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Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor ■ Evelyn Ghaphery, Organist
We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



New Sunday

- ***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

New Sunday

Readings: 2Cor 5:11-21 and Jn 20:26-31

Eight days after Easter Day, i.e. on the Sunday after Easter, the disciples had gathered together again, Thomas being present. It is interesting to recall what John has already told his readers about Thomas. It was Thomas who, when the disciples generally were trying to persuade Jesus not to return to Bethany at the time of Lazarus' fatal sickness, exclaimed with perhaps more impulsiveness than prudence: ***“Let us also go with Him, that we may die with Him”*** (11:16). It was Thomas also who, at the Last Supper, interrupted the discourse given by the Lord to say to him: ***“Lord, we do not know where you are going: how can we know the way?”*** His was a nature evidently impulsive, loyal, discerning, and yet not capable of much sustained thought. When Jesus appeared to the disciples on this second occasion, he seemed to have come primarily to meet Thomas, and to meet him (as in ch.21 he meets Peter) in the full presence of his fellow-disciples. The Lord met the company with his new-old greeting: ***“Peace be with you”***, and then turned specifically to Thomas. ***“Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing”***.

So at last Thomas was able to have all the proofs he had desired. Now was his chance to demonstrate that ***“seeing was believing”***. Yet he did not take it. To the almost impossibly generous invitation to the good skeptical mind he responded with something as far removed from skepticism as anything in scripture, with the words; ***“My Lord and my God.”*** The words **MY LORD** would have sufficed to show that Thomas was now as satisfied as any other of the disciples that Jesus had returned to them; in adding the words **AND MY GOD** he is taking a step beyond the intra-human relationship between disciple and Rabbi into a new one where a man is brought into the presence of his God. And this, of course, is the crown of the Johannine Gospel.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, April 27-28: New Sunday

Saturday, April 27 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ John F. Kukula (Birthday) by Mary Rose Kukula
- ✠ Jerry & Leslie McGlumphy (Wedding Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & children
- ✠ Intentions & good health of our organist Evelyn Ghaphery

Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Ellis Boury
- ✠ Betty Joseph (Birthday) by her daughter Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Intentions of Rodd Haller (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

This weedays Masses

Monday April 29: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday April 30 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Agatha Marie Harb by Annette Togliatti
- ✠ Leslie McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children

Wednesday May 1: No Mass.

Thursday May 2 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sue Linton (10th Anniversary) by her husband Mike Linton

Friday, May 3: No Mass.

Next Weekend, May 4-5: 3rd week of Resurrection

Saturday, May 4:

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

at 4:00 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

Sunday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for the Honorable Robert A. Nader (uncle of Lou Khourey) by Lou & Charlotte
- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie & Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna & Seabright Families (Anniversary) by Mary Seabright Lish & Family
- ✠ Intention of Nikki Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton Haas

Calendar of Parish Events

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 12th after Mass</i>
Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
Cedar Club Rummage Sale Drop-Offs	<i>Monday, May 27th thru Friday May 31st from 12 Noon to 7:00 p.m. in the Old Basement Hall.</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Saturday & Sunday, August 10th & 11th.</i>

Flowers Sponsored in Honor of the Blessed Mother in May

Flowers for the May Queen & her Attendants in the May Procession sponsored: Carol Dougherty, Sandra DeMuth, Veronica Muschet, Rita Strawn & Thomasina Geimer

Flower arrangements placed in front of the Blessed Mother are:

- Sunday, May 5 : Mary Thomas
- Sunday, May 12: Sandra DeMuth, Veronica Mushet & Nettie Seidler
- Sunday, May 19: Rita Strawn, Thomasina Geimer & Mary Lish
- Sunday, May 26: Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Many thanks to each of these dedicated women for their thoughtful flower donations

First Communion and May Procession (Sunday, May 12)

We have two candidates for First Communion: Isabella AlKhouri and Rosella DeMuth. Parents and grandparents, Please let us know what children will be participating in the May Procession on the second Sunday of May. The 2019 May Queen is Eden DeMuth. We need the number so we know how many flowers to order. --Carol

Deceased Mother Day Masses (From Sat., May 11 till Thu. May 16)

Please remember your mothers on Mother's Day by offering Masses for their souls.

- ✠ Julian H. McGlumphy (Anniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children
- ✠ Cecilia Murad by her daughter Luane Frazier
- ✠ Margaret Simonetti and Stella Ryncarz by Richard & Mary Ryncarz
- ✠ Patricia Gompers by Matt, Vicky & Christine Gompers
- ✠ Emily Vince by her children & grandchildren
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carole Burkhart
- ✠ Louise N. Khourey & Gladys Howard by children Lou & Charlotte & grandchildren Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Emma Nader & Nabiha "Lena" Khourey by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Minnie Church Riggs & Cassandra "Cassie" Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Frances Linton by her sons Steve & Mike

- † Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Deceased Mothers of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- † Cecilia John by her Children: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan & their Families
- † Our mothers & grandmothers by Bill & Carol Dougherty
- † Millie Reynolds by her Family
- † Beloved mother Elizabeth Gaudio by her daughter Shirley Bine
- † Dolores Palotay by the Palotay Family
- † Shirley Elias Nickerson & Amelia Elias by their Loving Family
- † Margaret Schlog by Fran Saseen
- † Anna, Ginny & Martha Shia by the Family
- † Freda Josephs (MN) by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias (MN)
- † Pearl Shutler (mother) & Clara Shutler (grandmother) by Janet D. Shutler
- † Charlotte George (MN) by her Family
- † Elizabeth Machel & Theresa Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- † Mary K. Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris
- † Siham Frenn, LaVerne Thomas, Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- † Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell
- † Mary J. Shipley by daughter Thomasina Geimer
- † Rachel Nader Farrah by Emily Farrah Kawas (FL)
- † Mary popovich & Helen Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- † Dolores Fahey & Betty Lou Petros and Minnie Leech by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Leona M. Albaugh by her son Denny Albaugh
- † Our mothers, grandmothers & aunts by the Joseph & Weisner Families
- † Betty Abraham, Clara Carter & Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner & Family
- † Ruth Shiben & Clara McFarland by John & Dee Shiben
- † Georgette Joseph, Nancy Valles & Betty Allen by Vickie Joseph
- † Sadie Coury (mother) and Eva Moffat (sister) by Lucille Gibbons and Family
- † Mary E. Daniel by her daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Michael DiFabrizio

Living Mother Day Masses (From Sat., May 11 till Thu. May 16)

- ‡ Charlotte Khourey by her children Emmalena & Louie
- ‡ Joyce Josephs (MN) by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias (MN)
- ‡ All the Children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren of the George Family (MN) by Margaret George
- ‡ Diane Frenn by Dr. Adel, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- ‡ Nikki Jo lenz by her parents Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ‡ Nancy Valles by Vickie Joseph
- ‡ My daughters, daughters-in-law, granddaughters, and nieces by Lucille Gibbons

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

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Bronze Sponsor: \$100-\$249	--J.C.Mensore Distributor Inc. by John Mensore (\$100.00) --Bernie Glenn Insurance by Bernie Glenn (\$100.00) --Gold, Khourey & Turak (\$150.00)
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Bronze Level: \$100-\$249	--Myron & Cynthia Law (OH) (\$150.00) --Jan Thomas (OH) (\$200.00)
Supporters of the Festival	--Anonymous

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 29:	Linda Hostutler, Jeannette Wakim
May 5:	Mark Thomas, Eden DeMuth
May 6:	Nikki Lenz
May 7:	Laura Lee Hunter
May 9:	Mark Thomas
May 15:	Austin Musilli
May 16:	Jacqueline Petros
May 17:	Tina Kitlak, David Weisner
May 18:	Millet L. Fadoul
May 20:	John Fadoul
May 21:	Rachel Zinn, Ella George,
May 23:	Jim George Jr.,
May 27:	Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin

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), Judi Blake and Donnie Sigler (cousins of Larry & Lillian 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>	
\$3,415.00	Sunday Collection
285.00	2 nd collection: Holy land
1,584.00	Bake Sale
38.00	Candles
2,800.00	Mahrajan
150.00	Parking
35.00	Donation to the poor
\$8,307.00	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: Robert Hunter, Jr

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Laura Lee & Family on the loss of their beloved Bobby who passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Bobby is the son-in-law of Thomasina Geimer. Funeral arrangements are pending.

--Many Thanks to Dr. Nabiel Alkhouri's Family, Mike Linton and Dalton Haas for helping decorating the church for Easter. I could not do it without you. --Msgr Bakhos

--Many Thanks for our organist Evelyn Ghaphery for fulfilling her Easter Obligation. May she get well soon.

--Also many thanks for Gary Weisner and Mary & Bill Stees and Robert Harris for fulfilling their Easter Obligations.



Story

His older brother, Justin, was just getting over chicken pox on Casey's second birthday. Poor Justin missed the party while he was quarantined from the other kids. Casey loved his brother and took each gift he opened upstairs to let Justin play with it. After cutting the cake, Casey took the first piece up to his brother. In fact, he spent most of his birthday going up and down the stairs to Justin's room.

Casey had the cutest lisp when he talked, and he stuttered when he was excited. His blond hair lay in wisps across his forehead, and his smile could warm the coldest heart. He was so innocent. No one could have predicted what was about to happen to this precious child.

One week following his birthday, Casey was plastered with nasty red spots, and then he spiked a fever. He was flat in bed, unable to keep any food or fluids down, becoming more and more dehydrated every minute. It was a Sunday night and I couldn't break his 105-degree fever. I rushed him to the emergency room.

The doctor told me Casey was just going through a normal reaction to chicken pox and sent us home, against my better judgment. The next day, Casey was almost lifeless, and he was admitted to the hospital with severe dehydration and an internal infection from his chicken pox.

I sat by my mother, tears flowing down my face, as she lifted my son and all his tubes into my arms. I felt weak and numb all over. Casey briefly opened his eyes, looked into mine and drifted off again. The doctor told us that Casey's chicken pox had caused a poison in his bloodstream and they were unsure what to do, except continue intravenous (IV) fluids and antibiotics, and try to keep his fever under control. The nurses rolled a bed into his room to enable me to stay with him. I was awake all night holding my precious boy.

In the morning the doctor came in to check Casey again. Four nurses followed and hooked up more wires to my son. Casey was unresponsive, though everyone tried waking him. I kept looking at the heart monitor which would speed up and slow down, then speed up again.

The doctor started making more frequent visits and the nurses were in constantly. Later that evening, the doctor told me Casey was slipping into a coma. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. For the next four days, I never left Casey's side. I didn't even go home to shower and change my clothes.

There was just no improvement. Family members drifted in and out. My mother was there most frequently.

Every moment of every day I prayed for my son's life and health. The doctors were baffled. No one had ever heard of chicken pox making anyone this desperately ill. I noticed on Friday that the heart monitor kept elevating and not decreasing at all. The doctor was called in immediately.

I leaned against the wall in the hallway, emotionally exhausted, as the doctor put his hand on my shoulder. "Lisa," he stated, "Casey's on the verge of heart failure and there's nothing more we can do." I felt my whole body go numb. His voice grew farther away and echoed. "Is there any family you would like to call that's not already here?"

The only person I called was my pastor. Then for the next forty-five minutes, I sat in a daze, rocking my son and staring into his blank, pale, yet peaceful face.

Pastor George walked into the room. His face was sober, but reassuring.

My mother took Casey from me so I could get up and greet George. He reached out and put his arms around me as I quietly trembled and sobbed. George then went to Casey, knelt down and kissed his forehead. All of

our family gathered in a circle with Casey still in my mother's arms. We joined hands and George prayed for Casey's recovery. We continued to pray fervently, and then sat as George comforted us.

Twenty minutes later, Casey sneezed. His heart monitor went nuts, and then he opened his eyes for the first time in four days. He smiled and reached up to touch his grandmother's tear-streamed face. My mother nearly screamed with joy.

"Hello, my sweet boy!" Casey looked at me. "Mama." He reached his arms out for me. "Hi, my baby boy!" I whispered between sobs of joy and relief. "You were sleeping for a long time." Casey sat up and said, "I'm hungry." His voice was raspy from not speaking for so long. He looked around his room and spotted my half-eaten hoagie. "I want that," he pointed.

The doctor stood in the doorway and exclaimed, "Give him whatever he wants. Hey, big guy!" The doctor just shook his head and smiled. "I don't believe this," he said. He stepped over to Casey and listened to his heart. "Perfect! I have never seen anything like this in my entire medical career. His heart rate is perfect."

It seemed the entire hospital staff was talking about the miracle which happened before their eyes. Nurses kept coming into Casey's room to say hello and kiss him on the cheek.

Two days later, I brought Casey home. Justin was thrilled to see his brother and nearly knocked him down as he came through the door. Casey has his tenth birthday coming up. He gets straight A's in school, and he and Justin are still extremely close. So if anyone ever doubts that God performs miracles, you tell them to see me.

A Time to Laugh (407)

Adam and Eve

Question: What did Adam and Eve do when they were expelled from Eden?

Answer: They raised Cain.

Question: What did Adam say to Eve during one of their arguments?

Answer: "Don't forget who wears the pants in this family!"

Question: Who introduced the first walking stick?

Answer: Eve—when she presented a little Cain to Adam.

The little rich girl come back from her first trip to Sunday school and told her mother, "Oh, Mummy! They read us the nicest story about a Mr. Adam and a Miss Eve and what a nice time they were having under an apple tree until a servant came along and disturbed them."

Sam: My daddy has Washington's sword and Lincoln's hat.

Bill: That's nothing. My father has an Adam's apple.

Question: What did Adam never have but still provide for his children?

Answer: Parents.

A Sunday school teacher asked her class to draw a picture illustrating a Bible story. Little Johnny drew a picture of a big car. An old man was driving, his long whiskers flying in the breeze. A man and a woman were seated in the back of the car. Puzzled, the teacher asked Johnny to explain his drawing. "That's God. He's driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden."

Sunday school teacher: Can anyone tell me the story of Adam and Eve?

Little girl: First God created Adam. Then He looked at him and said, "I think I could do better if I tried again." So He created Eve.