lend a hand with setup or cleanup? We'd love your help—many hands make light (and fluffy) work! [Claim your spot](#) today.



## **Ash Wednesday**

Join us for Ash Wednesday as we begin the season of Lent. Services will be held on **February 18** at 12 pm and 7 pm. Both liturgies will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist. Come for prayer, reflection, and a holy start to this season of repentance and renewal. All are welcome.



## 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.



## Meals Needed for Youth Confirmation Weekend

Our 2026 Nativity Youth Confirmands will be “Locked In” **February 20–21** for a special weekend of learning and community building as they reflect on the promises of Confirmation. We need your help to keep them well-fed! Simple meals are needed: Friday dinner (6pm, delivery, serving, clean-up), Saturday breakfast (8am, delivery only), and Saturday lunch (noon, delivery, serving, clean-up). Gail Till has created a [Sign-Up Genius](#), please review the available slots and sign up to help. Thank you for supporting our youth!



## Join a Foyer Group!

Looking to make new connections or reconnect at Church of the Nativity? Foyer groups are a fun way to share a meal and good conversation in a relaxed setting. Groups of 4-5 gather monthly and cook, host, or order in! Families are welcome to join through Family Foyer if there's enough interest. Email [Gail Till](#) to sign up. Group assignments will be shared the last week of February.

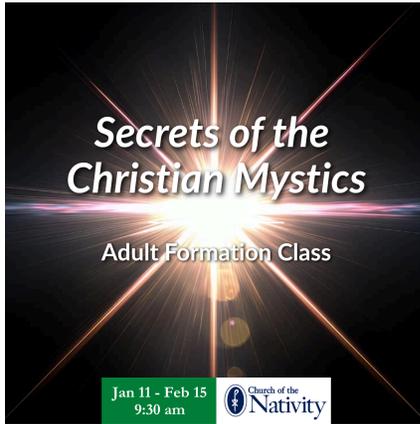


## Talk to the Future

What hopes and dreams do you have for Nativity? Share a message with future members by writing on the special acid-free paper in the Narthex using the pens provided. Your note will be placed in our time capsule and opened 40 years from now! The display will remain in the Narthex through the end of February. Watch for details about the Time Capsule burial after the Lenten season.

And don't miss your chance to take home the story of Church of the Nativity's first 40 years in the form of our commemorative book; curated by our very own community members. Claim yours in the Narthex this weekend!

# Adult Formation



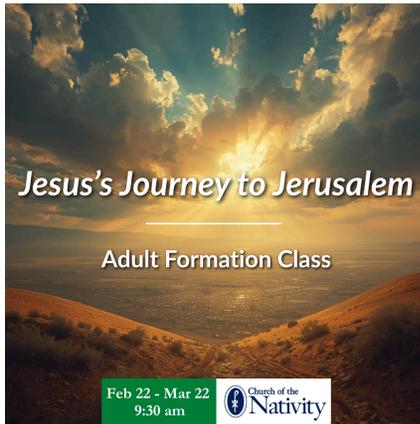
## Secrets of the Christian Mystics

Discover the depth and beauty of Christian mysticism in our adult formation class meeting Sundays 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, continuing through **February 15**. The class offers an engaging introduction to the mystical tradition through the lives and writings of Christian Mystics, both ancient and contemporary. All are welcome!



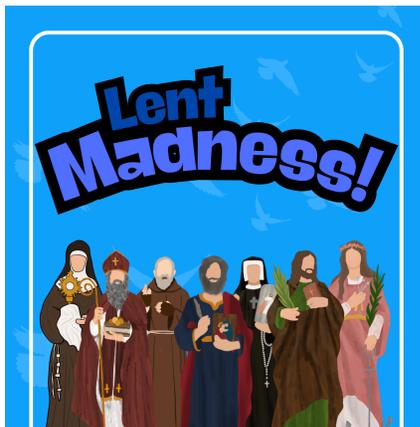
## Lenten Devotionals Now Available

Lenten devotionals are now available for pick-up in the Narthex. Choose from four titles: *Lifted Up in Love*, a daily Lenten journey into Christ's compassion with inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen; *A Season of Hope*, reflections on hope for older adults; *Mercy, Passion, and Joy*, offering meditations for the season; and *Lord, I'm Listening: Lent Daily Devotions for Kids*, designed for ages 6-12. Pick up yours today!



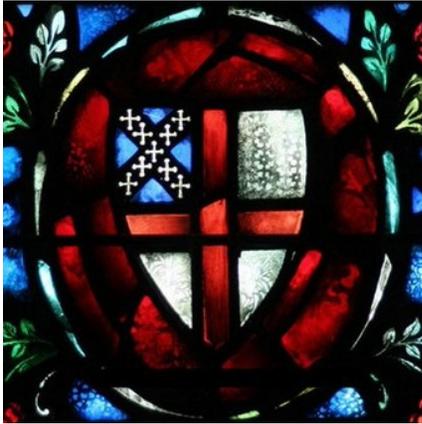
## Jesus's Journey to Jerusalem

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!



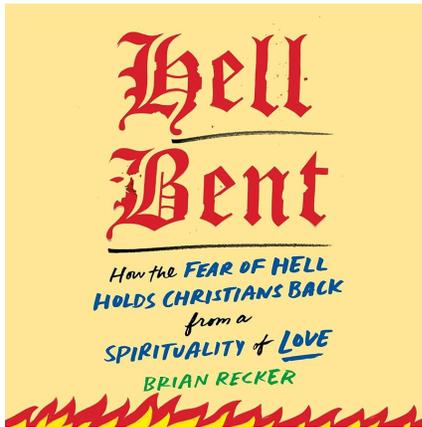
## Get Ready for Lent Madness!

Lent Madness is a Lenten devotion that invites participants to learn about the saints through a fun, tournament-style bracket. Brackets will be available in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, February 8**, or you can [print your own](#). Voting at Nativity begins **Monday, February 23**, with 10 e-mail ballots across the season of Lent to determine Nativity's choice for the Golden Halo. If you want even more fun, take part in the national Lent Madness voting and bracket competition at [lentmadness.org](http://lentmadness.org).



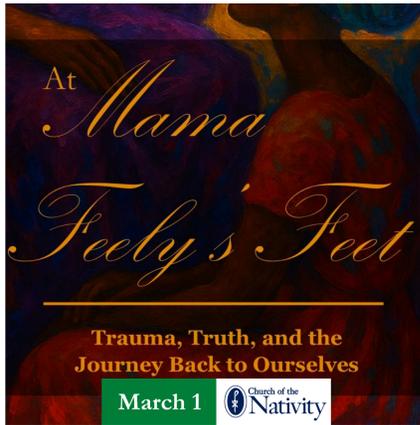
## Episcopal 101

Episcopal 101 is a three-week Sunday-morning class for newcomers, visitors, seekers, and anyone who wants to learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian, covering our history, beliefs, and practices. The class meets **Sundays, February 22–March 8**, from 9:30–10:20 am, in the Estill House Conference Room and will be led by The Rev. Grey Maggiano. [Please register](#) to indicate your interest and help with planning.



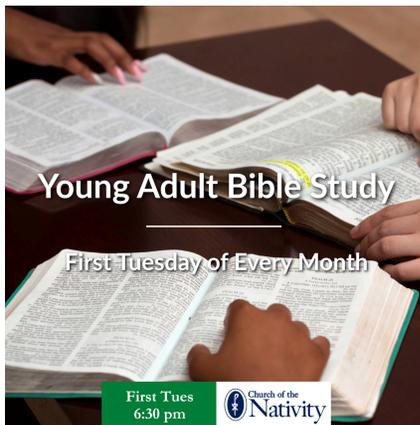
## *Hell Bent* Lenten Book Study

Delve into *Hell Bent* by Brian Recker during our Lenten book study, as we explore Christian spirituality, community, and the nature of God's love. The group will meet **Tuesdays, February 24–March 24**, from 1–2 pm in the Estill House Conference Room, just following the Lenten Tuesday Eucharist. The study will be offered in a hybrid format, with a Zoom option available. [Please register](#) to indicate your preference and to receive the study details and the link.



### ***At Mama Feely's Feet***

Join us in Corlett Hall after worship on **Sunday, March 1** 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 **March 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](#).

## Outreach

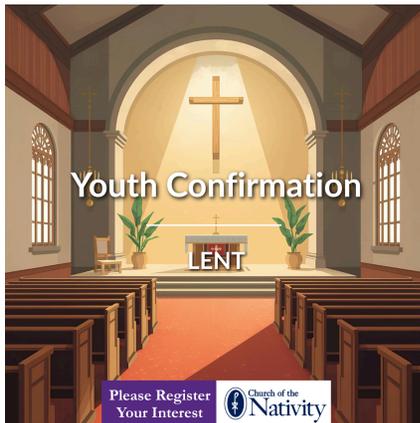


## Holy Week Blessing Bags

The youth, working alongside Randy Smith, will assemble Blessing Bags for the homeless during Lent this year. These bags will be available for pickup on **Palm Sunday, March 29**, after each service, so that you can share them during Holy Week. If you would like to contribute, items can be purchased through our [Amazon Wishlist](#). We provide this for convenience, but you are absolutely welcome to purchase items elsewhere as well. All donated items are needed by **Thursday, March 19**.

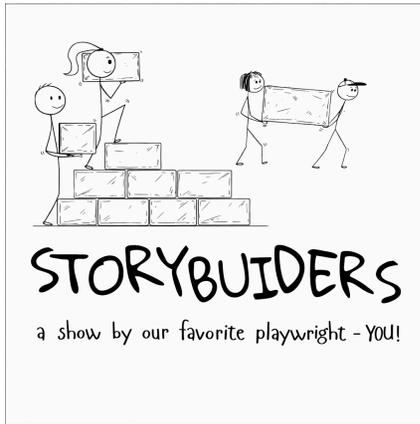
These Blessing Bags are made in loving memory of Randy's late wife, Carol Smith, and their son, Justin.

## 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.



## StoryBuilders Theatre Camp

StoryBuilders is a summer theater camp for rising 3rd–9th graders, offered in partnership by Nativity and [The Justice Theatre Project](#). The two-week camp runs the weeks of **July 27** and **August 3**. Campers work in age-based groups to create an original stage performance inspired by texts from Nativity's Peace Library, developing characters and scenes with guidance from teaching artists. The cost is \$285 per week, and scholarships are available. More information and registration forms can be [found here](#).

## Community Events



### Valentine's Concert and Tactile Tour of Instruments

Celebrate Valentine's Day with music on **Sunday, February 15** in the Nave. Student ensembles from the North Carolina Chamber Music Institute (NCCMI) will perform classical and popular favorites at 4 pm. Before the concert, enjoy a free Tactile Tour of the Instruments at 2:45 pm, where you can touch and even try playing the instruments. This all-ages event is especially welcoming to blind and low-vision guests, with audio description, close seating, and wheelchair access. Admission is free; the concert ends at 5:15pm. Contact [NCCMI](#) for accommodations.

# 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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