



Glad Tidings

February 19, 2026



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Parish Life



Stand Up Speak Out (SUSO) Meeting

Join us for our next Stand Up, Speak Out gathering on **Sunday, February 22**, following the 10:30 service. As we begin the season of Lent, we'll take time to touch base, reconnect, and look ahead to the many meaningful opportunities coming up. There's a lot on the horizon, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation. Bring a snack to share and come ready for thoughtful discussion and fellowship. All are welcome!



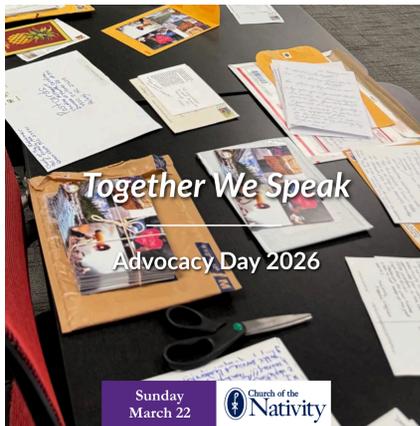
Ramadan Friendship Dinner

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.



Buildings and Grounds Spring Workday

Spring is almost here, and that means it's time for our Church of the Nativity Spring Workday! Join us on **Saturday, March 14** from 9 am–2 pm as we care for our church home together. We'll be working on projects inside and out including gardening, regular maintenance, cleaning, organizing, and more. There's something for every skill level, and many hands make light (and joyful!) work. Come for part of the time or stay all morning. Our rain date will be **Saturday, March 21**. Let's roll up our sleeves and welcome spring together!



Together We Speak: Advocacy Day Postcards

Join us in Corlett Hall on **Sunday, March 22**, following the 10:30 service, for an intergenerational postcard-writing event in support of Advocacy Day 2026. Nativity members of all ages are invited to write, draw, and share their voices on issues that matter most, including Climate Care, Affordable Housing, and Gun Violence, an urgent concern voiced by our youth. Snacks, art supplies, and postcards will be provided. Your handwritten message or artwork will be delivered to elected representatives at the General Assembly by the bishops and diocesan leaders. Come add your voice to this faithful witness.



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.

Outreach

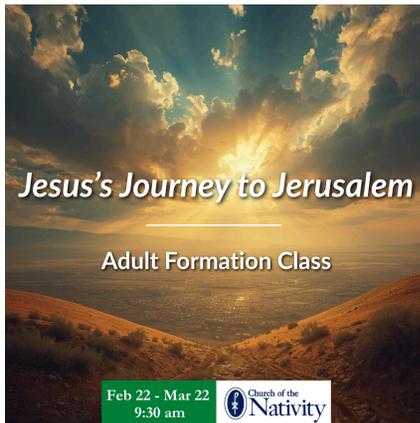


Holy Week Blessing Bags

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**.

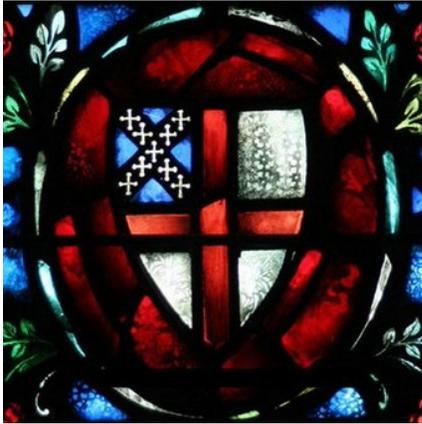
These Blessing Bags are made in loving memory of Randy's late wife, Carol Smith, and their son, Justin.

Adult Formation



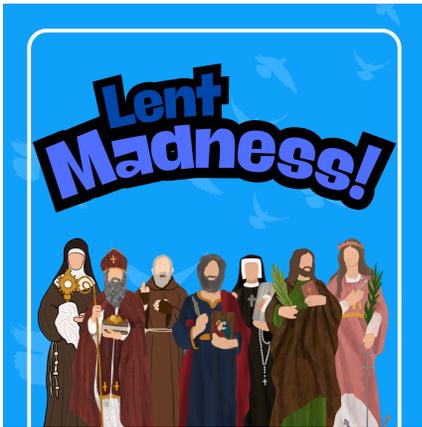
Jesus's Journey to Jerusalem

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!



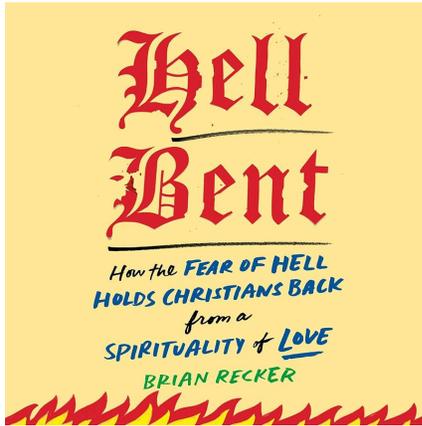
Episcopal 101

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.



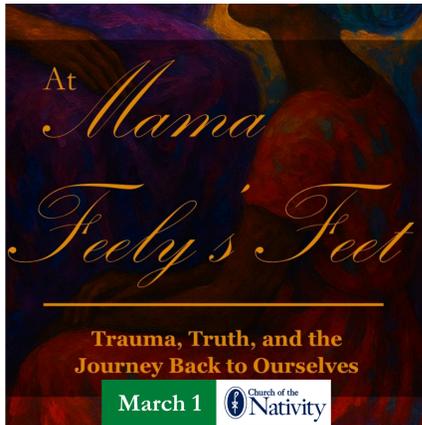
Get Ready for Lent Madness!

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.



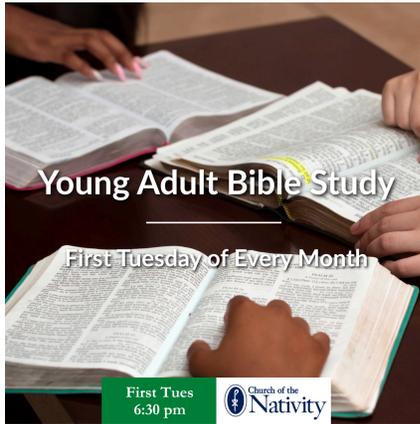
***Hell Bent* Lenten Book Study**

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

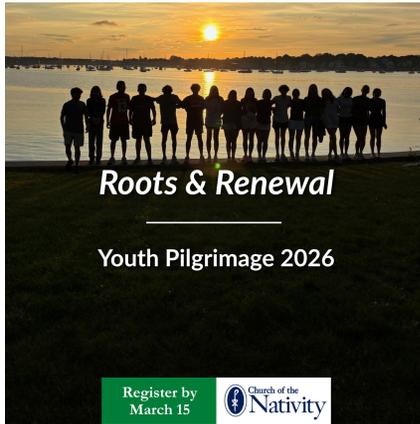
Join us in Corlett Hall after worship on **Sunday, March 1** for a special forum with Hope Venetta, MA, LCMHCA, NCC, psychotherapist and author of *At Mama Feely's Feet: Trauma, Truth, and the Journey Back to Ourselves*. Hope will introduce her book, read selected excerpts, and engage in conversation. 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](#).

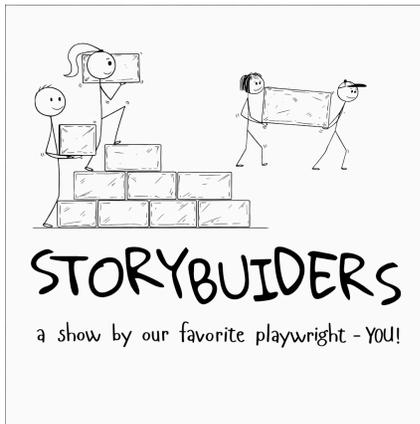
Youth and Children



Registration Open for Youth Pilgrimage 2026: *Roots & Renewal*

From **June 16–21**, our high school students will travel to Richmond and Williamsburg, VA for a week-long pilgrimage into the story of The Episcopal Church. We'll step into the moments when our Church wrestled with big questions, shaped its identity, and found new direction. We'll worship together, serve alongside local communities, have a lot of fun, and make memories that last. This is more than a history trip, it's about discovering the part we can play in a story that's still unfolding.

Registration is now open. To reserve a spot, please complete [the registration form](#) by **March 15**. This experience is open to rising 9th graders through just-graduated seniors.



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](#).

Nativity Prayer List

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