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# HOLY HAPPENINGS

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## From the Desk of Fr. Brad Interim Rector

By now the parish has been notified of my retirement, effective Sunday, April 19 (the Sunday after Easter). I had hoped to make an announcement in church, but the Covid 19 disruption made this impossible. It is my hope that we will gather for services in April. However, in the event that this is not a possibility, I want all of you to know that my ministry at Holy Nativity has been a marvelous experience, and I thank all of you for this. I believe the future is bright for Holy Nativity and wish all of you parishioners, wardens, and vestry, the very best.

God bless you all.  
Yours,  
Father Brad

## From Bishop Alan Gates and Bishop Gayle Harris

“It is now clear that **all public worship services must be cancelled through Holy Week and Easter Day.** This is a bitter reality for us all, but represents our need to care for one another and our wider community. An extended period of cancellations is to be expected.”



### CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY

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and Easter Day**

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**Mon. thru Fri.**  
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Dean Kistner, Judy Leamy  
Bill Butler, Rick Lang, George Ward  
Pat DeMore, Heather Kasday,  
Terri Williams

## Warden's Report

Peace be with you all. We know these are trying times and we are all under a great deal of stress. The virus issues are a life changing experience. We are working to keep you informed as to what the Diocese is communicating to all the Parishes, via email and snail mail. Deb is doing a great job sending out material to everyone in the parish. Thanks to Dean Kistner, The Parish Website has a Virus tab; please visit the site for updates.

As you may know, services for 3/22/2020 and 3/29/2020, have been cancelled. Unfortunately this has now been extended thru Palm Sunday. We are in the review process of streaming a prayer service via the internet. While various options are available, we are exploring avenues that will best meet the Parish needs. We will communicate this information as soon as a decision has been made. Our Sexton has been very busy cleaning and caring for the Parish property. He has disinfected the entire church as well as the hall. Although there aren't services, we are and will continue to maintain and clean the property.

**Until further notice the kitchen is closed to all. This means no food or beverages of any kind are to be brought in to the parish.**

**Do NOT drop off any goods for any occasion, as they will be discarded.**

**Sunday school will be suspended**

**until we have confirmation from the diocese that it is ok to restart our program.**

**Until further notice all Parish hall activities are suspended.**

For the latest updates on the coronavirus, please log onto the CDC Website.

During our last vestry meeting, the names of candidates who will head the newly formed search committee were voted on. On 3/15/2020 the Rev. Kelly O'Connell Commissioned the committee.

**Special Note from the Treasurer:**

Your generosity is one of our greatest assets. During our Church closure, we still have an obligation to maintain all of the buildings associated with The Church of the Holy Nativity. We would appreciate it if you would kindly either drop off, or mail in, your weekly offering to the office. Please check with your bank for online deposits.

**Father Brad:**

As you may know from our former communications, Father Brad is stepping down as our interim priest. Rev. O'Connell is aware of this issue and is working on a replacement. Father Brad has been a great source of Pastoral care. His adult education series has been wonderful and well attended. Over the years, in Father Harry's absence, Father Brad has been both a guide and ongoing resource for the Parishioners. We thank him and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

As Parishioners of the Church of the Holy Nativity, we wish to communicate that we are here. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns you have regarding the Parish family.

Note from Shirley Hayes: **The Walk for Sharing**, which I have participated in for 30 years, has been canceled. But, on Good Friday, I will still walk 5 miles somewhere to help raise a few dollars for poor families in Mississippi, and Alabama. My Church family has always been a blessing in sponsoring me, so, if you can, please leave whatever you would like in an envelope with my name on it and leave it with Deb at the Church office .....anytime between Good Friday and Easter!

God Bless you all and I hope we will see each other at church soon to celebrate Easter and our return.

**Kemetic Institute**

Founded in 1992 and located in Mound Bayou MS, the site of the original Co-op that inspired the first Good Friday Walk in 1972, the Institute was founded by Attorney Alma "Chris" Campbell, a member of the extraordinary Luther and Annyce Campbell family.

Through its programs, services, and special projects, including field trips, the Institute has touched the lives of thousands of young people promoting the connection between self-esteem and cultural awareness as a means of achieving positive outcomes. In addition, the Institute advocates, connects and strengthens youth ties to their communities by encouraging community service projects.

**A message from Julie**

Happy Easter! I hope that everyone is safe and healthy right now in these troubling times. I have a list of online learning resources if any family needs them! Please feel free to email me at: [croninelizabethjulia@gmail.com](mailto:croninelizabethjulia@gmail.com) if you are interested! Hopefully soon we will all be able to gather again!

Thank you,  
Julia Cronin

***Sunday School will be cancelled until further notice***



Holly Fair for 2020 will be Friday November 6, from 3-8 and Saturday November 7, from 9-3! There will be the traditional turkey dinner at 6:30 on Saturday evening.

We are in need for chairpersons for the Bake Table, Silent Auction, and Country Corner!

This is the biggest fund raiser that we have and we need your help!! Currently 3 tables need leadership! If you are willing to help please contact me!

Thank you!  
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**Vestry**

The next Vestry meeting will be Wednesday, **April 15** at 7:30 in the Asher Stoddard Hall, following a service of compline at 7pm in the Sanctuary

## Prayer for Trust in Jesus



O Christ Jesus,  
 when all is darkness  
 and we feel our weakness and helplessness,  
 give us the sense of Your presence,  
 Your love, and Your strength.  
 Help us to have perfect trust  
 in Your protecting love  
 and strengthening power,  
 so that nothing may frighten or worry us,  
 for, living close to You,  
 we shall see Your hand,  
 Your purpose, Your will through all things.  
 --- St. Ignatius of Loyola



## As a Parish, We pray for:

Anders Eriksson, Anne,  
 Carly, Carol, Corinne,  
 Denise, Dennis Clifford, Dot, Ed,  
 Eleanor, Eliza and Family, Ernie,  
 Ewen and Pat  
 MacDonald, Frank, George and  
 family, Georgie Whittaker, Ginny,  
 Harry, Hazel Brunelle, Helen  
 Holbrook, Helen, John Murphy,  
 Joan, Billie Greene & family,  
 Judy Ridge, Julie, Katie,  
 Kate McCarthy, Kathleen, Kelly  
 M., Liz, Marcia, Matt, Maureen,  
 Merieme, Myrtle Perkins, Nancy  
 Mermet, Nate, Paige, Pat and her  
 family, Peg Driscoll,  
 Phyllis Collari, Ray Clark, Rick,  
 Roberta, Rocky, Shirley, Sophia,  
 Tim and Tommy L.



### Home Communion

To schedule a Home Communion with Fr. Brad. please call the office at 781-335-2030 The visit will be arranged at your convenience

## Flower Carpet (Brussels)

The **Flower Carpet** is a biennial event in [Brussels](#) in which volunteers from around [Belgium](#) convene at the [Grand Place](#), the historic center of the city, to weave a carpet-like tapestry out of colorful [begonias](#).<sup>[1]</sup> The event takes place every other August, coordinating with [Assumption Day](#).<sup>[2]</sup> Nearly a million flowers are required to create the ephemeral 1,800 square metres (19,000 square feet) carpet.<sup>[3]</sup>

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What's there to do while stuck indoors? We've compiled a few suggestions to help make your time quarantined as interesting – and perhaps even as productive – as possible.

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1. Complete a puzzle: The more pieces the better! More of a word person? Crossword puzzle!
  2. If it won't bother your neighbors: Dust off that old instrument and practice.
  3. Write poetry.
  4. Watch all the really long movies you've avoided until now.
  5. Teach yourself a foreign language.
  6. Meditate. Try lying down with your eyes closed, palms up and while focusing on your breath. Or spend 20 minutes sitting cross-legged and repeat a soothing word to yourself in your head. (The latter is more like transcendental meditation.)
  7. Face masks, moisturizer, oh my! Treat yourself to a 10-step skin care routine you don't have time for during a normal work week.
  8. Write actual letters to family and friends. After that? Write thank-you notes to service people who you remember went out of their way for you.
  9. Learn calligraphy. YouTube can help.
  10. Have a space in your home where all of the tupperware goes? Organize it and actually match lids to containers.
  11. Try on all your clothes and determine whether they "spark joy" á la [Marie Kondo](#).
  12. Better yet, go through this process with your junk drawer and supply shelves.
  13. Bake those goods.
  14. Watch the films that won [Oscars for best picture](#).
  15. Knit or crochet.
  16. Try out at-home aerobics or yoga videos. Consider downloading a fitness app with curated workout playlists.
  17. Look at yourself in the mirror. Attempt a self portrait with pencil and paper.
  18. Take a bubble bath
  19. Coloring books: They're not just for kids.
  20. Write a short story or get started on that novel.
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**MAILED**  
March 25, 2020

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**Mission Statement**

The family of the Church of the Holy Nativity is called to be a caring community, committed to spiritual development; encouraging growth in each member's personal relationship with God, through Christ; by providing educational opportunities for youth and adults as well as Christian Formation for all, going forth to share God's message of love and forgiveness.

**Important Dates**

**April 15**  
**Compline & Vestry**

**To be determined**  
**Book Sale**

**Holly Fair 2020**  
**November 6 & 7**

