

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.

Understanding is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message.

Knowledge is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us.

Counsel is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to God.

Fortitude is the courage to do what one knows is right.

Piety helps us pray to God in true devotion.

Fear of the Lord is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

All receive the Holy Spirit at baptism and are thereby made adopted sons and daughters of God. Confirmation completes the grace we receive at baptism, since we receive a "special strength of the Holy Spirit". However, it is left to us to make good use of the gifts we have been given.

*Lord, send out your Spirit, and
renew the face of the earth.*

...Today's Psalm PS 104

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.

Mass Schedule This Week

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

Office Hours This Week

Tuesday - 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/>

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>

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and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NativityFamily>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/NativityCharleston/>

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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843-853-2130 x 209

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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!



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Liturgical Ministers for June 3—June 4

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: John & Meg Hoeft,
Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley
Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft, Emma Grace Turner
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda
Ministers: Meg Hoeft
Lector: Anna Yonce
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Holseberg,
Randall Lannie, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Knight Family, Becky Warriner
Altar Servers: Eliza Cellars, Abram Delaney,
Anna Tillman
Eucharistic Ministers: Karen Cellars, Judy Daugomah,
Suzanne Decker
Lector: Michael Bolchoz
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill,
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Péchon Family, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Rosalie Felix, Izabela Davis,
Gavin Gilreath
Eucharistic Ministers: Brian Dougherty, Pam Everitt,
Kathy Hepner
Lector: Tara Hasenberg
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt
Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings May 15— May 21

Collections at Mass (May 20—May 21)	\$ 8,939.00
Mail in Offerings (May 15—May 19)	\$ 1,025.00
myEoffering (May 15—May 19)	\$ 4,535.45
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,368.31
Difference	\$ - 1,868.26
Registered Households	689
Envelopes Used (May 20—May 21)	159
Active myEoffering Families	162
MyEoffering Family Donations (May 15—May 19)	102

Offerings for Catholic Communications: \$369.00

Second Collections for June are:

June 11: Seminaries

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>



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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: William Doherty,
Frances O. O'Leary**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, 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, Paul Madden, Katherine and William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, 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.**

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

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	27	5:30 pm	Janette Sznajder+
Sun.	28	9:00 am	Becky & Gary Warriner
		11:30 am	Juanalita Bunado+
Mon	29	11:30 am	Joan Hain+
Tues.	30	11:30 am	
Wed.	31	11:30 am	One Year Death Anniversary of Pat Futrell+
Thurs.	1	11:30 am	For the people
Fri.	2	11:30 am	
Sat.	3	5:30 pm	Lawrence Thomas Joyce+
Sun.	4	9:00 am	Margaret Ann Clark+
		11:30 am	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—Teaching Values for Life!

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

The School is Celebrating Summer Vacation—Have a safe Summer.

First Weekend Community Fellowship

Parish Covered Dish Hosted by the Nativity Ladies Guild



Saturday, June 3, 2023 after the 5:30 Mass
Bring your favorite dish to share

Sunday, June 4, 2023 after the 9:00 Mass
Bring you favorite breakfast dish to share

Sunday, June 4, 2023 after the 11:30 Mass
Bring your favorite lunch dish to share

You may drop it off before all Masses.

All are encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!



Summer Camp at Nativity School will be in operation from June 5 through July 28. Registration forms are available at the Nativity School office.

For more information, please contact Patti Edwards at pedwards@nativity-school.com
or call the school office at 843-795-3975.



2023 Vacation Bible School
At Holy Sprit Church (Johns Island)
June 26 through 30 from 9:00 to noon.

The price is \$30 per child.
Early registration ends June 5th.

For more information or to register, please contact
Beth Mathewes at bmathewes@holyspiritsc.org



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 6250
MONTHLY MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 AT 7:00 PM

at American Legion Post 147 (968 Folly Road)

All Knights of Council 6250 are encouraged to attend!



Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon.

In July 2022, the U.S. Bishops launched a 3-year Eucharistic Revival. The intent is to nudge Catholics toward a deeper personal relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

*All members of the Nativity Community are
encouraged to participate in the Eucharistic Revival.*

Cannot Make Eucharistic Adoration at Nativity at Noon on Thursday? Here is Another Option.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (Savannah Hwy, West Ashley) has been blessed with Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel for over 30 years. As with many ministries, we had to pause during the Covid-19 epidemic. Currently our chapel is open during the day from Monday through Friday. We also have some late at night and early morning hours and are striving to expand our hours of prayer and adoration.

If you can commit to spending one hour per week in our chapel, please contact Patti Brassington at pattibrassington@gmail.com or at 843-901-9467.

Jesus wants to spend some quality time with you!



The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a ministry to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the intention of a specific priest or bishop.

- A group of at least seven women and alternates work together
- Each 'Sister' prays a weekly Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament
- A Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week (Sunday through Saturday)
- The Holy Hours are coordinated so that one "Sister" is assigned one day per week.
- The time and location of the daily Holy Hour is decided by the "Sister of the Day".
- The commitment is one year.

For more information about the Seven Sisters Apostolate, please visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

To sign up for this ministry please contact Barbara at omabarb07@gmail.com or at (828) 713-4551

Thank you for your interest in the Seven Sisters Apostolate.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
**DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON**

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, in agreement with the Presbyteral Council, has announced that effective immediately, the distribution of the chalice is permitted at Mass at the discretion of the pastor or administrator of each parish.

As announced at the Masses last weekend, the distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ will begin at Nativity at **all the weekend Masses on June 10—11**. This is the Feast of Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ.



The Flowers at the altar are given in
thanksgiving for the
50th Wedding Anniversary
of

Brenda & John Pearson

*May God grant them many
years of happiness together.*



Father Kingsley will celebrate the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday June 11.

The festivities for this event include a parish picnic in the Nativity School playground (or the Parish Life Center if the weather is unfavorable). The menu for the picnic is fried chicken, cole slaw, rolls, beverages and other goodies.

The celebration also includes an open house and walk through of the recently completed parish Rectory.

The food is **free** but we request that you RSVP. If we have your email address, we will send you an invitation/sign up.

To sign up, please visit <https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/signup/123088> (or click the link if viewing this notice online)

Happy Anniversary Father Kingsley.
Thank you for trying to make us all saints!



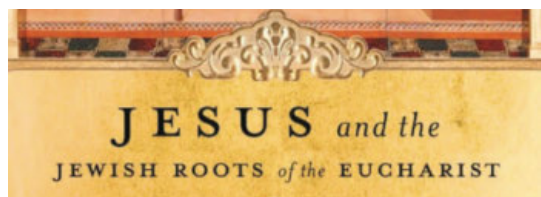
is observed Monday, May 29

It is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day and was established on May 5, 1868. The purpose was to remember the sacrifice of veterans killed in action during the Civil War and to decorate their graves with flowers. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day observances were being held on May 30 throughout the nation.

After World War I, the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday and is celebrated on the last Monday in May.

It is not about war. It is about honoring and appreciating sacrifice.



NEW THIS SUMMER

The New Wednesday Evening Book Study Club.

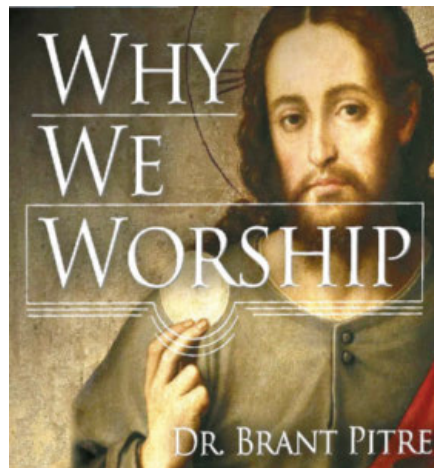
The first book will be *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* by Dr. Brant Pitre. It is our hope that this book will stir in you a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist.

Participants will gather on **Wed. May 31 at 6:00 pm** in the Parish Life Center to pick up their the study materials.

There is a \$5.00 charge for these materials.

Participants will read the book on their own and gather again on June, 28 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center for a potluck dinner and book discussion.

For more information, please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net or Mary Smith at dre@nativitycharleston.org



Summer Daytime Bible Study in the Parish Life Center Day and Time to be determined

To vote for your preferred day and time or for more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net

Nativity School

Catapult Learning



Enroll Your Child Today!

Nativity School is proud to offer Summer Journey, a **FREE**, fun and engaging summer school program. Catapult's Summer Journey Program offers robust educational opportunities and engaging activities that allow students to learn throughout the summer while also having fun. Our comprehensive program addresses academic, social, and emotional learning by incorporating instruction, enrichment activities, and family support elements.

Nativity School Highlights:



Literacy: Improves students' skills across the Big 5—phonics, phonological awareness, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary



Math: Helps struggling learners build confidence and improve their math skills



STEM: Engages students in fun, project-based learning to expand critical thinking skills



Life Skills: Fosters growth-mindset and helps students communicate effectively

Grades:

K-5

Dates:

July 10-21

Times:

Monday - Friday
9am-12pm

Location:

Nativity School



To register, please visit <https://forms.gle/jgyNZsmTBAV57y6H9> or scan this QR Code. For more information please contact the Nativity School Office at 843-795-3975

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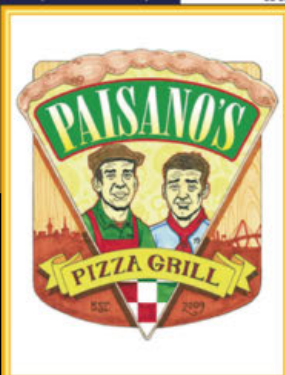
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