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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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We celebrate Eucharist and evangelize via Catholic doctrine.



Renewal of the Church

- ***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, Joe Simon
- ***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

Renewal of the Church

Readings: Heb 9:11-15 and Jn 10:22-42

The Church is one because the redemptive act of Christ tore down the barriers that separated people from one another. Paul wrote to the Galatians:

“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” (3:28).

What are the bonds of unity that join us together? First there is the inner bond of love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Colossians 3:14). There are also visible bonds: the profession of one faith handed down from the apostles, the common celebration of the sacraments, the apostolic succession of the ordained ministry.

Yet we sadly realize that, though Christ broke down the barriers of separation, people through history have erected new barriers. Love was not always there to bind people together. Almost from the very beginning, divisions have arisen in the Church. These divisions, with roots in the past, have affected many today, even though they are not responsible for the divisions.

Ecumenism seeks to bring unity among separated Christians. It was not till Pius XII in the 1950’s that we acknowledged other Christians as separated brethren,” and not till the Second Vatican Council that we accepted other Christians as constituting Churches of Christ.’

The Vatican II document on the Church stated that “the one Church of

Christ ... abides (*subsistit*) in the Catholic Church, governed by Peter’s successor and the bishops in communion with them.” The words *abides in*, rather than *is*, are clarified by the assertion that many elements of sanctification and truth” exist beyond the visible bonds of the Catholic Church: God’s written word; the life of grace; faith, hope and love, together with other gifts of the Holy Spirit as well as visible elements.” This means that the Holy Spirit may make use of these

churches as a means of salvation and a way to call us to full catholic unity.

Jesus’ prayer for his disciples is: that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be [one] in us, so that the world may know that you sent me” (John 17:21). As the *Catechism* says: “The movement to recover the unity of all Christians is Christ’s gift and the Spirit’s call.”

There is much we can do to help build unity. There must be ongoing renewal and conversion of heart. We need to listen to one another from both sides of the ecumenical fence. Above all we must pray together and work together to overcome oppression, prejudice and injustice worldwide.

This Weekend, November 9-10: Renewal of the Church

Saturday, November 9 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 10 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Simon & Lottie George

✠ Larry Breiding (Anniversary) by his grandson Dalton Haas

✠ Dale Seidler Sr., by his wife Nettie and Family

This Weekdays Masses

Monday November 11: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

Tuesday November 12 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Jerry (Jerbear) McGlumphy (Aniversary) by Jerry McGlumphy & Children

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

Wednesday November 13: No Mass. Pastor’s Day off.

Thursday November 14 at 12:05 p.m.:

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

✠ Benefactors of the church by Msgr Bakhos

Friday, November 15: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

Next Weekend, November 16-17: Announcement to Zechariah

Saturday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Joseph A. Benline (Anniversary) by his wife Helen

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 17 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Emily Vince (Birthday) by her children and grandchildren

✠ Angela Nagem by Earl & Linda Duffy

✠ Benefactors of the church by Msgr Bakhos

Calendar of Parish Events

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, November 11th, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall. Susie & Linda Hosting</i>
Women's Society Meeting	<i>Sunday, December 1st, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Christmas Family Breakfast	<i>Sunday, December 8th, following Mass in the Cedar Hall</i>
Rummage Sale	<i>Friday-Saturday June 5-6, 2020 Please start saving your merchandise for us. More information at a later date. No clothing will be accepted in 2020.</i>

Family Christmas Breakfast (Sunday, December 8th after 10:30 am Mass)

Come One Come All and join us for our Christmas Family Breakfast. You will enjoy a bountiful breakfast of: Scrambled Eggs; Sausage or Bacon; Hash Brown Potatoes; Toast or Biscuits with Butter, Assorted Jellies or Honey; Mixed Fruit; Orange Juice and Coffee.

Bring the children because we have heard that Santa will make a surprise visit.

Let us start the Christmas Season right with our wonderful Family Christmas Breakfast. A modest donation of \$5.00 a person is welcomed.

Your reservation(s) must be made by Monday, November 24. This is not an open banquet to the public. Every person is asked to write his/her name and the names of his family members on the sheet of paper and handle it to Msgr. Bakhos personally or to one of the ladies of the church so that we can order the right amount of food for everyone. You may also make your reservation by calling 304-639-1372. You should receive a mailing with a flier for this event and raffle tickets soon. The Raffle Drawing will be on Sunday, December 22.

“Noel” Gift Basket & 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, December 22nd)

A 50/50 Raffle and a Gift Basket Raffle will be held for Christmas. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 22, following Mass. Contents of the “Noel” Gift Basket are: 1 bottle of Barefoot Red Moscato, 1 bottle of White Zinfandel, 1 bottle of Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon, 1 bottle of Merlot, 4 mini bottles of Pinot Noir, 4 tins Shortbread Cookies, 1 bag Milk Chocolate Kisses, 1 bag Chocolate Covered Pretzels, 1 mini Cutting Board with Knife and 2 Christmas Hand Towels.

Donations for Santa's Christmas Treats

The ladies are collecting candy to prepare treat bags for the children attending Sunday, December 8th Family Christmas Breakfast Party which will follow Mass that day.

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

A bouquet of yellow roses will decorate the altar of the Blessed Mother in Memory of Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Fielding, Florida.

These Poinsettias were donated in Memory of:

- ☼ *Tom & Mary K. Ferris by Denise Ferris*
- ☼ *George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family*
- ☼ *Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt*
- ☼ *Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ☼ *Bill & Mary Daniel by Rebecca and Michael DiFabrizio*

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- November 11: Ryan Murad
- November 15: Rena Bratton
- November 24: Rex Strawn
- November 26: Mary Lish
- November 28: Richard Obyc
- December 3: Joey John
- December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

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)
 Jeff Fahey and his daughter Amanda, Elia Frenn, Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Bill Dougherty, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shiben

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,439.00	Sunday Collection
600.00	Bulletin ads
125.00	Christmas Breakfast
21.00	Coffee hour
25.00	Xhristmas Poinsettias
1,575.00	Donations toward the New Metal Roof
529.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$4,344.00	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

Update on the New Roof of the Church and Rectory

The roof of the church is almost done completely. They were working on the last touches of the fascia and downspouts. The old roof of the rectory was also covered with four other layers. The Parish Council agrees to change it while the equipments are still here. This will cost an additional \$15,000. We still need your help. Many Thanks to all generous parishioners and friends who donated toward the new metal roof that need to be installed before winter. All your donations are tax deductible and your names will be engraved on the Plaque to be mounted inside the church. May God reward you abundantly.

Diamond Level [\$500 and over]

Tom & Judy Brock, Jr., John & Deanna Shiben, Tom, Mary K. & Denise Ferris, Michael & Nicole Breit, Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Rex & Rita Strawn, Women Society, Cedar Club, George J. Thomas (Memorial), George, Susan, Matthew & Luke Saseen, Anonymous, Mark Schroeder and Helen Schroeder, Ron Weisner, Al & Dana Zambito, Ron & Susan Burns, Bill & Mary Zaid Stees, Mike Linton, Jerry McGlumph Family,

Gold Level [\$250 to \$499]

Dr. Joseph C. Palmer Family, Evelyn Goodson & Family, Bill & Carol Dougherty, Mike & Terri Golebiewski, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Kenneth & Nancy Joseph, Don & Lori, Emma & Elijah Nickerson, Matthew & Victoria Gompers, Jack & Rose Palmer, Shirley Bine, George & Jean Weisner, Dr. Lawrence & Victoria Wright, Scott R. Smith, Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn, Dr. Nabil & Nisrin AlKhoury,

Silver Level [\$25 to \$249]

Larry & Lillian Siebieda, Denny & Mary Lee Porter, Ron, Kim & Kaitlin Gibbons, Frederick & Janet Jaquay, Peggy Palmer, Joe Roxby, Michael & Kathryn Kelly, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Paul & Natalie Mulvey, Anonymous, Al Depto & Mary C. Davis, Vickie Joseph, Laurence G. Schroeder, Elsie Renzella, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Pam & Rick Obyc, Phillip & Thomasina Geimer, Robert J. Coram, Latif Thomas, Richard Elwartoski, Patrick & Jackie Petros, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Carol Burkhart, The Palotay Family, Sue Jochum, Scott & Alicia Peklinsky, Abraham & Company PLLC, Elizabeth Simon, Angele Mansor, James & Lynn Comerc, Fran Saseen, Nini Miller, Mark & Debbie Huffman, Dave & Debbie Sengewalt, Drs. Matthew & Christina Zdilla, Bassam & Jodi Deeb, Mike & Judy Sofka, Rosalie Conti, Sheila Saab, Donzil & Theresa Gain, Michael Duymich, Don & Roberta Henning, Anonymous, Veronica C. Mushet, Randy Weisner, Robert Harris, Carolee K. Bentz, Dolores Oser, Denny Albaugh, Mark & Catherine John, Virginia Ghaphery Cox, Dan & Cheryl Tucker,

What's New?

--Many Thanks to our Altar Server Dalton Haas for donating 2 new Christmas trees to the church. Good choice.
 --Letters have been mailed requesting payments for Ads on the back page of the bulletin. There are 2 openings for new ads for \$120.00 per year each. Ads can be a memorial for your loved ones or for a business or any other message. Please talk or call Msgr. Bakhos or Charlotte before December 2nd. These ads help defray the expenses of printing our bulletins throughout the year. Thanks for your support.

Parish Condolences

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the O'Kane Family on the loss of their beloved Mike who was the brother-in-law of Nikki Popovich. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.



Story

Once upon a time there was a king who ruled a small kingdom. It wasn't great, and it wasn't really known for any of its resources or people. But the king did have a diamond, a great perfect diamond that had been in his family for generations. He kept it on display for all to see and appreciate. People came from all over the country to admire it and gaze at it.

Word of it spread to neighboring countries, and more people came to look at it. Soon the people felt that the diamond was theirs; somehow it gave them a sense of pride, of dignity, of worth. Then one day a soldier came to the king with the news that, although no one had touched the diamond, for it was guarded night and day, the diamond was cracked.

The king ran to see, and sure enough there was a crack right through the middle of the diamond. Immediately he summoned all the jewelers of the land and had them look at the diamond. One after another they examined the diamond and gave the bad news to the king: the diamond was useless; it was irredeemably

flawed. The king was crushed, and so were the people. Somehow they felt they had lost everything.

Then out of nowhere came an old man who claimed to be a jeweler. He asked to see the diamond. After examining it, he looked up and confidently told the king, *“I can fix it. In fact, I can make it better than it was before.”* The king was shocked and a bit leery. The old man said, *“Give me the jewel, and in a week I’ll bring it back fixed.”*

Now the king was not about to let the stone out of his sight, even if it was ruined, so he gave the old man a room, all the tools and food and drink he needed, and he waited. The whole kingdom waited. It was a long week.

At the end of the week the old man appeared with the stone in his hand and gave it to the king. The king couldn’t believe his eyes. It was magnificent. The old man had fixed it, and he had made it even better than it was before! He had used the crack that ran through the middle of the stone as a stem and carved an intricate, full-blown rose, leaves, and thorns into the diamond. It was exquisite.

The king was overjoyed and offered the old man half his kingdom. He had taken something beautiful and perfect and improved upon it!

But the old man refused in front of everyone, saying, *“I didn’t do that at all. What I did was to take something flawed and cracked at its heart and turn it into something beautiful.”*



A Time to Laugh (435)

Just for Laughs

--My sister walked into the butcher shop and ordered the biggest porterhouse steak they had.

“And please cut off all the *fat*,” she added.

“You sure you want all the fat off?” the butcher asked.

“Yes, it’s much easier to take it off here,” she explained, “than after I’ve eaten it.”

--The sheriff’s office tried everything to stop people from using fake IDs to get driver’s licenses, but to no avail. Fed up, one industrious sheriff’s deputy concocted an ingenious plan, never before tried. He marched into the DMV waiting room and asked that everyone “with false IDs please step forward.” Six did.

Romance

Recently, I overheard my teenage son on the telephone ordering flowers. Dictating the card to the florist, he said, “To my one and only, I can’t wait to see you again.” It was so romantic, it was all I could do to keep from crying. That is, until I heard him say, “And I need to send that to three girls.”

--When the date for the church choir banquet was announced, it was met with much anticipation. However, some of us thought the church bulletin put undue pressure on our single members by declaring, “Tickets are \$10 a person. Spouses are welcome. Please get yours by Sunday.”

All in one day work

While staring at a monkey in the zoo, one of my preschool students had a question: “What does he eat?” The zookeeper rattled off a long list of foods that the monkeys were fed. “Where does he get his food from?” asked the student. “Oh, just the regular supermarket,” answered the zookeeper. My student wasn’t finished. “Well, who drives him?”

--“Long time no see,” my mother said to two clients in the gym where she works. “We’ve been working overtime,” explained one of the women. “That’s great!” said Mom. “So many people in town are losing their jobs that it’s nice to hear some companies need overtime. Where do you work?” One woman sheepishly replied, “The unemployment office.”

--Some people find their fortune in the oddest jobs. I was driving behind a truck that pumps out septic tanks. In big, bold lettering on the side, the owner declared, “It Smells Like Money to Me!”

Inspiring Ads

Ads tell you a lot about a business. Sometimes too much as seen in these examples.

--Your home deserves a monthly termite inspection, so when you think of pests, think of Chuck O’Hara, your Terminix Man.

--Our shoe stores feature sneakers that are ideal for streetwalking.

--The Bird’s Nest Bed & Breakfast: Wake up to a delicious breakfast served in your bathrobe.

--The world’s newest airline is looking for the world’s finest stewards and stewardesses. Applicants must be over 20 years of age, with minimum height of 53” and be able to swim.

Facing Fears Head-On

The thought of my first airplane trip terrified me. But after the ticket agent quoted statistics proving that flying was safe, I felt much better.

“Now take this to Gate 22,” he said, handing me my ticket. “That’s where we give out the helmets, scarves, goggles and parachutes.”