

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



The apostles
said to the Lord,
“Increase our faith.”

Luke 17:5

TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 2, 2022

Taking Care of Business

When we were kids, my brothers and sisters and I thought that you were not supposed to say the blessing before meals in a restaurant. We were probably afraid of being embarrassed if non-believers saw us praying. I think of that when I hear St. Paul telling Timothy, “God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control” (2 Timothy 1:7). Our readings mention the difficulties that people of faith will encounter, and each reading has its own way of facing those hardships.

Jesus gives the practical advice: Look at the difficulties of being a disciple as just part of your job. So if the Lord says I must forgive those who hurt me, or be patient with customers, or share what I have with the poor—no problem; it's part of the job of a disciple. Too tired to go to church after work on a holy day? Just taking care of business.

Paul reminds us in the second reading to stir the gifts of the Spirit into flame. If you take time to pray every day, if you look for God in other people, if you see difficulties as your share of the cross—you will begin to experience those gifts.

We can trust that this is more than just wishful thinking by going to the first reading. When the prophet cries out for help with the misery and violence in the world, he hears God's promise that the vision (of hope for deliverance) will be fulfilled even if it seems to be delayed. We too hear that promise when we start to get discouraged, for God's promise “will not disappoint” (Habakkuk 2:3).

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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.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday	12:00 noon
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Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri.	12:00 noon
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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
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Sign up on our social media platform at FlockNote.
<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/>
Visit us at
Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityCharleston>
and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

Their message goes out through all the earth.

...Today's Psalm PS 19

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.

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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!

To advertise in our bulletin, please contact Vince Liberto at LibertoV@jspaluch.com or at 504-250-9697.
Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for Weekend Masses Oct. 8—Oct. 9

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeter: Daniel Forsberg Family
Altar Server: Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Lector: Eileen Easler
Ushers: Meg Hoeft
Lisa Zuraw
Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeter: Caughey Family,
Decker Family
Altar Server: Aurelia Giuliano, Wyatt Knight
Eucharistic Ministers: Jimmy Craven
Lector: Wendy Craven
Ushers: Robert Horner
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski,
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Paul Miller,
Susan LaVia
Altar Server: Caryn Hasenberg, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Defourneaux
Lector: Jackie Doscher
Ushers: Cava Riley
Lewis Doscher, Sheila Griner
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Sep 19 — Sep 25

Collections at Mass (Sep 24—Sep 25)	\$ 8,943.00
Mail in Offerings (Sep 19—Sep 23)	\$ 3,948.41
myEoffering (Sep 19—Sep 23)	\$ 4,138.33
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,367.31
Offerings versus budget	\$ + 662.42
Registered Households	627
Envelopes Used (Sep 24—Sep 25)	136
Active myEoffering Families	184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Sep 19—Sep 23)	99

Thank you for your Generosity.

Altar Server Training/Refresher

Altar server training will be held in the church **Next Sunday, Oct 9. at 10:15 AM.**

The qualifications are simple.

1. You are interested in serving at Mass.
2. You are a 3rd grader (or older)
3. You have made your First Communion.



**Anyone interested in serving
is encouraged to attend.**

Current servers who want to brush up on their serving skills are also invited to attend this training.



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nativitycharleston.org

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.**

Recently Added: Ron Connick

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Joe Caraviello, Anne Castelli, Wendy Craven, Herman Connor, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Jo Ann Frederick, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, Darcy Hill, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Teresa LaTorre, Delores Lopez, Paul & Carole Moran, Suzette Nowak, Charlie Organ, James Parker, 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
or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	1	5:30 pm	Sgt. Joshua Harris+
Sun.	2	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		11:30 am	Jimmy Craven 77 th Birthday
Mon	3	11:30 am	
Tues.	4	11:30 am	
Wed.	5	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Thurs.	6	11:30 am	Braden Wilmes (Confirmation)
Fri.	7	11:30 am	
Sat.	8	5:30 pm	Malcolm Hale+
Sun.	9	9:00 am	Charles Cafiero+
		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.**



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 for the 22–23 School Year.

To learn more about Enrollment and the School Year Start Up activities please visit our website at www.nativity-school.com or our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights. or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

The Fall Semester is underway. Best wishes to our Students.



Leisure Club



Nativity School Cookie Dough Fundraiser Sponsored by the Nativity School Parent Teachers Organization

Here how this works:

- Each pack contains 40 “bake them yourself” cookie dough cubes PRICED AT \$18 per pack
- Place your order by Oct. 11
- Pick up your order at the Nativity Ladies Guild Coffee and Donuts event on Sunday, Nov. 6

PTO representatives will be at the Nativity Church Entrances after the weekend Masses NEXT WEEKEND (Oct. 1 & 2) to take your orders.

Or you can place your order online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2h5thrm7>

If you are viewing an electronic copy of this bulletin, just click the link.

40% of your purchase goes directly the Nativity School and all proceeds will help us purchase benches for an outdoor classroom.

Don't eat cookies? No Problem!

Your generous donation will be greatly appreciated.
Please make checks payable to Nativity School.

**Thank you for Supporting
Nativity School.**

Do you remember the Leisure Club? This was a fellowship association of Nativity Seniors (60 +) who met monthly for food and fellowship at local restaurants. Sad to say, but, during the Covid shutdown, the Leisure Club had an identity crisis and now wants to be called the Nativity Senior Ministry.

Furthermore, new facilities (aka the PLC) opened and there are many more options and opportunities, we don't even know what they all are. Now, we want to re-build (resurrect?) our Senior Adult Ministry.

And this is where YOU come in!

We want to get together **THIS WED.**, Oct 5 at 12:30 pm at the Parish Life Center to do some brainstorming, and, of course, have lunch. You are planning to eat lunch that day anyway so come, have lunch with us, and share some ideas regarding current needs, interests and activities.

Lunch is free but you need to
Make a Reservation

To pre-register, please contact Mary Smith or the Nativity Parish office at 843-795-3821 and provide names, email addresses and phone numbers of those planning to attend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, OCT 6 AT 7:00 PM

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

All Knights of Council 6250 are encouraged to attend!



Nativity Ladies Guild "Diaper Drive"

Throughout the month of October, The Nativity Ladies Guild will be conducting a "Diaper Drive". Your donations will assist clients of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston. Preferred sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds.

Actually, the Nativity Ladies Guild will accept any New or Gently Used baby item. For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net

You can place the items in the baskets at the church entrances when you come to weekend Mass or you can bring them with you to any Ladies Guild activity.

Thank you for your assistance.

Blessing of Pets

Next Sunday (Oct 2) at 1:30 pm



This will be a "Drive By" Blessing in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi whose feast is celebrated Oct. 4.

If you would like your pet to be blessed, please drive through the church parking lot between 1:30 pm and 2:00 pm. Father Kingsley will be at the portico of the PLC.

Pets should be on the passenger side of the vehicle. Stop in the designated location and open the window. Father Kingsley will say the prayer of blessing over the pet and sprinkle the pets (and possibly other vehicle occupants) with a little holy water.

There is no limit to the number of animals that may be blessed but all animals must remain in the car at all times.

Church of the Nativity Rectory

Windows and doors
Getting installed.



Coffee and Donuts

Provided by the Nativity Ladies Guild
This Sunday (Oct 2) after the 9:00 Mass
in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

There is no charge but your donations
are greatly appreciated.

Please join us for food and fellowship.
And buy some cookie dough
to support the Nativity School.



PANCAKE/SAUSAGE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY (OCT 9TH)!

in the Parish Life Center after the 9:00 Mass. The price is still only \$3.00 for adults. Sugar free syrup is available.

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
AND COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP.**



LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Next Saturday (Oct 8)
from 9:00 am to 12 noon
in the Nativity Parish Life Center

Those who sew are reminded to bring their machine. We also need ladies who can cut, pin, iron, and organize. All ladies of the Nativity parish are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments.

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net

Learn about our Faith

The RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Classes are Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:15 am in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

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

Alpha—A series of sessions that explore the Christian faith

Sessions are Tuesday from 6:15 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

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

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Romans: the Gospel of Salvation

Sessions are Wednesday at 5:45 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or at 843-696-2161

Thursday Evening Bible Study—The Bible and the Church Fathers

Sessions are Thursday at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center and

via ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99243922488?pwd=OFRGSHBTUmVMamZzdmZWMnF5NXIxdz09>

The Zoom Meeting ID is: 992 4392 2488 and the Passcode is: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-819-2294 or at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net.

Please give these Soul Foods a try.



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, 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 really like videos, our catechists and evangelists are using more and more **FORMED** video media as part of their programs.

In addition **FORMED** is **FREE** to all members of Nativity. The parish has a subscription that allows every one of us to access/use this 'library' at zero personal expense. To take advantage of this opportunity, you need only to go through a few simple steps to sign up.

Visit <https://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?



Virtual Learning Community
For Faith Formation

Does your faith need a lift? Would you like to understand more about the Church?

Have we got a deal for you!

This year is the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the Diocese of Charleston is offering refresher opportunities. We are partnering with the University of Dayton to offer online courses and seminars. Courses are usually 4 to 6 weeks and cost \$50. Seminars are usually 3 weeks and cost \$40. Certification can be achieved in selected areas and financial assistance is available.

For more information please visit <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/> or contact Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF at 843.834.2570 or at kadamski@charlestondiocese.org.



Catholic Radio in SC on WLTQ 730 AM and 106.7 FM

These stations broadcast Catholic Radio content twenty-four hours a day.

Catholic Radio is a great way to Walk with Jesus while driving in your car.

October is respect life month called to serve moms in need

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.



Respect for Life—from conception to natural death—will be the focus at the weekend Masses

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign Local Events

Wed. Sep 28 through Sun. Nov. 6 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm
Daily Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Fri. Oct 21 from 7:00 am to 9:00 am: Pro-Life Bridges Day
At the Aviation Ave and I-26 overpass. For more information, please contact Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

Thur. Oct 13 and Fri. Oct 14 at 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:
Nativity Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Sat. Oct 22 at 9:30 am: Mid-Way Rally at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Sun. Nov 13 at 1:00 pm: Victory Celebration (Location TBD)

For more information, please contact Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

**For more information regarding local
40 Days for Life Events, please visit :**
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston>



Join Lowcountry Pregnancy Center & DAZZ for the 15th Annual

Lowcountry Walk for Life

Saturday | Nov 05, 2022 | 10:00am
at Wannamaker County Park

To Register please visit:
<https://www.lpcfriends.com/events>

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net



Blessing of Expectant Parents

Your witness to our faith community is a wonderful Celebration of Life.

We appreciate the opportunity to extend our blessing during a weekend Mass. During this ceremony, the Nativity Respect Life ministry will also present you with a small prayer book.

Please let us share in this Celebration of Life with you.

To make arrangements, just contact Vicki at Office@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821.

**We need to see each child as a gift
to be welcomed and cherished.**

... Pope Francis

PRAYER VIGIL

**Thurs, Oct 13 and Fri, Oct 14
From 7:00 am to 7:00 pm**

All members of the Nativity community are invited to join us at the Planned Parenthood—Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61) as we pray for all those who are wounded by their participation in abortion.

For more information or to sign up, please contact

Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

or

Malcolm Brennan at mbprolife@gmail.com

**Thank you for your care
and concern for the unborn!**

Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center

Come and speak with our compassionate staff. Free pregnancy testing. Ultrasound scans are provided as needed. Call (843) 966-6060.

The Mobile Pregnancy Center visits James Island every Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 1231 Folly Rd. (Walmart parking lot)

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