

JESUS
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INTO
the
DESERT

Diocese of Charleston

Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

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

website: www.nativitycharleston.org

Emergencies requiring a Priest:

843-724-6593

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 20 | 5:30 pm | Raymond Molony+ |
| Sun | 21 | 9:00 am | Special Intention |
| | | 11:30 am | For the People |
| Mon | 22 | 5:15 pm | Joe Ciarrochi |
| Tues | 23 | 5:15 pm | Joyce Tucker+ |
| Wed | 24 | 5:15 pm | Mary Sullivan+ |
| Thur | 25 | 9:30 am | For Any Need |
| Fri | 26 | 5:30 pm | STATIONS OF THE CROSS |
| Sat | 27 | 5:30 pm | For Relatives and Friends |

OFFERINGS

FEBRUARY 14, 2009

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| Collection | \$ 9,068.00 |
| Budget | \$ <u>10,936.00</u> |
| +/- | \$ - 1,868.00 |
| Children's | \$ 18.50 |

Registered Households: 712
Envelopes Used: 243

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 Gilsenana, 406-0237 or gilsenana@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 - 5th 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 2nd grade, they must have participated in a 1st grade PSR or Catholic school program. If you plan to have your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade, that child must also have participated in a 7th grade PSR or Catholic school program. Please contact Mary Smith, 795-3821 ext.24 with any questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FEBRUARY 27-28, 2010

GREETERS (Side Door)

- 5:30 pm** - Terry Harris
9:00 am - Knight Family
11:30 am - Abel Girault

GREETERS (Main Door)

- 5:30 pm** - Rossa and Nick Knab
9:00 am - Marion O'Brien
11:30 am - Alfreda Hawkins

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:30 pm** - Harrison and Spencer Connolly
9:00 am - Megan DeLorenzo, Taylor Graves,
Victoria Savage
11:30 am - Ed Defourneaux, James Devore,
Laura Elsey

E.M.

- 5:30 pm** - Claire and Ernest Bergstrom, Eileen
Easler, Ed Frederick, Terry Harris,
Sister Julia, David Knab
9:00 am - Mimi Jurgielewicz, Brenda Kennerty,
Lisa Kynoski, John Lavelle, Pat Palmer,
Hal and Pat Perry
11:30 am - Susie DeLorme, Pam Everitt, Patty
Edwards, Ann Ginn, Abel Girault,
Kathy Hepner, Christine Lewis

LECTORS

- 5:30 pm** - Carl Borick
9:00 am - Larry Fisk
11:30 am - Kathy Taylor

USHERS

- 5:30 pm** - Emmett Alphonse, Jon Benthall, Donald
Blevins, Leroy Hulseberg
9:00 am - Jim Anderson, Richard Bragieli, Walter
Machowski, Austin Taylor
11:30 am - Cathy Berg, Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn
Barry Lingenfelter

STAFF EMAIL / PHONE NUMBERS

ADMINISTRATOR:

Rev. Thomas Kingsley
pastor_nativity@bellsouth.net, 795-3821

PARISH SECRETARY:

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nativityc@bellsouth.net, 795-3821 x 21

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

Mrs. Cindy Salters
finance_nativity@bellsouth.net, 795-3821 x 22

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mrs. Mary L. Smith
mary_nativity@bellsouth.net, 795-3821 x 24

MUSIC MINISTRIES:

Ms. Janet Jones
jjones_nativity@bellsouth.net ,
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; Capt. Robert A. Faustmann, USAF; AE3 Karl Grantham; ISC Patricia Grantham; Sgt. Jesse Johnson; Pvt. Luke Johnson; Lt. Col. Kelly Kanapaux; Michael R. McKenna, 1st Lt., USAF; Capt. Benjamin Pardieck; PVT. Daniel W. Parker, Jr. Army; Capt. Zach Probst; MST3 Tim A. Ross, USCG; Col. Michael Rowland, MD; Hospital Corpsman 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.

MUSIC

This is a good time to join a choir, so please contact the Music Director if you are interested. All choirs meet in the church.

Parish Choir

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
(Sing for the 9:00 am Sunday Mass)

Youth Group

Sundays at 11:00 am
(Sing for the 11:30 am Mass)

Jr. Choir

Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
(Third grade and older)

Primary Choir

Thursdays at 3:00 pm
(K5, first and second grades)

Organists, Pianists, Instrumentalists, (most instruments), can add to the music at all of our masses. Talk to the music director.

Music Director: Janet Jones, 343-4093,
jjones_nativity@bellsouth.net.

PRAYER LIST

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: *Woody Aydlette, Eleanor Bartasek, Kimberly Benn, RoseMary Bouvette, Jim Brodeur, 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, Carl Manning, Sister Stella Maris, John Minton, Nan Molony, 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, Gladys Thomas, Tracy Tindal, Bobby Townsend, Rachel Villepontaux, Jimmy Wells, Grady Williams, Delores Wrenn.*

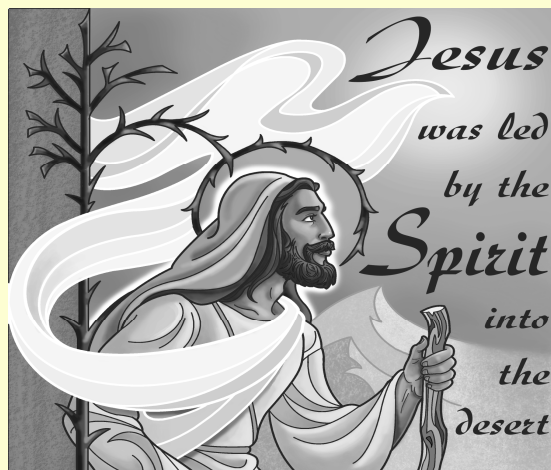
Please call the church office, 795-3821 to add/delete your name to/from the prayer list.

REFLECTION

REMEMBER

Once again the Church invites us to enter the desert of repentance. That desert, as today's first reading reminds us, is also a desert of remembrance. This holy season summons us to remember all that God has done for us. Like the Israelites who recalled their captivity and God's work to free them from the Egyptians, we, too, recall those times when we were held captive by sin and experienced freedom through the gift of God's redeeming love.

Saint Paul tells us that the word of God is near us; it is in our mouths and in our hearts. May that sacred word prompt us to remember God's great work of reconciliation in our lives and in our community. As this season of Lent unfolds, let us take to heart these words of Saint Paul and spend these forty days calling upon the name of the Lord, asking for forgiveness and healing.



CYM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jr. High Christian Leadership Institute (CLI), June 21st-25th, Camp Kinard.
- High School CLI, July 12th -16th, Camp Kinard, Batesburg-Leesville, SC.
- CLI camps for 2010 cost \$275pp. The camps fill up long before the June deadlines (I'm talking March/April). I mean...Faith...Leadership...Fun...all rolled into one!!! You can reserve your space now with a \$135 non-refundable deposit. Contact Mary Smith for more information or a registration form.

HIGH SCHOOL CYM meets on **Thursday** evenings from **6:30-8pm** in the youth trailer behind the school.

PARISH NEWS

TOWEL AND LINEN DRIVE by the 8th grade Confirmation Classes: Please bring in new or gently used bed linens, bath & hand towels, and washcloths to be donated to Our Lady of Mercy Outreach. Please place them in the boxes in the foyers of the church or school by **Friday, February 26th**.



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T** **SMALL FAITH COMMUNITY RETREAT AND BOOK EXCHANGE:** All Nativity members are invited to retreat, **March 7, 1:00-4:30 pm**, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Hall, 105 West Hudson Avenue, Folly Beach. Bring any good Christian books you don't need, to share with other parishioners. James McDonagh will speak on The Eight Beatitudes, and Mark Dickson on Spiritual Issues for Small Church Groups. Light refreshments served. Please join us for an interesting afternoon. Call Norm Martel for more information, 345.2321.

JOIN US! Thursday evenings! All are welcome! Our Thursday evening Bible study group will be doing one of the Little Rock Bible studies again. Call Ryckie Watkins 795-4194 for any inquiries.

NATIVITY LADIES GUILD: The next Nativity Ladies Guild business meeting will be on **Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm**. Our meetings are held at Nativity School. Members, please come if you can, and anyone interested in joining the Guild is also welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
5:30 PM

*FEBRUARY 26th
MARCH 5th
MARCH 12th
MARCH 19th
MARCH 26th*



SCHOOL NEWS

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS: Nativity School is now accepting applications for K4-8th grade. For more information or for an application, call 795-3975.

THE NATIVITY SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION will be hosting a Lenten Meatless Pasta Dinner on **Friday, February 26th from 5:30-7:00pm**. Tickets will be on sale for a complete Pasta Dinner to include Spaghetti and Cheese Ravioli entrée with bread and salad for \$6.00.



A Spaghetti and bread dinner will be \$3.00. Please come join other Nativity School and Nativity Parish families as we raise money for improvements to our athletic equipment.

Please call the school office at 795-3975 for more information.

RESPECT LIFE



EXPECTANT PARENTS BLESSING: Saturday, February 27th and Sunday, February 28th at all Masses. Our parish family wants to celebrate with you the wondrous gift of life given to you by God!

Expectant Moms and Dads are cordially invited to come forward to the altar after the homily to receive a blessing. No RSVP necessary.

LENTEN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Ash Wednesday, February 17th to Palm Sunday, March 28th. Volunteers will pray 24 hours a day at the local abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road. To sign up for a specific time on Nativity parish's designated day (Thursday, March 11) please call Kathleen and Pete Edmonds at 795-7701. Or stop by during the 40 days to pray at anytime. Others will always be there. 155 cities coast-to-coast across the United States, 4 Canadian provinces, and 3 Australian states will participate in these 40 intense days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil outside abortion centers. www.40daysforlife.com

RESPECT LIFE (cont'd)

PRAYER: We pray for all who teach young children: that by their lives and by their words they might teach the beauty and value of life from conception to natural death.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

FT ADMIN ASSISTANT NEEDED to work 25 hours/week in a fast-paced HR department and 15 hours/week in Vocations assisting seminarians on their journey to priesthood. Answer questions and assure that the many associated administrative/clerical tasks of both departments are handled smoothly. Strong computer, telephone, interpersonal, and organizational skills required. Ability to organize meetings/retreats. Confidentiality essential. Previous HR experience a plus. Thorough knowledge of Catholicism required. Benefits package includes generous paid time off. Convenient West Ashley location. For consideration, apply online at www.catholic-doc.org/hr or fax resume to 843-402-5410. Cover letter with salary expectations required as part of application process.

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY is sponsoring a Day Retreat conducted by Fr. Anthony Droze at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Parish in Columbia, SC on **March 6, 2010 from 9:00 - 2:00pm**. The retreat Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo. The retreat is free and open to all. Register at: www.supportcatholiccharities.org/prisonministry/index.html.



CHARLESTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS:
The Knights of Columbus, together with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and South Carolina Irish Historical Society, announce the following events:

Wednesday, March 17 - 8am, Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 134 St. Philip Street; 10:00 am, Parade from St. Patrick's to St. John the Baptist Cathedral, via King Street; 11:30am, Irish Flag-Raising, etc., at City Hall, Broad & Meeting Streets; and 12:00 noon Irish Luncheon/Entertainment will be at O'Malley's, 549 King Street.

IRISH OR NOT, ALL ARE INVITED. Contact: 556-3578 and/or hurley.jshannon1@gmail.com. Website: www.scirish.org.

WORLDWIDE FERTILITYCARE™ WEEK: (March 21-27, 2010) is designed to help inform parishioners about the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System and NaProTechnology which includes a morally acceptable means of family planning as well as a new scientific approach to helping fertility issues through cooperative medical care that works with a woman's cycle. Introductory sessions are available through the Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office. Reservations are required. Private introductory sessions may also be scheduled by appointment. For more information please call Trisha Brown, NFP Medical Network Promoter, at 803-554-6569 or e-mail scnfp@yahoo.com. To make a reservation, please call Kathy Schmugge, Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office Coordinator, at 803-547-5063.



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: Come find emotional and spiritual healing from abortion on the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat at the Oratory in Rock Hill, SC, February 26-28, 2010. Why wait when compassionate and non-judgemental people are ready to help! Everything is confidential. Please contact: Christy 554-6088 or Kathy 546-6010 for more information.