

Although sinless, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus' baptism was a sign that He took unto Himself all the sin and suffering of the world. As the Suffering Servant of the Lord, He will offer His life in order that He may heal us and save us from our sins.

Holy Hour today 5:00—6:00 PM.

**ADDITIONAL
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION—\$1526.00**

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Altar & Rosary will meet on Monday, January 14, following the evening Mass. Installation of our new officers will take place. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

YOUTH CHOIR

Gate of Heaven Youth Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Please join us.

PLEASE NOTE

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are hereby informed regarding the entity called Sacred Heart Wilkes-Barre Foundation, Inc., with headquarters in Shavertown, Pennsylvania. This organization is a private non-profit corporation under Pennsylvania law. Sacred Heart Wilkes-Barre Foundation, Inc. is not an agent or established entity of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Scranton. There is no connection whatsoever with the Diocese of Scranton or Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wilkes-Barre.

This notice is required so that the faithful may understand the status of Sacred Heart Wilkes-Barre Foundation, Inc. as it relates to the Diocese of Scranton. The Foundation's efforts are entirely independent efforts by private individuals who are not authorized by the Bishop or the Pastor to undertake fund raising for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Wilkes-Barre.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Can't decide what type of sacrificial offering to make for Lent? Consider offering your time and talent to our church choir. Interested men (tenors and basses) should contact Tony Kubasek, 674-1655.

MOTHER'S OF PRAYER & SERVICE

M.O.P.S. will meet on Friday, January 18, from 9:30 to 11:30. Call Dianne, 675-4598, for more information.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Husbands and wives, it's not too late to think about the BEST present you can give each other—A World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend—where you can have a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with. Marriage Encounter Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 15-17, 2008, at St. Francis Center in Bethlehem. For information call 1-800-787-7679.

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.

END OF YEAR STATEMENT

2007 Contribution

I would like an end of year tax letter noting my 2007 contributions.

Name _____

Address _____

You may also email us at goh@epix.net

**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 available. Flowers \$24 for two vases/Sanctuary Light-\$10.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In memory of deceased members of the Drust, Stack and Brokenshire Families given by M/M Joseph Drust; in memory of living and deceased family and friends by Irene A. Meren; and in memory of Marguerite/Merton Carl by Marilyn O'Connell.

GATE OF HEAVEN CHURCH

is sponsoring a

BLOOD DRIVE FOR BABIES,

Sunday, January 27

from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

Our Blood Drive will also be

in honor of all the men and women serv-

ing in the armed forces

and in memory of

First Lieutenant Michael Cleary.

Please be a donor!

KNOW A MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about Retrouvaille, a Catholic program that helps couples communicate once again (or for the first time). Even if you are separated or divorced, Retrouvaille can help if you want to make the marriage work. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 8-10, 2008, at Fatima Center in Dalton. Call Mary & Tom at 655-1916 for more information or to register. Visit our web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

FREE THROW CONTEST —BACK MOUNTAIN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2008 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. The local competition, sponsored by the Dallas K of C, Council 8224, will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, with registration 12:00-12:30 at Gate of Heaven gym. All boys and girls will compete in their respective age division. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For more information contact the chairman at 675-4237.

WINTER DANCE

The Back Mountain Jr. High Youth Council invites all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to come out of hibernation for a WINTER DANCE, on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 8:00 to 10:30 PM, at G of H School gym. Cost-\$3.00. Music: Mark "MR. D.J." Jones. Bring a friend. HAT NIGHT! The cost to wear a hat is \$1.00 donation to the American Cancer Society. Door Prizes!

2008 VERMONT SKI WEEKEND TRIP

February 28th through March 2 is skiing time and it's time to book your spot! Flyers, reservation forms and brochures will be available soon. This trip is open to all high school students and those in 7th and 8th grade if an older sibling or parent is attending. Three day ski pass, 5 meals, 3 nights at the Round Hearth at Stowe Mountain, round trip transportation, Saturday night DJ Dance Party, loads of fun, approximate price of \$330.00. \$100 reserves your spot. If you are interested, please call Steve at 675-2121.

www.gohchurch.org

Gate of Heaven Church web-page. Check it out!
New pictures are up!

Let us pray for all those who have been Baptized into our Parish Community in 2007:

*Nathaniel Patla
Aiden Jennings
Tyler Dean Wojciechowski
Kyla Grace O'Brien
John Ryan Unvarsky
Zachary David Brody
Adrianna Villarosa
Kristen Noel Finarelli*



*Debra Lynn Namey
Michael William Finarelli
Jillian Christa Selner
Keely Rose Garri
Margaret Addison Smith
Sophia Grace Maier
Bradyn Michael Chopyak
Hayden Carl Heppding
Giada Angelina Ward*

Remembering...

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| Monday | Jan. 14 | 7:30 AM | Communion Service | |
| | | 7:00 PM | Kurt Pollard, Sr. | Jerry/Sharon Devlin |
| Tuesday | Jan. 15 | 7:30 AM | Lee McCarthy | Family |
| Wednesday | Jan. 16 | 7:30 AM | G. P. Greene | Rita O'Donnell |
| Thursday | Jan. 17 | 7:30 AM | Communion Service | |
| Friday | Jan. 18 | 7:30 AM | John Kuchka | Lisa Webby |
| Saturday | Jan. 19 | 7:30 AM | Communion Service | |
| | | 5:00 PM | Gertrude Pishnock | Marion Muldoon |
| Sunday | Jan. 20 | 7:00 AM | Margaret/Charles Giagliardi | Angie/John Murray |
| | | 9:00 AM | Priest's Intention | |
| | | 11:30 AM | Joe Gerchak | Ellie Gerchak |

**Liturgical
Ministers
Jan. 19-20**

**Altar
Servers**

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

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| 5:00 PM | B. McDonnell C. McDonnell | N. Rowlands | Nancy Garvey, Karla Haydam, L. Scholl Jane McAndrew, Judy Wallick |
| 7:00 AM | Casey Baldwin | M. Lamoreux | Kathy Barlow, Dorothy Kolankiewicz Angie Murray, Fran Rismondo, D. Supey |
| 9:00 AM | Aaron Yurko Eric Yurko | Jamie Heffers Jim Heffers | Joan Keating, Ed/Evelyn Napieralski Dianne Ruch, Mary Theresa Yurko |
| 11:30 AM | John Murray J. Murray | Tony Manorek Craig Selner | Joan Ansilio, Columba Bove, V. Conrad Arlene Murphy, Art Flanagan |

**The
Sanctuary
Light
this week
was given
in
Thanksgiving
by
Barbara
T. Evans.**



*Lent begins
on
Ash Wednesday,
Feb. 6, 2008.*

BUS TRIP—SPONSORED BY BACK MT. JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH COUNCIL

The Back Mountain Catholic Junior High Youth Council is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, to see the production: "Daniel & The Lion's Den." The trip will include bus fare, show, and a family-style dinner at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. Date: Saturday, March 15. Bus will depart St. Therese's parking lot at 9:30 AM and return approximately 8:30 PM.

Cost: Child (3-12) \$20.90; Teen (13-18) \$51.95; Adult: \$72.25. Children under 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Lunch will NOT be provided. Please bring your own lunch to be eaten on the bus. For more information, please call Denise Murphy, 696-1144.

HEALING MASS AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI

Date: Monday, January 14, 6:30 PM — Prayer & Songs; 7:00 PM Mass & Healing
Place: St. Frances Cabrini. Call Sunny for more information, 674-1652.

Last Sunday's Sacrificial Offering

331z families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$7765.00 in last Sunday's Collection.

Children's Sunday—\$22.75

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.