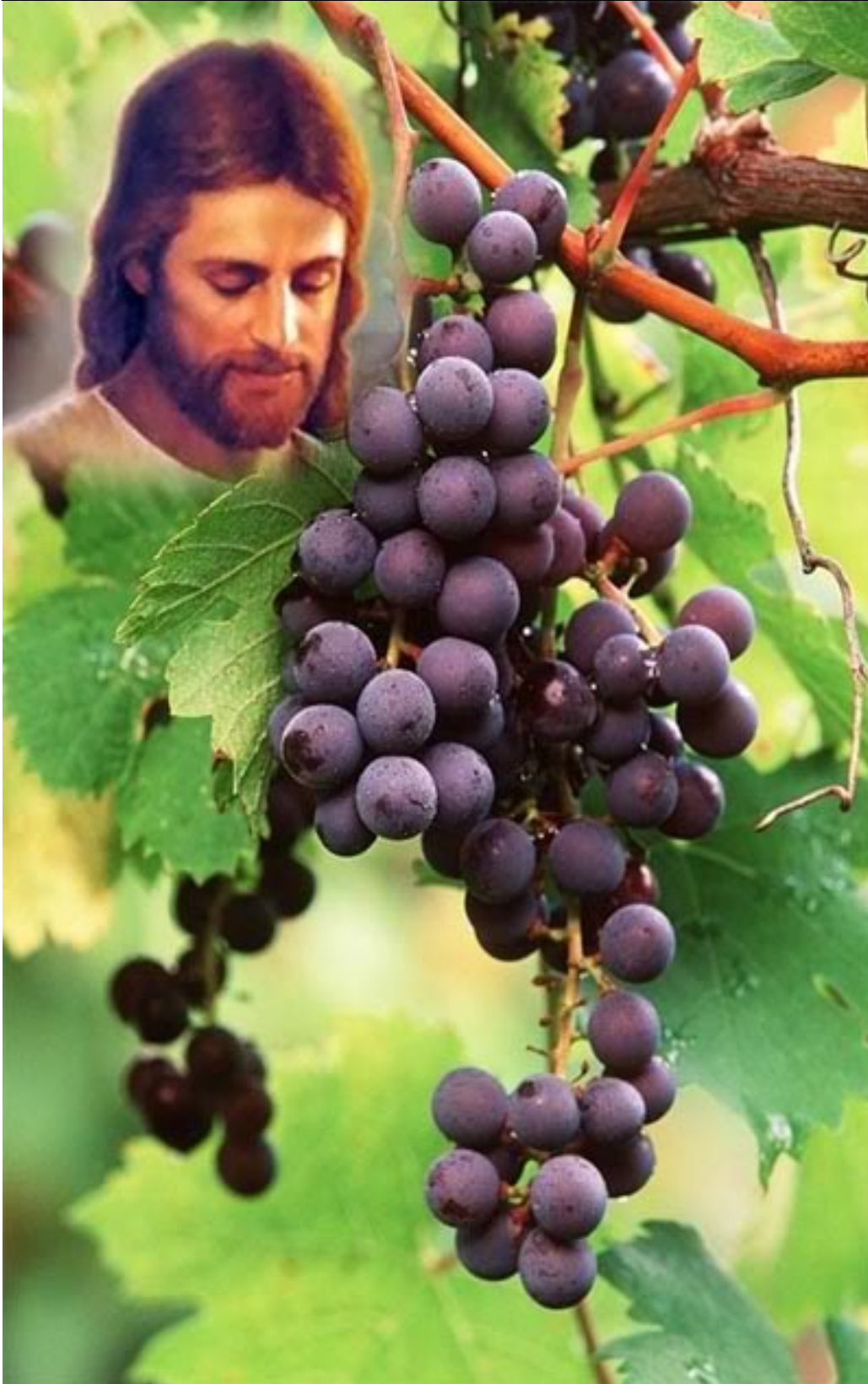


# Gate of Heaven Parish

Rev. Matthew J. Mason, *Pastor*

Michael Johnson, *Deacon*



*"I am  
the true  
vine ..."*



## *Rectory Office Staff*

**KATHI MARSHALL**

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## WELCOME TO GATE OF HEAVEN PARISH

To every traveler who comes through our towns and stops to visit in one of our churches we say, “Welcome, friend, come and worship with us.” You can join us at All Saints Church, Saint Agnes Church, Saint Matthew Church or Saint Patrick Church. We are all one family, and you are welcome at our table. If you plan to move on, we pray you safe travel. If you plan to stay we hope you find peace and fulfillment. Regardless of your situation, we thank you for stopping in to join our hearts with ours as we pray in our Father’s House!

### PARISH MINISTRY PERSONNEL

#### Faith Formation Coordinator

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#### Calvary Cemetery

John Brooks, Sexton 603-788-4030

#### St. Matthew & St. Margaret Cemeteries

Don Doolan, Sexton 603-788-3315

### SACRAMENTS

#### Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. at St. Matthew Church in Whitefield. Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at All Saints Church in Lancaster. You are always welcome to set up a personal appointment by calling the rectory.

#### Baptism/Marriage

Please call the rectory to make arrangements. (For weddings, please call at least six months in advance of your planned wedding time.)

#### Communion/Anointing the Sick

Due to privacy laws priests must be asked by the family members to visit parishioners in the hospital or nursing home. Please advise us of those in need of the Church’s ministry, whether they are homebound or have been hospitalized. We are happy to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot get out to attend Mass. And if someone is ill or declining in health, the pastor is happy to come to their home, anoint them and bring them Holy Communion. Please call the rectory, and we will make the arrangements for you.

#### Cemetery Arrangements

Gate of Heaven Parish has four cemeteries—Calvary Cemetery, Water Street Cemetery, Saint Matthew Cemetery and Saint Margaret Cemetery. You are always welcome to make arrangements for your eventual burial in one of these cemeteries, as three of the four have sites to lease. Please call the rectory in order to ask about end-of-life preparations.

#### Parish Bulletin

If you, or someone you know, is homebound, please call the rectory and let us know.

We’d love to send them the weekly bulletin so they can keep up with the goings-on in the parish.

Also, if you are a snowbird, and head south or west for the winter, we can also get the bulletin to your winter address.

That way you always know what’s going on here at home!

*Please consider remembering our parish in your will.*

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*April 29, 2018*

### *This Weekend*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

*(Fifth Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**4:00 p.m. (St. Matthew):** Darcy Hall Spaulding by her mom

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

*(Fifth Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**8:00 a.m. (St. Matthew):** Gate of Heaven parishioners

**10:30 a.m. (All Saints):** Berthe Choquette by her family

**5:00 p.m. (All Saints):** Karen Bailey DeGroat

by Dodie Bergeron

**MONDAY, APRIL 30**

*(St. Pius V, pope: White vestments)*

**TUESDAY, MAY 1**

*(St. Joseph the Worker: White vestments)*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2**

*(St. Athanasius, bishop & Doctor of the Church: White vestments)*

**THURSDAY, MAY 3**

*(Sts. Philip and James, apostles & martyrs: Red vestments)*

**5:00 p.m. (All Saints) NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, MAY 4**

*(Easter weekday: White vestments)*

**7:30 a.m. (St. Matthew) NO MASS**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**SATURDAY, MAY 5**

*(Sixth Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**4:00 p.m. (St. Matthew):** Darcy Hall Spaulding  
by Jeanette Corrigan

**SUNDAY, MAY 6**

*(Sixth Sunday of Easter: White vestments)*

**8:00 a.m. (St. Matthew):** Joan & Al Kopp  
by Bob & Sally Maroon & family

**10:30 a.m. (All Saints):** Doug & Lorraine Marshall by Kathi Marshall

**5:00 p.m. (All Saints):** Gate of Heaven parishioners



### *Daily Readings*

**April 30, 2018—May 6, 2018**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	Acts 14: 5-18 / John 14: 21-26
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	Acts 14: 19-28 / John 14: 27-31a
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	Acts 15: 1-6 / John 15: 1-8
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 / John 14: 6-14
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	Acts 15: 22-31 / John 15: 12-17
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Acts 16: 1-10 / John 15: 18-21
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 John 4: 7-10 / John 15: 9-17

### *Sanctuary Candle*

Throughout the month of May the sanctuary candle at St. Matthew Church will burn to designate the place of Christ's repose in loving memory of **Linda Dumas Poulin** as requested by *her father, sister and family.*



### *Our Weekly Offering*

Weekend of April 14-15, 2018

<b>OFFERTORY:</b>	\$2,307.95
<b>E-GIVE:</b>	\$1,278.50
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	\$3,586.45

Weekend of April 21-22, 2018

<b>OFFERTORY:</b>	\$2,408.41
<b>E-GIVE:</b>	\$1,252.50
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	\$3,660.91

**\$4,763.00 NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET OUR BUDGET.**

(There is no second collection next weekend, May 5-6.)

*Thank you so much for your support of our parish!!*

### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

Can you name the event that caused Jesus to weep?

*Answer: The death of his friend Lazarus.*

### *Catholic Charities Appeal . . .*

The annual Catholic Charities Appeal begins this weekend, April 28 and 29. Ever since 2014 our parish has averaged \$15,274.00 per campaign! This year our parish goal has been set at \$15,500. Catholic Charities assures you that your donations will be used right here in the areas in which you live. You can give a donation in cash, by check or you can make a pledge to pay so much during the year. Whatever you can afford to give will change the living situation of local people. You are always generous, there is no question about that. This year we ask you to give what you can, and please, pray for those who are struggling financially, spiritually and emotionally. Your donation can help bring them relief.

### *Respect Life Committee . . .*

Everyone is welcome to attend the Respect Life Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory at St. Matthew. This committee meets to discuss life issues and events and how our parish and community can make a difference in the fight for life. Please join us when you can. There is no obligation to join, but you may discover a new desire to serve in this important ministry.

### *Ultreya meeting . . .*

If you have completed your Cursillo weekend you are invited to our monthly Ultreya meeting this Saturday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall at All Saints.

### *Contemplative living through prayer . . .*

Fr. Bill Sheehan OMI, an experienced international retreat director, will offer a one day workshop on how to access our 'inner room' (Matt. 6:6) through prayer and live a contemplative way of life. The workshop takes place Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary church hall, 180 Loudon Road, Concord, NH. The cost is \$15 per person. For additional information you can e-mail Fr. Ray at [frray3@gmail.com](mailto:frray3@gmail.com) or call 603-798-5028.

*Lord, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am.*



**If He who was without sin prayed,  
how much more ought sinners to pray!**

St. Cyprian of Carthage

### *Community Meet & Greet . . .*

Mount Royal Academy North is thrilled to welcome their first three staff members for the 2018/2019 school year.



**JILL COLBY** — Head of School

**MANDY SCOTT** — Preschool Teacher

**JEAN COLBY** — Elementary Teacher

*The school is holding a*

### **Community Meet & Greet**

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

**5:30 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.**

**All Saints Church Hall**

MRA North welcomes all prospective and enrolled families, as well as community members, to attend this event. Come and chat with teachers, check out the uniform samples, and thumb through the curriculum materials. You can pop in at any time during the time frame specified above!

**Faith. Academics. Service.**

**Catholic Schools**

### *Reflection . . .*

Are you too connected to material things and not connected enough to what really matters? Too many people work tirelessly to accumulate an endless range of stuff. We often fall into a trap believing material possessions will make our life seem more fulfilled. We attribute great value to things that actually have little value at all. The fact is that a relationship with Jesus is more fulfilling and has greater value than all the possessions in the world. So why is it harder to choose Jesus than that bright, shiny new thing in the store window?

—Tracy Earl Welliver

What an extraordinary thing it is, the efficiency of prayer! Like a queen, it has access at all times to the royal Presence, and can get whatever it asks for.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

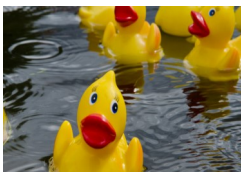
### Upcoming sacraments . . .

The sacrament of First Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at All Saints on Sunday, May 6. The sacrament of Confirmation will also take place at All Saints Church at 5:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, on May 6.

### Keep kids safe online . . .

As caring adults we are all concerned about what our children may be exposed to on the internet, including “smart” devices. Here are some tips to help keep your kids safe online:

- Keep your computer in high traffic areas at home.
- Set rules about what sites your child is allowed to visit.
- Make sure your child does not use their name or identifying information as their user name.
- Remind your children they should never give out personal information.
- Activate parental controls on all devices, including laptops, phones, TVs & gaming systems.
- Know your children’s passwords and make it clear you will periodically check on them.
- Have your children turn in their devices to you at a designated time each evening.



### They’re coming . . .

The great Annual Rubber Ducky Race, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Monday, Memorial Day, May 28, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale after all the Masses beginning on the weekend of May 12-13. Tickets are \$5 a piece, or \$25 a booklet. First place wins \$400, second place \$200, and third \$100. All proceeds go to the Seminarian Fund. Please support our K of C!!

## Scheduled Events

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 A.M. Confirmation Meeting #6 (All Saints church hall)  
3:00 P.M. Confessions (St. Matthew Church)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29

### MONDAY, APRIL 30

### TUESDAY, MAY 1

[Rectory Office Closed]  
6:00 P.M. Eucharist #6 Meeting (All Saints rectory)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

11:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (St. Matthew Church)  
5:30 P.M. Praying the Rosary (St. Leo’s Church, Lunenburg, VT)  
6:00 P.M. Respect Life Committee Meeting (St. Matthew rectory)

### THURSDAY, MAY 3

1:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (All Saints Church)  
5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY DINNER (All Saints church hall)  
8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous (All Saints church hall)

### FRIDAY, MAY 4

[Rectory Office Closed]  
9:30 A.M. Nursing Home Mass (The Morrison, Whitefield)

### SATURDAY, MAY 5

9:00 A.M. First Eucharist Rehearsal (All Saints Church)  
11:00 A.M. Confirmation Rehearsal (All Saints Church)  
3:00 P.M. Confessions (St. Matthew Church)  
7:00 P.M. Ultreya (All Saints church hall)

### SUNDAY, MAY 6

10:30 A.M. First Holy Communion (All Saints Church)  
5:00 P.M. Confirmation (All Saints Church)

### MONDAY, MAY 7

5:30 P.M. MRA North Meet & Greet (All Saints church hall)

### TUESDAY, MAY 8

[Rectory Office Closed]  
7:00 P.M. Scout Leader Meeting (All Saints church hall)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

11:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (St. Matthew Church)  
5:30 P.M. Praying the Rosary (St. Leo’s Church, Lunenburg, VT)

### THURSDAY, MAY 10

1:00 P.M.—2:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration (All Saints Church)  
3:00 P.M. Cenacle of St. Monica (St. Matthew sacristy)  
5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY DINNER (All Saints church hall)  
8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous (All Saints church hall)

### FRIDAY, MAY 11

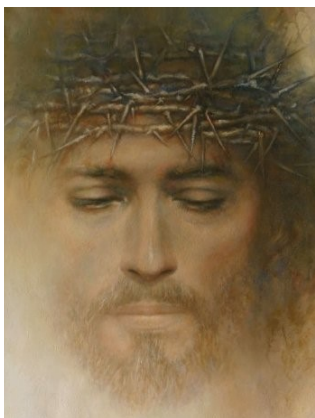
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### SATURDAY, MAY 12

3:00 P.M. Confessions (St. Matthew Church)  
7:00 P.M. Young Adults Meeting (All Saints church hall)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Acts 9: 26-31 / Psalm 22: 26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 / 1 John 3: 18-24 / John 15: 1-8

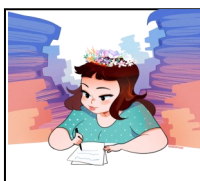


Today's readings continue the previous Sunday's emphasis on the community of the resurrected Christ—living and life giving. The First Reading gives us a thumbnail sketch of the illustrious teacher and missionary Paul, who began as Saul, a zealous Jew and persecutor of the Jesus followers, who experienced conversion, was persecuted by fellow Jews, and for some time was viewed warily by Jesus' disciples. Eventually he became the missionary to the Gentiles.

The reading from the First Letter of John highlights the most important attribute that makes the Church truly alive and authentic—love. But this love is not simply a warm feeling or tender words. Rather, it is love “in deed and truth.” If we stay grounded in God's command to believe in his Son and love one another, we remain in him and he remains in us.

In today's Gospel John gives us another metaphor for understanding what it means to be Church—the vineyard, for wine was considered a necessity of life. First-century vineyards were constructed differently from today's vineyards. They were surrounded by a stone wall to keep animals from trampling the vines, which were allowed to spread along the ground. When the vines were pruned to increase production, the discarded branches were placed on the wall to dry so that they could later be used for fuel. Vineyards also had towers, where the owner and his workers kept watch during harvest time to protect their produce from thieves and marauders. This is the cultural context for understanding the metaphor of the vineyard.

- 1.) Carefully analyze today's Gospel and unpack its metaphor. Who is the vineyard owner? The vine and its branches? What does it mean to remain part of the vine? To be cut off from the vine? To bear much fruit?
- 2.) The Second Reading invites us to love “in deed and truth.” What does that phrase mean to you?
- 3.) Today's Responsorial Psalm is the concluding section of Psalm 22, a lament psalm that began with a complaint and a call for help. This section promises to praise God. For what would you like to praise God?



### Because you asked . . .

**How do you get to work in the rectory? How many people are there working there, and what are the jobs you do?**

Uh-oh. Someone wants my job! You sound like me years ago. My mother stopped at the rectory to have a Mass scheduled for a relative. While she was inside I sat in the car and just looked at the rectory, wondering how someone gets to work here. I had a great job in New York City, but hated the pace of life there. Years later I moved to this area. When the business I was working for was near to closing its doors, I answered an ad for an Office Manager in this rectory. I applied, and here I am, nearly twenty-three years later! Who would have thought? . . . There are four people who work in the rectory. Two are paid staff, and two are long-time volunteers. **Sue Tibbetts** is the Director of Religious Education. She organizes the entire program for every grade level, and steps in to teach when needed. She organizes adult education for sacramental preparation. Students who are receiving a sacrament must go through preparation classes along with their parents. Sue oversees that. She facilitates RCIA. Those who seek to complete sacraments or become Catholic are interviewed by her and moved through the process under her care. She is tireless in her efforts and commitment. **Jeannie Nadeau** is the housekeeper. She keeps

us dusted and cleaned. This rectory is huge, and many visitors stay here. She is always on the run making sure bedrooms have fresh linens for guests, as well as taking care of Fr. Matt's living quarters and laundry. She goes above and beyond when visiting priests are here, leaving them fresh flowers and “treat trays” in their rooms. And somehow she finds time to bring fresh flowers into the rectory office for our desks. **Sandra Doolan** volunteers in the rectory with me. She is another tireless worker with special skills. Using a special archival pen she records every Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Annulment, First Communion, death and burial. These records are kept in safes to protect them from fire and are inspected by the Dean. Sandra answers the phone, the door, and prepares the weekly bags Fr. Matt brings to each church with the bulletins, Prayers of the Faithful and so on. She schedules the counters and oversees their work. She mails the weekly bulletin to people who are homebound. She is another volunteer who is tireless and always ready to serve. And me? I keep the books, pay the bills, respond to communication, design and write the weekly bulletin, and administrate the cemeteries. I work with the sextons, funeral homes and families to plan burials and with Fr. Matt to ensure funeral services have musicians, etc. There is plenty of work to go around, and God has blessed us with the best staff I have ever had the pleasure to work with. It is an honor, and a huge perk is meeting, greeting and visiting with each of you as daily life often allows our paths to cross! Thanks for asking about us!! *KM*