



Glad Tidings

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Parish Life



Saying Farewell

I am very sad to announce that **June 14** will be Christian Schoen's last Sunday with us as our Music Minister. It has been an inspiring year for our choir and our music program, and we will miss Christian's leadership behind the console. The vestry is working on the next steps, and you should hear shortly from Nativity leadership about the next steps for our music program. Please join us on the 14th to celebrate his time with us and wish Christian well in all of his future endeavors.

-Grey+



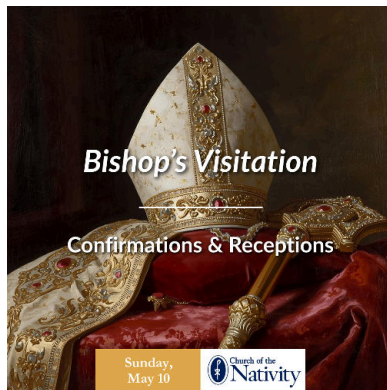
Innovating Beloved Communities

We are delighted to share that the Episcopal Divinity School has named nine leaders to its inaugural "Innovating Beloved Communities" cohort, including our Rector, the Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano! This year-long program supports leaders in nurturing ministries rooted in justice, compassion, and inclusion through mentorship, retreats, and shared learning. We celebrate this joyful milestone in Father Grey's ministry and invite you to meet the cohort and [learn more here](#).



Let the Children Come

Nativity has been accepted into the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina's *Let the Children Come* discernment and grant process, an initiative focused on imagining and experimenting with intergenerational worship and prayer that honors the gifts and spiritual lives of children. Over the coming months, we will work with The Rev. Canon Kathy Walker as our guide to explore new ways children and adults can worship and grow in faith together. Nativity's discernment team includes Jeremy Clos, Anne Krouse, and Keri Parker, all of whom are excited to begin this learning journey and discern where God is leading our parish.



Bishop's Visitation

This **Sunday, May 10**, we will welcome Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, Assisting Bishop of North Carolina, as she joins us to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation and Reception at the 10:30 am Eucharist. Twelve members of our parish, including eight youth, will take this meaningful step in their faith. This is a joyful occasion for our whole parish, and all are encouraged to be present as we pray for and support those being confirmed and received.



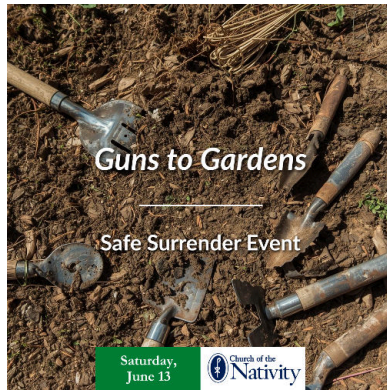
Softball Season is Here!

The Softball Season schedule is out, and we're excited for the season ahead! Our next game is **Tuesday, May 12** at 6 pm. Come cheer on the team and enjoy fellowship. There's still time to join! Player dues are **\$30**, and personalized jerseys are about **\$50**. This team is a ministry focused on fellowship and outreach, fully supported by its players. Help spread the word, we'd love to have you on the field or in the stands! [Contact us](#) if you're interested.



Senior Luncheon

Happy May, Seniors! In case you missed your Cinco de Mayo celebration, join us for a festive lunch gathering on **Sunday, May 17** at 12 pm at Carajillo's Mexican Restaurant - 6675 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh 27615. Our host this month is Ed Mussman! Please [let him know](#) you're joining. Come enjoy great food, warm fellowship, and time together as a community. We look forward to sharing this special time with you!



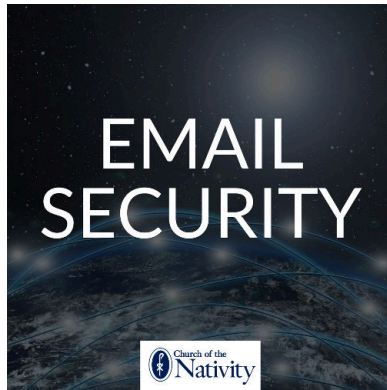
Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event

Nativity is partnering with local congregations to sponsor a Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender event on **Saturday, June 13**, at Umstead Park United Church of Christ. Individuals can anonymously surrender unwanted firearms at no cost. Weapons are safely disabled on-site and later repurposed into garden tools. This effort responds to concerns raised by our youth. Volunteers are needed before, during, and after the event for setup, greeting, assisting participants, and cleanup. (Event-day volunteers must be 18 or older.) [Sign up here](#) to volunteer, [click here](#) for more information, or contact [Matt C.](#)



Get Your Camera Ready

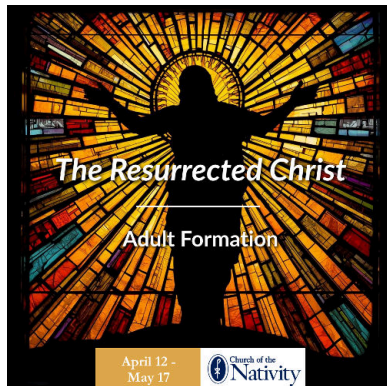
We are looking for any volunteers to capture “Nativity Activity” moments to share in our archives and with the Raleigh community on Facebook and beyond. You don't have to be a pro to capture the moment. Interested? Please [let Josh know](#). Our Communications and Social Media teams thank you!



Email Security at Nativity

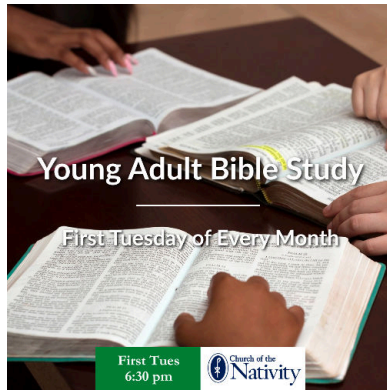
We live in a time where, sadly, scammers attempt to collect personal information online. In order to add an additional layer of security, email links in Glad Tidings and on our website now go through a secure "Contact Nativity" form. Your message will now be sent from website@nativityonline.org, keeping your personal email private. Please be sure to include your email in the form so recipients can reply directly to you. If you have any questions, please contact [Alfred](#).

Adult Formation



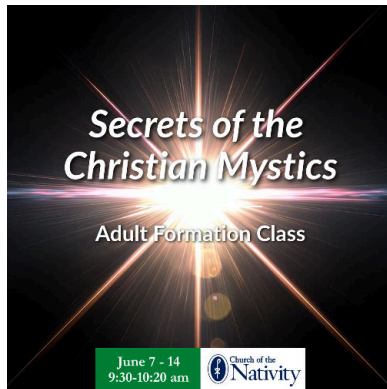
The Resurrected Christ

A new Sunday morning study, *The Resurrected Christ*, will continue to meet **April 19–May 17**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, led by The Rev. Dr. Jim Melnyk. Through readings from the Gospels, Acts, and Paul's letters, participants will explore several biblical accounts of encounters with the risen Christ: on the road, by the sea, at the empty tomb, and beyond. Each class begins with a brief practice of Lectio Divina, followed by discussion reflecting on how these stories shape our understanding of resurrection, recognition, and response. [Sign-up here](#) so that we may be prepared.



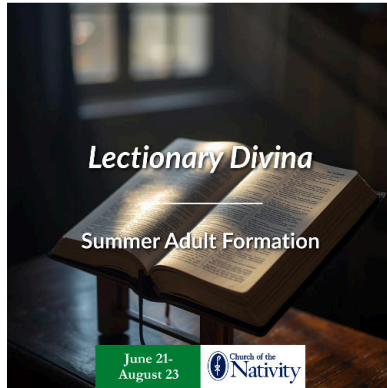
Young Adult Bible Study

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 **June 2**. 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 B.](#)



Secrets of the Christian Mystics - Part 2

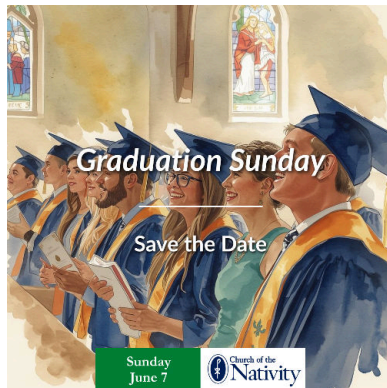
Join The Rev. Nancy Titus as we conclude our exploration of Christian mysticism in *Secrets of the Christian Mystics*. Due to winter weather cancellations, we will complete the series by focusing on Thomas Merton and Cynthia Bourgeault. Meeting **Sunday, June 7 and 14**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204. This continuation offers a rich introduction to these modern voices in the mystical tradition. All are welcome, whether or not you attended Part 1.



Lectionary Divina

This summer, we invite you to join a new adult formation offering: Lectionary Divina. Meeting Sundays from **June 21 to August 23**, from 9:30–10:20 am in Curry Hall, Room 204, this group will engage one or more of the lectionary readings appointed for the day through a reflective, discussion-based approach. Sessions will be led on a rotating basis by The Rev. Dr. Grey Maggiano, Jeremy Clos, and others. All are welcome to come as you are for a time of scripture and shared insight.

Youth and Children



Graduation Sunday

Nativity will celebrate Graduation Sunday on **Sunday, June 7**, honoring both our eighth-grade students and graduating seniors. Eighth graders are invited to wear their school colors, while seniors are encouraged to wear their academic regalia. All graduates will take part in the procession and receive a special blessing, followed by a celebration after the service. Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for this celebration. Please register to participate on the [Eighth-Grade form](#) or the [Senior form](#).



VBS Save the Date!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School, **July 19–23!** We're excited to once again partner with North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for a great week of faith and fun. VBS will be held on their campus this year. Mark your calendars now and watch for the theme and registration details coming soon.

We look forward to another wonderful week together!

Community Engagement/Outreach



One WAKE Upcoming Actions

Cary is set to significantly increase its affordable housing budget, so let's show the whole county is watching. Our Cary neighbors need our support, as a lack of affordable housing anywhere affects us all. RSVP on the [SUSO Google Sheet](#) if you can attend; carpooling is available.

We will also be hosting a one-day community organizing training on **Monday, May 11** from 9 am-3:30 pm. Signup [here!](#)



Out! Raleigh Pride Event

Out! Raleigh Pride Family Day is **Saturday, June 27**. Last year, a small group from Stand Up Speak Out volunteered as “shields” for participants and found it deeply meaningful. If there’s interest in serving again, we’re looking for one or more people, within SUSO or beyond, to help coordinate with the [LGBT Center of Raleigh](#). This is a meaningful way to support and stand in solidarity with our community. [Let us know](#) if you’re willing to help organize!

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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