

Christ has entered the Father's glory in order that He may be more perfectly with us. He was not taken far away from us, but merely from our sight; He is with us still. The Ascension of Christ reminds us of our destiny. We, too, are destined to enter the Father's glory. Where Christ has gone, we, His members, must surely follow. We are, even now, citizens of heaven. Let us live as such.

Holy Hour today, 5:00—6:00 PM.

MOTHER'S DAY

In your May envelope packet, you will find an envelope for Mother's Day Intentions. If you would like your mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, write her name on the envelope and place it in the collection basket. The Masses will be said in May beginning on Mother's Day, May 11. If you prefer to give your mother a Card, they will be available also. Just write her name on the envelope and return in the collection basket.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is May 11. Wear a red shirt or sweater or jacket—or maybe a red tie? Let's celebrate PENTECOST SUNDAY.

PENTECOST ~~ PETITIONS

Gate of Heaven Church is looking for parishioners to read one petition in a different language on Pentecost Sunday, May 11. We would like to pray the Petitions in English and in another language. We will need your name, telephone number and language—examples, French, Spanish, German, Latin, Gaelic. Please call the office at 675-2121 for more details.

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST, MAY 11, 2008

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend
all that is holy. Guard me, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy. St. Augustine*

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS...

**Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McMahon
Mr. & Mrs. James Dalkiewicz**

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.

CALLED TO HOLINESS & MISSION

Our planning Cluster is composed of five Churches in the Back Mountain: Gate of Heaven, St. Therese's, Our Lady of Victory, St. Frances Cabrini and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The cluster met on April 8, 16, & 23 and will meet through May and early June. The cluster is responsible to submit a plan regarding the future of our Back Mountain Churches to the Diocesan Planning Commission on June 15.

Dan Gallagher from Gate of Heaven Parish is the Chairman of the cluster and Debbie Jorda from St. Frances Cabrini is the cluster Secretary. Cluster progress will be reported in a timely M

MOTHER'S DAY~~CARNATION SALE

The Wyoming Valley Chapter Human Life Resource Center will be selling carnations on Mother's Day. All proceeds from this effort will support the Human Life Center in Wilkes-Barre.



JEFFERSON AWARD

*Since 1972 The American Institute for Public Service has presented the Jefferson Award to distinguish and encourage community service. Bette Gillespie and Mary Theresa Pitcavage have been nominated from Gate of Heaven Parish to receive this award for their continued public service to our parish and our community. **Congratulations!***

Father Kevin & Parishioners of Gate of Heaven

BAZAAR BOOTH SPONSORS

25 Sponsors to date!

An important way we raise start up money for the Bazaar is through Bazaar Sponsorship. If you or your workplace could donate \$100.00 we will prominently display your name or the name of your company logo so that all of our parishioners and everyone that comes to the Bazaar will recognize your support. Call Fran, 675-2121, for more information.

BOOK NOOK



Got BOOKS? Decorated white bags will be available SOON! Please take home a bag and return it after you do your SPRING CLEANING. We are looking for children's books that are in good condition too.

"AUNT SALLY'S UNIQUE BOUTIQUE"

We are in need of your vintage jewelry, scarves, small knick-knacks, and small unique items. You may drop your items off in the Church office.

SECURITY FOR OUR BAZAAR



We are looking for a few college-aged men who are willing to be our security for the Bazaar on Thursday, June 19, and Friday, June 20, from midnight until 7 AM. Call Fran in the office, 675-2121.

A NOTE FROM THE BAZAAR PLANT BOOTH

Local growers, nurseries and florists are trying to support our communities but because of the increasing costs of keeping greenhouses heated, equipment operating and the constant competition from Box Stores, they are all struggling. More and more of them are going out of business each year. If parishioners could buy ONE hanging basket from our LOCAL businesses and donate it to the plant booth, then everyone would WIN! Call us, we'll pick it up for you!

MARGARINE TIME!

Margarine or butter can be dropped off at the Church office for our annual Bazaar's Haluski makin' time! We appreciate all your donations.

CAR WASH

Sponsored by Bk. Mt. Cath. Jr. High Youth Council

Proceeds from the car wash will go to the American Cancer Society in memory of Judy Panagakos.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, from 9 to noon at St. Therese's Parking Lot. Cost—A donation.

PARISH BASEBALL TRIP



Gate of Heaven Church is sponsoring a Baseball Trip on Wednesday, July 30th, to see the New York Yankees play the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium. The bus will leave Gate of Heaven at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$35.00 per person which includes bus transportation and your ticket to the game. Reservations must be paid in full to be confirmed. For reservations or for more information call Deacon Tom at 674-1654 or 675-4890.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY BUS TRIPS

The Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a bus trip to Atlantic City on Thursday, July 17. Cost-TBA. Please call Lucille Luksic, 675-2522, for more information.

The Altar & Rosary Society will sponsor a bus trip to see "Oklahoma", on Thursday, August 14, at the Pocono PlayHouse. Bus will leave G of H at noon. Cost-\$62.00 per person which includes round trip bus transportation, admission to the play and dinner at Crescent Lodge. Call Lucille at 675-2522 for more details.

NEW BOOKS FOR GATE OF HEAVEN SCHOOL LIBRARY

"50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth" and "The Tiny Seed" were books donated to the Gate of Heaven School Library by Father Kevin and Gate of Heaven Parish. These books were given in memory of Rev. Joseph Gilbert.

POPE BENEDICT'S XVI VISIT - YANKEE STADIUM

Four members of our parish, Renee Benedetti, Carol Carroll, Angie Murray and Ann Henry recently traveled to see Pope Benedict XVI's Mass at Yankee Stadium. They said they were overwhelmed by the Pope's presence and everyone was enriched by the wonderful experience.

BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY

The Back Mountain Food Pantry is looking for a Manager who will be responsible for the day to day running of the pantry and overseeing the coordinators who handle each phase of the pantry. There is paper work required by CEO, interaction with the community and being accountable to the Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry. If interested, please call Father Kevin before May 12. He will then forward your name on to the committee who will be selecting the Manager.

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

Remembering...

Monday	May 5	7:30 AM 7:00 PM	Helen Stasko NO Communion Service	Andrew Strish
Tuesday	May 6	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Wednesday	May 7	7:30 AM	Communion Service	
Thursday	May 8	7:30 AM	Evan Williams	Sam/Marcia Barbose
Friday	May 9	7:30 AM	Robert O'Boyle	Mary Jule McCarthy
Saturday	May 10	7:30 AM 5:00 PM	Communion Service William Pickarski	Family
Sunday	May 11	7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:30 AM	Mother's Day Intention Special Intention Mother's Day Intention	Sunny Cesarini

**Please
make note of
Mass schedule this week.**

**Liturgical
Ministers
May 10-11**

**Altar
Servers**

Lectors

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	C. Valenti J. Valenti	Louise Roberts	Karla Haydam, Jane McAndrew Linda Scholl, Joe/Carol Sitar
7:00 AM	Christie Cawley	M. Lamoreux	A. Murray, Fran Rismondo, K. Barlow Donna Supey, D. Kolankiewicz
9:00 AM	A. DeCesaris A. Benedetti	Mark VanLoon Jim McMonagle	Renee Benedetti, A./K. DeCesaris S. Baloh, Dan Ghezzi
11:30 AM	Casey Baldwin A. Huntington	Craig Selner	Arlene Murphy, Virginia Conrad T. Finarelli, Art Flanagan, <i>Deacon Tom</i>

**The
Altar Flowers
this week
were given in
memory of the
deceased
members of
the Altar &
Rosary Society
by the Society.**

**The
Sanctuary
Light
this week
was given
in memory
our deceased
members by
the Altar &
Rosary.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- ♦ *Who: Pre-school grade to 4th grade, 5th grade and up as Catechists & Aides*
- ♦ *What: Theme: "Surfin' with the Holy Spirit"*
- ♦ *When: July 14—18; 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Sign up after the Bazaar!*



SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

***Beginning June 1, 2008 through September 7, 2008,
our 11:30 AM Mass will be changed to 11:00 AM.***