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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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The Birth of St. John the Baptist

- ***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 and Friday 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 Kourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Natalie Horner
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Sacristan:** Mike Linton
- ***Altar Boys:** Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher, Christopher AlKhouri & 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

The Birth of St. John the Baptist

Readings: Gal 4:21-5:1 and Lk 1:57-66

Today's Gospel contains two interesting points both connected intimately to the naming of this new baby. "***He is to be called John***", says his mother Elizabeth. But how did she know that? Her husband, having spoken not a word in months, could not have told her. Women being illiterate in those times, he could not have written the name for her. Scripture does not record Elizabeth having been visited by an angel who told her. But she knew.

The other is: once Zechariah confirmed his wife's response in writing - "***His name is John***"- his tongue was loosed. Why, or why then? He at once praised God. But wouldn't he have that if he'd been allowed to speak earlier? In fact, wasn't he already doing that without speaking?

As we ponder these points, we can readily understand why "***Fear came over all their neighbors***", and all wondered what would become of the child named John, because "***Indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.***"

This Weekend, December 9-10: Birth of John the Baptist

Saturday, December 9:

At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

At 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Robert & Margaret Glaser by the Gostes Family
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 10:

At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

At 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Austin Ghaphery by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 11: No Mass

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

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Bob Saseen by Tom & Lisa Basinger

Wednesday, December 13 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Janet Uttermohlen
- ✠ Bob Saseen by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

Thursday, December 14 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Peter & Emma Peters
- ✠ Rita & Fred John
- ✠ Lottie Elwartoski (Birthday) by her son Richard

Friday, December 15: No Mass

Next Weekend, December 16-17: The Revelation to St. Joseph

Saturday, December 16:

At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)

At 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose, Cathy, Todd, Mick
- ✠ Steve Linton (Birthday) by his brother Mike Linton
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 17:**At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)****At 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ Austin Ghaphery by Jean & George Weisner & Family
- ✠ Austin Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule**Sunday, December 24:**10:30 a.m.: **Weekend Mass** (Choir will sing)4:00 p.m.: **Christmas Eve Mass** (Choir will sing)10:00 p.m.: **Christmas Midnight Mass** (Choir will sing)**Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day (Day of Obligation)**10:30 a.m.: **Christmas Day Morning Mass** (No Choir)**Sunday, December 31st:**10:30 a.m.: **Weekend Mass** (Choir will sing)4:00 p.m.: **New Year's Eve Mass** (No Midnight Mass)**Monday, Jan. 1st, 2018: New Year's Day (Day of Obligation)**10:30 a.m.: **New Year's Day Morning Mass*****Calendar of Parish Events***

Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 16th</i>
OLOL Children's Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 17th, after Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Hall Reserved	<i>Saturday, December 23rd</i>
Kibbee Sale (<i>info in future bulletins</i>)	<i>Orders Due Jan. 28, 2018; Order Pick Up February 7th or 8th, 2018</i>
St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 18, 2018 (look for more info in future bulletins)</i>
Lebanese Bake Sale - <i>more info later</i>	<i>Orders Due Easter Sun., April 1, 2018; Order Pick Up April 11th or 12th</i>

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*
- ✠ *Joseph Kawas by Emilie Kawas*
- ✠ *Mitchell Farrah by Emilie Kawas*
- ✠ *Rachel Farrah by Emilie Kawas*
- ✠ *Siham & Elias Frenn & LaVerne Thomas by Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)*
- ✠ *William Thomas Breit by Mr & Mrs Michael Breit & Family*
- ✠ *The mother of Veronica Mushet*
- ✠ *Mary K. Ferris by Thomas & Denise Ferris*
- ✠ *A friend for "His Special Intention"*
- ✠ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Mike DiFabrizio*
- ✠ *Emily & Donald Vince by Victoria and Matt Gompers*
- ✠ *In Memory of John & Mary Ritts*
- ✠ *Silvio "Joe" Perilli by Paula Perilli*
- ✠ *Suzanne Linton by husband Mike*
- ✠ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*
- ✠ *The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ✠ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, his sister Mona & his brother Nadim by Steve & Mike Linton*

- ✿ *John & Mary Ritts by John & Opal Ritts*
- ✿ *Danny & Milli Manners by their daughter Nini*
- ✿ *The Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*
- ✿ *Deceased members of the Hebdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ✿ *The Schlog & Saseen Families by Fran Saseen*
- ✿ *Deceased Family members of Veronica Mushet*
- ✿ *Deceased Family members of the Bob & Nikki Popovich*
- ✿ *Deceased of the Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner and Joseph Families*
- ✿ *Ceil Murad (mother) & Richard Frazier (husband) by Luane Frazier*
- ✿ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ✿ *Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell*

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)
 Sandra Dusick, Bernadine Elias, John Shiben, George Thomas, Bob Sengewalt, Peggy Justice, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, Jim Dellget, Betty Shia, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi, Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich),

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,904.00	Sunday Collection
324.00	2 nd collection
7.00	Bake sale
480.00	Bulletin ads
40.00	Candles
240.00	Christmas Party
25.00	Christmas Pinsettias
155.00	Parking
85.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$3,290.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New

Condolences: Sylvia Long

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Long family on the loss of their beloved Sylvia who passed away in Wheeling this week. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral service on Monday, December 4. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

First Communion & Confirmation Classes

Dear Parents,

First Communion classes for children age 7 and older and Confirmation classes for young adults ages 12 to 13 and up will start soon. Please call Msgr. Bakhos to register your children and grandchildren.

Please Help Fill the Food Barrel at Thanksgiving & Christmas

All who are willing to share non-parishable goods for those in need during the upcoming Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays are asked to bring whatever you can and add it to the Food Barrel at the church entrance.

Please make sure that the "Use By Dates" are not expired. If you want to make a monetary donation for a parishioner to purchase items for this purpose, place your contribution in an envelope marked "For Food Barrel" and place it in the Weekly Collection.

Around Us

Cookie Walk

Where: Our Lady of Victory Maronite church, Pittsburgh. Phone: 412-278-0841

When: Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

<h2><i>A Time to Laugh (336)</i></h2>

Shake-up

A company, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hires a new CEO. This new boss is determined to rid the company of all slackers.

On a tour of the facilities, the CEO notices a guy leaning on a wall. The room is full of workers and he wants to let them know he means business!

The CEO walks up to the guy and asks, "And how much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young fellow looks at him and replies, "I make \$300.00 a week. Why?" The CEO then hands him \$600.00 in cash and screams, "Here's two weeks pay, now GET OUT and don't come back!"

Feeling pretty good about his first firing, the CEO looks around the room and asks, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-off did here?"

With a sheepish grin, one of the other workers mutters, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's".

Health Care

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had an open heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he would like to pay for his treatment.

She asked if he had health insurance.

He replied, in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked if he had money in the bank.

He replied, "No money in the bank."

The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?"

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

Where are you God?

An atheist professor was teaching a college class and he told the class that he was going to prove that there is no God. He said, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you 15 minutes!"

Ten minutes went by. He kept taunting God, saying, "Here I am, God. I'm still waiting." He got down to the last couple of minutes and a Marine just released from active duty and newly registered in the class walked up to the professor, hit him full force in the face, and sent him flying from the platform. The professor struggled up, obviously shaken and yelled, "What's the matter with you? Why did you do that?" The Marine replied, "God was busy; He sent me."