

Gate of Heaven Parish

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Office Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10am to 4pm

Nearest crisis pregnancy center

Pathways Pregnancy Center (603) 444-3991

National Abortion Recovery Hotline

(866) 482-LIFE (866)-482-5433

Confessions

Friday: 7:30 am *St. Matthew*

Saturday: 8:00 am AS, 3:00 pm-3:45pm *SM*

Thursday 4:15-5:15, AS

Mass Schedule (Winter)

Saturday vigil - 4:00 pm *St. Matthew*

Sunday - 8:00 am *All Saints*

10:00 am *All Saints*

Mon 8:30 am AS, **Tues** 8:00 am SM, **Friday** 8:00 am SM;

12:05 pm AS

Saturday 8:30 am AS

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday-12:00- 5:15 *All Saints*

Wednesday -11:00 am - 5:00 pm *St. Matthew*



Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Baptism - Registered and active parishioners must call the office at least one month ahead of the birth to arrange for the baptism. Before calling, please read the following from the Code of Canon Law #868.2 : "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion; if such hope is altogether lacking, the baptism is to be delayed according to the prescripts of particular law after the parents have been advised about the reason. "

Holy Matrimony - Preparation for Marriage must begin at least 6 months prior to the desired date.

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.

Homebound/Sick -call Fr. Schultz at 603-788-5553 or Vi Majkut 603- 837-9174. **First Friday Communion calls** now available. If interested, please contact Fr. Schultz by phone or email.

February 13, 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Calendar and Intentions

● Saturday, February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

Vigil mass

4:00pm (SM) † Robert & Evelyn Grimard by their Family

● Sunday, February 13

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

8:00 am (AS) † Mike Beattie by his Family

10:00am (AS) Gate of Heaven Parish

● Monday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:30am (AS) All Marriages in Gate of Heaven

● Tuesday, February 15

Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary time

8:00am (SM) A Special Intention

● Wednesday, February 16

Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary time

No Mass

● Thursday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

12:00-5:15 (AS) Eucharistic Adoration

4:15-5:15pm (AS) Confessions/Benediction

● Friday, February 18

Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary time

7:30 am (SM) Confession

8:00 am (SM) † Edmond & Theresa Grenier by Chuck & Christine Riley

12:05pm (AS) † Ann Leonelli by Matt Leonelli

● Saturday, February 19

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am (AS) Confession

8:30am (AS) Bradley Council 1624

Vigil mass

4:00pm (SM) † Eva Elogin by CWG

● Sunday, February 20

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

8:00 am (AS) † Gate of Heaven Parish

10:00am (AS) † George Roy

“Behold, my brother, we have shared the same destiny, ploughing the same furrow; I now fall in the field at the end of my day. I know that you greatly love your Mountain; but do not for the sake of the Mountain give up your work of teaching.” (St. Cyril, Monk – on his deathbed – to St. Methodius, Bishop)

Sunday, February 13, 2022

7:30 am Rosary

Coffee and Donuts following the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses (All Saints)



Thursday, February 17, 2022

12:00 pm-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (All Saints)
 3:00 pm-5:00 pm Cenacle of St. Monica (St. Matthew)
 4:45-5:15 pm Confession (All Saints)
 6:00-6:30 pm Confession (All Saints)
 8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous



Faith Formation will meet the following Sundays:

Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 1

Gospel Readings for the Week

Sunday, February 6	Lk 5:1-11
Monday, February 7	Mk 6: 53-56
Tuesday, February 8	Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 9	Mk 7: 14-23
Thursday, February 10	Lk 10: 38-42
Friday, February 11	Mk 7: 31-37
Saturday, February 12	Mk 8: 1-10

February Sanctuary Candles:

All Saints †Sandra Doolan
 St. Matthew † Michael Anthon
 St. Patrick † Youth of the Parish
 St. Agnes † For the Protection of the Unborn



“Half an hour’s meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then, a full hour is needed.”
 St. Francis de Sales



Gate of Heaven Parish is comprised of 5 churches:

All Saints: 163 Main Street, Lancaster
 St. Agnes: 769 Presidential Highway, Jefferson
 St. Matthew: 9 Jefferson Road, Whitefield
 St. Patrick: 65 St. Patrick Church Road, Twin Mountain
 O L of the Mountains Shrine: 2470 Rte. 302 East, Bretton Woods

Monday, February 14, 2022

6:00 pm Scouts (All Saints Hall)

Parish Office Closed

Friday, February 18, 2022

7:30 am Confession (St. Matthew)

Saints Cyril and Methodius' Stories

Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples.

After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see (now in the Czech Republic). When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation

against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release. Because the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated.

Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Opposition continued after his death, and the work of the brothers in Moravia was brought to an end and their disciples scattered. But the expulsions had the beneficial effect of spreading the spiritual, liturgical, and cultural work of the brothers to Bulgaria, Bohemia and southern Poland. Patrons of Moravia, and specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croats, Orthodox Serbians and Bulgarians, Cyril and Methodius are eminently fitted to guard the long-desired unity of East and West. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named them additional co-patrons of Europe.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Collection	\$	2,321.71
e-Give	\$	2,440.93
	\$	
Total	\$	4,762.64

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Tuesday, February 15, 2022

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (All Saints Hall)

Saturday, February 19, 2022

Please pray for the rosary for the conversion of Russia

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

11 am - 5:00 pm Adoration (St. Matthew)
10:00 am-2:00 pm Homeschool group (All Saints Hall)
6:00 pm Scouts (All Saints Hall)
Parish Office Closed

Sunday, February 20, 2022

7:30 am Rosary
Coffee and Donuts following the
8:00 and 10:00 Masses
(All Saints)





The Story of the Seven Founders of the Servite Order (Feb 17)

Can you imagine seven prominent men of Boston or Denver banding together, leaving their homes and professions, and going into solitude for a life directly given to God? That is what happened in the cultured and prosperous city of Florence in the middle of the 13th century. The city was torn with political strife as well as the heresy of the Cathari, who believed that physical reality was inherently evil. Morals were low and religion seemed meaningless.

In 1240, seven noblemen of Florence mutually decided to withdraw from the city to a solitary place for prayer and direct service of God. Their initial difficulty was providing for their dependents, since two were still married and two were widowers.

Their aim was to lead a life of penance and prayer, but they soon found themselves disturbed by constant visitors from Florence. They next withdrew to the deserted slopes of Monte Senario.

In 1244, under the direction of Saint Peter of Verona, O.P., this small group adopted a religious habit similar to the Dominican habit, choosing to live under the Rule of St. Augustine and adopting the name of the Servants of Mary. The new Order took a form more like that of the mendicant friars than that of the older monastic Orders.

Members of the community came to the United States from Austria in 1852 and settled in New York and later in Philadelphia. The two American provinces developed from the foundation made by Father Austin Morini in 1870 in Wisconsin.

Community members combined monastic life and active ministry. In the monastery, they led a life of prayer, work and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parochial work, teaching, preaching, and other ministerial activities.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a **Wedding Anniversary Mass**. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**. To register, please contact your parish office **by April 8, 2022**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration.

The Story of St. Valentine

—St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision. Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became enraged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. However, other tales of St. Valentine's life claim he was executed either in the year 269, 270, 273 or 280. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."