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



### ***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

- \***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, Wednesday, and Friday No Mass  
Tuesday and Thursday at 12:05 p.m. [*Rosary & Litany 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

## *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost*

Readings: Phil 3:7-14 and Mt 10:1-7

Jesus is stirred to the depths of his being, and his heart is torn by the crowds whom he meets; they are tired, dejected, pitiable, deserted by their shepherds. On his own, there is no way he will be equal to the task, be able to complete it; so he takes on workmen. Twelve apostles, -twelve for the twelve tribes of Israel, for the whole world! Here was an ambition out of all proportion to this very disparate group, group only too likely to split up, if Jesus himself were not to hold it together: a few sinners, a former tax collector, a member of the resistance, one who was to end up a traitor, and a few others, about whom we know nothing. How would they measure up to such a task without the power of the Spirit?

“So ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to his harvest.” This is an absolute necessity, because one cannot take on the mission without running the risk of preaching oneself instead of Christ; of making the apostolate one’s own business and not that of the kingdom, to gather in the harvest to one’s own advantage. The disciples are called to continue the work of the *Messiah*. Their ill-assorted band must take the place left vacant he the official rulers of Israel who had forfeited their role as leaders and inspirers.

The goal is first ‘the lost sheep of the House of Israel’, in view of the urgency of their distress. The mission to the world will come later, after Pentecost. Even then the instructions will remain unchanged, namely to go to the misfits, to those who arouse the compassion of Christ in the heart of the apostle. For beyond all human ambition, and before any pastoral strategy, the great tide of compassion must flow right up to the very place where the sheep go astray. That is where Jesus is active beside his followers, healing, setting free and forgiving. When we share the lot of the most neglected we are already showing them their origin and their end; namely the one and only kingdom prepared by the loving kindness of God — who gives without charge.

## *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

### ***This Weekend, July 6-7: 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost***

#### **Saturday, July 6:**

**at 3:30 p.m.:** Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Tom Ferris by Gary Weisner

✠ Special Intention

#### **Sunday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m.:** Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

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

✠ George & Martha Saseen (Anniversary) by Susan & George Saseen & Family

### ***This Weekdays Masses***

**Monday July 8:** No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

#### **Tuesday July 9 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Khalil BouHarb by Annette Togliatti

✠ Tom Ferris by Steve & Mike Linton

**Wednesday July 10:** No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

#### **Thursday July 11 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, July 12:** No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

### ***Next Weekend, July 13-14: 6<sup>th</sup> Week of Pentecost***

**Saturday, July 13 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Tom Ferris by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ Joe Viglietta by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Special Intention

**Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for Tom Ferris by the Family
- ✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel Frenn, Diane, Andrea and Justin
- ✠ Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Virginia Kourey Bryan (Anniversary) by Lou & Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Kourey

***Calendar of Parish Events***

<b>Mahrajan (Festival)</b>	<i>Saturday &amp; Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup>.</i>
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	<i>Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>
<b>Women Society Meeting</b>	<i>Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>

***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.

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<b>Silver Level: \$250-\$499</b>	--Anonymous (\$250.00)
<b>Bronze Level: \$100-\$249</b>	--Myron & Cynthia Law (OH) (\$150.00) --Jan Thomas (OH) (\$200.00) --Paul Abraham (OH) (\$200.00) --Joseph Baker (FL) (\$100.00) --Larry & Lillian Siebieda (\$100.00) --Paula Jo Perilli (VA) (\$100.00)
<b>Supporters of the Festival</b>	--Anonymous, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, Michael & Kathryn Kelly, John & Kathleen Kazour,

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:***

July 11: Kenny DeMuth, Justin Wilson  
 July 12: Shaun Hancher  
 July 14: Chloe Imer  
 July 15: Denny Albaugh  
 July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc  
 July 17: Lucille Gibbons  
 July 20: Shirley George  
 July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm  
 July 26: Anna Marie Duymich  
 July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns  
 August 2: Douglas Bratton, Rosella C. DeMuth  
 August 3: Jim George, Sr.

## ***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)  
 Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Brian Logan (son-in-law of Larry Siebieda), Judi Blake and Donnie Sigler (cousins of Larry & Lillian Siebieda), Phil Geimer, Debbie Crumpler (sister of Nini Miller), Justin Frenn, John Shiben

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$1,385.15	Sunday Collection
217.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Peter's Pence
16.00	Coffee Hour
635.00	Mahrajan
30.00	Parking
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,313.15	<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



## ***Story***

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could. He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone!

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls.

Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves.

Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it. We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have

not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

### ***An Extra Story for you: The Bells***

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives.

Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

**Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.**

**Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours**

### ***A Time to Laugh (417)***

#### ***Ooooooooooooooooooops!***

--I was in the Express Lane at the store, quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries.

Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So, which six items would you like to buy?"

Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?!

--The reason congressmen try so hard to get reelected is that they would hate to have to make a living under the laws they've passed.

--All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

--Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man." Merle commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Don said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

--A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?" The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me." The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me. What should I do?" The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her. I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says. "I spoke to your wife ... spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" The man said yes, and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

## ***Dog Obedience***

I needed help training my rambunctious dog. So, I decided to sign him up for some obedience classes. Flipping through a catalog, I found one class that seemed perfectly suited for my pup.

The description read "Dog Obedience, Monday; weeks: 8; Instructor: Catt."