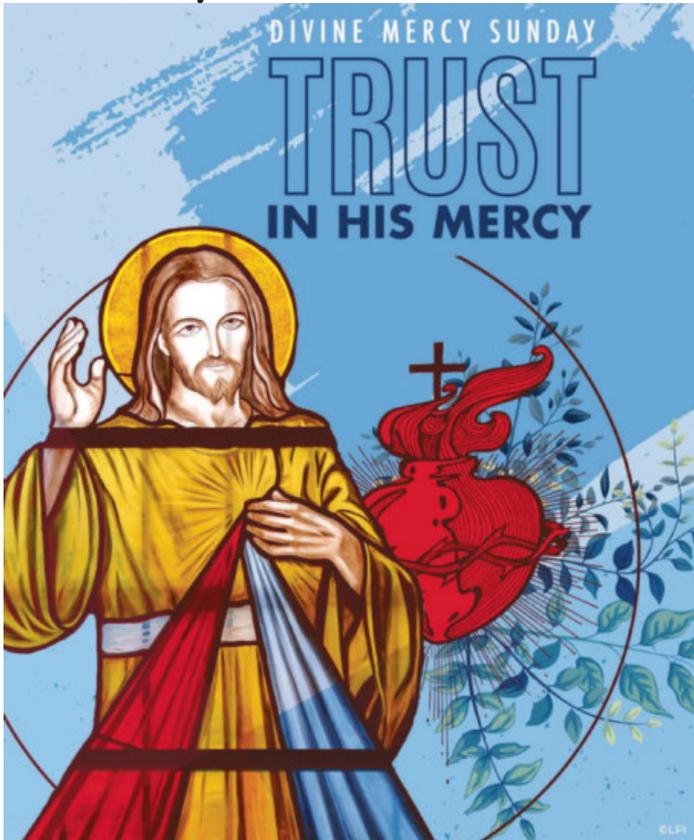


April 7, 2024

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. 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 5:30 pm
Sunday Mass 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
Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714
e-mail: Office@NativityCharleston.org

Recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life.

The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was Thomas. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

When rejoined the other apostles, the Lord Jesus appeared and reassured Thomas that He had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life so that we may get to know him personally in the power of His resurrection.

... excerpted from Don Schwager at <https://www.dailyscripture.net>

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting

...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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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.



Please consider joining our parish family!

Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for Apr 13 — Apr 14

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

5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
Greeters: Patrick Kelley & Kathy Wiley
Altar Servers: Jake Hoeft, Aisling Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Easler, Patty Edwards, Meg Hoeft, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith
Lector: Cava Riley
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Pechon Family, Daniel & Tamme Suggs
Altar Servers: Alena Novak, Jacob Perry, Emma Grace Turner
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hollifield, Liisa Machowski, Kathy Murphy, Hal Perry, Pat Perry
Lector: Robert Horner
Ushers: Richard Bragiell, Joe Dubois, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Caryn Hasenberg, Jenna Hasenberg, Megumi Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Lynn Curry, Jackie Doscher, Maier Runyon, Scott Runyon, Phu Tran
Lector: Betsy DesNoyer
Ushers: Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings March 18 — March 24

Collections at Mass (Mar 23—Mar 24)	\$ 10,819.00
Mail in Offerings (Mar 18—Mar 22)	\$ 4,220.08
myEoffering (Mar 18—Mar 22)	\$ 3,509.44
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ + 1,990.75
Registered Households	643
Envelopes Used (Mar 23—Mar 24)	140
Active myEoffering Families	173
MyEoffering Family Donations (Mar 18—Mar 23)	127

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, mail your donation to the parish office or make a donation via your myEoffering account.

<https://members.myeoffering.com>



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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, 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, 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.

Intentions

Mass: This Week

Sat.	6	5:30 pm	In thanksgiving and continued healing of Sally Wojcik
Sun.	7	9:00 am	Patsy Warren+
		11:30 am	Tricia Milner+
Mon.	8	11:30 am	In honor of Fran Taylor's Birthday
Tues.	9	11:30 am	Joe Clark+
Wed.	10	11:30 am	For the people
Thurs.	11	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	
Fri..	12	11:30 am	
Sat.	13	5:30 pm	Donald Blevins+
Sun.	14	9:00 am	Gladys & Sal Lobianco++
		11:30 am	Shawn M. Road+

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!



During March, Nativity School students collected items for the patients and staff of Carter May Assisted Living Community. These items filled “Easter Baskets” for Grown ups and were greatly appreciated.



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!!!

FORMED

What is FORMED and how do I get it?

FORMED is kind of like a big, online library with many different resources. Because people really like videos, our catechists and evangelists are using more and more FORMED video media as part of their programs.

In addition FORMED is FREE to all members of Nativity. The parish has a subscription that allows every one of us to access/use this ‘library’ at zero personal expense. To take advantage of this opportunity, you need only to go through a few simple steps to sign up.

Visit <https://formed.org>, click “Sign Up” and select “I belong to a Parish”. Find “Church of the Nativity” on the list, type in your email address and you are in. You will receive a link in your e-mail. A Smart phone app is also available.

Now wasn't that easy?



Coffee and Donuts this Sunday (April 7) after the 9:00 am Mass in the Parish Life Center .

Ladies Guild Coffee and Donuts returns this weekend after an extended hiatus.

There is no charge but your donations are greatly appreciated.

Stop in and enjoy Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship.



WHAT ARE MY... Spiritual Gifts?

Spiritual Gifts Retreat

Saturday, April 13—10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Nativity Parish Life Center

The Holy Spirit has gifted every baptized Christian with unique gifts. Have you ever wondered what special gifts the Spirit has given you? Jesus and the Church challenges us to be actively involved in the mission of the Church by using the gifts God has given us.

Come and learn more about your gifts in this parish retreat so that you may fulfill Christ's command to become missionary disciples by your involvement in parish ministry. All are invited to pray, learn and grow in intimacy with the Lord.



The facilitator is Sister Kathy Adamski, OSF, a sister of St. Francis of the Neumann communities who has ministered in the Diocese of Charleston for 15 years.

**Lunch is provided
the price per person is \$10**

Sign up at

<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/signup/160642>

For more information or to register, please contact Sr. Kathy at kathleen.adamski@gmail.com.

Please register and plan to attend.



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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets

Meets the second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Nativity Parish Life Center Meeting Room.

The next meeting is Wed. Apr 10

For more information, please contact Debbie Kennedy at natprayershawl@gmail.com

Today (April 7) is Divine Mercy Sunday

Saint Faustina Kowalska was a nun and mystic of the Church. She was born in Poland in 1905 and lived there until her death in 1938. During her life, she received revelations from Jesus which she documented in her notebook. Jesus asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina (April 30, 2000) decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday.



The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us — no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A — Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

For more information about Sr. Faustina, please visit:

https://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/ns_lit_doc_2000430_faustina_en.html



Tuesday Bible Studies

Metanoia, is a captivating 10-part documentary series, that invites viewers on an inspirational journey of grace, hope, repentance, and transformation. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this series, produced by The Ministry of the Wild Goose and 4PM Media, delves into areas of life where conversion is often necessary.

Through captivating stories and beautiful cinematography, Metanoia leads us on a path of spiritual transformation. It's a pilgrimage of the heart, where we encounter God's grace and discover the power of repentance. Whether you're seeking hope, healing, or a deeper relationship with Christ, this series offers profound insights and inspiration.

The sessions are in person and online via ZOOM

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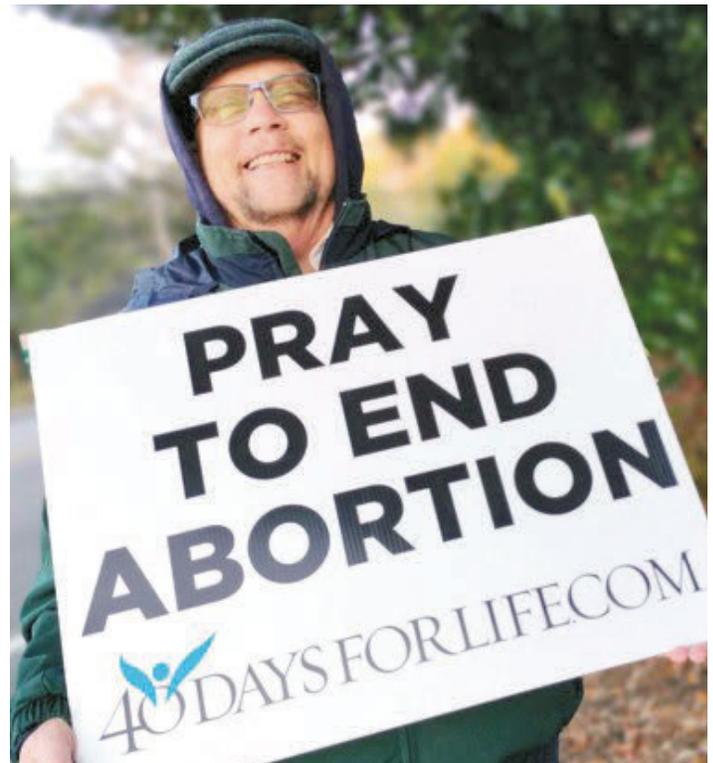
Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.

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

All are Invited to Participate.



The Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life finished on Palm Sunday. Many Nativity Community members offered prayers and witness to the sanctity of life at the Planned Parenthood facility in West Ashley. Thank you for your support of women and children.

It's not a choice. It's a human being.

Senior Adult Ministry

Wed. Apr 17 at 12:30 pm in the Parish Life Center

Lunch: \$15 per plate

RSVP by Sun, Apr 14 @ 5:00 pm

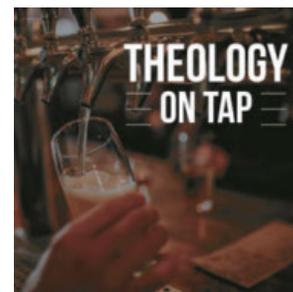
To Mary Smith at 843-670-7519



Scenes of the Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt provided by the Nativity Ladies Guild. Many thanks to all who participated and contributed to make this a great family event.



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 PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY (APR 14)
 10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.
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For College Students And Young Adults

Join us for an evening of faith, food, and fellowship.

Theology is on Tap in Charleston
 on Wed. April 10 at 7:00 pm at

**Tommy Condon's Irish Pub
 (Abbey Room)**

For more information about the Young Adult Ministry and our events, please contact shillbc93@gmail.com

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