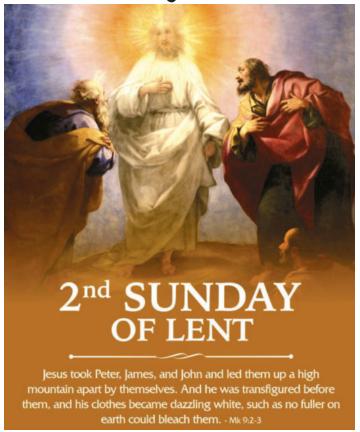
February 25, 2024



Sacrifice is Never Easy.

As a college student, my prized possession was an aftermarket car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain."

We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us. Our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust God enough?

Ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act in line with His command.

...Father John Muir

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



Church of the Nativity

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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.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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

Wed. 2:30 pm Living Stations presented by Nativity School Students

Fri. 5:30 pm Stations presented by Nativity Ministries followed by Lenten Dinner in the Parish Life Center

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 Praver 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

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
...Today's Psalm PS 116

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 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 Mar 2 — Mar 3

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

5:30 pm Mass

Greeters: Dianne Piri, Timothy & Carolyn Smith
Altar Servers: Declan Smith, Daniel Salceda
Eucharistic Mary Bieda, Barbara Coddington,
Patty Edwards, Carolyn Smith,

Mary Smith

Lector: Claire Bergstrom

Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Mass

Greeters: Bolchoz Family, Daniel & Tamme Suggs

Altar Servers: Abram Delaney, Alena Novak,

Jack Perry

Eucharistic Karen Cellars, Matthew Cellars, Ministers: Jimmy Craven, Daniel Suggs,

Tamme Suggs

Lector: Gary Warriner

Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,

Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Mass

Greeters: Rebecca Beylotte, Sheila Griner
Altar Servers: Caryn Hasenberg, Jenna Hasenberg,

Megumi Tran

Eucharistic Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry,

Ministers: Brian Dougherty, Christine Lewis,

Scott Runyon

Lector: Tara Hasenberg

Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings February 5 — February 18

The weekly offerings information was not available by the publishing deadline for this week's bulletin. The 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

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



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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: Sharon Dale, Terry Parsons

From previous months: Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed and Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Mariano LaVia, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, Paul Madden, Katherine and William Manning, 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, Jerry Wade, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

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

For our service men and women and their families throughout the world.

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.	24		One year death anniversary of
			Roy Ross+
Sun.	25	9:00 am	Tony Kelly+
		11:30 am	Joseph Tran+
Mon.	26	11:30 am	Libby Conway+
Tues.	27	11:30 am	Ron Hanna, Jr.+
Wed.	28	11:30 am	Wendy Craven+
Thurs.	29	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	John McGuinness+
Fri	1	11:30 am	John McGuinness+
Sat.	2	5:30 pm	For the people
Sun.	3	9:00 am	Dooley Fava+
		11:30 am	Mel Kelly+

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—dedicated to the academic and spiritual growth of our students.

Nativity School is accepting applications for admittance for grades K4 through 8 for the 24—25 School Year.

To learn more about Enrollment 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

Teaching Values for Life!





The Knights of Columbus provided the pancakes and the Nativity School students and teachers celebrated Shrove Tuesday on February 13.



Sunday, Mar 10 at 1:00 pm. in the Church

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are suffering from a potentially life threatening illness, those planning to have serious surgery and by those in advanced years.

Through the anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. Those anointed receive the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage. Their suffering is united with that of Christ.

After the sacrament, the Nativity Ladies Guild will sponsor a reception in the Parish Life Center for the anointed and their families.



Seder Dinner Reminder

If you purchased a Seder ticket, please be at the Nativity Parish Life Center this Sunday (Feb. 25) at 5:30 pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Lent Day of Recollection



March 9, 2024 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

"Ignatian Wisdom for the Season of Lent."

with Rev. Brian O. McDermott, S.J., Dr. Theol. ,Special Assistant to the President, Georgetown University, former academic dean of the Weston Jesuit School of Theology, author, and spiritual director for over 40 years.

Father McDermott is highly regarded for his wisdom and experience as a spiritual director and for his deep understanding of the Spiritual Exercises.

Save the Date!



Tuesday Bible Studies

A Journey through the sorrowful Mysteries is a 7-episode video series highlighting the Mysteries in the life of Christ as outlined in the decades of the Rosary. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the viewer.

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87244968092?
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Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. Tuesday Evening Bible Study is 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All meetings are in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckie.watkins@gmail.com



BoC is looking for New Board Members and volunteers who will work with their clients. They are seeking compassionate people whose beliefs align with their charter statement:

It is the right of every mother to give birth and the right of every child to be born.

Birthright is an abortion alternative crisis pregnancy center in West Ashley: they offer hope, love and support to any woman who is pregnant or thinks she maybe pregnant.

For more information, please call 843-556-4403 or email <u>birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com</u>



The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Returns in February

Please note that the process and forms have changed this year.

Please make your checks payable to CASC or Catholic Appeal of South Carolina.

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To donate online, please visit https://charlestondiocese.org/online-donations/

Our parish is listed as Charleston Nativity Church.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Miller at finance@nativitycharleston.org or at. 843-798-3821 ext. 102.

Thank you for your generosity and your patience with this new process.

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Wednesday, February 21st | 10:30am - 12pm Thursday, February 29th | 6:30pm - 8pm



Wednesday, March 13th | 10:30am - 12pm Thursday, March 21st | 6:30pm - 8pm



LENT: THE TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence.

In addition, all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Reconciliation Service Tues. March 12 @ 6:30 pm

There will be a communal prayer service followed by the opportunity for individuals to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priests will be available.



Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year. All are encouraged to take advantage of the Sacrament on a regular basis. This service provides Catholics the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare themselves to receive Christ at Easter.

All are encouraged to attend



Once again, the Nativity Ladies Guild, will be collecting Grocery Gift Cards. The cards will be delivered to Neighborhood House and James Island Outreach. These ministries will

distribute your donations to families in need of food for Easter.

Here is how this works:

- Visit your favorite grocery store and purchase a gift card (any store, any amount).
- Write the value of the of the card on the front of the card (this is really important).
- Put the card in an envelope and write "Ladies Guild" on the outside of the envelope.
- Put the envelope in the collection at Mass between now and March 24 (Palm Sunday).

It is that simple but if you want more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

This is a great way to practice Lenten almsgiving.

Thank you for your generosity

Friday Evening Stations 5:30 pm Feb. 16 through Mar 22.

These are traditional stations led by Nativity Ministers.



Please join us for the stations followed by dinner (6:15 pm) in the Nativity Parish Life Center.

The Friday evening menus:

March 1: The Music Ministry leads stations and the Nativity Ladies Guild will provide dinner.

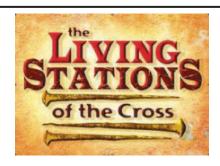
March 8: The Respect Life Ministry leads stations and will provide a dinner.

March 15: RCIA Ministry leads stations and will provide a Salad Bar dinner.

March 22: Father Kingsley leads stations and the Knight of Columbus will provide a Fish Fry.

All dinners are free but, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

All are invited to Attend Stations and Stay for Dinner and Fellowship.



2:00 pm in Nativity Church Led by the Students of Nativity School

on Wednesdays during Lent and continuing through March 20.

All are invited to this inspiring devotion.

Guests are requested to sit behind the student sections



Vacation Bible School at Nativity June 24 through 28 from 9:00 am to noon.

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Totally Catholic Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Sacred Scripture and discover what living water is really all about! Anyone interested in volunteering with VBS is asked to call or e-mail or Mary Smith (dre@nativitycharleston.org or 843-795-3821 ext. 104). All adult volunteers working with youth must complete the "Creating Safe Environments Program". For more information on "Creating Safe Environments" contact Mary Smith. Mark Your Calendars!!!



40DAYS FORLIFE.

Come out and join us in prayer and fasting

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1.000.000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
Over 200 abortion workers converted Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for the 40 Days for Life. Also by joining in one of these vigils below to pray for life. Thanks!

Help Save lives in Charleston

The Charleston Prayer vigils are daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm through March 24 at the

Planned Parenthood - Charleston Health Center 1312 Ashley River Road (West Ashley)

For more information or to sign up for an hour of prayer, Please contact Susan Seleniak (703) 328-2334 or at szelniak2@gmail,com

Life is a gift from God.

PRAYER VIGIL

Thurs, Feb 29 and Fri, Mar 1 From 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

All members of the Nativity community are invited to join us at the Planned Parenthood—Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61) as we pray for all those who are wounded by their participation in abortion.

For more information or to sign up for the Nativity Vigil, please contact

Christine Lewis at 843-813-3937 or at lewischristined@att.net

Or Malcolm Brennan 843-906-5511 or at mbprolife@gmail.com

Thank you for your care and concern for the unborn!



Baptism

Gianna Kathleen Brunckhorst,

daughter of Megan and Christian and Brunckhorst was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, February 18.

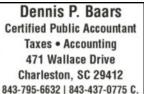
Congratulations to this new member of our church.



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit at Nativity

Sunday February 24/25 and March 2/3 after all the Masses. The Diocese of Charleston is offering a traveling Eucharistic Miracle exhibit that is a curated selection from the Eucharistic Miracle exhibit originally created by Blessed Carlo Acutis. It consists of 28 bilingual (English/ Spanish) panels that recount several Eucharistic miracles documented throughout the history of the Church.

The exhibit will be displayed in Our Parish Life Center. This version of the exhibit features an audio-visual guide to walk you through the tour of the display. The exhibit is in English and Spanish and AV guide is in English with Spanish subtitles. Be sure to bring a mobile device and headphones to access the guide using the QR Code.





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