



Diocese of Charleston

Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 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	30	5:30 pm	Fannie Dennis+
Sun	31	9:00 am	Donna Bartasek+
		11:30 am	For the People
Mon	01	5:15 pm	Amanda Kaiser+ Birthday
Tues	02	5:15 pm	William Bolger+
Wed	03	5:15 pm	Michael O'Reilly+
BLESSING OF THE THROATS AFTER MASS			
Thur	04	9:30 am	All Students of Catholic Education
Sat	06	9:00 am	For Sick Relatives & Friends
		5:30 pm	Betty Strickland+

OFFERINGS

JANUARY 24, 2010

Collection	\$ 10,860.68
Budget	\$ <u>10,936.00</u>
+/-	\$ - 75.32
Children's	\$ 21.75

Registered Households: 712
Envelopes Used: 248

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S
WEEK COLLECTION:** \$ 911.00

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 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 FEBRUARY 6-7, 2010

GREETERS (Side Door)

5:30 pm - Mary and Paul Tew

9:00 am - Ashley and Sharon Dale

11:30 am - Abel Girault

GREETERS (Main Door)

5:30 pm - Joe and Julie Wise

9:00 am - Decker Family

11:30 am - Alfreda Hawkins

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 pm - Hayley Jowers, Elena and William Smith

9:00 am - Josie Dennis, Joseph Hart, Hailey Ohlinger

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

E.M.

5:30 pm - Eileen Easler, Mary Smith, Alice Veyera, Lamar Watkins, Joe and Julie Wise, Maritza Zeisel

9:00 am - Lisa Kynoski, John Lavelle, Pat Palmer, Hal and Pat Perry, David Puchir, Fran Taylor

11:30 am - Karen and Matt Cellars, Ed Defourneaux, Susie DeLorme, Pam Everitt, Patty Edwards, Christine Lewis

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
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, Bobby Townsend, Jimmy Wells, Grady Williams, Delores Wrenn.

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

CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Rev. Theodore Cilwick, whose funeral was held at Nativity this past Friday. Fr. Cilwick was the first pastor of Nativity Church and he has been a presence in our diocese for a great many years. May he now rest in peace!

Messages of condolences may be sent to:

Mrs. Rosalie Cilwick and Family
363 South Manning Blvd.
Albany, NY 12208-1729



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 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.

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

 **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.

Saturday, February 13th Ladies Guild/Knights of Columbus Oyster Roast and Chili cook off in the schoolyard.



Coming soon: Lenten soup night every Friday throughout Lent!

CONTRIBUTION LETTER: If you would like to have a contribution letter mailed to you, please call Terry Harris at the church office, 795-3821.



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.

SCHOOL NEWS

HARRIS TEETER VIC CARDS : Please remember to Re-Link your Harris Teeter VIC card. Harris Teeter starts their program at the beginning of every school year. Nativity School receives donations from purchases made using your VIC card. The next time you shop at Harris Teeter ask your checkout cashier to re-link your card. Our number is **2940**. Thank you for your support.

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.

CONTRIBUTION LETTER: If you contributed to Nativity School's Annual Fund Drive in 2009 and need tax information please give your name and address to Angela McLaughlin at amclaughlin@nativity-school.com or call 795-3975.



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. If you are interested, please call Janine Flathman at 406-5239.

GROCERY CERTIFICATES: Grocery certificates are available. 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 762-9242.

THANK YOU to all the students who participated in the "**Change Bandits**" Dress Down Day. Nativity School raised \$310.00 for the MUSC Children's Hospital.

IT TAKES A HEART TO BE A HERO!

The students and teachers of Nativity will be hosting a Jump-A-Thon on **February 16th, from 1:30 to 2:30**. During the coming weeks your child will be bringing home information and a **Participants Sponsor Form**, in support of our efforts to raise funds and awareness of this worthwhile cause. Please support your student in their efforts at home and if you wish to assist in our school program or have any concerns, please contact Darice Norton, 843-224-2498.



RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: Being a person of life while living amidst a culture of death requires the lessons of today's first reading and gospel regarding what a prophet faces. We are all prophets by our baptism, and therefore share both in the blessings and burdens of that particular vocation. We are blessed in that we have and know with certainty the Word and will of God regarding the sanctity of life. The burden we have is that we must speak that word – in fact, proclaim it – amidst people who may not necessarily want to hear it. The lesson of these readings is that a) we should expect opposition, not be surprised at it, and b) we should not measure the success of the prophetic mission by how well we are accepted, but rather by how faithful and loving we are in carrying out the mission entrusted to us. priestsforlife.org

PRAYER: We pray that God, who knew us before He formed us in the womb, may lead all people, young and old, to stand up and speak out in defense of the sanctity of life.

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

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 9-2pm**. 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.

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.

K OF C / DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL GOLF TOURNAMENT: The First Annual Knights of Columbus, Daughters of St. Paul Charity Golf Outing will be held on **Wednesday, February 24th**, Wild Dunes Harbor Course, shotgun start at noon. Fabulous Lowcountry Buffet and Silent Auction will be a part of the event, and carts are included in the fee. For information regarding tickets, contact Joe Harkins scnetracer@bellsouth.net or Jack Urbanic ozzieu@att.net. Register before February 12th and pay only \$75 per person and \$300 per team. Registration after February 12th will be \$99 per individual and \$396 for a team. Lady golfers are most welcome!

Sponsorships are also available at the \$100, \$200, and \$255 and above levels. The Daughters are a 501(c) (3) organization and you will receive the appropriate tax receipt. Contact Jack Urbanic.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO ATTEND



February 14, 2010 at 1:30pm
"Mardi Gras" Oyster and
BBQ Roast
at Holy Spirit Catholic Church,
3871 Betsy Kerrison Parkway
Johns Island, SC

On church grounds catered by Rosebank Farms!! There will be King Cake, Door Prizes!! Festive beads and decorations!! Bring family, friends and neighbors!! Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$10 for children ages 6-12, and may be purchased after each weekend Mass and at the Church office from January 3rd through February 7th. For further information, call ticket chairman, Janet Chafe at 768-5487, or the church office at 768-0357.