



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

**Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 5, 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

Mon. through Fri.	11:30 am
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am and 11:30 am

Make reservations for Weekend Mass attendance.

**Church is open Daily for
Private Prayer and Devotion.**

Weekdays and Saturday: 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

**Social distancing guidelines
must be observed at all times.**

Parish Office Hours

**The parish office remains open but
many of the staff are working remotely.
Please call before you visit to make sure
someone is available to assist you.**

So how is the Son of God humble? True humility means acknowledging who we are and what we can do. Jesus is simply being humble when he says that he is equal to the Father. So too, we are humble when we do not hide the fact that we are children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus. Instead of a false modesty that claims "I'm not good enough to follow all of God's commands," it takes true humility to accept that we can do God's will because the Spirit is with us to help us.

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Meek and Humble God

Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he is "meek and humble of heart." Yet just a few lines before this, he says that he is equal to his Father, the almighty God. So how can the Son of God be both meek and mighty?

For Jesus, being meek does not mean letting people push him around. If he were meek in that sense, he could not have thrown the moneychangers out of the temple. Jesus' meekness meant doing the will of God completely. The challenge for us comes in his words "learn from me." We must learn to do God's will as completely as Jesus did.

First, it means that we do all that God wants of us. We cannot pick and choose what we want to do and what we want to ignore. If some things seem too difficult or painful for us, we may need more faith in Jesus' ability to make the burden easy. For example, sometimes we may hear Jesus' command to love one another and reserve the right to love whom we choose. Or we may reserve the right to decide which teachings of the Church we will follow. But doing God's will completely means doing it without reservation.

Second, we may try to do all that God asks, but give up if something becomes too difficult. We may say we forgive someone, for example, but when they reject that forgiveness, we become even angrier. Or we may tire of being patient with someone and be verbally hurtful. Or maybe we agree to help on a parish project but quit when someone disagrees with us. We can learn from Jesus how to do each part of God's will to completion, as Jesus did all the way to the cross.

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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 104.

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 x 104.

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 104.

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 104

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.

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.

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.

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843-853-2130 x 209

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800-921-8122

Note from the Finance Council

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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.

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...Pope Paul VI

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Offerings June 22 — June 28

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The information will be provided in a future bulletin.

**If you are unable to attend Mass,
 Please consider making your regular offerings by
 mail or online (myEoffering).**

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Liturgical Ministers

**The ministry lists are being revised to comply
 with the new Mass attendance guidelines.**

**The ministry schedules will be emailed to the
 ministers and posted in the bulletin when these
 changes have been integrated.**

**We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate
 your understanding during this period of change.**

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat	4	5:30 pm	For the people of Nativity
Sun	5	9:00 am	John Cordray, Sr.+
		11:30 am	Ed & Pat Abel++
Mon	6	11:30 am	
Tues	7	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Wed	8	11:30 am	Patrick Parnell+
Thurs	9	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Fri	10	11:30 am	
Sat	11	5:30 pm	Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien++
Sun	12	9:00 am	Bill Reed+
		11:30 am	Jacquelyn Everitt+



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Let Us Pray

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

Recently Added: Rob Barker

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Herman Connor, 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, Brenda Kennerty, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Tommy Lavelle, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Paul & Carole Moran, Chet Nowak, 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

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FIRST ANNUAL Nativity
 Ladies Guild
 2020 Woman of the Year
 Josephine Dennis
 Stewardship Award

**Rachel
 Villeponteaux**

Josephine "Jo" Dennis was a faithful parishioner of Nativity Catholic Church and active in the Nativity Ladies' Guild and Nativity Parish School. She devoted her life to loving and serving her family, the Catholic faith and Nativity Church as well as the community. The Nativity Ladies' Guild established the Nativity Ladies Guild Woman of the Year Josephine Dennis Stewardship Award in her honor.



Saint Maria Goretti, An Exemplar of Heroic Virtue—Feast is July 6

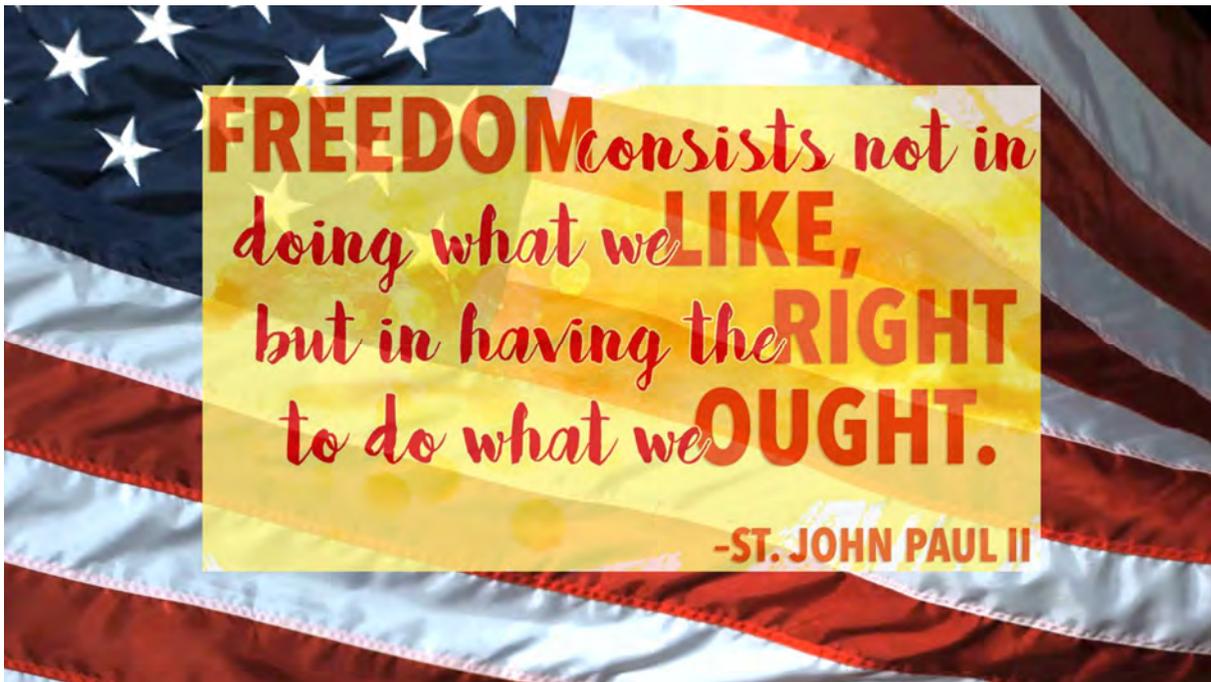
Maria Goretti was born in October 1890 in Italy. She was the third of seven children of a poor peasant family. In order to make ends meet, Maria's father, Luigi entered into partnership with a man named Serenelli, The Goretti family also shared a residence with Serenelli and his two sons, one of whom was named Alessandro.

Maria's father was bitten by a mosquito and died of malaria in 1900 but the family continued to live with the Serenelli family. Maria was naturally pious, kind, and helpful. She took over household duties while her mother, brothers, and sister worked in the fields. Alessandro Serenelli was a crude and callous predator. He often made advances against Maria and threatened to kill her if she told her mother. She resisted his repeated harassment and narrowly managed to escape. Soon thereafter, Alessandro arranged things so that he would be alone in the house with Maria and he assaulted her. Maria fought him off and told him she would rather die than allow him to do what he wanted to do to her. He became enraged and stabbed her—many times. Maria was taken to the hospital where she died a day later on July 6, 1902. Before her death she specifically forgave her attacker. She was 11 years old.

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII on April 27, 1947 and was canonized by him in 1950. Her mother, Assunta Goretti, was present, the only mother ever to attend her child's canonization. Also present were other members of Goretti family and possibly her now

converted attacker, Alessandro Serenelli.

Maria's chastity was not just bodily purity, but an even greater virtue. She so loved her enemies that she wished them to be with her in heaven. She wanted Alessandro to become holy. These virtues are what make this eleven year old girl remarkable.



July 4th — Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!



Michael P. Cellars to be ordained to Priesthood Friday, July 10 at 5:00 pm At Holy Spirit Church (Johns Island)

Michael Cellars is a graduate of Nativity and Bishop England schools. He was ordained a transitional deacon in May, 2019 and recently completed theology studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston TX.

Fr. Cellars will be saying Mass at Nativity at 11:30 on Sunday, July 19

If possible, please attend the ordination and Father Cellars' Mass at Nativity. Attendance limits apply. Social distancing is required and masks are encouraged.

Please keep Father Cellars in your thoughts and prayers as he takes on his new assignment in the upstate.



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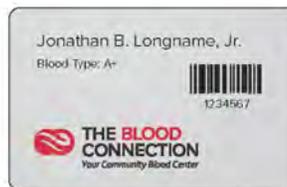
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every 28 days
every 56 days (8 weeks)
every 16 weeks

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1-2 hours

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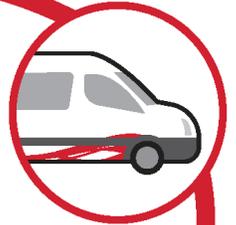
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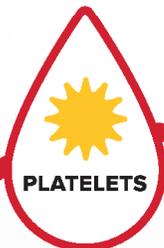
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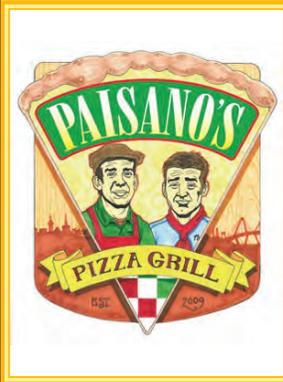


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