

**TODAY
THIS
SCRIPTURE
IS FULFILLED
IN YOUR
HEARING**

Diocese of Charleston

Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 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	23	5:30 pm	Jack Mulvey+
Sun	24	9:00 am	Veve Sickenger
		11:30 am	Richard Shogry+
Mon	25	5:15 pm	Family and Friends of Phyllis Cafiero
Tues	26	5:15 pm	Frances Bouvette+
Wed	27	5:15 pm	Lois Vanderburg+
Thur	28	9:30 am	Eli Puckett+
Sat	30	5:30 pm	Fannie Dennis+

OFFERINGS

JANUARY 17, 2009

Collection	\$ 11,375.50
Budget	\$ <u>10,936.00</u>
+/-	\$ + 439.50
Children's	\$ 19.00

Registered Households: 712
Envelopes Used: 251

TITHE: January 17th tithe went to Haiti Relief, which is a 2nd collection, in the amount of \$455.00.

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 Gilsean, 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 30-31, 2010

GREETERS (Side Door)

- 5:30 pm** - Pat Simes
9:00 am - Aimar Family
11:30 am - Susie DeLorme

GREETERS (Main Door)

- 5:30 pm** - Timothy and Carolyn Smith
9:00 am - RoseMary Bouvette
11:30 am - Ann and Joe Ginn

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:30 pm** - Andrew and Will Grant, Jack Schaffer
9:00 am - Corey Clancy, Nicholas Gage,
Aaron Scheibelhood
11:30 am - Ed Defourneaux, James Devore,
Laura Elsey

E.M.

- 5:30 pm** - Eileen Easler, Ed Frederick, Terry
Harris, Sister Julia, David Knab, Martha
Mays, Carolyn Smith
9:00 am - Suzanne Decker, Donica Dennis, Jim
Hayes, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield, Mimi
Jurgielewicz, Brenda Kennerty
11:30 am - Cathy Berg, Phyllis Cafiero, Laurie
Charles, Liisa Machowski, Jackie
Proveaux, Suzy Stalker, Amy Wharton

LECTORS

- 5:30 pm** - Joan Smith
9:00 am - Jimmy Craven
11:30 am - Sheila Elsey

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 - Frank DiFiglio, Chuck Everitt,
Barry Lingenfelter, Ricky Proveaux

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:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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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, 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, Jimmy Wells, Grady Williams, Delores Wrenn.

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

REFLECTION

A HOLY TIME

For those of us who live farther north, it is now the heart of winter. And for all of us, north and south, the holidays are over. We may sense the start of a long, hard stretch of blank time. These opening Sundays of "Ordinary Time" reflect this feeling of beginning.

Today's reading from the book of Nehemiah tells with great drama how the people gathered to hear, as though for the first time, a solemn reading of God's word. As they listened, they fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" (Nehemiah 8:9).

Today's Gospel tells a similar dramatic tale. We are presented with the very beginning of Jesus' public life. The people gathered to listen, and Jesus proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet's words. To his listeners—and to us—he announced "a year acceptable to the Lord" (Luke 4:19).

CYM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Preparations are underway for the 20th **Annual State High School Youth Conference**. This is a Diocesan wide event at White Oak Conference the weekend of March 12-15, 2010. This year's theme is "**Legacy: What is your Legacy?**" Dare to discover God's purpose for your life! If you are looking for a retreat opportunity to charge your spiritual batteries and grow closer to Christ...***This is it!*** Registration forms are available in the vestibules of the church. The registration deadline has been extended to February 15th. This conference is open to students in grades 9-12. Please contact Mary Smith with any questions 795-3821 ext.24.

- 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.

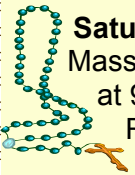
PARISH NEWS

NATIVITY LADIES GUILD: The next Nativity Ladies Guild 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!

Friday, January 29th, help support the Ladies Guild and Nativity School by coming to the pre-race spaghetti dinner 6:30pm in the hall. Dinners are \$6 adults and \$3 child. You don't have to walk or run to support, just come and eat!



Saturday, February 6th: First Saturday Mass for Our Lady of Fatima. This Mass is at 9 am. The Ladies Guild recites the Holy Rosary immediately following the Mass.



Also, mark your calendars for **February 13th,** Ladies Guild/ Knights of Columbus Oyster Roast and Chili cook off in the schoolyard.



PRAYER SERVICE THANKS: Nativity's Martin Luther King, Jr. Ministry Team wishes to thank all who participated with song, prayers and presence in our Thirteenth Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service for Unity! Special thanks to: Nativity's Ladies Guild (*MaryJo Ross*), Porter Gaud Upper School Choir (*Nick LaCasse*), and Dr. Jack Bass.

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.

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The following volunteers cooked and served supper on Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday morning at the Crisis Ministries Men's Shelter on January 9th & 10th:

Sharon and Ashley Dale, Pam and Chuck Everitt, Ricky Gaylard, Abraham Abdul Kareem, Alison and Kent McConoughey, Jimmy and Wendy Craven (Team Leaders).

At this time when the weather is so cold, a warm meal is very much appreciated by the homeless clients. Thanks for a good job.

NATIVITY LEISURE CLUB: This is a group with members, age 50+, who meet monthly for lunch and fellowship. Our next luncheon will be on **Wednesday February 3rd.** We invite any interested parishioners to contact Mary Smith, (795-3821) for more information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Congratulations to our youth who received their First Reconciliation this weekend. May you always be strengthened by the grace you receive in this sacrament. Special thanks to parents; our catechists: Julia Walsh, Sr. Carmelita, Karen LaMar; catechist assistant: Kathleen Hart; and all those who helped to prepare our youth for this sacrament.

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."

SCHOOL NEWS

NATIVITY SCHOOL WILL HOST AN OPEN HOUSE for prospective students and families on **Monday, February 1st from 9-11am.** Please stop by our campus and meet other new families and our faculty and staff. Information packets and classroom tours will be available.

If unable to stop by at this time, please call the school office at 795-3975 and we will gladly mail an information packet and schedule a classroom tour.

NATIVITY 5K FUN RUN / 1-MILE WALK:

Bring the whole family to this first annual event in James Island County Park. The top three male and female finishers receive prizes, and the kids' races and a pancake breakfast ensure that every runner has a blast. All proceeds benefit the Nativity School.



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER will hold a banquet at the Sheraton Charleston Airport Hotel on **February 12th**. For more information, contact Arthur McFarland, 763-3900.

THE LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS are endeavoring to charity, friendship and unity through our shared Catholic faith and Irish Heritage.

If you too would like to work toward a better future through charity, make new friends and learn more about your Irish heritage, please join us at Mass to celebrate our patron Saint Brigid, **February 7th, 1:30 pm**, Stella Maris Catholic Church, Middle St., Sullivan's Island. Open House and Luncheon to follow in Fr. Roth Parish Hall. Ladies and Junior Members applications will be available. For more information, please contact Cheryl Daniels at 843-709-5839.

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

OUR LADY OF MERCY OUTREACH CENTER will hold its 13th Annual Blessings from the Heart fund-raising auction on Sunday, January 31st. The event will take place at the Marriott Hotel on Lockwood Blvd. beginning at 1pm. A silent auction, accompanied by music from Lowcountry Bluegrass and beverages, leads to Sunday dinner, entertainment and a live auction of special items including vacation getaways, special dinners and much more! Tickets are \$75. Please call 559-4109 to receive an invitation.

CARMELITE DAY OF RECOLLECTION at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street, Charleston, on **Saturday, January 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The guest speaker will be Reverend Edmund McCaffrey, former pastor of Holy Family parish in Hilton Head Island, and former abbot of Belmont Abbey. All are welcome to attend. For registration information please contact Karen McLaurin of the Summerville Order of Secular Disalced Carmelites at 843-766-4651 or Email at Karinda7@comcast.net.

BIRTHRIGHT: Wow! Nativity School raised \$981.71 for Birthright of Charleston. Thank you to all the children and their families who helped to raise money for this cause. If any children still need to turn in their bottles please do so soon. Birthright would like as many of the bottles returned to be reused. Thank you again for all your help.

RESPECT LIFE

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY: It is 37 years since the legalization of abortion by the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. This decision damaged our constitutional and social order, because, as Wanda Franz, president of National Right to Life states, "the 'unalienable Right' to life is no longer 'endowed by the Creator' but dependent on someone else's moods and feelings. Under this peculiar principle, one and the same unborn child could be a 'baby' in the eyes of one parent and a 'fetus' to be aborted in the eyes of the other."

PRAYER OF REPARATION:

God and Father of Life,
You have created every human person,
And have opened the way for each to have eternal life.

We live in the shadow of death.
Tens of millions of your children have been killed
Thanks to the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Father, have mercy on us.
Heal our land
And accept our offering of prayer and penance.
In your love for us,
Turn back the scourge of abortion.

May each of us exult in hearts full of hope
And hands full of mercy
And work together to build a culture of life.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.
priestsforlife.org

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