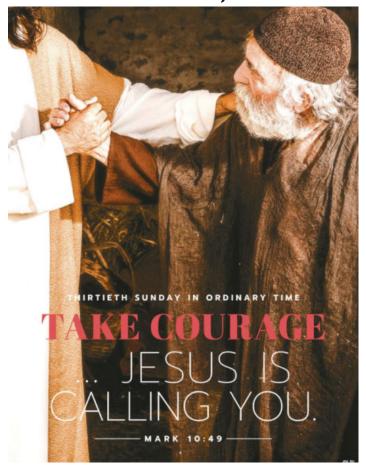
October 27, 2024



Conversion is good for the Soul

Bartimaeus' story is primarily a conversion story. He received an invitation to faith from Jesus. We are told that he threw off his outer garment and came to Jesus. In the time of Jesus, a person's clothing was a symbol of their identity. To cast off one's clothing was a way of saying that a person was leaving behind their former identity so as to become a new person. Bartimaeus courageously approaches the Lord, having left behind the trappings of his former life. He receives vision, both physical and spiritual and follows the "way", which is another way of saying he became a disciple of Jesus.

All these elements have a great deal to say to us in our lives as disciples. We, too, need to remember that it takes courage to live the Gospel and profess our faith in Jesus in the midst of a secular world. Our culture does not readily welcome or value religious expression, the sanctity of human life, the dignity of the human person, and other values of our faith. Finally, we need to remember that it is Jesus who is calling us to Himself and offering us a sharing in His very life which alone can overcome the forces of sin and death. Our response to that invitation, and a demonstration of our courage, is to freely and eagerly cast off the trappings of a former life so as to embrace our new identity as a Baptized member of the Body of Christ. The reality is that discipleship requires a transformation of life, and change is not always easy when it involves letting go of our bad habits and attitudes, while learning to sacrificially love God and neighbor.

... adapted from "Come Follow me by Daniel H. Mueggenborg

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 Thurs. 11:30 am Mass

Fri, Nov. 1—Holy Day of Obligation **Feast of All Saints**

Fri, Nov. 1 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.

> Fri, Nov. 1 11:30 am Holy Day Mass 6:30 pm Holy Day Mass Fri, Nov. 1

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

9:00 am and 11:30 am Sunday Mass

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 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

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
...Today's Psalm PS 126

THINGS TO KNOW

Nursery

For children ages 6 wks to 4 yrs. old during the Sunday 9 AM Mass. It is located on the right side of the school's breezeway entrance. *Temporarily closed due to site renovations.*

Religious Education Programs

Nativity School serves students in grades K4 through 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) is offered for other parish children (K4-Gr 8), enrolled in non-parochial schools. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

Safe Environments Training for Volunteers

All volunteers who minister in programs involving children at Nativity Parish or School are required to complete prevention education and a background check. To initiate the process and volunteer, please contact the Parish Office Administrator.

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism preparation class, a parent should be an active parishioner. Godparents for Baptism must be active parishioners of Nativity or another Catholic parish. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation

These sacraments require a 2-year preparation period. To receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the 2nd grade, children must have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program; to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade children must have participated in a 7th grade PSR or Catholic school program. For information, please contact the Director of Religious Education.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed marriage date. For inquiry, contact the Parish Office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

This pastoral ministry provides compassionate presence, prayer, and sacraments to parishioners confined to their home, hospital, or nursing home. It includes Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Eucharistic Ministers who bring Holy Communion. To arrange a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament 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 sacrament; contact the Parish Office.

Alpha

"Alpha" is a time to connect in a small group with others who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning. Weekly sessions include sharing a meal, a brief video on an element of the Christian faith, and an opportunity for sharing individual thoughts and questions. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For information, please visit www.nativitycharleston.org/alpha. *Online option available.*

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

OCIA meets in a small group and online to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information, please contact Vicki Vázquez, 843-813-4238.

FORMED.org

FORMED is an online resource for our parishioners to access video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters. An email is needed to access FORMED.org; no password is required.

STAFF

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 843-856-0748, 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: 843-261-0435, cmummert@charlestondiocese.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 complete a "new parishioner form" from www.nativitycharleston.org or collect a

form from the church

foyer. You can also scan this QR code for the same form here. You may email, mail, or drop off the form to the church office anytime, and please contact us for more information.

Please consider joining our parish!



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Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend Nov 2 & 3

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, Tom &

Marcia McNamee

Altar Servers: Nick Carter, Daniel Salceda

Eucharistic Mary Beida, Wendy Bergstrom,
Barbara Coddington, Patty Edwards,

Carolyn Smith

Lector: Eileen Easler

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

9:00 am Sunday Mass

Greeters: Bonnie Nixon, Péchon Family
Altar Servers: Matthew Hart, Liam Manning,

Connor Richey

Eucharistic Karen Cellars, Judy Daugomah, **Ministers:** Suzanne Decker, Kristi Roberts,

Tamme Suggs

Lector: Mary Catherine Dubois
Ushers: Richard Bragiel, Joe Dubois,
Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

11:30 am Sunday Mass

Greeters: Sheila Griner, Susan La Via **Altar Servers:** Rosalie Felix, Nan Risch,

Emmeline Strott

Eucharistic Lynn Curry, Pam Everitt, **Ministers:** Christine Lewis, Maier Runyon,

Scott Runyon

Lector: David Knab

Ushers: Joe Ginn, Sheila Griner, Gilbert O'Brien,

Natalie Zanolli

Offerings Oct 7 — Oct 20

Collections at Mass (Oct 12—Oct 13)	\$	11,239.00
Collections at Mass (Oct 19—Oct 20)	\$	7,692.00
Mail in Offerings (Oct 7—Oct 18)	\$	4,270.00
myEoffering (Oct 7—Oct 18)	\$	8,444.46
Budget (2 weeks)	\$	33,961.54
Difference	\$ -	2,316.08
Registered Households		700
Envelopes Used (Oct 12—Oct 13)		184
Envelopes Used (Oct 19—Oct 20)		153
Active myEoffering Families		184
MyEoffering Family Donations (Oct 7-	-Oct	18) 230

Second Collections for November:

November 24: Guatemalan Missions

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,



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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.

For Margaret Messervy,

We pray for: Beverly Blevins, Phyllis Cafiero, Don Carcone, Anne Castelli, Ron Connick, Herman Connor, Arlene & Bill Crosby, Ed & Vi Defourneaux, William Doherty, Jake DuPree, Kathy Fowler, Angela Harbuta, Terry Harris, James Michael Huber, Dan Hughes, Myrtis Jenkins, Glenna Kornahrens, Tommy Lavelle, Mariano La Via, Delores Lopez, Paul Madden, Katherine & William Manning, John Minaudo, Carole Moran, Billy Moran, Bill Mattingly, Charlie Organ, James Parker, Terry Parsons, Brenda Pearson, Ed Pop, Louis Richter, James Romero, Fran Taylor, Sandy Tedesco, Barbara Wade, Jerry Wade, PFC. Sam Whitnack, Courtney Wilson, Sally Wojcik

For all who are recovering from illness.

To have someone added or removed from this prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Sa, Oct 26	5:30 pm	Richard McKinney
Su, Oct 27	9:00 am	Wendy Craven⊕ [*]
	11:30 am	Fr. Dennis Donovan ⊕
Mo, Oct 28	11:30 am	Michael Himes ⊕
Tu, Oct 29	11:30 am	Sally Wojcik
We, Oct 30	11:30 am	Barbara Coddington
Th, Oct 31	11:30 am	For the People of Nativity
Fr, Nov 1	9:30 am	For the People of Nativity
	11:30 am	For Our Deceased Loved
	6:30 pm	Ones 🕆
Sa, Nov 2	5:30 pm	Shawn M. Rhoad∜
Su, Nov 3	9:00 am	Deceased Members of the
		Ladies Guild ₽
	11:30 am	Vera Couturier⊕

Envelopes for Sanctuary Candle and Mass Intentions are at the church entrances. Please place them in the collection basket and include your phone or email in case of date changes or unavailability. Thank you!

Intention requests may be made only up to 3 months in advance.



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27th ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY TROUT TOURNAMENT Saturday – November 9, 2024

Forms are available at the Nativity Church entrances. Early Registration and Sponsorship:

Or contact Bobby Watkins at bobby.watkins@usfoods.com

Friday, November 8th at the CAPTAIN's Meeting - 6:00 to 8:00 pm

American Legion Post 147 / 968 Folly Road / Charleston, SC

\$40.00 per Angler (includes T Shirt for early registration) Registration Fee:

Saturday, November 9th - from 4:00 to 4:30 pm Wapoo Boat Landing under the bridge on the city side Weigh-In:

1st Place - \$300.00; 2nd Place - \$200.00; 3rd Place - \$100.00 Prizes:

Tournament Fishing Hours: 12:00 am Saturday morning to 4:00 pm Saturday afternoon.

The Rules: All trout must be caught on a rod & reel. Only legal trout will be weighed. In case of a tie, the first trout weighed-in will win. Only one prize will be presented per entrant.

All proceeds from this tournament will go to support the good works of Knights of Columbus Council 6250.

For more information regarding sponsorship or participation in this exciting event, please contact Bobby Watkins at bobby watkins@usfoods.com or at (843) 270-5788.

Register online at: https://square.link/u/RhZclUEH or scan the QR Code







PTO is having a fundraiser

We are selling a collection of items through Booster. There are many things from which to choose; chocolates, bags, candles, wrapping paper, etc.

The fundraiser runs through Tuesday, October 29. Here is the link to purchase items.

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Job Opening! Financial Secretary

The Church of the Nativity and the Nativity School is seeking a full-time Finance Secretary. This is a shared position that reports to the Parish Pastor and the school's Office Manager, and works closely with all parish and school staff, and the parish Finance Council. The Finance Secretary is responsible for supporting all aspects of parish and school finance, including but not limited to, accounts payable and receivable, reporting, processing, and budgeting. The Finance Secretary regularly interacts with diverse members of both communities. The Church of the Nativity and Nativity School staff work cooperatively, diligently, and enthusiastically to support all parishioners, families, and students in the mission of the Catholic Church.

If you are interested, please send a resume, cover letter and salary expectations to admin@nativitycharleston.org

For the full position description please visit: https://charlestondiocese.org/job/finance-secretary/

Please share this information with others who may be interested in this opportunity.

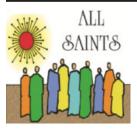
Donate to the Diocese of Charleston Disaster Relief Fund

All donations to this initiative will be used directly to support South Carolina families who have lost homes or our Catholic parishes that have been damaged. The effects of this hurricane will be felt for a long time, and your generosity will make a significant impact in helping our communities recover.

To make a donation, please visit:

https://charlestondiocese.org/disaster-relief

Thank you!



Friday, November 1 is All Saints Day.

Please join us for Mass as we remember the Saints the Church has canonized and all those who have lived lives of holiness.

Nativity Mass Times for All Saints Day:

9:30 am School Mass

All are welcome and invited to attend School Mass. Attendees who are not affiliated with Nativity School are requested to sit toward the back of the church and away from the students.

11:30 am Holy Day Mass 6:30 pm Holy Day Mass

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Holy days of obligation are feast days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass and to avoid (to the extent that they are able) servile work.



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Pick up your wreaths at the Nativity parking lot on Sat. Dec. 7 between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.



For more information, please contact

Joe Dubois at clocksmith@comcast.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Bicentennial Capital Campaign Closure

The financiers at the Catholic Diocese of Charleston, SC have asked for our help in collecting all outstanding pledges for the Bicentennial Capital Campaign. If

you have an outstanding pledge and would like to complete said pledge, please reach out to Carrie Mummert at

cmummert@charlestondiocese.org

Or Carolyn Miller at <u>finance@nativitycharleston.org</u> for the amount still owed and directions on how to complete your pledge

Thank you for your Generosity

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets 13th Nov. from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the Parish Life Center.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry distributed 12 prayer shawls and blankets to those in need. If you know someone that is ill, in the hospital or just needs a "HUG", please contact Debbie Kennedy at:

natprayershawl@gmail.com.



Monthly General Meeting Mon. Oct 28 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 Attend



COUNCIL 6250 BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT SAINT CLARE MATERNITY HOMES.

Here is how this works:

- 1. Put money (cash, checks) into the baby bottle you have (or into an envelope)
 - ⇒Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
 - ⇒Memo should say "St. Clare Homes"
- 2. Return the bottle (or envelope) when you come to church on Oct 26-27)
 - ⇒You can also return the bottle/envelope/check/cash/other to the Parish Office

Preventing abortion is just not enough. St Clare's Home is a maternity home for expectant mothers who choose life and need shelter, safety and security. St. Clare's provides housing and educational care to expectant women and their children. During a stay of up to a year after birth, moms are educated on parenting skills, Catholic family planning and independent living skills. Women also have an opportunity to further their education.

BONUS FEATURE: YOUR DONATION WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR.

For more information, please contact Malcolm Brennan (843-906-5511 or mbprolife@gmail.com).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THESE MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN.



Deacon Michael Ghattas

I am Michael Ghattas and my home parish is St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach. I am a transitional deacon studying for the diocese of Charleston. I recently finished my last summer assignment at Saint Peter Basilica and am completing my last year at St. Vincent Seminary. Thanks to your support, I have been able to complete six years of seminary. I finished my philosophical studies at Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas TX, and received my degree from the University of Dallas. God willing, my ordination to the priesthood will be on June 6th, 2025 at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Charleston, SC.

Our journey to the priesthood is full of challenges but your support provides for our essential needs. This allows us to focus on our relationship with God. Thank you very much for your generosity. I hope that as a priest I will be able to give back just a little bit to what you have given me and the all the Seminarians over the years.

Fund Raiser for Diocese of Charleston Seminarians through November 10.

Currently the Knights of Columbus are helping to support 3 men who are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Charleston. SC (Michael Ghattas, Paul Sizemore and Michael Tracy). Yes the diocese pays for the room, board and education while they are at the seminary. However, the diocese does not provide stipends for other expenses (e.g. transportation, communication, clothing, personal care, etc.). These expenses are supported by donations from family, friends and concerned parish organizations.

Here is how this works:

- 1. You can donate Cash, Check or with a Credit card.
- 2. Put money (cash, checks) into an envelope and Write Seminarians on the envelope
 - ⇒ Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
 - ⇒ Memo should say Seminarians
- 3. Return the envelope to the Nativity Church or mail to the Nativity Parish Office on or before Nov 10

Or you can donate online: at https://square.link/u/WlsgJsXd Or scan the QR Code.



For more information, please contact Mike Cellars (843-830-0528 or mikecellars56@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting these seminarians.



Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of

Leslie Anne Boyer,

whose funeral was held at Nativity on Monday, Oct. 21.

May she rest in peace.





Nativity "Baby Everything" Drive Ends this Weekend

Throughout the month of October, The Nativity Ladies Guild and Respect Life Committee will be collecting items that a new mother needs in order to care for her new baby. **Donations of all New or Gently Used baby items are appropriate.** Preferred clothing and diaper sizes are for infants and toddlers 10 to 30 pounds.

Place your items in the containers at the church entrances when you come to weekend Mass or you can bring them with you to any Ladies Guild activity.

Your donations will assist clients of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and Birthright of Charleston.

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at lewischristined@att.net

Please deliver your items to church this weekend or drop them off soon at the Nativity Parish office.



Fall 2024 Campaign: Sep. 25 through Nov. 3

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America.

Facts

- The Center for Disease Control reported over 600,000 abortion procedures in the United States in 2021.
 - 40 Days for Life played a role in saving over 23,000 lives since 2007.

Local 40 Days for Life Events

Now through Sun. Nov. 3: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm—Daily Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood Charleston Health Center (1312 Ashley River Road Hwy. 61).

Sat. Nov 2: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm—Lowcountry Walk for Life at Wannamaker County Park

For more information, please contact Christine Lewis at 843-813-3937 or at lewischristined@att.net or visit https://www.lpcfriends.com/events

For more information regarding local 40 Days for Life Events, please visit:

https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/charleston



Finnley Jane Coyle,

daughter of Mary and Daniel Coyle was welcomed into our faith community on Saturday, October 19.

Congratulations to this new member of our church.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

This Post Abortion Healing Retreat is a supportive, confidential and non-judgemental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience. On the retreat you can find peace and closure. You will also strengthen your relationship with God.

The next retreat in Charleston is December 13-15.

Register online at https://bit.ly/RachelsVineyardDec2024

For more information or to register please contact Christy at 803-554-6088 or Kathy at 803-546-6010. You can also email us at <u>Grace4Healing@gmail.com</u>

Come discover God's love, mercy and forgiveness.



Weekly Hour of

<u>fucharistic</u> Adoration

<u>fvery</u> Thursday at 12:00 noon

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