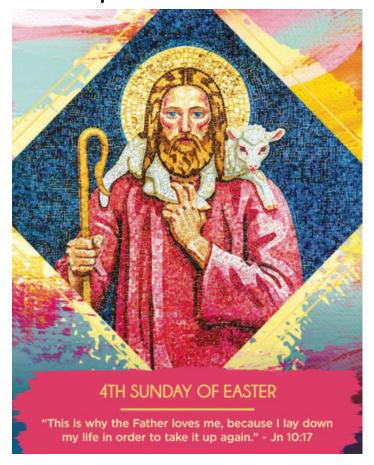
April 21, 2024



Be Conscious of His Love for Us

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

...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.

Mass Schedule This Week

Mon. through Fri. 11:30 am Mass Thurs. 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 Sunday Mass

5:30 pm

9:00 am and 11:30 am

Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 12:00 noon

Weekday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Church 12:00 noon

Mon. through Fri.

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 stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

...Today's Psalm PS 118

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 until site renovations are completed.**

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 Mary Smith 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 place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Each weekly session includes a time to connect with others (over a free meal), presents a brief video on an element of the Christian faith, and provides an opportunity for each person to share their own thoughts and questions in a small group setting. 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 843-813-4238. 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 Apr 27 — Apr 28

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

5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Greeters: Patrick Kelly & Kathy Wiley;

Tom & Marcia McNamee

Altar Servers: Emma Grace Turner

Eucharistic Mary Bieda, Patty Edwards, Ministers: Meg Hoeft, Carolyn Smith,

Mary Smith, John Warren

Lector: Claire Bergstrom

Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley

Leroy Holseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Greeters: Caughey Family, Cellars Family Altar Servers: Abram Delaney, Matthew Hart,

Liam Manning

Eucharistic Karen Cellars, Matthew Cellars, Ministers: Jimmy Craven, Judy Daugomah,

Gary Warriner

Lector: Amber Knight

Ushers: Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass

Greeter: Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli

Altar Servers: Alena Novak

Eucharistic Lynn Curry, Maier Runyon,

Ministers: Scott Runyon, Phu Tran, Irene Bennett

Lector: Sheila Elsey

Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,

Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner

Offerings April 8 — April 14

Collections at Mass (Apr 13—Apr 14)	\$	9,	863.	.00
Mail in Offerings (Apr 8—Apr 12)	\$	5,	345.	.00
myEoffering (Apr 8—Apr 12)	\$	7,	219.	. 34
Budget (1 week)	\$	16,	557.	<u>. 69</u>
Difference	\$	+ 5,	869.	.74
Registered Households			68	30
Envelopes Used (Apr 13—Apr 14)			18	38
Active myEoffering Families			18	30
MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 8—	-Apr	12)	13	28

Second Collection for April: April 28: Catholic Home Mission

Thank you for your Generosity.

Please use your envelopes.

If you need envelopes, please contact 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,

Or 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: Leslie Boyer, Chris Fisher, Glenna Kornahrens, Barbara Wade

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, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, 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.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	20	5:30 pm	James Maney+
Sun.	21	9:00 am	For the people
		11:30 am	Arnold Bennett+
Mon.	22	11:30 am	
Tues.	23	11:30 am	Ken Lipe+
Wed.	24	11:30 am	Helen Bieda+
Thurs.	25	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	Billy Corso+
Fri	26	11:30 am	
Sat.	27	5:30 pm	Walter LaTorre+
Sun.	28	9:00 am	For the people
		11:30 am	Kevin Jenkins+
		6:00 pm	Peter Ferra+

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!



These are a few of the Nativity School 8th graders who recently visited the Bishop Gadsden Community to play games and interact with the residents.



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!

But SCUBA is not just for kids. Everyone can join in the fun. Just contact Mary Smith at 843-795-3821 ext. 104 or at dre@nativitycharleston.org to find out how you can help.

Note: 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!!!



BOOSTERTHON is returning soon to Nativity

Nativity School's Fun Run & Color Games fundraiser is kicking off soon!

Here are some important dates:

- REGISTRATION OPENED: 04/11/2024 Register at https://mybooster.com/v3
- Nativity School Fun Run & Color Games Kicks off 04/25/2024
- Event Day 05/03/2024

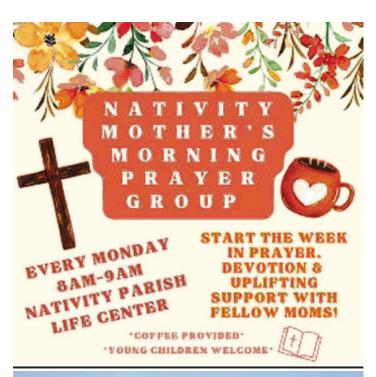
Thank you for your supporting Nativity School!



Confirmation at Nativity Sun. April 28 at 6:00 pm All are invited to attend Please pray for our children who will receive this sacrament.

Nativity Ministries Fair Sunday, May 19 at 10:00 am in the Parish Life Center

Come and learn more about what your peers are doing and be prepared to yield to peer pressure.



A Walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents

ONE DAY RETREAT
Saturday, May 4, 2024,
8:30-5:00pm
St. Finbar Hall,
901 Orange Grove Road
Charleston, SC



TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT

Christy Brown at cbrown@charlestondiocese.org 803 554 6088

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE AT 803 547 5063



SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

Church of the Nativity is looking for a secretary/ receptionist to work 30-40 hours per week.

Receptionist duties include: answering telephone calls ♦ assisting walk-in guests, ♦ preparing families and appropriate staff for funerals.

Secretarial tasks include: • updating church registers with sacramental information, • maintaining parish databases,

- preparing quarterly Church ministry schedules,
- screening and reporting for Safe Environment,
- ◆ drafting letters,
 ◆ overseeing bulletin and parish communications.
 ◆ entering data,
 ◆ assisting the pastor and other staff members in administrative tasks.

Candidate skills include: competence with Microsoft Word and Excel applications, • ability to learn other office applications as needed.

The candidate should possess strong organizational and time management skills, ◆ strong interpersonal skills,

- the ability to communicate effectively and with empathy,
- function with a high level of confidentiality.

Knowledge of the Catholic faith is preferred, but not required.

If you are interested, please send a resume, cover letter, and salary expectations to

Fr. Thomas Kingsley C/O Church of the Nativity 1061 Folly Rd. Charleston SC 29412.

This is a very family friendly position for a parent/caregiver of school age children.

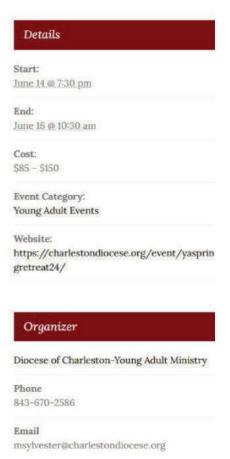


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For more information or to register, please visit: https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/427/ya-spring-retreat-2024

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Workshop is free and open to ALL in the community

Please call Matt Whipple to register for an upcoming workshop at James Island Outreach, 843–762–3653

James Island Outreach | 1860 Camp Road

APR

Wednesday, April 10th | 10:30am - 12pm Thursday, April 25th | 6:30pm - 8pm



Wednesday, May 8th | 10:30am - 12pm Thursday, May 23th | 6:30pm - 8pm



Wednesday, June 12th| 10:30am - 12pm Thursday, June 27th| 6:30pm-8pm





Weekly Hour of
<u>f</u>ucharistic Adoration
<u>fvery</u> Thursday
at 12:00 noon

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.

The revival will include eucharistic processions and other events of adoration and prayer around the country. It will continue until the National Eucharistic Congress on July 17, 2024.

This is a Great Opportunity to stop by and Talk with Jesus.



Monthly General Meeting Mon. Apr 22 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Life Center

- Refreshment at 6:30 pm
- Meeting at 7:00 pm

All Women of Nativity are Encouraged to Participate.

THE WILD GOGE

Tuesday Bible Studies

Ancient Celtic Christians depicted the Holy Spirit as a goose, called Ah Geadh-Glas, which translates to "wild goose." Early Christians had an appreciation for the goose's unexpected interventions and saw the goose as a fitting symbol for the Holy Spirit.

The Wild Goose program is a 14-part video series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. The episodes are intended to lead viewers to explore the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

These Bible Study sessions are offered in person and online via ZOOM

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88988721703? pwd=OFdYRWZ5YzRWT2xIQkJndjFDbXIzQT09

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.

We are planning to complete this series by end of June,.
For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckie.watkins@gmail.com

All are Invited to Participate.



Baptism Daniel "Bennett" Robinson,

son of Meghan and Robbie Robinson was welcomed into our faith community on Sunday, April 14.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



Service of Light and RCIA confirmation during the Easter Vigil Liturgy.

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