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



### 11<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:** 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

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

Readings: Eph 2: 17-22 and Lk 19:1-10

How can Jesus' predilection for publicans and sinners be explained, except that there is some divine link between salvation and that which is lost? Such, at least, is suggested by the story of Zacchaeus, this senior tax collector. A man rich, despised, but enterprising, dogged and straightforward, wholly devoid of caring about appearances. It is not every day that a senior tax collector climbs a tree like a schoolboy in order to see Jesus passing by, making a public show of himself while Jesus is visiting Jericho!

It is from his perch in the sycamore that the Lord's grace plucks Zacchaeus, with humor and gentleness: "COME DOWN, HURRY!" Zacchaeus responds promptly to the divine impatience. He hears the words which do away with his life as an outcast and fill him with joy: I must stay at your house today. Today you too can become a son of Abraham! This "TODAY" of salvation Jesus no doubt explained at length to Zacchaeus in his house, while the people of Jericho complained outside. The offer of grace, the decision to accept it by the obedience of faith, this is the "TODAY" of God and mankind.

Forthright even in his spectacular conversion, Zacchaeus opens at the same time his house, his heart, his life: the fiscal officer admits his income, and taxes it generously for the poor and any he may have wronged. Some may have thought he had lost his head, but his unusual generosity was the simple consequence of God's goodness to him, the outer sign of an inward change of heart. When one has really been forgiven, the desire is to give everything in return, for one has become a new person, a descendant of Abraham, saved and believing in the unexpected and surprising love God bears towards us. The Church, too, is the house of sinners: but are we sufficiently aware of that?

### *Divine Liturgy Schedule*

#### ***This Weekend, August 17-18: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

##### **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 Joseph Families by the Weisner and Joseph Families

✠ William Daniel III by Bill & Carol Dougherty

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

**Monday August 19:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

##### **Tuesday August 20 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom Brock Jr.

**Wednesday August 21:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

##### **Thursday August 22 at 12:05 p.m.:**

✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom Brock Jr.

**Friday, August 23:** No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

#### ***Next Weekend, August 24-25: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost***

##### **Saturday, August 24 at 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ John Wilson (Wedding Anniversary) by Judy Wilson

† Special Intention

**Sunday, August 25 at 10:30 a.m.:**

† Deceased of the Breiding and Haas Families by Dalton Haas

† Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt

**Calendar of Parish Events**

<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b>	<i>Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Election of officers will be voted on</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>

**Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:**

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  
 September 15: Ted Olinski  
 September 18: Michael Duymich

**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), Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shiben

<b>Your Church Support Last Week</b>	
\$1,760.00	Sunday Collection
40.00	Candles
103.00	Spaghetti Dinner
200.00	Donation to church
2,245.00	Mahrajan
150.00	Parking
10.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$4,538.00	<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

**Mahrajan News**

--The winner of the 50/50 Mahrajan Raffle was Chris Khourey (the brother of Lou Khourey) of Arlington, Virginia. He donated back \$2,000.00 toward replacing the roof of the church. Congratulations and many thanks

--The Lebanese Festival Mahrajan Committee will be having a Bake Sale this weekend after Saturday evening (8/17/19) and Sunday (8/18/19) masses. Pastries for sale will include:

- Mamoul \$2.00
- Baklawa \$1.00
- Bird Nest (Pistachio) \$1.00

- Cashew Fingers           \$1.00
- Date Rolls               \$1.00

Please stop by after mass to purchase these delicious pastries or call Susan at 304-218-3028 to reserve your order. Limited quantities while supplies last.

--Financial Report:

Q.: Fr., How much we made at the Festival?

A.: Dear parishioners, the net profit will not be determined until we receive and pay all the expenses. It means when all the companies send us their bills (usually at the end of the month), we subtract the expenses from the income and we will publish the Festival financial report in the bulletin. This process will take until September 15<sup>th</sup>. So please be patient. The main thing is: thank God and the Blessed Mother for the wonderful weather and the zeal of our committee and volunteers who prepared this successful Festival. We thank all the sponsors and donors and Pitaland of Pittsburgh who prepare the delicious food. All what we heard are compliments. Also thank God no incidents, only peace and joy and the tradition is still going.

—Msgr Bakhos



## *Story: Dumbest Criminals*

### **Expired With a License**

Some people would rather die than pay their traffic tickets. The 36-year-old Kim was scheduled to go to court to face traffic charges when she got a real stroke of luck. She passed away. The Judge received a letter purportedly from her mother with the sad news that Kim had died ten days earlier in a car accident. Proof was included in the envelope: a death notice that appeared to be a printout from the Register website. The very next day, the Judge threw the case out. But it was soon resurrected, as it were when the police stopped a woman and cited her for speeding and driving with a suspended license. Turns out the driver was none other than the deceased Kim.

Either fraud had been committed against the court or it was time to call Ghostbusters. Right away, the County Attorney's office got to the bottom of things, discovering that the *Register* had never published Kim's obituary and that there had been no funeral for the woman. Moreover, Kim's mother knew nothing of the letter to the court that she had supposedly written and signed. It was a forgery, and that became the charge against Kim when she appeared, for real, in court few months later. What to do with someone who tries to avoid traffic charges by committing forgery instead? The judge went easy: a two-year prison sentence that he suspended; two years' probation; a \$500 fine; and treatment for substance abuse. But already Kim is finding it hard to be back among the living. Two months later, she had violated the terms of her probation.

### **All Tanked Up**

Okay, granted, if you're cruising around town roaring drunk, it can be hard to fake sobriety when the police nab you. But these two guys didn't even come close.

In Waupaca, Wisconsin, Daniel Nordell was waiting at a traffic light when a cop approached his car. It seems the officer got a pretty good clue that Nordell wasn't in his right mind after noticing the way he was driving along the city Street:

backward. The transmission's shot, Nordell explained, and the car will only go in reverse.

What was harder for Nordell to explain was his obvious intoxication. When the police ran a check, they discovered he'd been arrested 12 times for drunk driving. You'd think with a record like that, a guy would be extra careful not to back himself into more trouble.

Just one month before, a Wisconsin cop stopped another driver who gave a pretty good hint he was soused. When a Thiensville police officer pulled over Christopher Kennedy and walked up to the driver's window, Kennedy was already fishing in his wallet—and then tried to hand the officer a credit card. "Do you know why I stopped you?" the policeman asked. "Speeding?" Kennedy mumbled almost incoherently. After failing a sobriety test, he was arrested for driving under the influence.

So what had gotten the cop's attention in the first place? Mainly, it was that odd bit of hose dangling from Kennedy's gas tank. After fueling up at a Kwik Trip station, he drove off in a haze of oblivion—forgetting the hose was still attached to his car. Oops.



## A Time to Laugh (423)

### **My Kind of DOCTOR!!**

#### HEALTH

#### QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So, a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!!... Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets. And remember: "Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO, What a Ride"