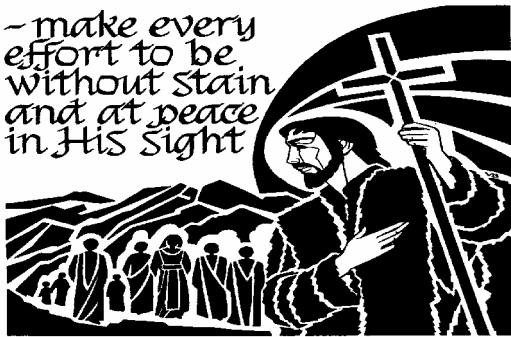


~ make every effort to be without stain and at peace in His Sight



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Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church Diocese of Charleston 2nd Sunday of Advent December 7th, 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

Capital Campaign Reaches Milestone! We have reached the \$1 million mark for our Capital Campaign in November 2008! Congratulations to each member of Our Lady of the Hills who helped make this happen! We could not have done it without you!

We will celebrate this important milestone the week-end of January 3-4, 2009.

We are still short of our \$1.73 million goal that we set when we began our campaign pledge collection in June 2006. As we near completion of our three year Capital Campaign, your Pastor, Staff, Capital Campaign Committee, Pastoral Council and Finance Council will continue to monitor collections, construction costs and Diocese direction. Please feel free to share any input you have with these Parish members. For those of you who are new to Our Lady of the Hills, or who have not pledged, please contact Tom Jones at 749-7801 for more information on pledging. With Christmas just around the corner, a pledge or financial gift to Our Lady of the Hills Capital Campaign would provide a wonderful way of living out your faith and supporting the future of your parish!

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

The schedule of local Advent Communal Penance Services is listed below. All services are scheduled to begin at 7 pm.

Wednesday, December 10th - Our Lady of the Lake

Tuesday, December 16th - St. Martin de Porres

Thursday, December 11th - Transfiguration

Wednesday, December 17th - Our Lady of the Hills

Monday, December 15th - St. Peter's

Thursday, December 18th - Corpus Christi

Friday, December 19th - St. John Neumann



Our prayers and sympathies are extended to Trisha Pizzuti-Bockus on the death of her sister, Pam McMillan. May God grant her his eternal rest.

On Thursday, December 11th, there will be Vespers in the church beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please join us for this special prayer service that will last to approximately 6:00 pm.

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 at our next meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the church. For more information, call Deannie Tourville (781-1225) or Ginny Riga (772-9115).

Eucharist Adoration is offered each Thursday afternoon through Friday morning. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex if you would care to spend an hour before the Blessed Sacrament in adoration. We will need at least two people to sign up for each hour of this twenty-three hour period. This special time of prayer will be in recognition of "The Year of St. Paul" recently announced by Pope Benedict XVI. For more info contact Kathryn Hood at 772-0180.

VOCATION REFLECTION: John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim Him in this generation? (Mark 1:1-8)

MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS

Date	Scripture Reading	Time	Intention	Requested by
Sat., Dec. 6	Is. 30: 19-21, 23-26 Mt. 9: 35-10: 1, 5a, 6-8	9:00AM	Jose A. Colon +	Bernhagens
	Is. 40: 1-5, 9-11 2 Pt. 3: 8-14 Mk. 1: 1-8	5:30PM	Marie Willenborg+	John & Shari Willenborg
Sun., Dec. 7	" " " "	8:00AM	For The Parish	
	" " " "	10:00AM	Maria Bruno +	Bruno Family
	" " " "	12 Noon	Neal Bulger +	Marion
	" " " "	2:00PM	Roger Nowak+	Andrea Ritter
Mon., Dec. 8	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38	12NOON	For the Parish	
		7:00PM	Mike Lucero +	Amjele Caluag
Tues., Dec. 9	Is 40: 1-11 Mt 18:12-14	6:00PM	Cecil Crocker +	Bernhagens
Wed., Dec. 10	Is 40: 25-31 Mt 11:28-30	12:15PM	Richard Echerer +	Ladies Auxiliary Knights
			James Colangelo +	Ann
Thurs., Dec. 11	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:28-30	12:15PM	Intentions of Marilyn Klouse	Gloria
Fri., Dec. 12	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38	12:15PM	George Anthony Lejewski +	Fr. Droze
Sat., Dec., 13	Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Mt 17:9a,10-13			
	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28	5:30PM	Kurt Thiel +	Edna & Rod Witzell
Sun., Dec. 14	" " " "	8:00AM	Thomas Fahy +	Elizabeth Dierickx
	" " " "	10:00AM	For the Parish	
	" " " "	12Noon	Jeanette Birmingham +	Alan & Kathy Shaw
	" " " "	2:00PM	Maria Guadalupe Alvarez +	Bernhagens

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DECEMBER 8TH

MASS	PRESIDER	MUSIC	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION*
12 Noon	Father Droze	Organ	Randi Olafson	Adult Altar Servers	Deacon DiRusso, Sue Darlington, Sr. Christina, Fran Dudley, Mary Ellen Rouse, John Volmer, Bill Coracy
7PM	Father Droze	Joyful Noise	Dante Tomasini	Daniel Adkins, Rachael Catalano, Matthew Hegedus	Deacon Jones, Mark Gray, Ron Akins, Marsha Sansonetti, Sam Allen, Karen Kays, Bill Baker

DECEMBER 13th & 14th

MASS	PRESIDER	MUSIC	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION*
Sat., 5:30PM	Father Droze	Joyful Noise	Peter Nyikos	Lexi Plattenburger, Benjamin Pesek, Jacob Pesek	Deacon Jones, John & LaLone Augustine, Janet and Ken Hunt, Rocky pizzarello
Sun., 8AM	Father Droze	Organ	Randi Olafson	Jake Wainscott, Caroline Church	Deacon Burdick, Gary & Linda Jasinski, Al Sadowski, Nydia Burdick
10 AM	Father Droze	MorningStar Choir	Sean McLaughlin	Michael Naso, Zachary Smith, Jennifer Wilkins	Deacon DiRusso, Richard Cross, Don Gagnon, Amy & Paul Hudacko, Rachel Edmonds, Fran Dudley
12 Noon	Father Droze	Organ	Amy Whittingham	Eric Zimovan, Carolann Leeman	Deacon Burdick, Linda Byars, Jan Espino, Annie Gibson, Bonnie Harwick, Ginny Lopiccolo, Bill Baker
2 PM	Father Lache				

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Orlando Alers, Sharon Allen, Kathy Lopiccolo Ammermann, Julie Arcury, Manuel Ard, Christine Arehart, Edward Arvalo, JoAnn Austen, Andrew Beaty, John Berg II, Noah Berg, Barbara Berch, Ewald Bernhagen, Robert Blaze, 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, Andy Corbett, Sonja Corley, Pat Coval, Amy Cox, David Cunningham, Cameron Dadger, Diane Del Tova, Lynne D'Eredita, Susan Dietrich, Dr. Rosita Dizon, Heather Dorn, Kathryn Doucett, Lisa Duda, Richard Dudley, John Duffy, Natalie & Bill Emerick, Nancy Esposito, Stacy Ewart, Camille Farrell, Wilma Feltus, Marie Ferreri, Rev. Robert Fix, Bernadine Fontaine,

Brendan Fontaine, John Freeman, Sandra Gaines, Eric Geiger, Betsy Gilkeson, Luther & Barbara Glenn, Virginia Goslee, Ben Greer, Scottie Hallbeck, Sr. Kathleen Halligan, Tim Hancock, 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, Dorse Kelley, Hal Kennedy, Miriam Ketcham, Shawn Knox, Jason Krieg, 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, Peter McManus, Ed Martella, Carol Meitus, Buddy Meyers, Joan Miller, Lorraine Mitchell, Donald Montjoy, Linda Morrison, Kim Munch, Jane Obie, Tom O'Brien, Patricia O'Hara, Becky Opachan, Lu Parkinson, Johnny Pellitier, Marguerite Perry, Phyllis Peterson, Eileen Petrasky, 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, Joseph 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 Wainscott., Ann Weaver, 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.

The Morning Star Choir is in need of additional Singer's for Midnight Mass. If you would like to sing with us Please see Beth Ann after Mass, or call803-740-2780. Please leave a message.



THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL YOUTH IN THE PARISH AGES 6 - 18 TO JOIN WITH THEM IN SONG ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE 6:30 PM LITURGY. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT DEBBIE BERNHAGEN AT 750-7146. OUR FIRST PRACTICE WILL BE IN THE CHURCH AT 10 AM ON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH.

SOCIAL OUTREACH



At Christmas we contemplate God made man, divine glory hidden beneath the poverty of a Child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; the Creator of the Universe reduced to the helplessness of an infant. Once we accept this paradox, we discover the Truth that sets us free and the Love that transforms our lives. On Bethlehem Night, the Redeemer becomes one of us, our companion along the precarious paths of history. Let us take the hand which he stretches out to us: it is a hand which seeks to take nothing from us, but only to give. --Pope Benedict XVI, Urbi et Orbi Message, Christmas 2005

When women feel pressure to abort their babies they are more likely to suffer symptoms of Post Abortion Syndrome. These symptoms include depression, anger, guilt, separation of relationships, anxiety ... On a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat there is opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and healing from abortion. If you or someone you know needs this retreat, please call Christy at 803 554 6088 or Kathy at 803 546 6010, or email grace4healing@gmail.com or www.rachelsvineyard.org *www.theunchoice.com

Home Works of America is sponsoring a multi-day blitz - "Christmas Break", Dec. 27th - Dec. 30th. Teens and adults are needed to make repairs to the homes of the elderly and the disadvantaged in the Greater Columbia Area. No skill level is required, your mere presence conveys hope. This is a special way to convey the Christmas Spirit. A planning meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Thursday, December 18th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, 5220 Clemson Ave. Pizza and soda will be served. For information or to help in any manner call Hank Chardos @ (803)781-4536 or email Homewrksc@aol.com.

Local Ministry needs your help for area homeless with blankets, coats, caps, long sleeve shirts & personal hygiene products. Please place in designated box in the Narthex. Also, a cargo van is needed to haul food supplies for the homeless. Please call 765-1998 if you can assist with this need.

Thank you for your continued support of the SVDP Thanksgiving Food Drive. Plentiful baskets were provided to 95 families in our immediate area. A special thanks goes out to the many volunteers who helped assemble and deliver the baskets the week of Thanksgiving.

COMMUNITY BUILDING



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. December 7th - Breakfast with St. Nicholas, December 14th - Welcome Committee.

There are still a limited number of First Edition Our Lady of the Hills Christmas Ornaments available for sale. If you would like to purchase an ornament please call Mark Taylor at 781-1770 or email mtaylor55@sc.rr.com.

Are you missing a favorite dish or serving piece? There is a cabinet labeled "Lost and Found" in the upstairs kitchen of the Family Life Center. Please check to see if anything there is yours. Items will be kept approximately two months. If they are not claimed by that time they will be donated to charity.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be at the Ocean View restaurant, 1904 Broad River Road, on Tuesday, December 9th, at 6:30 pm.

This Week at OLH

Monday, December 8 - Parish Offices Closed

10:30 - Father Droze Scripture Study - PC Atrium

7:00PM - Boy Scouts - Croghan Center

7:00PM - OLH Women's Group - PC Atrium & Gym

Tuesday, December 9

10:00AM - Playgroup - Church Nursery

6:30PM - Ladies Auxiliary - Ocean View Restaurant

7:00PM - Joy in the Spirit - Church

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

Wednesday, December 10

10:00AM - Scripture Study - PC Library

6:15PM - Religious Education Grades K5 - 5th - Croghan Center

6:15PM - Little Rock Scrip. Study - Croghan Center

7:00PM - JNFG Choir - Church

7:00PM - Legion of Mary - PC Library

Thursday, December 11

12:45PM - 23 Hour Adoration - Church Nursery

5:00PM - Vespers - Church

7:00PM - Baptism Class - PC Library

7:00PM - Morning Star Choir - Church

Friday, December 12

Adoration continues until 12 Noon

6:00PM - Middle School Cookie Baking - PC Atrium

Saturday, December 13

10:00AM - Joyful Noise Prac. - Church

3:00PM - Rosary Makers - Croghan Center Conference Room

Sunday, December 14

9:00AM - Sharing Sunday Readings - PC Library

10:15AM - RCIA - PC Library

12:30PM - Spanish Choir - PC Library

2:00PM - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS & FIESTA CELEBRATION - PARISH LIFE CENTER GYM

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

6:15PM - Little Rock Scrip. Study - Croghan Center

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY will meet this Wednesday, December 10th, at 10 a.m. in the library of the Family Life Center.



Attention Junior High and High School Youth! Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, December 9th, at 7:30 pm at the Hudacko's. Please call Elizabeth or Amy at 407- 3385 for more information.



Father Droze will continue study of the bible, session 3/ Exodus, on December 8th. This final Session of this study, will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Atrium of the Family Life Center.

THE JEWISH ROOTS OF CATHOLICISM

Come find out where some of our practices and devotions originated. We will have a two-three week sessions beginning on Monday, December 15th, from 10:30 am-11:30 am in the Atrium of the Family Life Center. We will use discussion, video and questions and answers. No registration necessary- please just bring pen and paper for questions.



High School Students your second installment on the ski trip deposit is due by December 14th REMINDER: 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Our annual Christmas cookie baking for the homeless will be FRIDAY Dec. 12th. PLEASE RSVP to Mrs. Hudacko @ 407-3385.

ATTENTION!! Junior High and High School Students and their families - January 17, 2009 will be the 1st Annual South Carolina Youth Rally for Life at St. Peters Church in Columbia. There will be music by "Wanna Be Stephen", awesome speakers, and a lot of positive energy as young people from around the diocese stand together to "YES" to life. After the rally we will all march together to the State House to join in the South Carolina Citizens for Life annual rally. Permission slips will be in the Narthex starting next month. For more information please call Elizabeth Hudacko @ 407-3385.

Things to do during Advent: *At the beginning of Advent put a book about the true message of Christmas out so all the family can look through or read it. One book that is getting rave reviews is Max Lucado's beautiful story "Jacob's Gift" illustrated by Robert Hunt. This book can be read before dinner as a prayer for the whole family. *Get some holy water from church to bless you Christmas tree before you decorate it. *At the start of Advent have each family member pick another's name. Pray for that person during the Advent season. *Go to reconciliation once during the Advent season. *Each Sunday of Advent say a decade of the rosary as a family. *If your children are not allowed to touch the family manger scene buy a less expensive one so they can play with it. (Fisher Price has one for young children) *Put an Advent wreath in the center of your table. Take turns lighting the candle and reading the scripture passage. *Go for a walk as a family to see the Christmas lights in your neighborhood.

Advent Prayer
Blessed Father

We are an expectant people always rushing to accomplish things, only to experience time slipping through our fingers. We expect things to improve hoping that somehow we will not always put you and our relationship with you on the back burner of our lives. For this reasons we pause for a moment in prayer. Be with us during this season of Advent. Help us to come to an appreciation of "holy waiting". As once your people long ago waited for their savior to be born, help us enter into the spirit of celebrating the growing awareness of your Word in our lives. Let the power of your Word not be buried or forgotten because of the press of our other obligations.



STEWARDSHIP

PARISH SUPPORT	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Budget Amt. Needed	\$14,000.00	\$308,000.00
Amt. Received 11/30	\$11,375.00	\$295,287.00
Variance	(\$ 2,625.00)	(\$ 12,713.00)
Capital Campaign Rec 'd	\$ 4,121.00	\$1,007,770.00

Total Number of registered households.....1340
 Total Number of Envelopes 11/30.....248
 Women's Shelter.....\$ 200.00
 Children's Stewardship.....\$ 2.00

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.

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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
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 Marriages - Contact Parish Office 6 months prior to wedding
 Baptism - Pre-registration required. Contact Parish Office.

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.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

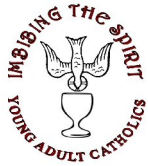
“With the Lord a thousand years is like one day.” Time passes so quickly in our marriage, also. One day our spouse will be gone. Have I worked to make our days together the best they can be? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is **February 6-8, 2009**, Hilton Head, SC. There are also weekends planned in Myrtle Beach for May 1-3, 2009, and September 25-27, 2009. For more information visit our South Carolina website at <http://sc.wwme.org/> or contact Bart & Laurie Huffman at 864-575-4951/lahuffman@prtncnet.com or our registration couple Steve & Nydia Burdick 803-798-8296/scwwme@gmail.com.

The Choirs of St. Joseph Catholic Church invite you to our 29th annual Festival of Lessons and Carols which will be held on Sunday, December 7th, at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, December 9, at 7 p.m. in the church, 3600 Devine St. This candlelight service features St. Joseph's Adult and Children's Choirs. Through scripture readings and carols the miraculous story of Christ's Nativity is told. Please join us and be renewed and refreshed with the true spirit of Christmas!

The new Ocean View Seafood Restaurant, 1904 Broad River Rd., is now offering 10% off with church bulletins all day, every Sunday. Our menu offers quality seafood, steaks, and pasta. We cater to families. Please come dine with us.

Give the Gift of Music This Christmas

Register now for Music Lessons in beginning Piano, Flute, and Voice -- Winter Session Begins January 5, 2009
Contact Beth Ann Moats at 803-740-2780 (Please leave a Message) bmoats001@aim.com



COLUMBIA AREA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

Join us for our Advent party, on December 13 at Chris and Elizabeth's house in West Columbia. This will be a night of fine food, drinking and fellowship! We ask that couples or individuals bring a side dish and beverages. The main course will be provided. Please RSVP to colayacs@gmail.com by December 6. Directions will be mailed once we receive your RSVP.
www.imbibingthespirit.blogspot.com



THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES CRIER

December 2008

We pray everyone had a happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday! Thank you for all your recent donations! We appreciate it very much! We provided clothing for 250 people during the months of October and November through our weekly clothing closet as well as the family clothing orders we filled. We could not sustain our clothing inventory without your generosity – thank you!

With the Christmas season upon us, Catholic Charities is collecting toiletry items to be shared with individuals and families experiencing homelessness or struggling with low income. We are collecting both travel size and full size toiletry items such as shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and washcloths. The collection of these items is a wonderful opportunity for scouts, youth groups or any other organization.

In addition to the toiletry items, we are also in need of the following:

- grocery/gas gifts cards (any dollar amount)
- men's white socks
- men's briefs (especially sizes 34 and 36)
- new or gently used men's pants (especially sizes 30-36)

Donations can be dropped off at 1529 Assembly Street (back entrance – please call ahead and leave message if necessary) or mailed to PO Box 7245, Columbia, SC 29202. For other ways to support Catholic Charities or to donate your unwanted vehicle, visit the new website: www.supportcatholiccharities.org.

Thank you so much for partnering with us as we carry out the mission of Catholic Charities and provide for those in need. We would not be able to carry out our mission without your prayers and generosity!

“Christmas Prayer: During this holy season, may our minds turn to a search for truth, our hearts to meeting the needs of others, and our hands to furthering the cause of peace in our world. Amen.”

Thank you and God Bless!

Mary T. Gohean – Regional Coordinator
Cathy Hood-Pittenger – Client Advocate
(803) 254-9776

Our Lady of the Hills



The Hispanic Community, Would like to invite you to attend the celebration in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe.

This event will take place on December 14 th, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

PROGRAM

1:15 p.m. Rosary (at the gazebo, close to the parking lot)

2:00 p.m. Mass at the church

3:00 p.m. Procession

3:15 p.m. Party

It Will be Mariachi, folkloric dances

We hope to see you there!!

