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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Commemoration of the Priests

- ***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 start 20 minutes 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 Kourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Kourey, 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
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Commemoration of the Priests

Readings: iTim 4:6-16 and Lk 12:42-48

A young seminarian wrote, “Let someone see The Christ in your face, let someone feel The Christ in your Love, Let some tired soul through The Christ in your heart, look up with new Hope above ... Let someone know The Christ through your work, so that at the close of a weary day, someone through you, find The Christ in his soul, and humbly kneel down to pray.

To be another Christ means to exude from one's presence the God of all, to be a flame, a living symbol, a reality, a lover, a man of God, and example, and at the same time to be sincere.

Archbishop Oscar Romero wrote, It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is the Lord's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do SOMETHING, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the Master Builder and the worker. We are workers, not Master Builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

This Weekend, February 1-2: Sunday of the Priests

Saturday, February 1:

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

at 4:00 p.m.:

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

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m.: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass

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

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

Weekday Masses

Monday, February 3: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, February 4 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Frances Linton (Anniversary) by her sons Steve and Mike

✠ Steve Schlog and Bob Saseen (Birthday) by Fran Saseen

Wednesday, February 5: No Mass. Office work

Thursday, February 6 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

Friday, February 7: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off***Next Weekend, Feb. 8-9: Commemoration of the Righteous & Just*****Saturday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last will
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Helen & Peter Hankish by their son Philip

Calendar of Parish Events

St. Maron Feast Day	<i>Sunday, February 9</i>
St. Maron Dinner	<i>Sunday, March 8, 2020</i>
Bake Sale	<i>Cooking dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 20, 21 and 22nd Pick up orders: Wednesday, April 22nd (afternoon) and Thu, 23rd.</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>

Week Masses for the Faithful Departed (February 15 to February 21st)

It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. Think of how anxious you'll be to be remembered in the Masses and prayers of your relatives and friends when you die. All of us hope and pray that we'll never be forgotten and that our loved ones will pray to God for us every day. Your deceased relatives and friends are just as anxious for you to offer for them a Mass which is the best offering pleasing to God the Father because it is the pure Body and Blood of His Son. They are depending upon God's mercy and your good works to bring about their union with the Holy Trinity, our Blessed Mother and all the saints. The Church is here to remind you to pray for your parents and beloved ones who are deceased. Remember them and pray for them, so that your children and friends will pray for you after your death. You can be sure that your prayers and your sacrifices for the dead will be rewarded when they join the Community of Saints and speak to God in your behalf.

All Masses will be offered for the Repose of the Souls of the followings:

- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhr
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Deceased of the Bentz & Reynolds Families by Carolee Bentz
- ✠ Anna Marie McGlumphy by Jerry McGlumphy and Children
- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- ✠ Robert Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike
- ✠ Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike
- ✠ Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ Deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton
- ✠ Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Robert Hunter, Jr. & Robert Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Leona M. Albaugh (on her Birthday February 23) by her son Denny Albaugh

† Beloved grandparents Tom & Sadie John & David & Tamamie Joseph by Ron & Susan Burns
 † Beloved parents John T. & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan Burns
 † Deceased of the Strawn Family by Rex & Rita Strawn
 † Deceased of the Thomas & Dellget Families by Rex & Rita Strawn
 † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family
 † Deceased of the Schlog & Saseen Families by Fran Saseen and sons
 † Helen Fielding and Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
 † George & Mary Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
 † Mike O'Kane by Joe & Nikki Popovich
 † Deceased of the Fadoul & Duffy Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
 † Tessa Joseph by her mother Stephanie Joseph
 † Gerard Joseph by his wife Stephanie Joseph
 † Deceased members of the Shutler Family by Janet Shutler
 † Deceased members of the Nolte Family by Janet Shutler
 † Deceased members of the Daniel and DiFabrizio Families by Rebecca and Michael DiFabrizio
 † Thomas A. and Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
 † Barkett & Sadie Coury (parents) by Lucille Coury Gibbons and Family
 † Infant George, Vharles, Louis, Eva Coury Moffat by Lucille Coury Gibbons and Family
 † Martha Ruggiero, Helen Orosz and Ann Otterbeck by Lucille Coury Gibbons and Family
 † Michael Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
 † Freda Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
 † Deceased members of the Josephs and tobias Families by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
 † William Josephs by Shawn & Cyndi Josephs-Tobias
 † William & Amelia Fitzgerald by Dick & Rosemary Coury
 † Marianna Khoury and Family by Dick & Rosemary Coury
 † Tim Shia, Ginny & Martha by the Family
 † Thomas Jochum by the Family
 † Shirley Elias Nickerson, Mary, Rose, Jean, Helen, Margaret and Madeline Elias by their loving Family
 † Shirley Elias Nickerson, Donald A. Nickerson Sr., Nicholas & Amelia Elias, Albert & Wanda Nickerson by their loving Families
 † Deceased of the Henning and Bott Families by Don & Roberta Henning
 † Deceased of the Bentz, Fadoul, Hancher, Sengewalt and Werner Families by Millet & Susie Fadoul
 † Elaine & Jay Cybulski, Tom George, Sharlet Purpura, Annette Tysk, Annette Aprea, Marthann Rinehart, Paul Doyle by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

February 2: David John, Doug Bratton
 February 4: Lindsay Carl
 February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey
 February 14: Diane Frenn
 February 15: Nettie Seidler
 February 16: Dave Sengewalt
 February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
 February 21: Louie Khourey
 February 27: MaryAnn Carl
 March 2: Ava 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)
 Lucille Gibbons, Joe Roxby, Dolores Joseph, 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>	
\$1,114.00	Sunday Collection
325.00	2 nd collection
24.00	Candles
18.00	Coffee hour
100.00	Donation to the church
610.12	Refunds
60.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,281.12	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

Whats New

MISSING

Two clear large crystal cut glass bowls and a case filled with 50 or more Matchbox cars from the old Basement Hall. Please call or return with any information regarding these items to Linda (304) 242-6853.



Story

One of the high-water marks in any parent's life is teaching their children how to drive. I'm hitting this high-water mark in my own life just now, and it's pretty much right up there with labor pains and parent-teacher conferences. In the week since my boy received his learner's permit, life has changed for me. I don't "drive" anywhere now. I "lurch." My boy and I have been lurching all over town together now for a week because, he says, there's something wrong with the car. "Something's wrong with this clutch," he tells me whenever we lurch to a stall, which is pretty much every time he tries to get the thing going.

On those occasions when he does get it going, he generally gets it as far as second gear and then quits bothering with the gearshift. "We're picking up some speed," I tell him. "It's time to shift to third." But he doesn't want to do that because it just means he'll eventually have to face the prospect of shifting back into second. "Something's wrong with third gear," he says. "I'm sticking with second." And so, when we've finally got the car lurching into motion, we maintain a steady pace by zooming around town in second gear. Teaching my boy to drive has made us much closer. There was a time before he got his learner's permit that he wasn't that keen on doing some types of things with me, such as going downtown together to buy a carton of milk. "Would you like to go downtown to buy a carton of milk with me?" I'd say, and he'd say, "Well, no. Actually I don't think that idea appeals to me at all." Getting a carton of milk with me just wasn't his cup of tea back then.

But now, when I try to sneak out of the house with my car keys, he can hear them jingle as well as the dogs can. And suddenly he's standing there in the driveway, anxious to spend some quality time with me going downtown to buy a carton of milk. And this means that we're going to be out in the car together for quite some time. That's because, not only do we have to go everywhere in second gear, we can't even get out of the driveway until he makes a number of time-consuming "adjustments." All student drivers need to make "adjustments" before they can "go."

They make elaborate adjustments to the seat, for example. Up. "Too close." Back. "Too far." Up. "Too close." Back. "Too far." They can spend a good two, three minutes going up and back, and it never does "feel right." "Something's wrong with this seat," my boy tells me. And he spends an inordinate amount of time adjusting the rearview mirror. My boy's rearview mirror is adjusted to just exactly the precise

specifications they should have been using when they adjusted the Hubble telescope for space launch. His rearview mirror is totally, totally adjusted.

Which is somewhat ironic because he never uses it. I've also been spending a lot of time riding around in reverse, which is in no way related to using the rearview mirror. Reverse is different than forward for my boy because, instead of lurching along, he launches away.

The first time he tried leaving our driveway in reverse, he went from zero to sixty in 2.5 seconds and never did stop until he ran into the basketball hoop. "Something's wrong with reverse," he told me. And I've learned to look at the roads around town with a new eye. I used to just take it for granted that all the roads were pretty much wide enough for two cars, coming and going. But, by watching my boy swerve onto the shoulder every time a car comes, I realize I've had a limited view of things. "Why did you drive off the road?" I asked him the first time I noted this habit. "Something's wrong with that driver," he told me. Last night my boy said he thinks he's ready for the highway. I told him I didn't think so, at least not until he was willing to use third and fourth gear. I just can't see how any good could come of zooming down the highway in second gear. He was disgusted with my fastidious concern about staying alive. "Something's wrong with you," he told me. He's certainly got that right.

A Time to Laugh (446)

Completely Ignored

A man walked into a psychiatrist's office and said, "My problem is that people seem to ignore me." The psychiatrist walked to the door and called out, "Next!"

Wanting to Kiss a Mule

A little prospector wearing clean shoes walked into a saloon. A big cowboy said to his friend, "Watch me make this dude dance." He walked over to the prospector and said, "You're a foreigner, aren't you?"

"You might say that," said the little prospector. "I'm from the city, and I'm prospecting for gold."

The cowboy said, "Tell me dude, can you dance?"

The little dude said, "No sir, I never did learn."

"Well I'm going to teach you. You'll be surprised how fast you can learn." With that the cowboy pulled out his gun and started shooting at the prospector's feet.

Hopping, jumping, and shaking, the prospector "danced" out the door.

About an hour later the cowboy left the saloon. As soon as he stepped out the door, he heard a click. He looked around, and there, next to his head, was the biggest shotgun he'd ever seen. The little prospector said, "Cowboy, have you ever kissed a mule?"

"No," said the cowboy, "but I always wanted to."

The Golf Ball Missile

I read about Mathieu Boya, who was practicing his golf swing in a pasture adjacent to the Benin Air Base in Africa. The story goes that back in 1987 he accidentally destroyed his country's entire air force!

With one swing of the golf club, Boya set off an unbelievable series of events. The shot—"a glorious slice" it was called—hit a bird, which in turn dropped onto the windshield of a trainer jet, whose pilot was taxiing into position for takeoff. The pilot lost control of his plane and plowed into four shiny Albatross jets, totally demolishing the entire air force of Benin.

Boya was jailed immediately for "hooliganism," and his attorney said he had no chance of winning a trial.

Meanwhile, the country had no money in its treasury and wanted Boya to pay \$40 million to replace the jets.

Boya made \$275 per year and figured it would take 145,000 years to pay off his debt to society.

Few golfers could match that story, although I have heard of some complaining of their "wayward shots." The point is that we have seen what a chain reaction can do. Like falling dominoes, one event leads to a chain of events larger than could have been created by a single event.

But a positive chain of events can happen too. This Sunday our church will kick off our financial campaign. One good pledge can lead to a whole series of exciting things to come. It's time for many of our members to get out their pocketbooks and start some better things rolling at this church.