

This season of the Church Year is called "Ordinary Time." We celebrate who we are as Christ's Church. The liturgical color of green symbolizes life and hope. As Church, we seek to grow in the life of Christ. As God's people we renew our hope of salvation in Christ, called to be His servants, His instruments, a holy and consecrated people. Let us be faithful to our calling.

NO Holy Hour today.

14TH BAZAAR MEETING FOR 2008

Our kick-off meeting for our Parish Bazaar, 2008, will be held on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, at 7:00 PM** in the Church office. Come and hear our **NEW IDEAS for 2008!** Our Bazaar will be held on **Thursday, June 19, Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21.**

"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 on **February 3-Super Bowl Sunday**. All proceeds will go directly to a charity of our choice.



CONGRATULATIONS—YOUTH AWARD

Congratulations to our following youth for achieving the Bishop's Award:

12th grade—John Frederick and Ashley Paville

8th grade—Anthony Gialanella,
Shane Panagakos, Bryan McDonnell &
Rachel Simon.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

We know how hard it is to stay ahead in these difficult economic times, so you can understand the struggle for the 33 million Americans that live in poverty. Join our parish community in support of the Catholic campaign for Human Development, January 26-27. Please be generous next weekend.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Husbands and wives, it's not too late to think about the **BEST** present you can give each other—A **Worldwide 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.

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.

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
serving 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.

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!

BULLETIN BRIEFS

Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement; one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. The Catholic call to faithful citizenship affirms the importance of political participation and insists that public service is a worthy vocation.

*"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"
(No. 14) USCCB, Nov. 14, 2007*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gate of Heaven Parish wishes to invite all new families to consider joining our parish family. If you would like more information about joining Gate of Heaven or have any questions about the parish, please call us at 675-2121, or fill out the form below and drop it off in the collection basket or parish office. We will contact you regarding the various aspects of parish membership.

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

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.

'GERMAN NITE'-ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

The 43rd Annual "German Night" sponsored by the Holy Name Society of St. Nicholas Church, W-B, will be held on Feb. 2 from 6-11 PM in the school auditorium. German style buffet from 6:30-7:30 PM—dancing from 7:30—10:30 PM with music by the "Walt Groller Orchestra". Donation is \$25.00. For tickets, contact St. Nicholas Rectory at 823-7736.

**FLEA MARKET/RUMMAGE SALE
CAMPUS MINISTRY-MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY**

The Third Annual Flea Market/Rummage Sale will be held the weekend of Feb. 1& 2. On Friday, Feb. 1, there will be a Flea Market from 12-4 in Kennedy Lounge, in the Banks Student Center. On Saturday, Feb. 2, the Flea Market will be from 8 AM—3 PM. Vendors are welcome to sell items. All proceeds will benefit the students who are going on Service trips. Call 674-6495 to reserve a table or for more informa-

www.gohchurch.org

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

Remembering...

Monday	Jan. 21	7:30 AM	No Communion Service	
		7:00 PM	Josephine Serino	Joan/Phil Ansilio
Tuesday	Jan. 22	7:30 AM	Romayne Evans	Annie Winters
Wednesday	Jan. 23	7:30 AM	Irene Tribender	Richard/Kathleen Gill
Thursday	Jan. 24	7:30 AM	No Communion Service	
Friday	Jan. 25	7:30 AM	Corso Mascioli	Halbing Family
Saturday	Jan. 26	7:30 AM	No Communion Service	
		5:00 PM	Constance Ruggeri	Chris Klug
Sunday	Jan. 27	7:00 AM	Larry Kolankiewicz	M/M Joseph Pistack
		9:00 AM	For our Parishioners	
		11:30 AM	Edward Endrusick, Jr.	Brothers & Sisters

**Liturgical
Ministers**
Jan. 26-27

**Altar
Servers**

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	B. Leahigh C. Leahigh	Louise Roberts	Tonya Gannon, Nancy Garvey Linda Scholl, Carol/Joe Sitar
7:00 AM	Drew Clouse	Sally Lehman	Kathy/Jim Barlow, Derek Heppding Marcia Matthews, Fran Rismondo
9:00 AM	M. Konnick D. Manganello	K. DeCesaris	Chris Chmarney, Dan Ghezzi, Chris Klug Mary Jule McCarthy, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
11:30 AM	C. Harrington A. Huntington	Dan Gallagher	Joan Ansilio, Debbie/Mark Belenski Tom Finarelli, Lucille Luksic

**The
Sanctuary
Light
this week
was given
in memory of
Joseph
Gerchak by
his
Wife.**

**The
Altar Flowers
this week
were given in
memory of
Joseph
Gerchak by
his Wife.**

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

Last Sunday's Sacrificial Offering

319 families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$6751.00 in last Sunday's Collection.

Children's Sunday—\$23.95

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.