

Faith means that we seek God's will, and not our own. We must accept God's authority and submit our will to whatever He wants. God shows us His will through His Church; He has left us visible guides in His Church. Today we meditate upon the authority of God in His Church, and we renew our reverence for those whom God provides as our guides on the way to salvation.

Holy Hour –5:00 to 6:00 today.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2009

Our 2009 Mass Book is available for your intentions; however, we are asking your cooperation that parishioners schedule no more than 3 Masses per year for your deceased loved ones. Please be aware that we only have 6 Masses available weekly for your intentions; hopefully, we will be able to satisfy everyone's request. Please call Fran, 675-2121, Monday through Wednesday, from 8 AM to 2 PM to schedule your 2009 Masses.

2009 ALTAR FLOWER CHART SANCTUARY LIGHT CHART

The Altar & Rosary Society's Flower and Sanctuary Light Charts are now available for your 2009 intentions. Altar Flowers are \$24.00 for two vases and the Sanctuary Light is \$10.00. Please call LINDA , 674-5713, to schedule your dates for 2009. Please only two dates per person so everyone has an opportunity to remember their loved ones.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Most Rev. Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D.
will celebrate the Sacrament of
Confirmation on Wednesday, April 1,
at 5:00 PM, at Gate of Heaven Church.

G OF H GATORS—GOLF TOURNAMENT

It's time for the Gate of Heaven Gators Golf Tournament! WHEN: Sat., September 13; WHERE: Mill Race Golf Course, Benton; TIME: Lunch at noon. Shotgun start at 1:00 PM followed by dinner and prizes. Golfers and hole sponsors welcome. Proceeds benefit Gate of Heaven School athletic program and other school needs. STUDENTS are welcome to golf with their parents. Call Mike Tomalis and Theresa Gatusky, 639-5667, for more information.



CHARISMATIC HEALING SERVICE

The Light of Christ Prayer Group invite all faithful to participate in Mass and healing service on September 8, at St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Carverton. Father Daniel Toomey will preside. There will be song and praise worship beginning at 6:30 PM with Healing Mass at 7:00 PM. All are welcome for physical, spiritual and mental healing. Come join us and deepen your relationship with Jesus. For more information call Sunny Cesarini at 675-4890, Maggie Hughes at 333-5230, or LaMere Fiorini at 696-1946.



BOOK BAG MASS—August 31st

All students are invited to attend our **Book Bag Mass** on Sunday, August 31, at the 9:00 AM Liturgy. Bring your book bags for a special blessing that the Holy Spirit will enlighten and strengthen us throughout this school year.

**EVERY WEEKEND IS INVITE A FRIEND TO
MASS~~JUST DO IT!!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

Sunday, September 21, 2008

following the 9:00 AM Liturgy with children.

Registration will take place in designated classrooms on September 21.

Class will be from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

SUMMER COLLECTION~~~~Weekend of August 16-17

We thank the following parishioners who responded so quickly and generously to our "Summer Collection" request. We appreciate your dedication to our parish:

\$100.00 and ABOVE: ***Mr. & Mrs. Jack Moran, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Burke, Dr. Rose Ann Crisci, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Komsisky, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Deitz, Mr. Edward Buckley, Mr. & Mrs. William Motyka, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Urban, **Anonymous, Mrs. Leonarda Bilbow, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Butsavege, Mr. Frank Buzin, Dr/Dr. Crescenzo/Chris Calise, Mr. & Mrs. Nick Colangelo, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dombroski, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dougherty, Mr. & Mrs. John Drury, Diane Dwinchick, Mr. & Mrs. William Farrell, Mr. & Mrs. William Hartzel, Mr. & Mrs. I. J. Hosey, Hozempa Family, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hudak, Mr. & Mrs. John Kishkill, Mr. & Mrs. David Kozick, Dr. & Mrs. Wook Hun Koo, Mrs. Mary Mugford, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patton, Mr. & Mrs. Drew Regan, Mrs. Shirley Regan, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Schwemmer, Mr. & Mrs. Julius Shultz, Mrs. Veronica Wetzel. **MANY THANKS!**

CALLED TO HOLINESS AND MISSION/PARISH REORGANIZATION

The core team from Gate of Heaven recently met with the cluster team from the Back Mountain to review the parish re-organization recommendations that came from the Diocese Planning Commission. Our core team b 855

members will be available to discuss current developments with Gate of Heaven parishioners after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 7. Please plan to join us if you have any questions or input you would like to share with the core team. The core team members are Father Kevin, Deacon Tom, Dan Gallagher, Mary Jane Kozick and Frank Rollman.

QUAD III—PROFESSIONAL EVALUATORS

A team from QUAD III will do a professional evaluation of the school and church buildings for the Called to Holiness and Mission Project. This will give us an idea of what repairs will be necessary for our school and church. The school roof above the Church will be considered for repairs during next summer.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 3, 7:00-8:30 PM and continue weekly thereafter.



Youth choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:00-8:00 PM and continue weekly thereafter.

RETREAT ON BLESSED MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

By Monsignor John A. Esseff

On Friday evening, September 12, and Saturday, September 13, there will be a Retreat that explores the legacy of Mother Teresa through words, photos and music, held at St. Pius X Seminary in Dalton and given by Monsignor Esseff, Linda Schaefer and Marlene Elias. Please call for cost and other information at (570) 961-5211, ext. 301. Leave a message and your call will be returned promptly.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY—will meet on Monday, Sept. 8, following the evening Mass. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
BUS TRIP TO LANCASTER

The Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a bus trip, Thursday, September 25, to Lancaster for an "AMISH EXPERIENCE". A couple from our trip will participate in an Amish Mock style Wedding! Visit Amish homes and farm, shop in Amish shoppes, purchase quilts and other homemade crafts, homemade jams, jellies, & pastries. Tour the farm countryside while stopping for an early dinner at Plain & Fancy restaurant for a "wedding feast." Bus leaves G of H parking lot at 9:30 AM—return approximately 10 PM. Call Lucile Luksic, 675-2522, for more information. \$72 per person!



Remembering...

Monday	Aug. 25	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
		7:00 PM	Anthony Sicurella	Wife/Son
Tuesday	Aug. 26	7:30 AM	In Honor of the Lehman Family	Marilyn Gregorski
Wednesday	Aug. 27	7:30 AM	Robert/Marion Young	Rae/William Williams
Thursday	Aug. 28	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	Aug. 29	7:30 AM	Dorothy Shoemaker	Abrams Family
Saturday	Aug. 30	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
		5:00 PM	Stephen Tometchko	Wife, Joan/Family
Sunday	Aug. 31	7:00 AM	Kevin Ramage	Bill Martin Family
		9:00 AM	Priest's Intention	
		11:00 AM	John Blum	Joe/Peg Canfield

Liturgical Ministers Aug. 30-31

Altar Servers

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	M. Greenwood W. Greenwood	Louise Roberts	Judy Legg, Carol/Joe Sitar Linda Scholl, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
7:00 AM	C. Cawley	M. Lamoreux	Bette/Whitey Gillespie, Fran Rismondo Dorothy Kolankiewicz, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
9:00 AM	M. Konnick Sara Pizzo	Marilyn Baluh J. McMonagle	Joan Keating, Diane Ruch Ed/Evelyn Napieralski, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
11:00 AM	C. Harrington A. Huntington	Craig Selner Dan Gallagher	Debbie/Mark Belenski, Lucille Luksic Rose Schmid, <i>Deacon Tom</i>

**The
Altar Flowers
this week
were given
in
memory of
Christopher
Lewis by
Craig and
Kathleen
Selner.**

**The
Sanctuary
Light
this week
was given
in memory of
Tony
Sicurella
by his
Wife
and Son.**

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.

Last Sunday's Sacrificial Offering

327 families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$7750.00 in last Sunday's Collection. Children's Sunday—\$37.70.
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.