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Bulletin #4

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

- ***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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Readings: Gal 3:23-29 and Jn 3:1-16

Have you ever found yourself in a situation wherein you did not understand the language? Maybe it was while visiting a foreign country; or, possibly, in this “*hi-tech*” age, you have not kept up with the latest professional jargon. Whatever the circumstances, a failure to figure out what is being said leaves us at a distinct disadvantage.

God’s communication with us is like this. As Scripture so often relates, the Lord never stops attempting to speak to creation. Sometimes people listen and understand, but much of the time they fail to comprehend. Ultimately, God speaks a most surprising Word: a Word that “*became flesh and lived among us.*” (Jn 1 :14)

Still, even among Jesus’ own followers, there was often misunderstanding. Thus, he promised that an Advocate would be sent, “*the Holy Spirit... [who] .. will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.*” (Jn14:26) And, at Pentecost, the apostles, “*filled with the Holy Spirit ... began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*”

What about us? Throughout our lives, God speaks to us in new and wonderful ways. But we can only comprehend through the Spirit. As Catholics, we believe we receive the Holy Spirit particularly in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. Baptism calls us into the life and family of God. Confirmation strengthens us in our continued growth in faith. Thus, the Church teaches that we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord (Is 11:2-3).

To understand how these gifts are operative, consider how we learn a new language. We need to study the tools of grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary. But to truly understand the language, we must practice reading it and, even more, speaking it. Similarly, the gifts of the Spirit not only enable us to know God’s love, but empower us to proclaim that love in the very words and actions of our daily lives.

It may seem to be long ago since the first Pentecost, when the crowds in Jerusalem were startled to hear the Spirit-filled disciples speaking in their own tongues, but the reality of Pentecost continues. The Good News is that God has spoken -and continues to speak. God’s language can be understood through the Spirit-filled Christians of every age, even today. There are so many who long to hear a message of hope and love! May our prayer for this task continue to be: “*Come, Holy Spirit.*”

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, January 26-27: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday January 26 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George Thomas by his wife Mary Thomas
- ✠ Intentions of Nikki Popovich (Birthday) by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay & Luke Lenz

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, January 28: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off

Tuesday, January 29: No Mass. Pastor’s Day of vacation

Wednesday, January 30 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Thursday, January 31 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick

Friday, February 1: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off

Next Weekend, February 2-3: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Saturday February 2

At 3:30 p.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

At 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Good health of Latif Thomas and his Family
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 3 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
- ✠ Bob Saseen and Steve Schlog (Birthday) by Fran Saseen

Announcement

-- On Saturday and Sunday, January 26 and 27 we will take a second collection for Eparchial Charities. Please read the attached letter in this bulletin and be generous. –Msgr. Bakhos

Calendar of Parish Events

2nd collection	<i>Saturday and Sunday, January 26th and 27th.</i>
Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, January 27th following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Saint Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 24th (More information in the coming bulletins)</i>

Masses for the Faithful Departed (From Saturday, Feb. 23rd until Thursday, Feb. 28th)

On the Week of the Faithful Departed (Feb. 23rd – Feb. 28th) that immediately precedes the upcoming Great Lent, the church reminds the faithful to offer -along with their fasting, alms and prayers- Masses for the Repose of the Souls of their parents and beloved ones.

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God."

To remember your beloved ones, please complete the attached Form and drop it in the collection basket.

All Masses will be offered for the following Faithful Departed:

- ✠ *Robert Rose (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt*
- ✠ *Bess Ferris Garcia (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone*
- ✠ *Patricia Gompers (Birthday) by Matt, Vicki and Christine Gompers*
- ✠ *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*
- ✠ *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*
- ✠ *Helen Fielding and Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ *Albert Togliatti by Annette Togliatti*
- ✠ *Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will*
- ✠ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley and Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ *Deceased Family Members of Thomasina Geimer by Thomasina Geimer*

Ash Monday & Wednesday Distribution Schedule

Ash Monday, March 4:

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Ash Wednesday, March 6:

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

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Stations of the Cross & Benediction (All Fridays during Lent after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. The Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross then the 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.

There will be no meatless dinners on Fridays during Lent. The Cedar Club will only sponsor the Lenten Meal on Good Friday, April 19 after the Burial of the Lord.

Friday, March 8	5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
Friday, March 15	5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
Friday, March 22	5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
Friday, March 29	5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
Friday, April 5	5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
Friday, April 12	5:30 p.m. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
Good Friday , April 19	6:00 p.m.: Burial of the Lord followed by meatless dinner sponsored by the Cedar Club & Parishioners.

Diocesan Appeal

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

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Lou & Charlotte Khourey,

Mahrajan Updates (Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th)

--Mahrajan Sponsors

All Mahrajan Sponsors will be listed in the Ad Book (if received before July 15, 2019) and in the Weekly Bulletins until August 11, 2019 on three levels: **Silver** (under \$100); **Gold** (\$100 to \$199); **Diamond** (\$200 and above). Please consider making a donation at one of these three levels to support the Mahrajan, to help defray its expenses (\$25,000) and to insure the continuation of the Festival for future generations. Please write a little note with your donation and return it in the collection basket. --Msgr. Bakhos

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

January 28: Nikki Popovich
 January 29: Sandra Dusick
 February 2: David John, Doug Bratton
 February 4: Lindsay Carl
 February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey
 February 14: Diane Frenn
 February 15: Nettie Seidler

February 16: Dave Sengewalt
 February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
 February 21: Louie Khourey
 February 27: MaryAnn Carl

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)
 Special Intention, Regina Hancher, Sandra Dusick, Brian Logan (son-in-law of Larry Siebieda), Diane Palotay, Robert A. Nader, (uncle of Lou Khourey), Joe Simon, Jim McGlumphy, Patty Fahey, 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, John Shiben, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Mike O'Kane (brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich)

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,302.00	Sunday Collection
100.00	2 nd collection: Diocesan Appeal
73.00	Candles
20.00	Bulletin ad
5.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to the poor
\$1,530.00	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?

Condolences: Josephine Elias Weidman

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Elias and Weidman Families on the loss of their beloved Josephine who passed away in Wheeling. Msgr. Bakhos concelebrated the Funeral Mass at Corpus Christi church on Monday, January 21st. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Available items for Sale at the Church:

--Burghol #1 and #2 wrapped in 2lb bags.

--**There are only two** Mamool Molds with 4-shapes each like those used in the kitchen. Cost \$15.00 each. Please see Mike Linton or one of the Ladies of our church to purchase some.

Censor Needed for the Church.

Do you need to leave a Memorial for your beloved ones? Here is the opportunity. The church is in need of a new censor to replace our old one after it is done. It is a special one for the Eastern Rite. It costs \$850 including shipping and handling. Your donation will be tax deductible. Please call Msgr Bakhos 233-1688

Buy Bulletin Ad and help the church.

Would you like to place an Ad on the last page of our Weekly Bulletin? By buying an Ad you help defray the cost of printing the bulletin and promote your business. Please contact Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 or Charlotte at 304-639-1372. Cost is \$120 per year.

Around Us

Regional NAM Convention

Where: St. Anthony of Padua Maronite church, Cincinnati, Ohio

When: Fri-Sunday, March 8-10

Cost: \$139.00 Group rate

For Information and reservation ask Msgr Bakhos or call 304-233-1688



Story

Meg glanced out the window when she heard the screen door creak next door. She saw Belle heading toward the circus-bright blossoms in her flowerbeds. "Aunt" Belle was no one's aunt in particular, but she was claimed as such by everyone in this new neighborhood. Especially the kids - they all adored her.

'Speaking of kids'...Meg sighed. She needed to apologize for the way her own had acted. 'What an embarrassing first introduction to a neighbor,' she thought. She headed out the door, praying that her apology would be accepted.

"Are your flowers this abundant every year?" Meg frowned at the dandelions freckling her own back lawn. "Oh my, yes," answered Aunt Belle as she plucked a spindly weed and pinched a spent bloom. "They are my pride and joy."

"I can see that. You spend a great deal of time working with them and it shows. Your yard is beautiful! Obviously, my kids think so, too," Meg rushed to add. "I'm sorry my daughter picked your new bedding petunias, Belle. It won't happen again."

"Don't let it worry you, dear. Children are more important than flowers. The petunias will come back." Aunt Belle adjusted her frayed straw hat.

But it did worry Meg. As the weeks wore on, her kids quickly made new friends up and down the block. Now an entire army of children stormed the house and yard in summertime abandon. No matter how much she cautioned - and threatened - they overflowed into Belle's yard next door. Meg paid another visit to Aunt Belle. "I noticed that our basketball knocked the blossoms off your prized peonies. I'm so sorry."

Yet, it didn't seem to frazzle Aunt Belle, however. "Children are more important than flowers," she said again. The peonies will come back."

As the weeks wore on, her yard took a backseat when it came to the kids. In fact, she championed them, all the while encouraging their visits, laughing at their antics, plying them with homegrown nosegays and homemade treats.

One hot month melted into another. Meg's temper got shorter while her apologies grew longer. "I see the kids have worn a path through the corner of your lawn. It's their latest 'shortcut.' I can't believe I didn't catch them at it sooner. "I'm sorry, Aunt Belle. I saw tracks crisscrossing your violets, and I'm personally acquainted with the guilty party. I'll remind him to keep his bicycle on the sidewalk where it belongs.

"Sorry again, Aunt Belle. Honestly, you must be a saint to put up with all these kids tearing through your beautiful yard. What were they thinking to let the dog roll and dig in your marigold bed? Your beautiful flowers are ruined!"

But, no matter what, Aunt Belle's angelic smile never wavered and neither did her reply. "It's fine, dear. Don't worry so. Children are more important than flowers. The flowers will come back."

Meg thanked God for a neighbor as forgiving as He was. Meg tried not to worry. After all, the children didn't seem to. They knew Aunt Belle was always available to listen to both sides of a disagreement, kiss a skinned elbow, and praise a slam-dunk. Her broom swept aside their capers along with her raining rose petals. In her patient way, Aunt Belle nourished both her garden and the blossoming children.

And so the summer passed, as did many summers after that. The pattern never changed: Aunt Belle serenely nursed bruised blossoms; Meg begged pardon for more "problems." By ones and by twos, all the kids grew up.

Today, Meg grinned as she walked into Room 33 at Four Seasons Manor. There sat her elderly friend, parked in a wheel chair, pattering with a row of posies. "I can tell that it's summertime again, Aunt Belle, just by glancing at your windowsill. Why, look at all the flowers!"

An impressive collection lined the wall. Vases of fresh-cut roses and peonies, flanked by crocks of

marigolds and jars of pansies, haloed Aunt Belle's angel-white hair. Her delicate fingers tamped the rich, damp soil that molded a clay pot of nodding violets.

"Yes, aren't they lovely, Dear?" Aunt Belle glowed. "I've had so many visitors lately, mostly children from the old neighborhood. My, my, how they've grown. And each one who visits brings me flowers." Delphinium-blue eyes watered. "What a beautiful surprise."

Inhaling the earthy, garden blend of fragrance and friend, Meg slipped an arm around fragile shoulders. "Why, that shouldn't surprise you, Aunt Belle. Don't you remember? You always promised, 'They'll come back.'

And you were right. They have."

A Time to Laugh (394)

Intelligent Instructions

On a Sears hairdryer: Do not use while sleeping. (*That's the only time I have to work on my hair.*)

On a bag of Fritos: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside. (*the shoplifter special?*)

On a bar of Dial soap: "Directions: Use like regular soap." (*and that would be???*)

On some Swanson frozen dinners: "Serving suggestion: Defrost." (*but, it's just a suggestion.*)

On Tesco's Tiramisu dessert (printed on bottom): "Do not turn upside down." (*well...duh, a bit late, huh!*)

On Marks & Spencer Bread Pudding: "Product will be hot after heating." (*...and you thought????*)

On packaging for a Rowenta iron: "Do not iron clothes on body." (*but wouldn't this save me time?*)

On Boot's Children Cough Medicine: "Do not drive a car or operate machinery after taking this medication." (*We could do a lot to reduce the rate of construction accidents if we could just get those 5 year-olds with head-colds off those bulldozers.*)

On Nytol Sleep Aid: "Warning: May cause drowsiness." (*...I'm taking this because???*)

On most brands of Christmas lights: "For indoor or outdoor use only." (*as opposed to what?*)

On a Japanese food processor: "Not to be used for the other use." (*now, somebody out there, help me on this. I'm a bit curious.*)

On Sainsbury's peanuts: "Warning: contains nuts." (*talk about a news flash*)

On an American Airlines packet of nuts: "Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts." (*Step 3: say what?*)

On a child's Superman costume: "Wearing of this garment does not enable you to fly." (*I don't blame the company. I blame the parents for this one.*)

On a Swedish chainsaw: "Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals." (*Oh my God! Was there a lot of this happening somewhere?*)

Mysterious number 710

Yesterday I was having some work done at the car dealer. A woman came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten. They all looked at each other, and the Mechanic asked, "What is a seven-hundred-ten?" She replied, "You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine. I lost it and need a new one. It had always been there." The mechanic gave the woman a piece of paper and a pen and Asked her to draw what the piece looked like. She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He then took her over to another car which had the hood up and asked, "Is there a 710 on this car?" She pointed and said, "Of course, it's right there." The mysterious 710 was not other than the word OIL written on the lid and shown upside down.