



Send in the Clones?

In St. Paul's time, the church was so new that everyone remembered how they came to the faith. That's not a bad thing. Even today, in helping with the RCIA, I like to hear how the new converts were drawn to the Lord. But it seems that some people in Paul's time actually boasted about who baptized them. They acted as if they were better Christians because of the person whose preaching first attracted them.

Paul, of course, would have no part in those rivalries. In fact, you can almost hear Paul laughing when he talks about people who consider Christ as just another leader of one of the factions. Christ should be the sign of unity for all Christians, not just one congregation. It may be even more difficult to seek unity today, with so many Christian churches and a modern view of diversity as somehow better than unity. While no one says they want to divide the body of Christ, I'm sure you know someone who thinks the only way to have a unified Church is for everyone to pray the same way they do.

Yet even Paul did not expect all believers to be clones of one another. He frequently wrote about people having many different gifts, yet all working to build up the Body of Christ. He doesn't mean that those gifts are divisive or that the Church survives in spite of them. Those differences are necessary; we need all the gifts that the Spirit gives us. So what can we do to help unify the Church?

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

**The Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020**

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
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714

First, do what Jesus himself did—pray for unity in the Church (John 17:20-21). Pray that you come to know what your own gifts are, have the courage to use them for the Church, and appreciate the gifts of others. Second, Paul was very aware of his own weaknesses. That's what he is talking about in the last line of the reading. Jesus had to die before he could rise from the dead. Without the cross, we would have never heard of the Resurrection. So also, without weakness, how can we experience God's strength? Instead of looking down on those with whom we disagree, look up to see what God may be revealing to you through that person's differences.

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The Lord is my light and my salvation
~ Today's Psalm PS 27

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 digital platform that gives our parish access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. You just need an e-mail to sign in. No password.

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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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



For more information, please call the parish office at 843-795-3821.

Please consider joining our parish family!

Fear Not

The Lord is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

... Today's Psalm PS: 40

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Offerings January 13—January, 19

Collections at Mass (Jan 18—Jan 19)	\$ 11,622.00
Mail in Offerings (Jan 13—Jan 19)	\$ 1,610.00
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Budget (1 week)	<u>\$ 14,326.92</u>
Difference	\$ + 2 539.82
Registered Households	668
Envelopes Used (Jan 18—Jan 19)	229
Active myEoffering Families	154
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jan 13—Jan 19)	98

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Please use your envelopes.

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

Liturgical Ministers for Feb. 1-2

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeters:	Bob & JoAnne Sisnroy, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers:	Alexandra Lannie, Emmett Roche, Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	Paula Ballo, Claire Bergstrom, Ernest Bergstrom, Dawn Clancy, Eileen Easler, Terry Harris, John Warren
Lector: Ushers:	Kathy Wiley Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Greeters:	Buffington Family, Caughey Family
Altar Servers:	James Elliott Handal, Connor Martel, Cailin Proctor
Eucharistic Ministers:	Donica Dennis, Mark Hollifield, Cathy Marino, Kirby Preston, Kristi Roberts, Becky Warriner, Gary Warriner
Lector: Ushers:	Amber C. Knight Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel, Larry Fisk, Michael O'Neale

11:30 am Mass

Greeters:	Susan La Via
Altar Servers:	Kenji Tran, Megumi Tran, Tomi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers:	Irene Bennett, Ed Defourneaux, Sharon Doniphan, Jackie Doscher, Lewis Doscher, Kathy Hepner, Phu Tran
Lector: Ushers:	Sheila Elsey Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

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Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

From previous months: Allene Barans, Arnold Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Cathy Clarey, Herman Connor, John Cordray, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, Ruby Inez Germroth, Malcolm Hale, Linda Hames, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Ronnie & Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Tommy Lavelle, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Paul & Carole Moran, Suzette Nowak, Charlie Organ, Irene Parmenter, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, Betty Ann Quinn, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, 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	25	5:30 pm	Alice Phetteplace+
Sun	26	9:00 am	John K. Orak+
		11:30 am	Yvonne Conners+
Mon	27	4:15 pm	Rick Davis+
Tues	28	4:15 pm	Scott Cascone
Wed	29	4:15 pm	Veronica & John Eckert+
Thurs	30	9:30 am	
Sat	1	5:30 pm	Gilbert & Marion O'Brien++
Sun	2	9:00 am	Paul Aimar+
		11:30 am	Arthur Thomas Connor+

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.**



Monthly Meeting: Monday, Jan. 27 in the
Nativity Parish Office. Refreshments at
6:30 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Please Come Join Us!
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Don't miss this great Catholic Education opportunity for your children.



As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Mt 4:18-19



Baptism

Alston Nelme Griffin

son of Ailyn and Bennett Griffin, was welcomed into our faith community on Saturday, January 18.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

Feast is Monday, January 27
Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that **society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home**, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.



**FAMILY
MOVIE NIGHT**

**Friday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm
in the Nativity School Hall
The Film is the Lion King.**

Admission is Free.

Refreshments will be available for purchase.



Teddy Bear Breakfast

**Sat. Feb 1 at 8:30 am
in the Nativity School Hall**

The price is \$5.00 per family.

Breakfast includes pancakes and beverages. Kids can come in pajamas and bring a stuffed animal. Stories are read after breakfast. Parents get to relax with coffee, juice, and conversation.



Family Movie Night

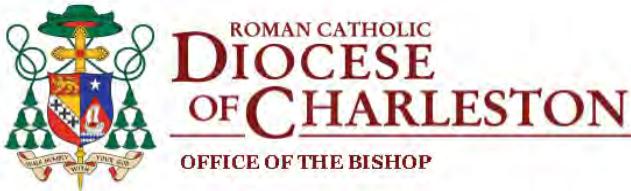
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All Families of the Nativity are welcome and encouraged to participate.



January 27, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We enter Catholic Schools Week with much to celebrate! Schools throughout the Diocese of Charleston are doing an exceptional job educating our youth and helping to strengthen their foundation of faith.

From 9:00 a.m., Jan. 28 through 9:00 a.m. Jan. 29, we are offered the opportunity to invest in our children and our schools during a **24-hour Day of Giving**. We are asking people from around the state to show their support for Catholic education by making a donation to the school of their choice. Gifts of any amount are welcomed and appreciated.

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charleston that participate will have individual website links for donations. Contact your school for information.

We live in a time where our culture seems to stand against all that we know to be true and right. Therefore, it is our obligation to protect the intellectual and spiritual authenticity of our children. As faithful Catholics, we must ensure that our children are educated in a Christ-centered environment that is safe, nurturing and welcoming. We focus on both the mind and the heart in our Catholic schools. By instilling respect for self and others, discipline and the value of service, our schools are helping to set children on the path towards holiness.

Please prayerfully consider an investment in our students and our Catholic schools. There is much to celebrate. **Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

God bless you and thank you for your prayers and generous support.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "+ Robert E. Guglielmo".

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston

Catholic Schools Week

2020

Monday, January 27

Prospective Family Open House
9:00am to 11:30am

Rosary 11:30am Families Welcome

Tuesday, January 28

Tie Dye Day

Celebrating

60

Years

Wednesday,

January 29

60's - Game Show

Anniversary

Celebration

Thursday, January 30

Anniversary Mass at
9:30am

Thoughtful Thursday

Friday, January 31

60s Dance Party
With Parents and
Grandparents at
2pm

Friday, Free Movie
Night

6:30pm Doors open
7:00pm Movie

Saturday, February 1, Teddy Bear Breakfast! 8:30am

Everyone Is Welcome!

Nativity School has been celebrating Catholic Schools for 60 years. Please continue to support the wonderful Mission of Catholic Education. Please continue to pray for the students, families and faculties of all Catholic Schools.

We are truly honored be a part of Catholic education.

Nativity is having a 60th Anniversary Mass and You're Invited!

Calling all Nativity School Alumni, families, faculty, friends and all who have been a part of Nativity School for the last 60 years. Please join us for an Anniversary Mass on Thursday, January 30, at 9:30 am for recognition of our 60 successful years of Catholic Education.



Parish Life Center — Capital Campaign Update

If you weren't at Mass last weekend to hear the presentation, then we are pleased to report a most successful conclusion to our fundraising efforts for the new Parish Life Center!

We began our three-year Capital Campaign with an initial goal of \$1.425 million. Thanks to the generosity of our parish community, we very quickly met that goal. Due to the unforeseen rise in construction costs in Charleston County, we revised our goal to \$2 million in February 2019.

On December 14, 2019, we reported that we were within \$136,000 of reaching our new \$2 million goal. However, we only had two weeks in which to do so.

We also shared that we had a couple from our parish, who asked to remain anonymous, provide us with a one-to-one matching challenge grant --- they would double every gift made prior to year-end up to \$68,000.

Within that period of 17 days, we received over **\$311,000!**

Thus, we ended our campaign with over **\$2,243,000!**

Thanks to all who supported the Parish Life Center Campaign with their time, talents and treasures. We look forward to breaking ground later this year.

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