

Let us pray for the following 40 young people from our parish who will receive the Sacrament of First Penance on Saturday, February 9:

Christopher Ash

Rachel DeCesaris



Andrew Kovalick

Drew Patton

Emily Blaum

Eric DeRemer

Jessica Kush

Matthew Pehala

Arianna Bufalino

Alyssa Dragon

Gianna Leo

Mark Regan

Jeffrey Busher

Jacob Dragon

Megan Lyons

Hunter Resavage

Megan Candow

Bridget Goodrich

Connor Maloney

Kendra Saba

Michael Caravaggio

Andrew Grabowski

Nicholas Matcho

Joshua Vilarosa

Anthony Caravaggio

Kalina Grey

Samantha Mazula

Breanna Voitek

Nicholas Carr

Madison Guido

Madison McEvoy

Parker Voitek

Adrianna Centrella

Lindsey Hoover

Christopher Murray

Morgan Lynn Weaver

David Chopyak

Michael Huntington

Emily Paciga

Jack Weiland

“SOUPER” BOWL OF CARING 2008

Our 8th grade Confirmation class will participate in this effort to glorify God and care for “the least of our brothers and sisters”. We ask that everyone give ONE DOLLAR as you leave the Church **TODAY—SOUPER Bowl Sunday**. All proceeds will go directly to a charity of our choice.



Holy Hour today, 5:00—6:00 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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generosity in the second collection last week for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. We collected \$1093.05.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our goal last week was 70 pints of blood—we collected 84 pints! A wonderful success. We wish to thank all who gave blood, baked and helped in any way. God bless!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UP-DATE

Our Parish goal this year is \$58,789.00. We received pledges and gifts from 298 parishioners that amounted to \$45,350.00. We still need \$13,439.00 to reach our goal. Please help us reach this goal. Pledge cards are available in each pew or in the vestibule of the Church.

ENERGY COLLECTION

SECOND COLLECTION~WEEKEND FEB. 9-10

Our fuel bills are a huge expense. We are asking that everyone please be generous enough to help us this winter with a \$25.00 or more donation towards our heat and energy bills. There is an envelope in your February packet. Many thanks for your continued support to our parish.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Monday, February 11, for a LUNCHEON meeting, in the Church vestibule. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

FLU SEASON

Due to the cold/flu season, Communion will be distributed only under the form of Bread, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 6. We will return to both species (Bread & Wine), March 20, 2008.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Gate of Heaven Parish will hold a Lenten Soup Supper on **Saturday, March 1**, following the evening Mass.



Ladies of the parish are asked to prepare their favorite soup to share (8 to 10 people) and bring it to the cafeteria on Saturday, March 1, between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Grilled cheese or p.b.& j. sandwiches will be available too. Please call the office, 675-2121, and let us know what kind of soup you can share. If you can bring your soup in a CROCK POT, we'd appreciate it.

SOUP SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME _____

KIND OF SOUP I WILL MAKE _____

THE LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT



Again this year, the Little Black Books are available for our parishioners during Lent. **SIX-MINUTE meditations on the Passion according to John.** Six minutes a day with this little book is what you are asked to give beginning the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (Feb. 3) and through Easter Sunday (March 23).

People are often surprised how easy it is to pray this way. Please — only one book per family.

INTERFAITH TEA

The Annual Interfaith Tea will be held at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston, at 1:30 PM, Tuesday, February 12. Father John Nash, from Nanticoke, will be our featured speaker. All women are invited to attend. Please call Rita Good, at 675-3075, for more information.

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

A day of Prayer and Reflection, "Freedom through Forgiveness", with Sister Gertrude will be held on Thursday, February 21, at Holy Trinity Church in Nanticoke. For more information, or to register, please call 735-4833 or 383-2763.

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Gate of Heaven Church web-page. Check it out!

FLOWER CHART & SANCTUARY LIGHT CHART 2008

The Flower Chart and Sanctuary Light Charts for 2008 have several dates available for your intentions. Please call Linda, 674-5713, to see if your date is avail-

ENVELOPE SHARING—If you attend a local Church, please feel free to put your Gate of Heaven envelope in their collection basket and they will send it to us.

A FAMILY FAST FOR OTHERS

Our Social Justice Committee invites all families of our parish to participate in a special Lenten devotion. Each household is encouraged to determine one night to FAST in each of the 6 weeks of Lent. For most families this would envision having a very light meal (with no deserts or snacks!). The following Sunday, the family would then bring to Mass a bag of non-perishable groceries equivalent to the food not eaten that week. Baskets for food donations will be located at the entrance to Gate of Heaven for food donations. The food will be donated to a local food pantry. Please let us know which day of the week you will participate:

FAMILY NAME: _____ **FASTING DAY OF THE WEEK** _____

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday, February 6, and Good Friday, March 21, are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). All the faithful from ages 18 to the beginning of their 60th birthday year are obligated by the law of fast. On a day of fast, those obligated by this law may eat only one full meal and two partial meals unless dispensed or excused.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Again this Lent, our community is participating in Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Operation Rice Bowl helps us to pray, fast, learn and give. Proceeds will help less fortunate brothers and sisters in our diocese and around the world.

Remembering...

Monday	Feb. 4	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
		7:00 PM	Helen Ranalli	Husband
Tuesday	Feb. 5	7:30 AM	Julia/John Romanowski	Stanley Matenus
ASH		7:30 AM	Rita Chacko	Robert/Susan Michael
WEDNESDAY	Feb. 6	9:00 AM	James Dobbs	C. Carroll/Ann Henry
		4:00 PM	PRAYER SERVICE/ASHES	
		7:00 PM	Priest's Intention	
Thursday	Feb. 7	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	Feb. 8	7:30 AM	William Bryant	Father Kevin
Saturday	Feb. 9	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
		11:00 AM	First Penance	
		5:00 PM	Matt Evans	Barbara T. Evans
Sunday	Feb. 10	7:00 AM	Priest's Intention	
		9:00 AM	Maurice Evans	Wife
		11:30 AM	George Cave	Wife



Liturgical

Ministers

Feb. 9-10

Altar

Servers

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM

B. Leahigh
C. Leahigh

M. Baluh

Nancy Garvey, Tonya Gannon
Jane McAndrew

7:00 AM

Drew Clouse
A. Rismondo

Jerry Schmid

Jim/Kathy Barlow
Dorothy Kolankiewicz

9:00 AM

Matthew Ruch
Stephen Ruch

Karen DeCesaris

Marie Belasco, Dan Ghezzi
Dianne Ruch

11:30 AM

John Frederick
Liam Frederick

Dan Gallagher
Tony Manorek

Columba Bove, Rose Schmid
Deacon Tom

**The
Sanctuary
Light
this week
was given
in honor
of the 50th
Birthday of
Peter
Restaino
given by
Nancy &
Theresa
Restaino.**

**The
Altar Flowers
this week
were given in
memory of
Maurice
Evans by his
Wife.**

Last Sunday's Sacrificial Offering

323 families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$7402.00 in last Sunday's Collection.

Children's Sunday—\$35.40

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.