

December 24, 2017

Bulletin #52

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Christmas

- ***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

Birth of our Lord

Readings: Heb 1:1-12 and Lk 2:1-20

Jesus was not born in Bethlehem. He was born in a building about a kilometer south of the Qumran plate. Jesus was born during the reign of high priest Simon Boethus who was in power between 23 to 5 B.C.

Jesus was born on March 17 B.C. In order to regulate his status he was allocated the official birthday of 15 September in line with the Messianic requirement.

It was in 314 A.D. the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great changed the date of Jesus' birthday to December 25. Sad to say this date is still believed by many to be his birth date.

Constantine had two reasons for making the change. Firstly it separated the Christian celebration from any Jewish association. In doing so Constantine was trying to suggest Jesus was a Christian, not a Jew. The second reason was so that the new birth date of Jesus would coincide with and then eventually replace the Pagan Sun Festival. The reality is that December 25 is the Pagan Sun Festival.

This 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

Weekday Masses

Monday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m.: Christmas Day Mass (No Choir)

✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don (FL)

✠ Bob Saseen by Mary Rose Kukula

Tuesday, December 26 at 12:05 p.m.: Praises to the Blessed Mother

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by GFWC Ohio board of Directors

✠ George Fahey by James & Sandy Jones

Wednesday, December 27 at 12:05 p.m.: Martyrdom of Saint Stephen

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Richard & Debbie Blum

✠ Sylvia Long by Mike Linton

Thursday, December 28 at 12:05 p.m.: Adoration of the Magi

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

✠ Bob Saseen by George & Susan Saseen

Friday, December 29: No Mass

Next Weekend, December 30-31: Finding Jesus in the Temple

Saturday, December 30 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Bob Saseen by Shirley Bine

✠ George Fahey by Sam & Mary Petros

Sunday, December 31:

At 10:30 a.m.:

✠ George Fahey by Linda & Andy Pasden

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Mary Rose Kukula

At 4:00 p.m.: New Year Eve Mass (No Midnight Mass)

✠ Bob Saseen by Mike Linton

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by Gloria & Lawrence Deegan

Monday, January 1, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.: New Year Day Mass

✠ Georgette Joseph (Birthday) by Vickie, Lauren & Michael Joseph

✠ Mary Margaret Blum by GFWC Ohio board of Directors

Calendar of Parish Events

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| Decoration of the church | <i>Wednesday, January 3rd, take decoration down.</i> |
| Cedar Club Meeting | <i>Monday, Jan 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall</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> |

Decoration of the church

All ladies and gentlemen of the church are invited to help taking down the decoration of the church and the hall before Epiphany which takes place on January 6th. By then the 30-year-old Jesus appears at the Jordan River. Thank you for your cooperation.

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*
- ☼ *Abdoo & 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*
- ☼ *In honor of Janet Shutler and her Family*

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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| \$1,930.00 | Sunday Collection |
| 24.00 | Candles |
| 89.00 | Coffee hour |
| 75.00 | Christmas Pinsettias |
| 698.00 | Hall rental |
| 30.00 | Donation to Poor Box |
| \$2,846.00 | 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

In Our Mailbox

“December 17, 2017

Dear Msgr. Chidiac,

We congratulate you and we celebrate the 26th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood. You took a vow to shepherd the children of Mary.

In the ensuing years of your priesthood, we were blessed by your appointment to Our Lady of Lebanon. Our parish has flourished since your arrival.

We give many thanks to your wise counsel, our Church Committee and the willingness of our parishioners to become partners in the process. The result of all of these challenges is a beautiful edifice honoring Our Lord and His Mother.

We commend you, Monsignor for your vision, your love of God and the Blessed Virgin Mary, your service to Our Church and your love for all of us.

Yours truly in Christ, Edmund Monseur”

Defibrillator for the Church Needed

It is time that OLOL Church has its own defibrillator and catches up with all the other Catholic Churches across the country. Defibrillator saves life when someone has a heart attack while help is on the way.

Two doctors from the church will train a team how to use it. If you are fortunate at this time of year and can support this project, please choose an amount you can afford & mail your donation to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. On the memo line please write "defibrillator". Please consider donating \$20, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$125, 150, \$200 . . . We estimate that the total cost will be between \$1,200 and \$1,500.

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 (338)

Medical terminology

Benign: What you be after you be eight. Bacteria: Back door to cafeteria.

Barium: What you do with dead folks. Cesarean Section: A neighborhood in Rome.

Castan: Searching for the cat. Cauterize: Made eye contact with her.

Colic: A sheep dog. Coma: A punctuation mark.

D&C: Where Washington is.

Dilate: To live longer than your kids do.

Enema: Not a friend.

Fester: Quicker than someone else.

Fibula: A small lie.

G.I.Series: World Series of military baseball.

Hangnail: What you hang your coat on.

Impotent: Distinguished, well known.

Labor Pain: Getting hurt at work.

Morbid: A higher offer than I bid.

Medical Staff: A Doctor's cane, sometimes shown with a snake.

Nitrates: Cheaper than day rates.

Node: I knew it.

Outpatient: A person who has fainted.

Pap Smear: A fatherhood test.

Pelvis: Second cousin to Elvis.

Post Operative: A letter carrier.

Recovery Room: Place to do upholstery.

Secretion: Hiding something

Tablet: A small table to change babies on.

Seizure: Roman emperor who lived in the Ceasarean Section.

Terminal Illness: Getting sick at the train station.

Tumor: More than one.

Urine: Opposite of mine.

Varicose: Near by

Hospital: The biggest building in town, other than Joe's feed warehouse or Franks lumber mill.