## March 3, 2024



**3RD SUNDAY OF LENT** 

#### **Getting Back to the Basics**

One of the greatest golfers of all time was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, during Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip" - our connection to God in fidelity and exclusive worship. Am I willing to let go of the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life.

Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment.

This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" and hold on to God alone.

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.

### 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
- 5:30 pm Stations presented by Nativity Fri. 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 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

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. ...Today's Psalm PS 19

## 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

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Kingsley Pastor@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 105

Office Manager: Mrs. Vicki Vázquez Admin@NativityCharleston.org, 843-795-3821 x 101

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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 chummert@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



To register in our parish, please fill out a registration form on our web site: www.nativitycharleston.org.

New to Our Community?

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!

### Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

#### Liturgical Ministers for Mar 9 — Mar 10

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, Emma Grace Turner
Eucharistic	Mike Bieda, Wendy Bergstrom,
Ministers:	Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler,
	Patty Edwards
Lector:	Mary Bieda
Ushers:	Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley,
	Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins
	9:00 am Mass
Greeters:	<b>9:00 am Mass</b> Caughey Family, Cellars Family
Greeters: Altar Servers:	
	Caughey Family, Cellars Family
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Altar Servers:	Caughey Family, Cellars Family Mia Caughey, Maisie Lewis, Jacob Perry
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Altar Servers: Eucharistic Ministers: Lector:	Caughey Family, Cellars Family Mia Caughey, Maisie Lewis, Jacob Perry Judy Daugomah, Suzanne Decker, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Liisa Machowski Michael Bolchoz

#### 11:30 am Mass

	11.00 am mass
Greeters:	Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers:	Liam Hale, Alena Novak,
	Kenji Tran
Eucharistic	Irene Bennett, Christine Lewis,
Ministers:	Maier Runyon, Scott Runyon,
	Phu Tran
Lector:	Pam Everitt
Ushers:	Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
	Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

#### **Offerings February 5 — February 25**

Collections at Mass (Feb 10-Feb 11) Collections at Mass (Feb 17-Feb 18) Collections at Mass (Feb 24-Feb 25) Mail in Offerings (Feb 5-Feb 23) myEoffering (Feb 5-Feb 23) Budget (3 weeks) Difference	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ <u>\$</u> \$	10, 9, 18, 12, 49,	032.00 177.00 761.00 479.00 995.25 673.07 771.18
Registered Households	•		643
Envelopes Used (Feb 10-Feb 11)			179
Envelopes Used (Feb 17-Feb 18)			171
Envelopes Used (Feb 24-Feb 25)			169
Active myEoffering Families			173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Feb 10-	Feb	o 11)	125
MyEoffering Family Donations (Feb 17-	Feb	o 18)	127
MyEoffering Family Donations (Feb 24-	Feb	o 25)	119

Offerings for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe: \$527.00

Ashe Wednesday Offerings: \$3,888.00

Offerings for Black and Indian Missions: \$535.00

Second Collection for March: March 10: Catholic Relief Services March 29 (Good Friday): Holy Land

Thank you for your Generosity.



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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: Glenna Kornahrens**

**From previous months:** Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Sharon Dale, 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, Terry Parsons, 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

#### Intentions

Mass: This Week						
Sat.	2	5:30 pm	Elizabeth Ruth+			
Sun.	3	9:00 am	Dooley Fava+			
		11:30 am	Mel Kelly+			
Mon.	4	11:30 am	James Healy+			
			& healing for Nancy Appelt			
Tues.	5	11:30 am	Patricia Anne Ziegler+			
Wed.	6	11:30 am	-			
Thurs.	7	9:30 am	Bill Egan+			
		11:30 am	-			
Fri	8	11:30 am	In honor of Kathy Wiley's birthday			
Sat.			Ruth Easler+			
Sun.	10	9:00 am	For the people			
		11:30 am	Carol Harken+			

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

## Teaching Values for Life!



## Christmas returned to Nativity School on "Thankful Thursday", Feb. 22.

The Nativity Ladies Guild "Giving Tree" program is a fund raiser to collect items and funds for classroom supplies and learning aids that were requested by the Nativity School Teachers. Your donations provided all of the 352 "wish list" items that were requested. These items were presented at the school on Feb. 22.

The teachers and students were beyond excited to receive the items that you, our Parish Community, provided for them.

### The Nativity Ladies Guild thanks you for your generous support.





Sat. Mar. 9, 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.

Lunch is provided the price per person is \$10 Please sign up now at https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/signup/156992



## 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.

## 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:

- 1. Visit your favorite grocery store and purchase a gift card (any store, any amount).
- 2. Write the value of the of the card on the front of the card (this is really important).
- 3. Put the card in an envelope and write "Ladies Guild" on the outside of the envelope.
- 4. 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 <a href="mailto:lewischristined@att.net">lewischristined@att.net</a>

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.

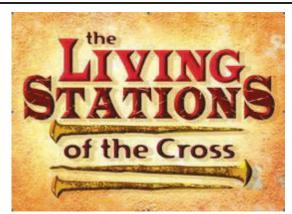
These are traditional stations led by Nativity Ministers.

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

The Friday evening menus:

- March 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! If you can help us with VBS please contact Mary Smith 843-795-3821 ext. 104 or at <u>dre@nativitycharleston.org</u>. All adults working with youth must complete the "Creating Safe Environments Program". For more information on "Creating Safe Environments" contact Mary Smith. Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Participate!!!



## Holy Week Services Schedule



March 24, Palm Sunday Weekend Masses at Regular times Distribution of Palms at all Masses

March 28, Holy Thursday (No 11:30 am mass) 7:00 pm Mass Adoration after mass until 9:00 pm in the Parish Life Center March 29, Good Friday 3:00 Passion of the Lord

March 30, Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Vigil Mass RCIA Sacraments during Mass

March 31, Easter Sunday 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses Additional Seating (both Masses) in the Nativity Parish Life Center

Mark Your Calendars and Plan to Attend.

## **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

This Post Abortion Healing Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. On the retreat you can find peace and closure and strengthen your relationship with God. Come discover God's love, mercy and Forgiveness.

The next retreat in South Carolina is: May 31-June 2-Fort Mill- Spanish For more information or registration

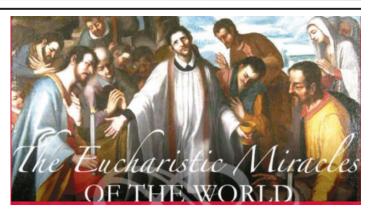
Christy 803 554 6088 Kathy 803 546 6010 Or email us at Grace4Healing@gmail.com



### Baptism Arlo Gene Waszut,

son of Sarah and Nicholas Waszut, was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, February 20.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



# Exhibit at Nativity

# Continues March 2/3 after all the Weekend 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.

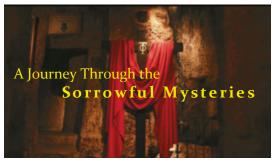
Be sure to bring a mobile device and headphones to access the guide using the QR Codes displayed on the exhibit panels.

To learn more about this exhibit, please visit <u>https://charlestondiocese.org/eucharist-miracles/</u>

Please take the time to visit this exhibit and reflect on the Gift of the Eucharist.



**Scenes of Seder:** Over 100 people worked and participated to make last Sunday's Seder Meal an outstandingly inspirational and enjoyable event. Thank you so much.



## **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 <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88988721703?</u> <u>pwd=OFdYRWZ5YzRWT2xIQkJndjFDbXIzQT09</u> Meeting ID: 889 8872 1703 and the Passcode: Nativity

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 <a href="mailto:ryckie.watkins@gmail.com">ryckie.watkins@gmail.com</a>



March Monthly Meeting Has been changed to Mon. Mar. 18 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center

We will be preparing with the coming of the eggs and other treats for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.

All Women of Nativity are Encouraged to help us prepare for this exciting family event.



Daylight Saving Time Begins Next Sunday.

Please remember to set your clocks ahead on Saturday.

40 DAYS FORLIFE.

#### **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



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