

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed
that is the smallest of all the seeds.
But once it is sown, it springs up
and becomes the largest of plants.

MARK 4:31-32

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road

Charleston, South Carolina 29412

June 13, 2021

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

Monday through Friday: 11:30 am

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Reservations for weekend Mass in no longer needed.

**Wearing Face Masks at Mass is not required
for those who have been fully vaccinated.**

Church is open Daily for Private Prayer and Devotion

Weekdays: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

website: www.nativitycharleston.org

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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>

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

... Today's Psalm PS: 92

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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. **Planning to re-open in September—Volunteers are Needed.**

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 COVID restrictions.**

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, enrolled in non-parochial schools. PSR has ended for the year but we are accepting registration for the next school year. Please register by contacting Mary Smith at 843-795-3821

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): 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. **Online Option is Available.** 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

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Kingsley
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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

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



Please consider joining our parish family!

Accountable

...we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

... Today's Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5

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Liturgical Ministers for June 19-20

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

5:30 pm Mass

Altar Servers: Alexandra Lannie
Eucharistic Ministers: Patty Edwards
Lector: Carolyn Smith
Ushers: Eileen Easler
Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed,
Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie

9:00 am Mass

Altar Server: Jacob Perry
Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Craven
Lector: Wendy Craven
Ushers: Mary Catherine Dubois
Richard Bragiel, Larry Fisk,
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Altar Server: Caryn Hasenberg
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Hepner
Lector: Phu Tran
Ushers: Tara Hasenberg
Lewis Doscher, Joe Ginn,
Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

Offerings May 24 — June 6

Collections at Mass (2 weeks)	\$ 15, 421. 00
Mail in Offerings (2 weeks)	\$ 4, 868. 00
myEoffering (May 24—May 28)	\$ 6, 411. 72
Budget (1 week)	\$ 27, 307. 70
Offerings versus budget	\$ - 606. 98
Registered Households	655
Envelopes Used (2 weeks)	278
Active myEoffering Families	168
MyEoffering Family Donations (2 weeks)	202

If you do not use envelopes and want to contribute to these needs, please place your check in the collection baskets in the rear of the church, mail your donation to the parish office or make a donation via your myEoffering account.

Thank you for your Generosity.

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

Please use your envelopes.

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

Flowers

at the altar this weekend, are in memory of

Tina DiFiglio.

May she rest in peace.



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Let Us Pray

For members of our community who have requested our prayers

Recently Added: Bitsy Aimar

From previous months: Allene Barans, Rob Barker, Irene Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Anne Castelli, Herman Connor, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Ellen Pate Futrell, Helen Gaskin, Malcolm Hale, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Ronnie & Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Delores Lopez, Paul & Carole Moran, Suzette Nowak, Mona O'Leary, Charlie Organ, Irene Parmenter, Ed and Terry Pop, Betty Ann Quinn, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Vivienne Thornton, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik, Tomas B. Zeisel

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:

June 12—June. 18 Bill Reed+

Mass This Week:

Sat	12	5:30 pm	Tina DiFiglio+
Sun	13	9:00 am	Muriel Eacock+
		11:30 am	Tina DiFiglio+
Mon	14	11:30 am	Bill Reed+
Tues	15	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Wed	16	11:30 am	
Thurs	17	11:30 am	
Fri	18	11:30 am	
Sat	19	5:30 pm	Nick Schwertfeger+
Sun	20	9:00 am	Jim Anderson+
		11:30 am	Joseph Tran+

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—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students



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Nativity School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Don't miss this great Catholic Education opportunity for your children.



We are in need of volunteers

who can share the talents and time with us to help the community in the many programs and services that we provide.

We offer many programs and services including:

- ♦ Basic and Emergency Needs (financial, clothing, food and job assistance)
- ♦ Education (ESL & GED classes and after-school programming)
- ♦ Wellness (Women's Health and Dental)

Summer volunteer opportunities include:

- ♦ Dental professionals
- ♦ Reception
- ♦ Clothing closet and food pantry

For more information call us at (843) 559-4109
email jennifer.meshanko@olmoutreach.org,
or visit <https://www.olmoutreach.org/>

We really appreciate your help!



Maintenance Person Part Time Position

The Church of the Nativity seeks to hire a maintenance person. This individual will be responsible for performing a wide variety of maintenance tasks associated with the care of parish facilities. Duties will include painting, minor electrical and plumbing repairs, heating and air conditioning systems maintenance, laying floor tile, and general assistance with setting up and taking down tables and chairs, taking out trash and recycling, and moving items. Part-time position. Flexible scheduling.

To apply, please email to Admin@NativityCharleston.org the following information: your name, phone number, e-mail address, and a list of your previous jobs which are related to this position.



Rosary for Life

Monthly Rosary: Sat, June 19 at 8:00 am: at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61). Please join, Deacon James Moore, from Blessed Sacrament Church, who will lead a pro-life rosary and prayers.

Masks and social distancing are required.

For more information please call Stephen Boyle at 843-763-0681.



Diocese of Charleston has established a chapter of the National Association of Catholic Nurses.

We have been meeting online for the last 4 months and are now looking to expand our membership. Our next meeting is Monday, June 21 at 7:30 pm. We are inviting all Catholic Nurses of South Carolina to join us as we move forward in our efforts for group prayer, educational presentations, community outreach and volunteer activities.

For more information please visit our Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/groups/scnacn/

or contact Nancy McGrath at NMcgrath@charlestondiocese.org

James Island Outreach Food Collection Update.



Several Things:

1. All non-perishable and in date food items are welcome.
2. We are a Wellness Client Choice Pantry. Low salt / low sugar items are preferred.
3. Donations of cash, checks and grocery cards are greatly appreciated.
4. Place all items in the bins located at the Nativity Church entrances.

From January through April 2021, members of the Nativity community have donated 684 pounds of food and over \$525.00 in cash and gift cards to James Island Outreach.

Thank You for continuing to help feed our hungry neighbors!

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!)

Plans? No? Then Try Alpha Online!

You are invited to Alpha Online for great conversation and presentations that make you think.

Continues Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Join the meeting on ZOOM. Here is the link.

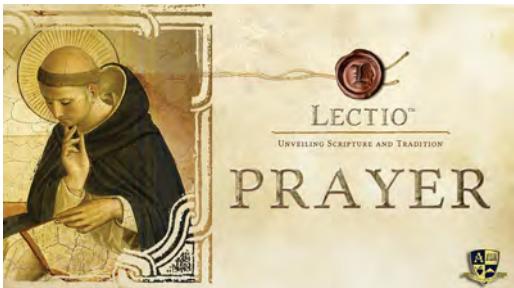
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For More Information, visit nativitycharleston.org/alpha or alphausa.org
Or email us at alpha@nativitycharleston.org



It is not too late to join us!



LECTIO: *Prayer*

The FORMED Hour weekly on Sundays through July 25, 2021

With the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute's Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy.

In six video sessions, Lectio: Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

Join us online to watch the series using Formed.org. Log in with your e-mail only, no password required. Share in the discussion by joining the Google Classroom by e-mailing admin@nativitycharleston.org. Due to participants summer travel plans, you will be watching this series on your own and we will join weekly on Google Meet on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Each session discusses a different topic. So please join us whenever you can.



SERRA International is a Pontifical Organization which promotes and supports vocations to the religious life.

The local SERRA Club sponsors an essay contest each year to help young people reflect on vocations and the presence of God in their lives. Nativity School and PSR students preparing for Confirmation are asked to participate in this essay contest each year.

Awards were recently presented to our students:

- 1st Place—Rory Peterson (Nativity PSR)
- 2nd Place—Anna Yonce (Nativity School)
- 3rd Place—Boyd Pace (Nativity PSR)

May God continue to guide and bless all our Confirmation Candidates as they discern His will for their lives.

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**Our next retreat in South Carolina is
July 30—Aug 1 (Greenville, SC).**

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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To: All priests and staff

I am pleased to announce that the first edition of *The Catholic Miscellany* magazine, in English and Spanish, will be in your mailboxes next week.

As a Catholic publication for the last 200 years, the goals of *The Catholic Miscellany* have always been to educate, inform and inspire the faithful within our diocese. Now, with support from readers, it will continue to carry out that mission in a new format.

The magazine, which has been adopted by many dioceses nationwide, will feature more content for the same annual price as the former newspaper (\$17.50/year). It will also have stories available in English and Spanish, as our diocese has a growing Spanish-speaking population.

In addition to the magazine, *The Catholic Miscellany* will be launching an updated website and newsletter, plus content on corresponding social media platforms. You may access these platforms at:

<https://themiscellany.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/The.Catholic.Miscellany>

<https://twitter.com/themiscnews>

<https://www.instagram.com/themiscnews>

While *The Catholic Miscellany* online will be available at the same address as before, it will have a new structure and look to feature local and national stories. Breaking news about the Church in South Carolina and a digital archive of past stories will remain, and the faithful may still subscribe to magazine on the website.

The Catholic Miscellany is changing format from a twice monthly newspaper to a monthly magazine.

If you want to be on the mailing list, please contact the Nativity Parish Office at
Office@NativityCharleston.org or 843-795-3821.

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