

will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:14

## **One Small Step**

In today's Gospel, we see the Samaritan woman coming to faith. The steps she takes are our steps, too. Though she needs Jesus' help, he approaches her first. He invites us to make the journey of faith long before we start, by putting us into a faithful family, giving us a curious heart that seeks the truth, sending us a friend or spouse whose example draws us to the Lord.

The next step is acknowledging our need and our sinfulness. Admitting our need for God, and especially for God's forgiveness, opens us to God's saving grace. Another step is drawing closer to God in prayer. Jesus tells the woman, and us, that the best worship is honest and from the Spirit.

When we begin to share our faith with others, we take the step of living our faith. Like the woman who told her neighbors about Jesus, we find that the people we have touched begin to find the Lord on their own. Our catechumens are taking these steps now, thanks to those who have helped them experience Jesus' invitation to faith.

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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.

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon. through Fri. 11:30 am Mass 9:30 am School Mass Thurs. All are welcome and invited to attend the School Mass. Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to please sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30 pm
Sunday Mass	9:00 am and 11:30 am

### Weekday Rosary in the Church

Mon. through Fri. 12:00 noon

### School Living Stations

Wednesday 2:00 pm Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to please sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

> **Evening Stations** Friday

5:30 pm

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

H today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

...Today's Psalm PS 95

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, must also have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. Children planning to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade must also have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> 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

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Kingsley Pastor@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 105

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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 chummert@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



To register in our parish, please fill out a registration form on our web site: www.nativitycharleston.org.

New to Our Community?

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!

# Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

### Liturgical Ministers for Mar. 18—Mar. 19

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

	5:30 pm Mass
Greeters:	Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley
	Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers:	Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic	Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
Ministers:	Wendy Bergstrom
Lector:	Claire Bergstrom
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Brendan Reed
	Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg

#### 9:00 am Mass

Caughey Family, Becky Warriner
Jacob Perry, Connor Richey,
Anna Tillman
Gary Hart, Becky Warriner,
Gary Warriner
Michael Bolchoz
Richard Bragiel, Walter Machowski
Steve Molony, Joe Dubois

#### 11:30 am Mass

Greeter:
<b>Altar Servers:</b>
Eucharistic
Ministers:
Lector:
Ushers:

Natalie Zanolli Caryn Hasenberg, Kenji Tran Lynn Curry, Brian Dougherty, Phu Tran Tara Hasenberg Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Gilbert O'Brien

#### Offerings Mar. 4 — Mar. 5

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

Second Collections for March:

Mar 19: Catholic Relief Services

#### Thank you for your Generosity.

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

If you do not use envelopes or you are unable to attend Mass, please consider contributing to the needs of the parish. Please place your offering 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. https://members.myeoffering.com

#### Stay in touch with us at Nativity



Sign up on our social media platform at FlockNote. https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/

Visit us at

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# 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: Don Carcone, John Minaudo

**From previous months:** Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Britt Lamarr Boswell, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Arlene and Billy Crosby, Vi Defourneaux, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Delores Lopez, Katherine and William Manning, Paul & Carole Moran, 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 our service men and women and their families throughout the world.

For our parishioners who daily struggle with chronic and/or life-threatening burdens.

### Intentions

Sanctuary Candle:				
Mar. 11 — Mar. 17		Mar. 17	Special Intention for Healing	
Mass: This Week				
Sat.		5:30 pm 9:00 am 11:30 am		
Wed.	14 15	11:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	Edward J. Parent+ Ramona Messex+ Communion Service Students of Nativity School Veronica Eckert+	
Fri. Sat. Sun.	17 18 19	11:30 am 5:30 pm	Denny Davis+ Sharon Scofield+ Eugene J. Witchger+ Larry Fisk+	

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 23—24 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

# Charity 50/50 Raffle

- Only 400 Tickets, \$50 Each
- Win \$10,000 (assuming all tickets sell)
- Other Half to Mobile Pregnancy Center
- Drawing 3/30/23 or When All Tix Sold
- More at kofc6250.org or Scan QR to Buy

Benefits the ProLifeCharleston's <u>Mobile Pregnancy Center</u> Sponsored by <u>Knights of Columbus Council 6250</u> on James Island Rules at <u>https://tinyurl.com/rules5050</u>







Note that this fund raiser is sponsored and conducted by the Knights of Columbus Council 6250. All proceeds will be donated to the Mobile Pregnancy Center, which is operated by Pro-Life Charleston.



# Anointing of the Sick Sunday, March 19 at 1:00 pm. In the Church

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 by those in advanced years.

Through the anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. Those anointed receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. Their suffering is united with that of Christ.

After the sacrament, the Nativity Ladies Guild will host a reception in the Parish Life Center for the anointed and their families.

# Reconciliation Service Tues. March 14 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a communal prayer service followed by the opportunity for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available.



Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year. All are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament on a regular basis. This service provides Catholics the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare themselves to receive Christ at Easter.

# All are encouraged to attend



The Thursday noon Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is PAUSED until after Easter.

# LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING



The Diocese of Charleston and the Office of Spiritual Direction is offering a Lenten Series at the Church of the Nativity,

Thursday Afternoon from noon to 1:30 pm. in the Nativity Parish Life Center Remaining sessions are, Mar 16, Mar. 23, and Mar. 30)

These sessions present reflections and discussion on the Sunday Mass readings of Lent. The facilitator is Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF, Director of the Diocese of Charleston Office of Spiritual Direction.

There is no charge, and you do not need to be a member of the Nativity parish to attend this series. <u>Note:</u> Refreshments will not be provided but you can bring your own lunch if you prefer.

### Please register if you plan to attend.

For more information or to register, please contact Sr. Kathy at kadamski@charlestondiocese.org.

# Please join us for as many sessions as you are able.

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fast and abstinence. In addition, all Fridays in Lent are

days of abstinence.



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 families 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. Write the value of the of the card on the front of the card (this is really important).
- 3. Put the card in an envelope and write "Ladies Guild" on the outside of the envelope.
- 4. Put the envelope in the collection at Mass between now and April 2 (Palm Sunday).

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

# **Friday Evening Stations** 5:30 pm through Mar 31.



These are traditional stations led by Nativity Ministers.

Please join us for the stations followed by dinner (6:15 pm) in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

March 17: The Respect Life Ministry leads stations and will provide a Shrimp & Grits dinner.

March 24: RCIA Ministry leads stations and will provide a Salad Bar dinner.March 31: Father Kingsley leads stations and the

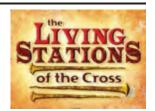
Knight of Columbus will provide a Fish Fry.

All dinners are free. But, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

All are invited to Attend Stations and Stay for Dinner and Fellowship.

Led by Nativity School Students

2:00 pm Wednesdays through Mar. 29 in Nativity Church



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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY (MAR. 12) 10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER. STILL ONLY \$3.00 PER PLATE AND CHILDREN EAT FREE! JOIN US FOR GOOD PANCAKES AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



# Parking Lot Scam

It has been reported that a group of people have been asking for money as they circulate through the crowd after Mass. They all have sad stories to tell. We ask that you do not give them money. Please be polite and kind, and suggest that they go to local missions for assistance with their needs.

We are a generous community and you may be trying to help our neighbors in need. This is especially the case after Mass when we are sent to go serve others.

Here are some suggestions on how to address the homeless and those who are asking for money.

- 1. Acknowledge their presence, say, "Hello" to them.
- 2. Ask them their name and listen.
- 3. Refer them to local ministries established to meet their needs.



Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic

843-266-9800

3226 Maybank Highway, Building C Johns Island, SC 29455 bilmcore



843-559-4109

1684 Brownswood Rd Johns Island, SC 29455

olmoutreach.org



## 843-762-3653

1872-C Camp Road Charleston, SC 29412 jioutreach.org

# **Senior Adult Ministry**



# Wednesday, Mar 15 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Life Center

### Lunch is \$15 per plate. Please contact the Nativity Parish Office by Mar 12 to order your lunch.

We will have our catered luncheon at 12:30pm, followed by a Lenten Team Trivia Game and video presentation. Meeting will end at approximately 2: 00 pm.

For more information or to reserve your lunch, please contact Mary Smith at 843-670-7519 before 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 12.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

This exciting event



is brought to you by: St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus and the South Carolina Irish Historical Society.

Festivities begin at 8:00 am with Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 134 St. Philip Street. The Parade begins at 10:00 am at King & Radliffe Streets, proceeds down King Street and ends at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT AND EVERYONE IS INVITED.



### We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities!

- Yes I Can after school tutor
- Front Desk Receptionist
- Clerical Assistant
- Van Driver
- Dental Professionals (Dentists, Hygienists, Assistants)
- Substitute Volunteers (food/clothing room)

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

# HELP SAVE LIVES IN CHARLESTON!

**You can protect mothers and children** by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over **20,000 babies** saved from abortion Over **200 abortion** workers converted Over **100 abortion** centers closed

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood @ 1312 Ashley River Rd. (Corner of Fuseler Ave.) Charleston 29407

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm, 7 days/wk

**Get involved** ... and sign up for prayer times at by visiting our campaign at our website!







### Thurs, Mar 30 and Fri, Mar 31 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 843-906-5577 or mbprolife@gmail.com

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



Move in day at the Nativity's new rectory was Saturday, March 4th. If you were not there you really missed out on a bunch of fun!!!



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