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Diocese of Charleston

## Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road  
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

### 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:

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Saturday Vigil:            | 5:30 pm           |
| Sunday:                    | 9:00 and 11:30 am |
| Weekdays: (Mon, Tues, Wed) | 5:15 pm           |
| (Thurs)                    | 9:30 am           |
| (First Sat)                | 9:00 am           |

Confessions: (Sat) 4:15 - 5:00 pm or by appt.

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Office: 843-795-3821 / Fax: 843-795-2714

e-mail: [nativityc@bellsouth.net](mailto:nativityc@bellsouth.net)

website: [www.nativitycharleston.org](http://www.nativitycharleston.org)

Emergencies requiring a Priest:

843-724-6593

## MASS INTENTIONS

|      |    |          |                                 |
|------|----|----------|---------------------------------|
| Sat  | 28 | 5:30 pm  | Raymond Molony+                 |
| Sun  | 29 | 9:00 am  | For the People                  |
|      |    | 11:30 am | Dan Sullivan+                   |
| Mon  | 30 | 5:15 pm  | Eli Puckett+                    |
| Tues | 01 | 5:15 pm  | William Lamont+                 |
| Wed  | 02 | 5:15 pm  | Francesca Bouvette+             |
| Thur | 03 | 9:30 am  | Rosanne Shealey+                |
| Sat  | 05 | 9:00 am  | Ted DeLorme+<br>3rd Anniversary |
|      |    | 5:30 pm  | Tom Fath+                       |

## OFFERINGS

**NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

**DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAY, THE COLLECTION  
AMOUNT WILL BE RECORDED  
NEXT WEEK.**

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Please use your envelopes. If you need envelopes, call the parish office, 795-3821. An active parishioner is one who has registered with the parish, attends Mass regularly, and uses parish envelopes to make regular contributions for at **least 3 months**.

### New Parishioner Registration Form / Address Change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please drop this information into  
the Offertory Basket***

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish family! Please call the church office, 795-3821 to register or fill out a registration form located in the church vestibule and place it in the collection basket when completed.

### NURSERY

Nursery is available during the 9:00 am Mass. It's located at the right hand side of the school's breezeway entrance. For more information or to volunteer in the Nursery Ministry, please contact Amy Gilsenan, 406-0237 or agilsenan@gmail.com.

### BAPTISM

Contact Mary Smith, 795-3821 ext. 24 to schedule a Baptism preparation class. A parent should be an active parishioner.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

### (RCIA) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This program is for adults who wish to become Catholics. For information or to register for RCIA, call the church office, 795-3821.

### CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please notify the parish office, 795-3821 if you wish to have a pastoral visit. We care about you.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Nativity School serves students in grades K4 thru 8. The Parish School of Religion (PSR) for other parish children, grades K3 through 8, is offered during the school year on Sunday mornings in the School Building from 10:00 to 11:15 am. To register, call Mary Smith, 795-3821, ext 24.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This is offered to 4 year olds - 5<sup>th</sup> graders during the 9:00 am Mass. Children are dismissed after the opening prayers and re-join their parents for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST, AND CONFIRMATION

There is a two year preparation period required for these sacraments. If you would like to have your child receive sacraments in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, they must have participated in a 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. If you plan to have your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, that child must also have participated in a 7<sup>th</sup> grade PSR or Catholic school program. Please contact Mary Smith, 795-3821 ext.24 with any questions.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES DECEMBER 5-6, 2009

### ***GREETERS (Side Door)***

**5:30 pm** - Joan and Lindsey Caldwell

**9:00 am** - Dick and Mary Abbott

**11:30 am** - Alfreda Hawkins

### ***GREETERS (Main Door)***

**5:30 pm** - James and Marina Churchill

**9:00 am** - Aimar Family

**11:30 am** - Cynthia Walker

### ***ALTAR SERVERS***

**5:30 pm** - Adam, Alex and Alyssa Wojcik

**9:00 am** - Corey Clancy, Nicholas Gage,  
Aaron Scheibelhood

**11:30 am** - Megan Ahl, James Devore,  
Mark Wolfe

### ***E.M.***

**5:30 pm** - David Knab, Martha Mays, Carolyn  
Smith, Mary Smith, Alice Veyera, Lamar  
Watkins, Maritza Zeisel

**9:00 am** - Jimmy and Wendy Craven, Daniel and  
Tamme Suggs, Fran Taylor, Delores  
Wrenn, Cindy Yianopoulos

**11:30 am** - Ann Ginn, Abel Girault, Kathy Hepner,  
Christine Lewis, Liisa Machowski,  
Jackie Proveaux, Suzy Stalker

### ***LECTORS***

**5:30 pm** - Sister Julia

**9:00 am** - Michael Dennis

**11:30 am** - Dee Pierson

### ***USHERS***

**5:30 pm** - Emmett Alphonse, Jon Benthall, Donald  
Blevins, Leroy Hulseberg

**9:00 am** - Jim Anderson, Richard Bragieli, Tom  
Meteraud, Austin Taylor

**11:30 am** - Cathy Berg, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,  
Barry Lingenfelter

## STAFF EMAIL / PHONE NUMBERS

### **ADMINISTRATOR:**

Rev. Thomas Kingsley  
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### **PARISH SECRETARY:**

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### **FINANCIAL SECRETARY:**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Mrs. Mary L. Smith  
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### **MUSIC MINISTRIES:**

Ms. Janet Jones  
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795-3821 x 23 or 343-4093-cell

### **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:**

Mrs. Patti Dukes  
pdukes@nativity-school.com, 795-3975

### **SCHOOL EDP DIRECTOR:**

Ms. Darice Norton, 762-2469

### **Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:**

843-853-2130 x 209

### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister:**

800-921-8122

**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Please continue to pray for our service men and women and their families throughout our nation. Members of the Armed Services include the Navy, Marines, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine: **Col. Joseph Anderson, M.D.; SSGT Michael Brifnek, USAF; Sgt. Major James H. Dennis; Jeremy Dixon, Specialist; Col. Peter B. Edmonds; Jason S. Falcone, 1st Lt., Army; AE3 Karl Grantham; ISC Patricia Grantham; Sgt. Jesse Johnson; Pvt. Luke Johnson; Lt. Col. Kelly Kanapaux; Michael R. McKenna, 2nd Lt., USAF; Capt. Benjamin Pardieck; PVT. Daniel W. Parker, Jr. Army; Capt. Zach Probst; MST3 Tim A. Ross, USCG; Col. Michael Rowland, MD; Seaman Recruit Daniel Wade Suggs, Jr.; Pvt. Samantha Williams; 2nd Lt. Rachel Young.**

Please call the parish office, 795-3821 with names of your loved ones who are serving in the military.

**WEBSITE:** Our parish bulletin can now be viewed on-line under the News & Events section on our parish website: [www.nativitycharleston.org](http://www.nativitycharleston.org).

## MUSIC

### NATIVITY MUSIC MINISTRY

*All choirs meet in church.*

**Anyone who would like to sing with a choir for Christmas should begin attending rehearsals this week.**

**The Parish Choir**, (*adults and teens*) - Wednesdays at 7pm - sings for the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays.

**The 11:30 Teen Group** - 11:00 am Sundays - middle and high school students. Special practice times may be scheduled by the group.

**The Jr. Choir - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade or older** - Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:00 pm. The children sing occasionally for the 9:00 am or 5:30 pm Masses and for the 5:30 pm Mass Christmas Eve.

**Primary Choir - K5, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades** - Thursday 3:00 – 3:45 pm. The choir sings occasionally for the 9:00 am Mass and for the 5:30 pm Mass Christmas Eve.

**Cantors and Instrumentalists** – singers and any instruments – band, guitar, organ, piano – please talk to the music director and find out what you can do to contribute to the music ministry at Nativity.

For more information about music at Nativity, please contact the Music Director, Janet Jones, at church, [jjones\\_nativity@bellsouth.net](mailto:jjones_nativity@bellsouth.net) or 343-4093.

### EXPERIENCING FIFTY YEARS OF MUSIC IN CATHOLIC WORSHIP IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

The mass parts we have been singing this fall are some of the earliest published in English. Prior to the mid sixties, the proper of the mass had to be sung in Latin. There were many attempts to compose new mass parts. Some have stayed with us and have remained good worship music for today's church. Some were not as easy to sing.

We tried singing the Agnus Dei, (#121), in English. It did not work well. Even the cantors found it difficult to sing. Translating Latin invocations and litanies does not always work well. We will try the Agus Dei again in Latin during Lent. It flows better in the original Latin.

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For Advent, we will sing a set of mass parts by Michael Joncas that were published in the late 1980's. These are familiar to most of us, (#153, 154, 155, and 157 in the hymnal.)

For Christmas, we will go back to the late 1970's and sing the festive St. Louis Jesuits Mass, #179.

The church has been blessed with many composers who have continually met the needs of music for worship. From my own experience of choosing music for worship, (since the mid 1970's), it is such a pleasure today to have so many good mass settings to choose from. There were very few possibilities in the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Let us all pray that composers will always continue to work to enable us to grace our worship with beautiful music.

*Janet Jones*

## FLOWERS



**FLOWERS** on the altar this weekend in celebration of the marriage of Adrian Molinaroli and Carol Swinburne.

## PRAYER LIST

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:** *Woody Aydlette, Eleanor Bartasek, Kimberly Benn, RoseMary Bouvette, Sarah Bryant, Vera Buckland, Libby Conway, Doreen D'Aramo, Bill Dronen, Ed Frederick, Sam Gentile, Ruby Inez Germroth, Jay Ginn, Marilyn Grafton, Lula Grice, Ida Griffith, Bill Groffel, Marjorie Guarisco, Joseph Hand, Angela Harbuta, Donna Hiers, Sandy Honan, Martin Houghton, Vicki Joye, Rachelle Lavelle, Joe Lucie, Albert and Jero Lutrario, Sister Stella Maris, John Minton, Marjorie O'Brien, Jackie O'Shaughnessy, Richard Plummer, Heidi Powers, Caroline Ramsey, Kay Reynolds, Armine Richardson, Sylvia Richardson, Marie Smith, Ashley Starkey, Charlene Teague, Billy Thomas, Tracy Tindal, Jimmy Wells, Grady Williams, Delores Wrenn.*

Please call the church office, 795-3821 to add/delete your name to/from the prayer list.

## REFLECTION

### ACTIVE WAITING

As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace.



## PARISH NEWS



**NATIVITY 2010 CONFIRMATION DATE:** We have received a date from the Bishop's office! Our parish is scheduled to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars and keep all our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, Sundays at 10:00-11:15 am in the Science Room (far right corner in front of the school building).



**ADVENT SEASON IS HERE!!** This Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Each year our bulletin company, J.S. Paluch, provides us with a Prayer and Activity Guide for the season of Advent.

Please don't forget to pick up yours. These ADVENT guides are located in the foyers of the church.

### BULLETIN E-MAIL ADDRESS

All notices for the bulletin MUST be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Monday before 12:00 noon of each week. You can email them to [finance\\_nativity@bellsouth.net](mailto:finance_nativity@bellsouth.net).

## SCHOOL NEWS

**EDP INFORMATION:** A Dance Moves Parent Showcase will be held **Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:15pm**. Come and see what your child has learned in Dance Moves so far this year. The last class for the fall will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.



**GROCERY CERTIFICATES:** Grocery certificates are here. Nativity School has grocery certificates for Piggly Wiggly. They spend just like cash and make great gifts. If you have questions or need cards, please stop by the school office or call Donica Dennis at 795-9242.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**THE BISHOP ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST** will be given on **Saturday, January 9, 2010, at 9am** to all eighth and ninth graders applying to Bishop England for the 2010-2011 school year. This test is a required step in a student's acceptance and correct academic placement at Bishop England. There is a \$90.00 non-refundable fee for this test. The Placement Test registration form was distributed at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Open House and is also available on the Bishop England High School website, [www.behs.com](http://www.behs.com). All completed registration forms with fee (check or money order) must be returned no later than **12-01-09**. Drop off at the school or mail form/fee to the address below: Placement Test, Bishop England High School, 363 Seven Farms Drive, Charleston, SC 29492-7534.

**CURSILLO:** There will be a Cursillo Ultreya on **Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 pm** in the Christ Our King Life Center. Becky Guenther will be our witness. Plan to be there and bring a friend if you can. Please pray that a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit will renew interest in the Cursillo movement. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Lola Reilly, 884-8311.

**THE 'TRI-COUNTY CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP GROUP'** is for Catholic singles 40+ for the purpose of socials, community work and faith enhancement. We will be having our Christmas party at the 'Victorian House' in Summerville on **December 12th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm**. Please call Cathy at 851-1084 for more information.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL BABY JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY** at the Pauline Book & Media Center, 243 King Street on **Saturday, December 5th between 10:30am - 4:30pm**. Bring family and friends for picture taking with Baby Jesus (costumes provided), birthday cake for Baby Jesus, games, refreshments, and music. Parking available behind PBM off Beaufain Street or validated short-term parking in selected City garages. Call 577-0175 for more information.

## RESPECT LIFE

### **NATIONWIDE BULLETIN FROM U.S. BISHOPS**

**U.S. House Keeps Abortion Funding Out of Health Care Reform ...**

**Tell Senators:**

- **Follow the House's Lead on Removing Abortion Funding**
- **Protect Conscience Rights**
- **Ensure Affordable Health Coverage**
- **Allow Immigrants to Purchase Private Health Insurance**

It is critical that the Senate adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment language against using federal funds for elective abortion coverage. This Amendment ensures that Americans are not forced to pay for the destruction of unborn children as part of needed health care reform. In addition the Senate must address other essential moral priorities: protecting conscience rights; making health coverage more affordable and accessible for those in need; and ensuring that immigrants do not lose or will not be denied health care coverage needed for the good of their families and the health of society.

**ACTION:** Contact Senate and House Members through e-mail, phone calls or FAX.

- **To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to [www.usccb.org/action](http://www.usccb.org/action).**
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, or call your Members' local offices. Full contact info can be found on Members' web sites at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) & [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov).

### **MESSAGE—SENATE:**

"Please adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment that upholds longstanding policies against abortion funding, and please protect conscience rights in health care reform. Health care must be made more affordable and accessible to those in need, and immigrants must not lose or be denied health care coverage."

### **MESSAGE—HOUSE:**

"I am pleased that the House-passed health care reform bill maintains the longstanding policy against federal funding of abortion. Please work to ensure that this essential provision is included in any final bill sent to the President."

**WHEN:** The Senate schedule is uncertain. **Act today! Thank you!**

For more information on proposed legislation and the bishops' position on authentic health care reform, visit: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare).

*(This information is taken from a bulletin sent to all parishes from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.)*

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** empowers couples to accurately identify their days of fertility and infertility either to achieve or to avoid pregnancy. **Fertility Care Practitioner:** Karen Provost, RN, CFCP: 745-0740, or Amy Withers, PT, FCPI: 709-9080; **Couple to Couple League:** Joseph and Michelle Shahid: 881-2451 or Kevin and Jennifer Welsh: 569-3612.

### **PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**

#### **LOWCOUNTRY PREGNANCY CENTER**

225-3010 IN WEST ASHLEY or  
553-3505 IN NORTH CHARLESTON

#### **BIRTHRIGHT**

556-4403

#### **NATIONWIDE TOLL FREE**

1-800-395-HELP

[www.pregnancycenters.org](http://www.pregnancycenters.org)