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Bulletin #9

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Leper

- ***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

Sunday of the Leper

Readings: Rom 6:12-23 and Mk 1:35-45

Let us consider if there be anyone that has the taint of leprosy in his soul, or the contamination of guilt in his heart? If he has, instantly adoring God, let him say to him: ***“Lord, if you will you can make me clean.”*** You had long ago cleansed Naaman who committed many crimes, and you had had compassion throughout the ages on an immeasurable number of others who have beseeched you. ***“You, therefore, if you will, you can make me clean.”*** And the Lord, swiftly stretching forth the hand of his mercy, will say: ***“I will, be you made clean,”*** as Jesus says it to the one he cleansed of leprosy.

The Lord had compassion on this man who believed in him, who trusted in his power. To him Jesus said: you had believed, you are healed; you had hoped, you are made clean. Forget not what you were, nor what you are now made into. Cease not to give thanks, nor cease to confess the Lord. This also we must do, as often as he has delivered us from some peril, or comforted us in some grief, or infirmity, or sickness, or from any extremity whatsoever. Let us not be ungrateful, nor forgetful of our benefactor, but speedily render him thanks; and let us offer a gift according to our means, to show him honor. For this also the Lord commands.

“But go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift which Moses commanded for a testimony unto them.” Jesus therefore said to him: ***“see you tell no man,”*** because of my hidden sweetness. And you, let this be a lesson unto you, whenever you do anything of good, do not seek to be honored for it before men, to be extolled, to be foolishly pleased, as is the way with so many when they do a little good, or have fasted, or given an alms to the poor, or a gift in honor of an altar or in honor of the saints. For these seek to be glorified before men, and to please themselves, losing their reward with God.

This Weekend, Feb. 29-March 1: Sunday of the Leper

Saturday, February 29 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Msgr Bakhos
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr, by his wife Nettie and Family

Weekdays Masses

Monday, March 2: No Mass. Pastor’s day off

Tuesday, March 3 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Mike & Steve Linton
- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

Wednesday, March 4: No mass

Thursday, March 5 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Mike & Steve Linton
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Friday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Mike & Steve Linton
- ✠ Jerrie Palotay Williams by Eva Lee Powell

Next Weekend, March 7-8: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging woman

Saturday, March 7 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
 ✠ Blanche Wakim by Lou & Charlotte Khourey
 ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Betty Abraham, Clara Carter, Evelyn Goodson by Jean Weisner
 ✠ Tom Jalad (Anniversary) by the Family

Calendar of Parish Events

Work Days for St. Maron Dinner (Please bring a covered dish for lunch))	--Wednesday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.: making Mamool --Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m.: making Kibbee Help is needed to prepare food & enjoy everyone's company
St. Maron Dinner	Sunday, March 8, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cedar Club Meeting	Monday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. in Cedar Hall. Nini & Mike Hosting
Bake Sale	Cooking dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 20, 21 and 22 nd Pick up orders: Wednesday, April 22 nd (afternoon) and Thu, 23 rd .
Rummage Sale	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.
Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan)	Saturday, August 8 th from noon to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9 th from 10:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Easter Obligation (Lenten Appeal)

The Lenten Appeal for our Diocese (the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon) is now taking place. A letter from our Bishop Elias Zaidan about the Appeal as well as another similar letter for our church will be mailed to every family. Our Diocese relies upon your support in order to train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal and be generous. Please drop your donation in the collection or mail it to our church for tax deduction. Please be generous and support our diocese. Thank you.

Thanks for those who fulfilled their Easter Obligation this year:

Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Dave Sengewalt,

2020 Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

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

🌹 Tom & Mary K. Ferris by Denise Ferris

🌹 George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family

🌹 Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike

🌹 Frances & Joseph Linton by their sons Steve & Mike

🌹 Deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton

🌹 Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) & Mona (sister) by Steve & Mike Linton

🌹 Deceased members of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos

🌹 Deceased members of the Bine & Gaudio Families by Shirley Bine

🌹 Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Khourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

🌹 Deceased of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Fran Saseen

🌹 Danny & Millie Manners by their daughter NiNi Miller

🌹 In honor of the Frenn Family

🌹 In honor of Janet Shutler

✿ *Deceased Family members of Thomasina Geimer*

✿ *Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty*

✿ *Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie engewalt*



Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

March 2: Ava Murad
 March 4: Jeff Sengewalt
 March 5: Philip Carl
 March 6: Kristen McLaughlin
 March 10: Liam George
 March 15: Shelby Imer
 March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
 March 22: Jennifer Imer
 March 26: Joseph John
 March 30: Greg John
 March 31: Jonas George
 April 1: Patrick Sengewalt

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)

Kathleen Olinski, Bill Dougherty, Al Depto, Don Henning, Joe Roxby, Dolores Joseph, Jeff Fahey & his daughter Amanda, Elia Frenn, Nick Bedway, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Mary Jo Terry, Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer, Justin Frenn, John Shibem

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,253.50	Sunday Collection
50.00	Diocesan Appeal
10.00	Bake sale
27.00	Candles
1,055.00	St. Maron Dinner
30.00	Easter Flowers
50.00	Donation toward he new roof
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$2,505.50	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

What's New

Condolences: Meha Alkhouri

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Alkhouri Family on the loss of their beloved Meha who passed away in Saint Louis, Missouri. Meha was the sister-in-law of Dr. Nabel & Nisrine Alkhouri. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at our church on Sunday, February 23rd. It was followed by a mercy meal and Qorban made by the family. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid and we extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

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.

Bring Now Your Items to Our Rummage Sale

Dear parishioners and friends,

Please bring your items with you to the church every time you come to daily or weekend Mass. It means from now until the date of the rummage sale in June, fill your trunk with the items you want to donate to our rummage sale and ask Msgr. Bakhos or Mike Linton to open the door of the old basement for you. Bring everything except clothing and tires. You can call us also at 304-233-1688 to wait for you. We appreciate your donation. Thanks.

Warning! Be aware of shoplifters

Warning: Ladies and Gentlemen, when volunteering in any church event, please put your purses, wallets and anything of value in the locker. The lockers are located in the first storage room to the right of the kitchen. They have been provided for the safekeeping of your valuables. You may lock them and keep the key on your person to be opened when you leave. Please don't forget to do this, it is so worth the time and effort to keep your belongings safe. Don't leave your purse unattended -even in the church- because shoplifters are not here to pray but to look for any opportunity to steel anything they can put their hands on. They have records with the police. Lock your purse first, then go work with peace of mind.

Around Us

Lenten Fish Fry

Where: Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church

When: February 28 through April 3, 2020- 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Menu: Fresh, Hand-Breaded Coleman's Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Desserts

Infant of Prague Novena

Where: Our Lady of Peace Church

When: every Monday at 7:00 p.m. starting February 30, 2020



Story

In a pleasant, sunny valley, surrounded by lofty mountains, lived a boy named Ernest. On the side of one of the mountains, in bold relief, nature had carved the features of a gigantic face.

From the steps of his cottage, the boy used to gaze intently upon the stone face, for his mother had told him that some day a man would come to the valley who would look just like the Great Stone Face. His coming would bring joy and happiness to the entire community.

"Mother," said the boy, "I wish that it could speak, for it looks so kind that its voice must be pleasant. If I were to see a man with such a face, I should love him dearly." So, Ernest continued to gaze at the Great Stone Face for hours at a time.

Several times the rumor spread that the long-looked-for benefactor was coming, but each time when the man arrived, the rumor proved to be false. In the meantime, Ernest had grown into manhood, doing good wherever he could. The people in the village loved him. Everyone was his friend. And as he became an old man, Ernest was still looking for the arrival of the long-expected one.

One day a poet came into the valley. He had heard the prophecy about the Great Stone Face, and at evening, when the sun was setting, he saw Ernest talking to some people. As the last rays of light flooded the

massive outlines on the distant mountainside, they fell on Ernest's face. The poet cried aloud, "Behold! Behold! Ernest himself is the likeness of the Great Stone Face."

Then all the people looked, and sure enough, they saw that what the poet said was true. By looking daily at the Great Stone Face, Ernest had become like it.

If we gaze intently on Jesus as our Teacher and Example, we will become more like Him.

A Time to Laugh (450)

The Twenty and the One

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

"I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one-dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church..."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

Charity at the Post Office

There was a man who worked for the Post Office whose job was to process all the mails that had illegible addresses. One day, a letter came addressed in a shaky handwriting to God with no actual address. He thought he should open it to see what it was about.

The letter read:

"Dear God, I am an 83-year old widow, living on a very small pension. Yesterday someone stole my purse. It had \$100 in it, which was all the money I had until my next pension check. Next Sunday is Christmas, and I had invited two of my friends over for dinner. Without that money, I have nothing to buy food with. I have no family to turn to, and you are my only hope. Can you please help me?" Sincerely, Edna"

The postal worker was touched. He showed the letter to all the other workers. Each one dug into his or her wallet and came up with a few dollars. By the time he made the rounds, he had collected \$96, which they put into an envelope and sent to the woman. The rest of the day, all the workers felt a warm glow thinking of Edna and the dinner she would be able to share with her friends.

Christmas came and went. A few days later, another letter came from the same old lady to God. All the workers gathered around while the letter was opened. It read, "Dear God, How can I ever thank you enough for what you did for me? Because of your gift of love, I was able to fix a glorious dinner for my friends. We had a very nice day and I told my friends of your wonderful gift. By the way, there was \$4 missing.

I think it must have been those buggars at the Post Office.

War of Bills

As my mother and I toured the historic streets of London, we were awed by its history and by something else: the signs on construction sites. Whereas back home we admonish "POST NO BILLS," the elegant English declare "BILL STICKERS WILL BE PROSECUTED."

The British, of course, are also known for their humor. Beneath one such sign someone Scrawled, "BILL STICKERS IS INNOCENT!"