



Diocese of Charleston

Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 10, 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:

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

Sat	09	5:30 pm	Betty Strickland+
Sun	10	9:00 am	For the People
		11:30 am	For the Universal Church
Mon	11	5:15 pm	Ruth Easler+
Tues	12	5:15 pm	For Any Need
Wed	13	5:15 pm	
Thur	14	9:30 am	For Children of the World
Sat	16	5:30 pm	Special Intention

OFFERINGS

CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 25, 2009

Collection	\$ 24,914.47
Budget	\$ <u>15,300.00</u>
+/-	\$ +9,614.47

DECEMBER 27, 2009

Collection	\$ 9,369.00
Budget	\$ <u>10,936.00</u>
+/-	\$ -1,567.00
Children's	\$ 9.25

Registered Households: 712
Envelopes Used: 207

JANUARY 3, 2009

Collection	\$ 14,338.00
Budget	\$ <u>10,936.00</u>
+/-	\$ +3,402.00
Children's	\$ 22.00

Registered Households: 712
Envelopes Used: 248

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 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 - 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 JANUARY 16-17, 2010

GREETERS (Side Door)

5:30 pm - Daniel Forsberg Family

9:00 am - Mary Jo Ross

11:30 am - Sheila Griner

GREETERS (Main Door)

5:30 pm - JoAnn Frederick

9:00 am - Lisa Savage

11:30 am - Sissy Venegas

ALTAR SERVERS

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

9:00 am - Jimmy Craven, Alyssa and
Jonathan Madden

11:30 am - Dee and Jim Pierson,
Diane Richardson

E.M.

5:30 pm - Ed Frederick, Terry Harris, Sister Julia,
David Knab, Martha Mays, Carolyn
Smith, Mary Smith

9:00 am - Pat Palmer, Hal and Pat Perry, David
Puchir, Daniel and Tamme Suggs,
Frank Taylor

11:30 am - Cathy Berg, Phyllis Cafiero, Laurie
Charles, Karen and Matt Cellars, Ed
Defourneaux, Amy Wharton

LECTORS

5:30 pm - Eileen Easler

9:00 am - Mimi Jurgielewicz

11:30 am - Susie DeLorme

USHERS

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

9:00 am - Jim Anderson, Richard Bragieli, Jerry
English, Austin Taylor

11:30 am - Frank DiFiglio, Chuck Everitt,
Joe Ginn, Barry Lingenfelter

STAFF EMAIL / PHONE NUMBERS

ADMINISTRATOR:

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

PARISH SECRETARY:

Mrs. Terry Harris
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; 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; 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.

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, 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, Jimmy Wells, Grady Williams, Delores Wrenn.*

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

CYM

Plans are currently underway to re-start a **High School CYM** program. Nativity parishioners **Alison and Kent McConoughey** have volunteered to provide leadership for this program. The first High School CYM meeting will be Thursday, January 14th from 6:30 -8:00 pm in the CYM youth trailer. Mark your calendars.

Any adult interested in volunteering with the High School CYM program team is asked to contact Mary Smith in the church office, 795-3821 ext. 24. All volunteers working with youth must complete a Creating Safe Environments packet.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Cathedral-St. Mary's Youth Group will host a day-long "Youth for Priests Event," Saturday, March 6th, 8-3pm, Downtown Charleston.
- 2010 High School Youth Conference, March 12-14, White Oak Conference Center, cost \$135; registration deadline is February 7, 2010.
- 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). If you are able to plan that far ahead, wouldn't this make a great Christmas gift? 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.

If you are interested in getting High School CYM information updates/reminders by e-mail, please contact the church office to make sure we have a current working e-mail address.

CONDOLENCES



CONDOLENCES to Father Kingsley and family on the death of his uncle, Rudgety Calhoun, who died this past week.

Also, to Fred Bartasek and family on the recent death of his daughter, Donna Bartasek.

May they and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace!

PARISH NEWS

JOIN US! Thursday evenings! All are welcome!

Our Thursday evening Bible study group will be doing one of the Little Rock Bible studies again. We will start "Acts of The Apostles" on **January 21st at 6:30pm**. Call Ryckie Watkins 795-4194 for any inquiries.

Reminder

First Reconciliation / First Communion Preparation

There is a required Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation / First Communion on **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:00pm** in the School Library. This meeting is only for parents. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important meeting.

Mary Smith, DRE

NATIVITY LADIES GUILD: The next business meeting will be on **Monday, January 25th at 7pm**. Our meetings are held at Nativity School. Members, please come if you can, and anyone interested in joining the Guild is also welcome!

Any members of the Ladies Guild who wish to contribute sandwiches, cookies or brownies to the Martin Luther Reception (January 18th), please let me know so I can give them the amount. Please contact me, Mary Jo Ross at 795-2064 or rossmj@bellsouth.net.

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THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS cooked and served breakfast at the Crisis Ministries Men's Shelter on Saturday, December 26th: **Matt Cellars, Jimmy Craven, Mark Hollifield, Alan Lopez, Gary Hart (team leader)**. We thank them for sharing their holiday spirit with the homeless.

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) – ADDITIONAL CATECHIST NEEDED!!! Due to the growth in our program and several new families who have joined the parish, we are experiencing the need for an additional catechist so that we can divide the 1st grade class into 2 sections. If you love your faith and would be willing to share that blessing with the children of our parish for the remainder of this PSR year, please contact Mary Smith at the church office for more information, 795-3821 ext. 24. All adults volunteering with youth must complete the diocesan "Creating Safe Environments program."



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

**Monday, January 18, 2010
at 7:00 pm
Nativity Catholic Church**

Thirteenth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Service for Peace

Then and Now – Mobilizing for Healing and Change

Dr. Jack Bass (Professor, Historian, Author),
Guest Presenter

Fr. S. Thomas Kingsley, Pastor

Reception and book signing following service

MLK, Jr. Invitation for Youth Participation

MLK, Jr. Children's Mass Choir

Children age 7 to 17 years
Directed by Mr. Nick LaCasse
Rehearsals 1/13/10 and 1/18/10

MLK, Jr. Creative Expressions Contest

Children grades 4-12
Essay, Poetry or Visual Art
Deadline 1/11/10
Information 696-2161 or 795-3146

Nativity Church MLK, Jr. Ministry invites everyone to join the celebration!



OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, January 18th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

SCHOOL NEWS

FUN, RUN, WALK UPDATE: In order to help families prepare for the 1st Annual Nativity School Fun, Run/Walk, held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the James Island County Park; all friends and families of Nativity School are welcome to join as we begin to train for the run/walk. Meet us at the EDP door by 3:15 pm on Fridays (12/4, 12/11, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22). Come prepared with sneakers and a positive attitude as we have fun and get in shape. If you have questions please see Ms. Norton or contact Kathleen Beebe, 225-9271, and hope to see you soon.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: Baptism of the Lord: To be a Christian is much more than to be a good person. It's about becoming a new person, sharing a new kind of life – the life of God himself. Christmas, the celebration of which we conclude with today's feast, is not just about the birth of a child; it's about the birth of a whole new humanity. In Adam, all die; in Christ, all come to life again. Baptism gives us our identity as "the people of life" (Evangelium Vitae n.79). Baptized into Christ's victory over death, we are also sent to proclaim, celebrate, and serve that victory (see EV 78-101). When we renew the vows of our baptism, we say that we "reject Satan and all his works." Chief among those works is death. Yet the Son of God has destroyed death, and that means that we who follow Him likewise are called to stand against it.

priestsforlife.org

PRAYER: We pray that the Christian community, made one by our common baptism, may always welcome the unborn, the stranger, and all who are vulnerable.

ROSARY AT ABORTION FACILITY: Please join our pastor, Father Thomas Kingsley, who will lead the Rosary and prayers at the West Ashley abortion facility, the Charleston Women's Medical Center, 1312 Ashley River Road (corner of Hwy. 61 and Fuseler) this Saturday, January 16, from 8-9am. Come be a voice for God's littlest ones and their mothers. Some of us will leave immediately after the Rosary for the March for Life in Columbia. See below. If you wish to carpool please call Leslie McDermott, 795-6597.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Stand up for Life, Stop the Abortion Agenda: The prolife march and rally takes place Saturday, January 16, 2010 in Columbia. The march steps off at 11:30 at the USC Russell House on Greene Street for the short walk to the State House for the rally. The speaker is Damon Owens, New Jersey Director for the National Organization for Marriage and spokesman for L.E.A.R.N., the independent network of African-American prolife organizations. Come join us.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS: Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. For more information, please call Kathy 803-546-6010 or Christy 803-554-6088.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC DOCTOR:

Do changes in research and health care practices raise ethical questions in your mind? Would you like to join with other Catholic doctors in serving the Church? Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone cordially invites you to the inaugural meeting of a diocesan physician's guild to be held **January 30th at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia**. The event will begin with lunch and conclude with anticipated Mass at 5:30 pm. For more information, call 843-853-2130.



THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON AND THE ORATORY

are sponsoring a discernment retreat January 28-31, 2010 at the Oratory in Rock Hill. The retreat will allow participants to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Men and women ages 18-55 are eligible. For more information and applications, please call the Vocations Office, 843-402-9115, ext. 22.

XLT PRAISE, WORSHIP, AND ADORATION

Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Catholic Diocese of Charleston
West Chancery Chapel
1662 Ingram Road
7:00 pm

All high school and college students who would like to spend some time praying, praising, learning and worshipping our Lord.

This is a **FREE EVENT** that offers a time of praise and worship music, teaching from a dynamic speaker and time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

