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Bulletin #10

## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church***

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### ***Sunday of the Paralytic***

- \***Weekend Masses:**     **Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.** [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]  
                                  **Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.** [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
- \***Weekday Masses:**   **Monday No Mass**  
                                  **Tuesday to Friday at 12:05 p.m.** [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
- \***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** **First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.**  
  **First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass**
- \***Confession:**           Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- \***Baptism:**             Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
- \***Weddings:**           Please make arrangements at least **six** months in advance before any other plans are made
- \***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- \***Parish Council:**     Lou Khourey, Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- \***Choir Members:**   Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski
- \***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- \***Altar Server:**       Mike Linton
- \***Altar Boys:**         Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher & Luke Lenz
- \***Cedar Club:**        Linda Duffy, President 304-242-6853
- \***Women's Society:**   Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395



- \***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week
- \***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners
- \***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372
- \***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday parishioners may park in both lots; Monday-Friday park **ONLY** in the 3 Alley spaces
- \***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

## *Gospel Reflection: Sunday of the Paralytic*

Readings: 1Tim 5:24-6:5 and Mk 2:1-12

***“We have never seen anything like this!”*** What astounds the crowds in Capernaum is the curing of the paralytic, as for the forgiveness of his sins... The scribes are horrified to hear ***“This man”*** taking upon himself a divine prerogative; they fail to see that Christ’s reason for curing the paralyzed body of the man was to show that he had the power to effect a similar cure in the soul.

What would our reaction be to a similar display of power? Wouldn’t our enthusiasm be just as ambiguous as that shown by the people of Capernaum? If the situation arose, we would be one of the many who were queuing up to have our diseases or ailments cured. We are in much less of a hurry to benefit from the forgiveness of sins. We would easily find words to explain to the divine miracle worker, whatever pain we felt or whatever chronic illness or disease was troubling us; but as for sketching out a diagnosis of the state of our consciences and our lack of enthusiasm for God and for our neighbor, that is quite another story. And yet, heaven knows, our spiritual health even more than our physical health is probably, in the words of a cynically humorous doctor: **IN A PRECARIOUS STATE AND LIKELY TO REMAIN SO!** Listen to the sad list of sins we confess. It really tells us nothing about ourselves and speaks only of the intolerable burden we find to admit our weaknesses to God and to others, so that we try to palm off on them the small change of our most miserable sins and offences...

And yet, what if it is true that Jesus can change our hearts, that he really is the author of all reconciliation, that he did come, not just to patch us up and offer a very second class health service, but really to forgive us and to love us with that crazy kind of loving of which God alone is capable? ***“See I am doing a new deed: even now it comes to light; can you not see it?”*** (Is 43:19).

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### **This Weekend, March 5-6: Sunday of the Paralytic**

#### **Saturday, March 5, at 4:00 p.m.: No Benediction during Lent**

- ✠ Emilia & Peter Misko by The Hostage Family
- ✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m.: No Benediction during Lent**

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas and Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Irene Breiding (Anniversary) by her grandson Dalton Haas
- ✠ Intentions of Haileigh Johnson (Birthday) by Dalton Haas
- ✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by the Family

### **Weekday Masses**

#### **Monday, March 7: No Mass. Msgr Day off.**

#### **Tuesday, March 8 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Helen Fielding (on her Birthday) by her husband Don Fielding (FL)
- ✠ Tom George by Mickey & Linda Duffy

#### **Wednesday, March 9 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ Kay Garvey by Jack & Jean Sengewalt
- ✠ Marian Harris by Julia Robinson

#### **Thursday, March 10 at 12:05 p.m.:**

- ✠ William Breit
- ✠ Kay Garvey by Kathleen George & Family

#### **Friday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Lenten Meal**

- ✠ Marian Harris by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Tom George by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

<b>Next Weekend, March 12-13: Sunday of the Blind</b>
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**Saturday, March 12, at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Last Will
- ✠ Sister Mary Thomasina John by Chamse Rahi

**Sunday, March 13, at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Mary J. Shipley (Anniversary) by her daughter Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Robby Hunter (Anniversary) by his grandma Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by sister Jean Weisner & Family

## *Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse*

<b>St. Maron Dinner</b>	<i>Note: <u>No work Tuesday &amp; Friday</u></i>
Week of March 7 → → → →	<b>Work Days for St. Maron Dinner</b> – <i>starting at 9 a.m.</i>
Monday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> → → → → →	Baking Cookies for Dessert
Wednesday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> → → →	Cook & Shred Chicken (Workers please bring a covered dish)
Thursday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> → → → →	Make Kibbee
Saturday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> → → → →	Set Up Hall for Dinner
Sunday, March 13 → → → →	St. Maron Dinner served – <i>11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>
<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
<b><u>Palm Sunday, March 20</u></b>	<b>The Passion of the Lord</b> <i>Reminder: Candy donations for the children on Palm Sunday are due ASAP; Please bring a dozen colored eggs for Palm Sunday on March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup></i>
<b><u>Easter Sunday, March 27</u></b>	<b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b>
<b>Women's Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, April 3, after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
<b><u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u></b>	–Sponsored by Women's Society
Sunday, April 3 → → → →	<b><u>Orders &amp; Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</u></b>
Sunday, April 10 → → → →	<b>Spinach Preparation</b> – <i>starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Mon.-Thu., April 11 thru 14 →	<b>Baking Days</b> – <i>starting at 9 a.m. the dough will be ready to shape &amp; fill</i>
Wednesday, April 13 → → → →	<b>Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale</b> – <i>Wednesday, from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.</i>
Thursday, April 14 → → → →	<b>Order Pick-Up for Bake Sale</b> – <i>Thursday, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</i>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<i>Saturday, April 16</i>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<i>Saturday, October 8</i>
<b>Mahrajan (Festival)</b>	<i>Sunday, August 14 (Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Booths Open at Noon)</i>

## ***Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner*** (All Fridays during Lent after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary.

We give thanks to the Cedar Club members who did sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 12, and on Good Friday, March 25, following the Friday prayers. Also we offer thanks to the generous families who will sponsor the light meals during the other Fridays of Lent.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Volunteers:</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 11	Meal Family Sponsor: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 18	Meal Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos, Janet Shutler
Good Friday, March 25	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

## ***St. Maron Dinner*** (Sunday, March 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m)

### **St. Maron Donations Welcomed**

We greatly appreciate all donations for food, ingredients, paper products, and general expenses for the St. Maron Dinner. Please enclose your donation in an envelope marked “*St. Maron Dinner Donation*” and put it in the Offering Basket or mail to: *Our Lady of Lebanon Church, St. Maron Dinner Donation, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003*. Any donation large or small will help this event become one of the best ever.

Our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on **Sunday, March 13**. Take out will be available. Plan to bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

**Tickets purchased at the Door cost full price: \$17.00 Adult and \$8.00 Child (under 12).** **Early Bird Discounted Tickets that are PAID in Advance by SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, cost \$15.00 Adult & \$7.00 Child (under 12).** You should have received your St. Maron Dinner mailing inviting you to purchase your tickets early and be able to take advantage of the Early Bird Discounted Ticket prices. Additional “St. Maron Dinner – Ticket Order Forms” and additional sheets for the 50/50 Raffle and Gift Basket Raffle will also soon be available at the church entrance (or call the church office at 304-233-1688 or Charlotte at 304-639-1372) to arrange to purchase tickets.

Our delicious homemade Lebanese menu (*valued at over \$20 each*) includes: *kibbee, grape leaves, hummus, chicken & rice, vegetable, salad, pita bread, yogurt, dessert & beverage* (no tax is added).

The dinner will also feature a bake sale of homemade treats, free door prizes, a 50/50 Raffle, and the “*Under the Sea*” Gift Basket Raffle which will feature several bottles of wine and other seafood related items.

**St. Maron Dinner Workers are as follows:** Many hands make light work. God bless those who volunteered!

### **Kitchen Workers:**

#### **Chicken & Rice, Grape Leaves, Kibbee, Beans, Salad Vegetables:**

Nini Miller, Mary Stees, Libby Magnone, Mike Linton, Allison Duffy (8 a.m. to close)  
& Sr. Mary (8 a.m.-noon)

**Salads:** Liz Murad & (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.), Kathy Boehm

**Bread & Set Up:** Linda Hostutler (all day) & Ava Murad (11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)

**Take-Out Dinners:** Sandra Dusick, Rex Strawn

**Eat-In Dinners at Kitchen Window:** Terry Bakaitis (11 a.m.-4:00)

**Hummus Preparation:** Susan John

**Luban Preparation:** Linda Duffy, Carol Dougherty, Nettie Seidler

**Clean-up:** All help appreciated

**Sink & Dishwasher:** ???

**Tickets at Entrance:** Thomasina Geimer & Charlotte Khourey

**Runners for Take-Out Dinners:** Nettie Seidler & George Fahey

**50/50 Raffle Tickets:** Patty Fahey, ???

**Gift Basket Tickets:** Mary Lish

**Bake Sale:** Mary Thomas, Rita Srawn,

**Hostess in Cedar Hall:** Kim Gibbons

**Floor Coordinator/Floater:** Carol Dougherty

**Servers:** Lou Khourey, Gary Weisner, Kenny Joseph, Nancy Joseph, Cheryl Tucker, Joey Mosslander

**Complimentary Beverage Servers:** Sandra DeMuth & Judy Dierkes

**Bus Services:** Veronica Mushet & Aundrea Spain 11:30 -2:30; then Bill Dougherty & Carol Burkhart

**Clean-up:** Ron Gibbons & Carol Burkhart

## ***Cedar Club Meeting*** (Monday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

Cedar Club Meeting will be held on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> in the Cedar Hall at 6:00 p.m. Following business meeting, refreshments served by Nini Miller and Mike Linton

## ***Candy & Easter Eggs Needed for Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>***

Anyone wishing to donate a bag of any kind of candy for the children for Palm Sunday is asked to bring it ASAP so it can be split among the children.

Please also plan to bring one dozen colored Easter Eggs to the church on Saturday or Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

## ***\$25 Donation for Easter Lillies*** *(Due Friday, March 25)*

Easter Lillies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

- ☼ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ☼ The Schlog & Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen
- ☼ Sue, Frances & Joe Linton by Mike Linton
- ☼ Deceased members of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine
- ☼ In honor of Dalton Haas
- ☼ In honor of Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ☼ For the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ☼ In Memory of Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley, Robby Hunter & Beloved Family by Thomasina Geimer
- ☼ In honor of Dolores & Bob Oser
- ☼ In honor of Jerry McGlumphy & Family
- ☼ In Memory of Kay Garvey by Mary Margaret Blum & Sue Flading
- ☼ In Memory of John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula and Family
- ☼ Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona by Steve & Mike Linton
- ☼ Sue, Frances & Joe Linton by Msgr. Bakhos
- ☼ in Memory of Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- ☼ For a Special Intention
- ☼ In Memory of Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell

## ***Diocesan Appeal***

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A copy of a letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan was mailed to every family that is registered with the Eparchy, together with a special gift. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes, like this one, and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to be generous and participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them. Your donation can be mailed to our church via a check or by credit card through the Eparchy. It. Our parish's goal for this year's Appeal is \$3,000.00. Please be generous and support your Eparchy. Thank you.

**Many Thanks for those who fulfilled their Easter Obligation for this year. May God reward you and bless your fasting.**

Catherine Gaudio, John & Rose Palmer, Jane & Joe Palmer, Peggy Palmer, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Tom & Judy Brock, Mike Linton, George & Patty Fahey, Shirley Bine, Joe & Nikki Popovich, Linda Hostutler, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Sandra Dusick, Thomasina Geimer, George & Jean Weisner, Bill & Mary Stees, Gary A. Weisner, Veronica Mushet, Myron Law, Mary Rose Kukula, Ron & Susan Burns, Marge C. John, Al Depto, William & Mary Daniel, Sheriff Pat Butler, Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family, Sue Jochum, Bill & Tricia Committee, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Garry & Pauline Ferrell, Randy Weisner, Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Elia Nader (FL, nephew of Msgr. Bakhos), Bob & Fran Saseen, Altmeyer Funeral Homes, The Frenn Family, Mary Seabright Lish, Earl & Linda Duffy, Mark & Catherine John, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Mark Alan Schroeder, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Mary Beth Weisner, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Breit, Mary Margaret Blum, Sylvia J. Long, Janet D. Shutler, Angele Mansor, Rex & Rita Strawn, Nick & Evelyn Ghaphery, Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery, Carol Burkhart, Annette Togliatti, Ron Weisner, Kenny & Nancy Joseph

## *Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List*

### Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

George Thomas,

### Also Please Pray for Those Who Asked Us to Pray for Them

Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Khourey), Barb Sobota, Mary Ryncarz, Dolores Oser, Jonas George, Lucille Gibbons, Nick Bedway, Paige McCoy (niece of Millet, Gina & Linda), Shirley & Jim George, Mary Margaret Blum, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell),

## *Happy Birthday*

March 15: Shelby Imer, Scott Hancher  
 March 18: John Shibben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros  
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell  
 March 22: Jennifer Imer  
 March 26: Joseph John  
 March 30: Gregory John  
 March 31: George Lewis, Cheryl Bewley, Jonas George

## *Your Church Support Last Week*

\$1,258.00	Sunday Collection
800.00	Diocesan Appeal
81.00	Candles
100.00	Donation in Memory of Kay Garvey
68.00	Soup & Hoagies
125.00	Easter Lillies
350.00	Donation toward the Renovation of the Basement Hall
95.00	Refunds
625.00	Utilities
60.00	Parking
35.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,597.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

## *Brass Plaque for the Basement Hall*

Please remember in your prayers the following additional benefactors  
 who contributed toward the Restoration of the Basement Hall 2016

–Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

### Diamond (\$500 & over)

Drs. MaryAnn Cater & Robert Vawter, OLOL Cedar Club, Louis & Charlotte Khourey,  
 Patrick & Jacqueline Petros, ...

### Gold (\$200-\$499)

Holly Bine (Memorial), Kay Garvey (Memorial), Joe & Nikki Popovich, Mark Alan Schroeder,  
 Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Gary Weisner, ...

### Silver (\$100-\$199)

**Anonymous**, Mary Margaret **Blum**, Edward **Bris** (Memorial), Dick & Rosemary **Coury**, Sandra **Dusick**,  
 Al **Depto** & Mary C. **Davis**, Frank & Anna Marie **Duymich**, Millet & Susie **Fadoul**, Robby **Hunter**  
 (Memorial), Sue **Jochum**, Sister Mary Thomasina **John** (Memorial), Sylvia **Long**,  
 Drs. Rajai & Nahla **Khoury**, The P. J. **Lenz** Family, Jerry **McGlumphy** Family, Chris & Jennifer **Means**,  
 JC **Mensore** Distribution, Paula Jo **Perilli**, Elsie **Renzella**, Mike & Judy **Sofka**, Julia **Tappe** (Memorial),  
 Al & Josephine **Weidman**, ...

### Remodeling of the Old Basement Financial Report (By March 2, 2016)

Cost of the Project	Donations Received	Remaining Balance
\$21,616.00	6,140.00	\$15,476.00

We appreciate every donation small or great to defray the cost of this project.

## ***Around Us***

### ***Lenten Retreat*** (Saturday, March 12, 2016)

Where: National Shrine, North Jackson; Subject: Kingdom of God & Kingdom of Mercy

When: Saturday, March 12, 2016; Master of Retreat Rev. George Hajj

Registration: \$75.00 including breakfast, lunch & dinner; Info.: 914-964-3070

### ***Easter Mamool to Benefit OLOL Mission-Columbus*** (Order by March 14)

What: Homemade Easter Mamools are made by the ladies of the Mission

Filling choices: Pistachios, Walnuts, or Date; Cost: \$12.00 a dozen

When: Please give Msgr. Bakhos your order by Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>; Call him at 304-233-1688.  
Columbus will deliver Mamool orders to our church on Good Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Novena Infant of Prague*** (every Monday starting March 28)

Where: Our Lady of Peace Church, Bethlehem

When: Every Monday, starting March 28; for more information call: 304-242-6579

## ***Easter Meditation: Do You Want***

**“Rise, take up your mat, and walk.”** (John 5:8)

At the healing pool of Bethesda (from which many hospitals get their name) were large numbers of the ill, blind and lame. To be numbered among them you must, as one of the famous Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous puts it, admit you have a problem. But you need more: you must seek help and then take steps.

One day, Jesus encounters a crippled man who has been at the pool for almost forty years. He’s always had back luck, however. Or maybe they are excuses. Sometimes he can’t get anyone to put him into the pool. Other times, people charge into the waters before he gets a chance. Then, in one quick moment, it’s all taken care of. Jesus just says, “Do you *want* to be well?” And so he is healed.

I have tried, for over 40 years, to quit smoking. I’ve sought help. Hypnosis helped me give it up one Lent. Many people, moreover, have been gracious in their assistance with books, tapes, suggestions of patches and chewing gum. All these strategies work a little bit, but they never seem to do the trick. So this reflection makes me wonder whether the real problem is the fact that I don’t want it badly enough.

## ***Easter Prayer: Lenten Test***

Take the test. We are talking a lot about Christianity today, but how Christian are we? Here’s the brief, direct test given by Christ Himself: **“If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”**

### ***1- Prove Your Love***

Christ can expect penance from all of us. He went all the way for us. That fact is too easily forgotten. If we had never seen a crucifix and suddenly discovered Christ on a cross dying for our sins, then penance and its need would be better understood. Love must be the real motive behind penance and sacrifice because Christ’s love for us was proved by His suffering for us.

### ***2- No Exceptions***

People do not look forward to Lent. “I don’t like Lent” is a common expression. However, deep in our hearts, we know that Lent is needed. No better proof for that than the words of Christ: **“Unless you do penance, you shall all likewise perish.”** No sinner is exempt from doing penance which is not limited to Lent but is highlighted in Lent.

### ***3- New Dimension***

Today the Vatican Council asks us to take a broad view of penance and in so doing gives a sense of hope to those who suffer. The Church insists that the virtue of penitence be exercised in persevering faithfulness to the duties of one’s state in life, in the acceptance of the difficulties arising from one’s work and from human coexistence.

*“Those members of the Church who are stricken by infirmities, illnesses, poverty, or misfortunes, or who are persecuted for the love of justice, are invited to unite their sorrows to the suffering of Christ in such a way that they not only satisfy more thoroughly the precept of penitence but also obtain for the brethren a life of grace and for themselves that beatitude which is promised in the Gospel to those who suffer.”* (The Church in the Modern World.)

#### **4- No, No!**

Looking in the refrigerator without taking a snack is still penance for most people. Candy, liquor, cigars, cigarettes, magazines, movies, and television have taken such a hold on people that a more moderate use of them or total abstinence during Lent is a struggle indeed, a struggle pleasing to God.

Think over what Cardinal Meyer suggested: *“Perhaps a more genuine Lenten sacrifice than the giving up of candy or cigarettes might be found in the resolution to join some civic organization and to devote time to its meetings and activities.”*

#### **5- How Do You Rate?**

Complimenting rather than criticizing people; being patient in difficult situations; keeping your hand off the horn in congested traffic; being pleasant on a crowded bus; giving a full day’s work in school or to the company; going out of your way to make people happy; being cheerful at breakfast; having a headache without self-pity; not seeking excuses for your mistakes; disagreeing without being disagreeable; letting another have his way; squeezing in extra prayers during the day and making it to Church for the Lenten services; all of these are ways of living Lent with and for Christ.

Above all else, offering the Sacrifice of the Mass with Christ is the most acceptable sacrifice that we can make. Daily Holy Mass and Holy Communion draw us closer to Christ than anything else we might do.

#### **6- Try**

Much of the joy of Easter comes from knowing that we tried to walk the way of the cross with Christ. No fast, no Feast! No sacrifice, no salvation! No cross, no Christ! Love Christ and you will live Lent with Him.

## ***A Time to Laugh (287)***

### ***The Super Bowl***

Surprised to see an empty seat at the Super Bowl stadium, a diehard fan remarked about it to the woman sitting nearby. *“It was my husband’s,”* the woman explained. *“But he died.” “I’m very sorry,”* said the man.

*“Yet I’m really surprised that another relative or friend didn’t jump at the chance to take the seat reserved for him.” “Beats me,”* she said. *“They all insisted on going to the funeral.”*

### ***Turtles***

Archbishop Fulton Sheen often gave a lecture entitled, *“On the Nature of the Universe.”* One night after he had delivered it in a small town, an elderly woman confronted him, saying, *“That was a brilliant lecture, Bishop, but you are all wrong. The universe is not as you described it. Earth, for example, is not a little ball moving around the sun. Our world is just a crust of earth on the back of a huge turtle.”*

Very gently the Archbishop replied, *“That is an interesting theory, Madam, but tell me: what is the turtle standing on?”* The woman replied, *“I see that you are a very intelligent man, Bishop, and that is an intelligent question, but I’ve got the answer. The turtle is standing on the back of a much larger turtle.”*

Archbishop Sheen patiently asked, *“And what is the second turtle standing on?”* To which the woman replied, *“It’s no use, Bishop, it’s turtles all the way down!”*

### ***Advice***

*“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who matter don’t mind, and those who mind don’t matter.”* If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape one hundred days of sorrow.

### ***Forever Young***

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to the man and said, *“You’re really doing great, aren’t you?”* Morris replied, *“Just doing what you said, doctor: ‘Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.’”* The doctor said, *“I didn’t say that. I said you got a heart murmur. Be careful.”*