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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 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

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

INTRODUCTION:

The story of the prodigal son is that of many young men and women who have left God and His Church. Some, like him, had the courage to come back; some, unfortunately, did not show up again in the Father's house. But God, our Father, loved them all and expected their returning home. How should we understand the three persons of the parable?

1-THE PRODIGAL SON:

He was a young growing man but weary at home. He was third in the family if we count his father and his older brother. He felt acutely an outsider and not much favored. He was looking for total freedom and independence from his family. Instead of seeking advice or seeing a family counselor, he resolved his restlessness in a selfish and thoughtless way. He requested from his father his share of the family's properties and left home.

In a short time, he spent his funds in permissive and loose living. He was now poor, miserable and living in rags and beggary. Moreover, the swine of his friend were better fed than he. In his deep destitution he realized that in his father's house life would be better even if he was hired as a servant. Then, he noticed that he placed his own pleasures above the love and respect of his parents and remembered his father's love for him.

He carefully prepared his words of repentance and returned home to face his father and be ready to do his fathers' will: "FATHER, DO TO ME WHATEVER YOU WISH. I LEAVE IT TO YOU...." At this, his father welcomed him out of love and mercy.

2-THE FATHER:

He is a rich landowner and loves his children very much. We find him generous in granting his youngest son's request. However, knowing how blind young people can be and how wrong and stubborn they can be in their determination and decisions, we wonder if any help can make them change their mind. How many children listen to their fathers? Nevertheless, we ought to tell them what are the consequences of their foolish decisions. In this parable, the father hoped and prayed till his loved son returned. He did not demand any apology; but he immediately, received him back as his son and not as a servant.

Moreover, the father ordered for him the finest robe (like that of a dignified child), the ring (symbol of trust in sharing paternal authority upon the servants), and shoes befitting a noble man. Finally, his son's return home is also celebrated by a lavish and expensive banquet. All the generosity of the loving father was displayed for the dusty and ragged child, who repented and returned home

3-THE ELDER SON:

He took an unpleasant attitude. He became angry for what he heard and saw and refused to enter his own house. In vain his father pleaded with him, tried to make him understand and convince him to join the celebration. He rejected all and stated that he, the faithful son and not his immoral brother, deserved such a treatment and celebration.

What happened after that is everyone's guess! Jesus left the story unfinished. His main intention, however, is to show us on one hand, that God's (our Father's) love and forgiveness are far greater than anything experienced on earth, and on the other hand, that we, humans, in contrast to God, have difficulty to forgive our fellowmen.

This is why, instead of calling the parable "THE PRODIGAL SON", we may call it either the parable of "THE FORGIVING FATHER", who is ready to receive us with open arms if we repent and make a good confession. Or we may call it the parable of "THE UNFORGIVING BROTHER".

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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 Kourey and Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, March 25: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, March 26 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

Wednesday, March 27: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation

Thursday, March 28 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

✠ Sandra Dusick by Mike & Steve Linton

Friday, March 29 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat

✠ Sandra Dusick by Mike & Steve Linton

Next Weekend, March 30-31: Sunday of the Paralytic

Saturday March 30 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Sandra Dusick by Fran Saseen and sons

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Sandra Dusick by Rex & Rita Strawn

✠ Deceased of of Hassan, Nassar and Breiding Families by Dalton Haas

Calendar of Parish Events

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. Kourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & 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, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Mike & Nicole Breit, Mike & Judy Sofka, George & Patty Fahey, Nettie Seidler, Rex & Rita Strawn, (anonymous),

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	Main Street Bank by Rich Lucas
Silver Sponsor: \$250	
Bronze Sponsor: \$100	J.C.Mensore Distributor Inc. by John Mensore Bernie Glenn Insurance by Bernie Glenn

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 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
 April 20: Angela Petros, Craig Haas

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)

Lillian Siebieda, Patty Fahey, 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>	
\$2,454.00	Sunday Collection
650.00	Diocesan Appeal
28.00	Candles
23.00	Coffee hour
1,309.00	St. Maron Dinner
100.00	Donation to the church
600.00	Mahrajan
65.00	Parking
25.00	Utilities
35.00	Donation to the poor
\$5,289.00	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?

Anonymous Donor

Last week one parishioner donated \$50.00 toward the Easter Obligation without writing his/her name on the slip. If you want to remain anonymous disregard this notice, if not please let Msgr Bakhos know who you are.

Around Us

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

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We would never fly!

Get The Wisdom:

I asked for Strength, and God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom, and God gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity, and God gave me Brain and Brain to work.

I asked for Courage, and God gave me Danger to overcome.

I asked for Love, and God gave me Trouble people to help.

I asked for Favors, and God gave me Opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted, I received everything I needed!

Woooooops!!!!

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "*And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?*"

One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A Time to Laugh (402)

Bible Test

See if you can match your knowledge of the Bible with these children!

Incorrect spelling has been left in.

The following statements about the Bible were written by children of a Catholic elementary school.

- 1- IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINNESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.
- 2- ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.
- 3- LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.
- 4- THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.

- 5- SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH.
- 6- SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.
- 7- MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.
- 8- THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
- 9- THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.
- 10- THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY.
- 11- MOSES DIED BEFORE HE! EVER RE ACHED CANADA. THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL.
- 12- THE GREATEST MIRACLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM.
- 13- DAVID WAS A HEBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES.

Psychology

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses.

She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up.

The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"

No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"