

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

First Communion at Nativity

Saturday 10:00 am
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 and Divine Mercy Chaplet 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



Love One Another

Jesus defines friendship - the mutual bond of trust and affection which people choose to have for one another - as the willingness to give totally of oneself - even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend. God made us for love. That is our reason for being, our purpose for living, and our goal in dying.

John tells us that God is love. Everything he does flows from his immense love for us. He loved us so much that he was willing to pay any price to redeem us from our slavery to sin and death. Jesus gave up his life as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Jesus tells us that he is our friend and he loves us whole-heartedly and unconditionally. He wants us to love one another just as he loves us, whole-heartedly and without reserve. His love fills our hearts and transforms our minds and frees us to give ourselves in loving service to others. We are called to open our hearts to his love and to obey his command to love our neighbor.

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

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

...Today's Psalm PS 98

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.

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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!

Please support our Advertisers whose funding makes this bulletin possible.

Liturgical Ministers for May 11 — May 12

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

5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
Greeters: Tom & Marcia McNamee,
 Mike & Mary Bieda
Altar Servers: Abram Delaney, Teddy Delaney
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Bieda, Mike Bieda,
 Eileen Easer, Carolyn Smith,
 Mary Smith
Lector: Carl Borick
Ushers: Emmett Alphonse, Leroy Hulseberg,
 Lamar Watkins

9:00 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Kathy Grisillo, Homer Family
Altar Servers: Maisie Lewis, Jack Perry,
 Connor Richey
Eucharistic Ministers: Hal Perry, Pat Perry, Kirby Preston,
 Kristi Roberts, Daniel Suggs
Lector: Elena Smith
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,
 Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass
Greeters: Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli
Altar Servers: Maisie Lewis, Liam Manning,
 Kenji Tran
Eucharistic Ministers: Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry,
 Jackie Doscher, Pam Evertt,
 Christine Lewis, Scott Runyon,
 Phu Tran
Lector: John Lavelle
Ushers: Lewis Doscher, Chuck Everitt,
 Joe Ginn, Natalie Zanolli

Offerings April 22 — April 28

Collections at Mass (Apr 27—Apr 28)	\$ 9,762.00
Mail in Offerings (Apr 22—Apr 26)	\$ 2,820.00
myEoffering (Apr 22—Apr 26)	\$ 3,869.19
Budget (1 week)	\$ 16,557.69
Difference	\$ - 106.50
Registered Households	680
Envelopes Used (Apr 27—Apr 28)	162
Active myEoffering Families	189
MyEoffering Family Donations (Apr 22—Apr 26)	119

Offerings for Catholic Home Mission: \$590.00

**Second Collections for May:
 May 12: Catholic Charities**

May 19: Catholic Communications Campaign

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.



**Now available online at
 nativitycharleston.org**

For immediate access, just scan this QR code with your smart phone ----->>

**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: Louis Richter

From previous months: Allene Barans, Mary Bieda, Beverly Blevins, Ray Blevins, Leslie Boyer, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Sharon Dale, Ed & Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan & Mary Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Glenna Kornahrens, Mariano LaVia, Delores Lopez, Ruthie Mallard, Paul Madden, Katherine & William Manning, John Minaudo, Paul & Carole Moran, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed and Terry Pop, James Romero, Fran Taylor, Barbara Wade, 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.	4	5:30 pm	Judy Nys+
Sun.	5	9:00 am	Brady Lee+
		11:30 am	Carolyn Nan Maloney+
Mon.	6	11:30 am	
Tues.	7	11:30 am	Alice Herrmann+
Wed.	8	11:30 am	
Thurs.	9	9:30 am	
		11:30 am	
Fri..	10	11:30 am	
Sat.	11	5:30 pm	Justin Mehler+
Sun.	12	9:00 am	
		11:30 am	Carolyn Nan Maloney+

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!

Nativity School Graduates Sonoma Brasco and Jacob Perry recently received recognition for their academic achievements at Bishop England High School. Congratulations to our Graduate Scholars



**YOUNG ADULT
SPRING
RETREAT
JUNE 14-16,
2024**

The Retreat is for Young Adults age 18 —> 35 and is being held at the St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Johns Island.

Draw Near- Young Adult Spring Retreat
June 14 @ 7:30 pm - June 16 @ 10:30 am | \$85 - \$150

Details

Start:

June 14 @ 7:30 pm

End:

June 16 @ 10:30 am

Cost:

\$85 - \$150

Event Category:

Young Adult Events

Website:

<https://charlestondiocese.org/event/yaspringretreat24/>

Organizer

Diocese of Charleston-Young Adult Ministry

Phone

843-670-2586

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msylvester@charlestondiocese.org

For more information or to register, please visit:

<https://charlestondiocese.configio.com/pd/427/ya-spring-retreat-2024>

Welcome Catherine Bowen, Office Administrator

Catherine moved here with husband and two children last summer, and has since added an ambitious hound dog.



Catherine previously worked in higher education, most recently as a program administrator in the Study of Religion at Harvard University.

She has volunteered locally in various community improvement efforts, and is passionate about sustainability. They are very happy to call Charleston home and spend as much time as possible doing all things ocean! In her free time, Catherine enjoys learning guitar and line dancing.



Nurses Needed

Helping Moms -----> Saving Babies -----> Rescuing the Culture

Interested helping moms and babies in the Lowcountry? The Holy City Mobile Pregnancy Center is looking for volunteers and/or salaried registered nurses.

Requirements:

- Passion for helping moms and babies
- Active SC license
- Able to commit to a minimum of the same day 16 hours/month in 4 four hour shifts
- Cares for patients with love

Preferred:

- Limited Obstetric Ultrasound experience
- Charting on eKYROS' Centerpiece
- Bilingual (Spanish, Portuguese)
- Able to handle idle periods as well as rushed periods

Bonuses available — Will train

Send resume to Business.HCMPC@gmail.com

For more information, please call (854) 895-6060



Flowers

at the altar this weekend are given in celebration of the 20th Wedding Anniversary of

Hoaitrang and PhuTran Nguyen
May God grant them many more years of happiness together.

Baptism

Paul Loudon McCann,

son of Alana and Brendan McCann, was welcomed into our faith community on Saturday, April 27.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.



Weekly Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
Every 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.



Catholic Radio in SC
on WLTQ 730 AM and 106.7 FM
Catholic Radio is a great way to Walk with Jesus while driving in your car.



**Sat. May 18 and Sun. May 19
in the Parish Life Center
After all the weekend Masses**

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

Here are some of our current activities
that could use your help.

Cantors, singers and musicians; Bible Study; Children's Liturgy of the Word; H.O.M.E. Works; Church Environment; Bereavement Ministry; Ladies Guild; Knights of Columbus; Nursery; Alpha; Support for Nativity School; Nativity School PTO; Meals on Wheels; Respect Life; James Island Outreach; Parish School of Religion; Vacation Bible School; Audio, Video and Lighting Support; Information Network Administration; Computer Support; Facilities Maintenance; Youth and Young Adult Outreach.

We know we are not yet doing everything that could/should be done. So here is a blank space _____ for you to 'fill in' and tell us how you are planning to help.

**All are invited to this fantastic opportunity to learn
more about "What's Happening" and how you plan
to make our community even better.**

Coffee and Donuts will be served at 10:00 on Sunday



The Leper Priest of Moloka'i

Lived (1840-1889) Feast is May 10

Some saints transcend religious and ethnic boundaries to touch the heart that beats in each human being: Damien was a most extraordinarily compassionate man.

Far from his native Flanders' (Belgium) idyllic beauty and rich culture, Damien volunteered to bear Christ's light to Moloka'i's bleak leper colony. There he built decent homes, opened schools, established clinics and planted farms. He also shared the sufferings and the social stigma of those with whom he delighted to identify: "We lepers," he would proudly say when he finally contracted the disease.

Since the 1800's, medical science has developed cures for leprosy. Moreover, many of us are not called to a life of ministry on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. However, we are all called to examine our compassion and imitate Damien's radical love for our neighbors in our own island community.



For College Students And Young Adults

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

Theology is on Tap in Charleston

on Wed. May 8 at 7:00 pm at **Tommy Condon's Irish Pub**



Coffee and Donuts next Sunday (May 5) 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 by, enjoy Coffee and Donuts
And stay around for the May Crowning.**



So What is a May Crowning?

May has been Mary's month since the medieval period. May was considered the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. It's a time for new beginnings of gratitude and devotion. May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven".

The May Crowning is a ceremony in which we 'crown' Mary with flowers. This is symbolic recognition of Mary's position as Queen of Heaven and of our lives.

- Mary is considered the "Queen of Heaven."
- She was a perfect follower of Christ, and so is considered the crown of creation
- She is also the Mother of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the King of the universe.
- She is the most important woman of our faith, and our spiritual mother.

**Please come to Coffee and Donuts after 9:00 am Mass
Next Sunday (May 5) in the Parish Life Center
and stay for May Crowning.**



Congratulations to all our Nativity Parish and School youth who received the

Sacrament of Confirmation

at Nativity on April 28, 2024 with the + Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Robert Guglielmo:

***Sienna Brasco, Daisey Carter, Christina Dake, Gavin Gilreath, Caryn Hasenberg,
Jorge Hernandez, Bennett Kaplanis, William Parr, Teddy Peterson, Megumi Tran,
Katy Wood, and Tory Wood***

Congratulations also to the candidates from Our Lady of Good Counsel who were confirmed with us at Nativity:

***Qwen Astle, Kenneth Joyce, Kai Kanapaux, Ash Longo, Ben Meyer, Regan Miller,
Makena Ryan, and Sanden Strong.***

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you on your journey of faith.

*Many thanks to all who helped prepare for and celebrate this holy Mass
and to those 7th grade families who helped with the wonderful reception that followed.*



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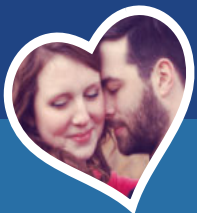
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