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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Sunday of the Blind

- ***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 Blind

Readings: 2 Cor 10:1-7 and Mk 10:46-52

“What do you want me to do for you?”

He will save assuredly; yet he will do so just in the way he has promised. But in what way has he promised? On our willing it, and on our hearing him. For he does not make a promise to blocks of wood.

“And immediately he received his sight”

The commandment of the Lord shines clearly, enlightening the eyes. Receive Christ, receive power to see, receive your light, that you plainly recognize both God and man. More delightful than gold and precious stones, more desirable than honey and the honeycomb is the Word that has enlightened us. How could he not be desirable, who illumined minds buried in darkness, and endowed with clear vision “the light-bearing eyes” of the soul?..... Sing his praises, then, Lord, and make known to me your Father, who is God. Your Word will save me, your song instruct me. I have gone astray in my search for God; but now that you light my path, Lord, I find God through you, and receive the Father from you, I become co-heir with you, since you were not ashamed to own me as your brother. Let us, then, shake off forgetfulness of truth, shake off the mist of ignorance and darkness that dims our eyes, and contemplate the true God, after first raising this song of praise to him: “All hail, O light!” For upon us buried in darkness, imprisoned in the shadow of death, a heavenly light has shone, a light of a clarity surpassing the sun’s, and of a sweetness exceeding any this earthly life can offer.

“He followed Him on the way”

So let us follow him as our pattern: offering him for our ransom, receiving him as our Eucharistic food and waiting for him as our endless and exceeding great reward.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This 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 & 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 & Family

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, April 8: No Mass. Pastor’s day off

Tuesday, April 9 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 10: No Mass. Pastor’s day of vacation

Thursday, April 11 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Thomas and Elias George

✠ Intentions of Joe & Nikki Popovich (Wedding Anniversary) by PJ, Nikki, Lindsay & Luke Lenz

Friday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

✠ Sandra Dusick by Mike & Steve Linton

Next Weekend, April 13-14: Palm Sunday

Saturday April 13 at 4:00 p.m.: Procession with Palms during Mass

✠ Steve & Margaret Schlog (Birthday & Anniversary) by Fran Saseen

✠ Sandra Dusick by Mike & Steve Linton

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.: Procession with Palms during Mass

✠ Nancy Ferris Coffield (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone

✠ Intentions of Joe & Nikki Popovich (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, April 8th, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall (Hosting by Club Members)</i>
Palm Sunday Brunch	<i>Sunday, April 14 after 10:30 a.m. Mass</i>
Baby Fair (Sponsored by the Cedar Club)	<i>Gently used & new boy or girl items (Newborn to size 2) Saturday, April 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 28th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</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>
May Procession	<i>Sunday, May 5th after Mass</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*

✠ *Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell*

✠ *Parents, sons, sisters and brothers of Lucille Gibbons by Lucille Coury Gibbons and Family*

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 Shibben, 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), Patrick & Laurie Henry, Dr. MaryAnn Cater and Dr. Robert Vawter, Mary Rose Kukula, Latif B. Thomas (NC),

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 (\$1,500.00)
Platinum Sponsor: \$1,000	--Anna Marie Bris Bougher
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 --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:

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
 May 5: Mark Thomas, Eden DeMuth
 May 6: Nikki Lenz
 May 7: Laura Lee Hunter

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)

Robert Hunter (son-in-law of Thomasina Geimer) 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

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$917.00	Sunday Collection
150.00	Diocesan Appeal
28.00	Candles
22.00	Coffee hour
180.00	St. Maron Dinner
25.00	Easter Lillies
35.00	Donation to the poor
\$1357.00	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?

Palm Sunday Brunch

The Cedar Club and the Women Society are hosting a complimentary breakfast brunch on Palm Sunday, April 14th after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome to attend and celebrate.

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

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

Canada Goose needed help. Humanity at it's best.

Officer James Givens has served with the Cincinnati Police Department for over 26 years, but has never quite experienced anything like this before.

He was sitting in his patrol car in a parking lot when he got an unexpected visitor.

A goose came up to his car and started pecking on the side of it.

He threw food out for her, thinking that's what she wanted, but she didn't take it.

She continued to peck and quack, then walked away, stopped, and looked back at Officer Givens.

Then she came back to his car and pecked at it again. She made it very obvious that she wanted Officer Givens to follow her, so he finally got out of his car and did just that.

The goose led him 100 yards away to a grassy area near a creek. Sitting there was one of her babies, tangled up in a balloon string. The baby was kicking its feet, desperate for help.

Being wary of helping the baby on his own, and worried that the goose might attack him, Givens called for help from the SPCA, but no wildlife rescuers were available at the moment.

Luckily, Given's colleague, Officer Cecilia Charron, came to help. She began to untangle the baby, and the mother goose just stood there and watched, quacking. She didn't become aggressive, and just let Officer Charron do what she had to do to set the baby free.

It was like the mother goose knew they were helping. Once Charron untangled the baby, she put it down and it ran right to her mom, and they went right to swimming in the creek.

Charron teared up and said it was the highlight of her 24 years on the force.

"It seems like something made up. It was just incredible," Givens said. "I honestly don't know why I decided to follow her, but I did. It makes me wonder – do they know to turn to humans when they need help?"

We may never know the answer to this question, but what we do know is that Officer Givens was in the right place at the right time to help these geese!

Life is precious. A great story with a good ending.

A Time to Laugh (404)

The Atheist

An Atheist was taking a walk through the woods. What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! "What beautiful animals!" he said to himself. As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look.

He saw a 9-foot grizzly charging towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cried out: "Oh my God! ..." Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent. As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky: "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist, and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps could you make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice. The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And then the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together and bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

Blonde Joke

A blonde finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial straits. She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help and she begins to pray.... "God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto." That night the blonde dreams she wins the lotto. Lotto night comes, and somebody else wins it. The next day she prays... "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business my house and I'm going to lose my car as well." Lotto night comes, and again somebody else wins it. Once again, she prays... "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order." Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and the blonde is confronted by the voice of God Himself... "Sweetheart, work with Me on this..... Buy a ticket."

Diet

I was talking to my doctor about a weight-loss patch I had seen advertised. Supposedly you stick it on and the pounds melt away. "Does it work?" I asked. "Sure," he said. "If you put it over your mouth."