

Patience is Rooted in Hope

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like... wait for it... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

...Father John Muir

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

Weekday Rosary in the Church Mon. through Fri. 12:00 noon

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

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

For the latest updates, sign up for FlockNote https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/

Visit us at

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/

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!

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Liturgical Ministers for July 29—July 30

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

5:30 pm Mass

Tom & Marcia McNamee, **Greeters:**

Timothy & Carolyn Smith

Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft, Emma Grace Turner

Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, **Eucharistic**

Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Eileen Easler,

Patty Edwards

Anna Yonce Lector:

Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Caughey Family, Becky Warriner **Greeters:** Maisie Lewis, Savanna Owens, **Altar Servers:**

Anna Tillman

Jimmy Craven, Wendy Craven, **Eucharistic** Ministers: Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby Preston

Lector: Elena Smith

Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,

Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeter: Péchon Family, Natalie Zanolli Zoe Cuzmar, Gavin Gilreath, **Altar Servers:**

Caryn Hasenberg

Eucharistic Lynn Curry, Jackie Doscher, Ministers: Pam Everitt, Kathy Hepner,

> **Christine Lewis** John Lavelle

Lector:

Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings July 3 — July 16

Collections at Mass (Jul 8—Jul 9) Collections at Mass (Jul 15—Jul 16) Mail in Offerings (Jul 3—Jul 14) myEoffering (Jul 3—Jul 14) Budget (2 weeks) Difference	\$ \$ \$ \$	10,556.00 9,767.00 6,485.00 10,281.11 32,734.62 + 3,973.73
Registered Households	Þ	+ 3,9/3./3
Envelopes Used (Jul 8—Jul 9)		109
Envelopes Used (Jul 15—Jul 16)		170
Active myEoffering Families		162
MyEoffering Family Donations (Jul 3—	Jul '	14) 232

Offerings for Infirm Priests: \$1,335.00

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, Benjamin Novd, 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.

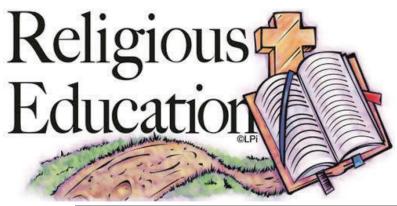
For our parishioners who daily struggle with chronic and/or life-threatening burdens.

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

Intentions

Jul 22 — Jul 28			ul 28	John Weston Massie+		
Mass: This Week						
	Sat.	22	5:30 pm	Deceased classmates of Sumaya Florez' Medical School Class on		
	Sun.	23	9:00 am 11:30 am	the anniversary of their graduation John Weston Massie+ Peter Ferra+		
	Mon	24	11:30 am	Ann Kearns+		
	Tues.	25	11:30 am	Anna Karlyk+		
	Wed.	26	11:30 am	Jacquie Kennedy+		
	Thurs.	27	11:30 am	Thanksgiving for our nation,		
				the blessings we have received,		
				and for conversion of hearts		
	Fri.	28	11:30 am	Special Intention+		
	Sat.	29	5:30 pm	Stephen J. Lynch, Jr.+		
		30	9:00 am	Muriel Eacock+		
			11:30 am	Benjamin Jantzen+		

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.



The primary duty of parents is to present to their children the Good News and to communicate the Christian faith to them.

This is a tough job but Nativity provides not one, but two ministries to help you succeed in your mission.

- Nativity School
- Nativity Parish School of Religion

Nativity School dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students

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

Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for the 23—24 School Year.

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

Teaching Values for Life!

Nativity Parish School of Religion

PSR is offered for parish children, grades K4 through 8, enrolled in non-parochial schools. Nativity PSR is accepting applications for the 23—24 School Year.

Registration packets are available at the church entrances and online at https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/

Register by July 24 to avoid the \$20 late registration fee.

For more information. please contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 x 104.



Catholic Campus Ministry in the Diocese of Charleston

exists to help bring college students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Campus Ministry engages students with the life and mission of His Church, and provides a safe place where students can grow and mature in their faith.

What do we do?

The ministry on each campus provides events, programming, and other activities centered on the intellectual and spiritual growth of students in an atmosphere that is welcoming and fun!

What are some typical activities?

Off-campus retreats, diocesan wide gatherings, on-campus small group studies on Scripture and Theology, opportunities to gather for devotional prayer, small group faith sharing, service projects in the local community, guest speakers to discuss the Church's response to current events, tailgates, game nights, fun excursions off campus, RCIA for those seeking to become Catholic, and more.

Where will you find us?

Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, College of Charleston, Columbia College, Converse College, Francis Marion University, Furman University, Lander University, Medical University of South Carolina, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, Presbyterian College, South Carolina State University, Southern Wesleyan University, The Citadel, Tri-County Technical College, University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina-Upstate, Winthrop University, Wofford College

Sounds good! How do I get started?

Simple, just contact the Nativity Parish Office and give us your contact information (name, cell phone, email address, the SC college you will attend). We will take if from there. The campus ministry will contact you soon after you arrive on campus. But wait! We know this is going to be a busy summer. So save yourself some time;

Just have your parents or grandparents handle these details for you!

For more information please contact Mary Smith at DRE@NativityCharleston.org or at 843-795-3821 ext 104



Perhaps You or someone you know

- ? Are interested to know more about our Catholic Faith.
- ? Have pondered the notion of becoming a Catholic but do not know where to start?
- ? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but may not have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Well then, RCIA may be just the thing for you!

So what is RCIA anyway? RCIA is an acronym that means the \underline{R} ite of \underline{C} hristian \underline{I} nitiation of \underline{A} dults. It is a series of lessons aimed at explaining to adults what it means to be Catholic.

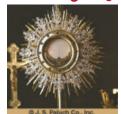
Nativity offers an opportunity to come together in a welcoming and accepting setting. Participants are encouraged to engage in the process with their questions, their insights, and their faith story. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and are intended to prepare the participants to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

The RCIA classes are held from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Sunday morning in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room.

This year's program begins on Sunday, August 27 at 5:30 pm with a 'Meat and Greet' Cookout!

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

Weekly Hour of fucharistic Adoration is fvery 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.



Starts again on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 6:15 pm in the Parish Life Center Ave Maria Hall

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

Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

Give Generously... because it is really not your stuff!

Christian Stewardship instructs us to understand that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. To give to God should be "from the top" — not what may be left over.

Catechists Needed!

LOVE YOUR FAITH? SHARE IT!

The word' catechesis' means 'to echo'. Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to others. This not a suggestion: it is a command of our Lord.

Specifically, we need more catechists in order to be able to offer the Nativity Parish School of Religion for the 2023-2024 school year. We need some class teachers, substitute teachers and class assistants.

If you love your faith and would be willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish, please contact Mary Smith at 795-3821ext 104.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend at a time

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

is a supportive, confidential, non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. The retreat offers an opportunity to find healing and peace.

Our next retreat: Sep 29—Oct 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



July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anne.

Who are they and what do we know about them?

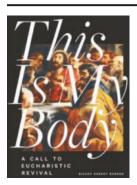
Joachim and Anne are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James". Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anne indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation—God becoming human!

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WEDNESDAY DINE AND DISCUSS BOOK CLUB

Our book is Bishop Robert Baron's "This Is My Body" - A Call to Eucharistic Revival.

Pick up your copy at the Nativity Parish office for the great price of just \$2.00 per copy. Read the book on your own and gather at the Parish Life Center at 6:00 pm on August 9th for a potluck dinner to

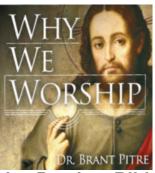
DINE AND DISCUSS.

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





5TH SUNDAY ROSARY
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
AFTER THE 9:00 MASS
ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AND
PLAN TO ATTEND



Tuesday Daytime Bible Study 12:30 to 2:00 pm in the Parish Life Center

This study is a series of 6 DVD presentations (one at each meeting) with group prayer and discussion.

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092? pwd=cmRrd2kvTmpEQzqvNE1ubE00NGZxdz09

Meeting ID: 872 4496 8092 and the Passcode: Nativity For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at ryckiewatkins1329@comcast.net

Please join us as often as you are able.



Flowers

at the altar are given in thanksgiving for the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Steven & Jamíe Molony

May you have many more.



The Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office

joins with the U.S. bishops in highlighting the benefits of NFP as ethical methods to help married couples live God's design for their marriages. We are going to hold **Local and Virtual NFP Events** via Livestream @NFPSC on Facebook and Zoom.

REGISTER in advance if you want to attend via Zoom.

July 24-26 at 7:00 pm: Virtual Bilingual Novena to St. Anne and St Joachim for Couples with Infertility

https://tinyurl.com/NFPNovena

July 25 at 11:30 am: Holy Mass, Luncheon and Discussion for Doctors at Bon Secours Hospital, (West Ashley)

RSVP to jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org

July 26 at 7:00 pm: Wonder of Eve for Teens and Moms

https://tinyurl.com/WOVColumbia

Strength of Adam for Teens and Dads

https://tinyurl.com/SOAColumbia

In person is at 2nd Floor Family Life Center of Our Lady of the Hills Church, Columbia, SC

July 27 at 7:00 pm Virtual Inspiring NFP Testimonials with Live Q & A

https://tinyurl.com/NFPInspires

Want to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in our diocese?

A schedule of local and virtual NFP classes can be viewed at https://tinyurl.com/NFPSC

We will give FREE Introductory classes for month of July.

Please like our FB page https://www.facebook.com/NFPSC/

Community Fellowship Weekend

Parish Covered Dish Hosted by the Nativity Ladies Guild





Saturday, August 5, after the 5:30 Mass Bring your favorite dish to share

Sunday, August 6, after the 9:00 Mass Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share

Sunday, August 6, after the 11:30 MassBring your favorite lunch dish to share

Drop off food at the PLC before all Masses.

All are encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!

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