

GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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(Emergencies only please)

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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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 1

4:00pm (SM) † Lewis Gooden
by his wife

Sunday, February 2

8:00am (SM) † Barbara Siggins
by the Quigley family
10:00am (AS) Gate of Heaven Parish

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

4:30pm to 5:30pm (AS) Adoration (No Confession)
5:30pm (AS) **NO MASS**

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 8

4:00pm (SM) † Dora Bourassa
by her daughters

Sunday, February 9

8:00am (SM) Health and healing for
Christopher Creazzo
by Jack Rode
10:00am (AS) Gate of Heaven Parish

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, February 2nd	Luke 2: 22-40
Monday, February 3rd	Mark 5: 1-20
Tuesday, February 4th	Mark 6: 1-6
Wednesday, February 5th	Mark 6: 7-13
Thursday, February 6th	Mark 6: 14-29
Friday, February 7th	Mark 6: 30-34
Saturday, February 8th	Luke 5: 1-11

FEBRUARY SANCTUARY CANDLE REQUESTS:

All Saints: † Paige Matson
St. Matthew: † Robert and Alicia Woodburn



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, February 7: Morrison No Mass

Friday, February 28: Country Village

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 until further notice. Adoration will take place Tuesday & Wednesday as usual. There will be no confessions Wednesday.

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

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Bob Rutherford Phone: (603) 846-9896

email: bobrutherford43@gmail.com

Schedule

February 16, 23

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Gate of Heaven Parish Family of the Month for December 2024 was Richard and Joni Borawski.

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month program recognizes Parish families that outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, exemplifying Catholic family values and making meaningful contributions to their parish and larger community.

Please offer them your congratulations!

VISITATION OF ELDERLY

Visiting our elderly and sick is a corporal work of mercy. Join Fr. Britto every first Friday, 10:00am at the Morrison Nursing Home or Summit and every fourth Friday, 10:00am at Country Village for Mass and sharing of our Catholic faith with others. Please see the Mass schedule for dates and times.

PARISH PRAYER

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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 to 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.

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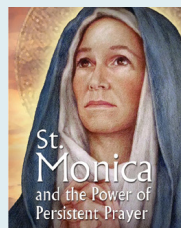
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CENACLE OF ST. MONICA

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.

TAX LETTER

If you are in need of a tax letter for the 2024 tax year please contact the Parish Office at gohfaithformation@gmail.com or by calling (603) 788-2083. Those donating through Amplify (formerly eGive) have the option of obtaining a tax letter through their online account.





If you would like a copy of the pictures from the farewell party please email gateofheavennh@gmail.com with Farewell Party Pictures in the subject line.



Continued from last week

Historically, the Church as an institution has positively encouraged science. It has done so in at least two ways: 1) it set up institutions of higher learning that cultivated scholarship in a variety of academic disciplines and 2) as an institution it supported the development of science through explicit encouragement and funding.

The Church's recognition of the value of philosophy and natural science helped preserve the intellectual life in the face of the downfall of the Western Roman Empire in the fourth and fifth centuries. When Roman schools began disappearing, Christianity was expanding. As David Lindberg (*The Fate of Science in Patristic and Medieval Christendom*) notes, "It was, in fact, a Christian institution—the monastery—that contributed the most to preservation and the eventual spread of the classical sciences."



The Church was at the forefront of fostering attitudes and institutions that provided the impetus for science to develop. Edward Grant (*The Foundations of Modern Science*) offers three pre-conditions supplied in the Middle Ages that made the scientific revolution possible: "(1) the translation of Greco-Arabic works on science and natural philosophy into Latin, (2) the formation of the medieval university, and (3) the emergence of the theologian-natural philosophers."

First, the development of the university system was crucial to the emergence of modern science. There are two components to the university system that were beneficial in this regard: 1) the corporate structure of the universities and 2) the curricula that they employed. The Church had a role in both.

Michael Shank (*Myth 2: That the Medieval Christian Church Suppressed the Growth of Science*) notes that "the medieval period gave birth to the university, which developed with the active support of the papacy." As Rodney Stark (*For the Glory of God: How Monotheism Led to Reformations, Science, Witch-Hunts, and the End of Slavery*) similarly affirms, "The rise of science was already far along by the sixteenth century, having been carefully nurtured by devout Scholastics in that most Christian invention, the university." Keep in mind that during this time period in Western Europe, "Christian" is essentially equivalent to "Catholic," since the Reformation had

not yet happened. In fact, "science was well along before there were any Protestants, and Catholics continued to play a vital role in the scientific blossoming of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries." The university system is a huge part of the Catholic scientific legacy.

The development of universities and the central role of mathematics and natural sciences within their curricula—provided a foundation for the development of modern science. The Church also provided substantial monetary support to scientific advancement. In the words of John Heilbron (*The Sun and the Church: Cathedrals as Solar Observatories*), "The Roman Catholic Church gave more financial and social support to the study of astronomy for over six centuries . . . than any other, and probably all, other institutions." Michael Shank, adds that "Heilbron's point can be generalized far beyond astronomy." The Church and her high-ranking officials were primary patrons of budding scientists, promoting and financially supporting their work of advancing scientific knowledge.

The history of science shows that the Church has perennially viewed science as a noble and worthy endeavor and has promoted scientific study. The Church supported scientific education both institutionally and through financial backing. This institutional support and the crucial conceptual outlooks outlined above were directly involved in the advent of modern science as we know it today.

To Be Continued...

Exerpts taken from: churchlifejournal.nd.edu

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

VOCATIONS

"Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org.

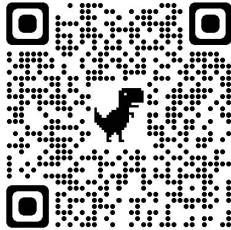
ALL SAINTS CHURCH RENOVATION APPROVAL

The Diocesan Real Estate and Capital Projects Committee met Tuesday, January 21, to evaluate the parish's choice of contractor for the renovation of All Saints Church. The choice of contractor, John Tiedemann Incorporated, was approved; however, some technical and managerial conditions were specified by the committee which must be met before the work will be permitted to begin. The parish Building Committee is actively working to satisfy those conditions as soon as possible.

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

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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



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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

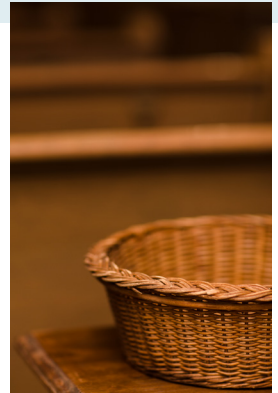
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PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for your generosity, may God reward you.

Weekly Offering January 25 & 26

Sunday Collection	\$1,664.00
e-Give	\$1,312.00
Fuel Collection	\$20.00
Donations	\$70.00
Total	\$3,066.00
Budgeted Goal	\$6,000.00
	-\$2,934.00



December Average Weekly Collection: \$4,514.56

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL



Second Collections

February 2nd Catholic Schools

February 16th Fuel

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: \$811,306.03

Raised to date incl. challenge grant: \$1,622,612.06

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.**