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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



7th Sunday after the Holy Cross

- ***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 thru Thursday 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 adjacent to church** is for parishioners and visitors all the time.
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

7th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Rom 12:9-21 and Mt 25:31-46

As a young child, I would enter our cavernous parish church on Saturday afternoons to go to confession. A group of older people always seemed to be scattered throughout the church. Their heads were bowed, and their rosaries clinked comfortingly against the pews. I never thought much about what they were praying for, but I embraced the warmth and consolation of their presence.

After I was ordained I asked one of these women about her prayers. She told me that she usually looked around the church and prayed for the people who were there. She knew them all by name and knew their needs. To have someone who will hold you in prayer before the throne of God is truly a gift.

Today's Gospel gives us a vision of how we are to stand before the throne of God. It suggests that we will stand in holiness before God's throne if we have treated others with kindness and love. At the beginning of Lent, pick out someone in your life whom you will hold before the throne of God. Place the image of that person in your mind and surround him or her with prayers of kindness and love. The psalmist says it well: "***Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before You.***" (Ps. 19:15)

From the Desk of The Pastor

Use of the Offering Envelopes

My dear parishioners,

If you file every year for Tax deduction, you need to have offering envelopes in order that the financial committee records all your donations given inside the envelopes either cash or checks. Every offering envelope set has a serial number attributed to the giver. That's why you have no need to write your name or address on the Sunday envelope. Your donations are recorded under your number and at the end of the year, you receive a statement from the church detailing every donation by date, amount and check number. If you don't file for tax deduction, you do not need offering envelopes and your contributions are recorded only if they are put in an envelope labeled with your name. According to IRS regulations, only those who donated \$250.00 or more receive a church statement. Those who donated less than \$50.00 in 2018 are not given a 2019 envelope set and for any question, please call or see Msgr. Bakhos.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, Oct. 27-28: 7th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday October 27 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Theodore & Bertha Rydzak

✠ Betty Joseph & John Wilson (Anniversaries) by Larry & Becky Ferrera

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Tessa Joseph by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

✠ Rev. Tinker & his wife Lourice Kanaan by their Last Will

Weekdays Masses

Monday October 29: No Mass. Pastor's Day off

Tuesday October 30 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Julianna E. Breit (Birthday) by her siblings

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally

Wednesday October 31 at 5:30 p.m.: All Saints Eve Mass (No Noon Mass)

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

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

Thursday November 1 at 12:05 p.m.: All Saints Day Mass (No Evening Mass)

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

Friday, November 2 at 12:05 p.m.: All Souls Mass***All Souls Masses*** (From Fri Nov. 2 until Thu. Nov. 8)

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey
- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabiha & habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Tom Jochum by his Family
- ✠ Tim, Ginny & Martha Shia by the Family
- ✠ Beloved parents John & Cecilia John & D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John & David & Tamamie Joseph by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Beloved Aunts and uncles Fred & Rita John, Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Sister Mary Thomasina John and Roland & Julia Tappe by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Deceased Family of Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ 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
- ✠ The Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Mary C. Ritts by John & Opal Ritts
- ✠ John & Ritts by John & Opal Ritts
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ✠ Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris
- ✠ Mike Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Michael, Freda & William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Deceased members of the Josephs Family by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
- ✠ Frank Duymich Sr. by his son Frank Duymich Jr.
- ✠ Mary lou Duymich by her son Frank Duymich Jr.
- ✠ Deceased of the Strawn Family by Rex & Rita Strawn
- ✠ Deceased of the Dellget & Thomas Families by Rex & Rita Strawn
- ✠ Robert Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki popovich
- ✠ Helen Fielding and Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki popovich
- ✠ Gerard Joseph by Stephanie Joseph
- ✠ Deceased of the Elias & Selma Joseph by Stephanie Joseph
- ✠ Jean, Bill, Doug, Billy, Dick, Ed Jr. & Sr. & Elizabeth Bentz by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Mathanne Rinehart, Sharlet Purpura, Elaine & Jay Cybulski, Annette Tysk, Annette Aprea, Paul Doyle and Tom George and Jerry Werner by Millet & Susie Fadoul

- ✠ George Fadoul, Rose Fadoul, Terri Fadoul & our grandparents Fadoul by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Wilma Betras & Denny Bartolovick by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Thomas & Stella Ryncarz by Richard & Mary Ryncarz
- ✠ Marion Simonetti by Richard & Mary Ryncarz
- ✠ Matt Simonetti by Richard & Mary Ryncarz
- ✠ Margaret Simonetti by Richard & Mary Ryncarz
- ✠ Deceased of Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- ✠ Bob Saseen & The Schlog Family by Mary F. Saseen
- ✠ Deceased of the Duffy, Comer, Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Our dear mother Shirley Elias Nickerson by her loving Family: Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Elijah
- ✠ Our grandparents Nicholas & Amelia Elias, our mother Shirley Elias Nickerson & our loving aunts, Mary, Jean, Helen, Margaret, Rose & Madeline by Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Elijah
- ✠ Deceased members of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine
- ✠ Emily Vince by her children & grandchildren
- ✠ Donald Vince by his children and grandchildren
- ✠ Patricia Gompers by Matt, Vicki & Christine Gompers
- ✠ Cathy (Sharp) Howard by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased of the Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by their children & grandchildren
- ✠ Deceased of the Maroon & Mary Catherine Habeb Families by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- ✠ George Nabi & Siberia Cater by Dr. Maryann Cater
- ✠ Nicolas and Foumia Cater by Dr. Maryann Cater
- ✠ Anna Marie, Julian, Leslie & Jerry Jr. McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Donald (FL)
- ✠ Tim & Mary Jean Stanton by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Steve & Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ John Sayre Sr., by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Violet Machel by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ Ruzso & Dolores Palotay by the Palotay Family
- ✠ George & Betty Joseph & Theresa & Lawrence Ferrera by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Elias & Selma Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Deceased of the Wilson & Hodulik Families
- ✠ George & Mary Popovich by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay & Luke Lenz
- ✠ August Montalbano by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay & Luke Lenz
- ✠ Helen Fielding by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay & Luke Lenz
- ✠ My parents Barkett & Sadie Coury by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family
- ✠ My sister Eva, brothers Louis & Charles Coury, my son Larry Gibbons Jr., by Lucille Coury Gibbons
- ✠ Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ George & Dolores and Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Deceased of the Glaser, Robinson & Gotses Families by the Gotses Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Henning and Bott Families by Don & Roberta Henning

Next Weekend, Nov. 10-11: Renewal of the Church

Saturday November 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Elizabeth A. Magnone (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ‡ Special Intention

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

- ✠ Lary Breiding (Anniversary) by his grandson Dalton Haas

Calendar of Parish Events

Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, October 28th following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
Christmas Party	<i>Sunday, December 9th. (more information in coming bulletins)</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, December 22nd (5-9 p.m.)</i>

Cedar Club Meeting *(Monday, November 12th, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall)*

The Cedar Club will meet on Monday, November 12th. Bring your ideas and information for activities, entertainment, outings, shows, etc., and present them during the meeting. Hosting for the evening will be Mary Stees and Shirley Bine.

Spaghetti Dinner Financial Report

\$4,092.50	Income
\$982.71	Expenses
\$3,109.79	Net Profit

Many Thanks to all the chairpersons, donors and volunteers. Without you no success. –Msgr. Bakhos

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

October 30: Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn
 November 4: Kenny Joseph, Libby G. Magnone, Dalton Haas
 November 8: Staci Duffy, Mark Wilson, Garrett Bratton
 November 9: Liz Murad, Cindy Thomas
 November 11: Ryan Murad
 November 15: Rena Bratton
 November 18: Rose Vargo
 November 24: Rex Strawn
 November 26: Mary Lish
 November 28: Richard Obyc

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)
 Patty Fahey, Shelley Hancher, Phil Geimer, Bill Dougherty, John Frazier (son of Luane Frazier), Austin Strawn (grandson of Rex Strawn), Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, Sandra Dusick, John Shibben, Diane Palotay, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Teo Stewart and Nancy Shalvey, Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,021.00	Sunday Collection
195.00	2 nd collection: Propagation of Faith
60.00	Candles
1,259.50	Spaghetti Dinner
5.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$2,570.50	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?

Thank You

To all the wonderful kitchen helpers for the Spaghetti Dinner. Your time and knowledge in what needed done is much appreciated. With the many hands at work, everything ran smoothly. Thanks again, Nini

Many Thanks

--To our parishioners Frank and Michael Duymich for cleaning the northern parking lot. Job well done.

May their Memory be Eternal

--Lourice Kannan who was married to Rev. Tinker put our church on her Last Will. The amount dedicated to our church is \$25,000. To honor her wishes and for the rest of their souls \$5,000 will be deposited in a special stipend account for Masses and \$20,000 will be deposited in the church saving account. May their memory be eternal. --Msgr. Bakhos

Around Us

Religious Christmas Gifts

Where: St. Mary's Church, 212 W. Main St, St Clairsville

When: Saturday, November 3rd from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Info: 740-695-9993



Story

Upon exiting the operating room, the doctor approached his patient's husband and parents with some difficult news. "I'm sorry but Lois may not make it through the night," he said. "I've completed only half of the surgery I intended to do. Severe bleeding had caused a dangerous drop in Lois's blood pressure, thus precluding the removal of her uterus.

Recurring fibroids, called Asherman Syndrome, wove in and out of the uterus so that it had become inhospitable to life—the life of the child that Lois and her husband, Carey, so much desired since their marriage four years earlier.

Carey and Lois wanted to start a family right away. She was twenty-eight and anxious to become a mother. "I had great parents," she says, and I wanted to be like them." Her parents had taught her that God was always in control, that trust in Him would sustain her through any of life's trials. Little did Lois imagine that her faith would be tested to such a degree!

The couple was thrilled when their first baby was conceived. Their delight was short-lived, however. In August, the baby miscarried, apparently suffocated by inter-uterine fibroids. Lois needed surgery to remove the invading tissues. "It all seemed like a nightmare," she said, though it became her reality for several more years.

In December of the same year, Lois and Carey were expecting for the second time, and once again their joy knew no bounds. Though she found herself vacillating between elation and fear, Lois knew that in God's Providence, all would turn out the way it should. Just two months later, heartache returned when this baby also died.

"I don't think God listens to my prayers, Carey told his wife with deep sadness. Lois assured him with affirmations such as, "Keep trusting, everything happens for a reason, and God's will be done. When two obgyn specialists informed the couple that they would likely never have children, Lois had to lean heavily on her own words.

In April, four large fibroids which threatened to destroy any possibility of a child for the hopeful couple were scheduled for surgical removal. The doctor warned the couple that he would probably remove the uterus if he saw that it was too badly scarred from the recurring fibroids. Indeed, it was scarred, but after Lois' left ovary

was removed, serious complications developed, halting the removal of the uterus. The doctor had to abandon his plan to extract the only means for supporting the life of the baby they prayed for.

Because of her doctor's expert care, Lois survived the crisis. Returning to the conscious world, she asked almost immediately, "Do I still have my uterus?" When told that it had not been removed, she says, "that was music to my ears." She decided right then that she would accept the fact that she may never have a child. Once again, her faith played a strong role in her resolve to accept the hand dealt her. After all, she was alive and she and Carey were blessed with six godchildren who would be a part of their lives.

Lois and Carey did their best to surrender to God their hopes and dreams for a child, trying hard not to dwell on the subject too much. She continued her job as a hospital lab technician. Life seemed to just be getting back on an even keel when a home pregnancy test revealed that Lois had conceived once more. Again the couple were excited, even though they had already experienced such severe disappointments.

The doctor, however, was not at all excited when Lois came in for her prenatal exam. He did not believe she could ever carry a child to term. "You are no longer my patient, but God's!" the doctor declared. He ordered an ultrasound to determine the condition of the uterus. He was, however, not expecting what he saw: No scars and no adhesions! Lois's uterus looked totally normal. The word "miracle" passed over her doctor's lips.

The pregnancy advanced normally until January, when serious bleeding began. Lois was put on bed rest. The bleeding subsided in March, but as a precaution, bed rest was continued. Carey bargained with God that if their child survived, he would be a more faithful Catholic. Lois, for her part, had already decided on the baby's name, so sure was she that the Lord had spared her uterus in order for this child to be born.

It was two o'clock in the morning of June. The couple, followed closely by Lois's anxious parents, raced to the hospital.

"It was a wild ride," Lois recalls. "I kept praying that we wouldn't hit a deer." An emergency surgery team assembled quickly. Lois and Carey prayed and thanked God for the incredible miracle about to happen. At 6:08 a.m., Kendal was born.

Tears of joy streamed down Carey's face as he gently placed little Kendal into his loving mother's arms. Six years of painful, emotional agony paled as Lois and Carey beheld their precious son. As she held her baby for the first time, a flood—gate of emotion swept over Lois an incredible release of long years of tension and frustration.

As Lois says so eloquently, "It is truly God that carries our future in His hands." Carey agrees! Always believe!

A Time to Laugh (382)

Don't you Sometime Wonder?

My neighbor works in the operations department in the central office of a large bank. Employees in the field call him when they have problems with their computers. One night he got a call from a woman in one of the branch banks who had this question: "I've got smoke coming from the back of my terminal. Do you guys have a fire downtown?"

Don't you Sometime Wonder?

--Police in Radnor, Pa., interrogated a suspect by placing a metal colander on his head and connecting it with wires to a photocopy machine. The message "He's lying" was placed in the copier, and police pressed the copy button each time they thought the suspect wasn't telling the truth. Believing the "lie detector" was working, the suspect confessed.

Don't you Sometime Wonder?

--A mother calls 911 very worried asking the dispatcher if she needs to take her kid to the emergency room, the kid was eating ants, the dispatcher tells her to give the kid some Benadryl and should be fine, the mother says, I just gave him some ant killer Dispatcher: Rush him in to Emergency!
"Life is Tough. It's Tougher if you're Stupid."

Funny Enough!

--The reason congressmen try so hard to get re-elected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

--All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

--Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

--Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say? "

Artie said: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a Fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Don said: "I'd like them to say, "Look, he's moving!"

--Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Logan received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Logan, wait until we say our prayer," his mother reminded him.

"I don't have to," the little boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted, "we always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Logan explained, "but this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

Prayer

The Indian sage, Narada, was a devotee of the Lord Han. So great was his devotion that he was one day tempted to think that in all the world there was no one who loved God more than him.

The Lord read his heart and said, "Narada, go to this town on the banks of the Granges for a devotee of mine dwells there. Living in his company will do you good."

Narada went and found a farmer who rose early in the morning, pronounced the name of Han only once, then lifted his plough and went out to his fields where he worked all day. Just before he fell asleep at night he pronounced the name of Han once again. Narada thought, "How can this rustic be a devotee of God? I see him immersed all day in his worldly occupations."

Then the Lord said to Narada, "Fill a bowl to the brim with milk and walk all around the city. Then come back without spilling a single drop." Narada did as he was told.

"How many times did you remember me in the course of your walk around the City?" asked the Lord.

"Not once, Lord," said Narada.

"How could I when you commended me to watch that bowl of milk?"

The Lord said, "That bowl so absorbed your attention that you forgot me altogether. But look at that peasant who, though burdened with the cares of supporting a family, remembers me twice every day?"

The soldier thought of this dying man's son fighting; God knew where thousands of miles away. He thought of the old man holding on to life in the hope of being with his son one last time before he died. Then he made up his mind, he leaned forward, held the old man's hand and said softly, "*Dad, I'm here. I'm back.*"

The dying man clutched at the hand offered to him; his unseeing eyes opened to scan the surroundings: a contented smile spread over his face and remained there till he died about an hour later.