

Faith often raises some difficult questions. How can the all-powerful God be merciful to sinners? Why doesn't God show His power by destroying evil? Why does God permit evil to exist in the world? Why doesn't good always triumph? Today's Scripture readings meditate on these questions. God wills that all mankind should be saved; until Judgment Day, He gives every opportunity for us to return to Him.

EXPOSITION TODAY—1:00 to 6 PM.

MISSIONARY COLLECTION

JULY 19th-20th

Sister Mary Ryan, Franciscan Missionary for Africa, will be here at all the Masses this weekend. She will share with us some of her experiences as a missionary and make the Annual Mission Appeal. This gives you the opportunity to be active in the Mission of the Church in other lands by giving the support of your prayers and financial assistance.

A CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

A Catholic Charismatic Conference focusing on the theme "There are Different Kinds of Gifts, but the Same Spirit" to be held at the University of Scranton during the weekend of August 1 thru August 3. Speakers are Maria Vadia, Fr. John Gordon, Fr. Celsus Auguiste, Walter Matthews, Bishop Sam Jacobs, Fr. Richard Loch, and Bob Valiante. The Conference includes a Youth Tract and a Children's Tract. Registration fee for the weekend before July 21 is \$40.00, after 7/21 is \$55.00. Commuting and brown bagging is encouraged. For registration forms call 344-2214.

2008 PARISH BAZAAR PROFIT:

\$30,742.00.

Wonderful! Thank you!

SUMMER YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

The Summer Youth Music Camp will take place at Gate of Heaven from 9:30 to 11:30 AM and will run from Monday, August 4 through Friday, August 8. All participants will take part in a Youth Liturgy on Sunday, August 10 at 11:00 AM. Students in grade 3 through 8 are invited.

MEMORIAL DENOTIONS

In memory of Kevin Sult:

John & Jean Morgan

THE OFFICE FOR PARISH LIFE AND RESOURCE CENTER

The Office for Parish Life/Resource Center, 400 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, has a variety of resources and media for your spiritual development and catechetical needs. Topics such as Sacraments, Saints, Social Justice, Respect Life, Morality, Liturgy, Prayer, directed to all age levels. The center is available to parishioners during the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, or call the Resource Center, 207-2284.

VIRTUS

The Virtus: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program is a mandatory 3 hour training session for all employees and adult volunteers who work with children throughout the Diocese of Scranton. The training session focuses on ways to make and maintain a safe environment for all children. All those attending the training will learn to recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and respond appropriately. A VIRTUS training session is scheduled for THURSDAY, JULY 24, St. Therese's Hall, Shavertown, 6:30—9:30 PM. Call 696-1144 to register for VIRTUS training.

GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL NEWS

Gate of Heaven School has some openings in The Gate House 3 and 4 year old program. The teachers are certified and offer a wide range of learning experiences in science, social studies, language development, social skills and math concepts through a nurturing and faith filled environment. Call 675-6566 and ask for Mrs. Mary Jane Kozick for more information or a personal tour.

MAINTENANCE POSITION

Gate of Heaven School is seeking a full time maintenance person. This is a 12 month position. Please contact the school, 675-6566, immediately if interested. Thank you.

CALLED TO HOLINESS AND MISSION: PASTORAL PLANNING — DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
STATUS REPORT AND TIMELINE

December 2007

In a meeting for all priests and deacons and a subsequent pastoral letter, Bishop Martino announces comprehensive planning project for the spiritual and pastoral renewal of every parish in the 11 counties of the Diocese. Bishop appoints Diocesan Planning Commission comprised of priests, deacons, religious and lay people. The Reid Group, national pastoral planning consultants, is commissioned to facilitate the process.

January 2008

A Parish Core Team is formed in each parish. Consisting of the pastor and four other parish members, the Core Team is responsible for completing all required work at the parish level and keeping all parishioners informed.

January 29-30, 2008

Eight regional meetings are held, at which The Reid Group prepares Parish Core Teams to conduct self-evaluations of their parishes based on data compiled for the Diocese by each pastor. Facilitators are also prepared to assist, upon request, with future pastoral planning meetings.

February—April 2008

In light of the 20 criteria for parish renewal approved by Bishop Martino, Parish Core Teams perform evaluations of their parish's liturgical and sacramental life, evangelization activities, demographics, ministries, finances and programs.. The results are presented to Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils, and pastors invite all parishioners to meetings to provide information and seek input from parishioners. Pastors also keep parishioners informed through Bulletin and/or pulpit announcements.

April—June 2008

The 224 parishes in the Diocese are grouped into 50 Clusters: each cluster has a Cluster Core Team consisting of the Parish Core Team members from the parishes in the Cluster. Regional orientation meetings are held to prepare Cluster Core Teams for their task: studying the parish self-evaluations that were completed by the Parish Core Teams, and suggesting one or more of four models for the parishes in their Cluster: consolidation to form a new parish entity, linking of two or more parishes under one pastor, establishing partnerships with other parishes to operate joint programs and share resources, and forming teams of two or more priests, deacons and lay people who would serve multiple parishes. Parishioners are kept informed through either meetings, bulletin and/or pulpit announcements.

June 3—September 2, 2008

Pastors arrange for professional evaluations of their churches and other facilities currently in use. Evaluations will be submitted to Diocesan facilities manager by September 2.

June 15, 2008

The suggestions from each Cluster Core Team are presented to the Diocesan Planning Commission.

June 30—July 2, 2008

Diocesan Planning Commission meets to review suggestions submitted by Cluster Core Teams, and responds by formulating preliminary recommendations for each Cluster.

July 19-20, 2008

All parishioners will receive pastoral planning timeline in parish bulletins.

July 26-27, 2008

Announcement Weekend: Each pastor will announce to entire parish the preliminary recommendations of the Diocesan Planning Commission for their Cluster and publishes these recommendations in the parish bulletin.

Week of July 28, 2008

Regional meetings will be held for Cluster Core Teams to receive instructions for conversation and response to the preliminary recommendations.

July—October 1, 2008

Cluster Core Teams coordinate conversations at the parish level regarding the preliminary recommendations. A formal response to these recommendations will be submitted to the Diocesan Planning Commission by October 1.

October—November 2008

Diocesan Planning Commission will gather for prayer, discernment and review of the responses from the Cluster Core Teams. The Planning Commission will make the final recommendations to Bishop Martino.

November 2008—January 2009

Bishop Martino will study final recommendations, consult with Diocesan advisory bodies, and announce the final plan for parish reconfiguration.

July 2009—Implementation will begin.

Remembering...

Monday	July 21	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
		7:00 PM	William/Kathryn Buckley	M/M Edward Buckley
Tuesday	July 22	7:30 AM	Dennis Cadigan	Theresa/Joseph Solomon
Wednesday	July 23	7:30 AM	Phil McCabe	Father Kevin
Thursday	July 24	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	July 25	7:30 AM	Nicole Spencer	Spencer and Colin
Saturday	July 26	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
		5:00 PM	John Chesnovitch & Son	Wife & Mother
Sunday	July 27	7:00 AM	Priest's Intention	
		9:00 AM	Connell O'Donnell	Wife
		11:00 AM	Dec. Mem. of Ranalli Family	Son, Fulvio Ranalli

**Liturgical
Ministers
July 26-27**

**Altar
Servers**

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	B. Leahigh C. Leahigh	Marilyn Baluh	Ruth Farris, Nancy Garvey, T. Gannon Shirley Regan, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
7:00 AM	Christy Cawley	Jerry Schmid	Jim/Kathy Barlow, Bette Gillespie Whitey Gillespie, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
9:00 AM	Robbie Adams Stephen Ruch	Karen DeCesaris	Joan Gilbertson, Joan Keating M.J. McCarthy, D. Ruch, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
11:00 AM	Liam Frederick James Kelly	Tony Manorek	Joan Ansilio, Debbie/Mark Belenski Rose Schmid, <i>Deacon Tom</i>

**The
Altar Flowers
this week
were given in
memory of
Mr. & Mrs.
William
Motyka by
Mr. & Mrs.
Bernard
Flasser &
Family.**

**The
Sanctuary
Light
this week
was given
in memory of
Howard
Miller
by his
wife,
Anna Miller.**

OFFICE MANAGER/SECRETARY—HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL—DUNMORE

This full time position will provide supervision and general secretarial support at Holy Cross High School in Dunmore. The successful candidate must be detail oriented and will be expected to type, operate most standard office machines, file, handle telephone calls, prepare office mailings and manage a small office staff. A minimum of three years of demonstrated clerical experience, computer proficiency and strong written and communication skills are required. Applicants must possess a demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to the Catholic Church's teachings, mission, vision and values. Please send letter of interest, a complete resume, and salary requirement by July 18 to: James R. Burke, Diocesan Director of Human Resources, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503.

Last Sunday's Sacrificial Offering

328 families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$6179.00 in last Sunday's Collection.

Children's Sunday—\$33.50.

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.