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**We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.**



### *Sunday of the Paralytic*

- \***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 Paralytic*

Readings: 1Tim 5:24-6:5 and Mk 2:1-12

“Your Sins Are Forgiven.”

Joshua is paralyzed He has consulted every healer in the area. To no avail. Then, one day, his friends come to tell him there is one who might be able to help. He’s right here, today, in Caparnaum. A spark of hope is enkindled in Joshua’s heart as four of his friends gently place him on a pallet, and carry him to Peter’s home.

Too late! A large crowd fills the house and surrounds the entrance. Surely they will give way to let them carry in their friend! When no one helps clear a path, they carry their friend to the rear of the house, seeking another entrance. That failing, they resort to extreme measures. Somehow, they lift the pallet to the low roof, and begin to make a new entrance! They’ve come to help their friend, and will not be deterred by any obstacle!

Chances are, the roof was not one that we’re familiar with; it was probably fashioned of packed earth and stones. All the same, they had to believe it was worth all the effort; they had to believe this man Jesus could do what no one else could. Two powerful forces are at work here: love and faith. We can only imagine the scene within as particles of earth and stone filter into the room. Imagine how you would feel if suddenly this roof began to disintegrate! In the midst of all the commotion, Jesus remained calm, waiting for the paralytic, just as he waits for you and me: calmly, hopefully.

Then, Jesus startled the crowd, a crowd among whom were several Scribes. This was toward the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. He needed to establish his claim as Son of Man; the Scribes, on the other hand, needed to discredit him, for he posed a threat to their authority.

Jesus’ first words were of praise for the faith of the friends who had gone to such lengths, followed immediately by this simple promise to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

This is not what anyone expected! The paralytic sought healing; the delighted Scribes had their chance to discredit Jesus!” He blasphemes! Only God can forgive sins!”

As would happen so many times in the years to come, the Scribes played right into Jesus’ hand. Reading their thoughts, hearing their murmuring gave him the opening he wanted. He challenged the Scribes -and the crowd- to consider which is greater: to forgive sins or to heal physical infirmities. If they had felt sure that Jesus couldn’t cure the paralytic, they would have chosen the latter; but they weren’t sure about this man yet! Rather than trap themselves further, they said nothing.

Just as he would do with Bartimaeus, the man blind from birth, Jesus made it clear that paralysis was not caused by sin. Then he spoke these powerful words to the stunned crowd: “that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth,... I say to you, rise, pick up your mat and go home.”

Now, this itinerant preacher claims to be the Son of Man, and seals his claim by instantly curing a paralytic! The man picked up his mat -and walked; we can be quite sure that a path was open for him this time!

Paralysis though, is not confined to body parts. All of us experienced a real paralysis of fear on 09-11-01 and subsequent days. We live with paralyzing fear of war on a global scale, and violence in our own neighborhoods. We recognize and fear our own inadequacy to combat evil that we see around us and within us. If we are to be “cured,” we must have the faith and love proclaimed in today’s gospel, to claw our way through whatever roof is keeping us from the Son of Man. That is where the cure must begin!

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### ***This 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

## ***Weekdays Mass Schedule***

**Monday, April 1: No Mass. Pastor's day off**

**Tuesday, April 2 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

**Wednesday, April 3: No Mass. Pastor's day of vacation**

**Thursday, April 4 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Mary E. Custer (Anniversary) by her sister Helen Benline

✠ Sandra Dusick by Mike & Steve Linton

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

✠ Sandra Dusick by Mike & Steve Linton

## ***Next Weekend, April 6-7: Sunday of the Blind***

**Saturday April 6 at 4:00 p.m.: No Benediction during Lent Season**

✠ Sandra Dusick by George and Patty Fahey

✠ Special Intention

**Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.: No Benediction during Lent Season**

✠ 40-Day Mass for Sandra Dusick by the Women Society

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

✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

## ***Calendar of Parish Events***

<b>Women Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
<b>Bake Sale</b>	<i>Orders due by Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Baking days: Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Pick up days: Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, &amp; Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>.</i>
<b>Mahrajan (Festival)</b>	<i>Saturday &amp; Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup>.</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*  
 ✠ *Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell*

## ***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), Linda Hostutler, Denise & Tom Ferris, George & Claire Shia (TX), Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Mark Schroeder, Carol Burkhart, Dr Adel & Diane Frenn, NiNi Miller, Dennis Albaugh, John & Kathleen Kazour (LA),

## ***Mahrajan Updates*** (Saturday and Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)

### **--Mahrajan Sponsors**

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

<b>Presenting Sponsor: \$2,500</b>	--Wheeling Convention & Visitors Bureau by Frank O'Brien (\$1,500.00)
<b>Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000</b>	--Anna Marie Bris Bougher
<b>Gold Sponsor: \$500</b>	--Main Street Bank by Rich Lucas
<b>Silver Sponsor: \$250</b>	
<b>Bronze Sponsor: \$100</b>	--J.C.Mensore Distributor Inc. by John Mensore --Bernie Glenn Insurance by Bernie Glenn --Gold, Khourey & Turak (\$150.00)

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 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
April 28:	Ann Marie Weisner Serafin
April 29:	Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim

## ***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)  
Denny Albaugh, 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

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,264.00	Sunday Collection
480.00	Diocesan Appeal
51.00	Candles
4,466.00	St. Maron Dinner
200.00	Donation to the church
1,150.00	Mahrajan
25.00	Easter Lillies
35.00	Donation to the poor
\$7,671.00	<b>Total Deposits:</b> <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?***

### ***St. Maron Dinner Financial Report***

Ticket sales	\$5,591.00
50/50	\$818.00
Gift Basket	\$414.00
Donations	\$345.00
Bake Sale	\$1,583.00
	\$8,751.00 This is gross income
Net profit	\$8,751.00 – 2,084.00 (expenses) = \$6,667.00

### ***Many Many Thanks from Msgr Bakhos***

To all the chairpersons, volunteers and donors who helped making the Saint Maron Dinner very successful this year. The food was delicious and our guests were very pleased. We did not hear any complaints. May God and the Blessed Mother reward you many folds.

Winners of the Gift Basket was Nick & Judy Bedway

Winner of the 50/50 was Tom Murad.

Hello Father, sorry I had to leave early but I'm sure you understand. It was a beautiful dinner.

### ***Many Many Thanks from Carol***

A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who helped in the social hall, the kitchen, and the lobby for Sunday's St. Maron Dinner. You all know your jobs so well and you do them so well, you make all of us look good. Words are not enough to show you how much you are appreciated. You know how much the Church needs you and you never fail to come through.

### ***May Procession***

Parents and grandparents, Please let us know what children will be participating in the May Procession on the first Sunday of May. We need the number so we know how many flowers to order. --Carol

## *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. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio

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



## *Story*

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church ladies' group bake sale in Tuscaloosa, but she forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets she found a dusty old Angel food cake mix in the back of her kitchen cabinet and quickly made it while drying her hair and dressing and helping her son Bryan pack up for Scout camp. But when Alice took the cake from the oven the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured.

She said, "Oh dear, there's no time to bake another cake." This cake was so important to Alice because she did so want to fit in at her new church, and in her new community of new friends. So, being inventive and not wanting anyone to think she was not the perfect woman able to handle all things at all times or that, God forbid, she not participating in her church's bazaar, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake.

Alice found it in the bathroom -- a roll of toilet paper.

She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect!

Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter Amanda and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the minute it opened at 9:30, and to buy that cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found that the attractive perfect cake had already been sold. Now there could be no way to bring it home and keep the secret. Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her Mom. Alice was horrified ... she was beside herself. Everyone would know. What would they think? "Oh, my goodness; what shall I ever do?" she wailed! She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed. She would have to move or kill herself! All night Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing their fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself that she would try not to think about the cake and she would attend a fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a friend of a friend and try to have a good time. Alice did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa but having already RSVP ed she could not think of a believable excuse to stay home. The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old South ... and to Alice's horror the CAKE in question was presented for dessert.

Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake. She started to get out of her chair to rush into the kitchen to tell her hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice, who was still stunned and trying to formulate what words she would use to explain the situation, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "There is a God".

## *A Time to Laugh (403)*

### ***From the Bible***

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?

A. Joshua, son of Nun.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

### ***I promise to be true to you***

An 80-year old woman was arrested for shoplifting. When she went before the judge he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied: "A can of peaches."

The judge asked her why she had stolen them and she replied that she was hungry. The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied 6. The judge then said, "I will give you 6 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

He said, "What is it?" The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."