



# Church of the Nativity's Ministries

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Primary Contact &amp; Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Prayer and Worship</b>			
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist*	Bring the Eucharist to patients in the downtown hospitals of Roper and M.U.S.C. Members of this ministry also bring the Eucharist to the homebound and those in assisted-living facilities on James Island.	Fr. Droze, 843-795-3821	Pastor @nativitycharleston.org
Greeters / Ushers	Before and after Mass, volunteers welcome guests at the doors, hand out worship aids, and assist with direction in the church.		
Lectors*	Reading the scriptures and prayer intercessions at Mass.		
Visit Homebound & Hospitalized*	Visit or distribute the Eucharist to those isolated.		
Altar Servers	Assist the priest during mass.	Jimmy Craven, 843-795-4911	Cravenjandw @knology.net
Church Environment	Enrich our worship space with flowers and liturgically appropriate decorations.	Seeking Volunteers	
Altar Society	Volunteers help to launder the Altar linens.	Church Office, 843-795-3821	Admin @nativitycharleston.org
Parish Prayer Ministry	Intercessors for the prayer requests found in the foyer or by contacting us. Volunteers receive 1-2 emails monthly for prayers.		
Music and Choirs	Includes the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass choir, cantors for other Masses, and instrumentalists.	Courtney Reed, 843-795-3821	Music @nativitycharleston.org
<b>Christian Formation</b>			
O.C.I.A.	Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is an educational and spiritual journey for adults pursuing full membership in the Catholic Church. Volunteers serve as discussion leaders, sponsors, & other support functions.	Mary L. Smith, 843-559-6344	Dre @nativitycharleston.org
Nursery Ministry	Watch children (ages 0-4 yrs) while parents are in Mass.		
Children's Liturgy of the Word	For the 9 AM Sunday Mass, children gather in separate spaces and hear the Word of God proclaimed in simpler language. Catechists facilitate a child-friendly, interactive reflection on the readings.		
Youth Ministry - Junior	Mentor to Middle School students		
Youth Ministry - Senior	Mentor to High School students		
Parish School of Religion - PSR	Catechists teach children (Gr1-8) about the Catholic Faith and prepare them to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. PSR is Sundays (school year), 10:15-11 AM.		
Bible Study	Gathers weekly for fellowship, scripture study, and prayer.	Ryckie Watkins, 843-795-4194 Andrea Gilliard, 843-696-2161	ryckie.watkins @gmail.com acgilliard @comcast.net
Respect Life Ministry	Through prayer, educational programs, and other activities, this ministry promotes respect for human life – from the moment of creation until the point of natural death.	Christine Lewis, 843-813-3937	Lewischristined @att.net

### **Community Building**

Ladies Guild	This ministry provides fellowship to the women of the parish, meets monthly and has fun activities throughout the year. The Guild sponsors social events, service projects, and spiritual opportunities for the parish, and serves the parish and local agencies in need.	Jackie Doscher, 843-276-5002	Jackiedoscher@gmail.com
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Meets monthly to knit & crochet prayer shawls, which are then blessed by the pastor and distributed to those in need.	Debbie Kennedy	natprayershawl@gmail.com
Senior Adult Ministry (SAM)	Promotes fellowship among parishioners aged 55 and above. Participants meet monthly for lunch and fellowship.	Mary L. Smith, 843-559-6344	Dre@nativitycharleston.org
Seniors Cards & Games	Held every 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month; a social gathering with Nativity seniors with light refreshments.	Irene Bennett, 843-276-1575	
Bereavement Ministry	Prepares a meal and brings to the family on the day of the funeral, for parishioners who have suffered the death of a family member.	Church Office, 843-795-3821	Admin@nativitycharleston.org
Technology Ministry	Assist with audio/visual support in the church and Parish Life Center.	Mike Riley, 843-513-9827	Tech@nativitycharleston.org

### **Associated Ministries**

These organizations operate independently of the parish. Many parish members participate & support the associations, and the parish contributes to them as well.

<a href="#">The Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy</a>	Established in 1829, the Sisters' (OLM) ministries include: education, social services, spiritual direction and retreats, parish and diocesan administration, parish ministry and senior ministry.	Sr. Ann Billard, 843-795-6083	Eldermidwife@comcast.net
Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach Services (OLM)	Established by the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy, the <a href="#">Outreach Center</a> encourages self-sufficiency and self-worth for people in need through education, wellness, and outreach services.	Jermaine Husser, 843-494-7974	Jermaine.husser@olmoutreach.org
<a href="#">Meals-on-Wheels</a>	Meals are prepared at the Charleston Area Senior Center, brought to James Island Presbyterian Church, and delivered by volunteers (m-f).	Carol Swinburne, 843-452-2296	Palmettogran@gmail.com
James Island Outreach	A collaborative effort by several Churches on James Island to offer help to those in need. Services offered include the food pantry, education, and assistance with bills.	Dave Kozman, 330-730-5108	Dko_151@yahoo.com
H.O.M.E. Works	Providing home repair services to low-income homeowners while mentoring and discipling youth in the process.	Andrea Gilliard, 843-696-2161	Acgilliard@comcast.net
Knights of Columbus	The KoC Council 6250 is based in James Island – a service and fraternal organization of Catholic men. The core principles are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.	Gary Warriner, 843-576-4863	garriner2@gmail.com

If you have any questions or cannot reach the primary contact person, please call or email the Church Office:  
843-795-3821; [admin@nativitycharleston.org](mailto:admin@nativitycharleston.org)

[All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate in a ministry.](#)

\* Interested volunteers must complete a sacramental Sponsor Eligibility form to be eligible to serve in this role.