

Gate of Heaven Parish

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"Love one another as I have loved you."

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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!

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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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

This Weekend

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

MONDAY, MAY 7

(White vestments)

TUESDAY, MAY 8

(White vestments)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

(White vestments)

The Ascension of the Lord

THURSDAY, MAY 10

(White vestments)

8:00 A.M. (St. Matthew) Stephen Doty
by Bob & Theresa Reynolds

7:00 P.M. (All Saints) Sister Jennifer Nadeau
by her family



FRIDAY, MAY 11

(White vestments)

7:30 A.M. (St. Matthew) NO MASS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY, MAY 12

(Seventh Sunday of Easter: White vestments)

4:00 p.m. (St. Matthew): Carlene Dumas by her husband

SUNDAY, MAY 13

(Seventh Sunday of Easter: White vestments)

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

10:30 a.m. (All Saints): Colleen Marois by Katie & Nicholas Marois

5:00 p.m. (All Saints): Doris Milne by Kathy & Matt Treamer

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as I have loved you.

Daily Readings

May 7, 2018-May 13, 2018

MONDAY: Acts 16: 11-15 / John 15: 26—16: 4a
TUESDAY: Acts 16: 22-34 / John 16: 5-11
WEDNESDAY: Acts 17: 15, 22—18: 1 / John 16: 12-15
THURSDAY: Acts 1: 1-11 / Ephesians 1: 17-23 /
Mark 16: 15-20
FRIDAY: Acts 18: 9-18 / John 16: 20-23
SATURDAY: Acts 18: 23-28 / John 16: 23b-28
SUNDAY: Acts 1: 15-17, 20a, 20c-26 /
1 John 4: 11-16 / John 17: 11b-19

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.*



Four Weekly Offering

Weekend of April 14-15, 2018

OFFERTORY: \$0,000.00

E-GIVE: \$1,258.50

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SCHOLARSHIP: \$0,000.00

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

(There is no second collection next weekend, May 12-13.)

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Apart from the Resurrection, what is the only one miracle mentioned by all four Gospels?

Answer: Feeding the multitude, also known as the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

The Ascension of the Lord . . .

Thursday, May 10, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics. There will be two Masses on the feast day. The early Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at St. Matthew Church in Whitefield. The second Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Church in Lancaster.

Finance Council to meet . . .

On Thursday, May 10, members of the Finance Council are asked to meet in the rectory at All Saints beginning at 5:00 p.m. A joint meeting with the Pastoral Council will begin at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the transition to a new pastor sometime in June. Please try to make the meeting.

Pastoral Council to meet . . .

On Thursday, May 10, members of the Pastoral Council are asked to meet in the rectory at All Saints beginning at 5:30 p.m. You will be joined by members of the Finance Council to prepare for the new pastor's arrival and administration. We hope to see you there.

Cenacle of St. Monica . . .

Please join us for prayer at the hour of mercy (3 p.m.) on Thursday, May 10. The Cenacle of St. Monica is a prayer meeting to pray for those family and friends who have fallen away from the church. The meeting is on the second and last Thursday of each month in the sacristy at St. Matthew Church. Everyone is most welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter . . .

"This I command you; love one another." Learn how to love your spouse as Christ asks by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are May 19-20 in Warner, NH and June 9-10 in Medway, MA. For more information call Stephen and Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or go to <https://www.mema.org/>.

Dear God,
Maybe Cain and Abel would not
hate each other so much if they
had their own rooms. It works for
my brother and me. Sam, 9



In order to discover the character
of a people, we have only to observe
what they love.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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!

MRA North "Army of Angels" . . .

Mount Royal Academy North wants to thank all of our generous donors who have continued to support us. Through E-Give, our monthly "Army of Angels" and the continued generosity of the community we are able to move forward with our fall start date. We couldn't do it without all of you. Thank you so much!

Please visit www.myegiving.com/mranorth if you would like to donate. Our staff and future students are grateful for your support!



Perfect love means putting up with other people's shortcomings, feeling no surprise at their weaknesses, finding encouragement even in the slightest evidence of good qualities in them.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Love the Word retreat . . .

St. Kathryn Parish in Hudson, NH presents a very special 2-day event, a *Love the Word* Retreat, featuring Sonja Corbitt, the Bible Study Evangelista in her only upcoming Northeast appearance on Friday, September 21, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 22, from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Join us for what promises to be a fulfilling and uplifting retreat—all men, women and couples invited to attend. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and through her dynamic and powerful speaking Sonja will ignite your Faith through four inspiring talks. Throughout the two days you'll encounter Christ through music, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, prayer, and the unique and inspiring way Sonja brings the Scriptures to life with lively study followed by breaks for quiet reflection using her own *Love the Word* technique. Her talks will be on Heroes of the Bible on Friday, and on Saturday her talks will be on her book *Ignite*, her latest Series on the Fruits of the Spirit, and a devotion to Eucharistic Adoration and the Third Order Carmelites. \$25 Saturday admission price. Please call 603-882-7793 or visit stkathryns.org for further details and to purchase tickets.

Don't forget . . .

During the weeks of May 14 through May 25, there will be a new floor installed in St. Matthew Church. That means the weekend Masses of May 19-20 originally scheduled at St. Matthew will have to relocate! Saturday, May 19, the 4:00 p.m. Mass will be held at All Saints Church in Lancaster, and the Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. Mass on May 20, will be moved to St. Patrick Church. It's only for that one weekend.

Scheduled Events

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**]
 5:30 P.M. TABS Meeting (*All Saints church hall*)
 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*)
 5:00 P.M. Finance Council Meeting (*All Saints rectory*)
 5:30 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting (*All Saints rectory*)
 5:30 P.M. COMMUNITY DINNER (*All Saints church hall*)
 8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous (*All Saints church hall*)

FRIDAY, MAY 11

[**Rectory Office Closed**]

SATURDAY, MAY 12

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

SUNDAY, MAY 13

MONDAY, MAY 14

TUESDAY, MAY 15

[**Rectory Office Closed**]
 6:00 P.M. Knight of Columbus Meeting (*St. Matthew rectory*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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

THURSDAY, MAY 17

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 18

[**Rectory Office Closed**]

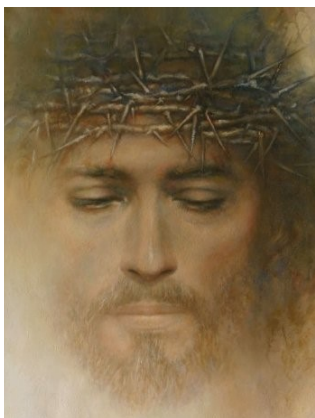
SATURDAY, MAY 19

3:00 P.M. Confessions (*St. Matthew Church*)

Weekly Readings

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4 / 1 John 4: 7-10 / John 15: 9-17



On this sixth Sunday of Easter, we continue our focus on the community of the resurrected Christ, the Easter community that is living and life-giving. In the First Reading Luke tells the story of Peter's encounter with Cornelius, a Roman centurion and a "God-fearer" (a Gentile proselyte to Judaism). Biblical scholars think that these were the first Gentile followers of Jesus. Peter's speech highlights one of the four marks of the Church, namely, its universality or catholicity. As Peter expresses his new insight, that "God shows no partiality," the Holy Spirit descends on Cornelius and his relatives even *before* they were baptized.

In the Second Reading we hear again about the love relationship between God and the Christian community. Genuine and self-giving love is an attribute of God, which was revealed in the person of Jesus. But like any good relationship, this divine love comes with an obligation: to love one another.

Using the imagery of slave and friend, today's Gospel continues to explore the theme of divine love and love for one another. During his farewell discourse on the night he is arrested and put to death, Jesus explains to his disciples that they are no longer slaves. Rather, they are his friends. This is possible because he is about to complete the most perfect act of love on their behalf, and because they know him as one who abides with the Father and with them. The lesson is for us as well as the disciples: as a community of faith, we are Jesus' friends if we love one another.

The First Reading is only the dramatic ending of a wonderful story. In your Bible read all of chapter 10 and reflect on how God brings about changes in our thinking. What prompts Peter to say "God shows no partiality?" and how does he know that the Holy Spirit had come upon Cornelius and his household?

- 1.) As you reflect on the Gospel, what does it mean to you to remain in Jesus' love as he remains in the Father's love?
- 2.) What do you think connects today's Responsorial Psalm with the First Reading?

You could be a winner . . .



The Great River Race is almost upon us!! On Memorial Day, May 28, at 1:00 p.m., the Knights of Columbus will release dozens of little rubber duckies onto the Israel River in Lancaster. Your entry could win \$400!!! \$200! \$100! Knights will sell tickets after all the Masses beginning next weekend. Tickets are \$5 each/ \$25 a booklet. All proceeds will go to the Seminarian Fund. Please support the Knights in this fun-filled activity that will help our future priests!

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje . . .

On June 25, 1981, in the mountain village of Medjugorje in Herzegovina, Our Lady appeared to six children. Fr. Sebastian from St. Joseph Church (Woodsville) and St. Catherine of Siena Church (Lisbon) is going to be the spiritual director for the Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, October 24 through November 3, 2018. The cost is \$2,350 which includes round trip airfare from Boston, all airport taxes and fuel surcharges, 9 nights in a modern hotel with private baths, breakfast and dinner daily, assistance of a local professional guide throughout, transportation by private motor coach, transfers as per itinerary, sightseeing and spiritual activities. You will visit St. James Church, The Blue Cross and Apparition Hill. Visit www.pilgrimages.com/doreen for complete details or to register. You can also call Doreen Duquette at 603-216-4186. Pilgrimage price is based on double occupancy. Not included are lunches daily. Down payment will be \$400 per person, and full payment will be due 60 days before departure. Payment can be made by personal check, electronic check, or credit card.

TABS meeting change . . .

Members of the Tabernacle Society are reminded that their monthly meeting has been changed. It will take place in All Saints church hall on Tuesday, May 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. We really hope you will be able to make it.

Eucharistic Adoration . . .

Beginning on Wednesday, May 16, Eucharistic Adoration will move from St. Matthew Church to St. Patrick Church for the summer months. It will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. As part of the hours of adoration the Rosary will be prayed at 3:45 p.m. We hope you will join us for an hour, fifteen minutes, or even just for a quick prayer. You will be happy you did!

