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Bulletin #5

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Sunday of the Faithful Departed

- ***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 and Wednesday (9:00 a.m.); Thursday (12:05 p.m.) [*Rosary 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, Lou Khourey, 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 2 Alley spaces
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

Readings: 1Thes 5:1-11 and Lk 16:19-31

Why the Church wants us to pray for the repose of the Souls in Purgatory?

The theological doctrine of the “Communion of Saints” reminds us of the union of the faithful on earth (Church Militant) with the blessed in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Souls in Purgatory (Suffering Church). It includes our loved ones and all those throughout the world who have gone before us on their journeys toward the Heavenly Jerusalem: those who during their lives on earth hungered and thirsted for holiness and fought the good fight of faith.

The Second Vatican Council said: *“Very much aware of the bonds linking the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead. Because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins, she has always offered prayers for them.”* Then it says, *“This most sacred Synod accepts with great devotion the venerable faith of our ancestors regarding this vital fellowship with our brethren who are in heavenly glory or who are still being purified after death. It proposes again the decrees of the Second Council of Nicea, the Council of Florence and the Council of Trent.”*

On their way to Heaven, some souls may have to spend a while in Purgatory. The word purgatory is from the Latin verb *purgare* which means to “cleanse” or to “purify”. Purgatory is a state where souls suffer for a time after death on account of their sins. In other words, it is for the souls stained or spotted with venial sins which have not been forgiven during earthly life and for souls which still have temporal punishment to undergo for mortal sins which have been forgiven in this life.

If we pray for someone who is already in Heaven, God will use our prayers for other souls in need of prayer. There are, indeed, many deceased who have no one to pray for them. The souls in Purgatory are called *Poor Souls* because they stand in need of our help. They are also called *Holy Souls* because they are in a state of grace; they sin no more and they are sure of their salvation. They realize that nothing spotted or unclean can enter the pure white presence of the ALL-HOLY God. They accept their suffering with resignation to the will of God.

Our Christian charity urges us to pray to God, the loving Father, to grant all our brothers and sisters who have left this world refreshment, light and peace. The Souls in Purgatory cannot pray to shorten the time of their *purification*. However, they can pray and offer their pain for the souls on earth. How long the souls remain in Purgatory depends on their guilt and the assistance we send them. The Church recommends various ways to help the Souls in Purgatory, including the Divine Liturgy (first and foremost); communion; almsgiving; charitable works; penance; mortification; indulgences; and all kinds of prayers, private or public. Some people become upset when they hear that their loved ones can be suffering in Purgatory. But the intense pains in Purgatory are mingled with intense joys. How joy can exist amid torment and pain is something of a mystery. There is mystery in the case of the martyrs who felt a sense of peace and joy beyond expression in their most terrible tortures. There is mystery in the case of the mother who, during delivery, endures the suffering of childbirth with the joy of giving life to her tiny loved one. If suffering and happiness can be mingled here on earth, how much more harmoniously can they be mingled in that other life of waiting for God? We pray for the Souls in Purgatory because they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can pray and offer their suffering for those on earth, and when they are in Heaven they see that those who have prayed for them are rewarded.

This Weekend and the Following weekdays February 3-9: Week of the Faithful Departed

All Masses will be offered for the following Faithful Departed:

In addition to the Faithful Departed a Special Remembrance on these special days:

**Saturday, February 3 at 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
at 4:00 p.m.: Mass for all faithful departed**

Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

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

✠ **Steve & Margaret Schlog (Birthday & Anniversary) by Fran Saseen**

✠ **Frances Linton (Anniversary) by her sons Steve & Mike**

✠ *Mass for all faithful departed*

Monday, February 5: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, February 6 at 9:05 a.m.: *Mass for all faithful departed*

Wednesday, February 7 at 9:05 a.m.:

✠ **Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone**

✠ *Mass for all faithful departed*

Thursday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m.: Saint Maron feast day Eve Mass

✠ **Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone**

✠ *Mass for all faithful departed*

Friday, February 9 at 5:00 p.m.: Saint Maron feast day Mass All faithful departed

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

✠ *Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie*

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

✠ *Deceased of the Chidiac, Linton & Albaugh Families*

✠ *Deceased of the Bine & Gaudio & Paesani Families by Shirley Bine*

✠ *Bob Saseen by Wheeling firefighters Local 12*

✠ *Anna Marie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children*

✠ *Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike*

✠ *Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike*

✠ *Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton*

✠ *Deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton*

✠ *Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart*

✠ *George & Mary Popovich and Tom Dytko by Joe & Nikki Popovich*

✠ *Helen Fielding and Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich*

✠ *Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*

✠ *Robert Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family*

✠ *George Thomas by Jack & Katie Fahey*

✠ *George Fahey by Joseph Fahey Family*

✠ *John and Sadie George & Freda Josephs (MN) by Larry Josephs (MN)*

✠ *Jim Dellget by his sister Rita Strawn & her husband Rex*

✠ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*

✠ *Deceased Family members of Thomasina Geimer*

✠ *Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will*

✠ *Andrew & Mary Demsko (Birthday) by daughter Rosemary Cornish*

✠ *Greg Cornish & Andrew Demsko Sr., & Jim Martin and Larry Baker by Rosemary Cornish*

✠ *Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Sengewalt, Cooper & Werner Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul*

✠ *Elaine & Jay Cybulski & Marthann Rinehart and Carolyn Costain & Annette Tysk and George Thomas and Paul Doyle by Millet & Susie Fadoul*

✠ *Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families*

✠ *Deceased of the Weisner, Bishop & Schmeichel Families by Jean & George Weisner*

***Weekend of, February 10-11: Entrance into Great Lent
Cana Sunday***

Saturday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen by her Will
- † Bob Saseen by Wheeling firefighters Local 12

Sunday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.:

- † Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family
- † Patrick McCulley by Cynthia & David Reasbeck

Ash Distribution Schedule

Ash Monday, February 12:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- † Ggeorge Fahey by Michael F. Shaffer
- † Bob Sengewalt by Bob & Karen Rose

5:00 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- † George Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- † George Thomas by Gary Weisner

Tuesday, February 13 at 9:05 a.m.:

- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen by her Will
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Ash Wednesday, February 14:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- † John George (MN) by Larry Josephs
- † George Thomas by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

5:00 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

- † John George (MN) by Larry Josephs
- † Jim Dellget by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner *(All Fridays during Lent after 5:00 p.m. Mass)*

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary.

We thank the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 16, and on Good Friday, March 30, after the Friday prayers. Also thanks to the generous families who will sponsor meals on other Fridays of Lent.

Friday, February 16:

4:40 p.m.: Rosary & Litany

5:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy

5:30 p.m.: Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and Spiritual Lenten Reflection

6:30 p.m.: Friday Lenten meal

† Special Prayer for the intentions of the benefactors who sponsored the meatless dinner tonight

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
1 st Friday, Feb. 16	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club
2 nd Friday, Feb.23	Meal Sponsors: ????????????????
3 rd Friday, March 2	Meal Sponsors: ??????????????????????
4 th Friday, March 9	Meal Sponsor: ??????????????????????
5 th Friday, March 16	Meal Sponsors: ??????????????????????
6 th Friday, March 23	Meal Sponsor: ??????????????????????
Good Friday, March 30	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

Easter Lillies

\$25 Donation for Easter Lillies *(Due Sunday, March 25)*

Easter Lillies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

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

☘ *Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*

☘ *Sadie George and her son John and Freda Josephs (MN)*

☘ *Sue, Frances & Joe Linton by Mike Linton*

☘ *Deceased members of the Bine and Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*

☘ *Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos*

☘ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Mike DeFabrizio*

Note: *(the computer of the church crashed and the Easter lilies previously donated were erased. Please remind Msgr. Bakhos if you donated a lilly and he will gladly put it in the bulletin.)*

Calendar of Parish Events

Kibbee Sale	<i>Order Pick Up February 7th or 8th</i>
Saint Maron Masses	<i>Thursday, February 8th at 5:00 p.m.: Feast Eve Mass (no noon Mass) Friday, February 9th at 5:00 p.m.: Feast Day Mass (no noon Mass)</i>
St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 18 (look for more info in future bulletins)</i>
Lebanese Bake Sale-more info later	<i>Orders Due Sunday, April 8; Order Pick Up April 18th or 19th</i>

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)

Bernadine Elias, Don Henning, George & Patty Fahey, Sandra Dusick, John Shiben, Diane Palotay, Virginia & Dolores Joseph, 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

\$1,017.00	Sunday Collection
38.00	Candles
21.00	Coffee hour
298.00	Kibbee sale
150.00	Parking
471.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$2,025.00	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

Sign of Peace Withheld During Flu Season

During the flu season that is epidemic in the three States around us, please refrain from shaking hands with the altar boys during the sign of the peace if you have cold or flu. Only cross your hands over your chest and bow your head lest you offend others. The church would advice all sick people with cold or flu to stay home until they recover because that virus is contagious and deadly. – Msgr. Bakhos

Mahrajan Committee update

The Mahrajan Committee started this week the preparatory meeting to plan for this year Festival that will take place at Oglebay Park on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2018. More details in the upcoming bulletins.

Work Schedule for Kibbee (All Help is Needed !)

--Tuesday, February 6th & Wednesday, February 7th, both days starting at 9:00 a.m.

Pick –up for orders will be:

--Wednesday, February 7th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

--Thursday, February 8th from 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Please bring your special covered dish to share at lunch time.

Desserts Needed along with Kibbee Sale

There will be a baked goods table on Wednesday and Thursday along with our Kibbee Sale. Please make a donation of your favorite homemade baked goods for our Bake Sale Table such as pies, cake, cookies, fudge, Lebanese items, etc. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday at noon, or any time until 7:00 p.m. Thanking you in advance for the special baked items!

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.

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 The total cost will be **\$1,699.00 plus shipping.**

Donations received:

--\$100.00 from Myron & Cynthia Law, Senecaville, Ohio

--\$50.00 from an anonymous generous parishioner

--\$300.00 from anonymous donor

--\$100.00 in Memory of Bob Sengewalt by his Family

--\$100.00 from Kenny & Nancy Joseph

--\$25.00 from Denny Albaugh

--\$50.00 from Patrick & Jackie Petros

(Total Fundraising \$725.00)

Around Us

Infant of Prague Novena (Starting on Monday February 5th)

When: Starting every Monday, February 5 until April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Our Lady of the Peace, Mozart. Information: 304-242-6579

Saint Maron Dinner and Party (Saturday, February 10th)

Sponsored by Our Lady of Victory Maronite church, Pittsburgh

When: Saturday, February 10 from 6:00 p.m. until midnight

Where: LeMont Restaurant, Pittsburgh. Information: 412-278-0841

A Time to Laugh (344)

Heaven or Hell

While walking down the street one day, a female senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. Her soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance.

"Welcome to Heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the woman. "Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in Hell and one in Heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity."

"Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in Heaven," says the senator.

"I'm sorry but we have our rules." And with that, St. Peter escorts her to the elevator. And she goes down, down, down to Hell.

The doors open, and she finds herself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a club and standing in front of it are all her friends and other politicians who had worked with her. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet her, hug her, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster and caviar. Also present is the Devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes.

They are having such a good time that, before she realizes it, it is time to go.

"Now it's time to visit Heaven." So 24 hours pass with the head of state joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before she realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by, and St. Peter returns.

"Well, then, you've spent a day in Hell and another in Heaven. Now, choose the place where you want to spend eternity." "Well, I would never have said it, I mean Heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in Hell."

So Saint Peter escorts her to the elevator, and she goes down, down, down to Hell. Now, the doors of the elevator open, and she is in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. She sees all her friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags. And it's hot, hot, hot. Sweltering hot. Hot and miserable. The Devil comes over to her and lays his arm on her neck. "I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here, and there was a golf course and club, and we ate lobster and caviar and danced and had a great time. Now all there is a wasteland full of garbage, and my friends look miserable." The Devil looks at her, smiles and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning... today you voted for us."

Another Genie Joke

A state government employee sits in his office and out of boredom decides to see what's in his old filing cabinet. He pokes through the contents and comes across an old brass lamp. *"This would look nice on my mantelpiece,"* he thinks, so he takes it home with him.

While polishing the lamp, a genie appears and grants him three wishes. *"I wish for an ice cold diet Pepsi right now!"* POOF! A Pepsi appears before him on his desk, so he picks it up and guzzles it all at once. Now that he can think more clearly, he states his second wish. *"I wish to be on an island where no one but beautiful and lonely women reside."* POOF! Suddenly he is on an island with gorgeous females fighting over him. He then tells the genie his third and last wish: *"I wish I'd never have to work ever again."* POOF! He's back in his government office.

At the Salon

In dire need of a beauty make-over, I went to my salon with a fashion magazine photo of a gorgeous, young, lustrous-haired model. I showed the stylist the trendy new cut I wanted and settled into the chair as he began humming a catchy tune and got to work on my thin, graying hair. I was delighted by his cheerful attitude until I recognized the melody. It was the theme from *"Mission: Impossible!"*