

**WE HAVE
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WORSHIP
THE KING**



Diocese of Charleston

Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 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	02	9:00 am	Ann Moore+
		5:30 pm	Jack Mulvey+
Sun	03	9:00 am	Stanley H. Danowitz+
		11:30 am	Anne Forsberg+
Mon	04	5:15 pm	
Tues	05	5:15 pm	Terry Moggan+
Wed	06	5:15 pm	
Thur	07	9:30 am	
Sat	09	5:30 pm	Betty Strickland+

OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 20, 2009

Collection	\$ 10,391.00
Budget	\$ <u>10,936.00</u>
+/-	\$ - 545.00
Children's	\$ 5.75

Registered Households: 712
Envelopes Used: 269

DECEMBER 27, 2009

THIS COLLECTION 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 - 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 9-10, 2010

GREETERS (Side Door)

5:30 pm - Joan and Lindsey Caldwell

9:00 am - Marion O'Brien

11:30 am - Susie DeLorme

GREETERS (Main Door)

5:30 pm - James and Marina Churchill

9:00 am - Pat Palmer

11:30 am - Ann and Joe Ginn

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 pm - Brian Hlavac, John Powers, Jr.,
Mary Beth Trenaman

9:00 am - Wendy Craven, Reina and Arthur
Daugomah

11:30 am - Carly and Ian Duffy, Anna Fuseler

E.M.

5:30 pm - Claire and Ernest Bergstrom, Eileen
Easler, Lamar Watkins, Joe and Julie
Wise, Maritza Zeisel

9:00 am - Jim Hayes, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield,
Mimi Jurgielewicz, Brenda Kennerty,
Lisa Kynoski, John Lavelle

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

LECTORS

5:30 pm - Ed Frederick

9:00 am - Amber Knight

11:30 am - Cathy Berg

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 - 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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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

All choirs resume practice this week. 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, Shannon Cone, 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, 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

RISE UP IN SPLENDOR

This great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord opens with these words: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). That reading goes on to describe a world covered with darkness. Even in that world, the prophet announces that the glory of the Lord will shine on Jerusalem. Many would agree that our world is covered with darkness—the darkness that war, terrorism, and famine bring. Today we announce that even in today's world, the Lord can scatter that darkness, if only we would welcome Epiphany's light. As we remember the visit of the magi to the manger, let us pray that one day our weary world will rise up in splendor—the splendor of peace and justice.



CONDOLENCES



CONDOLENCES to the family of Natalie Procaccini who recently died. May she rest in peace!

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.

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 13th**. Please mark your calendars and keep all our candidates for Confirmation in your prayers.

NATIVITY LADIES GUILD: There is no formal business meeting in December. 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!

The Nativity Ladies Guild would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet on January 3rd.

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

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.



TENNIS TEAM: If your child is interested in playing tennis for Nativity School in the spring, please let the office know. Children in the 1st - 8th grades are encouraged to play, no experience necessary. We also need parents who are willing to help coach. If you are interested, please call Janine Kelly Flathman at 406-5239 for more information.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

The universal offer of God's salvation extends to those still in the womb. Epiphany not only tells us that there are no national or ethnic boundaries to God's call, but that there are no artificial boundaries between "born" and "unborn," "wanted" or "unwanted," "convenient" or "inconvenient."

The "epiphany" most needed in our time is the ability to see beyond the appearances of those who are smaller and weaker, and beyond the illusion created when some are declared "non-persons" under the law. Breaking through all this darkness and blurriness is the clear light of Christ, which shines on every human life without exception, bringing those lives God's love and giving us the sacred obligation to love them as well. priestsforlife.org.

PRAYER: We pray for the leaders of our country: that they will govern with wisdom and respect for the dignity of all human beings, including the unborn and those nearing the end of life.

ROSARY AT ABORTION FACILITY: Our pastor, Father Thomas Kingsley, will lead the Rosary and prayers at the West Ashley abortion facility, the Charleston Women's Medical Center, 1312 Ashley River Road on Saturday, January 16, from 8-9 am. 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Stand up for Life, Stop the Abortion Agenda: The pro-life 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 pro-life 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.

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON JOB POSTINGS

Secretary/Admin Assistant: High functioning candidate with attention to detail and a high level of accuracy. Ability to prioritize a heavy work load, good organizational, composition, and computer skills required. Knowledge of Catholicism required. Excellent benefits with generous paid time off, convenient downtown location with free parking. 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.

Volunteers: Departments within the Diocese of Charleston are seeking volunteers to assist with a variety of administrative tasks such as preparing mass mailings, data entry, filing, and assisting with miscellaneous projects and tasks. Flexible schedule. For more information and consideration, please contact Human Resources at 402-9115 ext. 21, 56, or 47 or apply online at www.catholic-doc.org/hr under "Volunteer Opportunities."

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