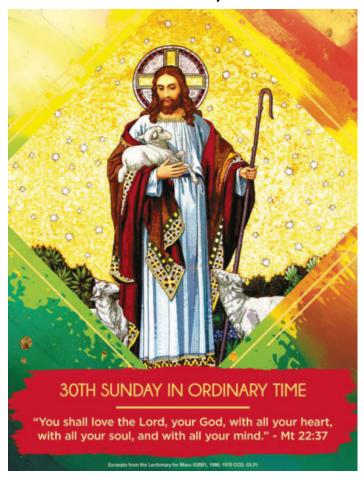
October 29, 2023



Because God Loved Us First

The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5) and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself". (Leviticus 19:18). God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving.

That is why he commands us to love; to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

... 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

Mon., Tues., Fri. 11:30 am Mass

Wed. Nov 1—Holy Day of Obligation 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.

11:30 am Holy Day Mass 6:30 pm Holy Day Mass

Thurs. Nov 2—All Souls Mass 10:30 am at Holy Cross Cemetary

Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday Mass 5:30 pm 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

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.

STAFF

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Religious Education: Mrs. Mary L. Smith DRE@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 104

School Principal: Mrs. Patti Dukes pdukes@nativity-school.com, 843-795-3975

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.



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Liturgical Ministers for Nov 4—Nov 5

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: Jake Hoeft, Joe Hoeft Eucharistic Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,

Ministers: Wendy Bergstrom, Barbara Coddington,

Eileen Easler

Lector: Cava Riley

Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Bolchoz Family, Caughey Family
Altar Servers: Savanna Owens, Jacob Perry,

Emma Grace Turner

Eucharistic Kathy Murphy, Hal Perry, Pat Perry,

Ministers: Kirby Preston, Kristi Roberts
Lector: Mary Catherine Dubois
Vishers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,
Walter Machaneki, Stave Mole

Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters: Sheila Griner, Susan La Via **Altar Servers:** Zoe Cuzmar, Gavin Gilreath,

Megumi Tran

Eucharistic Irene Bennett, Jackie Doscher, **Ministers:** Pam Everitt, Christine Lewis,

Phu Tran

Lector: Pam Everitt

Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,

Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

Offerings October 16 — October 22

Collections at Mass (Oct 21—Oct 22)	\$ 10,594.00
Mail in Offerings (Oct 16—Oct 20)	\$ 1,550.00
myEoffering (Oct 16—Oct 20)	\$ 3,046.93
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ - 1,366,76
Registered Households	632
Envelopes Used (Oct 21—Oct 22)	159
Active myEoffering Families	176
MyEoffering Family Donations (Oct 16-	—Oct 20) 113

Offerings for World Missions Sunday: \$738.00

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).



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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, Darcy Hill, 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 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.	28	5:30 pm	Brady Lee+
Sun.	29	9:00 am	Special Intention
		11:30 am	George Wulbern+
Mon	30	11:30 am	Suzette Nowak+
Tues.	31	11:30 am	Ann McDonald Engelstad+
Wed.	1	9:30 am	-
		11:30 am	Mary Ngo+ and Michael Tran+
		6:30 pm	Howard Appelt+
Thurs.	2	10:30 am	Memorial Mass
			at Holy Cross Cemetery
Thurs.	2	11:30 am	No Mass at Nativity Church
Fri.	3	11:30 am	
Sat.	4	5:30 pm	Brady Lee+
Sun.	5	9:00 am	Deceased members of the
			Nativity Ladies Guild
		11:30 am	Edith Bell Montano+

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.





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 www.nativity-school.com or our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/NativitySchoolKnights. or contact the School Office at 843-795-3975

The School Year continues. Please pray for our students.

Community Fellowship Weekend

Parish Covered Dish Hosted by the Nativity Ladies Guild





Saturday, November 4, after the 5:30 Mass
Bring your favorite dish to share

Sunday, November 5, after the 9:00 MassBring your favorite breakfast dish to share

Sunday, November 5, after the 11:30 Mass Bring your favorite lunch dish to share

Drop off food at the PLC before all Masses.

All are encouraged to participate in these Community Gatherings!

Nativity School Cookie Dough Customers

Great News! Your Dough will be available for pick up after the 9:00 Mass Next Sunday (Nov. 5) in the PLC.

If you cannot pick up your order on Sunday, please contact Victoria at admin@nativitycharleston.org
To arrange a time to get your order at the Nativity Parish Office.

Thank you for Supporting Nativity School.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Nancy Nixon

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Mon, October 23rd.

May she rest in peace.



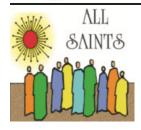
The Enrollment for Confirmation of Nativity Youth Candidates Sunday (Oct. 22) during the 11:30 Mass



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Traditionally the month of November is a time when we remember in prayer all who have died. Throughout November, a Book of Remembrance will be placed in the back of church. Parishioners are invited to add names of deceased loved ones to this list. If a name is already in the book it is not necessary to re-enter a name.

...THE SOULS OF THE JUST ARE IN THE HAND OF GOD.



Wednesday, November 1 is All Saints Day.

Please join us for Mass as we remember the Saints the Church has canonized and all those who have lived lives of holiness.

Nativity Mass Times for All Saints Day:

9:30 am School Mass

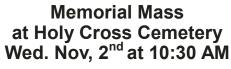
All are welcome and invited to attend.

Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

11:30 am Holy Day Mass 6:30 pm Holy Day Mass

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Holy days of obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass and to avoid (to the extent that they are able) servile work.



This Mass will be a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Robert Guglielmone.

All are invited to attend.

Please note that there will be no Mass at Nativity on Thursday, November 2nd at 11:30 am.



Baptism

Braxton Boyd Horner,

son of Katherine and Braxton Horner, was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, October 22.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



LADIES GUILD SEWING GROUP

Will Meet Saturday Nov 4 and 11 in the Parish Life Center from 9:00 am to noon.

We will continue to complete projects to sell at the annual Craft Fair Fundraiser. We have all types of craft items which need painting, decorating, decoupaging, and your creative touch. No experience needed.

We need to jinish up in the next 2 weeks!

For more information, please contact Marion Hoffman at nativityladiesguild@gmail.com or at 803-397-2681



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

The "Baby Everything" Drive ends next Sunday (Nov 5). Tarry Not!



Prospective students for grades 9, 10, or 11 and parents are cordially invited to attend an

Open House

Monday, October 30, 2023

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No reservations are required.



For further information call or email:

Lizzie Kelsch, Admissions Associate (843) 849-9599 ext. 125, lkelsch@behs.com

Kit Brownell, Director of Admissions (843) 849-9599 ext. 134, kbrownell@behs.com



Ladies Guild will be making Thanksgiving Baskets.

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive a basket, contact the church office.



Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!



Joyful Mysteries -Wednesday Night Bible Study

This Study begins on Wednesday Nov 8th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Please contact Andrea Gilliard at acgilliard@comcast.net with questions or to sign up.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250 TEAMS UP WITH THE NATIVITY LADIES GUILD FOR 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 29) AFTER THE 9:00 MASS



ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!



26th ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY TROUT TOURNAMENT Saturday – November 11, 2023

Registration: Forms are available at the Nativity Church entrances.

Or contact Bobby Watkins at bobby.watkins@usfoods.com

Friday, November 10th at the CAPTAIN's Meeting - 6:00 to 8:00 pm Late Registration:

American Legion Post 147 / 968 Folly Road / Charleston, SC

Registration Fee: \$40.00 per Angler (includes T Shirt for early registration)

Saturday, November 11th - from 4:00 to 4:30 pm Wapoo Boat Landing under the bridge on the city side Weigh-In:

1st Place - \$300.00; 2nd Place - \$200.00; 3rd Place - \$100.00 Prizes:

Tournament Fishing Hours: 12:00 am Saturday morning to 4:00 pm Saturday afternoon. The Rules: All trout must be caught on a rod & reel. Only legal trout will be weighed. In case of a tie, the first trout

weighed-in will win. Only one prize will be presented per entrant.

All proceeds from this tournament will go to support the good works of Knights of Columbus Council 6250.

For more information regarding sponsorship or participation in this exciting event, please contact Bobby Watkins at bobby watkins@usfoods.com or at (843) 270-5788.

Please join us for this exciting event for the anglers of the community.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Johns Island is seeking applicants for the position of Financial Secretary. The ideal candidate will have years of bookkeeping experience and proficiency in Microsoft Excel and Word while working on a PC platform. A finance or accounting degree would be a plus. The applicant will also be performing various administrative and clerical duties such as contract administration, ADP payroll processing, Human Resources tasks and financial correspondence. This position is 30+ hours a week (M-Th, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm). For consideration, please submit a resume and cover letter with salary expectations to

ssergi@holyspiritsc.org.

For a detailed job description, the position is posted on the Diocese website at charlestondiocese.org. Once on the diocese website, click on the JOBS tab and enter Holy Spirit in the location field.

Floral Workshop Saturday, Nov. 11 at 9:00 am in the Parish Life Center



This event is sponsored by the Nativity Environment Ministry. There will be 2 instructors, teaching the basics of creating beautiful arrangements.

The Event Fee is \$10.

We will provide each participant with the materials to create their own arrangement. For more information and to register, please text Margaret at 843-697-4437

or email m.holseberg@icloud.com

Hope to see you at this creative and fun event.



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