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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

- ***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 Kourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, 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
- ***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

Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Readings: 2Cor 7:4-11 and Lk 8:40-56

Today's Gospel provides us with two stories upon which to mediate and grow in faith during this holy Lent. The persons involved in the healing stories in today's Gospel were very different--one powerful and influential in society; the other poor and afflicted. But both turned to the healing power of the Divine Physician and both found peace and serenity in that decision to trust the Lord.

Jairus, came to request the favor in public, and the woman came to obtain it in secret. However, both requests were granted at the end.

The hemorrhaging woman was alienated from her community because of her flow of blood. She lived in isolation and misery, spending all her money on doctors, but she only got worse. Besides her sickness, now she is a poor person.

Perhaps she was rich before her sickness. But as we know sickness does not differentiate between poor and rich. We all know that true richness is not with money and wealth, but with good moral and faith. Money cannot buy life or health.

The Hemorrhaging woman suffered so long, she defiled the skill of so many doctors. She had hope only in God. Faith did for her what human means could not do. We must first put our trust in the Master of the universe, not in the doctors or other humans. Many people put their trust first in the doctors, and when they cannot help them any more, they turn to God and start asking him for favors. Where was God in their lives when they were healthy?

It is not enough to say, "I believe in God", you need to come to him and request your needs with faith as did the leper, the hemorrhaging woman and many others. You don't ask you don't receive. You don't knock, no one will open the door.

Christ wants to establish a special relationship with each one of us. That is why he wanted to speak to the woman after she was healed. He wanted to talk with her face to face. The miracle of her healing would have been useless if it did not lead to personal relationship with Jesus. I hear it sometimes from some people saying, "God has done this miracle and that miracle with me or with a member of my family." But at the same time that spoken person does not go to church, and does not practice his or her faith properly. Our faith and our Christian vocation can be useless if we do not have that special communication with Christ. This relationship requires from us to be with Jesus; To take time to be with him in prayer. To make it a priority to be with him in church and to receive him in the Eucharist. If Christ is important to me, or if my faith and Christianity means anything to me, I should do the impossible to save it and to practice my faith daily.

Jesus' words to Jairus, "Do not be afraid, just have faith." and to the woman, "Your faith has made you well," are blessed words to you and me. They tell us that faith moves mountains!

Jesus underlines the importance of faith. The best definition I found on faith is: "Faith is an unquestioning belief that does not require proof or evidence. It is a complete trust and confidence."

AS we reflect upon this Gospel, we ought to ask ourselves:

.... What is in me that needs healing; what it is that has been draining me of energy;

.... How my condition has made me feel unclean, isolated, and alone;

.... What did I gain from the efforts that I have made over the years to be healed;

.... What is my own deepest desire for healing?

Some of us might have some physical, emotional or spiritual sickness that needs healing.

Physical: Could be cancer, AID, heart problems, hemorrhaging, disabilities or any other sickness.

Emotional: Could be some addiction to alcohol, tobacco, sexual addiction, gambling, abusive behavior ... etc..

Spiritual: Could be lack of faith; luke-warmth in prayer; negligence of religious duties; moving away from the church and the sacraments; dishonoring Christ through any way of sinning.

All humans, Christians and non-Christians suffer from such misery, physical, emotional and spiritual. However, we Christians have a special remedy and a special gift of healing and restoration that God gives us in Jesus Christ if we come to him in faith. We must take advantage of that. We must come to him and touch him and be touched by him in the Eucharist. We must go to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be healed and restored by him. No matter how miserable and sick I can be, God's power is stronger and mightier than anything.

Let us ask the Lord to grant us the faith of the hemorrhaging woman and the trust of the synagogue official.

Like these two people of faith, let us learn to turn to the Lord in true faith, to lay before him our spiritual and physical ailments, and to be touched by the power of him who is willing to expand himself even to death on the cross for those who seek him in faith. Amen. --Fr. Sharbel G. Maroun

Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Dear Parishioners,

Please read the attached letters we received from our Diocese concerning the above subject. Msgr. Bakhos

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, Mar. 16-17: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Saturday March 16 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John Wilson by his wife Judy Wilson
- ✠ Sandra Dusick by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter (Anniversary) by Thomasina Geimer & Family
- ✠ Patricia Gedden by her aunt Nettie Seidler & children Dale & Brian

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, March 18: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, March 19 at 12:05 p.m.: Feast of Saint Joseph

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Sandra Dusick by Ron Weisner

Wednesday, March 20: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Thursday, March 21 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

Friday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

- ✠ Sandra Dusick by Kenny & Nancy Joseph
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Thomas Brock Jr.

Next Weekend, March 23-24: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday March 23 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Sandra Dusick by Robert Harris and Veronica Mushet
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Sadie Harb by Annette Togliatti
- ✠ Michael & Annette Howard by Lou and Charlotte Khourey and Family

Calendar of Parish Events

Work Days for St. Maron Dinner	<i>Monday, March 18th, 9:00 a.m. (Bake Cookies) Tuesday, March 19th, 9:00 a.m. (Cook Chicken) Wednesday, March 20th, 9:00 a.m. (Make Kibbee)</i>
Saint Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 24th from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, March 31st, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Bake Sale	<i>Orders due by Monday, April 29th Baking days: Monday, May 6th, Tuesday, May 7th & Wednesday, May 8th, Pick up days: Wednesday, May 8th, & Thursday May 9th.</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday & Sunday, August 10th & 11th.</i>

Easter Lilies

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

These Easter Lilies to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners in memory of their beloved:

- ✠ Gladys Howard & Louise N. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ✠ Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris*
- ✠ Msgr. Bakhos' parents Adib & Sadie, brother Nadim & sister Mona*
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ✠ Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn*
- ✠ The Rohana & Rahi Families by Alicia Peklinsky*
- ✠ Don & Emily Vince & Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vicki Gompers*
- ✠ Ralph & Mary J. Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*
- ✠ Deceased of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Fran Saseen*
- ✠ Deceased of the Strawn & Thomas Families by Rex & Rita Strawn*
- ✠ Deceased of the Nolte & Shutler Families by Janet Shutler*
- ✠ Deceased of the Mushet & Harris Families by Veronica Mushet*
- ✠ Deceased of the Montalbano & Popovich Families by Joe & Nikki Popovich*
- ✠ 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*
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family*
- ✠ Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*
- ✠ Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families*
- ✠ Danny & Millie Manners by Nini Miller*
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson, Nicholas & Amelia Elias, Mary, Rose, Madeline, Jean, Helen & Margaret by their loving Family: Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma and Elijah*

Diocesan Appeal

All parishioners will receive after Ash Monday from the church a letter about their Easter Obligation. Many Thanks for those who fulfilled earlier their Easter Obligation for this year. May God reward you manyfolds and bless your fasting.

Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, Anonymous, Dalton Haas, Lucille Gibbons, Garry & Pauline Ferrell, Marjorie C. John, Maryann Carl, Mark & Debbie Huffman, M/M Myron Law, Angele Mansor, Earl & Linda Duffy, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Mary Beth Weisner, Bob & Nikki Popovich, Ron & Susan Burns, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Fran Saseen, Thomasina Geimer, George & Jean Weisner, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Tom & Judy Brock, Cathy Goodson, John & Dee Shiben, Sue Jochum, Catherine Gaudio,

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

--Mahrajan Sponsors

The Mahrajan Committee decided that all Mahrajan Sponsors will be recognized on five levels in many advertisement spots.

Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500	Wheeling Convention & Visitors Bureau by Frank O'Brien
Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000	
Gold Sponsor: \$500	
Silver Sponsor: \$250	
Bronze Sponsor: \$100	J.C.Mensore Distributor Inc. by John Mensore

Please consider making a donation at one of these levels to support the Mahrajan, to help defray its expenses (approx. \$25,000) and to insure its continuation for future generations. --Msgr. Bakhos

Birthdays' Wishes in the Coming Month:

March 18: John Shiben, Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
 March 22: Jennifer Imer
 March 26: Joseph John
 March 30: Gregory John
 March 31: Jonas George
 April 1: Patrick Sengewalt
 April 6: Ronald Weisner
 April 8: Jesse John
 April 11: Randy Weisner
 April 12: Justin Frenn
 April 13: Adel Frenn
 April 14: Mark McLaughlin, Lori DeMuth

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)

Luane Frazier, Bill Dougherty, Brian Logan (son-in-law of Larry Siebieda), Robert A. Nader, (uncle of Lou Khourey), Phil Geimer, Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Shirley & Jim George, Justin Frenn, John Shiben

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,964.00	Sunday Collection
1,325.00	Diocesan Appeal
300.00	2 nd collection: Caritas Lebanon
51.00	Candles
21.00	Coffee hour
1,082.00	St. Maron Dinner

725.00	Donation to the church
150.00	Parking
20.00	Easter Lillies
80.00	Utilities
35.00	Donation to the poor
\$5,753.00	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?

Parish Condolences: Larry Duffy

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Duffy Family on the loss of their beloved Larry. Larry was the brother of our beloved parishioner Earl Duffy. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

Around Us

Fundraising for Good Cause (Sunday, March 24 from 11 am until 7 pm)

On Sunday, March 24th, the Elm Grove Eagles is holding a Spaghetti/Meatball Dinner Benefit from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for the grandson of our parishioner Denny Albaugh, Luke. Luke, who is only one year of age, lost one of his eyes to cancer. The cost of the benefit is \$10.00 per person and is open to the public. Luke's other grandparents are Janet Albaugh and John and Bev Hanasky. Please try to attend or donate via Msgr. Bakhos. Thank you

Maronite Lenten Retreat (Saturday, April 6)

Where: National Shrine, Ohio

Theme: "Forgiveness in the Most difficult circumstances"

Cost: \$75.00 including meals

For Information and reservation call 914-964-3070

Italian Gnocchi Sale (Saturday, April 13)

Where: St. Mary, 20 – N. 4th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio

Order due by: April 13th (Call 740-633-3877) Pick up date: April 13, 2019



Story

"With God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

There once was a man who had nothing for his family to eat. He had an old rifle and three bullets. So, he decided that he would go out hunting and kill some wild game for dinner. As he went down the road, he saw a rabbit. He shot at the rabbit and missed it. The rabbit ran away.

Then he saw a squirrel and fired a shot at the squirrel but missed it. The squirrel disappeared into a hole in a cottonwood tree.

As he went further, he saw a large wild "Tom" turkey in the tree, but he had only one bullet remaining. A voice spoke to him and said, "Pray first, aim high, and stay focused."

However, at the same time, he saw a deer which was a better kill. He brought the gun down and aimed at the deer. But, then he saw a rattlesnake between his legs about to bite him, so he naturally brought the gun down further to shoot the rattlesnake.

Still, the voice said again to him, "I said, 'Pray, Aim high, and Stay focused.'"

So, the man decided to listen to God's voice. He prayed, then aimed the gun high up in the tree, and shot the

wild turkey. The bullet bounced off the turkey and killed the deer. The handle fell off the gun, hit the snake in the head, and killed it.

And, when the gun had gone off, it knocked him into a pond.

When he stood up to look around, he had fish in all his pockets, a dead deer, and a turkey for his family to eat. The snake (Satan) was dead simply because the man listened to God.

Moral of the story:

Pray first before you do anything, aim and shoot high in your goals, and stay focused on God. Never let others discourage you concerning your past. The past is exactly that, "the past."

Live every day one day at a time, and remember that only God knows our future, and that He will not put you through any more than you can bear.

Do not look to man for your blessings, but look to the doors that only He has prepared in advance for you in your favor.

Wait, be still, and patient: keep God first, and everything else will follow.

Don't worry about tomorrow, God is already there!!!

A Time to Laugh (401)

--Only a West Virginian knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace for a neighbor who's got trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's trouble is real bad, add a banana pudding and hot coffee.

--Only a West Virginian knows the difference between a hissy fit and a conniption fit, and that you don't "HAVE" them, you "PITCH" them.

--Only a West Virginian knows how many fish, collard greens, turnip greens, peas, beans, etc., make up "a mess."

--Only a West Virginian can show or point out to you the general direction of "yonder."

--Only a West Virginian knows exactly how long "directly" is, as in: "Going to town, be back directly."

--Even W.Va. babies know that "Gimme some sugar" is not a request for the white, granular sweet substance that sits in a pretty little bowl in the middle of the table.

--All West Virginians know exactly when "by and by" is. They might not use the term, but they know the concept well. They also know that "just down the road" can be 1 mile or 20.

--No true West Virginian would ever assume that the car with the flashing turn signal is actually going to make a turn.

--A West Virginian knows that "fixin" can be used as a noun, a verb, or an adverb.

--Only West Virginians make friends while standing in lines. We don't do "queues," we do lines"; and when we're in line," we talk to everybody!

--Put 100 West Virginians in a room and half of them will discover they're related, even if only by marriage.

--West Virginians never refer to one person as "ya'll."

--West Virginians know grits come from corn and how to eat them.

--Every West Virginian knows that with eggs, bacon, grits, and coffee are perfectly wonderful; that red eye gravy is also a breakfast food; and that fried green tomatoes are not a breakfast food.

--When you hear someone say, "Well, I caught myself lookin'," you know you are in the presence of a genuine West Virginian!

--Only true West Virginians say, "sweet tea" and "sweet milk." Sweet tea indicates the need for sugar and lots of it -- we do not like our tea unsweetened. "Sweet milk" means you don't want buttermilk.

--And a true West Virginian knows you don't scream obscenities at little old ladies who drive 30 MPH on the freeway. You just say, "Bless her heart, she's doin' the best she can." and go your own way.

--To those of you who're still a little embarrassed by your W.Va. heritage: Take two tent revivals and a dose of sausage gravy and call me in the morning. Bless your heart!

--And to those of you who are still having a hard time understanding all this W.Va. stuff, bless your hearts, I hear they are fixin' to have classes on W.Va. talk as a second language!

--And for those that are not from W.Va. but have lived here for a long time, ya'll need a sign to hang on ya'lls front porch that reads "I aint from W.Va. but I got here as fast as I could."

A Bad Day

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street. *"But, officer,"* the man began, *"I can explain."* *"Just be quiet,"* snapped the officer. *"I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."* *"But, officer, I just wanted to say,..."* *"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"*

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, *"Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."* *"Don't count on it,"* answered the fellow in the cell. *"I'm the groom."*

Grandma and the Cake

A little boy is telling his Grandma how everything is going wrong: school, family problems, severe health problems, etc... Meanwhile, grandma is baking a cake. She asked her grandson if he would like a snack, which of course he does. *"Here, have some cooking oil."* *"Yuck"* says the boy. *"How about a couple of raw eggs?"* *"Gross, grandma!"* *"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"* *"Grandma, those are all yucky!"* To which grandma replies: *"Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"*

Blonde

A ventriloquist is doing a gig with his dummy on his lap. He's telling a dumb blonde joke when a young woman jumps to her feet.

"What gives you the right to stereotype blondes that way?" she yells out. *"What does hair color have to do with my worth as a human being? You should be ashamed of yourself!"*

Flustered, the ventriloquist begins to stammer out an apology. Before he could utter anything, the blonde exclaimed angrily: *"You keep out of this, mister! I'm talking to that little jerk on your knee!"*

Beep! Beep!

One day while driving with my then 4 year old daughter Melanie, I beeped the horn by mistake. She turned and looked at me for an explanation. I said, *"I did that by accident"*. She replied, *"I know that, daddy."* I replied, *"How'd you know?"* Melanie said, *"Because you didn't say 'JERK' afterwards!"*