

### "Forgive Those Who Trespass Against Us."

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

...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 **Weekly Mass Schedule**

Mon. through Fri. 11:30 am 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 Sunday Mass

Thurs.

5:30 pm

9:00 am and 11:30 am

9:30 am School Mass

#### 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

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion ...Today's Psalm PS 103

### 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!

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#### **Liturgical Ministers for Sep 23—Sep 24**

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

**5:30 pm Mass** 

Greeters: Tom & Marcia McNamee,

Dianne Piri

Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft, Emma Grace Turner

**Eucharistic** Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda, Ministers: Patty Edwards, Meg Hoeft,

John Warren

Lector: Anna Yonce

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

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Decker Family, Mary Catherine Dubois

Altar Servers: Abram Delaney, Maisie Lewis,

Anna Tillman

**Eucharistic** Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kristi Roberts,

Ministers: Daniel Suggs, Tamme Suggs

**Lector:** Andrew Preston

**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,

Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

**Greeters:** Sheila Griner, Susan La Via **Altar Servers:** Zoe Cuzmar, Liam Hale,

Megumi Tran

**Eucharistic** Brian Dougherty, Pam Everitt Kathy Hepner, Maier Runyon

Phu Tran

Lector: John Lavelle

Ushers: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien

#### Offerings August 28 — September 10

Collections at Mass (Sep 02—Sep 03) Collections at Mass (Sep 09—Sep 10) Mail in Offerings (Aug 28—Sep 08) myEoffering (Aug 28—Sep 08) Budget (2 weeks) Difference	\$ \$ \$ \$	11,047.00 4,867.00 8,121.17 10,281.11 33.116.38 + 1,150.79
Registered Households	4	615
Envelopes Used (Sep 02—Sep 03)		161
Envelopes Used (Sep 09—Sep 10)		170
Active myEoffering Families		158
MyEoffering Family Donations (Aug 28-	–Se	ep 08) <b>229</b>

## Offerings for Catholic University: \$309.00 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

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



## Now available online at nativitycharleston.org

For immediate access, just scan this QR 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: Mary Bieda, 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 or at Office@NativityCharleston.org.

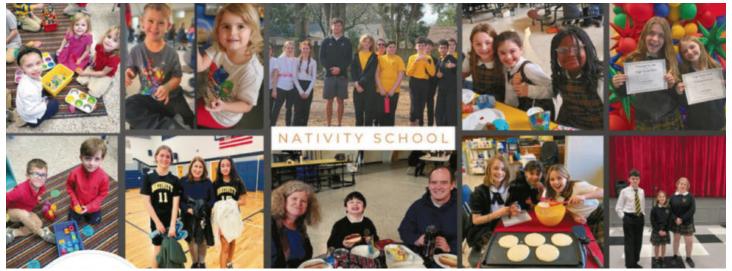
#### **Intentions**

#### Mass: This Week

Sat.	16	5:30 pm	Ruby Dent Bennett+
Sun.	17	9:00 am	For all catechists
		11:30 am	Joan Bucher+
Mon	18	11:30 am	For the people of Nativity
Tues.	19	11:30 am	, ,
Wed.	20	11:30 am	
Thurs.	21	11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Fri.	22	11:30 am	
Sat.	23	5:30 pm	Brady Lee+
Sun.	24		For the People of Nativity
		11:30 am	

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.com/NativitySchoolKnights">www.nativity-school.com</a> or our FaceBook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights.com/NativitySchoolKnig

The School Year is off to a great Start!



## JAMES ISLAND OUTREACH

HELPING NEIGHBORS UNITING COMMUNITY

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.



## Restriping is happening at the Nativity Parking Lots Next 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.





# 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.

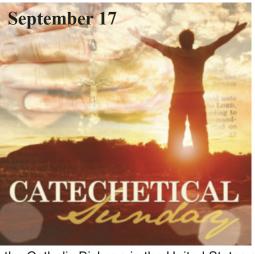
Everyone who has some time on Saturday and would like to help us is encouraged to participate. Besides continuing to work on the bibs and burp cloths for the October Diaper Drive, we are going to start preparing items to sell at the Fall Craft Festival in November.

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!



In 1935, the Catholic Bishops in the United States set the third Sunday of September as Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme is "Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened" (Mt 11:28).

There will be a blessing of Catechists at all the Masses this weekend.



## **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 <a href="mailto:natprayershawl@gmail.com">natprayershawl@gmail.com</a>

## **Senior Adult Ministry**



Wednesday, Sept. 20
at 12:30 pm
in the Parish Life Center
Lunch: \$15 per plate
Annual Dues: \$20 per Member
RSVP by Sun, Sep 17@5:00 pm

To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519

Please join us for Lunch!

## Senior Adult Ministry the Details

We will have a catered lunch at the cost of \$15 per person, celebrate birthdays for the month and have some type of program/fellowship each month- a speaker, games, or other activity.

Each month you will receive a more detailed e-mail notification of the menu and activity for the month. You are asked to RSVP by the Sunday preceding the meeting if you plan to attend. Your RSVP allows the caterer to properly prepare for the meals.

Please bring payment for lunch with you to the lunch. (cash or check made out to Church of the Nativity).

We meet monthly Sept. through May. Historically, this group has requested yearly dues to help cover the costs of cakes, paper products, small gifts for speakers, and other group related expenses. Annual dues are \$20 per member for 2023-2024.

#### The menu is for the September 20 meeting is

Paprika Chicken, Mini Mild peppers, Carrots & Peas, Side of rice pilaf, Mixed salad greens, Choice of Dressings, Veg option: No Chicken-Veg Ragout Rolls and Butter



# Wednesday Evening Bible Study

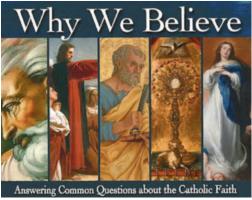
Our new study is Bishop Robert Barron's'

## 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.

#### Alpha has started!



# ...But, it's not too late to join us for Alpha on Tuesday, Sept 19. We meet at at 6:15 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

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

The RICA Program for this year has begun. However, it is not to late to join us

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

Please join us if you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith.





# Margaret Mauk And Andrew Schultz

were married at Nativity on Saturday. September 2, 2023.

May God grant them many years of happiness together.



## **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://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/369/young-adult-fall-retreat-2023

All young adults are welcome.

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

## Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

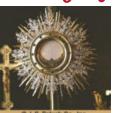
is a supportive, confidential, non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. The retreat offers an opportunity to find healing and peace.

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



# Weekly Hour of Fucharistic 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.

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