



THE NATIVITY SCENE
January
2020

*All are welcome!
No exceptions.*



**2019 ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2020**

It is normal for all Episcopal churches to have an Annual Meeting to reflect on the prior year's mission and ministry. Our 2019 Annual Meeting will be held January 26, 2020 at 11:00 am.

We will keep our regular worship services that morning at 8:30 and 10:00. We will have coffee and snacks during the Annual Meeting, and we will extend our nursery care and have activities for children and youth at that time.

Also during the sermon time, I will give the "Rector's Report," sometimes known as a "State of the Church Address." Doing this during the sermon time will keep the Annual Meeting to a manageable hour or so.

During the Annual Meeting the parish will elect new vestry members. After that the parish will elect five delegates to the Annual Diocesan Convention as well as five alternate delegates. The Convention of the Diocese of Arizona will be held October 16-17, 2020 in Tucson.

We have a great slate of candidates for the vestry. For a three-year term the parish will elect three out of these four candidates:

Jon P. Coates, Dennis Long,
Mary Longley-Cook, Dina Horsman

For a one-year term the parish will elect two out of these three candidates:

Diana Li Fitzgerald, Cindy Cohen,
James A. Newhouse

The biographies of these candidates can be found in this newsletter. I'm pleased to announce, if you have not already heard, that Paul Rank will be our new Senior Warden. The parish will elect a Junior Warden and our sole candidate is Ron Kupinski. Please thank all our candidates for running for the vestry.

Please plan to attend church and the Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church of the Nativity on January 26, 2020 and help shape the future of our parish.

Faithfully in Christ,
The Reverend Scot McComas
Rector

Nativity Schedule

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Children's Chapel
11:00 Hospitality - All Are Welcome
11:15 Youth & Children Gather
11:20 Power Bible Study

Tuesday Schedule

6:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wednesday Schedule

10:00 am Centering Prayer
6:00 pm Evening Prayer
6:30 pm Bible Study

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Nativity's Annual Meeting
 Sunday, January 26
 At 11 am



SLATE FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM (Choose 3 out of 4 Candidates)



JON P. COATES

I was baptized at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, shortly after birth, and was confirmed there. I served as an Acolyte at Trinity as well as at several other churches later in life. After graduate school, I worked in banking for several years before moving to Colorado to run a number of community commercial banks.

In 1995, I moved to North Scottsdale from Denver, where I started two commercial banks. Before attending Nativity, I was active at Good Shepherd of the Hills in Cave Creek, serving on their vestry, and completing a three-year education course for Ministry.

I have been active in Arizona, not only with the church but with other non-profits, particularly the Desert Foothills Library, the only donor funded library in Arizona, where I serve on the board and on committees. I also have a home in Payson, Arizona where I am a supporter of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. I live across from Nativity at Vi at Silverstone. I was attracted to Nativity by the wonderful music program as well as the active youth program.

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DENNIS LONG

My name is Dennis Long, born in California but raised in the west Phoenix valley area. My sister and I were raised in a very loving family though we grew up pretty much un-churched. After high school, I attended Arizona State University and graduated with a mechanical engineering degree.

After college I married Judy, my wife of now 48+ years. Judy is a true native of Arizona and she often reminds me that I'm not since I was 4 months old when we moved here. I then remind her that I'm 2 years older, so I was still here first. I worked for U-Haul at their research and development facility for 3 years and then I accepted a position with Ford Motor Company that moved our family to Dearborn, Michigan. We spent 42 years in Michigan with most of the time being in Grand Rapids on the west side of the state.

I started a manufacturing company, designed and patented many products, but most importantly, that's where our family found our faith. Judy and I with our 3 young boys attended a Fourth of July parade. After the parade, we walked over to see the food concession booths where Judy had interest in buying some homemade bread. The nice lady in the booth asked about our family since we were fairly new to the area. As she handed a loaf of bread to Judy she said "Please take this bread and come to our church up on the hill. It was Saint Michaels Episcopal Church. Within a year, our whole family, Judy and I as well as our three boys were baptized.

Our family was very involved in Saint Michaels. Our boys were acolytes and Judy served on the vestry. I also had the privilege to serve on the vestry for many years and was also elected to serve as Senior Warden two separate times. Just like any family a church family is very loving, fluid, dynamic, and can be complicated. I have many lifelong friends from Saint Michaels.

Judy and I started coming back to Arizona when we started an art show called Arizona Fine Art EXPO on north Scottsdale Road. Shortly after The Church of the Nativity had its beginning, we started attending even though it was only for half the year. We still lived half the year in Michigan. We now live here full time and are members.

Now it's time to get more involved in our church and give back. Being elected to the vestry is an honor to serve but also comes with responsibility. I have thought and prayed about this commitment and if elected prepared to do the very best I can to represent the Nativity family faithfully.

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MARY LONGLEY-COOK

Shortly after Alastair and I were married in Connecticut 2003 we settled here in Scottsdale. Alastair played golf and I did my part to stimulate the economy.

As time went by, we found out that God had another plan. So, in late June of 2007 a group of eager Episcopalians gathered in our dining room and set out to establish an Episcopal church in Phoenix/Scottsdale. Yes, The Church of Nativity turned out to be that church. A small group of 20-30 people has now grown to one hundred fifty plus parishioners. In the past 12 years up to the present I have served in the following ministries: chalice, doing communion and prayer service to the assisted living members at the Vi at Grayhawk, leading the Wednesday Evening Prayer service in the Healing Chapel, a reader at the Sunday Service, a member of the Altar Guild, creating and serving as Co-chair of the Scholarship fund, and

recently I became the head of the Greeting Ministry.

I would be honored to serve on the Nativity vestry to help our church grow while maintaining our great traditions as we move forward continuing to transform all our lives through the love of God in Christ Jesus.



DINA HORSMAN

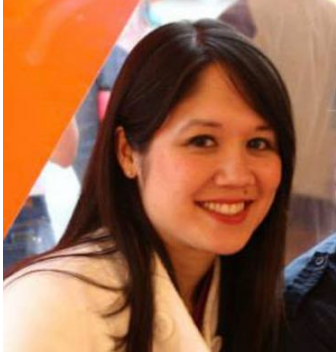
My name is Dina Horsman and I would like to represent you and your family on the Vestry for The Nativity. I have been married to my husband, Eric, for 12 years. I am a Phoenix Native and our two boys are third-generation Phoenicians. We love being a part of The Nativity Family.

I was born and raised in the Catholic Church and was received in the Episcopal Church in 2006. For me, the Episcopal Church means sharing our faith, love, serving our community and openness for all. Walking in the front doors of The Nativity is a wonderful feeling, it's like coming home. I want to serve on the Vestry to continue the amazing work our Faith Family has accomplished since The Nativity was founded in 2006.

I graduated from Arizona State University with a business degree and I spent over 20 years as a certified paralegal. I am currently a Mediation Coordinator and I love helping clients navigate their way through a difficult legal process outside of the court room.

I have volunteered with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Junior Achievement USA, The Phoenix Zoo and the Diocese of Phoenix Cursillo Movement. One of my favorite Christian principles is "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ." I will do my very best to serve our parish as part of the Vestry for The Nativity; I truly appreciate your support.

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SLATE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM (Choose 2 out of 3 Candidates)DIANA LI FITZGERALD

I grew up in Kansas City, MO where I attended UMKC and received my B.S. in Biology. I then went on to get my M.S. in Oceanography at Florida State University. Most of my professional career has been in the life sciences; starting out as a lab assistant in academic research and finally ending up in a supervisory and project management position in private biotech. Recently, when we moved from Kansas City to San Francisco, I began volunteering at a food rescue non-profit named White Pony Express. I soon progressed into being hired as their Operations Manager. This position married my professional experience with my concern for food insecurity and serving the community.

Throughout my career I have taken any opportunity to serve in the community, whether through my workplace or through church. This is one of the reasons I was drawn to The Episcopal Church of the Nativity. I saw the many active outreach programs and appreciated that the church went beyond words into actions. My hobbies include running, photography, playing my French horn and sewing. I have managed an online shop on Etsy since 2006 called BanjoFlannel where I sell the pieces that I make.

I also volunteer as a sewing instructor in the Lutheran Social Services - Southwest refugee sewing program, and at the Desert Mission Food Bank at HonorHealth John C. Lincoln Hospital. I believe being a member of the vestry would be a wonderful opportunity to affect positive change in the church. My background includes both analytical and creative sides and I think it would provide a balanced approach to decision making. In my personal and work life I have always attempted to make the most efficient use of resources, and I believe this is also of value to the operations of the church.

CINDY COHEN

As the daughter of two Episcopalians it has always been in my DNA to use my time and talents to further the love of God and help with the needs of my parish and community. I have previously served on the vestries of two churches, one as Senior Warden, on a search committee, Sunday School Director, choir and altar guild member. At Nativity I am a member of the Outreach Committee, Altar Guild, leading the Newcomers Café Ministry and am an Ambassador for Adventure.

Moving to Phoenix and becoming a member of Nativity has been a wonderful experience. Having our daughter Suzanne, grandson Sam and son-in-law Ray nearby is one thing I am thankful for every day. My husband Sam and I are enjoying all the new friendships we have made and do appreciate the warm Nativity welcome we received 6 years ago.

Serving on Nativity's vestry would be an honor.

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JAMES A. NEWHOUSE

My name is James A. Newhouse and my wife Sandi Newhouse (and her service dog Ziva) are new members of the Church. From the first day we attended we have been welcomed with open arms.

I have been a police officer with the City of Phoenix Police Department for 28 years and lived in north Scottsdale with Sandi for 16 years. We have been married for almost 15 years.

I grew up in Nebraska after my father retired from the Air Force. I attended Arizona State University and graduated in 1990.

I believe The Church of the Nativity should grow and look for new ways to attract more members but also retain traditional church values, beliefs and traditions. This could be done by contacting local extended care facilities and offering to drive residents to and from the service. Or by continuing to expand the choir's music and other instrumental performances. Even with change I am still very old fashioned and traditional. The church should not stray too far from its beginnings. I like the idea of having a small community of church members who know everyone.

I appreciate that many members still honor the service by dressing up. I believe by dressing appropriately for church you are showing respect for the service. Thank you for your time and consideration.



JUNIOR WARDEN CANDIDATE – RON KUPINSKI (Choose 1 out of 1 Candidate)

I spent 8 years in the U.S. Navy, 3 years in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves, 2 years at a California police department, 6 years working special operations for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and 28 years as a Deputy U.S. Marshal.

I raised my 6 month and 4-year-old daughters by myself.

I was the Junior Warden at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Grand Junction Colorado for the last 5 years.

I enjoy golf, bowling, and walks in the rain 😊 I enjoyed helping around the church fixing things and feel it is my contribution to making the church a better place for all to enjoy.

During my tenure at St. Matthews I built a labyrinth, built signage, fixed stoves, refrigerator, freezers, fixed AC, tore down walls, replaced light fixtures.



Epiphanies are typically considered private events. When we suddenly have an insight that changes our outlook on life, we call that an epiphany. When we have a realization about ourselves and who we've been being in life, we call that an epiphany.

When we get that our life is what it is because of the choices we've made and not because of the fickle finger of fate, we call that an epiphany. When we find ourselves smarter because we've done the hard work to get at the root cause of something in our lives that isn't working, we call that an epiphany.

The church season of epiphany is about God's active manifestation of Divine Love in

the person of Jesus Christ to the entire world. It isn't about the Godhead knowing more about Godself, but about us, the created beings, getting the truth of what God was doing in the man Jesus. The eternal Christ became flesh in an unprecedented reality—this was the direct opposite of how religions up to then had operated. God's choice to be available to us in a personal relationship became clear in the event of the incarnation. Gods in other religions had never become man. But that was then.

Epiphany is a season of discovering anew the personal relationship that God desires with each of us. It's always there just for the taking, through faith.

Happy Epiphanytide everyone!

Dr. W+
The Rev. Wayne V. Whitney, Ph.D.

Adult Christian Education

Sunday Morning Power Bible Study

The Sunday morning lectionary texts are all fair game for Power Bible Study. Grab your coffee and snack and join in the exciting journey of enlightenment in the Scriptures—and maybe even learn a new word for your vocabulary! Class is in the Youth Room and starts around 11:20 and is guaranteed to finish by Noon.

Bible Study Wednesday

The 7th book of the Bible, Judges, has some of the most interesting stories in all our holy scriptures. The period it covers is 1200 to 1020 BC before the monarchy took root in Israel. This time is similar to the wild west era of the USA. It informs our spirituality by painting a picture of where we've been and what we can learn from our imperfect past. Dr. Wayne leads the class at 6:30 Wednesdays and closes by 7:30 with the prayers of Compline.

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer meets Tuesdays at 6 pm and Wednesdays at 10 am in the Youth Room. We are discussing Matthew Fox's book, *Original Blessing*. We will continue our practice centering prayer before we discuss the book. It's a great practice to begin in the new year. All are welcome! No experience required. Contact mvcohea246@gmail.com or Martha Durham at marthadurham@thenativity.net for more information.

MUSIC NOTES

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DESK

DEDICATE AN ANTHEM!

We memorialize special occasions and special people in our lives by dedicating flowers for the altar at Nativity. As of January 2020, you can also dedicate a choral anthem to the choral library "In Memory of_" or "Dedicated to_" Here's how it works: the sign up will be similar to signing up for flowers. Sign up for a Sunday, then submit a gift of \$100 with *Anthem Dedication* in the memo. Please include your note of dedication or memoriam for the bulletin and powerpoint. Please note that the music selection cannot be chosen by the donor.

Giving an anthem is a wonderful way to specifically support our musical worship at Nativity. It commemorates your loved ones and also gives the choir opportunities to sing some of the wonderful newly published choral repertoire that's out there, supports new composers, keeps music new, fresh and high quality in our worship, all while building our choral library at Nativity. A big shout out to Brenda Russell-Basso for having this idea, advocating for it, and getting it approved by the Vestry! Thank you!!



EMERGING ARTIST:
FRIDAY, JAN. 10TH, 7PM
by Sarah Welden and Nathan Arch
Music in the Face of Oppression is a program of music by German and Austrian composers who were forced to immigrate during the Nazi Regime. Tickets \$20.

MLK CONCERT,
MONDAY, JAN. 20TH,
7PM
by Grand Canyon University's Critical Mass + Nativity Choir
 This evening of script, media and gospel music depicts and celebrates the life of Martin Luther King Jr.
 Goodwill offering.



MUSIC NOTES

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DESK

Get involved in the Arts!

Even though the holidays are over, it's a very busy time for Arts at Nativity! We are approaching concert #5 of 9 total concerts this season with Sarah Welden's upcoming recital on music from Nazi Germany and Austria entitled *Music in the Face of Oppression*. For each concert, we need volunteers ushers, ticket agents and setup personnel. We are also in the middle of mobilizing our Community Residencies and School Residencies. Here are some specific volunteers needs and great opportunities for you to get to know artists behind the scenes while making a difference in your community through the arts:

Music in the Face of Oppression

by Sarah Welden & Nathan Arch

Friday, Jan. 10th 7 pm @ Nativity

Need:

- 2 Ticket Agents

Community Engagement Residency

by MeghanDiego

Mon, Jan. 20th 11:45 am-1 pm

@ Honor Health on Shea

Need:

- Equipment and setup help (no heavy lifting)

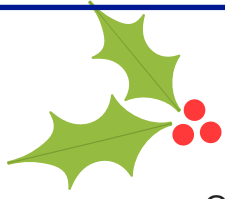
Martin Luther King Jr. Concert

by Grand Canyon University's
Critical Mass + Nativity Choir

Mon, Jan. 20th 7 pm @ Nativity

Need:

- Setup on Sunday, January 19th after church (11-12 pm, 2-3 people)
- Pizza Pickup & bring to church: 4:45 pm
- 3 Ushers/Greeters
- Tear down after event (8:45-9ish, 4-5 people)



What a fun Advent!



Our Nativity Family sure knows how to celebrate Advent!
We made wreaths together, partied with Santa & ate all those cookies, sang Christmas Carols until it erupted into a marshmallow snowball fight, and worked together to prepare for the Christmas Eve Pageant. It was a lovely time of joy and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who participated!



...and a lovely Christmas! 



Hello everyone!

Happy New Year!

I am one of those people who just loves the celebration of New Year. I get excited about a fresh start and setting personal goals. I like taking time to dream big dreams and plan for new experiences. Even writing this newsletter has been a fun process of considering all the good, fun things ahead!

This issue is designed to give you a preview of all that we are planning for youth & children through the summer. While some of the details are still being worked out, I wanted to make sure you have the dates and plenty of time to plan. As always, please reach out with any questions or just to say hi!

Here's to a beautiful new year of growth, joy, and love.

Mandy

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Children's Ministry Update

4 Things for your calendar!

Throughout the school year, we have weekly activities for children of all ages immediately following the 10:00AM service.

In addition to these gatherings, we are working on some fun family events this semester. Stay tuned for more info!

1. Better Together - A four week after-church gathering for kids!



Starting on Sunday, January 12th we are beginning a Sunday School series called "Better Together". We will talk about friendship, compassion, peacemaking, and community. As always, these will be lively, creative, fun and engaging gatherings!

2. Family Volunteer Event! - Saturday, March 7th



Our first off-campus volunteer event for families is set! Parents and children of all ages are invited to join in as we volunteer with Save-The-Family's annual block party event that provides at-risk families with a day of fun. More details TBA in February!

3. Lent Series - Sunday, March 1st through Sunday, April 5th



We started this last year and it was definitely worth becoming a tradition! For 6 Sundays throughout Lent we will create space for reflection, learning, prayer, and fellowship. This year's activities will include pretzel making (to learn more about prayer), an interactive hands-on prayer station, dying eggs in preparation for Easter, and more!

4. Vacation Bible School - June 22-26, 2020



We're looking WAY ahead and wanted to give you advance notice for this summer's VBS program. This year we are building a unique curriculum designed specifically for the children at Nativity. Registration opens in March!

Youth Group Stuff

4 Things for your calendar!

Youth Group meets weekly during the school year on Sunday mornings at 11:15AM. Here are some extra diocesan events happening this semester. We are excited to join in on the fun!



- 1. Saturday, January 25th - 4:30-6:30PM**
Goal Setting and Prayer Night at Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix AZ



Middle School and High School students are invited to reflect on their intentions for the year. We will journey through prayer stations and intention stations where we will have the chance to name our goals for the future and set plans to get there. We will end the night with dinner together.

- 2. Friday, March 13th - Sunday, March 15th**
Adventure Weekend - Diocesan Youth Retreat at Chapel Rock



High School students are invited to spend a weekend adventuring in Prescott! We will hike, climb the high ropes course, roast marshmallows around the campfire, explore Prescott, and enjoy a Sunday morning church service in nature. *Cost is \$75* Student drop off is at Trinity Cathedral on Friday afternoon and pick up on Sunday afternoon.

- 3. Saturday May 2nd - 10:00AM-1:00PM**
Field Day - Diocesan Youth Gathering at St. Peter's Litchfield Park



Middle School and High School students are gathering for a day of pre-camp/end of school year fun. If you like playing kick ball outside on a bright day, or hanging out inside crafting we have activities for you! Join us for a kick ball tournament, corn hole, games, crafts, and lunch.

- 4. Summer Serve - Monday, July 6th through Friday, July 10th**
A week of volunteer service for students!



The details are still being put in order, but the dates are set! This event week is open to all students age 10 and up. We will participate in various service projects throughout the valley and end the week with a pool party! This is one to invite a friend to join in on. :-)



Nativity Book Club Meeting

Nativity Book Club has started up again for the season. We meet at 10 am on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The book for January is "Dragonfly" by Leila Meacham. The author has written several wonderful books.

Our next meeting will be January 15 in Christopher Hall at 10 am. All are welcome to join our group. For more details contact Candy Wagner at 434-466-6790.

Women's Luncheon

The January Women's Luncheon Group will meet at 12:00 pm on January 15 at the Raven Gastropub, 8900 E Pinnacle Peak Rd., Suite B1. (They are in Maestros/Jade Palace side off Pima Rd).
Phone: 480-219-9334.

They donated gift cards for our ADVENTure Outreach Fundraiser. The menu is on their website.

Please RSVP to Candy Wagner
434-466-6790 / texting or
candywags@me.com. It helps for seat planning purposes. Hope to see new women join us.

Women's Wine Night

The First Thursday of the month the Women of Nativity partake in Happy Hour starting at 5 pm. The next meeting is February 6. For more details, contact Kathy Graf at kgraf518@aol.com.

Men's Pub Fellowship

The Men of Nativity normally gather the First Thursday of the month. This month we will not be meeting. The next gathering will be February 6 at 5 pm. Bring a friend or meet and make new ones! Questions, contact Art Graf at mxgk25a@aol.com.

Nativity Film Club

Nativity's Film Club is open to everyone and works much like a book club. The Film Club normally meets the second Saturday of the month in someone's home. The next film is AERONAUTS on January 11 at 6 pm.

Questions contact:
darrellwspencer@yahoo.com.



Jewelry Class at Nativity

All are invited to the jewelry class at Nativity led by Mary Longley-Cook and Dawn Kast. We all have jewelry that we no longer wear but it brings back fond memories. Let's think about updating and/or redesigning that lovely piece of jewelry.

Mary and Dawn will share their expertise in guiding you along in the transformation of your family heirlooms. Tools, jewels and pearls will be supplied.

In January, the class will meet on the 14th and the 28th at 10 am in the Youth Room. Allergies are an issue in any group meeting, please remember to respect scent-free requests. E-mail or phone to RSVP or with questions, Mary: stgermain47@cox.net or 480-272-2051 or Dawn Kast: dawnkast@live.com.

The Knitting Group

The Knitting Group will meet on January 16 and February 6 and 20. If you're interested in joining us we would love to have you!

Meetings are the first and third Thursday mornings every month at 10 am in the Youth Room. Contact Deacon Martha with questions or for encouragement: marthadurham@thenativity.net.



From the Flower Guild

The new flower donation chart for 2020 is next to the office door and you will be able to get first choice for your special dates. As a reminder, sign up for a week and then...

- * Full out an envelope with your dedication which will be included in the Sunday bulletin (needed by Monday at noon).
- * Enclose cash/check in the envelope and place on Mina's desk in the office (\$50.00 suggested donation).

If you sign up for more than one week, please use an envelope for each week requested.

Thank you for your support with ensuring we have beautiful flowers adorning our church throughout the year.

Feed the Hungry

After a very successful finish to the year with our providing meals to the men of the East Valley Men’s Shelter, we are expanding it a bit to include 15 meals in 2020. The management of the program is also expanded to include Ron and Ramona Rusniak, and Carrie Wagner, as well as Mary Anne and Jon Bost.

Our first meal of the year was lasagna, served Saturday, January 4th, and our next one is a chili dinner for Thursday, January 30. That’s a great cold weather meal. Look for more details and a sign-up sheet in Christopher Hall. Plan on taking part; it is a wonderful way to finish the day.

“Truly I tell you, **whatever you did for one of the least** of these, you did for Me.” —*Matthew 25:40*



CASA Weekend Food Packs

CASA Weekend food packs - Please join us in packing weekend food packs for food insecure K-2nd grade students from Casa Academy. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate! We meet at 10 am on the first Saturdays of the month. Upcoming dates: February 1: pack / February 3: deliver. If you have any questions please contact Laura Dobbins lauradobbins01@gmail.com.



Pack-A-Meal: Sandwiches for the Homeless Volunteers Needed!

Tuesday, February 4 at 10 am. Join us at Nativity for Pack-A-Meal for Phoenix Rescue Mission! Help us make 400 sandwiches, pack 200 lunch bags and get to know your fellow parishioners!

Contact Kathy Graf: kgraf518@aol.com for details.





CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
ADVENTure
 FUNDRASER FOR OUTREACH

2019 – A Special Thank You

ADVENTure 2019 planning began in April and continued until the end of the year. A successful night with lots of FUN raised over \$36,000 for our outreach ministries, well exceeding our goal of \$27,000. This night could not have happened without many hands and lots of effort both from our Nativity community and the greater Scottsdale community and beyond. Our heartfelt thanks goes to all who lent a hand in some way. And our sincerest apologies if we missed naming someone.

Businesses That Donated

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Dr. Hugh Gaughn DDS	Sicilian Bakery
Elements	Stag Tobacconist
Fleming's Steakhouse	Sylvan Learning Center
Harumi Yoga	The Grotto Café
Heard Museum	The Living Room Wine Cafe
JJ's Delicatessen	The Millenium Day Spa
Jalapeno Inferno	Tomaso Italian Restaurant
Jimmy Fallon Show	Tonto Bar and Grill
La Grande Orange	Tutti Santi Italian Restaurant
Liberty Station	Xquenda Spa at Rancho Manana
Master Cleaning and Alterations	Ulta Beauty Products
Millenium Day Spa	Wildflower Cafe

*Thank
you!*

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS & HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCESS!

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Suzanne Cohen	Karen Matson	Marty Treinen
Dennis Combs	Scot McComas	Christa Van Zant
Kathy Copus	Sandy Mederios	Lee Vaniver
Charles Cornner	Marci Miller	Candace Wagner
Edward Crosswhite	Mark Miller	Carrie Wagner
Rubie Czerwinski	Dr. Pamela Murphy	Kathy Wasson
Tony Czerwinski	Debbie Myrick	Leslie Wheeler
Mary Dexter	Nativity Women's	Colleen Whichello
Jennie Dobbins	Monthly Luncheon	Bob Whichello
Laura Dobbins	Nativity Women's Wine	Joy Wiseman
Mark Dobbins	Night	Juliana Witt
Cheryle Dunkelberg	Nativity Film Club	Barbara Woodall

Some details from our ADVENTure Outreach Fundraiser 2019

The 2019 ADVENTure was very successful with over 130 people having a great time and a net income of over \$36,000 to support our outreach ministries.

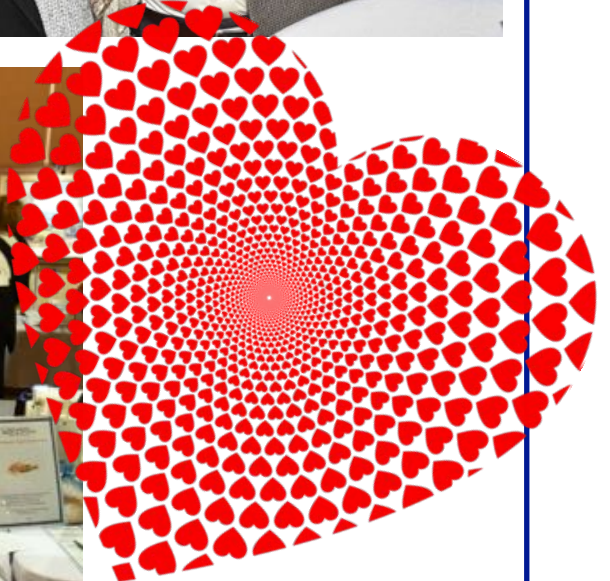
The rounded income from the various sources are:

Source	Income
Silent Auction	\$15,700
Give from the Heart	\$11,300
Event Tickets	\$ 5,600
Live Auction	\$ 3,100
Tamales	\$ 700
Bar Tips	\$ 1,100
Navajo Products	\$ 400
Jameson orders	\$ 200
Raffle Tickets	\$ 1,400
Other Income	\$ 1,500
Total	\$41,000



Expenses were about \$5,000 with the majority of that for food. The outreach committee has met and decided on how the \$35,000 of the 2019 funds will be distributed. This is indicated in the table below. The ADVENTure income beyond \$35,000 has been allotted to an outreach fund to be used in the coming year.

Ministry	Amount
Navajoland	\$5,000
La Iglesia Santa Maria, Phoenix	\$5,000
Packages from Home for the Military	\$1,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$3,000
Foothills CaringCorp	\$1,500
Save the Family	\$2,000
Phoenix Rescue Mission (includes Pack-A-Meal)	\$5,500
CASA Academy (includes foodpacks)	\$1,000
New Leaf (includes making and serving meals at the East Valley Men's center)	\$3,000
St. Mary's Food Bank	\$3,000
El Hogar (an Episcopal School and home in Honduras)	\$2,500
American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem (provides humanitarian relief for people in the Near East)	\$2,500
Total	\$35,000



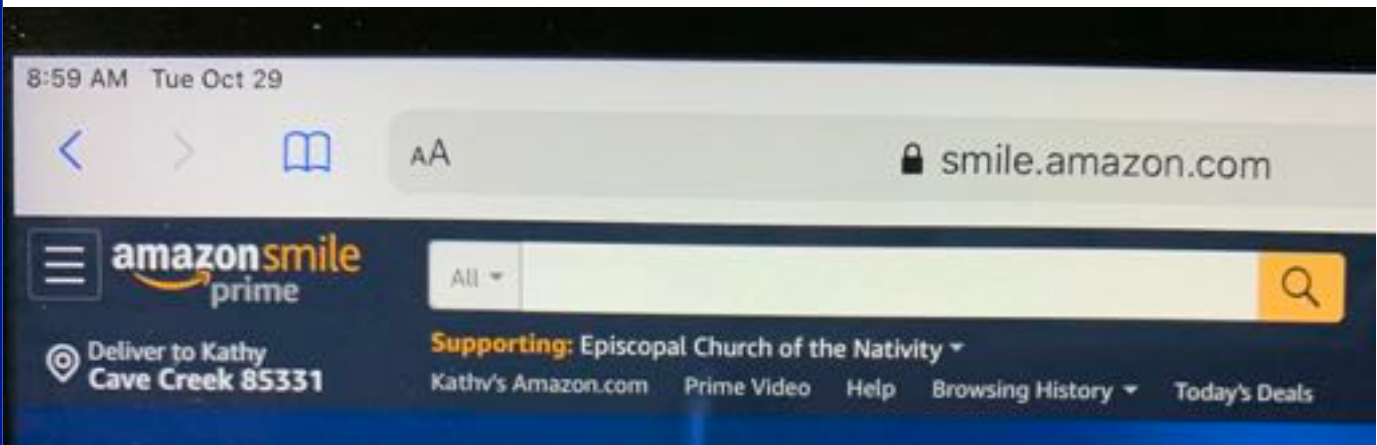
General Information

AmazonSmile - Funds for Nativity

Another contribution Nativity parishioners can make without costing you more money is Smile.Amazon.com! Contact Kathy Graf (kgraf518@aol.com) for more info
Use our unique link - <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-5599218>.

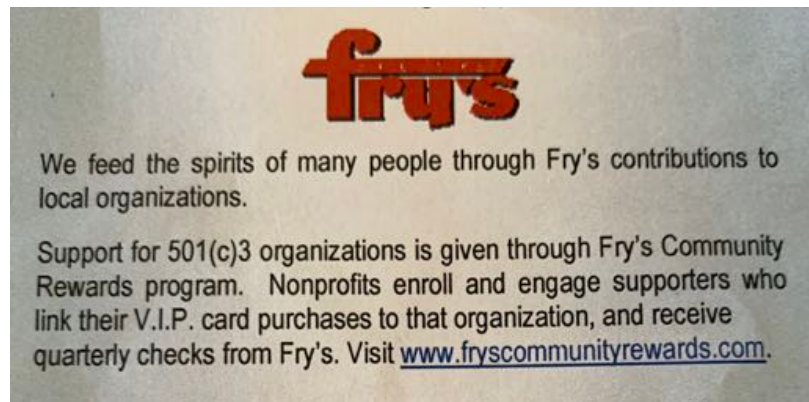
When first visiting AmazonSmile, you are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Nativity will receive a portion of your purchase. How does Nativity receive the donations? Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer.



Fry's - Funds for Nativity

Nativity would like you to sign up for the Fry's Community Rewards Program! Contact Kathy Graf (kgraf518@aol.com) or Kay Blinn (Kayblinn@gmail.com) for more info. Thank you to anyone who is interested in participating!



General Information

Name Tags

If you are attending the Church of the Nativity but do not have a name tag at present, please stop by the Welcome Counter and give us your name so we can have one made for you. You can also contact Mina Rafferty at the church office, 480-307-9216 or via email at minarafferty@thenativity.net with your information.

Shawls for all who might be chilly

Debbie Myrick has gathered and laundered the shawls for your use if you find the air-conditioning a bit much. Simply return them after the service.

Scent-Free Seating in the Nave

Because some folks have allergy issues, we have created a scent-free seating area in the west section of the sanctuary near the chapel. Please sit in that section only if you are free of scented items such as perfume, after-shave, body spray, hand lotion, etc. It's an act of hospitality.

The Sunday Coffee & Treats Ministry

If you enjoy the Sunday coffee hour treats, please consider dropping a donation in the Coffee Cash crock. Our limited budget appreciates your support! If you have any questions about donating treats, call Joan at 610-291-4262 or Dawn at 218-252-3092.

Prayer Team

If you or someone special to you are in need of prayers you have several options to let the prayer team know of the request. Please let one of the clergy know. There also is a book for prayer requests on the table by the entrance to Christopher Hall, or you may email Joyce Graves at jbjgraves@cox.net or call 602-885-8828. All prayers are kept confidential within the prayer team. We also ask that you give us an update preferably every month or so about the person or persons you have asked us to pray for.

Deadline Changes

All announcements that you would like to see in the Sunday bulletins and the weekly email blasts should be emailed to Mina at minarafferty@thenativity.net by noon on Mondays. Submittals for the monthly newsletters will be the 23rd of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Mina at the church office, 480-307-9216 or minarafferty@thenativity.net.

Special Moments

Sharing the special moments of our lives strengthens the bonds of our community. We'd love to send each of you a message of joy and happiness on your special day. Won't you please help us by emailing your birthday and anniversary to Mina Rafferty (minarafferty@thenativity.net) or dropping off a note in the church office. Month and day are perfect – no year is necessary!

WELCOME!

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE NATIVITY

All are welcome.
No exceptions.



Worship Sundays

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

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