

*Today is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” In today’s Mass Christ is called the Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God and the gate of the sheepfold. All these expressions tell of the mystery of Jesus who laid down His life for us. This is the same Jesus who leads us to eternal joy. Let us find the entire meaning of our lives only in Him.*

### **Holy Hour today, 5:00—6:00 PM.**

#### **ISRAEL IN EGYPT**

*The Choral Society of N.E. PA, in conjunction with the Bloomsburg U. Concert Choir, will present George Frideric Handel’s choral oratorio ISRAEL IN EGYPT at the Scranton Cultural Ctr., on Sat., April 26, at 8 PM. The concert will be performed with a full orchestra. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 344-1111. Our music director/liturgical coordinator Anthony J. Kubasek will be singing with the Choral Society for this performance.*

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—ARC CAMPAIGN**

*The Dallas Knights of Columbus will be collecting by the doors for the ARC Campaign at Gate of Heaven on April 12-13. Please be as generous as you can.*

#### **ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING**

*The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Monday, April 14, following the evening Mass (in the vestibule). All women of the parish are invited.*

#### **ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE**

*The Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a **SPRING BAKE SALE** on April 12 and 13. Buy a **COOKIE!***



#### **POPE BENEDICT XVI’S APOSTOLIC VISIT**

*Catholic Television will carry the entire schedule of Pope Benedict XVI’s Apostolic Visit to the United States from April 15-21; beginning April 15 at 3:30 PM concluding on April 21 at 4:00 PM.*

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Gate of Heaven Parish is a faithful and holy community of Catholic believers who are baptized, and in union with the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We worship God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — through the celebration of the Mass and reception of the Church’s Sacraments. We serve our community and the risen Lord by living the Gospel message and being Christ to others. As a welcoming community, we invite all to come and share their gifts with us and receive God’s blessings.

#### **BIRTHDAY TEA**

The Birthday Tea, sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society, will be held on September 21, at 3:00 PM, in the cafeteria. **APRIL & JULY** tables are in need of a hostess! Please call Renee Benedetti, 675-4635, if you would like to help.

#### **CALLED TO HOLINESS & MISSION**

Our planning Cluster is composed of five Churches in the Back Mountain: Gate of Heaven, St. Therese’s, Our Lady of Victory, St. Frances Cabrini and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This Cluster will continue to meet and discuss the future of the Back Mountain Churches.

#### **MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY**

May Friendship Day is on Friday, May 2, at the West Pittston First United Methodist Church. Registration is at 11 AM; lunch at 12 (\$5.00). Reservations required by April 22. For more information, call Rita at 675-2075.

### **With Heartfelt Thanks**

*It is with great humility and gratitude that I wish to express my sincere thanks to all my parishioners and friends, who have shown such great kindness to me and my family following the recent death of my mother, Betty Mulhern.*

*All of the expressions of sympathy including the kind words, flowers, Mass cards, memorial gifts and donations of food were truly appreciated. God Bless You.*

**Father Kevin**

**BAZAAR BOOTH SPONSORS**

**17 Sponsors to date!**

*An important way we raise start up money for the Bazaar is through Bazaar Sponsorship. If you or your workplace could donate \$100.00 we will prominently display your name or the name of your company logo so that all of our parishioners and everyone that comes to the Bazaar will recognize your support. Call Fran, 675-2121, for more information.*



**BOOK NOOK**

*Got BOOKS? Decorated white bags will be available SOON! Please take home a bag and return it after you do your SPRING CLEANING. We are looking for children's books that are in good condition too.*

**"AUNT SALLY'S UNIQUE BOUTIQUE"**

*We are in need of your vintage jewelry, scarves, small knick-knacks, and small unique items. You may drop your items off in the Church office.*

**SECURITY FOR OUR BAZAAR**

We are looking for a few college-aged men who are willing to be our security for the Bazaar on Thursday, June 19, and Friday, June 20, from midnight until 7 AM. Call Fran in the office, 675-2121.



**GREAT MEETING!**

We had a great Bazaar Meeting last Monday evening and are preparing for yet another, Better-Than-Ever Bazaar. Please reserve Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 19-20-21 on your calendars. Our Baskets will be on display in the auditorium for your viewing pleasure the weekend prior to the Bazaar. New plants, new sponsors, new ideas!!

**A NOTE FROM THE BAZAAR PLANT BOOTH**

*Local growers, nurseries and florists are trying to support our communities but because of the increasing costs of keeping greenhouses heated, equipment operating and the constant competition from Box Stores, they are all struggling. More and more of them are going out of business each year. If parishioners could buy ONE hanging basket from our LOCAL businesses and donate it to the plant booth, then everyone would WIN! Call us, we'll pick it up for you!*

**MOTHER'S DAY**

In your May envelope packet, you will find an envelope for Mother's Day Intentions. If you would like your mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, write her name on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. The Masses will be said in May beginning on Mother's Day, May 11. If you prefer to give your mother a Card, they will be available also. Just write her name on the envelope and return in the collection basket.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~~ CLASS OF 2008**

***Congratulations to our 43 Young Adults. God Bless You.***

*Rachel Alles  
Garrett Artsma  
Michael Banas  
Allison Banks  
Christopher Boland  
Gabrielle Caravaggio  
Dominic Chopka  
Taylor Davies  
Madeline Dworak  
Anthony Gialanella  
Sarah Gillette  
Megan Grabowski  
Hayden Jenkins  
Luke Jolley*



*Jacqueline Joseph  
James Kelly  
Jared Kukosky  
Michelle Lipski  
Paige Makowski  
Carly Manganello  
Logan May  
Erika McCabe  
Bryan McDonnell  
Alyssa Miller  
Brianna Morgan  
Lena Nardone  
Tiffany Oplinger  
Shane Panagakos  
Amelia Pietraccini*



*Anthony Pizzo  
Cody Poepperling  
Sarah Pomfret  
Robert Saba  
Rachel Simon  
Kirby Smith  
Job Stepanski  
Tyler Steve  
Kirby Szalkowski  
Melissa Tucker  
Jessica Valenti  
Aaron Weir  
Eric Wojciechowski  
Dominick Zarola*

## Remembering...

Monday	Apr. 14	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Communion Service Helen Hagan	Altar & Rosary Society
Tuesday	Apr. 15	7:30 AM	Judy Panagakos	Barry & Ogurkis Families
Wednesday	Apr. 16	7:30 AM	<b>Communion Service</b>	
Thursday	Apr. 17	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	Apr. 18	7:30 AM	Paul Piatkowski	Judy Young
Saturday	Apr. 19	7:30 AM 5:00 PM	Communion Service Frances Spencer	Family
Sunday	Apr. 20	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:30 AM	Priest's Intention John & Josephine Pavidus Joan Callahan	Darling Family Husband

### Liturgical Ministers Apr. 19-20

### Altar Servers

### Lectors

### Ministers of Holy Communion

<b>5:00 PM</b>	B. Leahigh C. Leahigh	Louise Roberts	Nancy Garvey, Judy Legg, Linda Scholl Carol/Joe Sitar
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Drew Clouse	Sally Lehman	Kathy/Jim Barlow, Marcia Matthews Fran Rismondo
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Merissa Konnick Jeff Carter	Karen DeCesaris	Chris Chmarney, Dan Ghezzi, C. Klug A. Lohin, Mary Jule McCarthy
<b>11:30 AM</b>	C. Harrington A. Huntington	Dan Gallagher	Joan Ansilio, Debbie/Mark Belenski Tom Finarelli, Lucille Luksic

**The  
Altar Flowers  
this week were  
given in  
memory of  
Larry  
Kolankiewicz  
by Dorothy  
Kolankiewicz.**

**The Sanctuary  
Light  
this week  
was given  
in memory  
of Larry  
Kolankiewicz  
by Dorothy  
Kolankiewicz.**



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- ◆ *Who: Pre-school grade to 4th grade, 5th grade and up as Catechists & Aides*
- ◆ *What: NEW Theme: "Surfin' with the Holy Spirit"*
- ◆ *When: July 14—18; 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Sign up after the Bazaar!*

### Last Sunday's Sacrificial Offering

*331 families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$7046.00 in last Sunday's Collection.*

*Children's Sunday—\$32.50.*

*Please encourage your children to use their offertory envelopes. It is a wonderful way to teach stewardship to them. Thank you for your generosity.*

### Who is a Christian Steward?

*One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.*

*Two percent of our Second Sunday of the month Collection is given to a charity.*