

**Be like servants who await
their master's return from a wedding.**

LUKE 12:35

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

**Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
August 11, 2019

Mission Statement

We strive to be a faith-centered, Catholic community. By virtue of Baptism, we are called forth to minister to one another the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through education, evangelization, social justice and ecumenism. We reach out in love, respect and support for all as we seek to do the will of God.

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 and 11:30 am
Mon. Tues., Wed.,	4:15 pm
Thursday	9:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15 to 5:00 pm and by Appointment

Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon, Tues, Wed 3:50 pm

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
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e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

There are examples of this even in your own parish. If you have been in the parish for many years, you could be expected to notice a newcomer more readily. How do you welcome them? Do you get so comfortable with your friends that you don't think about reaching out to a visitor? I think Jesus would expect those of us who feel at home in our church to make an effort to bring new members into our circle. "So how much does Jesus expect of me?" The answer could be in how well you know Jesus.

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Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

~ Today's Psalm PS 33.

THINGS TO KNOW

Nursery: Is available for children age 6 weeks to 4 yrs. old during the Sunday 9:00 am Mass. It is located on the right side of the school's breezeway entrance. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Is offered to children age 4 years through 5th grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. The children are dismissed after the opening prayers and re-join their family for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Religious Education Programs: Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children, grades K4 through 8. PSR classes are held in the School Building from 10:00 to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings during the school year. To register, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 24.

Creating Safe Environments: All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete the Safe-Haven Online Abuse Prevention Training program. To complete this program, please visit <http://charleston.CMGconnect.org>. For more information please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821.

Baptism: To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. For more information please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 24.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation: A two year preparation period is required for these sacraments. Children planning to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the 2nd grade, must also have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade must also have participated in a 7th grade PSR or Catholic school program. For more information please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 24

Alpha: is a series of sessions that explore the Christian faith. These sessions provide an opportunity to explore life's big questions, to say what you think and to hear other people's points of view. Each session considers a different question of our faith via a video presentation and interactive discussion designed to create conversation. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information and/or to sign up, please visit www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): is a program to prepare adults for entry into the Catholic Church. For information or to register please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821.

FORMED.org: is a online service that provides access to electronic media (video studies, feature films, eBooks, audio presentations) from the Church's foremost presenters. Unlimited free access is provided to members of Nativity parish. Sign up at www.nativitycharleston.formed.org.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples need to contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. Please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 x 27.

Care of the Sick and Homebound: We care about you. To arrange for a pastoral visit, please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 x 21

Sacrament of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are suffering from a potentially life-threatening illness, those planning to have serious surgery and those in advanced years. Please do not wait until the 'last minute' to request the Anointing of the Sick. For more information or to request this sacrament, contact the parish office at 843-795-3821 x 21.

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843-853-2130 x 209

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:
800-921-8122

Note from the Finance Council

You can provide for the needs of future generations of Catholics by remembering Nativity in your will. You may also choose to make a gift through a charitable trust or an annuity. For more information about joining the newly established Catholic Heritage Society or to learn more about legacy gifts, please contact Carrie Mummert at (843) 261-0435 or email cmummert@catholic-doc.org.

All inquiries are handled in confidence.

An Active Parishioner

- is registered with the parish for at least 3 months,
- attends liturgies weekly
- makes regular and identifiable contributions by using parish envelopes or myEoffering.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family on inactive status.

Please be an active parishioner



New to Our Community?

To register in our parish, please fill out a registration form on our web site: www.NativityCharleston.org.

Forms are available at the church entrances. However, for immediate access, just scan this image with your smart phone
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For more information, please call the parish office at 843-795-3821.



Please consider joining our parish family!

Possibilities

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, even more to one who loves.

... St. Lawrence

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Stewardship

"Wherever your treasure lies, there also your heart will be." (Luke 12:34)

Offerings July 22 – August 4

Collections at Mass (Jul 27 - Aug 4)	\$ 27, 501. 00
Mail in Offerings (Jul 22 - Aug 2)	\$ 5, 783. 00
myEoffering (Jul 22 - Aug 2)	\$ 3, 908. 99
Budget (2 week)	\$ 28, 653. 84
Difference	\$ + 8, 539. 15
Registered Households	647
Envelopes Used at weekend Mass	461
Active myEoffering Families	122
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 22 - Aug 2)	108

Thank you for your Generosity.

Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, call the parish office.
at 843 795-3821.

Liturgical Ministers for August 17-18

Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to fulfill
your ministry as scheduled

5:30 pm Mass

Greeters:	Marina Churchill,
Altar Servers:	Daniel Forsberg Family
	Angel Salceda, Daniel Salceda,
	Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	Claire Bergstrom, Ernest Bergstrom, Dawn Clancy, Carolyn Smith, Alice Veyera, John Warren, Maritza Zeisel
Lector:	Eileen Easler
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, William Jensen, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg

9:00 am Mass

Greeters:	Horner Family, Knight Family
Altar Servers:	Charlie Morton, Fisher Morton, Cailin Proctor
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jimmy Craven, Wendy Craven, Judy Daugomah, Suzanne Decker, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Gary Warriner
Lector:	Andrew Preston
Ushers:	Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel, Jerry English, Larry Fisk

11:30 am Mass

Greeters:	Sheila Griner
Altar Servers:	Finn Duffy
Eucharistic Ministers:	Irene Bennett, Karen Cellars, Lynn Curry, Ed Defourneaux, Pam Everitt, Liisa Machowski, John Lavelle
Lector:	Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien
Ushers:	



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For more information, please contact the parish office.

Let Us Pray

**For members of our community who have
requested our prayers**

**Recently Added: Arnold Bennett, James
Michael Huber, Suzette Nowak**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Cathy Clarey, Herman Connor, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, Ruby Inez Germroth, Malcolm Hale, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, Ronnie & Myrtis Jenkins, Frank Koonts, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, Irene Parmenter, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, Betty Ann Quinn, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Michael Scarborough, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Lois Ulichnie, Rachel Villeponteaux, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

**For our service men and women and their
families throughout the world.**

**For Members of our Community who have
recently lost loved ones.**

To have names added or removed from these lists,
please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821
or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat	10	5:30 pm	Anne Kingsley+
Sun	11	9:00 am	Carol Ann Hartman+
		11:30 am	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+
Mon	12	4:15 pm	Anne Condon Kingsley+
Tues	13	4:15 pm	Frank D. Zampini+
Wed	14	4:15 pm	
Wed	14	6:30 pm	Chrissie Stiegelmeyer+
Thurs	15	9:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Sat	17	5:30 pm	Michael LaTorre+
Sun	18	9:00 am	54th Anniversary of Pat & Hal Perry
		11:30 am	Carmen Tovar Diaz+

Envelopes for Sanctuary Candle and Mass Intentions are
at the church entrances. Please fill one out and put it in
the collection basket. Please include your telephone
number in case your requested date is unavailable.

**Intention requests cannot be accepted
more than 3 months in advance.**



Nativity School—Is closed for the Summer!

Nativity School Summer Office Hours:

Nativity School is accepting applications for grades K4 through 8
for the 2019-2020 school year.

To learn more about us please visit our website at www.nativity-school.com or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights.

To schedule a visit or to enroll, please contact the school office at 843-795-3975.

Summer vacation is coming to an end.

Classes for the 2019/2020 School Year begin on Monday, August 19!



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY!

PSR provides weekly religious instruction for the children of Nativity Parish families who do not attend a Catholic grade school.

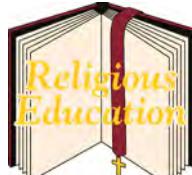
Registration Forms are now available at the Nativity Church entrances.

DON'T DELAY, REGISTER TODAY!

There is an additional \$20 late registration fee for those registering after August 5th to cover additional administrative and shipping costs.

Catechists Needed for Parish School of Religion 2019–2020

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."
... Mt 28:19a,20a



Through baptism, we are called to share the Good News. Serving as a PSR catechist is an incredible way to fulfill this mission. We are seeking a number of catechists for the upcoming school year. If you love your faith and would be willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.

All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete the Safe-Haven Online Abuse Prevention Training program.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 12—Ladies Guild Sewing Group
in the Nativity Parish Office at 6:30 pm

Monday August 26—Ladies Guild Monthly Meeting
in the Nativity Parish Office.

- ◆ Food at 6:30 pm
- ◆ Meeting at 7:00 pm

**ALL WOMEN OF NATIVITY PARISH
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**



*Jennifer Cavalli and
Timothy Morton*

*were married at Nativity on
Friday, August 2.*

*May God grant them many
years of happiness together*

Jesus said to his disciples:
“For where your treasure is, there also
will your heart be.” Lk 12:34



The Assumption of Mary, August 15

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day. The complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

Please plan to join us at Mass.

Wednesday, Aug. 14th at 4:15 and 6:30 pm or Thursday, Aug. 15th at 9:30 am.

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass and to avoid (to the extent that they are able) servile work.

 Choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, August 28 at 7:00 pm in the church. 
Please join us! Our music will just not be the same without you!!

**Do you play an orchestral
or band instrument?**



The Nativity Music Ministry needs YOU!!!

The minimum grade level is middle school (6th grade and above). All instruments are welcome: flutes, oboes, clarinets, string, brass and percussion.

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed at Music@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 x103.

Help us Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

**The Nativity Music Ministry
needs more singers!**



We rehearse on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Rehearsals during the Advent and Lent seasons are a bit longer but never last beyond 9:00 pm.

For more information, please contact Courtney Reed at Music@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 x103.

We look forward to having you join us!



The Nativity Ladies Guild Officers for the 2019-2020 activity year were installed in a ceremony at the 9:00 Mass on Sunday, August 4. Pictured at left: Lisa Horner, Sherri Giacinto, Jackie Doscher, April Ulichnie, Christi Roberts and Father Kingsley (not a Ladies Guild member). Christine Lewis was not available for the photo.

**Many thanks to the Ladies Guild
for all they do for our
community throughout the year!**



The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Church of the Nativity offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm, welcoming, and accepting setting.

**This year's program kicks off on Sunday, August 25 at 5:30 pm
with a 'Meet and Greet' Cookout!**

The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings in the Nativity Parish Office.

This year's class will begin on Sunday, September 8.

For more information, please contact Vicki Vázquez at admin@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821

Sign Up Now!



K of C Council 6250 sponsored a Workday at Nativity School on August 3 with a lot of help from the staff, teachers, Ladies Guild, vendors and many friends. Along with all the food and fun, there was lots of clean up, fix up, throw out and repair. **Many Thanks to all who contributed so much, worked so hard and accomplished so many great things.**

who will you invite?



What is the point of life? / Why is there suffering in the world? /
What happens when we die? / Is forgiveness possible?

What is Alpha?

The Alpha course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith that gives guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Alpha is fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured (that's probably why over 19 million people around the world have participated in Alpha!)

Listen, learn, discuss, and discover. Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is off limits.

Alpha's Three Main Elements:



Good Food



Alpha Talk



Discussion

How does it work?

Each Alpha course session begins with food, followed by a short talk looking at a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those who have given up on church
- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- Those who are new to the Christian faith
- Those wanting to grow in understanding and faith

What is the cost?

There is no charge for the Alpha course, although there will be a basket out if you are able to donate toward the cost of food.

Alpha is conducted worldwide. See what it's all about at alphausa.org/stories

View the Alpha at Nativity Fall Schedule at nativitycharleston.org/alpha

Join us by contacting Vicki Vázquez | alpha@nativitycharleston.org | 843-795-3821

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