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Bulletin #9

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

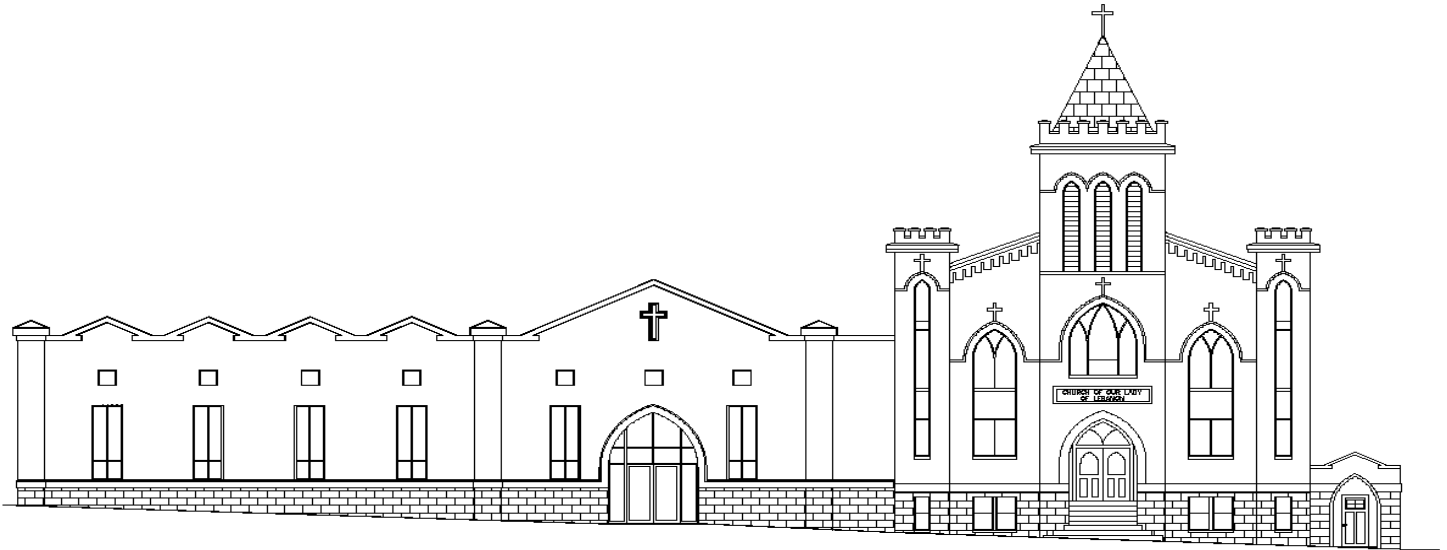
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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- ***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 No Mass
Tuesday thru Friday at 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
- ***Women's Society:** Carol Dougherty, President



- ***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 Prodigal Son

Readings: 2Cor 13:5-13 and Lk 15:11-32

Justice is good. It is the foundation of existence. But there is something higher than justice, the bountiful widening of the heart to mercy. Justice is clear, but one step further and it becomes cold. Mercy is genuine, heartfelt; when backed by character, it warns and redeems. Justice regulates, orders existence; mercy creates. Justice satisfies the mind that all is as it should be, but from mercy leaps the joy of creative life. That is why it is written that heaven rejoices more over one sinner who does penance than over a hundred just who have no need of it. High above all the stupidity and evil of mankind arches the spacious dome of mercy. When justice enters here insisting on its narrow rights it becomes repugnant.

If we look closely we begin to wonder whether perhaps justice's protest isn't in reality directed against penance. Does the person stiff with justice really want the sinner converted? Doesn't he somehow feel that he is thus escaping his just deserts, endangering the existent order? Wouldn't he prefer to see him remain locked in sin and forced to bear the consequences? Perhaps he considers the return to grace a more or less underhanded trick played at the expense of justice. What would things come to if everyone like that scamp there, after wasting half a fortune, extricated himself from the affair by turning virtuous! And actually, the true conversion does break the bounds of mere justice. It is a creative new beginning -in God, as theology teaches us, since the sinner alone and unaided is incapable of true repentance. According to the logic of evil, sin produces blindness, which leads to fresh sin, which in turn leads to deeper blindness, ultimately ending in complete darkness and death.

This Weekend, March 3-4: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday, March 3 at 4:00 p.m.: (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent Season)

✠ Bob Sengewalt by the staff & employees of OVMC and EORH

✠ Tom & Jim Darrow by Denny Albaugh

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m.: (No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent Season)

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

✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson (Anniversary) by sis Jean Weisner & Family

✠ Irene Breiding (Anniversary) by her grandson Dalton Haas

Weekday Masses

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

Tuesday, March 6 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Sam & Bernadine Elias by Audrey Ciripompa

✠ George Fahey by Joseph Fahey and Family

Wednesday, March 7 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Helen Fielding (Birthday) by her husband Don (FL)

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Gary & Dawn Sengewalt

Thursday, March 8 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ George Thomas by George & patty fahey

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

Friday, March 9:

4:40 p.m.: Rosary & Litany

5:00 p.m.: Divine Liturgy

✠ George Fahey by Mike Linton

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Sally Sengewalt

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

6:30 p.m.: Friday Lenten meal prepared by the Fadoul and Duffy Families & Gina Hancher

Weekend, March 10-11: Sunday of the Paralytic

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

✠ William Breit

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

✠ Special Intention

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

✠ Mary Joseph Shipley (Anniversary) by her daughter Thomasina Geimer

✠ Robby Hunter (Anniversary) by his grandma Thomasina Geimer

✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by the Family

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. A Special Prayer for the intentions of the benefactors who sponsored the meatless dinner on Fridays during Lent.

Date:	Volunteers Who Sponsor the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
4 th Friday, March 9	Meal Sponsors: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
5 th Friday, March 16	Meal Sponsors: Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
6 th Friday, March 23	Meal Sponsor: Dr. Maryann Cater & Carol Dougherty
Good Friday, March 30	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

Diocesan Appeal 2018

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A copy of a letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan is being sent to every family in the mail, along with a beautiful booklet of prayers. The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite parishes, like this one, and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them and to be generous. You can make your donation with a check or credit card. Our parish’s goal for this year’s Appeal is \$3,000.00 Please be generous and support your Eparchy. Thank you.

Many Thanks for those who fulfilled their Easter Obligation for this year. May God reward you and bless your fasting.

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Shirley Bine, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Breit, Tom & Hudy Brock, Ron & Susan Burns, Patrick Butler, Bill & Tricia Committee, Rosalie Conti, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Earl & Linda Duffy, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Millet & Susie Fadoul, George & Patty Fahey, Tom & Denise Ferris, Garry & Pauline Ferrell, Larry & becky Ferrera, Don Fielding (FL), The Frenn Family, Catherine Gaudio, Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Ghaphery MD, Evelyn Ghaphery, Nicholas A. Ghaphery, Jr., Thomasina Geimer, Cathy Goodson, Sue Jochum, Marge John, Mary Rose Kukula, Mr. & Mrs. Myron Law (OH), Lou & Charlotte Kourey, Mike Linton, Angele Mansor (OH), Joe & Nikki Popovich, Elsie Renzella, John & Opal Ritts, Richard & Mary Ryncarz, Fran Saseen, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, John & dee Shibben, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sofka, Bill & Mary Stees, Chris Wakim, George & Jean Weisner, Mary Beth Weisner, Ron Weisner,

Easter Lilies

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

Easter Lilies 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 & Freda Josephs (MN)*
- ☘ *Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☘ *Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike*
- ☘ *Frances & Joseph Linton by their sons Steve & Mike*
- ☘ *Deceased of our Parish by Steve & Mike Linton*
- ☘ *Deceased members of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine*
- ☘ *Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos*
- ☘ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca & Mike DeFabrizio*
- ☘ *Robert Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family*
- ☘ *In Memory of my parents, sons, sister & brothers by Lucille Gibbons*
- ☘ *In honor of Veronica Mushet*
- ☘ *In honor of Paul Abraham*
- ☘ *In honor of Rex & Rita Strawn*
- ☘ *In honor of PJ & Nikki Lenz*
- ☘ *In honor of Shirley Bine*
- ☘ *In Memory of Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ☘ *In Memory of the Deceased of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Fran Saseen*
- ☘ *In Memory of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ☘ *In Memory of the Duffy & Fadoul Families by Earl & Linda Duffy*
- ☘ *In Memory of the Deceased members of the Joseph & Victoria John Family by Louis John Family*
- ☘ *In Memory of the Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families*
- ☘ *In Memory of the Shiben & McFalland Families by John & Dee Shiben*
- ☘ *In Memory of Ray & Dolores Palotay by the Family*

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, March 12th, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall (Rita & Sandy Hosting)</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>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday, August 11th from noon to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 12th from noon to 7:00 p.m.</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)

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), George Ghosn,

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,050.00	Sunday Collection
1,355.00	2 nd collection (Diocesan Appeal)
63.00	Candles
27.00	Coffee hour
75.00	Donation toward difibrillator
80.00	Easter flower

75.00	Mahrajan
595.00	St. Maron dinner
494.00	utilities
35.00	Donation to Poor Box
\$3,849.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy & Mike Linton

What's New

Project Roots

The Christian Lebanese Foundation in the World (CLFW) and Project Roots aim to help, free of charge, all Americans of Lebanese descent register their births and marriages in Lebanon to encourage them to tie their roots to their future and to preserve diversity in their mother country. We need your help to build Connections, find non-registered people of Lebanese descent, and encourage them to register. Call Msgr Bakhos for more details.

Donations for St. Maron Gift Basket

Reminder to the Ladies donating for the Gift Basket. Please bring in your donation as soon as possible for the Basket. Wine or Chocolate would be appreciated.

Mahrajan News Update (Sat & Sun, August 11 & 12, 2018)

In January, the Mahrajan Committee started the preparatory meetings to plan for this year Festival that will take place at Oglebay Park on Saturday and Sunday, August 11 and 12, 2018. Last week we met with Pitaland in Pittsburgh in regard of the food preparation. Please invite your family members and friends from all over to travel to Wheeling and enjoy the Festival with you. More details in the upcoming bulletins.

--We received \$1,500.00 Donation from Wheeling Heritage

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
 - \$25.00 from the Benline Family
 - \$100.00 from Mark Schroeder
 - \$50.00 from Larry & Becky Ferrera
 - \$50.00 in Memory of Louis J. John by his Family
 - \$25.00 in Memory of John Wilson by his Family
 - \$25.00 In Memory of Ray & Dolores Palotay by the Family
- (Total Fundraising is now \$1,000.00 out of \$1,699.00)**

Around Us

Lenten Retreat

Where: National Shrine, North Jackson, Ohio - When: Saturday, March 17. Cost: \$75.00 including Food

A Time to Laugh (348)

Bathroom Commode

A very proper lady began planning a week's camping vacation for her and her Baptist Church group. She wrote to a campground for reservations. She wanted to make sure that the campground was fully equipped and modern, but couldn't bring herself to write the word "toilet" in her letter. So, she decided on the old-fashioned term "Bathroom Commode."

Once written down she still was not comfortable. Finally she decided on the abbreviation "B.C." and wrote, "Does your campground have its own "B.C.?" When the campground owner received the letter, he couldn't figure out what she meant by "B.C." He showed it to several of the campers, one of whom suggested the lady was obviously referring to a Baptist Church since there was a letterhead on the paper which referred to a Baptist Church. So he sent this reply:

Dear Madam:

The B.C. is located nine miles from the camp ground in a beautiful grove of trees. I admit it is quite a distance if you are in the habit of going regularly. No doubt you will be pleased to know that it will seat 350 people at one time, and it is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday of each week. Some folks like to take their lunch and make a day of it. The acoustics are very good, so everyone can hear even the quietest passages. It may interest you to know that my daughter met her husband there. We are also having a fund-raiser to purchase new seats, as the old ones have holes in them. Unfortunately my wife is ill and has not been able to attend regularly. It's been a good six months since she last went. It pains her very much not to be able to go more often. As we grow older, it seems to be more of an effort, especially in cold weather. Perhaps I could accompany you the first time you go, sit with you, and introduce you to all the other folks who will be there. I look forward to your visit. We offer a very friendly campground.

Romance

An older couple were lying in bed one night. The husband was falling asleep but the wife was in a romantic mood and wanted to talk. She said, "You used to hold my hand when we were courting." Wearily he reached across, held her hand for a second and tried to get back to sleep. A few moments later she said, "Then you used to kiss me." Mildly irritated, he reached across, gave her a peck on the cheek and settled down to sleep. Thirty seconds later she said, "Then you used to bite my neck." Angrily, he threw back the bed clothes and got out of bed. "Where are you going?" she asked. "To get my teeth!"

California Statehood

Do you know what happened this week back in 1850, 159 years ago? California became a state. The State had no electricity. The State had no money. Almost everyone spoke Spanish. There were gunfights in the streets. So basically, it was just like California today; except the women had real breasts and the men didn't hold hands.

Acts 2:38

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins may be forgiven.) The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar: "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and two 38's!"