

**JANUARY 29, 2012**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Theme: Good News*

*Capernaum, hometown of Simon and Andrew, became Jesus' home base too. On the Sabbath, he went out to the synagogue to teach with authority over physical and spiritual evils. He dramatically cast out devils, curing Simon's mother-in-law and healing many other sick people. Jesus went about the messianic work. That labor came to fruition as he cast out death itself in his Passover to Resurrection. Bolstered by prayer, Jesus single mindedly set out to spread the good news. How do we join him?*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	7:30 PM GOH	Mass at Gate of Heaven	
Tuesday	9:00 AM OLV	Marlene Nikoden	Mr. & Mrs. Pat Kita
Wednesday	7:30 AM GOH	Mass at Gate of Heaven	
Thursday	No Mass	No Mass	
Friday	9:00 AM OLV	Joseph Barchock	Brian & Amy Pavia
Saturday	4:30 PM OLV	John Burns	Marguerite Dewees
Sunday	7:00 AM OLV	Jane Flynn	Chris & Joan Foster
	10:30 AM OLV	John P. Onzik	Ed, Gloria & Adam Bilder

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**

**Saturday, February 4, 2012**

**4:30 PM** B. Negvesky, S. Marszalek, L. Bartz

**Sunday, February 5, 2012**

**7:00 AM** A. Murray

**10:30 AM** S. Lumbis, E. Bilder, A. Bilder

**Lectors**

F. Negvesky

J. Schmid

M. Thede

**Altar Servers**

C. Pino, M. Pino

A. Levandoski

N. Mirra, S. Mirra

**Confessions Schedule:** Every Saturday from 2:45 - 3:45 at Gate of Heaven during the month of **January**.

Every Saturday from 2:45 - 3:45 at Our Lady of Victory during the month of **February**.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

*"The Church's love for the poor...is a part of her constant tradition"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2444). The Collection for the Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that create lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone toward advancing education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in low-income neighborhoods. You can help participate in this tradition today. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - BISHOP AND MARTYR**

The Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated in the Church on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. Blaise was a physician and wonderful cures were ascribed to him. In his honor, Fr. Toomey will bless throats after the 9:00AM Mass on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK 2012**

The theme for Catholic Schools' Week 2012 is *"Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service."* The annual observance begins today, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. This annual celebration provides us with an opportunity to highlight the unique contributions our Catholic Schools make to the local Church. With the emphasis of this year's theme on *faith, academics and service*, we are able to bring to light the very essence of all that our Catholic Schools provide. Within our Catholic Schools, our children are taught *faith* - not just the tenants of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. They are exposed to an *academic* program that encourages each child to reach his or her full potential; and our children come to realize that they are called to lead lives deeply rooted in *service* - service to God and to others. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information on the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Scranton.

**Catholic School Registration Forms:** In order to emphasize the importance of being a parish member in good standing, all Catholic school families are being asked to secure the signature of their pastor as part of their registration process. Father Toomey will be available to sign forms at the following times: Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @ 12:45pm at GOH and Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am at OLV.

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND**

A vocation discernment weekend will be held February 10-12, 2012 at Fatima Center, Dalton for young men ages 16-30. The Diocese of Scranton hosts this weekend to assist any young men in recognizing whether God is inviting them to step forward to offer their lives as a diocesan priest. The weekend program runs from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and includes a presentation on the basics of praying into God's will for us, testimony from current seminarians, celebration of Mass, personal prayer, and fraternity. For further information, contact Fr. James Rafferty, vocation director at 207-1452 or [Rev-James-Rafferty@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Rev-James-Rafferty@dioceseofscranton.org)

**CCD CLASSES:** are held every Sunday from 9:15 - 10:15 AM for students in grades K-8. New registrations are always welcome.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** for all students in the Second Grade will be held on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The service will be held at Gate of Heaven Church. There will be a rehearsal on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm at Gate of Heaven.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be conferred on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Gate of Heaven Church.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:** burns this week for all poor souls in Purgatory.

**Sanctuary Calendar:** There are still a few openings to sponsor the Sanctuary candle for 2012. Donation is \$10. Calendar can be found on the front desk of the church.

**CHURCH FINANCES:** Financial statements of your contributions for 2011 are available by request only. Please call the church office—leave your name and envelope number or email a request to: [olvh1309@aol.com](mailto:olvh1309@aol.com). Statements will be mailed by January 31, 2012.

**BLESSED CANDLES:** are available for purchase after any of the Masses. Blessed candles are for you to keep in your homes. Cost is \$3/box. Candles are available in the sacristy after all Masses.

**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

**Registration:** Holy Redeemer H.S. will be scheduling appointments for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2012-13 school year. Appointments may be scheduled for Feb. 6,7,8 or 9<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 6 PM by calling the Guidance Office at 829-2424, ext. 337. Deadline for all registration materials is March 2, 2012. Tuition assistance applications are available online at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or can be obtained at the Holy Redeemer H.S. finance office.

**NIGHT AT THE RACES:** Holy Redeemer invites all to a “Night At the Races”, Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:00 PM Dinner served at 6:30 PM with post time at 7:15 in the high school gym.

Email Arden Fahey: [rescoach@aol.com](mailto:rescoach@aol.com); Joyce Vrabec: [jvrabec@ptd.net](mailto:jvrabec@ptd.net) or call the main office at 829-2424 to reserve a table for 8 - 10 people. Sponsor a horse for \$10 - or purchase an admission ticket for \$10. Tickets will NOT be available at the door. (21 yrs. or older)

**BACK MT. FOOD PANTRY:** This is the time of year when our shelves are in need of restocking due to people being away on vacations and no major food drives being held during the coming months. Non-perishable food may be brought to Our Lady of Victory (kitchen) and we will drop it off for you.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Gate of Heaven Church will sponsor a Blood Drive this Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM in the GOH Gym. The Blood Drive will be held in honor of the men and women serving in the military. You must be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 lbs. to donate. No appointment is necessary.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Give your spouse a Valentines present that can “restore communication, renew commitment and rekindle romance” in your relationship. The next weekend for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Feb. 10-12, 2012 at St. Francis Renewal Center, Bethlehem, Pa. Call 1-800-787-7679 or [wwme-nepa.org](http://wwme-nepa.org) for more information and to register.

**GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER MEN’S GROUP:** will conduct their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Our Lady of Victory Church. All men from Gate of Heaven and Our Lady of Victory are invited and encouraged to attend. Rosary in church at 6:30 PM.

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL SALES:** Once again we will be taking orders for daffodils in support of the American Cancer Society. Order sheets will be available next weekend. Daffodils *must* be paid for in advance. Bunch of daffodils is \$10. For more information call the church office at 639-1535.

**BACK MT. SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

**VIGIL OF LIFE/SUNRISE RALLY:** was held January 22/23. Several of our youth from the Back Mt. joined other youth groups from throughout the the diocese to attend the Vigil for Life Rally at Mount St. Mary’s on Sunday and then the March for Life in Washington D.C. on Monday. Despite the rainy weather and icy conditions there was as always a great turnout of youth who marched for those without a voice. Bishop Bambera was at the March and made sure he linked up with all the groups from the diocese.

**CATHOLIC ROCK MASS:** The next Youth Rock Mass will be held THIS Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at GOH. Our **Catholic Rock Band** is awesome. High school students from all the churches in the Back Mt. make up the band. High school students from throughout the Back Mt. are welcome to come to the Mass. Many people, young and old, enjoyed their contemporary music ministry at the last Catholic Rock Mass in November. This Mass will count for your Sunday obligation. Plan on coming out for this wonderful evening of faith and music. All ages are welcome!

**SPIRITUAL NIGHT:** Our next event will be held this Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at GOH. It will be our spiritual night in which we learn more about the lives of the saints! Come and join us and bring a friend.

**ISLI: International Student Leadership Institute Conference:** Is a great experience for 70-100 teens in our diocese and happens each year. This year the date is **February 24-26**. Experience learning about leadership skills, teamwork self-confidence, positive thinking and values...and a whole lot of fun. ISLI will be held at Fatima Center, Dalton. If you are interested in attending contact Fr. Toomey at 675-2121. **Deadline** to register online is Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. First three students from OLV or GOH will attend free.

**SKI TRIP:** We are beginning to make plans for a SKI TRIP the weekend of March 9-11, 2012. Destination: Stowe, VT. More details will follow in the upcoming weeks...stay tuned! Please call Fr. Toomey to reserve your seat now if you’re interested in attending. Seats will be limited.

**BACK MT. JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – MEETING:**

be held on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 2:00 PM at St. Therese’s Church Hall. Please bring a lunch! For more information on the Jr. High Youth Group contact Denise Murphy at 696-1144, ext 29.

**WINTER DANCE:** will be held this Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-9:30 at GOH Gym. Cost is \$4 and one canned good. Music by Mark “Mr. D.J.” Jones. Bring a friend. Tickets at the door.

**VALENTINE DINNER DANCE:** sponsored by Nativity BVM Church, Tunkhannock on Sat. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 - Father Nallin Hall. Admission \$25, includes hot catered buffet, ice & set ups. BYOB. Live music by “AM Radio”. Advance ticket sales only - Call 836-3275.

**GIRL SCOUT COOKIES:** will be available for purchase after Masses the weekend of February 25-26 at both Our Lady of Victory and Gate of Heaven Churches.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION:** your sacrificial offerings from the week of Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> were \$3,553.00. Thank you.

