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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Revelation to St. 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 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

Revelation to St. Joseph

Readings: Eph 3:1-13 and Mt 1:18-25

“... the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 1:18-24)

Many people piously believe that Mary must have been at prayer when the angel appeared to her. But the Scripture texts that tell us about the annunciation do not say this. In A School of Prayer, Bishop Anthony Bloom tells of a woman who came to him and told him that she had never felt the presence of God while praying. The bishop gave her his advice, and she left. After several weeks had passed she returned to tell him what she had done. She went to her house, made herself comfortable, started to knit, and felt very relaxed. She noticed with deep contentment the pleasantness of her room, the beauty of the garden with its flowers and birds, and the people passing by. “And then,” she said, “suddenly She was doing something very ordinary in a relaxed way, and God made God-self present to her.

The angel Gabriel might well have appeared to Mary as she went about her ordinary, daily business, Isn't the ordinary -in the kitchen, on the street, at work and at play- the test of the relevance and reality of the extraordinary? Isn't it the ordinary that Jesus came to save and redeem? When Jesus came to restore this world, he went through the whole process of being conceived, born, and growing up, just like you and me. And he did this in a small village on the margins of society, hidden from the world, working the extraordinary in the ordinary.

LET US PRAY:

Dear Lord, as Christmas draws near, make us grow in faith and love by the power of the Spirit, who sanctified Mary, the mother of your son, Jesus. Amen.

SUGGESTED ACTION

When and where have you had an experience of the presence of God? Tell a friend about that experience today.

This 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.:

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Jean & George Weisner & Family

✠ Austin Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 18: No Mass

Tuesday, December 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Rae Ann Zuckett

✠ Bob Saseen by Sandra Dusick

Wednesday, December 20 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Rae Ann Zuckett

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her

Thursday, December 21 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Kaiser & Jeannette Fadul

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Jack & Jean Sengewalt

Friday, December 22: No Mass

Next Weekend, December 23-24: Genealogy of Jesus

Saturday, December 23:

At 3:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)**At 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Austin Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo
- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by Eva Lee Powell

Sunday, December 24:**At 10:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)****At 10:30 a.m.: Weekend Mass (Choir will sing)**

- ✠ Austin Ghaphery by Dianna Vargo
- ✠ Bob Saseen by Mickey & Linda Duffy

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

- ✠ Steve & Margaret Schlog & the Deceased of the Saseen Family by Fran Saseen
- ✠ Shirley Nickerson by her family: Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Eli
- ✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Luke Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

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

- ✠ Joseph Linton (6th Anniversary) by sons Steve & Mike
- ✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Steve & Mike Linton

New Year Mass Schedule**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

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| OLOL Children's Christmas Party | <i>Sunday, December 17th, after Mass in the Cedar Hall</i> |
| Hall Reserved | <i>Saturday, December 23rd</i> |
| Cedar Club Meeting | <i>Monday, Jan 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall</i> |
| Kibbee Sale (info in future bulletins) | <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-more info later | <i>Orders Due Easter Sun., April 1, 2018; Order Pick Up April 11th or 12th</i> |

Christmas Poinsettias 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 & Joseph Families*
- ✿ *Ceil Murad (mother) & Richard Frazier (husband) by Luane Frazier*
- ✿ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ✿ *Abdo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell*
- ✿ *Mom, Pop, Louie, Charlie & Eva by Alice Lane*
- ✿ *The Mother of Veronica Mushet by Veronica*
- ✿ *Shirley Elias Nickerson & the Elias Family by her loving family: Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Eli*

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 Shibben, George Thomas, 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> | |
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| \$961.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 360.00 | Bulletin ads |
| 16.00 | Candles |
| 20.00 | Coffee hour |
| 1,000.00 | Donation Memorial to the church |
| 50.00 | Christmas Pinsettias |
| 95.00 | Hall rental |
| 150.00 | Parking |
| 30.00 | Donation to Poor Box |
| \$2,682.00 | Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton |

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall)

The Cedar Club Business Meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Please plan to attend as the members present will make a final decision for the Holiday Outing. There will be pot-luck "Hors d'oeuvres" from all members who will be serving for the evening.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

What's New

Parish Condolences: Robert Sengewalt

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Sengewalt Family on the loss of their beloved Robert who was the father of our beloved parishioner David. Msgr. Bakhos will celebrate the funeral Mass at the church on Monday, December 18th, at 11:00 a.m. and the ladies of the church will serve the mercy meal at the Cedar Hall. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

Congratulation: Dalton Haas

Dalton Haas has recently graduated from West Liberty University. He finished with a double major in General Business and Communication, and a double minor in Entrepreneurship and Performing Arts. On top of that, he finished with Magna Cum Laude which in Latin means "With Great Honors", this is a title that is given to students who carry a GPA of 3.7 to 3.89. Lastly, Dalton graduated a semester early with 280 credit hours. Dalton plans to build his career in Wheeling and will be running for the House of Delegates in 2018. Congratulations Dalton. We are proud of you.

Congratulation: Natalie Horner

Congratulation to our parishioner Natalie Horner for being selected the teacher of the year at Washington Lands Elementary School. Natalie has a beautiful voice and is a member of the church choir. We are proud of you Natalie.

Many Thanks

Many thanks to all those who helped decorate the lobby and the Church for Christmas and the Cedar Hall for the Christmas Party. Job well done ladies.

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.

A Time to Laugh (337)

Understand Today's World

If a man cuts his finger off while slicing salami at work, he blames the restaurant.

If you smoke three packs a day for 40 years and die of lung cancer, your family blames the tobacco company.

If your neighbor crashes into a tree while driving home drunk, he blames the bartender.

If your grandchildren are brats without manners, you blame television.

If your friend is shot by a deranged madman, you blame the gun manufacturer.

And if a crazed person breaks into the cockpit and tries to kill the pilot at 35,000 feet, and the passengers kill him instead, the mother of the crazed deceased blames the airline.

I must have lived too long to understand the world as it is anymore. So, if I die while my old, wrinkled bottom is parked in front of this computer, I want you to blame Bill Gates...okay?

The Locked Car...

A woman received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left work and stopped by the pharmacy for some medication for her daughter. She returned to her car to find she had locked her keys inside. She had to get home to her sick daughter and didn't know what to do. She called her home to the baby sitter, and was told her daughter was getting worse. The sitter said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door." The woman found an old rusty coat hanger on the ground, as if someone else had locked their keys in their car. Then she looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this." She bowed her head and asked God for help. An old rusty car pulled up, driven by a dirty, greasy, bearded man with a biker skull rag on his head.

The woman thought, "Great God. This is what you sent to help me?????" But she was desperate and thankful. The man got out of his car and asked if he could help. She said "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?" He said, "SURE." He walked over to the car and in seconds the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "THANK YOU SO MUCH....You are a very nice man." The man replied, "Lady, I ain't a nice man. I just got out of prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again and cried out loud, "THANK YOU GOD FOR SENDING ME A PROFESSIONAL."