



Diocese of Charleston

Church of the Nativity

1061 Folly Road
Charleston, South Carolina 29412

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 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 22 5:30 pm Betty Strickland+
Sun 23 9:00 am
11:30 am For the People
Mon 24 5:15 pm
Tues 25 5:15 pm
Wed 26 5:15 pm
Thur 27 9:30 am
Sat 29 5:30 pm Ursula Kaiser+

OFFERINGS

MAY 16, 2010

Collection \$ 10,993.00
Budget \$ 10,936.00
+/- \$ + 57.00
Children's \$ 4.60

Registered Households: 683
Envelopes used: 226

TITHE: May 16th tithe went to Catholic Communications Campaign, which is a 2nd collection, in the amount of \$550.00.

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 MAY 29-30, 2010

5:30 PM MASS

GREETERS: Joan and Lindsey Caldwell
James and Marina Churchill

ALTAR SERVERS: Shane Leviner,
Christine and Rebekah Lewis

E.M.: Sister Julia, Martha Mays, Bets
Smith, Carolyn Smith, Mary Smith,
Alice Veyera, Lamar Watkins

LECTOR: Julie Wise

USHERS: Emmett Alphonse, Jon Benthall,
Donald Blevins, Leroy Hulseberg

9:00 AM MASS

GREETERS: Marilyn Grafton
Barbara Hayes

ALTAR SERVERS: Nicholas Gage,
Keely and Rory McMahon

E.M.: Suzanne Decker, Donica Dennis,
Jim Hayes, Gary Hart, Mark Hollifield,
Mimi Jurgielewicz, Brenda Kennerty

LECTOR: RoseMary Bouvette

USHERS: Jim Anderson, Richard Bragiel,
Larry Fisk, Austin Taylor

11:30 AM MASS

GREETERS: Sheila Griner
Alfreda Hawkins

ALTAR SERVERS: Dee and Jim Pierson,
Diane Richardson

E.M.: Cathy Berg, Phyllis Cafiero, Laurie
Charles, Karen and Matt Cellars,
Suzy Stalker, Amy Wharton

LECTOR: Cathy Berg

USHERS: Chuck Everitt, Joe Ginn,
Barry Lingenfelter, Ricky Proveaux

STAFF EMAIL / PHONE NUMBERS

ADMINISTRATOR:

Rev. Thomas Kingsley
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PARISH SECRETARY:

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Mrs. Mary L. Smith
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MUSIC MINISTRIES:

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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; Joshua Balind, U.S.A.F.; 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; 1st Lt. Cynthia McDermott, U.S.A.F.; 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

The Parish Choir will conclude this academic year's participation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. We are grateful to our choir members and hope to see them again in late August.

Cantors and Instrumentalists who would like to participate at any Mass should see the Music Director.

Janet Jones is the Music Director. Please stop by the choir loft after Mass or call 795-3821 ext. 23.



REFLECTION

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

When we hear "Come, Holy Spirit" we think of today's story from Acts. But the truth is that today's scene is but one moment from the Spirit's long presence in salvation. The spirit of God (*ruach*) is present at the dawn of creation, blowing over the chaotic waters as God commands light to be. That same spirit of God filled the prophets of Israel. "The spirit of the Lord came upon me" fills their witness, as they guided Israel in their quest to be faithful to the loving, merciful God of their covenant. We hear that the Spirit overshadowed Mary's womb so that the very Word of God would take on our human flesh. And Jesus begins his ministry in Luke's Gospel by saying the Spirit is upon him. On the cross, according to John, he gives up his spirit. Today Paul tells us that this Holy Spirit is from God, who raised Christ from the dead. We also hear John's account of the Spirit as the very breath of the risen Christ on his disciples.

That same Spirit of all these biblical accounts was there at our baptism and continues to live in us. We are temples of that Spirit, witnesses to the Spirit's grace. And it is in the Holy Spirit that we will continue to live in the gospel's light, and to pursue our life of eternal glory in Christ.

PRAYER LIST



THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: *Woody Aydlette, Eleanor Bartasek, Kimberly Benn, RoseMary Bouvette, Betty Jean Brodeur, Sarah Bryant, Vera Buckland, Tommy Campbell, Shannon Cone, Doreen D'Aramo, Bill Dronen, Ed Frederick, Sam Gentile, Ruby Inez Germroth, Jay Ginn, Abel Girault, Marilyn Grafton, Lula Grice, Ida Griffith, Bill Groffel, Marjorie Guarisco, Joseph Hand, Angela Harbuta, Donna Hiers, Sandy Honan, Martin Houghton, Tina Jordan, Vicki Joye, Rachelle Lavelle, Albert and Jero Lutrario, Sister Stella Maris, John Minton, Mariom O'Brien, Marjorie O'Brien, Jackie O'Shaughnessy, Richard Plumer, Terry Pop; 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 Villeponteaux, Jimmy Wells, Grady Williams.*

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

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY WITNESS

A NATIVITY PARISHIONER WROTE THIS REAL E-MAIL TO ANOTHER PARISHIONER.

"I joined my Small Church Community (SCC) 6 years ago; I'm so thankful for what it has brought to my life. The people in my group have become family (without the fighting!). We share in each others' joys and sorrows. I've become more involved in our church due to the incredible examples set by people in my group. My commitment and faith are stronger because of them. I encourage you to at least try a group; go to 6 or 7 meetings and then decide. It takes time to build relationships, and as new members of the church you would benefit greatly from being a part of a SCC. A small church community can change your life for the better. Just ask anyone who is a part of one."

If you are interested in joining, please call Jim Pierson, 609-6076, or email pierson-jim@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Hoist the sails for a *High Seas Expedition* exploring the mighty love of God. Batten down the hatches and join us for a rugged voyage to discover the wonder of God's Word. All Hands on Deck for our **2010 VBS program**.

VBS registration forms are now available in the church vestibules and church office. **We will set sail on the High Seas from 9am -12noon, June 14-18.** We are calling on all crew members, ages 4 years through 5th grade to sign up now. So don't miss the boat, **get your registration in by May 24th.** There is an additional \$30.00 per child late fee for registrations received after 5/24/10.

If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Carrie Schmitt at 277-1128. Please consider this ministry as it takes many deck hands to keep our crews ship shape!

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild is taking a break for the summer from business meetings, but we will re-convene in August. Stay tuned.

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. Listed below are the dates for the summer months:

June 5 / July 3 / August 7

PARISH NEWS

Some of the members of the latest RCIA class and their sponsors and coordinators, along with other volunteers, served dinner and breakfast at the Crisis Ministries Homeless Shelter over Mother's Day week-end. Volunteers included: **Mary Bergstrom, Ed Defourneaux, Caroline & Jeff DiBattisto, Libby Dismuke, Beatrice Janulyte, Jack Kennerty, Kelli Lyman, Sandra Miller, Becky & Gary Warriner, Julie & Joe Wise, Ernest & Claire Bergstrom.** Thank you to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm.

SCHOOL NEWS

Tuesday, May 25
Upper School Exams

Wednesday, May 26
Upper School Exams

Thursday, May 27
Upper School Exams

Friday, May 28
Field Day
Upper School Make Up Exams

Monday, May 31
Memorial Day, School and EDP Closed

Tuesday, June 1
Upper School Awards at 9am

Wednesday, June 2
K5 Graduation 8:30am
8th grade Graduation 7pm

SUMMER CAMP REMINDER:

Parents please remember that your children must be signed up if you want them to attend summer camp. The forms are located in the EDP room. Camp runs from June 7 until August 13. Call Darice Norton 843-224-2498 for additional information.



YEARBOOKS: Nativity School yearbooks are on sale. An order form is located below. Please fill out the form and return it to the school office.

Nativity School 2009-2010 Yearbook Order Form

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Total number of yearbooks ordered: _____

Total amount attached: \$ _____
(\$18 for each yearbook)

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Bishop Elio Sgreccia, former President of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind." (www.priestsforlife.org)

PRAYER: Come, Holy Spirit, fill us with your gifts, and make us advocates for all our brothers and sisters in need, including the most vulnerable, the unborn.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING empowers couples to accurately identify their days of fertility and infertility either to achieve or to avoid pregnancy. **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 RETREAT: Many women and men have no one to turn to who can help them validate and work through their grief after an abortion. They feel isolated and become trapped in the mistaken belief that no one can understand their feelings. Come find help, understanding and hope on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, June 4-6, 2010 in Charleston, SC. For more information, call Christy 803-554-6088 or Kathy 803-546-6010. grace4healing@gmail.com



BEHS BASKETBALL CAMPS

Grades 6-10 / Cost: \$125 per session

Girls: (June 7-11), contact Paul Runey, 849-9599 x153.

Boys: (June 14-18 & June 25-25), contact Coach Jeff DiBattisto, 849-9599 x 154.



BEHS BASEBALL CAMP

Grades 4-9 / Cost: \$125 per session
June 28-July 2 & July 5-9, Contact Coach Bill Collier, 849-9599 x 158.



BEHS SOCCER CAMP

Grades 4-10 / Cost: \$150



BEHS SOFTBALL CAMP

Grades 5-10 / Cost: \$125
Contact Melissa Wiegel, 327-9147

SPIRITUALI-TEA GARDEN AT THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL: Stop in and refresh yourself with complimentary iced tea and sweet treats during Spoleto USA. The Daughters of St. Paul invite you to join them in their convent garden, St. Joseph's Garden, at the rear of the Pauline Books and Media Center, 243 King Street, Downtown. **Tea Garden hours will be 11-3pm, May 28-June 12, but closed on Sundays.**

CHRISTIAN - JEWISH COUNCIL SPRING PROGRAM: Thursday, May 27th, 7pm, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The topic will be "Opening the Covenant: A Jewish Theology of Christianity" by Dr. Michael Kogan, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ. This program is free and open to the entire community. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Ken Fox, 324-4921.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Please help the migrant farm workers! OLM Outreach needs health items, such as deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc. Also needed are towels and bed linens. Please leave your donations in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.