



Greetings fellow Nativity Parishioners

I want to thank everyone for their continued spiritual and financial support of our Church! We cannot exist without your support and thank you for your regular tithings, donations, and contributions!

Our weekly services-along with Fr Billingsley the worship committee is exploring ways to make our Sunday services more professional and provide spiritual assistance for everyone. We've added some elements to the services and Fr Michaels homily's have been very well received. The coffee hour zoom call has also seen some lively discussions lately. We encourage everyone to join!

The Diocese has issued recent regathering guidelines allowing for 50-person outdoor gatherings with PPE and social distancing. Our regathering committee is exploring how we can perform outdoor services and still record for those not joining in person. Anyone interested in joining the regathering committee please send an e-mail to secretaryatnativity@gmail.com or leave a message on the church line 770 460-6390

The Financial outlook is improving for the Church. We are making progress in paying off our 2019 and 2020 Diocese commitments and will begin preparing the 2021 budget in October. We have undertaken several maintenance projects and have budgeted money to continue going forward. Your continued financial support is critical to the Parish's welfare.

The Diocese has asked all Parishes to actively utilize more small group formations whether in-person socially distanced (per Diocese Guidelines) or online through Zoom calls. There is a strong bond forged when meeting together as part of the Nativity community. We currently have several groups meeting and encourage more participation and membership;

Women's Group-Marcia Meikle heads up and schedules meetings

Men's Group-Bob Nightingale currently schedules meeting

Worship Committee- Morrison Mack, Debbie McDonald, and Marcia lead this committee and we meet as necessary

Book Club- Nicole and Carol Cobb organizing an upcoming meeting

Bible Study-We currently do not have a group but would very much like to hear from parishioners who are interested and may like to lead or co-lead

Nativity Community-Bob Nightingale currently holds a biweekly Zoom call to discuss parish events

Clean-up Team- We currently meet when needed to maintain the grounds, the Resurrection Garden, and the Labyrinth. We currently have an ongoing 6-week effort to clean up the Labyrinth meeting every Saturday at 1000

Regathering Committee-We currently have 4 members and our looking for more to figure out the best way to regather in person (using Diocese guidelines) and still maintain the streaming of the service for those not ready or able to join in person.

If anyone has any interest in participating or leading a team please let us know by contacting secretaryatnativity@gmail.com or calling 770 460-6390 and leaving a message.

Nativity currently has two ministries we are involved with;

Path to Shine-Led by Debbie McDonald we are working hard every week to reach children that

would benefit from the program- We need more volunteers and participation

Interfaith Outreach- We are proud to be working with the interfaith community to supply Thanksgiving meals to 62 (and counting) families. These families are all vetted by DFASS and in need of assistance. We'll be sending out details of the program next week.

If anyone has ideas of other ministries we might undertake or would like to participate we would love to hear from you!

Communications with everyone in our Nativity community is very important to the Vestry and we continue to take steps currently to keep you informed. This currently includes e-mails, mailers, phone calls, the Nativity Facebook page, and the Nativity Website. However, we feel our contact information is incomplete and in need of an update. Please tell us how you prefer to be contacted by sending an e-mail to secretaryatnativity@gmail.com or by calling Nicole at 770 460-6390.

As a Parish we have a lot facing us over the next several months, but with God's Grace and blessing we will endure and move forward in a positive, loving way!

If you would like to speak personally to a Vestry member or myself please feel free to give me a call.

Bob Nightingale- Senior Warden- 770 480-8225

Peace and God's Grace to all