

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019

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23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 7

4:00pm(St. Matthew's)

Gate of Heaven Parishioners

Sunday, September 8

7:00am (St. Patrick's)

Gate of Heaven Parishioners

8:30am (St. Agnes)

+Catherine Doty by Bob and Theresa Reynolds

10:30am (All Saints)

+Roger and Berthe Choquette by their family

Daily Mass

Monday, Sept. 9, St Peter Claver

8:30am (All Saints)

Mount Royal Acad. Staff and Students

9:00am-8:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration followed by Miraculous Medal Novena

7:00pm-7:45pm: Confessions

7:45pm-8:00pm: Miraculous Medal Novena and Benediction

Tuesday, Sept. 10, Feria

7:00am (St. Matthew's)

+Corinne Brooks by the estate

Wednesday, Sept. 11, Feria

No Mass [Adoration at St. Patrick's 10-5pm]

Thursday, Sept. 12, The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:00am (All Saints)

+Marion and Elmer Dickey & their son Charles by Walter J. Barden

Friday, Sept. 13, St. John Chrysostom

7:00am (St. Matthew's)

+Roland LeClerc

Saturday, Sept. 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00am (Our Lady of the Mountains Shrine)

+Genese Blanchette by her family

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 14

4:00pm (St. Matthew's)

+Mary Cruess by the Qualter family

Sunday, September 15

7:00am (St. Patrick's)

Gate of Heaven Parishioners

8:30am (St. Agnes)

+Daniel Stiles

10:30am (All Saints)

+Richard Guilmette

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Confession

Saturdays at St. Matthew's

3:00pm-3:45pm

Mondays at All Saints

7:00pm-7:45pm

One half-hour before every weekday and weekend mass except the 8:30am mass at St. Agnes.

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The Sacramental Life

Confession and Mass Times: See above

Baptism: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Please call six months in advance of the proposed date of marriage.

Last Rites/Emergency: Please call the Parish Office at 603.788.2083. If office is closed, please call my rectory number at 603.788.5553. You may call the rectory at **anytime day or night** for this important sacrament.

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Cemeteries: Gate of Heaven Parish has four cemeteries under its care: Calvary, Water St. St. Matthew's and St. Margaret's Graveyard. Please call the Parish Office for details on purchasing a plot or making burial arrangements.

Homebound/Sick: If you or someone you know is homebound or ill, please call the parish office to make arrangements for a visit from Fr. Schultz.

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Dear Parishioners,

Last Saturday, August 31st at 1:03pm, my beloved Aunt Mary Ellen (aka Auntie “Mame”) passed away at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse, NY. While I was unable to get back to say a final goodbye and give her a final kiss, my brother Fr. James and many of my siblings and parents were in attendance as she took her last breaths. In fact, she died minutes after James gave her the last rites. Auntie Mame was a tremendous person and aunt to her sister’s 13 children. She was a vivacious woman with life and laughter. Although she did not have any children of her own, she took us as her own and spoiled us any chance she could (you can see why she was our favorite aunt—even if she was our only aunt!) Thank you for your prayers for her and for my family. Like so many of you who have lost a loved one, you well know the path of grief is not an easy path to embrace. Auntie Mame was for the 13 of us the first relative to pass whom we knew and loved quite well. She will be greatly missed. If I can get coverage, I will concelebrate with my brother her funeral mass which will be this Saturday afternoon. May she rest in peace.

Please read carefully the bulletin insert which contains important information. First, we will have our parish picnic this year on Sunday, September 29th from 1pm to 5pm at Riverside Camping here in Lancaster. Many thanks to our fellow parishioners Brandon and Katrina Guida for hosting! Their campground is beautiful and has games for young and old alike: shuffleboard, volleyball, soccer, bocce and playgrounds. They have also a spacious pavilion and beautiful grounds to walk. Food and beverages will be provided by parish and more details will follow. Please mark your calendars.

Second, Faith Formation will kick-off Sunday, October 6. Classes will be from 11:45-1pm on the dates listed on the insert. After much thought and prayer, I think this is the best time for the parish. We will provide a lunch for our students and then hit the books! Again, more details to follow!

Hope the first week of school went well—Columbus Day will be here before you know it!

God bless,

Fr. Schultz

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Announcements

+++The parish office has moved! The entrance to Gate of Heaven Parish Office will now be the side entrance at All Saints Rectory. Signs denoting the location of the parish office will be forthcoming.

+++Seeking Bids to Restore Riverbank at Calvary Cemetery: Please see Fr. Schultz for more details

+++Mount Royal Academy North has moved into their new location at Holton Point Property right next to Country Village Nursing Home. After much prayer, diligence, dedication and, of course, the grace of God, MRAN has moved into the wing at Holton Point to accommodate their growing numbers. Congratulations and our prayers are with you!

+++The Catholic Women’s Group will begin their fall fundraiser September 7 and go through September 22. We will again be selling Yankee Candles and Terry Lynn Candies and Nuts. There will be Catholic Women’s Group members offering catalogs and taking orders before and after the masses at St. Matthew and St. Patrick churches. Thank you all for your continuing support.

+++Another member to be baptized into our faith community: Congratulations to Kyle and Brittany Fifield on the baptism of their newborn son Sawyer Randall!

Weekly Offering

Aug 31/Sept 1

Offertory: 2,881.00

E-Give: 614.60

Total: 3,495.60

Catholic University 986.86

May God bless you for your generosity!

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Friday: Closed

Parish Office is closed on Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays

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September 12 is the feast of the Holy Name of Mary

In 1513, a feast of "The Holy Name of Mary" was granted by Papal indult [Pope Julius II] to the diocese of Cuentia in Spain. It was assigned with proper Office on September 15, the octave day of Our Lady's Nativity. With the reform of the Breviary undertaken by Pope St. Pius V, the feast was abolished, only to be reinstated by his successor, Pope Sixtus V, who changed the date to September 17. From there, the feast spread to the Archdiocese of Toledo [1622] and, eventually, to all of Spain and to the Kingdom of Naples [1671].

Throughout this time, permission to celebrate the feast was given to various religious orders in a prudent manner as has been the custom throughout Church history regarding feast-days, their dates, offices, liturgical expression, etc. However, this Feast of the Holy Name of Mary would one day be joyfully extended to the Universal Church, and this on account of rather dramatic circumstances involving one of Poland's great military heroes, John Sobieski [1629-1696].

While acting as field-marshal under King John Casimir, Sobieski had raised a force of 8,000 men and enough provisions to withstand a siege of Cossacks and Tartars, who were forced to retire unsuccessfully and at a loss. In 1672, under the reign of Michael Wisniowiecki, Sobieski engaged and defeated the Turkish army, who lost 20,000 men at Chocim.

'When King Michael died, Sobieski, a beloved hero at that point, was crowned King of Poland. But, even before his coronation could take place, he would again engage and drive back the Turkish hordes in separate battles including the raising of the siege at Trembowla. Once crowned, he advanced to the Ruthenian provinces, where, having too few soldiers to attack the Turks, who outnumbered his men ten to one, he literally wore out the enemy, garrisoning his troops at Zurawno. Because of this heroic effort, he was able to regain, by treaty, a good portion of the Ukraine. With both Turks and Poles weary from battle, peace reigned for a time . . . until the Turks set their sights on Austria, setting out through Hungary with an army of approximately 300,000 men.

Fleeing from Austria, Emperor Leopold asked for Sobieski's assistance, a plea which was seconded by the Papal Nuncio. In July 1683, the Grand Vizier Kara Mustapha had reached Vienna and laid siege to the city, which was being defended by only 15,000 men. Sobieski set out for Vienna in August, his forces marching behind the banner of the Blessed Virgin. Passing by the Sanctuary of Mary in Czestochowa, they implored Our Lady's help and blessing. Writing centuries later to the bishops of Poland, Pope Pius XII recalled the supplications of Sobieski to Mary at the Sanctuary on Jasna Gora [i.e., "Bright Hill"], the site of the Shrine: "To the same Heavenly Queen, on Clear Mountain, the illustrious John Sobieski, whose eminent valor freed Christianity from the attacks of its old enemies, confided himself."

[Letter, *Cum iam lustris abeat*, 1951]

In September, the men joined with the German troops under John George, Elector of Saxony, and Prince Charles of Lorraine. On the eighth day of the month, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, Sobieski prepared himself for the ensuing conflict by the reception of Holy Communion. Battle was engaged before the walls of Vienna on September 12, 1683, with Sobieski seemingly put to flight by "the fierce Turkish forces. However, this retreat was a minor setback only. The Hussars renewed their assault and charged the Turks, this time sending the enemy into a retreat. The combat raged on, until Sobieski finally stormed the enemy camp. The Turkish forces were routed, Vienna was saved, and Sobieski sent the "Standard of the Prophet" to Pope Innocent XI along with the good news. In a letter to the Pontiff, Sobieski summed up his victory in these words: *Veni, vidi, Deus vicit* ---- "I came, I saw, God conquered!" To commemorate this glorious victory, and render thanksgiving to God and honor to Our Lady for their solicitude in the struggle, Pope Innocent XI extended "The Feast of the Holy Name of Mary" to the Universal Church. Although the feast was originally celebrated on the Sunday after the Nativity of Mary, Pope St. Pius X [+1914] decreed that it be celebrated on September 12, in honor of the victory of the Catholic forces under John Sobieski. The history of this feast reminds us in some ways of that of "Our Lady of the Rosary," which was instituted to celebrate and commemorate the victory of the Catholic forces over the Turkish navy at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571: "And thus Christ's faithful warriors, prepared to sacrifice their life and blood for the welfare of their Faith and their country, proceeded undauntedly to meet their foe near the Gulf of Corinth; while those who were unable to join them formed a band of pious supplicants, who called on Mary and, as one, saluted Her again and again in the words of the Rosary, imploring Her to grant victory to their companions engaged in battle. Our sovereign Lady did grant Her aid." [Pope Leo XIII, *Supremi Apostolatus*, 1883]