

God often picks feeble human instruments to do His mighty works. He chooses those who are nobody in the sight of the world, and He does wonders through them. He confounds the wisdom of the wise with those who are foolish in the eyes of mankind. By doing this He shows that all good things are accomplished by His power, and not by our own human efforts.

Holy Hour –5:00 to 6:00 today.

PARISH BAZAAR—2008

THANK YOU—THANK YOU!! There isn't enough space to thank everyone individually who helped with our Bazaar.....everyone who worked in any way, baked goods, plants, food or entertainment— we thank you so much! Proceeds will be announced as soon as bills are received and paid.

All our basket donors and winners, our raffle winners, our plant donors and our \$100.00 sponsors will be announced next week.

THANK YOU—STARBUCK'S

Thank you to STARBUCK'S Coffee on Route 309, in Shavertown, for their generous donations of coffee and pastries last Sunday during the preview of our Bazaar baskets. We enjoyed!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION-June 28-29

Please be as generous as you can in the collection for Peter's Pence on June 28-29. This collection supports the works of our Holy Father, enables him to respond with emergency financial assistance throughout the world, and helps those who suffer as a result of war, oppression and natural disaster.

GRADUATES WHO SERVED IN MINISTRIES

We offer our most sincere appreciation and congratulations to the following graduates who served faithfully in various Gate of Heaven Ministries:

Altar Servers: Casey Baldwin, John Frederick, Matthew Ruch

C.C.D.: Ashley Pavill, Rachel Gower

Choir: Cheryl Scales

Thank you for being such an important part of Gate of Heaven Parish.

BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY

The following items are needed now for the Back Mt. Food Bank: Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, sugar, spam, ham and any canned meats. If everyone could send in one item, it would be a great help to those in need.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

When: July 14-18 **Time:** 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Where: Gate of Heaven gym and school

Who: Ages-beginning at 4 years up to those going into 4th grade. Students going into 5th grade and up are welcome to be aides and helpers. See registration on bulletin board in vestibule.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER MEETING

Adult and student volunteers are needed! Volunteer/ Planning meeting will be held on June 25, at 10:30 AM—12:00 noon. The meeting will be held outside Sunny's office. The VBS children need you!

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.*

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Our summer office hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM beginning Monday, June 23.

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Men are welcome to join the L. J. Ferinand Malvern Retreat Group on July 11, 12 and 13, 2008. This retreat group, Catholic Men of the Hazleton/Wilkes-Barre Area, are planning their 68th Annual Retreat at St. Joseph's in the Hills, Malvern, PA. The retreat begins late Friday afternoon and concludes with Sunday morning mass. Saint Joseph's provides: individual rooms, air conditioned dining hall, silent atmosphere, private Eucharistic Adoration, confession, wonderful Priestly talks, outdoor Stations of the Cross and rosary procession with Catholic shrine built throughout the 125 acres of wooded countryside. This is a great opportunity for fathers and sons to spend a quiet time together with the Lord. You may call Ed Gregor for more information at 829-4156. Thank *you*.

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 _____

SEMINAR

Free Seminar—Preparing for the End of Life. Topics include: hospice care and when it is appropriate, how to put your legal affairs in order, ethical issues regarding life sustaining treatment, terminal sedation and organ donation, funeral arrangements and other financial concerns, stages of grief and healthy bereavement practices. The Seminar will be held on June 25, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the McGowan Room, 3rd floor, Misericordia University. Call 362-0412 to register. Sponsored by Yanik Elder Law Center.

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.

CAMP SAINT ANDREW

Girls Basketball (grades 5-10) - July 6-11

Girls Basketball (grades 5-10) - July 12-18

Girls Traditional Camp (grades 3-9) - July 6-11

Girls Traditional Camp (grades 3-9) - July 13-18

Father/Son Weekend (sons age 6-13) - July 18-20

Boys Basketball (grades 4-9) - July 20-24

For more information or to register, call 570-226-4606.

PART TIME YOUTH MINISTER

Catholic Churches of the Back Mountain are looking for someone who can take on between 10 and 15 hours a week to expand and develop the youth ministry of the Back Mountain Catholic Youth working with the High School level. Responsibilities include: A minimum of two leadership meetings per month, planning at least one monthly social service or spiritual event, coordinating fund raising activities, and be able to work with a team of students and adults already in place. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. Experience in faith formation, service work or working with teenagers a plus. Please send resume to jaynemoore@kings.edu by 7/13.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NOTE

The Dallas Knights of Columbus Council is looking to recruit new members. We are active in many Church and community events. Take pride in showing and sharing your Christian beliefs. For more information call Jack Cacoza at 675-3944.

Remembering...

Monday	June 23	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Communion Service Anthony Sicurella	Wife & Son
Tuesday	June 24	7:30 AM	Father's Day Intention	
Wednesday	June 25	7:30 AM	Father's Day Intention	
Thursday	June 26	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Friday	June 27	7:30 AM	Father's Day Intention	
Saturday	June 28	7:30 AM 5:00 PM	Communion Service Father's Day Intention	
Sunday	June 29	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Father's Day Intention Priest's Intention 40th W.A. of Joe/Carol Sitar	Joe/Carol Sitar

**Liturgical
Ministers
June 28-29**

**Altar
Servers**

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	David Pomfret Sarah Pomfret	R. McCarthy	Sue Gusher, Karla Haydam M.J. Kozick, Judy Legg, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
7:00 AM	A. Rismondo	Jerry Schmid	Jim/Kathy Barlow, D. Kolankiewicz Marcia Matthews, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
9:00 AM	A. DeCesaris A. Gialanella	Mark VanLoon Jim McMonagle	Anthony/Karen DeCesaris, Dan Ghezzi Mary Jule McCarthy, <i>Deacon Tom</i>
11:00 AM	Liam Frederick James Kelly	A. Jenkins	Joe/Peg Canfield, Virginia Conrad Rose Schmid, <i>Deacon Tom</i>

**The
Altar Flowers
this week
were given in
memory of
Gertrude &
John Van Horn
by
the
Rowlands
Family.**

**The
Sanctuary
Light
this week
was given
in memory of
Rosalie &
Angelina
Grasso by
the
Family.**

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

The "Liturgy of Remembrance" is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. Parishioners who have lost a loved one through a traumatic death—murder, suicide, accident—are invited to attend.

Last Sunday's Sacrificial Offering

318 families used their SUNDAY envelopes and offered \$6403.00 in last Sunday's Collection.

Children's Sunday—\$18.90.

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.