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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Mothers' Day

- ***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, 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: Mother Day

Readings: Eph 1:15-23 and Jn 13:31-35

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

I was talking to a young couple that I had married a few years back. They were each turning thirty years old and had just given birth to their second child in three years. They wanted to talk to me about their sense of sadness at having their time so limited by their children. All the fun they had when they were single and newly married was now buried in diapers and middle-of-the-flight feedings. It was their task now to commit to a greater and fuller reality: the challenge of being a family, of being parents, of becoming connected to families and parents across the universe. They needed to create the new vision of being family that would carry them through the next phase of their life together.

Isaiah and Jesus declare that their lives are at a point of new beginning. They both realize that it is time to engage a new reality, a new challenge. For Isaiah the challenge is to be a light that will lead his people through this time of exile. For Jesus the challenge is to depart from his loved disciples and be glorified.

Holy Week is certainly a time of new beginnings. Perhaps we could look into our lives today and see where we need to begin anew. We look at our seedlings of future growth and pray, ***"For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O God, from my youth."*** (Psalm 71:5)

Mother's Day: Prayer for Mothers

For Mother

Lord, I ask Your pardon and mercy for the soul of my mother. Through the merits of Mary, Your Mother, Model of all Mothers, forgive her sins and reward her with eternal happiness in return for the sacrifices she made in this life in Your Name. Amen.

Mother Day: Lebanese Moms Are Unique

Lebanese moms are incredibly Unique. On this Mother's Day, we pay tribute to the irreplaceable gem of your family.

- 1- Your mom will never allow you to go hungry. One of her most important goals in life is to make sure you never starve. Your mom makes enough food for the entire village, just in case a few neighbors stop by.
- 2- No matter what job you hold, in your mom's eyes you're a "manager" or "director". Even if you wash dishes at the local restaurant, in your mom's eyes, you're a star. But in your dad's eyes, even if you're elected into parliament, you're still below his level.
- 3- She yells over international phone calls. Your mom definitely gets fired up when making a long distance call. I guess she hasn't realized that phone connections have made significant improvements over the past decade.
- 4- She has a strange obsession with television soap operas. We'll never understand why these foreign soap operas are so fascinating.
- 5- Turkish coffee keeps her going. Nothing can come between your mom and her coffee. Just like a car requires fuel, your mom requires her Turkish coffee. The only difference is that she needs several refuels per day.
- 6- You are constantly compared to other successful people. Fady is already married, has two kids, and a well-paying job - what are you waiting for?
- 7- She would do anything for you. Your mom loves you so much that she's willing to literally "bury" herself for you. Tokborni enshallah. (May you bury me)

Happy Mother's Day to our graceful, glamorous, warm, and caring moms! There aren't enough adjectives to describe you!

From the Desk of the Pastor

Would You Like Your Pastor to Visit You?

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

You are my extended family and you are my brothers and sisters in Christ here in Wheeling. I would like to visit you at your home when all the family is there together in order to know you better. You do not need to prepare anything for my visit. I would be happy to just visit with you for a short time. I have been here in Wheeling sixteen years; and trust me, I still don't know where half of you live. Why? Because half of my parish has not yet given me the chance to visit them. I would feel honored if you would say to me, "Msgr., we would like you to visit us when you have time. The best time is ... and the best day for us is Please call us before you come." You may be sure that I will find time to visit you.

If one of your family members is admitted to the hospital, please don't wait until the hospital call me the second or third day, rather it is better if you call me yourself for quicker visit. --Msgr. Bakhos

Divine Liturgy Schedule

May 7-13: Week of the Living & Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers

6 Masses for the Repose of the Souls of Our Deceased Mothers & Grandmothers:

- ✠ *Leona Albaugh (Anniversary) by her son Denny Albaugh*
- ✠ *Sadie Chidiac by her son Msgr. Bakhos*
- ✠ *Siham Frenn, LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ✠ *Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie*
- ✠ *Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey*
- ✠ *Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)*
- ✠ *Rosella Saseen & her parents Nancepe & Helen & her grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen*
- ✠ *Julian McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children*
- ✠ *Elizabeth Gaudio by her daughter Shirley Bine*
- ✠ *Mary J. Shipley by her daughter Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ *Garcia Condelli by daughter Sylvia Long*
- ✠ *Frances Linton by her sons Steve & Mike*
- ✠ *Our mothers & grandmothers by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ✠ *Sally Malatinski & Shirley Dietz by Sandra Dusick*
- ✠ *Anna & Ginny Shia & Emily Vince by the Family*
- ✠ *Catherine Coyne Yost by Mary Margaret Blum*
- ✠ *Kay Garvey by Sue Flading*
- ✠ *Sadie Coury & Martha Ruggiero & Eva Coury Moffat by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family*
- ✠ *Julia Krzeminski Gongola by her daughter Dolores Oser*
- ✠ *Margaret E. Glaser by the Gostes Family*
- ✠ *Mary Popovich & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *Margaret Schlog & Helen Saseen by Bob & Fran Saseen*
- ✠ *Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhardt*
- ✠ *Rachel Nader Farrah by Emilie Kawas (FL)*
- ✠ *Amelia Fitzgerald & Amelia Griffith by Rosemary Coury*
- ✠ *Charlotte George & MaryAnna George by Margaret George (MN)*
- ✠ *Our mothers, grandmothers & aunts by the Joseph & Weisner Families*
- ✠ *Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by the Joseph & Weisner Families*
- ✠ *Margaret Simonetti & Stella Ryncarz by Richard & Mary Ryncarz*
- ✠ *Freda Josephs (MN) by Shawn & Cyndi Tobias*

6 Masses for the Intentions of Our Living Mothers & Grandmothers:

- ✠ *Intentions of Charlotte Khourey by Emmalena & Louie*
- ✠ *Intentions of Diane Frenn by her children Andreah & Justin*
- ✠ *Intentions of Shirley Bine by her son Ken*
- ✠ *My daughters, sister & granddaughters by Lucille Coury Gibbons*
- ✠ *Judi Hendrickson by Josh & Ingrid Hendrickson (PA)*
- ✠ *Nikki J. Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich*

† Mary Stees by her daughter Josie Fertig

† Joyce Josephs (MN) by Shawn & Cyndi Tobias

Next Weekend, May 14-15: Pentecost Sunday (Descent of the Holy Spirit)

Saturday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

† John Wilson by Vic Canestraro

† Kay Garvey by John & Dee Shibeen

Sunday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m.:

† Gladys Howard (Anniversary) by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey

† Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

May Crowning	<i>Sunday, May 8 – May Queen will be Mariana AlKhouri</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
Cedar Club Rummage Sale	<i>Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Old Basement Hall. Start saving!</i>
Mahajan (Festival)	<i>Sunday, August 14 (Mass at 10:30 a.m.; Booths Open at Noon)</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8th</i>

May Flowers for the Blessed Mother (Sunday, May 1 thru May 29)

Flowers for the May Procession and for the Blessed Mother in May will be sponsored as follows:

Sunday, May 8	Thomasina Geimer, Charlotte Khourey, & Rita Strawn
Sunday, May 15	Sandra Dusick & Sandra DeMuth
Sunday, May 22	Nettie Seidler & Mary Lish
Sunday, May 29	Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

May Queen and First Communion (Sunday, May 8th during Mass)

Our 2016 May Queen will be Marianna Al-Khouri. The girls and boys serving as Flower Attendants are: Christopher & Isabella Alkouri; Ava, Eden & Rosella DeMuth, Addy Dierkes; Sophie Imer; Ava Murad; Gavin Hancher; Austin, Riley & Riyanna Robbins; Zao & Elsy Ashby; Lyiah, Rayden; Aiden & Tyler Howarth; and Alexia Millard; ...

The First Communion class: Anthony Ashby, Austin Robbins, Lyiah Millard, Rayden Millard and Gavin Hancher will receive their first Communion and they will participate in the procession.

All children and grandchildren of the parish are invited to be part of the procession. Please call Charlotte at 304-639-1372 this week if they will participate and are not listed above so that we can order the appropriate number of flower bouquets for the attendants to carry to the Blessed Mother. A reception for the May Queen and her attendants and the First Communion Class will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

The Cedar Club Members will meet on Monday, May 9th in the Cedar Hall at 6:00 p.m. The agenda will include discussion of our up-coming rummage sale in June. Hosting the evening will be Mary Thomas and Sandra DeMuth.

Rummage Sale (Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Old Basement Hall)

The Rummage Sale sponsored by the Cedar Club will be on Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Drop-Off Times will be 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., and include Tuesday, May 31, Wednesday, June 1, Thursday, June 2, and Monday, June 6, Tuesday, June 7, and Wednesday, June 8. We cannot accept:** Television sets, computers or tires. If there are any questions, please call Linda at 304-242-6853.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Mary Margaret Blum, Barbara Sobota, Jim George Sr., Bill Daniel, George Lewis

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

George Fahey, Peggy Justice, Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Khourey), Barb Sobota, Mary Ryncarz, Dolores Oser, Mary Margaret Blum, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), ...

Happy Birthday

May 7:	Laura Lee Hunter
May 9:	Mark Thomas, Debra Laughlin
May 10:	Anna Musap
May 15:	Austin Musilli
May 16:	Jacqueline Petros
May 17:	Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
May 18:	Millet L. Fadoul
May 20:	John Fadoul
May 21:	Rachel Zinn, Ella George,
May 23:	Jim George Jr.,
May 27:	Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
May 30:	Josie Stees Fertig
May 31:	Bill Dougherty

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,335.00	Sunday Collection
328.00	2 nd Collection
40.00	Candles
2,335.00	Mahrajan (Ad Book, Raffle Tickets, Table Reservations, etc.)
200.00	Donation to church from funeral
240.00	Parking
15.00	Utilities
25.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$4,518.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

What's New?

Women's Society Invited to Lunch with Msgr. Bakhos

The Women's Society members are invited to have lunch with Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac on Sunday, May 15, immediately following Mass. He plans to serve baked fish, chicken, rice, salad, ice cream, cake and coffee.

If you plan to attend, call Sandra Dusick at 304-232-7395 so an accurate count of those coming can be made and the appropriate amount of food prepared.

Around Us

Relics of Saint Sharbel in Pittsburgh

The Relics of the miraculous Saint Sharbel that visited our church last October will visit Our Lady of Victory Maronite church, located at 1000 Lindsay Road, Carnegie, PA, from Wednesday, May 18 until Friday, May 20th. If anyone would like to pay another visit to the Relics while they are in Pittsburgh for extra blessings, call 412-278-0841 for more information about the program.

YWCA Seeks Help for Women Recovering from Drugs & Alcohol

The YWCA is requesting supplies to help women who are recovering from drug and alcohol. Supplies needed include: deodorant, tampons/feminine hygiene supplies, powdered laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, towels, wash cloths, body wash/bar soap, ibuprofen/acetaminophen, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, alcohol free mouthwash, finger nail clippers, razors, any size ladies underwear. Please place all donations to the project in the box at the church entrance

Reflection: I love You in 101 Languages

101 different ways of saying 'I love you'

The English dictionary describes love as deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward a person, such as that arising from kinship, recognition of attractive qualities, or a sense of underlying oneness.

Here 'I love you' as defined in relationships between people, with translations from many different languages and dialects.

Afrikaans - Ek is lief vir jou

Albanian - te dua

Alentejano (Portugal) - Gosto De Ti, Porra!

Alsacien (Elsass) - Ich hoan dich gear

Amharic (Aethio.) - Afekrishalehou

Arabic - Ana Ahebak / Ana Bahibak

Armenian - yes kez shat em siroom

Assamese - Moi tomak bhal pau

Assyr - Az tha hijthmekem

Bahasa Malayu (Malaysia) - Saya cinta mu

Bambara - M'bi fe

Bangla - Ami tomakay bala basi

Bangladeschi - Ami tomake walobashi

Basque - Nere maitea

Batak - Holong rohangku di ho

Bavarian - tuI mog di

Belarusian - Ya tabe kahayu

Bengali - Ami tomake bhalobashi

Berber - Lakh tirikh

Bicol - Namumutan ta ka

Bisaya - Nahigugma ako kanimo

Bolivian Quechua - Qanta munani

Bosnian - Ja te volim (formally) or volim-te Turkish seni seviyorum

Bulgarian - As te obicham

Bulgarian - Obicham te

Burmese - chit pa de

Cambodian (to the female) - bon saleng oun

Cambodian (to the male) - oun saleng bon

Canadian French - Je t'adore ("I love you")

Canadian French - Je t'aime ("I like you")

Catalan - T'estim (mallorcan)

Cebuano - Gihigugma ko ikaw

Chamoru (or Chamorro) - Hu guaiya hao

Cherokee - Tsi ge yu i

Cheyenne - Ne mohotatse

Chichewa - Ndimakukonda

Chickasaw - Chiholloli (first 'i' nasalized)

Chinese - Ngo oi ney a (Cantonese)

Chinese - Wuo ai nee (Mandarin)

Corsican - Ti tengu cara (to female)

Corsican - Ti tengu caru (to male)

Iranian - Mahn doostaht doh-rahm

Irish - taim i' ngra leat

Italian - Ti amo/Ti voglio bene

Japanese - Anata wa, dai suki desu

Javanese (formal) - Kulo tresno marang panjenengan

Javanese (informal) - aku terno kowe

Kannada - Naanu ninna preetisuttene

Kapampangan - Kaluguran daka

Kenya (Kalenjin) - Achamin

Kenya (Kiswahili) - Ninakupenda

Kikongo - Mono ke zola nge (mono ke' zola nge')

Kiswahili - Nakupenda

Konkani - Tu magel moga cho

Korean - SA LANG HAE / Na No Sa Lan Hei

Kurdish - Khoshtm Auyt

Laos - Chanrackkun

Latin - Te amo

Latvian - Es mīlu Tevi

Lebanese - Bahibak

Lingala - Nalingi yo

Lithuanian - As Myliu Tave

Lojban - mi do prami

Luo - Aheri

Luxembourgish - Ech hun dech gäer

Macedonian - Jas Te Sakam

Madrid - lingo Me molas, tronca

Maiese - Wa wa

Malay - Saya cintakan mu / Saya cinta mu

Maltese - Inhobbok hafna

Marathi - Me tula prem karto

Mohawk - Kanbhik

Moroccan - Ana moajaba bik

Nahuatl - Ni mits neki

Navaho - Ayor anosh'ni

Ndebele - Niyakutanda

Nigeria (Hausa) - Ina sonki

Nigeria (Yoruba language) - Mo fe ran re

Norwegian - Jeg elsker deg

Osetian - Aez dae warzyn

Pakistan (Urdu) - May tum say pyar karta hun

Pandacan - Syota na kita!!

Pangasinan - Inaru Taka

Papiamento - Mi ta stimabo

Persian - Tora Doost Darem

Pig Latin - I-yea Ove-lea Ou-yea

Polish - Kocham Cie

Portuguese (Brazilian) - Eu te amo

Punjabi - me tumse pyar ker ta hu'

Quenya - Tye-mela'ne

Romanian - Te ador (stronger)

Romanian - Te iubesc

Creol - Mi aime jou
 Croatian - Volim te (used in common speech)
 Czech - Miluji Te
 Danish - Jeg elsker dig
 Dutch - Ik hou van jou
 Dutch - Jeg elsker dig
 Ecuador Quechua - Canda munani
 English - I love thee (used only in Christian context)
 English - I love you
 Eskimo - Nagligivaget
 Esperanto - Mi amas vim
 Estonian - Ma armastan sind / Mina armastan sind (formal)
 Ethiopia - afekereshe alhu
 Faroese - Eg elski teg
 Farsi - Tora dost daram
 Filipino - Mahal ka ta
 Finnish (Minä) rakastan sinua
 Flemish (Ghent) - 'k'ou van ui
 French (formal) - Je vous aime
 Friesian - Ik hald fan dei
 Gaelic - Tá mé i ngrá leat
 Galician - Querote (or) Amote
 Georgian - Miquar shen
 German - Ich liebe Dich
 Ghanaian - Me dor wo
 Greek - agapo se
 Greek - S'agapo
 Greenlandic - Asavakit
 Gronings - Ik hol van die
 Gujarati - oo tane prem karu chu
 Hausa - Ina sonki
 Hawaiian - Aloha au ia`oe
 Hebrew - Ani ohevet ota
 Hiligaynon - Guina higugma ko ikaw
 Hindi - Main tumsey pyaar karta hoon
 Hmong - Kuv hlub koj
 Hokkien - Wa ai lu
 Hopi - Nu' umi unangwa'ta
 Hungarian - Szeretlek te'ged
 Icelandic - Eg elska thig
 Ilocano - Ay ayating ka
 Indi - Mai Tujhe Pyaar Kartha Ho
 Indonesian - Saya cinta padamu
 Inuit - Negligevapse

Russian - Ya tyebya lyublyu
 Samoan - Ou te alofa outou
 Sanskrit - tvayi snihyaami
 Scottish Gaelic - Tha gra(gh) agam ort
 Serbo-Croatian - Volim te
 Setswana - Ke a go rata
 Shona - Ndinokuda
 Sign language - Spread hand out so no fingers are touching. Bring in middle & ring fingers and touch then to the palm of your hand.
 Sindhi - Maa tokhe pyar kendo ahyan
 Singhalese - Mama oyaata aadareyi
 Slovenian - Ijubim te
 South Sotho - Ke o Rata
 Spanish - Te quiero / te amo / yo amor
 Sri Lanka - mame adhare
 Surinam - Mi lobi joe
 Swahili - Naku penda
 Swedish - Jag älskar dig
 Swiss-German - Ch-ha di gärn
 Tagalong - Mahal Kita / Iniibig kita
 Tahitian - Ua here au ia oe
 Taiwanese - Wa ga ei li
 Tamil - Naan Unnai Khadalikkeren
 Telugu - Nenu Ninnu Premisthunnanu
 Thailand - Khao Raak Thoe / chun raak ter
 Tunisian - Ha eh bak
 Turkish - Seni Seviyorum
 Ukrainian - Yalleh blutebeh / ya tebe kohayu
 Urdu - Mea tum se pyaar karta hu (to a girl)
 Urdu - Mea tum se pyar karti hu (to a boy)
 Vietnamese (Females) - Em yeu Anh
 Vietnamese (Males) - Anh yeu Em
 Vlaams - Ik hue van ye
 Vulcan - Wani ra yana ro aisha
 Welsh - Rwy'n dy garu di
 Wolof - Da ma la nope
 Yiddish - Ich han dich lib
 Yoruba - Mo ni fe
 Yucatec Maya - 'in k'aatech (the love of lovers)
 Yugoslavian - Ya te volim
 Zambia (Chibemba) - Nali ku temwa
 Zazi - Ezhele hezdege (sp?)
 Zimbabwe - Ndinokuda
 Zulu - Mina funani wena

Spirituality: Church & Persecution

The white robe of the fool is a judgment on the world; it is the sign of its evil; the death rattle of its wickedness. Because men mock, a verdict is passed on them; because the Church is martyred by evil powers, a sentence has been pronounced on those powers. Their deeds are known to be sinful by what they do to

innocence. Thus will men who live in the world and do not know where to look for religion finally find it in the religion which their very world crucified, and in finding it will find peace which the world cannot take away!

True followers of Christ, be prepared to have a world make jokes at your expense. You can hardly expect a world to be more reverent to you than to Our Lord. When it does make fun of your faith, its practices, abstinences, and rituals, then you are moving to a closer identity with Him who gave us our faith. Nor may you repay sneer with sneer. We cannot fight God's battles with the weapons of Satan. Repaying jeer with jeer is not the response of a Christian, for under scorn Our Lord "*answered nothing*". The world gets more of its amusement from a Christian who fails to be Christian, but none from his respectful silence.

The answer of Our Lord to Herod was that Our Lord continued to be Our Lord. Dogs bay at the moon all night, but the moon gives back no snarl. It goes on shining. Shine forth in your white robe of mockery, O Christian! One day it will be the robe of your glory.

Bishop Fulton Sheen, Lessons on Faith & Truth, 1947, pp.61-62.

Wisdom

My generation just might have been lucky. I had a drug problem when I was young, but I turned out all right.

I was drug to church on Sunday morning.

I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.

I was drug to family reunions no matter the weather.

I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every weekday.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults and teachers.

I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place. (Signed, A Senior Citizen)

A Time to Laugh (297)

Reflections On Computers

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on. At a recent computer exposition (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the automobile industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon." In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: "If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

- 1- For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day;
- 2- Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car;
- 3- Occasionally, your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason, you would simply accept this;
- 4- Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine;
- 5- Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads;
- 6- The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single, "This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation" warning light;
- 7- The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying;
- 8- Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna;
- 9- Every time a new car was introduced, car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car; and,
- 10- You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn off the engine.