

God's Justice

The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. They were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading. He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. He had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees—keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other.

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Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

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.

**At the direction of Bishop Guglielmone,
Wearing Masks at Mass is recommended for all.
To Receive Communion on the tongue
Please be Last in the Communion Line**

Regular Weekly Mass Schedule

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| Thursday | 9:30 School Mass |
| Monday through Friday | 11:30 am |
| Saturday Vigil | 5:30 pm |
| Sunday | 9:00 am and 11:30 am |

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: <https://nativetycharleston.org>
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Sign up on our social media platform at FlockNote.
<https://nativetyfamily.flocknote.com/>

Visit us at
Web page: <https://nativetycharleston.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/>

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. .

...Today's Psalm PS 126

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. **The Nursery is temporarily closed while the school is under construction.**

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. **This ministry is currently unavailable as we assess space and volunteer needs.**

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. For more information, 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 express your own thoughts and 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. **Online option available.**

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. To inquire, please contact Vicki Vázquez at 843-795-3821. **Online option available.**

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 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. To request this sacrament, contact the parish office at 843-795-3821.

STAFF

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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.

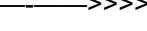
These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for Weddings, Sacramental Preparation, Parish School of Religion enrollment, Sponsor Certificates for Baptism and Confirmation, and to receive parishioner tuition rates at Catholic schools. An extended time with no activity will place a person or family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

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



Please consider joining our parish family!

To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Eric Luoto at LuotoE@jspaluch.com or at 904-945-2425.
Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers Weekend Masses Apr 9—10

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Bob & JoAnne Sisnroy
Altar Server: Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Alexandra Lannie
Lector: Mary Smith
Ushers: John Warren

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Horner Family
Altar Server: Knight Family
Eucharistic Ministers: Jacob Perry
Lector: Joe Dubois
Ushers: Gary Hart

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Sheila Griner
Altar Server: Natalie Zanolli
Eucharistic Ministers: Caryn Hasenberg
Lector: Ed Defourneaux
Ushers: Phu Tran

Offerings March 21 — March 27

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| Collections at Mass (Mar 26—Mar 27) | \$ 9,005.00 |
| Mail in Offerings (Mar 21—Mar 25) | \$ 3,872.00 |
| myEoffering (Mar 21—Mar 25) | \$ 3,622.39 |
| Budget (1 week) | \$ 13,668.46 |
| Difference | \$ + 2,830.93 |
| Registered Households | 641 |
| Envelopes Used (Mar 26—Mar 27) | ??? |
| Active myEoffering Families | 141 |
| MyEoffering Family Donations (Mar 21—Mar 25) | 108 |

Second Collections for April:

Catholic Home Missions:

Good Friday – Holy Land Offerings:

Offerings for Catholic Relief Services: \$555.00

Thank you for your Generosity.

If you do not use envelopes and want to contribute to the needs of the parish, 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.

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

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For immediate access, just scan this QR code with your smart phone ----->

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.

From previous months: Norman Ballo, Allene Barans, Irene Bennett, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Anne Castelli, Wendy Craven, Herman Connor, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Rosa Lee Eidt, Jo Ann Frederick, Darcy Hill, Ellen Pate Futtell, Malcolm Hale, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Delores Lopez, Paul & Carole Moran, Suzette Nowak, Charlie Organ, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, Rosemary Saari, Kyle Souza, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Courtney 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.

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

Intentions

Sanctuary Candle:

Apr 2 — Apr 8 Don Blevins +

Mass: This Week

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| Sat. | 2 | 5:30 pm | Rob Barker+ |
| | 3 | 9:00 am | Brian Gens |
| | | 11:30 am | Kathy Duffy+ |
| Mon | 4 | 11:30 am | Thanksgiving for healing for Doug White |
| Tues. | 5 | 11:30 am | Francis "Frank" Glover+ |
| Wed. | 6 | 11:30 am | Claude Escoffier+ |
| Thurs. | 7 | 9:30 am | Edward J. Parent+ |
| | | 11:30 am | Fr. Paul Seitz+ |
| Fri. | 8 | 11:30 am | All the souls in purgatory |
| Sat. | 9 | 5:30 pm | James L. Maney+ |
| | 10 | 9:00 am | Tom Brennan |
| | | 11:30 am | Edmund and Patricia Abel++ |

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



Do you dream of a school where each child is accepted, included, and valued? Are you looking for a school that stands as the model of academic excellence, moral ideals, and spirituality? Have you searched for a values-based education in the Catholic tradition?

Look no further!

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

Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance to Nativity School.

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

We wish our students a great Last Quarter of the School Year.



Nativity School Needs a Spanish Teacher

Nativity School is seeking a qualified, energetic individual who has a passion for children and can share their expertise of Spanish language and culture with elementary aged students. Grades range from K4-8th, with 8th grade taking Spanish 1 for a Carnegie credit. Applicants must possess a valid teaching certificate with a concentration in Spanish or a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Spanish. Compensation will be based on degree, certification and experience.

All interested applicants should send a resume to Patti Dukes at info@nativity-school.com.

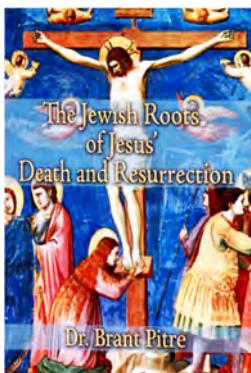


**10:00 am Sunday April 10
in the Nativity School Playground.**

This event is for children age 10 and younger and is presented by the Nativity Ladies Guild.

**Bring your Easter Basket and
Join us for friendship, games and fun!**

We still have a few more volunteer opportunities available. If you can help us, please contact Jackie Doscher at jackiedoscher@gmail.com



The Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection.

This riveting study by Dr. Brant Pitre

Thursday Night Bible Study

If you're looking to get more out of the season of Lent and Holy Week, then this Bible study is for you.

Sessions are Online only, Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMyF5NXIxdz09>

Meeting ID: 992 4392 2488 and the Passcode: Nativity

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

Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation



is an excellent way to observe Lent and prepare for Easter. In addition to the normal Saturday afternoon times for Reconciliation, (4:15 to 5:00 pm) the sacrament will be offered after the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses on April 3. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can also be arranged by appointment. Please contact the parish office at 843-795-3821.

All are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation often!



Jesus said to them,
“He who is without sin among you,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” Jn 8:7

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Seder/Passover Meal & Learning Experience at Nativity

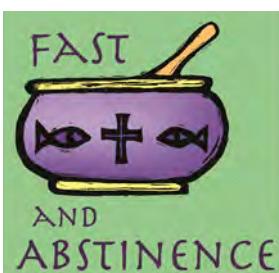
This Sunday (April 3) at 5:30 pm
in the Nativity Parish Life Center

Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.
If you purchased tickets, please plan to attend.

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence.

In addition, all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Lenten Penitential Requirements:



Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

Abstinence (from meat) is observed on all the Fridays of Lent in addition to Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

The Exceptions:

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, individuals suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



April 10: Palm Sunday

- 9:00 am **Blessing of Palms and Procession**
 from Parish Life Center to Mass in
 the Church
- 11:30 am **Palm Sunday Mass**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
 will not be available after the Masses.

April 14: Holy Thursday

- 11:30 am No Mass
- 7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
 Followed by Adoration until 10:00
 in the Parish Life Center.

April 15: Good Friday

- Day of Fast and Abstinence.
Nativity Parish Office is closed.



Led by the
Students of Nativity School
2:00 pm Wednesdays through
Apr. 10 in Nativity Church

All are invited to this inspiring devotion.
Guests are requested to sit behind the student sections

Friday Evening Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm through Apr 8.

These are traditional stations led
by Nativity Ministers.



Please join us for the stations and
remain with us for dinner in the
Nativity Parish Life Center.

More important details:

April 8: Father Kingsley leads stations and the Knights of Columbus host the Fish Fry.

All Friday Evening Lenten Dinners are free.
However, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

All are invited!

April 15: Good Friday

- 11:30 am No Mass
- 3:00 pm **Good Friday Passion Service and Veneration of the Cross.**

April 16: Easter Vigil

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
will not be available.

- 5:30 pm No Mass
- 8:00 pm **Easter Vigil Mass**
 At which Catechumens and
 Candidates from RCIA will be fully
 initiated into the Catholic Church.

April 17: Easter Sunday

- 9:00 am **Easter Sunday Mass**
- 11:30 am **Easter Sunday Mass**



March 2-April 10 40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

is a focused, pro-life campaign with a vision to end abortion in America through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil.

Many thanks to the men and women of Nativity who participated on our Right to Life Prayer Vigils at the Planned Parenthood facility this past week.

Missed the Nativity Vigils? No Problem!

Vigils are conducted daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm through April 10. Just pick a time that works for you and join in praying for these families.

All vigils are at the Planned Parenthood facility in West Ashley (1312 Ashley River Rd at the corner of Fuseler Ave.)

HELP SAVE LIVES IN CHARLESTON!



Love for Freedom

Nativity School's Beta Club is selling 2" embroidered heart-shaped patches in the colors of the Ukraine flag for \$5 each. All proceeds will be sent on to help the people of Ukraine with everyday needs, such as food, clothing, and shelter. We will be selling them after the weekend Masses on April 2 —3.

For more information, please contact Paula Hart at phart@nativity-school.com for more information.

Thank you for your consideration.



Once again, the Nativity Ladies Guild, will be collecting Grocery Gift Cards. The cards will be delivered to Neighborhood House and James Island Outreach. These ministries will distribute your donations to those in need of food for Easter.

Here is how this works:

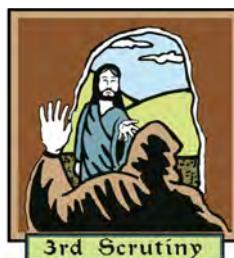
1. Visit your favorite grocery store and purchase a gift card (any store, any amount).
2. Put the envelope in the collection at Mass between now and April 10.

It is that simple but if you want more information, please contact Jackie Doscher at jackiedoscher@gmail.com.

This is a great way to practice Lenten almsgiving.

Thank you for your generosity

Scrutiny Rites of Lent



are communal prayers celebrated on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent to strengthen the Elect (those in our midst who are preparing for Baptism). We join with the Elect to examine (scrutinize) how we are. The scrutiny rites are meant to uncover, and heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in our hearts and to strengthen all that is upright and good. These rites, therefore, should deepen our resolve to hold fast to Christ and to love God above all.

**FREE
FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY
April 8 at 6:15 pm After Stations
In the Nativity Parish Life Center.**



Menu: Fried Fish, Red Rice, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and other goodies.

No Charge

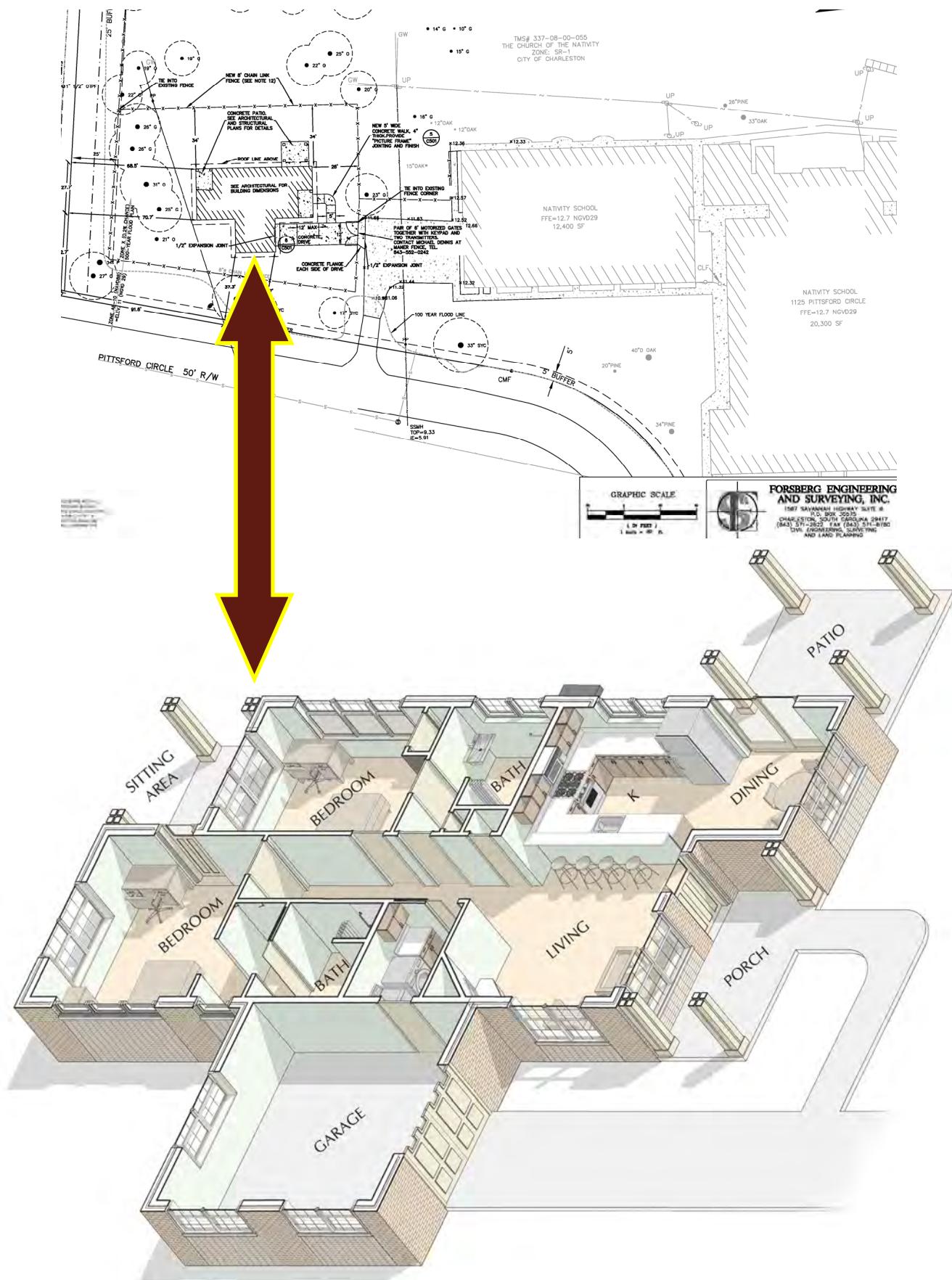
(but your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.)

**All Are Invited.
No Reservations. No Tickets.**

**First Come, First Served.
When it's gone, It's GONE!**

Church of the Nativity Rectory

The new Nativity rectory, construction to begin soon.



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