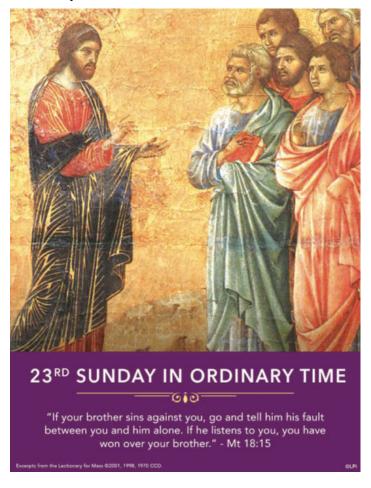
# September 10, 2023



## Repairing a Damaged Relationship

Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relationships.

Don't brood over an offense. If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly, but privately, to the individual. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison our mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage.

If face to face dialog fails to resolve the issue, seek the help of wise Christians. Get assistance from another person or two; people who are wise and gracious and not judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled.

And if this fails, seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking a solution for reconciliation based on Christian prayer, love and wisdom.

Jesus wants to set us free from resentment and ill-will, and to provide an opportunity to mend what is broken.

... Don Schwager at https://www.dailyscripture.net

### 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.
Thurs.
9:30 am Mass
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

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## 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

### 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

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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!

### **Liturgical Ministers for Sep 16—Sep 17**

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 Daniel Salceda

**Eucharistic** Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,

Ministers: Eileen Easler, Carolyn Smith,

Mary Smith

Lector: Cava Riley

**Ushers:** Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Caughey Family, Becky Warriner

Altar Servers: Jacob Perry, Connor Richey,

Emma Grace Turner

**Eucharistic** Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield,

Ministers: Liisa Machowski, Kathy Murphy,

Kirby Preston

**Lector:** Amber C. Knight

Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,

Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters: Rebecca Beylotte, Péchon Family

Altar Servers: Rosalie Felix, Jackson Gintz,

Kenji Tran

**Eucharistic** Lynn Curry, Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis

Ministers: Maier Runyon, Phu Tran

Lector: David Knab

Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,

Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

### Offerings August 21 — August 27

Collections at Mass (Aug 26—Aug 27) Mail in Offerings (Aug 21—Aug 25) myEoffering (Aug 21—Aug 25) Budget (1 week)	\$ \$ \$	2 4 16	,684.00 ,528.00 ,155.91 ,557.69
Difference	\$	+	810.22
Registered Households			615
Envelopes Used (Aug 26—Aug 27)			177
Active myEoffering Families			158
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 21-	-Au	g 25	) 116

The weekly offerings information for the Sep 2—3 Weekend was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The Sep 2—3 information will be provided in a future bulletin.

### 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.

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 or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

### **Intentions**

### **Mass: This Week**

Sat.	9	5:30 pm	Brady Lee+
Sun.	10		For the beginning of PSR
		11:30 am	For the beginning of RCIA
Mon	11	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Tues.	12	11:30 am	
Wed.	13	11:30 am	
Thurs.	14	11:30 am	
Fri.	15	11:30 am	In honor of the OLM Sisters
			living and deceased
Sat.	16	5:30 pm	Ruby Dent Bennett+
Sun.	17	9:00 am	For all catechists
		11:30 am	Joan Bucher+

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 our School, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.nativity-school.com">www.nativity-school.com</a> or our FaceBook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights">www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights</a>. or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

The School Year is off to a great Start!



# JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH HELPING NEIGHBORS

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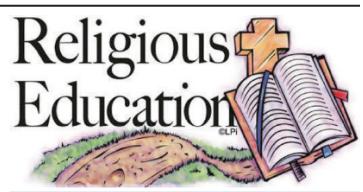
1860 Camp Road Office Ph: (843) 762-3653

## Our Current Food Drive has a goal of 10,000 items. Every can counts! Please help feed our neighbors. Most needed items:

- Canned lima beans, peas, mixed veggies
- Baked beans
- Saltines and other crackers
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned pasta (Spaghettios and Ravioli)
- Flour and cooking oil
- Ketchup/mustard/mayo

Please bring your items with you to Nativity weekend Mass and place them into the containers at the church entrances.

Thank you for continuing to help feed our hungry neighbors.



# 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 <a href="https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/">https://nativitycharleston.com/formation/</a>

Late registration of \$20 now applies.

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

Classes Begin This Sunday





# NATIVITY LADIES GUILD LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, SEP. 24 AT 12:45 PM IN THE PARISH LIFE CENTER

WELCOME ALL LADIES OF NATIVITY PARISH

RSVP TO: JACKIE DOSCHER PHONE OR TEXT 843-276-5002 EMAIL: <u>JACKIEDOSCHER@GMAIL.COM</u> OR

> SHARON DALE PHONE OR TEXT 843-795-6715 EMAIL: ASHSHARON1@AOL.COM

# PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP





## LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Will Meet Every Saturday through Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Besides continuing to work on the bibs and burp cloths for the October Diaper Drive, we are going to start preparing 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 <a href="mailto:m.hoffman@earthlink.net">m.hoffman@earthlink.net</a> or at 803-397-2681

## JUST SHOW UP WHEN YOU CAN!



## **Young Adult Ministry**

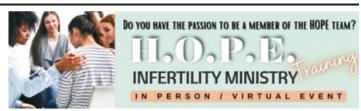
Join us for an evening of faith, food, and fellowship.

Theology is on Tap in Charleston on Wed. Sept. 13 at 7:00 pm at

Henry's on the Market

# All young adults are welcome. So come and bring all your friends!

For more information about the Young Adult Ministry and our events, please visit our website at https://charlestondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/



The Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office together with the Missionaries of Mercy is starting a ministry to accompany couples with infertility.

This training program will be conducted on Friday, **Sep.15** from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Family Life Center of **Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church**, 120 Marydale Lane, Columbia, SC. A virtual option is also available.

The program will start with a Holy Mass followed by presentations and community building. Our speakers will be Fr. Scott Binet, MD, Kathy Schmugge and Janelle Florendo.

For more information or to register, please contact Janelle at <a href="mailto:jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org">jflorendo@charlestondiocese.org</a>



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are in honor of the Catechumens and Candidates in the RCIA Process.



### Restriping is happening at the Nativity Parking Lots on Saturday. Sept. 23!

Construction over the past few years have left our parking spaces poorly defined. We will be fixing this on Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The School, Church and Office parking lots will be closed all day until 4:00 pm.

If you need to visit the campus during the day, please plan to park off site and walk to your activity.

If you need food, supplies, etc. for your on campus activity, please plan to deliver these items to the campus earlier in the week.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# In Remembrance of September 11, 2001



## Patriot Day—Monday, September 11

was established as an annual National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

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.

Come to our first meeting in the Parish Life Center on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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

# The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy



sponsor an Associate program called "Partners in Charity".

The "Partners" are providing a special presentation:

Humility, Simplicity, Charity: Sources of Spiritual Strength In Times of Change

Our Speaker is Sister Ann Billard, PhD, OLM

The event will be Fri. Sept. 15 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

There is no charge but space is limited. Please contact Carmen Cattles by September 13, at (843) 324-9740 or at <a href="mailto:ccattles@carolinaoneplus.com">ccattles@carolinaoneplus.com</a>
And let us know you are planning to attend.

All are invited to join us for this event.

# 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



This year's RCIA did a "Meet and Greet" event August 27.
The RCIA begins today (September 10) at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center Meeting Room.
But it's not too late to join us and learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Alpha started on Tuesday, Sept 5.



The topic for this session is "Who is Jesus?" Come discuss with us in an open, casual environment where you can share your perspective and learn more.



# Wednesday Evening Bible Study

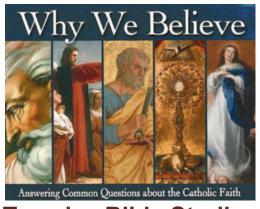
Our new study is Bishop Robert Barron's'

## The Mass

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and 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 and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately jointed 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 <a href="mailto:acgilliard@comcast.net">acgilliard@comcast.net</a>



# **Tuesday Bible Studies**

Yes, it happened again. Tuesday Bible study has morphed and became twins.

Both Sessions will start on Tues. Sept. 19. And both will offer remote participation via ZOOM.

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.

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