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Bulletin #50

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

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### ***Revelation to Saint Joseph***

- \***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 Thursday at 9:05 a.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
- \***Sacristan:**            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
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- \***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

## ***Revelation to Saint Joseph***

Readings: Eph 3:1-15 and Mt 1:18-25

***“Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”*** (Matthew 1:18-24)

A young man home from a stint in the Peace Corps is talking with his farmer grandfather. The youth says he sees no sign that the rich nations of the world care about the people in the developing nations; all the rich nations seem to care about is making bigger profits for their mega-companies. The grandson concludes his sad story by saying, “What sign is there that God even cares?”

Silently the old farmer gets up and walks down a dirt path to the edge of one of his fields. “Look,” he says, “that soil’s bare, not a green blade anywhere. It is sown with winter wheat -but anyone who didn’t know about farming might think it was just bare dirt. Sometimes, the little kids will say, “Do you think the spring will come, Granddad?” Well, we know it will; the green time comes. I reckon God’s fields look like that oftentimes. You might say that seed’s a sign -as sure as the wheat will grow from that bare field, Cod’s planting will have a harvest, too-though maybe it will take longer.”

As we come to the end of our Advent journey, I am sure that much is still unsettled in our hearts. But the only way to keep the faith is to be patient. God is infinitely patient with us; we need to receive the gift of God’s patience.

*Meditation: Can I look with faith and hope at the bare fields of my life?*

*Prayer: God of the harvest, you have planted the good seed of faith in my heart. Help me to be patient as you bring that seed to fruition.*

## ***Divine Liturgy Schedule***

### ***This Weekend, December 10-11: Revelation to Saint Joseph***

#### **Saturday, December 10:**

**At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena**

**At 4:00 p.m.:**

† Special Intention

#### **Sunday, December 11,**

**At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena**

**At 10:30 a.m.:**

† Louis Seabright by Steve and Mike Linton

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

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday, December 12: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day Off**

**Tuesday, December 13, at 12:05 p.m.:**

† Intentions of all the benefactors and volunteers of our church

† Special Intention

**Wednesday, December 14, at 12:05 p.m.:**

† Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

† Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

**Thursday, December 15, at 12:05 p.m.:**

† Peter and Emma Peters

† Rita and Fred John

**Friday, December 16: No Daily Mass. Msgr. Bakhos Day of Vacation**

## ***Next Weekend, December 17-18: Genealogy Sunday***

### **Saturday, December 17:**

**At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena**

**At 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Special Intention of Steve Linton on his Birthday by his brother Mike Linton

✠ Special Intention

### **Sunday, December 18:**

**At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena**

**At 10:30 a.m.:**

✠ Bill Daniel by Steve and Mike Linton

✠ Special Intention

## ***Calendar of Parish Events***

<b>Children's Christmas Party</b>	<i>Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, after Mass</i>
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## ***Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule***

### **Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve**

4:00 p.m.: **Christmas Eve Mass** (Choir will sing)

10:00 p.m.: **Christmas Midnight Mass** (Choir will sing)

### **Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day (Day of Obligation)**

10:30 a.m.: **Christmas Day Morning Mass** (Choir will sing)

### **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Eve**

4:00 p.m.: **New Year's Eve Mass** (No Midnight Mass)

### **Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017: New Year's Day (Day of Obligation)**

10:30 a.m.: **New Year's Day Morning Mass**

## ***Christmas Poinsettia in Memory of:***

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

- ✠ *Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr., & Gladys Howard by the Lou & Charlotte Khourey Family*
- ✠ *John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose & Cathy & Todd & Mick*
- ✠ *Suzanne Linton by husband Mike*
- ✠ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*
- ✠ *John & Mary Ritts by John & Opal Ritts*
- ✠ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ✠ *The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ✠ *Rachel Nader Farrah by Emilie Kawas*
- ✠ *Joseph Kawas by Emilie Kawas*
- ✠ *Rosine & Latif Thomas by Nellie Magyar & Family*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding by her husband Donald (Florida) [2 Poinsettias]*
- ✠ *A Friend for a special intention*
- ✠ *For the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ✠ *Mr. & Mrs. John T. John by their daughter Maryann Carl*
- ✠ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter & the Deceased Family of Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ *For the Schlog and Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen*
- ✠ *Sharon Tatalovich by Jay & Liz Murad*
- ✠ *In Honor of Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *In honor of Nick & Judy Bedway*
- ✠ *Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter NiNi Miller*
- ✠ *Nimon and Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner and Joseph Families*
- ✠ *The Bine and Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*

☼ *Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell*

☼ *The Daniel and DiFabrizio Families by Michael & Rebecca DiFabrizio*

☼ *In Loving Memory of my parents, sons and brothers by Lucille Coury Gibbons and Family*

☼ *In memory of my family: **Parents:** James and Mary Ghaphery, and **brother:** Dr. James Ghaphery by Virginia Ghaphery Cox*

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

### **Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers**

Regina Hancher, Joe Simon, Eileen Simon,

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

George Weisner, Shirley George, Marge John, Peggy Justice, Diane Palotay, Mary Blum, Jim George, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Riyanna Robbins, Jim Dellget, Barb Sobota, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi

## ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$1,627.00	Sunday Collection
335.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection
600.00	Bulletin ads
111.00	Candles
80.00	Christmas Poinsettias
125.00	Donation to church
360.00	Parking
500.00	Christmas Party / Silver Jubilee Anniversary of Msgr. Bakhos
50.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,818.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

## ***What's New?***

### ***Many Thanks***

From the heart I want to extend a special Thank You with my prayers to all parishioners and friends who made the Christmas and Silver Jubilee Party a great success. 150 people came from everywhere carrying with them love and support to a priest who dedicated his life to serve them. I appreciate those parishioners who decorate the Cedar Hall for the occasion. It looked so beautiful. Thanks for my friend John Mensore who sang beautifully and for bringing with him the famous pianist Dan Marrin and many friends. The food catered by Youssef and Jocelyn Chahine of Pitaland, Pittsburgh, was so delicious. Thanks for Shaun Hancher for playing music during the social hour. Thanks for PJ & Nicky Lenz for donating the beautiful fresh flowers centerpieces. For Lou & Charlotte Khourey for donating enough wine and appetizer for everyone and for offering the use of their glassware. For Mary Stees and Shirley Bine for donating the plates, silverware, napkins, and the fruit. For Bill & Carol Dougherty for donating the drinking glasses. For Rex & Rita Strawn for sponsoring the table clothes and linen. And finally, thanks for all those who attended and enjoyed themselves. Your presence and good company means the whole world for me. Proceeds from the party were used to purchase a computer for the secretary office. —Msgr. Bakhos

### ***Holiday Food Barrell*** *(Now thru December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016)*

Please bring items for the needy of our parish and place it in the Holiday Barrel for those in need at the entrance of the church. As soon as we can fill a few boxes of food, it will be distributed. If you know of anyone in need, please tell Msgr. Bakhos or send him a note with their name, phone & address.

## *Story: Fishing For Faith*

One beautiful, sunny Father's Day in 1992, my husband, Jim, and I decided to spend the afternoon fishing along the Missouri River with our four children. We were joined by long-time friends the Thurns and their four children.

The warmth of the sun and good company made for a relaxing afternoon of snacking, visiting, and off-shore fishing. Jonathan, the oldest Thurn boy, was especially happy to be trying out his new fishing pole. So it was with great alarm that he noticed it missing shortly after he had cast and placed it securely in a pole holder. The pole holder stood firmly planted deep into the sand, but the pole was nowhere in sight. With everyone accounted for, it was clear no one else had taken the pole.

It was a brand-new pole and this was Jonathans first time using it. In the middle of our agitation, our oldest daughter, Maja Lisa, who was then nine, confidently announced, "Mom, you always tell us to pray when we lose something. Let's all ask Jesus to help us find it now." She was so confident that God would help. At that point, I was torn. Yes, it was true I always had the kids pray when we lost something at home, but this was the Missouri River!

I did not want her to be disappointed and look Foolish. I also thought I was defending God and did not want to put Him to the test. Regardless, there was no stopping Maja Lisa's sure faith. She led the group prayer asking God to please help Jonathan find his fishing pole. Immediately after we all prayed, Jonathan's father, Mark, cast his line into the river. It caught on something.

Mark quickly reeled it in as everyone watched. His hook had caught on another fishing line. To everyone's surprise, he pulled in Jonathan's new pole which also had a very large carp on the end of the line.

"I'm sorry, Lord," I laughed and then humbly resolved: "I wont second-guess You again or try to protect You. I realize now You can take care of yourself."