



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 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

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| 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

**Face Mask and Social Distancing guidelines
must be observed at all times.**

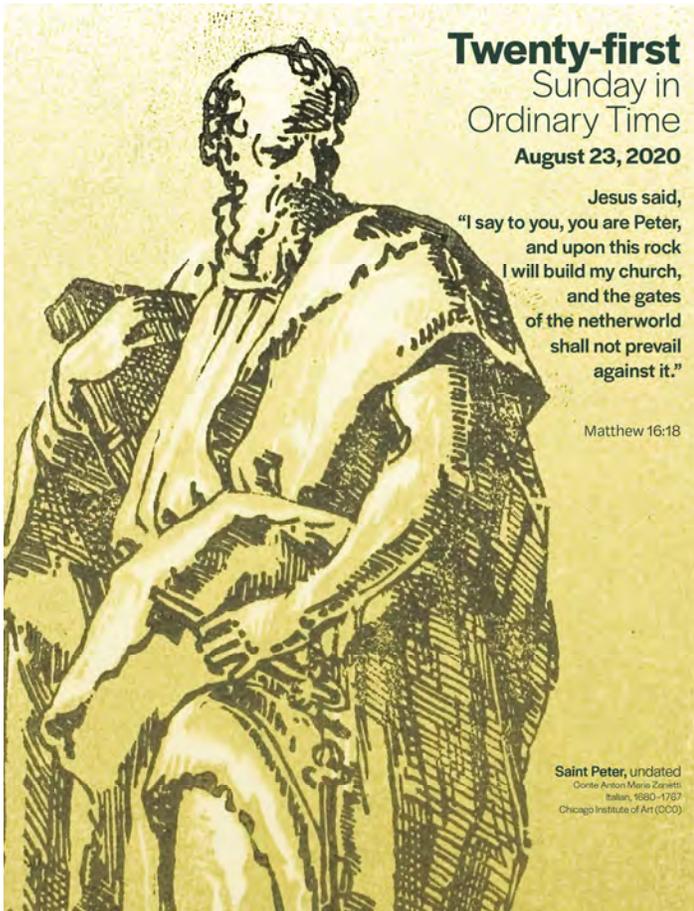
Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Phone: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>
You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>
and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

"Friend" Father Kingsley on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/thomas.kingsley.12576>



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Jesus said,
"I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates
of the netherworld
shall not prevail
against it."

Matthew 16:18

Saint Peter, undated
Giovanni Maria Zanetti
Italian, 1690-1767
Chicago Institute of Art (CIC)

Rocky

Jesus gave Simon a name based on the word for "rock." Peter had just acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God and the Messiah (Christ). Jesus used that as an opportunity to teach us about the importance of faith as the foundation of the church.

There were many variations on what people thought the messiah would be. Some expected a political leader who would unite the Jews and maybe even overthrow their Roman masters. Others thought he would be a wonder-worker, a super-hero, who would use his power to make Israel a great and free nation. Some thought the messiah would provide food and riches in abundance. In faith we learn that Jesus has fulfilled all messianic hopes. He unites not just the Jews, but all people who believe in him. He sets us free from sin and death. He feeds our spiritual hunger with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

By commending Peter's faith, he shows us that faith is the foundation (rock) of the church. For the church is a family of people who believe all that Jesus taught because we believe in the person of Jesus. That is, we don't just believe that Jesus was real. We affirm that he is alive and important to our lives. We have experienced him in his words, in the sacraments, and in each other. May our faith always be solid as a rock.

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THINGS TO KNOW

Nursery: Is offered to 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. **Currently unavailable pending the end of the COVID epidemic.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Is offered to children age 4 years through 5th grade during the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. **Currently unavailable pending the end of the COVID epidemic.**

Religious Education Programs Online: Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8th. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children, grades K4 through 8th, enrolled in non-parochial schools. **PSR virtual classes are currently available.** Please register by contacting 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 Online: 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) Online: is an opportunity to come together in a small group online to learn more about our faith with sessions focused on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. To inquire, 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.

STAFF

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Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:
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 ———>>>>

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



Please consider joining our parish family!

Patience

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...St. Augustine whose feast is August 28

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Offerings Aug 3 — Aug 9

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| Collections at Mass (Aug 8—Aug 9) | \$ 6,559.00 |
| Mail in Offerings (Aug 3—Aug 7) | \$ 4,919.00 |
| myEoffering (Aug 3—Aug 7) | \$ 2,396.27 |
| Budget (1 weeks) | \$ 13,653.85 |
| Difference | \$ + 220.42 |
| Registered Households | 668 |
| Envelopes Used (Jul 25—Jul 26) | |
| Active myEoffering Families | 154 |
| MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 20—Jul 24) | |

The weekly offerings information for Aug 10—Aug 16 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).

Thank you for your Generosity.

Liturgical Ministers for August 29-30

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

5:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Smith
 Alice Veyera
Lector: Elena Smith
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
 Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg,
 Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Altar Server: Christina Dake
Eucharistic Ministers: Kirby Preston
 Kristi Roberts
Lector: Michael Bolchoz
Ushers: Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel,
 Larry Fisk, Walter Machowski

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Doscher
 Lewis Doscher
Lector: Pam Everitt
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
 Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien



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Don't forget to update your account with your current credit card expiration date.

For more information, please contact the parish office.

Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

Recently Added: Robert Nixon, Mona O'Leary, Mike O'Neale

From previous months: Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Herman Connor, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, 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, John Wilson, Sally Wojcik

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

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

Intentions

Sanctuary Candle:

Aug 22 — Aug 28 Marianna Egan – 96th Birthday

Mass: This Week

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| Sat | 22 | 5:30 pm | Bill Reed+ |
| Sun | 23 | 9:00 am | 69th Wedding Anniversary Esther & Walter Machowski Gilbert & Marion Molony O'Brien+ |
| | | 11:30 am | |
| Mon | 24 | 11:30 am | Alice Herrmann+ |
| Tues | 25 | 11:30 am | |
| Wed | 26 | 11:30 am | |
| Thurs | 27 | 9:30 am | For the students of Nativity |
| Fri | 28 | 11:30 am | Rose Miller+ |
| Sat | 29 | 5:30 pm | Cole Smith+ |
| Sun | 30 | 9:00 am | For the people of Nativity |
| | | 11:30 am | For the people of Nativity |

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.



Approximately 18 of our parish youth celebrated their

1st Holy Communion on Sat. Aug. 22.

We ask that our parish family keep these youth in your prayers.

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ...1 Cor.11:23-24



Nativity School—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students

Discover Nativity School, James Island's best kept secret for K4-8 grades.

Nativity School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year.

For more information, please visit us at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights or call us at 843-795-3975.

Nativity School will start August 24 with all the safety precautions in place. Have a Great School Year!

On Monday, July 20, SC Governor, Henry McMaster, announced 'SAFE' Grants for eligible students who attend participating independent SC schools.

On Wednesday, July 22, an Orangeburg County Circuit Court judge signed a temporary restraining order to prevent the distribution of grants for private school tuition.

Sign up to receive notifications and get status updates regarding this program at www.mysceducation.org

Safe Access to Flexible Education (SAFE) Grants is a program to address the educational needs of eligible K5-12 students who attend participating independent schools in South Carolina. Families with an adjusted gross household income of 300% or less of the federal poverty level may apply to receive a SAFE Grant of up to \$6,500 per student. This program is permitted up to 5,000 students statewide for a total of \$32 million in aid.

For more information, please contact Michael F. Acquilano, Director of the SC Catholic Conference at macquilano@charlestondiocese.org or at 843-709-2717.

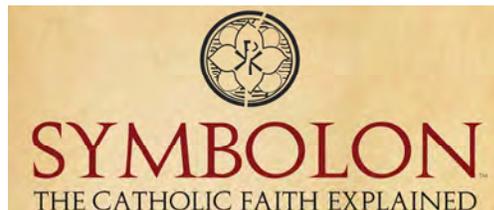


RCIA Teams Up with Symbolon The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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 an online small group to learn more about our faith. We will use the Formed.org Symbolon Series: Knowing the Faith and Living the Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church. The intent is to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter Season. All are welcome to participate in the process. Bring your questions, your insights, and your faith story and join us in a warm, welcoming, and accepting setting.



The RCIA classes are held online from 7:00—8:30 pm on Sunday evenings beginning September 13.

This year's program kicks off on Sunday, August 30th at 5:30 pm with a 'Meet and Greet' Outdoor Cookout at the home of Lisa and Bob Horner 508 Fort Johnson Road

Masks and social distancing practices are required.

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

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

person a chance to explore how they feel about the abortion and an opportunity to find healing and peace. The team is extremely compassionate and understanding and helpful.

Our 2020 retreats in South Carolina are September 18-20 (Greenville) and November 6-8 (Charleston).

For more information or registration please contact Christy at 803 554 6088 or Kathy at 803 546 6010 or email us at Grace4healing@gmail.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. The retreat offers a



August Monthly Meeting: Monday August 24 in the Nativity School Library.
Refreshments at 6:30 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm. Masks are required.

Parish School of Religion will be Online This Semester.



PSR is for parish children who will attend non-parochial schools for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available at the church entrances. PSR Registration information

is also available at

www.NativityCharleston.org/Formation

Please register Now

so that we can order the needed materials and plan for our Religious Education Program.



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Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in celebration of the

69th Wedding Anniversary of Esther and Walter Machowski.

May God grant them many more years of happiness together.

Baptism

Louisa Hayes Grove,

daughter of Leonora and Ervin Grove, was welcomed into our faith community on Saturday, August 15.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



Catechists Needed for School of Religion Virtual Classes Only



for the upcoming school year. If you love your faith and are willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at DRE@nativitycharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 x 104.

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Thank you for helping us teach your children about their God.



US Census Job Opportunities

The Diocese has been promoting that people take the census so why not share this job opportunity to work for the census....

For more information about available positions, please visit: 2020census.gov/jobs

“The U.S. Census determines money our state receives for roads, education, and vital services! We are ranked at 46th for responses, and will lose billions of dollars in assistance over the next 10 years if we can’t get this fixed! Have you completed your 2020 census yet? Watch here: https://youtu.be/-3JPO3eP_lo then check out our coverage, with a message from Bishop Guglielmone here: charlestondiocese.org/2020-census.”

**I'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE!
HOW DO I TELL JESUS
I'VE LOST HIS KEYS?**



Jesus said to Peter,
“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” Mt 16:19

Plans?

You are invited to
Alpha Online for a time
of great conversation
and talks that make you think.



Tuesday Evenings
beginning September 8, 2020
8:00 pm

Via Zoom 917 5048 3592
Password: Alpha

For More Information, visit
nativitycharleston.org/alpha
alphausa.org
alpha@nativitycharleston.org

You're invited. #TryAlphaOnline



On the 5th Sunday of months that have 5 Sundays, the Knights of Columbus pray the rosary after the 9:00 Mass.
Please join us on Sunday. August 30 at 10:00 am.

FORMED

What is FORMED and how do I get it?

FORMED (short for FORMED.org) is a digital platform (aka online service) that provides access to, feature films, audio presentations and eBooks and video-based study programs presented by the Church's foremost teachers. So **FORMED** is kind of like a big, online library with many different resources. Because people like videos, our catechists and evangelists are relying more and more on video media to get God's Word out to His people. Social changes wrought by Covid have only accelerated this trend.

FORMED is **FREE** to all members of Nativity. The parish has a subscription that allows every one of us to use this 'library' at zero personal expense. But to take advantage of this opportunity, you do need to go through a few simple steps.

Visit **FORMED.org**, click "Sign Up" and select "I belong to a Parish". Find Church of the Nativity on the list, type in your email address and you are in. You will receive a link in your e-mail. A Smart phone app is also available.

Now wasn't that easy?

FORMED Videos related to the Gospel reading
for Sunday, August 23.

The Lectio Series about Peter,

The character of St. Peter is both inspiring
and confounding to many of us.

10 episodes offered by Dr. Tim Gray

How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, This series provides a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then how can there not be hope for the rest of us.

Check this out at:

<https://watch.formed.org/lectio-peter-with-dr-tim-gray>

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Returns September 10

Sessions are 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

This Lectio Series of 8 sessions about Mary will continue through October 29. We will be way socially distancing, each from wherever we are. That's right! We will be meeting online at

meet.google.com/rjn-nkij-uux

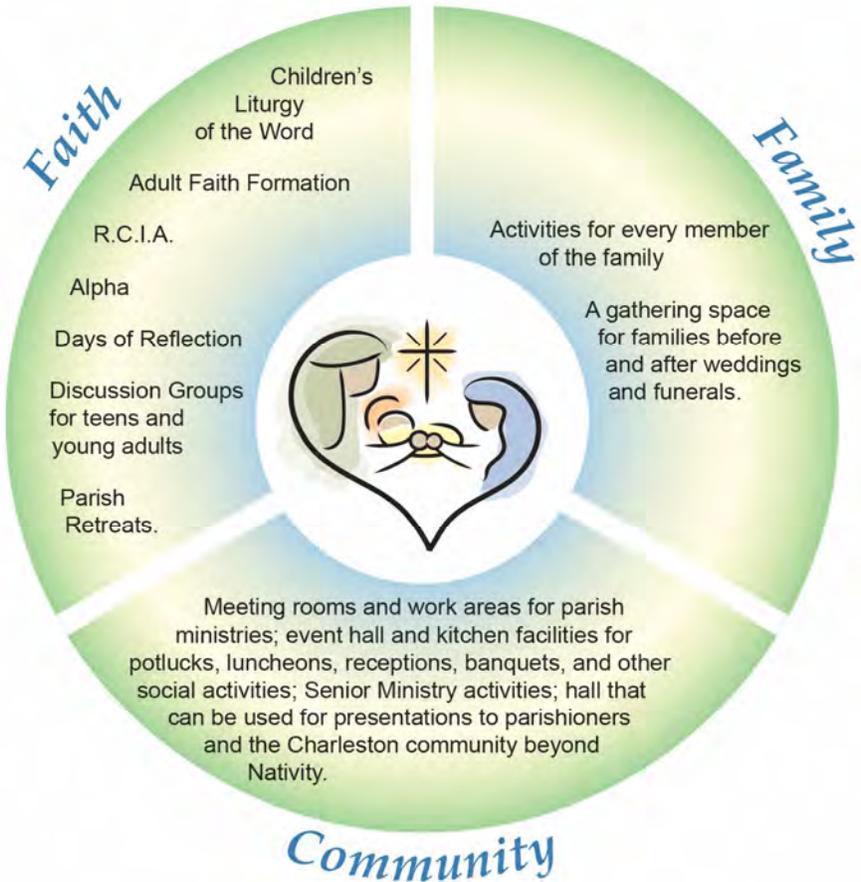
No driving, no rushing to get there, no doing of hair or changing of clothes, no need for baby sitters; you can even join us while tidying up after dinner. It doesn't get any more convenient than this.

For more information, please contact Ryckie at
843-795-4194 or at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net

For tech support, please contact Vázquez at
admin@nativitycharleston.org.

Please join us for as many classes you can!

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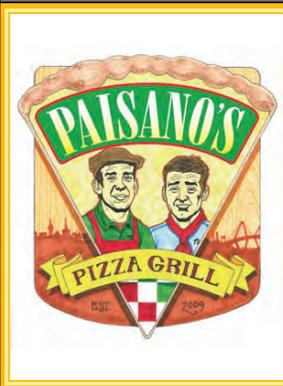


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