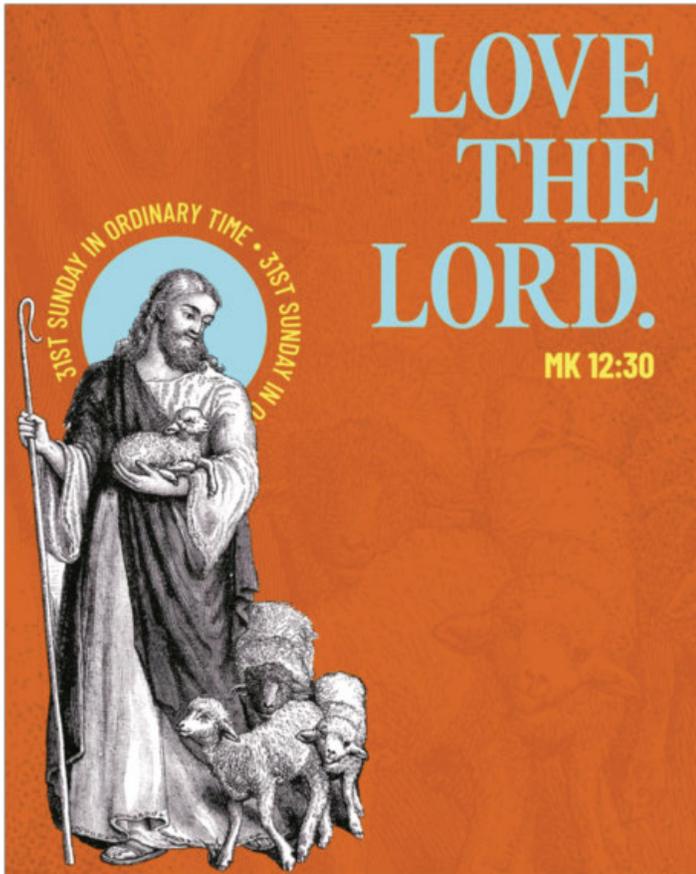


# November 3, 2024

Catholic Diocese of Charleston



## Love as He Loves

The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law and their ritual requirements. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Old Testament along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries. They tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

What does God require of us? Simply that we love as he loves! Everything he does flows from his love for us. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love and truth the more we love what he loves and reject what is hateful and contrary to his will.

To love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength involves integrating our love for God into every aspect of our life. It means prioritizing our relationship with God above all else, seeking to know Him through His Word, engaging in prayer and worship, living out His commandments, and allowing His love to direct our thoughts, actions, and relationships with others.

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



## 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 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: [admin@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org)

### Stay in touch with us at Nativity

Web page: <https://nativitycharleston.com/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/ChurchoftheNativity>

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

...Today's Psalm PS 18

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, children must have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program; to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade children must have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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[ocyp@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:ocyp@charlestandiocese.org), 843-853-2130

**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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:cmummert@charlestandiocese.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](http://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 9 & 10

*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, Timothy & Carolyn Smith  
**Altar Servers:** Liam Manning, Daniel Salceda  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike Beida, Barbara Coddington, Eileen Easler, Carolyn Smith, John Warren  
**Lector:** Claire Bergstrom  
**Ushers:** Emmet Alphonse, Patrick Kelley, Leroy Hulseberg, Lamar Watkins

**9:00 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Daniel & Tamme Suggs, Becky Warriner  
**Altar Servers:** Sully Cellars, Charlie Cellars, Abram Delaney  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Matthew Cellars, George Hill, Gary Hart, Kathy Murphy, Daniel Suggs  
**Lector:** Gary Warriner  
**Ushers:** Richard Bragiel, George Hill, Walter Machowski, Steve Molony

**11:30 am Sunday Mass**  
**Greeters:** Susan La Via, Natalie Zanolli  
**Altar Servers:** Scarlett Brasco, Liam Hale, Alena Novak  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Irene Bennett, Lynn Curry, Pam Everitt, David Knab, Phu Tran  
**Lector:** Sheila Elsey  
**Ushers:** Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn, Gilbert O'Brien, Natalie Zanolli

*This email list is:*

<https://nativityfamily.flocknote.com/LiturgicalServer>

## Offerings Oct 21 — Oct 27

Collections at Mass (Oct 26—Oct 27)	\$	<b>11,263.00</b>
Mail in Offerings (Oct 21—Oct 25)	\$	<b>7,615.00</b>
myEoffering (Oct 21—Oct 25)	\$	<b>4,384.47</b>
Budget (1 week)	\$	<b>16,980.77</b>
Difference	\$ +	<b>6,281.70</b>
Registered Households		<b>671</b>
Envelopes Used (Oct 26—Oct 27)		<b>176</b>
Active myEoffering Families		<b>199</b>
MyEoffering Family Donations (Oct 21—Oct 25)		<b>127</b>

**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,

Or 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.**

**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 our leaders and officials  
throughout the world.**

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

## Mass Intentions

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†
Mo, Nov 4	11:30 am	Special Intention
Tu, Nov 5	11:30 am	Paul Moran†
We, Nov 6	11:30 am	Judy Ferunden†
Th, Nov 7	9:30 am	The People of Nativity
	11:30 am	
Fr, Nov 8	11:30 am	Joseph A. Morris†
Sa, Nov 9	5:30 pm	Clydie Bevis†
Su, Nov 10	9:00 am	Chris Fisher†
	11:30 am	Frances O. O'Leary†

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.**



NATIVITY SCHOOL FALL CARNIVAL

JOIN US FOR FALL FAMILY FUN ON  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024  
3 PM - 8 PM

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FUN.  
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NATIVITY SCHOOL.**



**The Nativity Ladies Guild "Baby Everything" Drive  
and the  
K OF C COUNCIL 6250 BABY BOTTLE FUND RAISER  
have ended.**

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



**Ladies  
Guild**

### **Coffee and Donuts**

**This Sunday (Nov 3)** in the Nativity Parish Life Center after the 9:00 am mass.  
There is no charge but your donations are greatly appreciated.

**A Great Time to Mix and Mingle!**



Other upcoming Ladies Guild Events:

- November 18 Monthly meeting (includes thanksgiving baskets and annual pie contest) at 6:30 in the PLC
- December 7 Baby Jesus Birthday Party in the PLC.
- December 7 and 8 Creche Festival and fellowship weekend in the PLC.

**Mark your Calendars and plan to attend!**

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OUR SCHOOL!**

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### **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.

**You can place orders through Tues. Nov 5.**

Here is the link:

<https://fundshoppe.shop.mতিরies.com/shop-now?sellerId=941425>



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6250  
PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY (NOV 10)  
10:00 AM IN THE NATIVITY PARISH LIFE CENTER.  
STILL ONLY \$3.00 PER PLATE!**



I am John Michael Tracy, and I am from Charleston, SC. The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist is my home parish. I have one brother, who is 5 years older than me, and he has one son. I attended Charleston Day School for grade school, Bishop England High School. I graduated from Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, NC in 2008 with a degree in history. I worked in the maritime industry after graduating from college. After discerning for many years, I entered seminary for the Diocese of Charleston in Fall 2020. I studied philosophy at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, TX. I am currently entering my third year of theology studies at St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA. Lord willing, I will be ordained as a transitional deacon in May 2025.

## Please DONATE to Support Diocese of Charleston Seminarrians

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 Seminarrians on the envelope
  - ⇒ Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 6250
  - ⇒ Memo should say Seminarrians
3. Return the envelope to the Nativity Church or mail to the Parish Office on or before Nov 10



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

**DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED TO A TOTAL OF \$5000.**

For more information, please contact Mike Cellars (843-830-0528 or [mikecellars56@gmail.com](mailto:mikecellars56@gmail.com))

**Thank you for supporting our Seminarrians.**



## 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LOW COUNTRY TROUT TOURNAMENT Saturday – November 9, 2024

**Early Registration and Sponsorship:** Forms are available at the Nativity Church entrances.  
Or contact Bobby Watkins at [bobby.watkins@usfoods.com](mailto:bobby.watkins@usfoods.com)

**Late Registration:** Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the CAPTAIN'S Meeting - 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
American Legion Post 147 / 968 Folly Road / Charleston, SC

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

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

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$300.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$200.00; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$100.00

**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](mailto:bobby.watkins@usfoods.com) or at (843) 270-5788.

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

**Please join us for this exciting event**



## 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](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org)

For the full position description please visit:

<https://charlestdiocese.org/job/finance-secretary/>

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

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:natprayershawl@gmail.com).



## Theology on Tap For College Students And Young Adults

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

Theology is on Tap in Charleston  
on Wednesday, Nov 13 at 7:00 pm at

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

Our speaker is Fr. Wilson from the Cathedral! Fr. Wilson will be speaking about miracles, particularly as regards Lourdes. No RSVP necessary.

For more information about the Young Adult Ministry and our events, please contact Scott at [shillbc93@gmail.com](mailto:shillbc93@gmail.com)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Christmas Wreath Sale: Price is \$25

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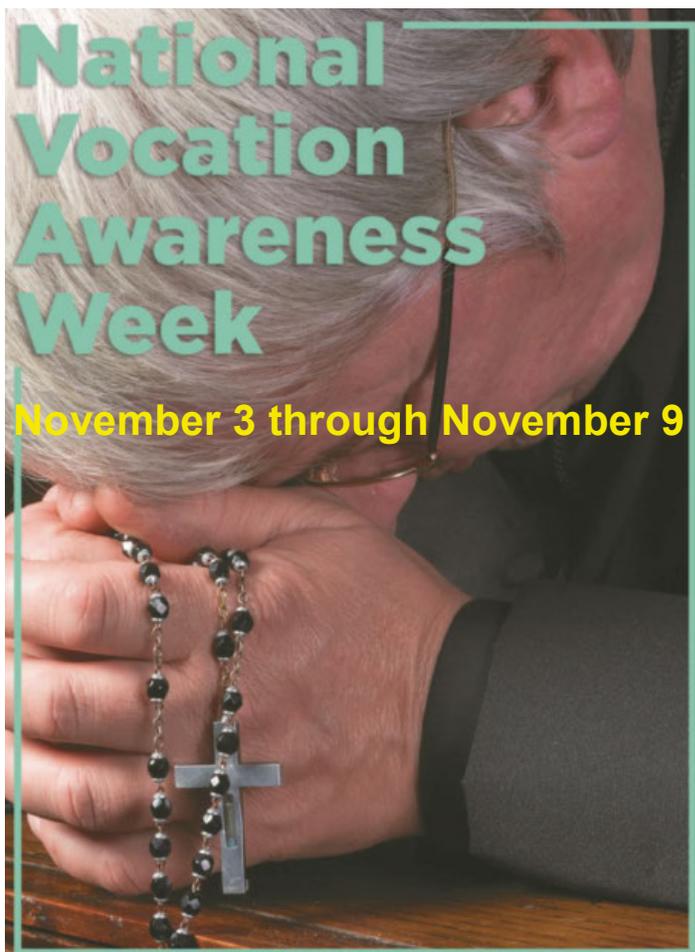
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Pick up your wreaths at the Nativity  
parking lot on Sat. Dec. 7 between  
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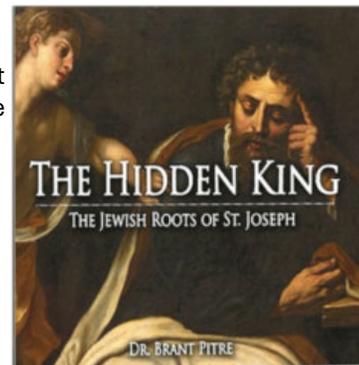


God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

## Tuesday Bible Study — New Study begins Nov 12

This is a 5 session video study by Dr. Brandt Pitre. It focuses on what we can learn about Saint Joseph from the Bible, ancient Jewish and Roman history, and the living Tradition of the Church.

*Topics include: How Joseph was the Hidden King of the Jews; Why Joseph was a threat to the Fake King Herod; Why Herod Murdered his own Wife, three Sons, and the Infants in Bethlehem; Why Joseph Accepted of Mary's Jewish Vow of Virginitiy; How Joseph Hid the Virgin Birth from Satan; Joseph's Relation to the "Brothers" of Jesus; Apocryphal Legend of the Elderly Joseph; The Biblical Age of Saint Joseph; The Persecution of Joseph's Family; How Joseph is the earthly Shadow of Jesus' heavenly Father.*



Sessions are conducted in person (in the meeting room of the Parish Life Center) 12:30 to 2:00 pm and again at 6:30 to 8:00 pm. You can also participate in these sessions via ZOOM. Here is the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88988721703?pwd=OFdYRWZ5YzRWT2xlQkJndjFDdBXlZQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 8872 1703 and the Passcode: Nativity

For more information, please contact Ryckie Watkins at 843-795-4194 or at ryckie.watkins@gmail.com.

**Everyone is invited to participate in Tuesday Bible Study.**

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Questions? Contact Mary Nemeth  
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## Bishop England Open House Thur. Nov. 7 at 6:30 pm

This event is for prospective students and parents for grades 9, 10, and 11 for admission for the 2025-2026 school year. This Open House includes an activities fair, campus tours, and departmental presentations.

**No reservations are needed.**

At 7:15 pm, there will be a presentation of our academic program and our admissions timeline.

For further information, please visit our website at

<https://www.behs.com/admissions> call us at 849.9599 or email [lkelsch@behs.com](mailto:lkelsch@behs.com) or [kbrownell@behs.com](mailto:kbrownell@behs.com).

## 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!**



*Katie Victoria Anweiler*

*And*

*Eugene Frazier III*

*were married at Nativity on  
Saturday, October 26, 2024.*

*May God grant them many  
years of happiness together.*



The last day to vote is Tuesday, Nov.5.

**Be sure  
to vote.**

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