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Masses at Mercy Center

## Gate of Heaven Church is closed during repairs

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Members of Gate of Heaven Church will be attending regularly scheduled masses at the Mercy Center Chapel located on the College Misericordia Campus starting this Saturday and Sunday and continuing until their own church reopens.

"We hope the work at Gate of Heaven will be completed in five or six weeks," stated Rev. William Cusick, pastor of the Dallas church which, together with the Gate of Heaven school, will be closed to remove asbestos materials in the building which could become a health hazard.

Two Saturday evening masses will be held at the Mercy Center Chapel at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The Sunday morning masses at 7, 8:30, 11 and 12:15 p.m. will also be held in the same location. Confessions will be heard in the chapel at 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturdays just prior to the evening masses. Daily masses will be held at 7:45 a.m. in the parlor of the Gate of Heaven Rectory on Machell Avenue, Dallas.

Baptismal Classes will also be held at the rectory at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 and Sept. 13.

"Any parish business or meetings can also be taken care of in the rectory," stated Rev. Cusick, who suggested parishioners contact him to make arrangements.

Three weddings that were scheduled to be held in Gate of Heaven Church will be held in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, according to Father Cusick. Announcement was also made that Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (C.C.D.) Classes for school students have been postponed until the combination church and school building reopens which hopefully will be in October.

Students at Gate of Heaven School are scheduled to begin classes today in their temporary quarters in the former Dallas Borough Elementary School on Huntsville Road. The students will be transported as usual by Dallas and Lake-Lehman buses. They are required to report as usual at 8:15 a.m. wearing their school uniforms and are to carry their own lunches. Milk will be provided to the students.

The opening of school just one week after the scheduled date despite the emergency situation was made possible by a host of volunteers of all ages. Working under the direction of Sister Davida Morgan - the new principal at Gate of Heaven - and the school faculty, groups of caring people physically moved one school into the other.

It is believed that this spirit of pitching in and helping will make the Gate of Heaven reconstruction period as easy as possible for both the school children and the parishioners.

## Public hearing scheduled Sept. 15 in Gabriel case

By JANE C. BOLGER  
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A Public Hearing will be held September 15 at 7 p.m. for John Gabriel.

Gabriel, Building and Grounds Supervisor for the Dallas School District, went to court last week to dispute the Dallas School Board's Aug. 8 action firing him from that position.

The Sept. 15 hearing, which will be held in the District Administration Building on Church Street, probably will be only the first of what could drag out to be "10 or 15 hearings" or "a possible 40 plus hours of testimony and legal procedures," according to Atty. Arthur Piccone, who represents Gabriel.

The entire Dallas School Board will sit as a panel of judges at all the hearings and will be represented by Atty. Charles Lemmond who has been appointed Special Counsel to the Board in this matter. Atty. Lemmond explained that, "The format for the hearings, which will be presided over by School Board President Dr. William Camp, will start with testimony by Dallas Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard A. Shipe who will present the administration's case against Gabriel."

Legally representing the administration will be Atty. Benjamin R. Jones, the regular Dallas School Board Solicitor. Jones advised in preparation of the original case against Gabriel who reportedly was fired on grounds of "incompetence and poor evaluation

reports." Following Dr. Shipe's testimony as to the reasons why Gabriel should be fired, either Gabriel, Atty. Piccone or his associate Atty. Ronald Sargera will have the right to cross-examine.

The case for Gabriel, who has been employed in the same position by the Dallas School District for 10 years, will then be presented. "They will have the right to call witnesses," according to Atty. Lemmond. "And they will also be subject to cross-examination." Lemmond continued, "The School Board will then make an adjudication based on the findings and the facts after hearing the evidence."

Four of the nine Dallas School Board members attended the hearing in Judge Arthur Dalessandro's chambers last week. They were Ernest Ashbridge, Dr. William Camp, Patricia Gregory and Shawn Murphy. As a result of the legal arguments presented at that time, "the wording in the case was changed" according to Atty. Lemmond from stating that Gabriel "was fired to advising the subject that there is going to be a dismissal action."

This "re-interpretation motion" insures that Gabriel will retain his position at least until the hearings are completed and a judgement handed down. Actually through all this time, Gabriel has continued to go to work daily at his \$19,980 yearly job.

"There could be no equity action for reinstatement since he was already there," according to Atty. Lemmond "and never lost a day's pay."

Lemmond concluded by expressing the opinion that "Gabriel's rights have been protected all the way."

## Group celebrates PTA Week

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PTA, a national organization of parents and teachers working together for the benefit of school children, was established in Washington, D.C. in 1897.

Still going strong today, PTAs throughout the country provide students with programs, field trips and school projects. As the nation's largest child advocacy group, the unified PTA has been committed to a continuing course of action that will bring the system of education closer to excellence and make the home environment a positive and healthy experience for children and youth. Governor Dick Thornburgh has designated September 1983 as PTA Membership Enrollment Month.

Locally, the Lehman-Jackson PTA has been active since its establishment during the 1975-76 school year. Beginning with a membership of 30 members, the Lehman-Jackson PTA now has grown to a membership of over 600. For the past three years, the group has earned the prestigious award for "The Most Outstanding PTA in Pennsylvania."

This year's officers are Charles James, Principal, Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, president; Martha Andrusis, vice president; Paula Walp, recording secretary; Jane Cornell, corresponding secretary; and Louise Schwartz, treasurer.

The Lehman-Jackson PTA provides many annual projects for the benefit of the school students. For the students, the PTA provides school bus and fire safety programs, Halloween safety tips, Halloween treat, parade and prizes,

kindergarten aides, kindergarten Christmas program with treats, Christmas safety tips, Christmas party treats and visit from Santa, White Christmas food baskets, Santa's Secret Shop, fifth and sixth grade basketball program, party for basketball teams, founder's day dinner, arts and crafts contest, field trips. A special affair each year is the Spring Fair which has a differ-

ent theme each year and provides the students with a fun-filled day.

The PTA also offers parents a variety of interesting programs at their monthly meetings. This year the PTA, for the first time, is sponsoring a "Welcome To PTA Week" to be held Sept. 12-16. Various activities will show parents what the PTA does for the students.

## Cooper enters contest

John Cooper, age 13, has been a Dallas Post carrier for a little over a year, delivering the newspaper to homes in and around Marabee Street in Dallas, where he lives.

A ninth grade student at Dallas Junior High School, John started the route with his brother Billy, but earlier this year, decided to continue it on his own.

"He has a steady route and is always prompt and courteous," said Sheila Hodges, Dallas Post circulation manager. "I have never known him to miss a week throughout the year."

John lives with his father and mother, his brother Billy, an eighth grade student at Dallas Junior High, and sister, Jenny, who recently started second grade. His father is a field manager at Pitney Bowes and his mother is a registered nurse at Nesbitt Hospital, who also works with Nutri-System.

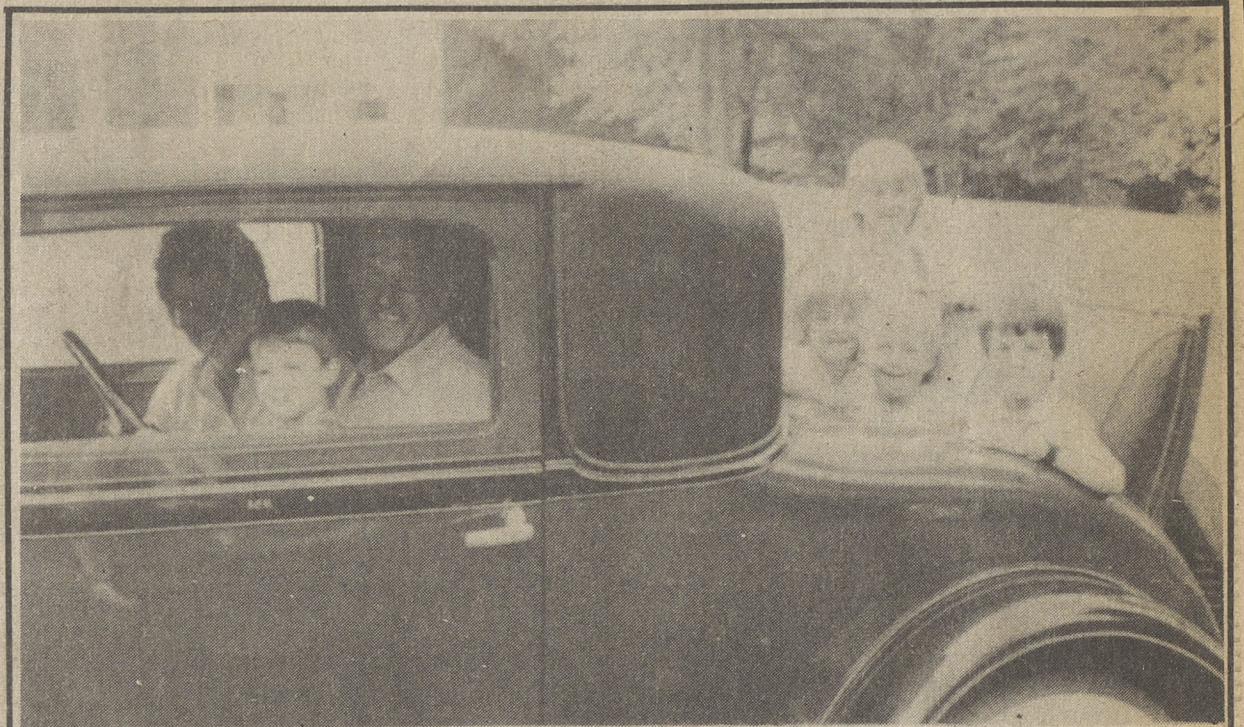
John is interested in all kinds of sports, but especially enjoys playing football, basketball and baseball. He swims a great deal during the summer as the family has its own swimming pool and he cycles on his paper route as many weeks as he can during the year.



JOHN COOPER

The Dallas Post is proud to have entered John in the statewide "Carrier of the Year Contest." This contest is open to all newspapers, daily and weekly regardless of their size or circulation and awards are given on the merit of the individual carrier.

Bernie Walsh, The Dallas Post's senior carrier, won a prize in his class last year.



Dallas Post/Dan Walsh

### Special times

Shirley and Jim Regan of Dallas, shown here in their 1929 Chrysler Coupe, enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. And riding in this car is what the children enjoy most. Helping "Poppy" with the driving is J. Michael Regan while Brian Regan, Caitlin, Meighan and Connor Regan take up the rear in the old-time rumble seat.

### Grandparents Day, Sept. 11

## Regans enjoy their grandchildren all year

By JANE C. BOLGER  
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Grandparents' Day is officially scheduled to be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 11 but at Shirley and Jim Regan's home in Dallas it seems like the entire family celebrates being together all year long.

Among "Nana" and "Poppy" Regan's favorite visitors are big sister Caitlin Garvey who is almost seven years old; her sister, Meighan, age five, and brother Connor, age three, along with five-year-old Brian and 18-month old J. Michael Regan.

Indeed, it is a tradition for the grandchildren to call on the phone to see whose turn it is "to have a sleep-over" at their grandparents' home on Elmcrest Drive. One of the highlights of Caitlin's visits is to play the piano in the living room where

her grandfather has carefully marked the keys for her so she can play her favorite tunes.

In the meantime, Michael, the youngest grandchild, could be in the family room riding the same red wooden rocking horse that his dad Jimmy rode as a boy. In addition to their special time each grandchild gets to spend with "Nana" and "Poppy", there are also the big events when Shirley and Jim take all five grandchildren out for the day. Two special trips this summer were to Great Adventure and to Sesame Place.

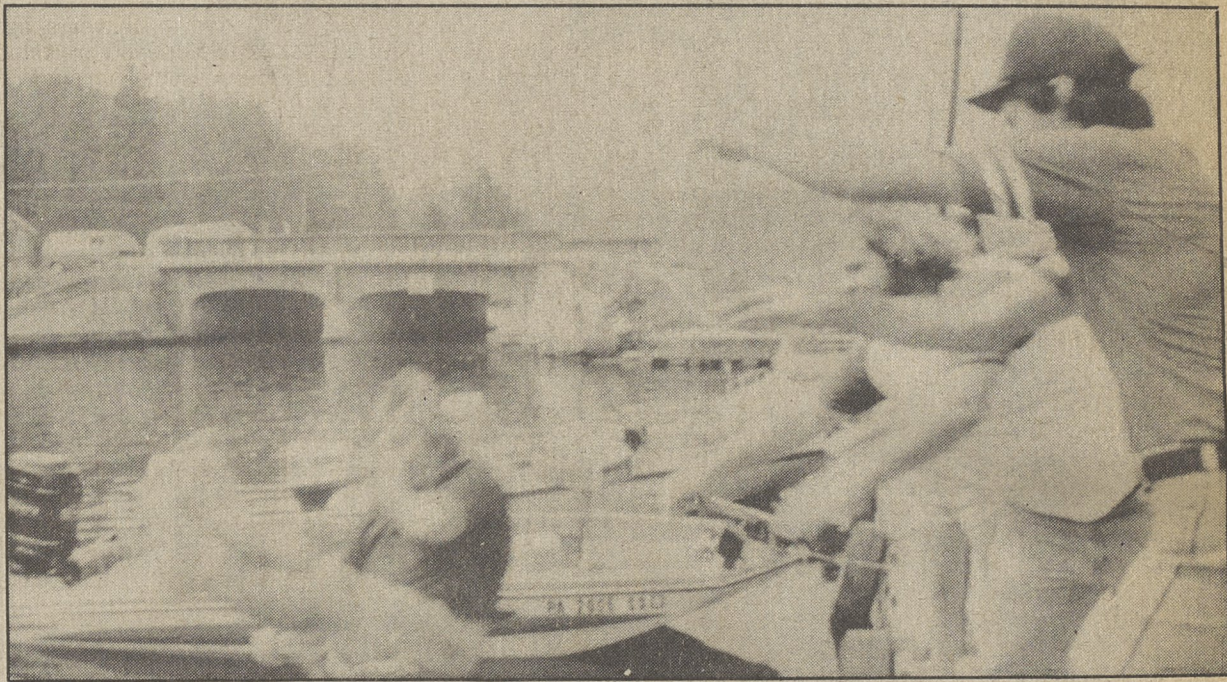
"We have a lot of fun with them; they keep us young," says Jim, who spent several weeks this summer building a solid oak swing set in his backyard for the youngsters.

While the boys are in the yard playing under the watchful eye of Heidi, the family's 12-year old

German Shepherd, Meighan and Caitlin, the two granddaughters, can most often be found "helping" Shirley in the kitchen. The girls often wear special aprons their parents, Nancy and Dennis Garvey, brought back to them from Vienna, Austria where they attended the Kiwanis International Convention.

One family tradition is that each grandchild gets to pick the whole menu on their own "Birthday Dinner" and to help Nana prepare it. Such exotic specialties as spaghetti with hamburgers and hot dogs are usually featured. Joining in these festivities are Michael and Brian's mom and dad, Barbara and Jim Regan, of Harveys Lake, the Garveys who live on Lehman Avenue, and Uncle Drew, who is known as "everybody's favorite uncle."

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Dallas Post/Rod Kaye

### Keeps his word

Mayork Frank Picchi of Harveys Lake kept his word and landed right smack in the water last Saturday. Picchi had said earlier he would allow the winner of the MR Social Program during the Third Annual Harveys Lake Bassmasters Youth Fishing Derby to throw him in the lake. Picchi did what he said he would and is shown here being thrown in the lake by Garry Georgetti.

### A message from the Editor

## The 'new' Dallas Post

Welcome to the "new" Dallas Post - "your" Dallas Post.

Those of you who have been reading The Dallas Post have noticed several changes have been made in our newspaper over the past few months. And, those of you who haven't been with us may be delighted with our publication.

We would like to ask our regular subscribers to bear with us through the month of September as they will be receiving duplicate copies of The Dallas Post for the next four weeks. This is part of our September promotion where we will be mailing to over 13,000 residents in an effort to

familiarize more people with The Post.

The Dallas Post has taken on a new look this summer in an attempt to make you, our readers and our neighbors, satisfied with our product. We want to be "your" newspaper. We want you to feel like you can rely on The Dallas Post to tell you what has been happening in your area, what will be happening, what your neighbors have been doing, what you children will be eating in school and what's new on the local sports scene. In short, we

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