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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



86th Mahrajan - Assumption

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

86th Mahrajan - Assumption

Readings: Rom 12:9-15 and Lk 1:46-55

Why will all ages call Mary blessed?

Since the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., the dominant focus of the Church's understanding of Mary's blessedness has been her role as Theotokos (Bearer of God). While this term does not appear in the New Testament, it is congruent with the theme of Elizabeth's spirit-prompted words in Luke's gospel: "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (1:42).

Interestingly, though, Elizabeth's pronouncement climaxes not with further elaboration of Mary's unique status, but on quite a different note: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled" (1:45). This refers, of course, to Mary's acceptance of the role assigned to her by God as reported by the angel Gabriel: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (1:38). A praiseworthy response by any account. Yet its full significance is often overlooked.

For Luke, the blessedness of Mary's belief derives not simply from the magnitude of its object (the birth of the Son of God), but from its primacy. Just as Elizabeth is the first character in the gospel to be filled with the holy Spirit, so Mary's is the first expression of faith. The point receives emphasis from Luke's juxtaposition of Mary's belief in the divine annunciation with Zechariah's lack of belief a few verses earlier (1:18-20).

The silencing of Zechariah for his doubt contrasts with Mary's spontaneous outbreak of praise for God (1:46-55). Mary and Elizabeth matter because they are models to be emulated.

The high esteem in which the Church came to hold Mary obscures the distinctiveness of Luke's portrayal of her. The Mary of Luke's gospel is a conscious participant in the drama of salvation. None of the other evangelists even comes close to this. In Matthew's gospel, for instance, Mary is not the recipient of any revelation, nor does she have any speaking role (1:18-25; 2:13-15, 19-21). In Mark, Mary's positive role and individuality evaporates into Mark's blanket criticism of Jesus' family (3:2 1, 31-35). The Fourth Gospel's portrait of Mary, while by no means

unsympathetic, grants her no substantial role in the advancement of the good news (only accidentally in 2:3). Jesus exhorts her to an exemplary role as "mother" of the Beloved Disciple (19:25-27), but it is this anonymous figure, not Mary, who embodies John's ideal of discipleship (13:23-26; 19:35; 20:3-8).

Luke's gospel is notable for the visibility it gives to women. His attention to Mary is, therefore, not an isolated phenomenon, but (as in the case of Elizabeth) emblematic of his theology as a whole. This theology emphasizes the elimination of marginality, be it socio-economic, ethnic or gender-based. This rhetoric of reversal forms a major theme in Mary's own song, as it does in Jesus' inaugural address at the synagogue of Nazareth (4:18-27). In this sense, Luke's portrayal of Mary encapsulates what is good about the good news ... the first will be last and the last will be first.

From the desk of the Pastor

I would like to welcome each and everyone attending our Festival this year from near and far. The Blessed Mother was so good to us by granting us the most beautiful weather. It is very comfortable 79 and 80 degrees, you can not ask for any better. We are so blessed. Also I could not be happier this year for having the best committee ever. Young members, energetic, honest, hot on the Festival tradition, knowledgeable about media and science, ... they did marvelous job planning this Festival for you to enjoy. Also, we have been blessed this year with many sponsors and donors whose contributions helped defray the costs of the Festival. Many people think that everything at our Festival is FREE. They say that out of lack of knowledge that nothing is free in our days except volunteers. No company sets anything or offer any service for free even we are the church -simply they don't care. For example: roughly the tents cost \$5,000, advertisement \$6,000, Oglebay \$2,000, singer and dancers \$4,000, food, pastry, licenses, general operation, printing ad book and raffles, ... around \$10,000. All in all our church spends around \$26,000 upfront to run the Festival. We do that out of love for our church and to keep the tradition going for the last 86 years. Many Families look forward to come to scenic Oglebay to enjoy our hospitality, food, dance, camaraderie, ... All what we need is your support and your smile.

-Monsignor Bakhos, Pastor

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, August 10-11: 86th Festival - Assumption

Saturday, August 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Sue Brubach (Anniversary) by Don & Roberta Henning
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m.: Outdoor Assumption Mass at Oglebay Park

- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Rohanna and Seabright Families by Mary Seabright Lish and Family
- ✠ Shirley Elias Nickerson & Deceased of the Elias Family by the Family

This Weekdays Masses

Monday August 12: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Tuesday August 13 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Special Intention and good health of Dr. Craig Solberg (MN) by his sister Tina
- ✠ Deceased of the Saseen and Long Families

Wednesday August 14: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Thursday August 15 at 12:05 p.m.: Assumption Feast Day

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

Friday, August 16: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Next Weekend, August 17-18: Festival - Assumption

Saturday, August 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Holly Bine (Anniversary) by his wife Shirley
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Nimon and Mariam Families by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- ✠ William Daniel III by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, September 8th, 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Election of officers will be voted on</i>
Spaghetti Dinner	<i>Sunday, September 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>
Women Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, September 22nd, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- August 14: Mary Thomas
- August 16: Tara George Musilli
- August 17: Judy Bedway
- August 20: Tricia Committee
- August 22: Kathleen George
- August 23: Georgene Weisner Manning
- August 25: Al Depto
- August 26: Philip Geimer, Nathan Wakim, Jessica George

August 29: Debbie Elias Davis
 August 31: Joseph R. Simon
 September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson
 September 8: Carol Dougherty
 September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,
 September 10: Chris George
 September 11: Rhonda Murad

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, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), 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 Shibben

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,371.00	Sunday Collection
4.00	Bake sale
21.00	Candles
19.00	Coffee hour
200.00	Donation to church
1,450.00	Mahrajan
30.00	Parking
555.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,680.00	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

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Story: Dumbest Criminals

America's Dumbest Criminals

No More Free Minutes

Cops are used to people phoning in to report a crime. But it's not every day that the call comes from the criminal himself. That's just what happened in Nevada, according to this account from Clark County police:

Jack 18, and an accomplice drove up to a Payless shoe store in downtown Las Vegas. After his friend staked out the place, Jack rushed inside, cloaked in a hooded sweatshirt, a blue bandanna covering his face.

Brandishing a pistol, he cracked it against the head of a store clerk, sending her to the floor. Then, tossing a backpack her way, he ordered the terrified woman to fill it with money from the store's safe.

Once he had the cash, Jack raced outside, where he was nearly hit by a woman searching for a parking space in the lot. Dodging her vehicle, Jack ran to his getaway car and, in seconds, was gone.

He left something behind, though. The woman noticed his discarded cell phone lying on the pavement and, after she finished parking, took it inside the store.

Police detectives arrived soon after, and were handed the gift of the phone. Just as they were deciding what to do next, the cell phone rang. One of the detectives answered, and a man's voice said that the phone belonged to a guy named John, who needed it back. "Who's this?" the detective asked. But the caller hung up.

Minutes later the phone rang again, and the detectives had one of their female colleagues answer. This time, the voice said he was John and he wanted his phone back. Pretending to be a ditzy shopaholic, the detective chatted with him about how she and her boyfriend were at Payless trying to find a good bargain. John couldn't resist asking if anything was going on in the parking lot. The detective talked on about her shopping exploits, until John finally cut her off. "Lady, stop it! I just want my phone back."

The detective suggested they meet the next day at a nearby Starbucks and John said he'd be there—wearing a Tennessee Titans football jersey, so he'd be easy to recognize.

Sure enough, the next day, police waiting at the Starbucks saw a man stroll in, wearing a Titans jersey, looking a bit nervous, He had reason to be. John looked up to see his accomplice being apprehended back at the car, and he broke into a run. Police caught up with him within a mile. His trial is set.

Recounting the Jack incident, Clark County prosecutor can't help but laugh. "After 15 years on the job," he says, "I'm still amazed at how stupid these guys can be."

Extra smile for you

Michelangelo and a politician arrive at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter proclaims, "He's here! He's here!" and ushers the politician inside as trumpets sound and angels sing.

As Michelangelo follows, the gates slam in his face. Shaken, he knocks. St. Peter appears.

"I don't understand," Michelangelo says. "I have served God all my life through my work, and I arrive here and am completely ignored in the midst of the tremendous welcome for, of all people, a politician!" "I'm sorry," says St. Peter. "We have many artists and religious people in heaven. But this is our first politician!"

Famous Quotes

--"Give me truly Christian mothers and I will renew the face of the earth." -Pope Pius IX, 1878)

--"The man who does not read is no better off than the man who cannot!"

--"If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

--"The common argument that crime is caused by poverty is a kind of slander on the poor."

--"Dignity is the capacity to hold back on the tongue what never should have been in the mind in the first place."

--The grace of God is in courtesy. "Never pretentious or contentious, Christ is always Himself loving, generous, cordial, amiable and approachable. Good manners at their best are found in Christ." (Fr Simon Conrad)

--"To stay angry with anyone is to punish yourself for his faults."

--"It's easy to be good while she's around!" Do people say this about you?"

--"Going to Church does not make you a Christian anymore than going to McDonald's will make you a hamburger!"

--"Coincidence is when GOD performs a miracle and decides to remain Anonymous."

--"There is two things I've learned: there is a GOD, and I'm not Him!"

--"Your WORST days are never so bad, that you are beyond the reach of GOD!

--Your BEST days are never so good, that you are beyond the need of GOD's Grace!

--"When it comes time to die, make sure all you got to do is die!"

--"Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to GOD?"

--"To the world you might be one person. To one person you might be the world."

--"Life is like an Onion, you peel it away one layer at a time... and sometimes you weep!"

--"Life is 10% what happens to us, and 90% how we respond to it!"

--"Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

--"Following the path of least resistance is what makes people and rivers crooked!"

--"Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side."

--Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

--Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

--How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

--If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

--Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

--You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

--Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

--We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors... but they all have to learn to live in the same box.



A Time to Laugh (422)

How to Tell the Sex of a Fly

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

"What are you doing?" She asked. "Hunting Flies" He responded.

"Oh. Killing any?" She asked. "Yep, 3 males, 2 Females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. "How can you tell them apart?"

He responded, "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

Make Up

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face.

"Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked.

To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"

Life in these United States

Just as I was finishing my hike at the National Historic Site, I heard a group of campers discussing recent bear sightings. "If you meet a bear, don't run," one person said. His friend seemed surprised. "Really? Why?"

Because, I interjected, "bears like fast food."

When my friend Rachel said she was expecting, I asked, "Do you know the baby's sex?"

"Yes," she replied, "but we've decided not to announce it." "Can I take a guess?" "Sure, go ahead." "Is it a girl?" "Oh, no," she replied. "You're way off."

A nearby high school was putting on a musical, and they asked an artist friend of mine, John, to design the tickets. "We're looking for a Wild West theme," the school official said. "But nothing suggesting violence." "Got it," said John. "What's the play?" "*Annie Get Your Gun.*"

I'll drink to that

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer," insists Dave Barry.

"Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

Husband Role

A little girl and a little boy were at day care one day. The girl approached the boy and said, "Hey, Stevie, wanna play house?" "Sure! What do you want me to do?" "I want you to communicate," replied the girl.

"That word is too big," said the boy. "I have no idea what it means."

The little girl smirked and said, "Perfect. You can be the husband."

Hypocrite

A hypocrite is a man who writes a book praising atheism and then prays that it will sell. (Leighton Ford)

Old Sherman

A young father and his boy who lived in New York regularly jogged together through the city early in the morning. Their normal course took them by a statue of General William Tecumseh Sherman seated on a horse. One of their regular rituals was to pause for a breather at the foot of familiar old Sherman. Then the father took a job on the West Coast and the day came for their last jog and their last rest at the foot of the famous Civil War general. The father pointed out the significance of this last stop before Sherman. The next day they would be gone. "Take one good long last look at old Sherman," he said to his son. Then, as they stood and were about to resume their morning run, the boy said, "By the way, Dad, who is that fellow sitting up on the back of old Sherman?"