

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

JANUARY 19, 2025

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



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(Emergencies only please)

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10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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PARISH CHURCHES

All Saints: 161 Main Street, Lancaster

Established - 1857

Erected - 1877

St. Matthew: 9 Jefferson Road, Whitefield

Established - 1886

Erected - 1906

St. Agnes: 769 Presidential Highway, Jefferson

Erected - 1901

St. Patrick: 65 St. Patrick Church Road, Twin Mountain

Erected - 1915

Our Lady of the Mountain's Shrine: 2470 Rte.

302, East, Bretton Woods

Erected - 1908

HEARTY WELCOME!

Visiting our Parish? The family here at Gate of Heaven would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family! We are glad you are celebrating our Catholic faith with us.

PARISH CEMETERIES

All Saints Cemetery: Water St., Lancaster

Calvary Cemetery: 378 N. Main St., Lancaster

St. Margaret Cemetery: St. Margaret's Road, Twin Mountain

St. Matthew Cemetery: Whitefield Rd., Whitefield

2 CALENDAR & INTENTIONS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 18

4:00pm (SM) Robert & Theresa Savage in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
by the Jounakos

Sunday, January 19

8:00am (SM) Gate of Heaven Parish
10:00am (AS) † Crystal Lewis
by her family

Monday, January 20

9:00am (AS) † Edward Hyder
by the Heberts

Tuesday, January 21

No Mass
11:00am to 5:00pm (SM) Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 22

4:30pm to 5:30pm (AS) NO ADORATION
5:30pm (AS) **NO MASS**

Thursday, January 23

9:00am (SM) **NO MASS**

Friday, January 24

9:00am (SM) **NO MASS**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 25

4:00pm (SM) † Norman Halpin
by his daughter

Sunday, January 26

8:00am (SM) Gate of Heaven Parish
10:00am (AS) † Crystal Lewis
by her family

Offer a mass intention for a loved one by contacting the parish office at (603)788-2083 or email gohfaithformation@gmail.com
\$10 recommended donation.

Weekday Mass

Monday: 9:00 am: All Saints Church, Lancaster
Wednesday: 5:30 pm: All Saints Church, Lancaster
Thursday: 9:00 am: Saint Matthew Church, Whitefield
Friday: 9:00 am: Saint Matthew Church, Whitefield

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm St. Matthew, Whitefield

Sunday:

8:00 am St. Matthew, Whitefield
10:00 am All Saints, Lancaster
The Rosary is recited 1/2 hour prior to all weekend Masses.

GOSPEL READINGS

Sunday, January 19th	John 2: 1-11
Monday, January 20th	Mark 2: 18-22
Tuesday, January 21st	Mark 2: 23-28
Wednesday, January 22nd	Mark 3: 1-6
Thursday, January 23rd	Mark 3: 7-12
Friday, January 24th	Mark 3: 13-19
Saturday, January 25th	Mark 16: 15-18

JANUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE REQUESTS:

All Saints: † Norman & Edith Halpin
St. Matthew: † Justin Quigley

Request a monthly sanctuary candle for your loved one. Call the Parish office. \$50.00 Donation

ADORERS NEEDED

Spend One Hour a Week with Jesus

What better time to commit spending one hour a week in Adoration with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are in need of adorers for:

St. Matthew, Whitefield

Tuesday 11:00am - 5:00pm

Please contact Bob Rutherford at (603) 846-9896

All Saints, Lancaster

Wednesday 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Please contact the Parish office at (603) 788-2083

Mass (Other)

Friday, January 24: No Mass

Friday, February 7: 10:00am at The Morrison

Confession

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm Saint Matthew, Whitefield

Wednesday: 4:30 to 5:30 pm All Saints, Lancaster
or by appointment (call 603-788-2083)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday: 11:00am - 5:00pm Saint Matthew, Whitefield

Wednesday: 4:30pm - 5:30pm All Saints, Lancaster

WEEKDAY MASSES CANCELLED

Weekday Masses are cancelled 01/22, 01/23 and 01/24 as well as confession and adoration on Wednesday, 01/22 at All Saints.

ALTAR SERVERS

Boys and girls of Gate of Heaven Parish; you are invited to serve your parish as altar servers. Classes are held after the 4:00pm Mass at Saint Matthew Church. Please contact Bob Rutherford or Richard Borawski with any questions. Thank you and God bless you for your service to the Lord and Father Britto.

Richard Borawski Phone: (860) 930-9698
email: rbborawski@myfairpoint.net
Bob Rutherford Phone: (603) 846-9896
email: bobrutherford43@gmail.com

Schedule

January 18, 25
February 16, 23



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

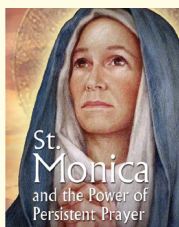
Whether you are currently a Knight or considering the Knights of Columbus, please join us at one of our meetings located at All Saints Church in the Saint Joseph's room.

Second Monday of the month:

Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Planning Meeting: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Third Monday of the Month:

Business Meeting 6:00 pm - 7:00pm with a rosary at 5:00pm and a pre-dinner at 5:30 pm. Come Join Us!
For more information, please contact the Grand Knight Denis Querrard at: (603) 254-0709



CENACLE OF ST. MONICA

Every 2nd and last Thursday of every month from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the sacristy of St. Matthew's church. All are welcome to join. Please contact Patty Coutermarsh at (603)837-9445 or Diane Caruso at (603)991-4096 for more info.

VOCATIONS

"There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org.

ST RAPHAEL PRAYER MINISTRY

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Prayer is a powerful gift from God. Prayer can be used to give praise, in thanksgiving, for forgiveness, for guidance or when in need. If you would like to add a family member who needs prayer or yourself, please call the parish office at (603) 788-2083 or email at gateofheavennh@gmail.com. Listed below are people whom we are currently offering up in our prayers.

Jeanie Nadeau
Cheryl Meehan
Tim West
Rob Meehan
Paul Querrard
Diane Caruso
Claire Martineau
Sarah Nagle
Priscilla Cliche
Tim Crane
Ashley Wood
Mark Frank
Michele Hebert
Elizabeth

Garry Hebert
Jerricho Parks
Alfie Hammond
Joanne Grenier
Mark C. Frank
David and Louise Glover
Sue Tibbetts
Caroline Daigle
John Lyons
PDD Henry St Jean
Andre Nadeau Seminarian
Guillaume Temkkit Seminarian
Pray for our Pastor, Fr. Britto
For the intentions of Pope Francis
and his medical condition.

PARISH PRAYER

Almighty Father, You have firmly established your love for Gate of Heaven Parish and for each of us. We praise and thank You for placing us amid the deep beauty of the North Country, a beauty that speaks eloquently of Your glory and calls us to acknowledge your greatness and love.

O Lord, You have given our parish the opportunity and challenge of coming together as family, to be ambassadors of your grace to one another and or our farthest neighbor. Grant us the grace to respond lovingly and obediently to Your call to seek justice in all our actions, to serve the poor in body and soul, and to share the good news of Your Son, Jesus.

O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, inflame our hearts with Your love. Broaden our vision and open our hearts to what You are bringing about. Set our parish and the whole North Country on fire with Your Holy Spirit, to bring about a renewed flourishing of our Catholic faith. Amen.

BULLETIN FOR HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound, call the office so you or they can receive the Parish bulletin at home. If you head south for the winter, let us know so we can get the bulletin to you there as well.

LECTORS NEEDED

Help to proclaim God's word during Mass

Lectors are needed for All Saints and St Matthew Churches. Both women and men are encouraged to participate. Those interested should speak with Fr. Britto after Mass or contact the office at (603) 788-2083.

Extraordinary Minister / Lector Coordinators

4:00pm St. Matthew: Joni Borawski (860) 930-3986
 7:00am St. Patrick: Patty Coutermarsh (603) 837-9445
 8:30am St. Agnes: Cheryl Meehan (603) 631-4023
 10:00am All Saints: Louise Beloin (603) 788-2083

FORMED - CATHOLIC CONTENT

Did you know that Gate of Heaven Parish offers a free subscription to Formed for all of our Parishioners? Formed is a web based platform with a diverse selection of Catholic movies, audio books, podcasts, shows and more.

Please visit watch.formed.org and click on Sign In (upper, right hand corner). Enter your email, then check your email inbox for a link to click on, to complete the Sign In process, and begin enjoying FORMED.

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If you need any help accessing Formed please call the Parish office at (603) 788-2083.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Have you been attending mass regularly? Are you new to the neighborhood? If so, please register with our parish. To register complete the easy form on our website at www.gateofheavennh.org or call the Parish office at (603) 788-2083. Registering helps you to stay connected with your parish and declares your commitment to practice your Catholic faith. Please register today, we look forward to welcoming you!

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Please call the office at (603) 788-2083.

Holy Matrimony - Please notify the office 6 months prior to the desired date.

Last Rites/ Emergency - Please call the Parish Office at (603) 788-2083 / (603) 788-5553.

Homebound/Sick - Call Fr. Britto at (603) 788-2083



Our Fr. Britto's last day at Gate of Heaven Parish will be January 20, 2025.

Please join us in wishing him a fond farewell following the 10 am mass at **All Saints Church on January 19.**

On January 24, he will return to India.

This will be our opportunity to wish him well and thank him for the time he has spent with us at

Gate of Heaven Parish.

We hope you will attend!



ATTENTION PARISH WOMEN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP

The Catholic Women's Group is a service ministry dedicated to strengthening our Parish. Throughout the winter we will meet every 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the St Matthew Church sacristy. We would love to have you join us: all Gate-of-Heaven-Parish-women are welcome! For questions or more information, please contact: Cheryl Meehan (603) 631-4023 or Bev Rutherford at (603) 846-9896.

WATCH SUNDAY MASS ONLINE

For those parishioners who are sick or handicapped we are thrilled to be able to announce that you can now watch the 10:00 am Sunday Mass online. Visit www.gateofheavennh.org, scroll down and look for Watch Sunday Mass. Please call Bill at (603) 631-1528 if you have any questions.

ADORERS NEEDED

We are in need of adorers for St. Matthew Church Tuesdays: 12:00 - 1:00pm and 1:00 - 2:00pm. If you have an hour a week to sit in the presence of our Lord please contact Bob Rutherford at 603-846-9896.

The Gate of Heaven Parish fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. In each July following the previous fiscal year, you are provided with a detailed briefing on the state of our parish's financial condition, the details of which are published in the bulletin. Today's briefing is intended to inform you about the current state of our parish's finances upon Fr. Britto's departure. This briefing is simply an informal summary of Fr. Britto's administration. All numbers have been rounded so as to be better understood and remembered.

When Fr. Britto first arrived here as our pastor, the financial condition of Gate of Heaven Parish was critical and the diocese had grave concerns about our financial viability. At that time in July of 2022, our parish was in the red by \$36,000. Since then, due to Fr. Britto's administration and the support that he received from you, the parish staff, and councils, our parish operating checking account is currently \$25,000 in the black and we have an additional \$50,000 in a savings account. That represents a 2 ½ year financial turnaround of over \$110,000.

Prior to Fr. Britto's arrival, it was common for the parish to make withdrawals from our bequest accounts in order to support the operation of our parish. You should know that no withdrawals from our bequest accounts had been made during 2024. Fr. Zevier will be commencing his ministry with the parish in very good financial health.

That's not the end of the good news. Our Capital Campaign raised \$1.6 million in pledges. As of December 31st, \$600,000 has been received, the bulk of which is deposited in the diocesan "Central Fund Trust". This is being done so as to not exceed the FDIC insurance limit on deposits at Passumpsic Bank. Please recall that you were briefed in early December that the Diocese of Manchester has no moral or legal claim on those funds. Also, please recall that Capital Campaign withdrawals can be made only with the authorization of two members of the Finance Council, not including our pastor or staff.

The Diocesan Real Estate Committee will be meeting this coming January 21st. The agenda for that meeting includes the anticipated approval of the renovations at All Saints. Pending that approval, contracts will be signed and the renovation work can begin.

That's still not the end of the good news. A parishioner family has volunteered to guarantee that the cost of the grotto pavilion will be covered. \$17,000 remains from the original grotto project fundraiser. Any donation shortfall resulting from other future donations will be covered by that family. Simply stated, the grotto pavilion is fully funded.

God has blessed our parish by having sent us Fr. Britto. His legacy is and will continue to be appreciated. Thank You, Fr. Britto.



Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, That there may be food in my house. Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!

Malachi 3:10

My Dear friends in Christ,

As I write this letter, my heart is overcome with many emotions: gratitude, sadness, and a profound sense of love. We have embarked on a remarkable, spiritual journey together. You have taught me the true meaning of community and the trans-formative power of Faith. Your unwavering support and companionship have shaped not only my ministry but also my soul.

Although distance may separate us physically, the love and prayers we have shared will bridge any gaps, forming an unbreakable bond that transcends time and space.

In the midst of this bittersweet goodbye, I leave you with a message of hope and encouragement. Embrace the future with unwavering Faith, knowing that the seeds that we have sown together will bear fruits of spiritual growth and unity. Let what we have learned and what we have shared guide you as you continue to navigate the ever-changing tides of life.

Thank you for the privilege of being your Pastor. Thank you for allowing me to witness your lives and share in your Sacred moments. Please know that you have left an indelible mark upon my soul, for which I will be ever grateful. My spirit will be forever connected to this cherished community.

As I prepare to embrace this new chapter in my priestly life, I ask for your continued prayers and support.

I encourage you to extend the same warm, loving support that you have shown me to Fr. Zevier. Embrace him as you have embraced me and together, continue to build a vibrant, inclusive, and loving community where all are welcome and where all can experience the trans-formative power of Christ's love.

Distance is not a problem for us in this technological world. I am available on Facebook and WhatsApp.

My new appointment will be as a faculty member and Vocations Director at the minor seminary in Nanguneri, India.

Please know that I hold you in my heart and lift you up in prayer. May you be blessed abundantly.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers.



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PLANNING YOUR WILL?

Please remember Gate of Heaven Parish in your will or estate plan. A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! Your gift establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries. For more information, questions, or if you wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for Gate of Heaven Parish, please call the office at 603-788-2083

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Day.

GIVE ONLINE TODAY!

Visit gateofheavennh.org
Click the QR Code (to right)
Text GIVE to: (603) 525-7237
After you sign up for text giving you will be able to give in the future by simply texting a dollar amount. ie. 20 for \$20



If you would like any assistance signing up for, or using eGive please contact the Parish office at (603) 788-2083 or by email at: gohfaithformation@gmail.com

PARISH STAFF

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Outreach Ministry

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Jim Brady

For cemetery arrangements or questions please call the Parish Office at (603) 788-2083 or email gohfaithformation@gmail.com

If you would like to make an appointment to speak with Fr. Britto please call the office at: (603) 788-2083 or email gohfaithformation@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

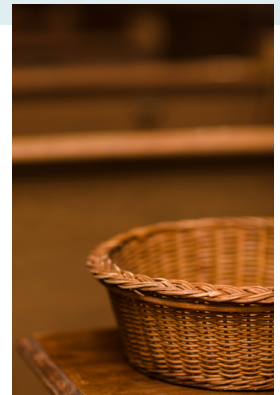
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PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for your generosity, may God reward you.

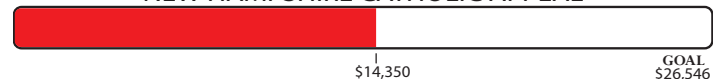
Weekly Offering January 11 & 12

Sunday Collection	\$1,732.00
e-Give	\$982.00
Fuel Collection	\$1,830.00
Donations	\$2,580.00
Total	\$7,124.00
Budgeted Goal	\$6,000.00
	\$1,124.00



December Average Weekly Collection: \$4,514.56

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL



GOH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated both prayers and of their finances for our Capital Campaign!

You can still help to insure our Parish has the funds to cover future needs of all of our properties. The challenge grant is still ongoing. Every dollar we raise up to \$1,000,000 will be matched dollar for dollar!

Raised to date: \$811,206.03

Raised to date incl. challenge grant: \$1,622,412.06

To donate: Note Capital Campaign on your check and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish office. You can also donate online at: <https://gateofheavennh.org/capital-campaign>

Please make ALL of your checks payable to Gate of Heaven Parish and not to individual churches. The bank has warned us that **they will no longer accept checks issued to the individual churches.**

eGIVE NAME CHANGE

Effective immediately eGive has re-branded as Amplify. Everything will remain the same, your automatic contributions are still in effect. The giving webpage and your statements will now read Amplify.