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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- ***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 Khourey, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Robert Harris, 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 Prodigal Son

Readings: 2Cor 13:5-13 and Lk 15:11-32

I was sitting with a group of people discussing the candidates who were running in the presidential primaries. One person said that he would never vote for a particular candidate because that candidate was born “with a silver spoon in his mouth” -meaning that this candidate from a wealthy family would never have a need for money.

Our readings today remind us that we Christians are also born with silver spoons in our mouths. We are inheritors of a great tradition of wealth. Luke gave us examples of this wealth in today’s readings. The difficulty is that our wealth is a different kind of wealth and is accessible in a distinctive way. Our Christian wealth is that we are Sons and daughters of God and inheritors of God’s constant compassion and pardon. We get this wealth by returning to God with a humble, loving attitude. Today open your heart, as the prodigal son did, and allow God’s compassion, your inheritance, to flow down upon you. We pray, “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all [God’s] benefits” (Psalm 103:2).

This Weekend, March 14-15: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Saturday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Mary J. Shipley (Anniversary) by her daughter Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Robby Hunter III (Anniversary) by his grandma Thomasina Geimer
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ John Wilson (Birthday) by his wife Judy
- ✠ John T. John & Cecilia John by their Children: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan & their families

Weekdays Masses

Monday, March 16: No Mass. Pastor’s day off

Tuesday, March 17 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Morgan and Feler & Family
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, March 18: No mass

Thursday, March 19 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Kenny & Nancy Joseph
- ✠ Meha Alkhouri by Steve & Mike Linton

Friday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction

- ✠ Meha Alkhouri by Jean Weisner
- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

Next Weekend, March 21-22: Sunday of the Paralytic

Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Lucille Gibbons by Shirley Bine
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Healing Mass for Kathleen Olinski by her Family

Sunday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for Lucille Gibbons by Donzil & Theresa Midlege Gain and Family
- ✠ Michael & Annette Howard by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena and Louie Khourey

Calendar of Parish Events

Bake Sale

*Cooking dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 20, 21 and 22nd
Pick up orders: Wednesday, April 22nd (afternoon) and Thu, 23rd.*

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>
Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan)	<i>Saturday, August 8th from noon to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9th from 10:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.</i>

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, Denny Albaugh, Millet & Susie Fadoul, Thomasina Geimer, Kenny & Nancy Joseph, Mike Linton, Joe & Nikki Popovich, Fran Saseen, Rex & Rita Strawn, Jean Weisner, Tom & Judy Brock, Jr., Myron & Cynthia Law, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Patrick & Laurie Henry, Elsie Renzella, Ron Weisner, Marge John, Sue Jochum, George & Patty Fahey, Msgr Bakhos Chidiac, Mary Beth Weisner, Frank & Anna Marie Duymich, Catherine Gaudio, Garry & Pauline Ferrell, Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn, Don & Roberta Henning, Pat Butler, Maryann Carl, Chris & Jeannette Wakim, Janet Shutler, John & Dee Shiben, Stephanie Joseph, Dr. & Mrs. A.D.Ghaphery, Evelyn Ghaphery, Nick Ghaphery, Jr., Denise Ferris, Cathy Goodson, Mark Schroeder, Carolee Bentz, Randy Weisner, Carol Dougherty,

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 & 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

🌹 Deceased members of Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Weisner & Joseph Families

🌹 Blanche Wakim by Chris & Jeannette Wakim

🌹 Shirley Elias Nickerson and the Deceased members of the Elias Family by Tammy, Robbie, Don, Lori, Emma & Elijah

✿ *Abdoo & Dorothy Saseen by Jim & Pat Saseen Connell*

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 April 6: Ronald Weisner
 April 8: Jesse John
 April 11: Randy Weisner
 April 12: Justin Frenn
 April 13: Adel Frenn
 April 14: Mark McLaughlin, Lori DeMuth

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)

Jim Sengewalt, Kathleen Olinski, 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 Shibben

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,618.50	Sunday Collection
394.00	2 nd collection: Caritas Lebanon
2,100.00	Diocesan Appeal
30.00	Candles
1,025.00	Mahrajan
4,678.50	St. Maron Dinner
35.00	Easter Flowers
30.00	Parking
10.00	Utilities
35.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$9,956.00	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

What's New

Winners at St. Maron Dinner

- The winner of the 50/50 was Ed Bowman
- The winner of the bedspread crochet was Anna Marie Duymich
- The winner of the crochet with the Our Father prayer in it was Dianna Vargo. Congratulations

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.

Around Us

Infant of Prague Novena

Where: Our Lady of Peace Church

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



Story

In 1995, I was given three to five years to live. My doctor declared me incurable and said I would never return to a normal life style. I am living proof that miracles do happen. Eight years after the grim prognosis, my permanent heart ailment is gone and I am as healthy as I have ever been.

I have been blessed by the Lord with a wonderful healing through Sr. Faustina's intercession. My healing became the canonization miracle. So it was awesome to stand alongside the Holy Father on April 30, 2000 and hear him declare Sr. Maria Faustina the first saint of the Great Jubilee Year. And now, more people than ever will hear of the message of mercy.

At the age of forty-eight, I was at peace learning that I could expect only a few more years of life on earth. I needed surgery to remove a calcified aortic valve and to insert an artificial valve. There was even some doubt that I could survive the surgery. And although the operation was successful, my damaged heart relegated me to "uninsurable" status—not long for this world. I recovered slowly and attempted to resume my activities as pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Baltimore, Maryland, but I tired easily and needed frequent rests.

On October 5, 1995, the feast day of St. Faustina (who was then declared "blessed"), I gathered with friends for prayer at my church. After a time of prayer for the healing of my heart through Sr. Faustina's intercession, I venerated a first class relic of hers and then collapsed. I felt Paralyzed but was completely at peace.

On my subsequent visit to my cardiologist he did a physical exam and then an echocardiogram. Looking at the results he shook his head and stared at me for what seemed like an eternity. Then, he finally said, "Someone has intervened for you. I've never seen this before. Your heart is completely normal."

I know in my heart that Sr. Faustina put in a word with Jesus, and the mercy flowing from His Heart touched mine. It is as simple as that.

After almost three years of examining me and my medical records, doctors and theologians from the Congregation for the Cause of Saints concluded an exhaustive investigation of the healing. Dr. Valentin Fuster, a world-renowned cardiologist from Mount Sinai's School of Medicine, sat on the panel of doctors that reviewed my healing. He indicated that there was no known case of recovery from my condition—aortic insufficiency. And on December 20, 1999, Pope John Paul II ordered publication of the fact of the healing as a miracle through Sr. Faustina's intercession, leading to her canonization on Mercy Sunday, April 30, in St. Peter's Square.

As a result of this miracle, people have come in droves to the Baltimore shrine. The number of people visiting Holy Rosary Church for daily Mass has also increased. On the second Sunday of every month, our parish holds Divine Mercy devotions. We usually have more than fifty people stay after Mass to receive the Anointing of the Sick and venerate St. Faustina's relic. There's a real hunger for the Lord's healing touch in people's lives. People sometimes ask, "Why you?" I even ask that question. My guess is that Sr. Faustina had a devotion to the priesthood because the mercy of God flows through priests in the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. From the heart of Jesus flows God's mercy, and it was my healed heart that finalized Sr. Faustina's canonization. Perhaps she got a little ethnic. She was a Polish nun and I am a Polish American. But whatever

the reason, as a priest I am in a good position to proclaim this message. And that I will do for however many days I have left on this earth.

- Fr. Ronald P. Pytel

A Time to Laugh (452)

Removing Flies

Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's forehead.

Can't Sit on Its Lap

The four-year-old daughter of a busy father had acquired a fixation for the story "The Three Little Pigs" and demanded that he read it to her night after night. The man, pleased with himself, tape-recorded the story. When the child next asked for it, he simply switched on the playback.

This worked for a couple of nights, but then one evening the little girl pushed the storybook at her father. "Now, honey," he said, "you know how to turn on the recorder by yourself."

"Yes," she said, "but I can't sit on its lap!"

Nothing can substitute for a parent—not a recorder, not a computer, nothing!

Kissing Her Back

Child: "Mommy, Grandma kissed me today!"

Mother: "Did you kiss her back?"

Child: "No, I didn't! I kissed her on her cheek."

It's All Relative

When Oliver Wendell Holmes was still on the U.S. Supreme Court, he and Justice Louis Brandeis took walks every afternoon. On one of these occasions Holmes, then ninety-two, paused to gaze in frank admiration at a beautiful young girl who passed them. He even turned to look at her as she continued down the street. Then, turning to Brandeis, he sighed, "Oh! What I wouldn't give to be seventy again!"

Too Much Sand

Regarding my age, it's just that I have too much sand in the bottom of my hourglass.

In a Nursing Home

A minister went to visit an elderly couple who had just entered a nursing home. The wife had been losing touch with reality to a point that it really wasn't safe for them to remain in their house. But her concern was with her husband, who she thought was losing touch with reality. Very early in the visit the wife told the minister how her husband was going down fast. "if it continues," she said with a sigh, "I guess we'll just have to put him in a nursing home."

In a compassionate tone the husband said, "But, honey, we are in a nursing home."

She then looked at the minister, winked, and said, "You see what I mean."