

October 1, 2023

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

Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon. through Fri. 11:30 am Mass
Thurs. 9:30 am School Mass

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

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

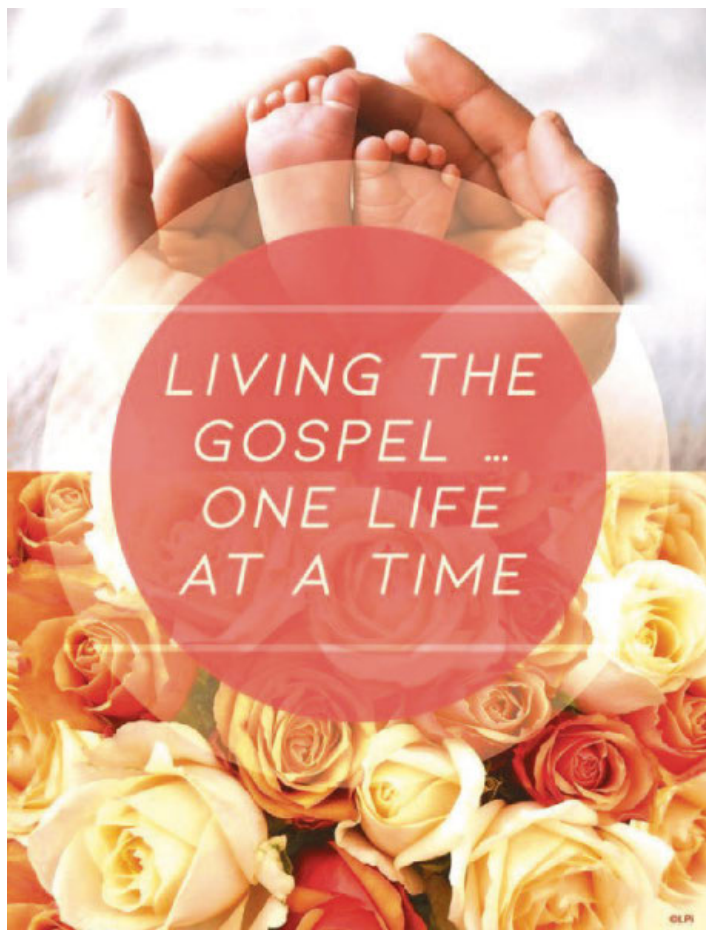
Weekdays: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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



Showing Up is What Really Matters

This week Jesus' punchy parable is about the two sons: One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we intend to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Showing up is the whole point.

Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

Remember your mercies, O Lord

...Today's Psalm PS 25

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

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 Oct 7—Oct 8

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

5:30 pm Mass
Greeters: Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley, Tom & Marcia McNamee
Altar Servers: Emma Grace Turner, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Patty Edwards, Carolyn Smith, John Warren
Lector: Claire Bergstrom
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass
Greeters: Knight Family, Daniel & Tamme Suggs
Altar Servers: Savanna Owens, Jack Perry, Connor Richey
Eucharistic Ministers: Suzanne Decker, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Liisa Machowski, Kathy Murphy
Lector: Gary Warriner
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass
Greeters: Susan LaVia, Pechon Family
Altar Servers: Gavin Gilreath, Jackson Gintz, Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Doscher, Brian Dougherty, Pam Everitt, Kathy Hepner, Phu Tran
Lector: Scott Runyon
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

Offerings September 18 — September 24

Collections at Mass (Sep 23—Sep 24)	\$ 9,031.00
Mail in Offerings (Sep 18—Sep 22)	\$ 2,363.00
myEoffering (Sep 18—Sep 22)	\$ 3,222.05
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ - 1,941.64
Registered Households	615
Envelopes Used (Sep 23—Sep 24)	165
Active myEoffering Families	158
MyEoffering Family Donations (Sep 18—Sep 22)	114

Second Collections for October are:

October 22: World Mission Sunday

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>

If you are unable to attend Mass, please consider making your regular offerings by mail or online (myEoffering).



**Now available online at
nativitycharleston.org**

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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: Mary Bieda, Mariano La
Via, Ruthie Mallard**

From previous months: Allene Barans, Clydie Bevis, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Wendy Craven, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed Defourneaux, Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Fred Kornahrens, Delores Lopez, Katherine and William Manning, Paul Madden, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Frances O. O'Leary, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, Jama Stilwell, Fran Taylor, Inge Thornley, Jerry Wade, 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.	30	5:30 pm	Leslie McDermott+
Sun.	1	9:00 am	For the people of Nativity
		11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Mon	2	11:30 am	Charles Rickard+
Tues.	3	11:30 am	
Wed.	4	11:30 am	Martha Zeisel+
Thurs.	5	11:30 am	
Fri.	6	11:30 am	
Sat.	7	5:30 pm	Dominick Minotti+
Sun.	8	9:00 am	25th wedding anniversary of Peter and Martha Khong
		11:30 am	Deceased classmates of the Bishop England Class of 1973 & 50th graduation anniversary

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.



LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Will Meet Every Saturday
through Nov 18th
in the Parish Life Center
from 9:00 am to noon.

Everyone who has some time on Saturday and would like to help us is encouraged to participate. We are working on items to sell at the Fall Craft Festival in November.

You don't have to sew (but it helps if you have your own machine!) We really need people who can cut fabric, pin materials, use an iron as needed and other tasks.

We also enjoy the fellowship of catching up on what's going on in the neighborhoods!

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at m.hoffman@earthlink.net or at 803-397-2681

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.
JUST SHOW UP WHEN YOU CAN!**



Young Adult Ministry

Join us October 20-22 at the beautiful Diakonia Retreat Center for our annual Fall Retreat. This will be a weekend to relax and renew while being in community with other young adults from across the state

Our theme is "Restless Hearts: Finding Peace in Christ."

For more information or to register please visit:
<https://charlestandiocese.configio.com/pd/369/young-adult-fall-retreat-2023>

All young adults are Invited.

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>

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

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

Altar Server Training

Father and our parish need altar servers!

If your child is ready and wants to become an altar server, here is some good news! There are 2 training options for students in the 3rd grade and older. Servers need to be Catholic and have celebrated their 1st Holy Communion.



Those qualified and interested need to attend the training session on

- Monday Oct 2 at 3pm or
- Sunday October 8th at 10am (immediately following the 9am Mass).

The training sessions will be in the church.

This is also a refresher training for current servers who would like extra training.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

Marian Eucharistic Conference

Featured Speakers








Registration

General Admission: \$125, Youth: \$75
Registration required by OCT. 2 by mail. Registration after Oct. 2: \$135.
Buffet dinner on Friday and buffet lunch on Saturday are included. Friday dinner choice: chicken or fish.

For more information:
McConferenceSC.net
or call 864-354-7160.

GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
1 Exposition Dr., Greenville, SC 29607

Do you like to knit or crochet?
Would you like to help someone feel supported,
comforted, or blessed?

The Prayer Shawl Ministry may be for you!

All you need is some yarn and knitting needles
or a crochet hook.

We will meet in the Parish Life Center on October 11th,
2023 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact
Debbie Kennedy at natprayershawl@gmail.com



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our new study is Bishop Robert Barron's

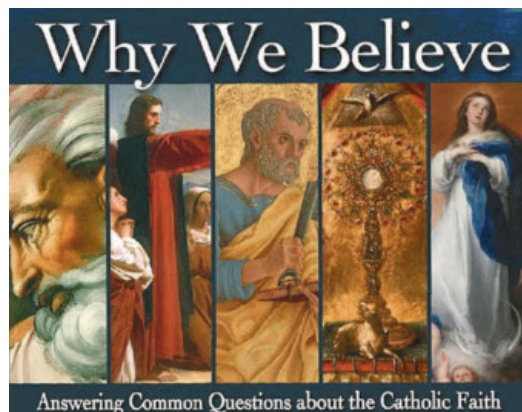
The Mass

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron. Be transformed through insights on this intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm; how it resonates with a call from God; most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

"In Person" Sessions are 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room

For more information and to sign up, please contact Andrea Gilliard at (843) 696-2161 or acgilliard@comcast.net



Tuesday Bible Studies

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092?pwd=cmRrd2kvTmptEQzgvNE1ubE00NGZxdz09)

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Meeting ID: 872 4496 8092 and the Passcode: Nativity

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study is 6:00 pm to 7:30 in the Nativity Office Conference Room.

Both sessions will study **"Why We Believe"** by theologian Dr. Brant Pitre. This study is an eight week study presented in video format. No books are needed.

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



The Nativity Ladies Guild celebrated the beginning of their new ministry year with a Kick Off luncheon on September 24. Their theme for this year is **"Let Your Light Shine" — Bruce Springsteen Style (Oh Yeah).**

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



Nativity “Baby Everything” Drive

Throughout the month of October, The Nativity Ladies Guild and Respect Life Committee will be collecting items that a new mother needs in order to care for her new baby. **Donations of all New or Gently Used baby items are appropriate.** Preferred clothing and diaper sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds.

Place your items in the containers at the church entrances when you come to weekend Mass or you can bring them with you to any Ladies Guild activity.

Your donations will assist clients of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston.

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

Thank you for caring for these new mothers and their babies.



Fall 2023 Campaign: Sep. 27 through Nov. 5

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

Facts

- Currently over 700,000 abortions are reported yearly in the United States.
- 40 Days for Life played a role in saving over 23,000 lives since 2007.

Local 40 Days for Life Events

Now through Sun. Nov. 5: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm—Daily Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

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

Now Through Wed. Nov 1: 12:00 noon—Weekly Rosary for Life at Nativity Church

Thurs. Oct 19: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm—Nativity Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61). For more information or to sign up please contact Christine Lewis (843-813-3937 or lewischristined@att.net) or Malcolm Brennan (843-906-5511 or mbprolife@gmail.com)

Fri. Oct 20: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm—Nativity Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61). For more information or to sign up please contact Christine Lewis (843-813-3937 or lewischristined@att.net) or Malcolm Brennan (843-906-5511 or mbprolife@gmail.com)

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

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

Sat. Nov 4: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm—Walk for Life at Wannamaker County Park

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at 843-813-3937 or at lewischristined@att.net

Sat. Nov 4: 5:30 pm—Victory Potluck Celebration (Location TBD)

For more information, please contact Susan 703.328.2334

For more information regarding local 40 Days for Life Events, please visit :

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston>

Radical Solidarity Prayer

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance. In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid. May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord. Amen.

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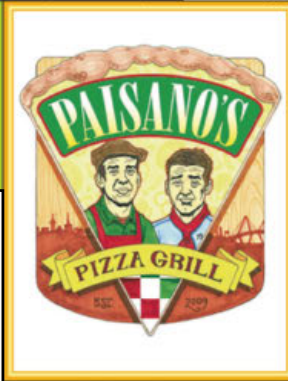
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