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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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New Year

- ***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

New Year: Peace is learned at home

Pope Benedict 16th dedicates World Day message to Family (January 1, 2008)

By looking to the family as the prototype of every social order, humanity can learn how to achieve peace.

The Holy Father dedicated his message to the theme "The Human Family, a Community of Peace," and drew from the example of the family founded on a marriage between a man and a woman as a model for establishing peace among all peoples.

The family is the foundation of society for this reason too: because it enables its members in decisive ways to experience peace. It follows that the human community cannot do without the service provided by the family. Where can young people gradually learn to savor the genuine 'taste' of peace better than in the original 'nest' which nature prepares for them?

The language of the family is a language of peace; we must always draw from it, lest we lose the 'vocabulary' of peace. In the inflation of its speech, society cannot cease to refer to that 'grammar' which all children learn from the looks and the actions of their mothers and fathers, even before they learn from their words.

Threats

Pope Benedict XVI contended that the family, model of peace, must be protected as the subject of specific rights. He said, "The denial or even the restriction of the rights of the family, by obscuring the truth about man, threatens the very foundations of peace.

Consequently, whoever, even unknowingly, circumvents the institution of the family undermines peace in the entire community, national and international, since he weakens what is in effect the primary agency of peace. This point merits special reflection: Everything that serves to weaken the family based on the marriage of a man and a woman, everything that directly or indirectly stands in the way of its openness to the responsible acceptance of a new life, everything that obstructs its right to be primarily responsible for the education of its children, constitutes an objective obstacle on the road to peace.

The family founded on marriage is a model for the human family as a whole. The social community, if it is to live in peace, is also called to draw inspiration from the values on which the family community is based. This is as true for local communities as it is for national communities; it is also true for the international community itself, for the human family which dwells in that common house which is the earth.

The family community, in order to prosper, needs the generous consent of all its members. This realization also needs to become a shared conviction on the part of all those called to form the common human family. We do not live alongside one another purely by chance; all of us are progressing along a common path as men and women, and thus as brothers and sisters. Consequently, it is essential that we should all be committed to living our lives in an attitude of responsibility before God, acknowledging him as the deepest source of our own existence and that of others.

By going back to this supreme principle we are able to perceive the unconditional worth of each human being, and thus to lay the premises for building a humanity at peace. Without this transcendent foundation society is a mere aggregation of neighbors, not a community of brothers and sisters called to form one great family.

Four Points

The Holy Father drew attention to four areas in which peace is threatened or destroyed.

- 1- The importance of protecting the environment. "The family needs a home, a fit environment in which to develop its proper relationships. For the human family, this home is the earth, the environment that God the Creator has given us to inhabit with creativity and responsibility. Respecting the environment does not mean considering material or animal nature more important than man. Rather, it means not selfishly considering nature to be at the complete disposal of our own interests, for future generations also have the right to reap its benefits and to exhibit towards nature the same responsible freedom that we claim for ourselves.
- 2- The value of the economy, both for the individual and the human family. "The peace of the family, then, requires an openness to a transcendent patrimony of values, and at the same time a concern for the prudent management of both material goods and interpersonal relationships. Honest and straightforward relationships need to be promoted between individual persons and between peoples, thus enabling everyone to cooperate on a just and equal footing. Efforts must also be made to ensure a prudent use of resources and an equitable distribution of wealth.

- 3- Common Law: the Holy Father also emphasized the importance of a common law to govern the human family, as a prerequisite of peace. "A family lives in peace if all its members submit to a common standard: This is what prevents selfish individualism and brings individuals together, fostering their harmonious coexistence and giving direction to their work. This principle, obvious as it is, also holds true for wider communities: from local and national communities to the international community itself. For the sake of peace, a common law is needed, one which would foster true freedom rather than blind caprice, and protect the weak from oppression by the strong.
- 4- Finally, the Pontiff lamented continuing conflicts plaguing various parts of the world and the increased spending on arms. Humanity today is unfortunately experiencing great division and sharp conflicts which cast dark shadows on its future. Vast areas of the world are caught up in situations of increasing tension, while the danger of an increase in the number of countries possessing nuclear weapons causes well-founded apprehension in every responsible person. On a broader scale, one must acknowledge with regret the growing number of states engaged in the arms race: Even some developing nations allot a significant portion of their scant domestic product to the purchase of weapons. The countries of the industrially developed world profit immensely from the sale of arms, while the ruling oligarchies in many poor countries wish to reinforce their stronghold by acquiring ever more sophisticated weaponry. At a time when the process of nuclear non-proliferation is at a standstill, I feel bound to entreat those in authority to resume with greater determination negotiations for a progressive and mutually agreed dismantling of existing nuclear weapons. In renewing this appeal, I know that I am echoing the desire of all those concerned for the future of humanity."

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

Saturday, December 30 at 4:00 p.m.: *Finding Jesus in the Temple*

✠ Bob Saseen by Shirley Bine

✠ George Fahey by Sam & Mary Petros

Sunday, December 31: *Finding Jesus in the Temple*

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

Weekday Masses

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

Tuesday, January 2: **No Mass. Pastor's day off**

Wednesday, January 3 at 9:05 a.m.:

✠ Nicholas Abraham Ghaphery Sr.

✠ Sylvia Long by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

Thursday, January 4 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

Friday, January 5: **No Mass**

Next Weekend, January 6-7: Epiphany. Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 6 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Jean Bentz and Doug Bentz (Anniversary) by Millet & Susie Fadoul

✠ Donald Vince by children: Don & Michele and Ron Lucki & Vicki & Matt Gompers

✠ Vernon Hancher (Anniversary) by his wife Regina & Family

Sunday, January 7 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Deceased of the Habdo Family by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Calendar of Parish Events

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 (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>

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.

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),

Your Church Support Last Week	
\$5,863.00	Sunday and Christmas Collection
240.00	Bulletin ads
112.00	Candles
381.00	Dinners
2,000.00	Donation to the church
150.00	Parking
15.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$8,791.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! The Finance Committee: Lou Khoure, 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

2018 Daily Mass Time Change

Starting New Year, there will be few changes on the time of our daily Masses:

Mondays: No Mass

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:05 a.m.

Thursdays at 12:05 p.m.

Fridays: No Mass

Saturdays and Sundays as usual.

–Msgr. Bakhos

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 (339)

How to tell where a driver is from?

One hand on wheel, one hand out of window: Chicago

One hand on wheel, one hand on horn: New York

One hand on wheel, one hand on newspaper, foot solidly on accelerator: Boston

Both eyes on wheel, eyes shut, both feet on brake, quivering in terror: Ohio, but driving in California.

Both hands in air, gesturing, both feet on accelerator, head turned to talk to someone in back seat: Italy

One hand on horn, one hand greeting, one knee on steering wheel, one ear on cell phone, one ear listening to loud music, foot on accelerator, eyes on female pedestrians, conversation with someone in next car: Welcome to Lebanon!

Help Needed!

One day, there was a blind man sitting on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet and a sign that read: "I am blind, please help." A creative publicist was walking by him and stopped to observe he only had a few coins in his hat, he dropped a few more coins in his hat and without asking for his permission took the sign, turned it around, and wrote another announcement.

He placed the sign by his feet and left. That afternoon the creative publicist returned by the blind man and noticed that his hat was full of bills and coins. The blind man recognized his footsteps and asked if it was him who had re-written his sign and he wanted to know what did he write on it?

The publicist responded: "Nothing that was not true, I just rewrote your sign differently." He smiled and went on his way. The blind man never knew but his new sign read: "Today is spring and I cannot see it."

Change your strategy when something does not go your way and you'll see it will probably be for the best. Have faith that every change is best for our lives.

With Sympathy!

A woman's husband dies and leaves her \$20,000. After everything is done at the funeral home and cemetery, she tells her closest friend that there is no money left. The friend says, "How can that be? You told me he had \$20,000 a few days before he died. How could you be broke?"

The widow says, "Well, the funeral cost \$6,500. And of course, I had to make the obligatory donation for the church and the organist, and that was \$500. Then I spent another \$500 for the wake, food and drinks. The rest went for the memorial stone." The friend says, "\$12,500 for the memorial stone? My God, how big was it?"

The widow says, "Three carats".