

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2019

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24th Sunday 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

Daily Mass

Monday, Sept. 16, SS. Cornelius &Cyprian

8:30am (All Saints)

+Roy Birard by Gate of Heaven Parish

9:00am-8:00pm: Eucharistic Adoration

7:00pm-7:45pm: Confessions

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

Tuesday, Sept. 17, St. Robert Bellarmine

7:00am (St. Matthew's)

+Elinor B. Hennessey by Mary Clare, Anne, Joanne and families

Wednesday, Sept. 18, Feria

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

Thursday, Sept. 19, St. Januarius

7:00am (All Saints)

+Charles Merrill MacKinnon

Friday, Sept. 20, SS Andrew KimTae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions

7:00am (St. Matthew's)

Rev. Robert A. Marchand by Gate of Heaven

Saturday, Sept. 21, St. Matthew, Apostle

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

+Mary Ellen Shaver by the family

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 21

4:00pm (St. Matthew's)

+Arthur Bourassa by his daughter

Sunday, September 22

7:00am (St. Patrick's)

Gate of Heaven Parishioners

8:30am (St. Agnes)

Living and deceased members of the Tabernacle Society

10:30am (All Saints)

+Bob and Mickey Brennan by their sons Jerry and Tom

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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,

Many thanks for the prayers you said for my aunt, my family and myself—I do believe I felt their effects when I was home last weekend for her funeral. Although it was very sad to say goodbye to my beloved Auntie Mame, I felt a tremendous calm and peace almost immediately after we buried her. I really was struck by this and gave me an insight into the Church's teaching that the dead must be buried in the ground.

One of the seven corporal works of mercy is, in fact, to bury the dead. One of the dangers of cremation is that the dead will not receive a proper burial. This was one of the main reasons why the Catholic Church forbade cremations for centuries. Only recently has the Church lifted this ban but even here cremations are technically allowed only when certain conditions are met.

The other six corporal works of mercy are: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to shelter the homeless, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. The Catholic Encyclopedia explains the duty we have to express this "mercy". "*Mercy* as it is here contemplated is said to be a virtue influencing one's will to have compassion for, and, if possible, to alleviate another's misfortune." When we bury our dead or visit the sick we are practicing 'mercy' toward our neighbor. If we go through each of these seven works, we will see how they are prime means to exercise our will to have mercy on our neighbor.

Finally, please enjoy reading the first part of the very fascinating conversion story of Roy Schoeman. Schoeman was a Jew who came to the Faith through Our Lady. I came across his story this week and found it very inspiring.

Just a reminder that Faith Formation will begin Sunday October 6th from 11:45am to 1:00pm in the church hall. Before that day, however, we have our parish picnic at Riverside Campground, Sunday, September 29 from 1pm to 5pm! Many activities—bocce, volleyball, shuffleboard..etc. I would include 'sledding' on the list but you know how I am such an optimist!

God bless you and Our Lady keep you.

Fr. Schultz

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Announcements

+++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.

+++Holy Land Pilgrimage with Fr. Sebastian from St. Joseph and St. Catherine Church, Woodsville, NH from March 1-10, 2020. For more information, please call Joe Krasucki at 603.243.0334 or email joekras44@yahoo.com

+++With Labor Day over, the annual Tabernacle Fall Sale is just around the corner. We need your help! We are hoping to fill our Christmas Tree with handmade ornaments and sell them at the sale. Please drop them off at Geo. M. Stevens, Lancaster or give us a call and we will pick them up. Thank you! Kristine and Jane 631.0818

+++The Gate of Heaven Tabernacle Society will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday September 17th at 5:30pm in the church hall. There is a full agenda with Fall Sale, Meeting Nights, Funerals...etc. Please make sure to mark your calendars. All women of the Parish are invited to join us.

+++Parish Picnic!! Sunday, September 29th at Riverside Campground, Lancaster. Good Food, Good Times!

+++Faith Formation begins Sunday, October 6th, 11:45am to 1:00pm at All Saints Church Hall.

+++Please register your child for Faith Formation. The forms are in the back of the church; please return to Parish Office when completed. Thank you!

My parents were observant Jews in Europe who fled to the U.S. to escape the Holocaust. I was raised as a "conservative" Jew, and was rather pious by nature and very enthusiastic about the religious instruction I received and the religious activities I participated in. I went to my synagogue's after-school Jewish religious education program ("Hebrew School") all the way through grammar and high school

By high school it was the main focus of my identity and activities, even though by that point there were only about a half-dozen of us who had continued in the program. I was very close to my rabbi and to several of the seminarians who were my Hebrew school teachers. As Providence had it, my hometown rabbi was Arthur Hertzberg. One of the highest-profile rabbis in the U.S., he was president of the American Jewish Congress, advisor to several presidents, and wrote a number of best-selling books on Judaism and Jewish history. My favorite Hebrew school teacher, with whom I was particularly close, also became a very prominent rabbi who later headed the largest Jewish rabbinical seminary in the U.S..

Growing up I was unusually devout and passionate about God and Judaism, although the suburban conservative context I was in did not really support a life of piety, faith and prayer. In my senior year of high school I met a very charismatic "mystic" Hasidic Rabbi (Shlomo Carlebach) who used to go around the country giving "concerts" which were really prayer meetings over which he would preside, playing guitar and leading Hasidic worship songs, interspersed with religious story-telling and teaching. He had a large following among Jewish hippies and college students. I fell in with him, and spent the following summer traveling with him in Israel in his entourage. I wanted to live my life for God and with God, and while in Israel I considered abandoning my plans to go to M.I.T. in order to stay in Israel studying at one of the Jerusalem yeshivas (which are schools where young men devote their time to prayer and religious study, the closest thing Judaism has to religious life). But I was turned off by a certain sterility and coldness which I saw in them, and which did not speak of real intimacy with God. So I returned to the U.S. and started at M.I.T. I felt very lost, because anything which did not have God at its center seemed to have no point or meaning, yet there was nothing I could "do" which did have God at its center. The former Hebrew school teacher with whom I was close had also by then moved to Boston, where he started a kind of counter-culture, hippie-oriented Jewish seminary/commune. During my first few weeks at M.I.T. I considered dropping out, but he encouraged me to stay, and I did, spending much of my free time at his seminary/commune.

Although I tried to maintain my religious orientation, there was a fatal flaw in it which soon led me astray. I had no understanding of the relationship between religion and morality, particularly sexual morality. So my religiosity soon became mixed up in the drug and "free love" culture which was rampant, and soon degenerated into the immoral, vague hippie "spirituality" of the time. My thirst for God became, for a long while, sated by the false consolations and delusional spirituality of that environment.

For the next fifteen years, I lived my life in a tremendous inner tension. I had a yearning for transcendent meaning, and a refusal to let go of that yearning for more than short periods, but had no knowledge of what that yearning was truly for, and hence no sense of a direction to go in. Because a conventional engineer's life in the U.S. had no "meaning", I moved to Denmark, because I sensed, in the deeper relationship which Danes had with life and family, a greater spiritual meaning, but once there it was obviously not my real life so I returned.

For a few years after my return, while working as a programmer, I lived for rock-climbing, with the excitement and sense of danger and accomplishment which it produced providing an anesthetic for my thirst for meaning. In 1978 I went back to school, to Harvard Business School for an M.B.A., but the momentary feelings of success which that produced did not assuage my desperation for real meaning for long. Anything which I tried, whether a career switch or a romantic relationship, only produced a momentary illusion of purpose which soon faded, leaving me with the desperate sense that there must be something more. That is why I never settled in to a career, or married....(to be continued)

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Your Weekly Offering

September 7/8th

Offertory:	2,690.00
<u>E-Give:</u>	<u>2,803.90</u>
Total:	5,493.90
Fuel:	1,440.00

May God bless you for your generosity!

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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Daily Readings

Monday:	1 Tim 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tim 3: 1-13/Lk 7: 11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tim 3: 14-16/Lk 7: 31-35
Thursday:	1 Tim 4:12-16/Lk 7: 36-50
Friday:	1 Tim 6:2c-12/Lk 8: 1-3
Saturday:	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13/Mt. 9:9-13

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Sanctuary Candles for September:

All Saints: Mary Ellen Shaver by Fr. Schultz

St. Matthew's: Darcy Hall Spaulding by her mother

St. Agnes: Daniel Stiles by Don and Sandra Doolan

St. Patrick's: Holy Souls in Purgatory

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Gate of Heaven Parish is comprised of five

churches: All Saints: 163 Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584; St. Agnes: 769 Pres. Hwy, Jefferson, NH 03583; St. Matthew: 9 Jefferson Rd, Whitefield, NH 03598; St. Patrick: 65 St. Patrick Ch. Rd, Twin Mountain, NH 03595; Our Lady of the Mountains Shrine: 2470 Rte. 301 East, Bretton Woods, NH 03595