

What do you value more than anything else in life? Is there anything for which you would sacrifice everything else? God has made us for Himself alone; the highest commandment He has given us is to seek Him with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. In order to fulfill this command, we should be willing to sacrifice everything else in life. True wisdom is to seek to please God in all things.

Holy Hour –5:00 to 6:00 today.

MISSIONARY COLLECTION

The Missionary Collection last week realized \$2831.60. Thank you so very much for your generous response.

RECEPTION FOR RITA GOOD

Please join the Music Ministry to honor and show appreciation to Rita Good for her many years of dedication to our Parish Music Ministry: Saturday, August 9, following the 5 PM Mass (lobby). Rita is moving to Minnesota to be with her family. God Bless!

SONG LEADERS NEEDED

We are looking for song leaders for the 5:00 PM Mass. If interested call Tony at 542-4879.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15, is a Holy Day of Obligation—the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14, at 7 PM, and on Friday, August 15, at 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**Sunday, August 17,
12:00 to 1:00 PM**

**“Make your own Sundae”
Everyone is invited!**



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.

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.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of Nicole Spencer:

John S. Spencer, Sr.

GOING ON VACATION?

When you are on vacation or traveling, please remember your Parish at home. Our expenses continue throughout the year and we depend on your weekly contribution to help us meet our weekly goals.

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.

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.

MOVIE REVIEWS

Wondering whether that movie is for you and your children? Make the call for MOVIE REVIEWS: 1-800-311-4222, or check out the web-site, www.usccb.org. Movie classifications are: A-I-General Patronage; A-II—Adults & Adolescents; A-III-Adults; A-IV-Adults with reservations; 0-Morally

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 _____

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES **ST. VINCENT DePAUL KITCHEN**

There are hundreds of families that come to the food pantry at St. Vincent dePaul Kitchen for food to take home to their children. We serve food to an average of 200 children every month. If these parents can't buy food for their children every month, how can they take on the extra costs of school supplies?

We are seeking donations of backpacks especially, notebooks, crayons, markers, pens, pencils and rulers for children. In the past you have been very generous and our people have been very grateful. Last year we gave school supplies to over 700 children. Supplies can be dropped off at the Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., W-B. We hope to distribute these supplies the week of August 18.



PLANNING YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM?

Here are a few things to keep in mind: *Parents must participate in a Baptism Preparation Session before the Baptism date is set. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Roman Catholic verified by the Godparent's parish. Parents must be registered parishioners of Gate of Heaven for at least six months.* Please call the office, 675-2121, to schedule your Baptism.

IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*With summer in full swing, we would like to remind everyone that we should **dress and act appropriately in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.** It is something which we often take for granted, but even the wording on some T-shirts can be inappropriate attire for the Eucharist. And while socializing after Mass is always a good thing, it is important that we retain a respectful mood and tone. Whenever walking directly past the Blessed Sacrament, it is proper to genuflect, except at Communion time when the Eucharist is within you. If you cannot genuflect, a simple bow is appropriate. Thank you for your respect in the presence of God in Church.*

CAMEL BEACH TICKETS

We will be offering CAMEL BEACH tickets for \$22.00 each—a savings of \$7.00 off regular admission. (Children under 2-free). These tickets are available in the Church office and can be used any day this season at Camel Beach.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, call the Church office, 675-2121. We will be happy to arrange for someone to talk with you and answer your questions.

IN YOUR WILL and Estate planning, a gift to the Church can establish a special memorial forever in your memory. A simple bequest of even \$2,500.00 can help! At the same time you can save thousands of dollars in taxes! If you wish to consider such a gift, we will arrange for the writing of a basic will at no cost to you. Please call us, 675-2121.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

The Prayer Intention Book is located in the back of the Church. The book is an opportunity for parishioners and guests to write their prayer intentions. Others could then read these intentions and pray for one or all of them during Mass or when they come for a time of personal prayer or to visit the Blessed Sacrament. This is another way we can support one another in faith.

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Service Collection helps to build the international society of ministry of the Church. The collection is scheduled for this weekend, July 26-27.

Remembering...

Monday	July 28	7:30 AM	Irene Tribender	Darling Family
		7:00 PM	No Novena/Communion Service	
Tuesday	July 29	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Wednesday	July 30	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Thursday	July 31	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	Aug. 1	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Saturday	Aug. 2	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
		5:00 PM	Andrew Timek, Jr.	Wife & Family
Sunday	Aug. 3	7:00 AM	Vincent Prushinski	Canfield/Weeks Family
		9:00 AM	Priest's Intention	
		11:00 AM	Nicole Spencer	Tom Morenko



Liturgical Ministers
Aug. 2-3

Altar Servers

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	C. Valenti J. Valenti	Louise Roberts	Karla Haydam, Jane McAndrew Carol/Joe Sitar, Linda Scholl
7:00 AM	C. Cawley Katie Supey	M. Lamoreux	Kathy Barlow, Angie Murray D. Kolankiewicz, F. Rismondo, D. Supey
9:00 AM	A. DeCesaris A. Benedetti	Mark Van Loon	Stephanie Baloh, Renee Benedetti A./Karen DeCesaris, Dan Ghezzi
11:00 AM	A. Huntington Michael Pace	Craig Selner	Virginia Conrad, Tom Finarelli Art Flanagan, A. Murphy, <i>Deacon Tom</i>

The Altar Flowers this week were given in memory of the deceased members of the Lapointe Family given by Mary & Arthur Ondish.

The Sanctuary Light this week was given in memory of John Chesnovitch & Son by Anna Chesnovitch.

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
322 families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$ 6431.00 in last Sunday's Collection.
Children's Sunday—\$17.95.
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.