



Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church Diocese of Charleston 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31st 2008

Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Hills Roman Catholic Church is inspired by the Holy Spirit
And formed by the Gospel, under the patronage of Mary,
the Mother of Jesus. As one family under God, the Father,
we welcome all who come to us and are particularly mindful of those in need.



Our Lady of the Hills Capital Campaign Prayer

Almighty God, Our Heritage, Our Hope. with grateful hearts, we place all that we have and all that we are, at the service of your will. May the offering of our time, talent, and treasure, be guided by the generous out pouring of the Holy Spirit. Bring to perfection what we have begun in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady of the Hills ...pray for us.

EVANGELIZATION



Do you know of someone who might be interested in learning about the Catholic faith? An invitation to learn more about the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is extended, without obligation, to any interested person. This process seeks to foster and support conversion to Christ and to assist in:

- Learning Catholic Teachings - Accepting Christian values and morality
- Developing a prayer life - Becoming a fully initiated and active member of the Catholic Community

R.C.I.A. is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about your faith tradition. For more information please call the parish office@ 772-7400

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

On Thursday, September 4th, there will be Vespers in the church beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is the first Thursday of the month so we will also pray Sacred Heart Devotions. Please join us for this special prayer service that will last to approximately 6:00 pm.

Centering Prayer Group will be discontinuing the weekly meeting until further notice. For more information, call Jennifer Chandler at 361-6137.

Joy in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group meets in the church on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We are renewed by the Holy Spirit as we praise God through singing, praying, Scripture reading, teaching and sharing. We are a family prayer group and all ages are welcome. Please join us. For more information, call Jack or Sharon Crocker (356-3042) or Deannie Tourville (772-0232).

How often do you hear...."I just don't have the time to volunteer for anything." Well here is the solution to that problem. At each mass there is an opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist in a special way – presenting the gifts! At this time we are establishing a schedule for parish members to take advantage of this meaningful opportunity. When you volunteer to participate you can expect to be on the schedule several times a year at the mass of your preference. You would be notified well in advance. If there is a special date that you would like to request we will happily try to accommodate that. ALL parishioners - singles, couples, as well as, families are encouraged to sign up! There is a sign up form in the narthex or you may contact Karen Ross at 732-4748 or kross9@sc.rr.com.

VOCATION REFLECTION: If you wish to follow Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow. Are you courageous enough to follow as a priest or deacon, brother, or sister? (Matthew 16:21-27)

MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS

Date	Scripture Reading	Time	Intention	Requested by
Sat., Aug. 30	1Cor 1: 26-31 Mt 25:14-30			
	Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27	5:30PM	Julie Thiel +	Family
Sun., Aug.31	" " " "	8:00AM	Special Intentions of Bill Duda	Gloria
	" " " "	10:00AM	Suzanna McRedmond +	McRedmonds
	" " " "	12Noon	For the Parish	
	" " " "	2:00PM	Souls in Purgatory	Anonymous
Mon., Sept. 1	1Cor 2:1-5 Lk 4:16-30	7:30AM	Vaughn & Suzanne Gooch 50 th Anniversary	
Tues., Sept.2	1Cor 2:10-16 Lk 4:31-37	6:00PM	Elizabeth LeCates +	Connie Bruno
Wed., Sept.3	1Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44	12:15PM	Romeo Sison+	Valenas
			Oliver Hernandez +	Marlene & June Espino
Thurs., Sept.4	1Cor 3:18-23 Lk 5:1-11	12:15PM	Kathryn Kunz +	Shari Willenborg
Fri., Sept.5	1Cor 4:1-5 Lk 5:33-39	12:15PM	Rev. Howard Coughlin +	Fr. Droze
Sat., Sept 6	1Cor 4:6b-15 Lk 6:1-5	9:00AM	Richard Echerer +	Fr. Droze
	Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20	5:30PM	Sp. Intentions of Bill & April Conroy	Connie Thayer
Sun., Sept 7	" " " "	8:00AM	Thomas Fahy +	Elizabeth Dierickx
	" " " "	10:00AM	For a Special Intention	Natalie Emerick
	" " " "	12Noon	For the Parish	
	" " " "	2:00PM	In Prayerful Remembrance for all souls	Mark Cotter

SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

MASS	PRESIDER	MUSIC	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION*
Sat., 5:30PM	Father Droze	Joyful Noise	Anna Coracy	Daniel Adkins, Rachel Catalano, Andrew Lofurno	Deacon Burdick, John & LaLone Augustine, Ron Akins, Rita Thiel, Nydia Burdick, Ben Solkofske
Sun., 8AM	Father Droze	Organ	John Pearrow	Caroline Church, Paul Melton, Jennifer Wilkins	Deacon Burdick, Al Sadowski, Vicki Smith, Sharon & Dennis Roberts
10 AM	Father Droze	Traditional Choir	Sean McLaughlin	Matthew Hegedus, Michael Naso, Louis Biles	Deacon Jones, Susan Naglic, Bill Baker, Liz Berg, Richard Cross, Paula Bjorkman
12 Noon	Father Droze	Organ	Ginny Riga	Eric Zimovan, Cameron Taylor,	Deacon DiRusso, Sue Darlington, Barbara Srimongchanh, Annie Gibson, Bonnie Harwick, Ginny Lopicollo, Mary Ellen Rouse
2 PM	Father Lache				

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Orlando Alers, Sharon Allen, Kathy Lopicollo Ammermann, Julie Arcury, Manuel Ard, Christine Arehart, Edward Arvalo, JoAnn Austen, Andrew Beaty, John Berg II, Noah Berg, Barbara Berch, Ewald Bernhagen, Cindy Blackman, Robert Blaze, William Bolich, John Boone, Susan Bowers, Lorena Bradshaw, Jerry Broughton, Sharon Brown, Julie Burtis, Jack Byars, Debra Bytnar, Ann Campbell, Ellen Campbell, Judy Case, Kathryn Clark, Bruce Cole, Jim Connelly, Shannon Connolly, Bill & April Conroy, Sonja Corley, Pat Coval, Amy Cox, Cameron Dadger, Diane Del Tova, Lynne D'Eredita, Susan Dietrich, Dr. Rosita Dizon, Heather Dorn, Kathryn Doucett, Lisa Duda, John Duffy, Natalie & Bill Emerick, Nancy Esposito, Stacy Ewart, Camille Farrell, Wilma Feltus, Rev. Robert Fix, Bernadine Fontaine, Brendan Fontaine, John Freeman,

Sandra Gaines, Eric Geiger, Betsy Gilkeson, Luther & Barbara Glenn, Vaughn Gooch, Susan Gorman, Virginia Goslee, Ben Greer, Scottie Hallbick, Sr. Kathleen Halligan, Tim Hancock, Parker Hebda, Loretta Hebert, Harold Hoffman Jr., Justin Hooks, Margie & Jim Horosko, Daniel Hudacko, James Hughes, Emily Hunt, Lang Hunt, Dorothy Irwin, Frank Irizarry, Larry Janczak, Lorenzo Johnson, Raymond June, Father Filemon Juya, Kevin Kaminsky, Karen Kays, Lynn Keller, Rick Kelly, Hal Kennedy, Miriam Ketcham, Shawn Knox, Edward Kriner, John & Julie Lazur, Antonio Lazaro, Kristin Lesesne, Floyd Lipe, George Lusk, Barbara MacCallum, Louis Martin, Marie Masters, Maria Martinez, Mildred McCormack, Frieda McNinch, Jane Mary Martel, Melissa Martin, Eunice Matthews, Irene McCollam, Kathy McNeal, Regina McKnight, Johnny McManus, Ed Martella, Carol Meitus, Lorraine Mitchell, Donald Montjoy, Linda Morrison, Sr. Christina Murphy, Kim Munch, Jane Obie, Tom O'Brien, Patricia O'Hara, Becky Opachan, Lu Parkinson, Brandy Pearrow, Johnny Pellitier, Marguerite Perry, Phyllis Peterson, Eileen Petransky, Charles Petrino, Cathy Pharo, Rocky Pocock, Anthony Portigiana, Paul Potter, Annabelle Price, Margaret Principino, Sally & Placido Prujillo, John Ravita, Margaret Reed, Jay Reedy, Lynn Reiland, Edna Reilly, Norbert Rohling, Dorothy Rozof, Stella Ruiz, Joe Schachner, Eric Schacht, Charles Schaffer, Robert & Helen Schmidt, Jeanette Schmidt, O.J. Schonhardt, Greg Schoning, Brigitte Schutzman, Rosemary Scopel, Rosemary Scott, Dan Sease, Daniel Seay, Alan Shealy, Steve Shepard, Lauren Shunkwiler, Courtney Singleton, Dennis Skraba, Connie Slezak, Dawn Smith, Max Snyder, Kathy Solkofske, Sam Spade, Sue Spinuzza, Nicholas Sprengel, Delores Stevens, Dave Stevenson, Molly Taylor, Rita Thoennes, Diane Thornton, Virgil Treece, Dr. Peter Tucci, Eva Tyson, Lemar Underdown, Bob Valwa, Lucille Verhoff, Lynn Waincott, Juanita Wharten, Leila Will, Michael Williams, Todd Williams, Amanda Wilson, Chris Wilson, Kenneth Witcraft, Paul Womak, Pat Yerema, Michael York and all men & women serving in the military.

If you find yourself or a loved one as a patient in a hospital and are in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the office during business hours as soon as possible. Please do not wait until your loved one is in critical condition. There can be unavoidable delays in a priest getting to the hospital immediately. Also, if you plan on entering the hospital for a particular procedure, you may receive the Sacrament of the Anointing before you are admitted by making contact with the parish office.

Mark your calendar for the fourth Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of Charlotte. Once again Catholics from all over western North Carolina and the Southeast will gather in praise and worship at the Charlotte Convention Center. The event will take place October 3 & 4, 2008. Bishop Peter J. Jugis has selected "It Is Christ Whom We Proclaim" as the theme of the Congress. For additional information go to www.charlottediocese.org, or www.goEucharist.org, or telephone at 704-370-6299. There will be a special youth component that provides meaningful religious education to Elementary, middle and High School students in age-appropriate settings. Lunch is provided and registration is free.



KEEP THIS DATE FREE - OCTOBER 21, 2008

The life-size Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of the Unborn, will be visiting Our Lady of the Hills Church on Tuesday, October 21. We will have an evening of prayer from 4:30pm to 8pm for the intention of a greater respect for life. Look for more details in later bulletins.

SOCIAL OUTREACH



Some claim that scientists who kill embryos for their stem cells are not actually depriving anyone of life, because they are using "spare" or unwanted embryos who will die anyway. This argument is simply invalid.

Ultimately each of us will die, but that gives no one a right to kill us. Our society does not permit lethal experiments on terminally ill patients or condemned prisoners on the pretext that they will soon die anyway. USCCB, On Embryonic Stem Cell Research (June 13, 2008)

Birthright of Columbia** a pro-life emergency pregnancy service staffed solely by volunteers will begin training for office volunteers - individuals who are willing to provide one-on-one assistance to girls and women who are faced with an unplanned or problem pregnancy. The four part training session will begin on Monday, September 29th at 6:00 pm and will run three successive weeks at their office located at 2318 Devine Street. For more information call Sally or Hank Chardos at 781-7457. Thank you for caring. **Birthright of Columbia is seeking a larger office that is handicap accessible. Please contact Sally or Hank if you can help.



Home Works of America is sponsoring a one-day blitz on: Saturday, October 11th. Teens and adults are needed to make repairs to the homes of the elderly and the disadvantaged in the greater Columbia area. Repairs will be made to 35 homes! No skill level is required, your mere presence conveys

hope. There are two planning meetings scheduled at Benedict-Allen Community Development Center, 2001 Two Notch Road, starting at 6:30 pm (pizza & soda will be served) on Thursday, September 18th and Thursday, September 25th. For more information or to help in any manner call Hank Chardos @ 781-4536 or email homewrksc@aol.com.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PHONE NUMBER FOR THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS 772-7759

Father Droze's Scripture Study with the book of Genesis - Sessions continue on Sept. 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Each session will begin at 10:30 am. If you have not already signed up please contact Donna Williams @ 772-0835 or call the parish office.



THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY - is on hiatus until the end of September. Please remember to read Scripture daily.



Attention Junior High and High School Youth! Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd, at 7:30 pm at the Hudacko's. Please call Elizabeth or Amy at 407- 3385 for more information.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!
OUR FIRST RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS IS SCHEDULED FOR
SEPTEMBER 7TH, AT 6:15 PM.

Little Children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.....1John 3:18

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (6-8 GRADE)

Make plans to join us on November 1st in Winnsboro, SC at the White Oak Conference Center for the 12th annual Diocesan Junior High Rally a day of fun & fellowship. Mark your calendarsforms will be available in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Registration deadline is October 12th. Earlybird cost \$35 with a \$10 late fee after October 12th. Please contact Mrs. Hudacko for more information @ 407-3385. Registration will be taken on a first come basis.

As we enjoy the last days of summer we look ahead to the beginning of the 2008/09 religious education year. I ask you to pray for us as we prepare for the year and to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to see if you are being called to be a catechist. As a catechist you will embark on a privileged journey. You will enter into an exciting time of celebrating the joys and mysteries of our faith. Don't be afraid to answer His call. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "Fear defeats more people than any other one thing in the world". If you say yes to His call know that you will nurture in others a faith that will be their greatest strength and joy in their lifetime. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life! Join the thousands of catechists who every year go forth to love and serve the Lord. Please call Jackie @772-7759.

Registration forms for the 2008/2009 Religious Education program are in the back of the church. Please fill one out and put it in the collection basket along with your payment, mail it to the parish center or drop it off. Please note the change in TIME for ALL of the Religious Education programs. BOTH Wednesday and Sunday evenings will meet from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Religious education begins Wednesday, September 3, 2008.

WORDS TO PONDER: "I HAVE FOUND THE PARADOX, THAT IF YOU LOVE UNTIL IT HURTS, THERE CAN BE NO MORE HURT, ONLY MORE LOVE". MOTHER TERESA

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN RELIGIOUS ED: THINKING OF WHAT TO DO WHILE YOUR CHILD IS IN CLASS?.....THINK NO MORE ---TEACH!!!!!! PRIMARY GRADE CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED. WHAT BETTER WAY TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD. PLEASE CALL JACKIE @772-7759

PARENT MEETING: FOR ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN RELIGIOUS ED (GRADES K5- 12) ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 AT 6:15 PM IN THE PARISH GYM. PLEASE COME AND MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AND GET THE LATEST UPDATES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL JACKIE OR GLORIA AT 772-7759.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Midlands Deanery will be hosting a Catechetical Workshop for all teachers and support personnel on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at St. Peters. The workshop will start at 8:30 am. with closing prayer 1:45 pm. Please RSVP to Jackie or Gloria at 772-7759. There is a reduced rate if we make reservations before September 1, 2008.

We have an incredible opportunity as a parish community to participate in a pro-family chastity education program called Family Honor. These programs are for junior high students. However, in order to offer this program we must have a minimum of twenty five families registered in advance to participate. If you think this is a program that would be of interest to your family please call Elizabeth Hudacko at 772-7400 or 407-3385. There are two different programs one for 6th grade and another for 7th & 8th grades. Programs are for both boys and girls and require parental participation. The 6th grade program runs for two weeks and will cost \$15 per family. The 7th & 8th grade program runs for 4 weeks and costs \$30 per family. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible so that we can ensure a spot on the Family Honor program calendar.

The New Little Rock Bible Study for the Religious Education year will be "Parables of the Kingdom: Part One and Part Two". This study was written by Mary Ann Getty-Sullivan who also wrote another Little Rock Study from the past, "Women in the New Testament". She helps readers learn to interpret parables, to enter into what the parables can reveal about Jesus and His audience, about the evangelists and their communities, and about how we are to understand the Kingdom of God today. As in the past, we are offering the same study on Wednesday and Sunday nights at 6:15pm until 7:30p during CCD beginning on Sept. 3 and 7 so that more people can take advantage of this study. We meet in Room 5 at the Croghan Center Annex. For more information and to reserve materials, the cost of this study is \$15.00; call Paula Mistoler at 781-5369 or the Religious Education Office at 772-7759. All new members are welcome! We look forward to meeting you!

This Week at OLH

Monday, September 1 - Labor Day/Parish Offices Closed

6:30PM - T.O.P.S. Mtg - Croghan Center

7:00PM - Boy Scouts - Croghan Center

Tuesday, September 2

7:00PM - Joy in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group - Church

7:00PM - Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg - PC Hall

Wednesday, September 3

6:15PM - Religious Education Parent Mtg - PC Hall

7:00PM - JNFG Choir - Church

7:00PM - Legion of Mary - PC Library

Thursday, September 4

12:45PM - Adoration - Church

5:00PM - Vespers & Sacred Heart Devotions - Church

5:00PM - Joy in the Spirit Leaders - PC Library

7:00PM - Morning Star Choir - Church

Friday, September 5

10:00AM - Playgroup - Church Nursery

Saturday, September 6

9:00AM - Legion of Mary Regional Mtg - PC Atrium

3:00PM - Rosary Makers - Croghan Center

Sunday, September 7

9:00AM - Sharing Sunday Readings - PC Library

10:15AM - Catechumenate - PC Library

12:30PM - Spanish Choir - PC Library

6:15PM - Middle School, Confirmation & Sr. High Youth Ministry - Croghan Center

6:15PM - Little Rock Scripture Study - Croghan Center

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend Our Lady of the Hills regularly and consider this your parish, please take the time to register by asking an usher at Mass or calling the Parish Office. Please use the envelope system to practice Good Stewardship of the many gifts God has given to you and your family and to help support your Parish, Diocese, and the worldwide Church.

STEWARDSHIP

One of the simplest ways to make a future gift to Our Lady of the Hills is through your will. Please call the Parish Office for details on how to make arrangements.

PARISH SUPPORT	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Budget Amt. Needed	\$14,000.00	\$112,000.00
Amt. Received 8/24	\$20,607.00	\$115,377.00
Variance	\$ 6,607.00	(\$ 3,377.00)
Capital Campaign Rec 'd	\$ 5,945.00	\$ 920,537.00

Total Number of registered households.....1340
 Total Number of Envelopes 8/24.....285
 St. Andrew's Shepherd Center.....\$ 250.00
 Children's Stewardship.....\$9.50

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, (Vigil) 5:30 PM

Sunday, 8AM, 10AM & 12NOON

Spanish Mass -2 P.M.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4pm or by appointment

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL

Crisis Line 465-1644

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Marriages - Contact Parish Office 6 months prior to wedding

Baptism - Pre-registration required. Contact Parish Office

COMMUNITY BUILDING



It's that time again! We are signing up for the Parish Dinner Club. 8 adults meet once a month in a home. The host would provide the entrée and others share in bringing: appetizers, salad or dessert. The next month you would meet at another member of the group's home and continue on until each person has hosted an evening. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Groups will be formed by random selection. This is a great way to meet and enjoy members of our parish family! The kick-off social is scheduled on October 10th, at 7 p.m. in the Atrium of the Family Life Center. Contact Sam or Sharon Allen 749-2571 for more info.



Families and/or church ministries who would like to host the coffee and Donuts Social after the 10:00 Mass once a month or more, please call Fran Dudley, 781-0706 or the parish office. August 31st - Pastoral Council, Sept. 7th - Knights of Columbus.

Catholic Women Fellowship - The Women's Group of Our Lady of the Hills would like to invite all ladies to their first annual meeting on Monday, September 8th. The meeting will be held in the atrium of the family life center and begins at 6:30 pm with "Happy Hour." We are a congenial group of ladies of all ages involved in supporting the parish and one another. We meet once a month, usually on the 1st Monday of the month. Among the projects sponsored by the Women's Group are: The Giving Tree, the Lenten Soups, Youth Scholarships, Craft & Bake Sales, & Tea and Fashion Show. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to call Anick Lecordier @ 781-7693.

"WELCOME BACK!" The J.O.Y. Group for 55+ will meet on Monday, September 8, 2008 in the Atrium of the Family Life Center. Please join us!

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS - The recent Blood Drive, on Sunday, 8/24/08, was **ANOTHER TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!!**. You, the members of Our Lady of the Hills Parish, donated 71 pints of blood - That's a new record high. This brings your total quantity of pints donated, since our quarterly blood drives were started back in August of 2003, to 680 pints.

On behalf of the American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus #6892, I congratulate you and thank you for your time, effort and generosity. This effort will truly save lives in our community. Some interesting facts about the 8/24 / Drive: 1.) Our Senior Donor was 88 years young and 2.) Our Junior Donor (a 1st Time Donor) was 17 years old. According to the Red Cross, our Church Blood Drive continues to be on of the best of the drives, conducted in the area. They also state that it is truly amazing the numbers (pints of blood) you produce on a regular basis and they greatly appreciate your commitment.

Sam Allen
Knights of Columbus #6892

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ESL (English as a Second Language) TEACHERS NEEDED
For ESL classes (6:30-8pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays) starting September 9th, at the Croghan Center. Please contact the Hispanic Office at 803-740-6209.

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God." Don't let the world's way tear you your marriage apart. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled for October 17-19, in Greenville, SC and February 6-8, 2009 in Hilton Head, SC. For info call Bart & Laurie Huffman at 864-575-4951 or Steve & Nydia Burdick at 803-798-8296.."

St. Francis Catholic Shop announces the next topic in their Wednesday night Apologetics series...

"How to Answer Atheists & New Agers"

Our next class will begin on September 17, all classes will be from 6-7pm, at the store. We are requesting that all those interested register with us by September 10th, so we can order books in time for the first class. The cost of the books will be \$5.95 + tax. All are welcome! Register for the class by calling 803-561-9733 or emailing stfrancisshop@bellsouth.net.

SAVE-A-DATE: SC STATE FAIR DATES - OCTOBER 8 - 19, 2008

Please save some time in your schedule to work a shift at the Catholic Christian Booth at the SC State Fair.

Also, the following dates have been scheduled for "planning meetings" for the Catholic Christian Booth at the SC State Fair. The meetings will be at Our Lady of the Hills, in the Library of the Family Life Center (off of the Atrium) on Monday, Sep 29, 2008 at 7 pm. If anyone has input, but unable to attend the meetings, please call or email me. God bless, Sharon Crocker, Catholic Christian Booth - SC State Fair Fund, 356-3042 hm, 309-2480 cell, scrocker4@windstream.net

The Columbia Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is sponsoring a golf tournament. The proceeds from this event will allow officers the chance to send their children to college through a scholarship program. The tournament will be held September 30th at Woodcreek Farms Country Club. For more information please contact Tim Weaver @ 731-9690.

Come join us Saturday, September 6th, 6:30 pm at St. Peter's on Assembly St. to see and hear about the Home Works August mission trip to Zorritos, Peru. Homes were built...vitamins were distributed...children and adults were fed...hope was conveyed.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ST. ANDREWS

Fun and Fellowship for Folks 50+

Fall Session - meets on Tuesdays

September 16 thru November 18, 2008

Activities start at 9:30am

Bridge-Exercise-Art-Quilting

Classes include: History of Columbia by Dr. Belinda Gergel-Gardening-Classic Movies-S. C. Archaeology-Creative Writing-Al McNeely's "My Oddball Interests"-

Short Stories-Spanish-and more

FREE CLASS 11:30am - "Clarifying the Constitution" Rev. Jim Nates

Noon Lunches with Guest Speakers/Entertainers

Shepherd's Center is an interfaith program

Housed at Ashland UMC, 2600 Ashland Rd.

For more information call 731-9394.

Director - Dr. Rebecca Swanson

COLUMBIA AREA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Come meet for drinks and discussion on September 10, from 6 to 8 PM at Delaney's Pub on Saluda Avenue in Five Points. This month's topic will be "Imbibing the Spirit with the Charismatic



Movement". This group will be exclusively run by, and for, young adults from ages 21 to 35. ALL priests and religious are welcome regardless of age! Come join us! Please see our blog for upcoming events, discussion topics, and more! www.imbibingthespirit.blogspot.com

Our Lady of the Lake presents: The Sites & Sounds of South America: The Best of Argentina & Brazil: with Optimal Amazon Post Tour Extension. March 2 - 12, 2009. Includes: Buenos Aires; Gaucho Show, Tango Show, Iguassu Falls, Reo de Janeiro, Christ the Redeemer: All airfare to and from Argentina & Brazil, Inner Airfare as well. 11 days, 16 meals, hotels, Round trip airfare from Columbia or Charleston airport. Per Person rate \$3,829 double. For more information & full brochure please call 345-3962.

SOUTH CAROLINA IRISH MEMORIAL MASS & DEDICATION

On Saturday, September 6th, 9 am at St. Peter's Church on Assembly. There will be a graveside ceremony at 10 am at St. Peter's Cemetery and a Memorial Dedication at 11 am at Riverfront Park. Keynote Speaker will be Niall Burgess, Irish Consul General, to the United States. Immediately following the dedication there will be live Irish music and dancing on the stage in Riverfront. The musicians are from around North & South Carolina and the dancers from the Rince N'ah Eireann School of Irish Dancing in Charlotte, Augusta, Greenville and Columbia. For more info go to www.stcolumbia-aoh.org

"THE ORDER OF CARMELITES DISCALCED SECULAR (OCDS) will begin formation classes in January 2009" The secular (or "third") order is a community of lay persons who live according to the spirit of the Order of Discalced Carmelites, but who do not leave their secular state of life, that is, they continue to live fully their family life, and work in the world. The three year formation program introduces candidates in depth into the teachings and writings of Sts. Teresa of Jesus, John of the Cross, and Therese of Lisieux, as well as Carmelite spirituality in general, laying a sound foundation for living a contemplative life in the world. If you are an adult Roman Catholic, participating fully in the sacramental life of the church, and think you may have a vocation with the secular discalced Carmelites, and would like to find out more information, we would like to call, or email. We meet the 4th Sunday of each month from 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 809 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC. Please contact Sharon Crocker at 356-3042 hm, or 309-2480 cell, or email: scrocker4@windstream.net

The St. Joseph Lay Carmelite Community invites you to attend one of their information sessions. Inquiry meetings will be held in the St. Joseph Church Pastoral Life Center, lower level, 3512 Devine St. The building entrances are on Bonham St. Join us on Tuesday, Sept 30 at 7:30 p.m. or Sat. Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. After the first inquiry meeting, you will have an opportunity to attend other information and discernment meetings to learn about the Lay Carmelite formation process. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. The Lay Carmelite internet site is carmelnet.org/toc/toc.htm. Membership is open to both men and women, Catholics in good standing, faithful to our bishop and the teachings of the Church. You must be at least 18 yrs old and consideration will be given to people over 65. All parishes are welcome. We seek a contemplative way of life in allegiance to Jesus, while living in the world; striving for a deeper commitment to our faith and our baptismal call to holiness. For more information, contact Janice Lenti 782-7105 / e-mail jandjlent@att.net or Merilee Hill 799-0202 / email merilee_hill@yahoo.com



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IN SINCERE APPRECIATION
FOR ALL OUR
MINISTERIAL VOLUNTEERS
WILL BE HOSTING A
MINISTRY /VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION DINNER
ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH,
AT 6:30 PM
(FOLLOWING 5:30 PM MASS)
IN THE GYM OF THE
FAMILY LIFE CENTER.
PLEASE CONTACT THE HEAD
OF YOUR MINISTRY TO RSVP.



FAQs: Frequently Asked Questions:

I was baptized Catholic but didn't go any further, what do I do?

I want to know more about the Faith, where do I go?

How does one become Catholic anyhow?

I left the Church some years ago, but now I think I want to come back. How do I do that?

I have been sitting in the pews for years, what do I need to do to go to communion?

My children are being raised Catholic, how can I at least understand more about the Church?

Parents are supposed to be the first educators, but I don't know enough. What can I do?

If you have read this far then perhaps one of these questions pertains to you or one you love. The answer to all of these questions is the Rite of Christian Initiation also known as RCIA. For those who wish to receive the sacraments, RCIA is divided into 3 basic parts and at every every stage the person making the journey decides whether they wish to proceed. The three parts are:

1. **Inquiry** – where you decide if this journey is for you. (June- August)
2. **Catechumenate** – this time is devoted to learning about the faith and ends with reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. (Sept- April)*
3. **Mystagogy** - this time is for answering questions and introducing the newly received members in the Church into parish life. This time begins after Easter and generally goes until Pentecost.

***The Catechumenate portion begins just before Labor Day.**

The classes are held on Sunday Morning in the Library of the Family Life Center.

For those who are already Catholic, but want to learn about the faith-we invite you to come to class!

For more information call Deacon Burdick at 798-8296 or the Church Office 772-7400.