

*Our Lady of the Hills  
Catholic Church  
Diocese of Charleston  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP**

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, THE ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP PRESENTATION OF THE SILHOUETTE STATIONS WILL BE AT 7 P.M. IN THE GYM OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FOR THE STATIONS.** THE PRESENTATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SOUP SUPPER. Providing the soup this week will be members of the Our Lady of the Hills men's Basketball and Softball teams.

The schedule of area Lenten Communal Penance Services is printed below. All services are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, - St. Peter's

Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - Corpus Christi

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

- Transfiguration

- Our Lady of the Hills

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - St. John Neumann

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Joy in the Spirit Prayer Group will celebrate with Deacon Jack Crocker Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction on Tuesday, March 11, in the church. All are welcome to join us and spend time with Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**SC Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services will hold a "Day of Reflection - Bearing Fruit That Will Last"** with Aggie Neck, President of the National Service Committee for Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services in the United States. After celebrating the 40th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the United States, we are seeking discernment to follow where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Participants from throughout the State will gather and all are invited to attend. If you are not currently involved in Catholic Charismatic Renewal, but have been previously, we especially invite you to become reacquainted and add your perspective to our discussions. We will meet on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the gym at the Parish Life Center. Lunch will be provided. To register, please call Sharon Crocker at 356-3042 or Deanie Tourville at 781-1225.

**There will be Vespers on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm in the church.** Please join us for this special prayer service that will last to approximately 6:00 p.m. All materials are provided.

**Centering Prayer Group** meets in the church on Monday at 6:00 p.m. each week. For more information, call Jennifer Chandler at 361-6137.

**VOCATION REFLECTION: Untie him, and let him go free.** It is a humbling privilege to shout those words in the name of Jesus. You, too, can offer freedom and life to those bound in death. Consider giving life through ministry as a priest, sister, or brother. **(John 11:1-45)**

**The Diocese of Charleston and the Oratory are sponsoring a discernment retreat April 17-20, 2008 at the Oratory in Rock Hill.** The retreat will allow participants to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Men and women ages 18-55 are eligible. For more information and applications please call the Vocations Office at 843-402-9115 ext.22.

**BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A NURSERY DURING THE 12 NOON MASS.**

**Pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress**

Our Lady of the Hills in Irmo is organizing a pilgrimage trip to the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, Canada from June 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008, or the weekend only from June 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be week-long activities centered on the theme of the Congress, *"The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World."* The Congress is a gathering of the universal Church, celebrating Jesus alive and present in the Eucharist. Registration is open for all who would like to attend and celebrate the Eucharist. For additional information please contact Catherine Hood, group leader, at [cathycataniahood@mail.com](mailto:cathycataniahood@mail.com).

**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
- Becoming a fully initiated and active member of the Catholic Community

- Developing a prayer life  
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



**MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Date	Scripture Reading	Time	Intention	Requested by
Sat., Mar. 8	Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7: 40-53 Ex 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45	5:30PM	Kurt Thiel +	Sharon & Pat Madden
Sun., Mar. 9	" " " "	8:00AM	For the Parish	
"	" " " "	10:00AM	James Cornwell +	J.O.Y. Group
"	" " " "	12 Noon	Robert Fallon +	Religious Ed. Office
"	" " " "	2:00PM	Joseph Michael McQuatters +	Dante Tomasini
Mon., Mar. 10	Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 Jn 8:1-11	7:30AM	Doris Breci +	Bernhagens
Tues., Mar.11	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30	6:00PM	Richard DiDiego +	Reilands
Wed., Mar. 12	Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42	12:15PM	Deceased members of Claasen Family + Kathryn Kunz +	Alice Classen Willenborgs
Thurs., Mar.13	Gn 17: 3-9 Jn 8: 51-59	12:15PM	Lucille Ducate +	Gloria Cazallis
Fri., Mar. 14	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	12:15PM	Rev. Howard Coughlin +	Father Droze
Sat., Mar. 15	2Sm 7: 4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66	5:30PM	George Van Besien +	Jackie
Sun., Mar. 16	" " " "	8:00AM	For the Parish	
"	" " " "	10:00AM	Ruth Schrank +	Bernhagens
"	" " " "	12Noon	Joan Garrett +	Frances Moeller
"	" " " "	2:00PM	Sp. Intentions of Samantha Cotter	Mark Cotter

**March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

MASS	PRESIDER	MUSIC	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION*
Sat., 5:30 pm	Father Droze	Joyful Noise	Michael Hutchinson	Benjamin Pesek, Jacob Pesek, Claire Mariaca	Ina King, Janet & Ken Hunt, Sam Allen, Ben & Kathy Solkofske
8:00 am	Father Droze	Organ	Shirley Lubitz	Paul Melton, Jake Wainscott	Ruth Coffas, Linda Schmidt, Jeannie Butler, Vicki Smith
10:00 am	Father Droze	Traditional Choir	Lizzie Means	Matthew Hegedus, Nicole Biles, Rachael Welborn	Richard Cross, Steve Lee, Kathleen Doran, Susan Naglic, Maureen Taylor, Chris Stockholm
12Noon	Father Bernard	Organ	Andrew Klasnic	Matthew Arnold, Andrew Lofurno, Eric Zimovan	John Bender, Madonna Mueke, Barbara Srimongchanh, Jan Espino, Linda Byars, Liz Berg
2 pm	Father Lache	Sp. Choir	Israel, Memo	Beto, Victor, Jary	Eduardo, Dionisio, Gloria

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Orlando Alers, Sharon Allen, Kathy Lopiccolo Ammermann, Manuel Ard, Christine Arehart, Edward Arvalo, Bill Baker, John Berg II, Noah Berg, Barbara Berch, Ewald Bernhagen, Cindy Blackman, Robert Blaze, William Bolich, John Boone, Sharon Brown, Julie Burtis, Jack Byars, Debra Bytnar, Ann Campbell, Ellen Campbell, Judy Case, Hayley Chaplain, 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, Betsy Gilkeson, Luther Glenn, Pat Goodspeed, Susan Gorman, Virginia Goslee, Ben Greer, Scottie Hallbick, Sr. Kathleen Halligan, Parker Hebda, Loretta Hebert, Harold Hoffman Jr., Justin Hooks, Margie & Jim Horosko, Daniel Hudacko, James Hughes, Emily Hunt, Dorothy Irwin, Frank Irizarry, Larry Janczak, Lorenzo Johnson, Raymond June, 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, Barbara Mathias, Carol Meitus, Lorraine Mitchell, Donald Montjoy, Madonna Mueke, Kim Munch, Jane Obie, Tom O'Brien, Patricia O'Hara, Bailey Oliger, Becky Opachan, Lu Parkinson, Johnny Pelletier, Marguerite Perry, Phyllis Peterson, Eileen Petrinsky, Charles Petrino, Cathy Pharo, Anthony Portigiana, Paul Potter, Annabelle Price, Margaret Principino, Margaret Reed, Jay Reedy, Lynn Reiland, Edna Reilly, Norbert Rohling, Dorothy Rozof, Stella Ruiz, Joe Schachner, Charles Schaffer, Robert & Helen Schmidt, Jeanette Schmidt, Bernard Schmidt, O.J. Schonhardt, Brigitte Schutzman, Rosemary Scopel, Rosemary Scott, Dan Sease, Daniel Seay, Alan Shealy, Steve Shepard, Connie Slezak, Al Smith, Dawn Smith, Max Snyder, Kathy Solkofske, Sam Spade, Sue Spinuzza, Nicholas Sprekel, Dave Stevenson, Molly Taylor, Diane Thornton, Dr. Peter Tucci, Eva Tyson, Lemar Underdown, Mary VanBrunt, Bob Valwa, Lucille Verhoff, Lynn Wainscott, 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.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Schmidt, brother of Robert Schmidt. Our condolences are extended to Robert and his family.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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



Attention Junior High and High School Youth! Bible Study will not meet on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT A VACATION.... VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THAT IS. THIS YEAR OUR ADVENTURE WILL TAKE US TO THE RAINFOREST DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS.

**Sacramental People** - As members of this parish community prepare for Confirmation, we the faithful journey with them. Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament. **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, AT 7 PM IN THE CHURCH. ALL SPONSORS AND STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.** Confirmation will be celebrated on **Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:00 pm.**



**THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY** - Will meet on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the library of the Family Life Center. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING



**Oh Where, Oh Where can they be???** Missing from the Family Life Center kitchen are a 20 gallon soup pot and 1 full size slotted steamer lid. If found, please return to parish office.

## POSITION OPENING

We are in search of someone to work in the Church Nursery on Sundays during 10:00 am Mass. If you are interested please contact Sr. Christina at 772-7400 ext 2 or email [sisterchristina@sc.rr.com](mailto:sisterchristina@sc.rr.com)



**WATCH BULLETIN FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION ABOUT AN OUR LADY OF THE HILLS SPRING GOLF OUTING!**

## ATTENTION!!!!

OLOH is looking for singer/songwriter's to perform for the Coffeehouse/Kareoke Night Fundraiser on Friday, May 9, 2008. All interested Parties should call Beth Ann at the Church office to schedule an audition. Each artist/group should be ready to perform 3 songs for a FAMILY FRIENDLY CROWD. Cut off for Auditions will be March 30<sup>th</sup>.



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, **March 9<sup>th</sup> - OLH Men's Group, March 16<sup>th</sup> - Welcome Committee**

## *This Week at our Parish*

### Monday, March 10

6:00PM - Centering Prayer - Church  
6:30PM - T.O.P.S. Mtg - Croghan Center  
7:00PM - K of C Business Mtg- PC Hall  
7:00PM - K of C Ladies Auxiliary - PC Library

### Tuesday, March 11

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

### Wednesday, March 12

10:00AM - Scripture Study - PC Library  
6:30PM - Religious Education Grades K5/ 5<sup>th</sup> - Croghan Center  
6:30PM - Little Rock Scripture Study - Croghan Center  
7:00PM - Joyful Noise Folk Group - Church  
7:00PM - Legion of Mary - PC Library

### Thursday, March 13

12:45PM - Adoration - Church  
5:00PM - Vespers - Church  
7:00PM - Lenten Penance Service - Church  
7:00PM - Boy Scouts - Croghan Center

### Friday, March 14 - Abstinence

10:00AM - Playgroup - Church Nursery  
7:00PM - Silhouette Stations & Soup Supper - Hall & Gym  
8:30PM - OLH Men's Group - Hall

### Saturday, March 15

9:00AM - Charismatic Prayer Regional Mtg - Gym & Hall  
R.C.I.A. Retreat - Atrium, Library & Church

### Sunday, March 16

9:00AM - Sharing the Scriptures - PC Library  
10:15AM - R.C.I.A. - PC Library  
12:30PM - Spanish Choir - PC Library  
5:00PM - Altar Server Prac. - Good Friday  
5:30PM - Altar Server Prac. - Holy Thursday  
6:00PM - Altar Server Prac. - Easter Vigil  
6:30PM - Middle School, Sr. High & Confirmation - CC  
6:30PM - Little Rock Scripture Study - Croghan Center

## SOCIAL OUTREACH



"If human embryonic stem-cell research does not make you at least a little bit uncomfortable, you have not thought about it enough." Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, pioneer in reprogramming adult cells to behave as embryonic stem cells, quoted in the *NY Times*, Dec. 11, 2007

**Once again St. Peter's Catholic Church** is preparing a banquet of turkey, green beans, potatoes, salad, rolls and lemonade for the poor & homeless and all in need on Easter Sunday, March 23, from 11 AM until 1 PM at Christ Central Ministries on North Main Street. Volunteers will bag approximately 300-400 Easter bags full of candy, eggs and toiletries. We will be giving our youngest guests, the children, Easter baskets. The following items are needed: Your time & contributions, Dyed eggs, Easter candy and colored grass for the bags, 500 1 gallon zip-lock style bags, 500 travel-size deodorants, razors, bars of soap, washcloths, toothpaste & toothbrushes, approx 10 large candy filled Easter baskets, and homemade Easter desserts. For more info contact Robert Keeder at 796-9802.

**The Helpers of God's Precious Infants** will pray the Stations of the Cross and the Sorrowful mysteries of the rosary for the victims of abortion at 10 am Good Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at Planned

Parenthood, 2712 Middleburg Dr., Columbia. For information call Mary Hesson @ 732-3047. All are invited.

**HOME WORKS MISSION TRIP - 1,000 LBS. OF VITAMINS!**  
Ten Home Works volunteers are traveling to Zorritos,, Peru in August, 2008. Children and adult multi-vitamins are needed. The vitamins are the only luggage that the volunteers will bring to Peru. For more information call Hank Chardos 206-6974 or email at [homeworksc@aol.com](mailto:homeworksc@aol.com)

**SPECIAL INTERESTS**

**St. Peter's Church, 1529 Assembly Street,** is offering *LUNCHTIME STATIONS OF THE CROSS*, every Friday in Lent, starting Friday, February 8 at 12:15 p.m. in Church. "Stations of the Cross" is a traditional form of prayer and devotion where participants focus on 14 stations and walk the Way of the Cross with Jesus. St. Peter's Stations, recently repainted by local artist Christian Thee, provide a vivid and beautiful focus during the 30-minute prayer walk. All are welcome.

**Critically-acclaimed Catholic artist, Matt Maher** will be performing at St. Philip Neri Church on 292 Munn Road, Fort Mill, SC 29715 on Friday, April 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Joining him for the National 2007 Tour are Paul George, Kelly Pease and Josh Blakesley. Tickets are now on sale for \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Please call (803) 322-3131 or visit [www.stphilipneri.org](http://www.stphilipneri.org). Seating is limited.

**Knights of Columbus Council #724,** located at 1623 Marion St., is sponsoring a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). We will begin at 5 pm and end serving at 7:30 pm. The meal will consist of fried catfish, baked Whiting, french fries, hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, desert and a drink. The Cost is \$7 per person or \$17 per family. **SPECIAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER - SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH, 5PM - 7PM.** Cost \$7 per person ...\$17 per family. Menu of Corn beef and cabbage with boile potatoes, dessert and drink.

**MUSIC DIRECTOR -Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Chapin, SC,** a friendly, growing parish of 800 families seeks a part-time Music Director for Liturgy and Music for children, youth, and adult choirs. This position entails a solid understanding of Catholic liturgy and tradition. Responsibilities include: preparation for weekend and special liturgies; provide direction and training for several music groups, instrumentalists and cantors. Vocal and keyboard skills, a degree or background in music, and ability to inspire and work with people are essential. Successful, enthusiastic candidates should possess strong relational and organizational skills, and be able to work collaboratively with others. B.A. degree or equivalent preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience. For further information about this position, please send resume and contact information to: Father Andrew J. Vollkommer at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, PO Box 549, Chapin, SC 29036, (803) 345-3962, e-mail: [andrewjv@logicsouth.com](mailto:andrewjv@logicsouth.com)

**The Bishop England Class of 1973** will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion on Saturday, 14 June 2008, at the Longpoint Amenity Center in Mt. Pleasant. There will also be a reunion activity on Friday, 13 June 2008. Please contact Manning Bolchoz, [imanningb@verizon.net](mailto:imanningb@verizon.net), for additional information. If anyone has information regarding members of the Class of 1973, may also contact Manning.

**POLISH MASS**

Mass will be celebrated in Polish by Fr. Marcin Zachuta on Palm Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 PM at St. Thomas More Center – USC located on 1610 Greene Street, Columbia. Confession will be heard prior to the Mass at 1:00 PM. A covered dish dinner will follow the Mass, so please bring your favorite Polish dish and drink. Parking is available at the School of Nursing parking lot on Greene Street (a block from the Center). We especially invite the Polish students in the area. For more information, call St.

Thomas More Center (803)799-5870 or Teresa Chmura at (803) 540-1904 (w).

**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	\$504,000.00
Amt. Received 3/2	\$19,036.00	\$507,954.00
Variance	\$ 5,036.00	\$ 3,954.00
Capital Campaign Rec'd	\$ 12,828.00	\$747,722.00

Total Number Registered Households.....1215  
Total Number of Envelopes 3/2.....312  
Harvest Hope Food Bank .....\$400.00  
Children's Stewardship.....\$5.00

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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.

**BAPTISMS** - 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.

**HOLY THURSDAY VIGIL**  
**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT**  
**(in the church nursery)**



Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took along Peter and the two sons of

Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, “My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me.” He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, “May Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.” When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, “So you could not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26: 36-46

The “altar of repose” will be set up in the church nursery. Father will close the vigil with night prayer! You are invited to come to the “garden” and watch and pray!

**BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 a.m. / CHURCH**

A Catholic custom which seems to be falling to the wayside is that of the Blessing of the Easter Basket. Catholics of Slavic origin have for many years had a custom of making traditional Easter baskets to be blessed. From these baskets, the meal for Easter would be served. Not only are the contents of the basket ideal for consumption, they are full of Catholic symbolism. So what does one put into one of these baskets?

Each basket is covered with a cloth usually embroidered with the words “Christ is Risen” and containing a lighted candle, which is also usually decorated. The traditional basket contains the Easter bread call Pashka, Ham, Hrudka or Siret ( egg cheese), sausage, butter, hard boiled eggs, horseradish and beet mixture (Chrin), bacon, and salt. The contents of the basket may vary from family to family in terms of additional meats, wine, pastries, candy and other treats. The traditional foods all have symbolic meaning which is explained briefly below:



**Easter Bread (Paska)**

A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs and butter. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread of Life. It is usually round and decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometime a cross of dough is place on top, or braids of dough.



**Cheese (hrudka or sirets)**

A custard type cheese shaped into a ball which has a bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christian should have in all things.



**Ham (sunka)**

A popular Slavonic meat used as the main dish because of its richness. It is symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Lamb or veal may be used. The meat is usually well roasted or cooked in advance with other meats so the festivity of the day is not laden with meal preparations.



**Butter (maslo)**

This is shaped into the figure of a lamb or small cross and decorated with cloves or pepper balls as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.



**Sausage(kolbasi)**

A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products indicative of God’s favor and generosity.



**Bacon (Slanina)**

A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. It is symbolic of the overabundance of God’s mercy to us.



**Egg (Pysanky)**

Eggs brightly decorated with symbols like triple-bar crosses, suns, stars, flowers etc. made with dye and beeswax. Eggs are symbolic of new life and resurrection.



**Salt (sol)**

A necessary condiment for flavor which reminds the Christian of his duty to others.



**Horseradish (Chrin)**

Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (represents the blood of Christ) and sweetened with a bit of sugar. This bitter-sweet red mixture reminds us of the suffering of Christ in His Passion sweetened because of the Resurrection.

These foods help us to celebrate the joyous Easter season. Whether the traditional Easter basket is an old family tradition for you or a new one you would like to start have a Blessed Easter.

**Then..... Follow that rabbit!!!**

**Our Lady of The Hills**  
**Brings their annual Easter thrill**  
**For toddlers to the age of ten**  
**It's an Easter egg hunt again**  
**After blessing the baskets in church**



**Be ready for the big search**  
**Find an egg that's been specialized**  
**& for the effort you'll win a prize**  
**With a snack we'll have a story to share**  
**That reminds us how much Jesus cares**  
**We can't wait to see you for all the fun**  
**We'll move it inside if there's no sun!**

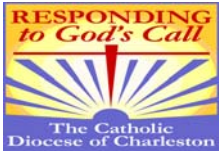
**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**(at the Church)**

**10:00 am**



**OUR LADY OF THE HILLS YOUTH GROUP**  
**PRESENTS**  
**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**IN SILHOUETTE**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM.**  
**PARISH LIFE CENTER - GYM**  
**(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FROM 6 TO 7)**  
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL**  
**LENTEN PRESENTATION**  
**A MEATLESS SOUP SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE STATIONS.**



## **2008 Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**

Newsletter #4

### **Thank You for your support!**

The Diocese of Charleston would like to thank all those who have made a gift to the 2008 *Bishop's Stewardship Appeal*. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the appeal please consider filling out the attached pledge card and place it in the collection basket.

The Life of the Christian Steward ~ The Fourth Commitment

**Stewardship is motivated by love of God and humanity through the application of time, talent and treasure.**

*YOUR GIFT - is like any other gift to a loved one. What we give to our parish is a gift given without reservation or condition, in spite of any temporary disagreement.*

*THANKSGIVING - our offering is a grateful response to the immense Love and Blessings God has shown for us. It is a testimony that God is first in our lives.*

*PLANNED GIFT- a decision that requires thought and time. We don't give merely what we happen to have left over in our wallet or purse when the collection basket comes.*

*Please consider what you can do to make this campaign successful.*

Please make your check payable to:

***Bishop's Stewardship Appeal***

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Down Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One-Time Gift: \_\_\_\_\_

Balance to be paid over \_\_\_\_\_ months.

(Please complete pledges by December 2008)

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bishop's Stewardship Appeal: P.O. Box 300, Charleston, SC 29402**

