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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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13th Sunday of Pentecost

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. (For Senior Citizen 65 years & older)

Saturday at 5:30 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (For Senior Citizen 65 years & older)

Sunday 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. Pastor's office work.

***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, Rita Strawn, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns

***Choir Members:** Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Altar Servers:** Earl Duffy, Dalton Haas

***Altar Boys:** Shaun Hancher, Christopher AlKhouri

***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

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-11 and Lk 8:1-15

Jesus' use of parables was no Innovation in the context of his time and environment: there are many instances in the Old Testament of this way of teaching and the rabbis of Jesus' time used it continuously. However, Jesus' method undoubtedly did cause surprise. It followed a sermon which he began by plainly proclaiming that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand, and therefore that all must turn from sin to the Lord. With the teaching in parables, it is not the subject matter which is different, but his hidden way of making it understood.

Suffice to say that Jesus did not make use of parables as a more expressive or clearer way of teaching. Doubtless the images clarify and are an aid to understanding, but they also puzzle. Only the one who begins to search, to ponder, to inquire, spurred on by a narrator who challenges his hearers to the utmost, will be in a position to understand. Each evangelist in his own way gives the reasons for the parables. For Matthew, understanding the parables presupposes a heart open to revelation, sincerely desiring to welcome the Word and to put it into practice — in spite of the obstacles it meets and its apparent setbacks.

Is it not true for us also that at certain times, everything conspires to prevent us from receiving this Word and to make us doubt its coming into the world? It is two thousand years since 'the Sower went out to sow, and sometimes it is very tempting to say: what a mess he made of it, how much has been lost! And does our own reaction to the wild extravagance of God consist of grasping without delay the word which we hear, so that we, in our turn, are possessed by it, caught up in the way of obedience and missionary zeal for his service? If so, then we too understand the parables!

This Weekend, August 22-23: 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 22: Assumption

At 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Al & Annette Harb Togliatti by their daughter GiGi & Family
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski by her sister Mary

At 5:30 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by David & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 23:

At 9:00 a.m.:

- ✠ Bill Dougherty by John & Linda Dougherty
- ✠ Mike Linton by John & Dee Shibben

At 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George Weisner by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Mike Linton by the President & Members of the Cedar Club

Weekdays Masses

Monday, August 24: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, August 25 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ George Weisner by Denise Ferris

Wednesday, August 26: No Mass

Thursday, August 27 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Khalil & Sadie Harb (parents), Annette & Maria (sisters) and Al Togliatti (brother-in-law) by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

✠ Bill Dougherty by Steve & Mike Linton

Friday, August 28: No Mass

Next Weekend, August 29-30: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 29:**At 4:00 p.m.:**

✠ John & Judy Wilson (Wed. Ann.) by Becky Ferrera

✠ Al & Annette Harb Togliatti by their daughter GiGi and Family

✠ William Thomas by his sister Eva Lee Powell

At 5:30 p.m.:

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

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

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, August 30:**At 9:00 a.m.:**

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol & Family

✠ Mike Linton by the President and Members of the Cedar Club

At 10:30 a.m.:

✠ George Weisner by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

✠ Mike Linton by George & Patty Fahey

Calendar of Parish Events

**Lebanese Food Festival
(Mahrajan)**

*Mahrajan food sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 17 & 18th.
More details in the coming bulletins.*

LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL – Order Pick-up Dates OCT 17th & 18th

The Lebanese Festival Committee is proud to announce that preparations for the Our Lady of Lebanon Church **LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL** are underway! Although we were very disappointed that the Lebanese Festival – *Mahrajan* had to be cancelled this year due to the pandemic, we are enthusiastic about the opportunity to offer a Food Festival to our church family and community. The Lebanese Food Festival will be different from anything we have ever done before because of current guideline for social distancing. Our Lebanese Food Festival will be **PRE-ORDERS ONLY, PRE-PAYMENT ONLY** and **PICK-UP** on either Saturday, October 17th or Sunday, October 18th. Orders must be Paid-in-Advance. Order forms will be mailed to your homes. When you received the order form, you will see a wonderful selection of food items including: Kibbee, Grape Leaves, Meat Pies, Spinach Pies, Hummus, Lebanese Rice, Baklawa, Lebanese Mix Cookies, Zaatar, Pita Bread and many Market Place items. Please complete your order form and mail back to the church with your payment. **Deadline for orders is September 28th. Please understand that orders received after September 28th will NOT be accepted.** So please, get your orders in quickly! You don't want to miss out on the chance to purchase GREAT Lebanese Food or support our church. If you need extra order forms please contact Susan at 304-242-5706. We look forward to seeing you on Pick-up Day!

Lebanese Food Festival Sponsors

Amt.	Last Name	First Name	Donation in Memory of
\$500	Harb	Jamil	Sadie Harb
\$100	McLaughlin	Mark & Barb	

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\$100	Golebiewski	Michael & Terri	Samuel J. & Bernadine Elias
\$100	Golebiewski	Michael & Terri	Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski
\$100	Weisner	Randy	George Weisner
\$200	Palmer	Dr. Jack	Pete & Dr. Joe Palmer
\$100	Ferris	Denise	Thomas & Mary K. Ferris
\$500	Joseph	Vickie	Mike, Alphonse & Georgette Joseph
\$100	Depto	Al	Frank J. Depto Jr., & Susan Depto Frazier
\$100	Haddad	Simon	(Whitesville, WV)
\$100	Brock	Thomas	
\$100	Palmer	Peggy	
\$100	Committee	Bill & Tricia	
\$100	Myles	Timothy & Kathy	Ruth Byers
\$100	Peklinsky	Alicia	
\$100	Weisner	Mary Beth	George Alan Weisner
\$100	Mensore	John	Mensore Distributor, Inc
\$125	Gibbons	Ron & Kim & Kaitlin	
\$100	Porter	Dennis & Mary Lee	Porter and Schwizer Family
\$100	Khourey	Lou & Charlotte	Deceased Khourey, Nader & Howard Families
\$100	Popovich	Joe & Nikki	George & Mary Popovich
\$100	Joseph	Kenneth & Nancy	
\$100	Fahey	George & Patricia	
\$100			The Habdo Family
\$100	Josephs	Larry	(Saint Paul, MN)
\$100	Maroon	Lula-Marie K.	Mary Ann Khoury
\$100	Kawas	Emilie	Joseph Kawas
\$100	Beatty	Tom & Sharon	
\$100	John	David and Greg	Deceased Loved Ones
\$100			Kepner Funeral Homes
\$100	Fadoul	Millet & Susie	
\$100	Stees	Bill & Mary	Zaid & Abdo Ferris Family
\$100	Oliver	Jim	
\$100	Thomas	Latif B.	
\$100	Saseen	George, Susan, Matthew & Luke	
\$100	Wetzel	William & Annette	Father Jim LaCrosse by Rusty & Annette
\$100	Jochum	Sue	Anna Shia Family
\$100	Kelly	Michael & Kathryn	
\$100	Joseph	Michael & Janet	Kareem & Alice Joseph
\$200	Schroeder	Mark A.	Al & Helen Schroeder
\$100	Comerci	James & Lynn	
\$100		Schmidt Bros. Sunoco/Tires & Service	
\$100	Renzella	Elsie	Nichola & Filomena Renzella & Deceased Members of the Family
\$100	John	Marjorie C.	Deceased of Victoria & Joseph J. John Family
\$100	Daniel	Eddie	Pete & Hasiba Daniel Family
\$50	Mansor	Angele C.	Raymond Mansor
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Paul N. Hankish

\$100	Hankish	Rose	Christopher Hankish
\$100	Hankish	Rose	Patricia Ross Hankish
\$100	Breiding	Lisa	Larry Breiding
\$100	Khoury	Drs. Rajai & Nahla	
\$100	Kazour	John & Kathleen	The Kazours
\$100	Hetzel	Robert W.	John & Lillian Hetzel
\$100	Abraham	Tom	
\$100	Goodson	Cathy	Evelyn Goodson
\$100	Gibbons	Bob & Paula & Scott	Lucy Gibbons
\$100	Chahine	Youssef & Jocelyne	Tita & Jeddo
\$100	Shia	Claire	Dr. George J. Shia
\$100	Hundley	Paula S.	George J. Shia
\$100	Fahey	Mike	Fahey-Leavitt Insurance Agency, Inc.
\$100	Saseen	Fran & Sons	Robert J. Saseen
\$100	Foreman	Ann	Roze Hazlett
\$100	Weisner	Jean	
\$200	Betras	Joe	Betras Family
\$200	Wakim	Chris & Jeannette	Blanche M. Wakim
\$100	David	Michael	
\$100	Duffy	Earl & Linda Fadoul Duffy	
\$200	Shutler	Janet	Deceased of the Shutler & Nolte Families
\$100	Joseph	Stephanie	Tessa Joseph
\$100	Vargo	Dr. Dianna M. Vargo	Ernest & Minnie Shia Vargo
\$100	Bowers	Claudia M. Khourey	Louise Nader Khourey
\$8,475.00	Total	Total	Total

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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 15:	Ted Olinski
September 18:	Michael Duymich
September 20:	Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher
September 22:	John Jay Thomas

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)

Louis "Butch" Elias, Dennis Porter, Stanley Wash (brother-in-law of Carol Dougherty), Mary Thomas, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Laura Lee Hunter, Jim Sengewalt, Al Depto, Don Henning, Shirley & Jim George, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Mary Jo Terry, Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,302.00	Sunday Collection
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1,450.00	Donation from Our Parishioners to Caritas Lebanon
90.00	Candles
3,050.00	Donations from Sponsors towards the Lebanese Food Festival
\$5,892.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> The Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns

What's New

Ma'amoul Cookies Available

Delicious homemade Ma'amoul cookies made by the ladies of our church are available for sale. The cookies are prepacked, 2 cookies/package at \$3.00/package. Limited supply. Please call Mary Stees 304-242-2026 or Linda Duffy 304-242-6853

Many Thanks

--To the dedicated and responsible parishioners who sanitized the pews and every possible touched items on the way to Mass. May God reward you abundantly.

News about Our Rummage Sale

Dear parishioners and friends,

The basement hall is open for shopping & drop-offs every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from noon to 3:00 p.m. We have many nice items available for sale. Please pass the word around to your family, friends, & neighbors. Thank you.

--Linda & Luane

Spirituality: Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

I wanted a car....not a Bible!

A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealers showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold.

Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to

him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, "And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words... PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

Wisdom

Give alms from your possessions to all who live uprightly, and do not let your eye begrudge the gift when you make it. Do not turn your face away from any poor man, and the face of God will not be turned away from you.

If you have many possessions, make your gift from them in proportion; if few, do not be afraid to give according to the little you have. So you will be laying up a good treasure for yourself against the day of necessity.

For charity delivers from death and keeps you from entering the darkness; and for all who practice it, charity is an excellent offering in the presence of the Most High.

Do not add money to money, but consider it as rubbish as compared to our child. For the life that is given to us by the Lord is enough for us.

--New American Bible, Catholic Edition

Story: God Don't Let You go

Some years ago on a hot summer day in south Florida a little boy decided to go for a swim in the old swimming hole behind his house. In a hurry to dive into the cool water, he ran out the back door, leaving behind shoes, socks, and shirt as he went. He flew into the water, not realizing that as he swam toward the middle of the lake, an alligator was swimming toward the shore.

His mother, in the house was looking out the window, saw the two as they got closer and closer together. In utter fear, she ran toward the water, yelling to her son as loudly as she could. Hearing her voice, the little boy became alarmed and made a U-turn to swim to his mother. It was too late. Just as he reached her, the alligator reached him.

From the dock, the mother grabbed her little boy by the arms just as the alligator snatched his legs. That began an incredible tug-of-war between the two. The alligator was much stronger than the mother, but the mother was much too passionate to let go.

A farmer happened to drive by, heard her screams, raced from his truck, took aim and shot the alligator. Remarkably, after weeks and weeks in the hospital, the little boy survived. His legs were extremely scarred by the vicious attack of the animal. And, on his arms, were deep scratches where his mother's fingernails dug into his flesh in her effort to hang on to the son she loved. The newspaper reporter who interviewed the boy after the trauma, asked if he would show him his scars. The boy lifted his pant legs. And then, with obvious pride, he said to the reporter, *"But look at my arms. I have great scars on my arms, too.*

I have them because my mom wouldn't let go."

You and I can identify with that little boy. We have scars, too. No, not from an alligator, or anything quite so dramatic. But, the scars of a painful past. Some of those scars are unsightly and have caused us deep regret. But, some wounds, my friend, are because God has refused to let go. In the midst of your struggle, He's been there holding on to you. The Scripture teaches that God loves you. If you have Christ in your life, you have become a child of God. He wants to protect you and provide for you in every way. But sometimes we foolishly wade into dangerous situations. The swimming hole of life is filled with peril - and we forget that the enemy is waiting to attack. That's when the tug-o-war begins, and if you have the scars of His love on your arms be very, very grateful. He did not - and will not - let you go!

A Time to Laugh (466)

Close Scrutiny

A prosperous young Wall Street broker met, fell in love with, and was frequently seen escorting about town a rising actress of gentility and dignity. He wanted to marry her, but being a cautious man he decided that before proposing marriage he should have a private investigating agency check her background and present activities.

After all, he reminded himself, I have both a growing fortune and my reputation to protect against a marital misadventure.

The young man requested that the agency not reveal his identity to the investigator reporting on the actress. In due time the investigator's report came back. It said the actress had an unblemished past and a spotless reputation. Her friends and associates were of the best repute. The report concluded, "The only shadow is that she is often seen around town in the company of a young broker of dubious business practices and principles."

Attorney in Heaven

A lawyer died and went to heaven. After a day or two he noticed that he was considerably younger than nearly everyone else. This began to bother him, and he wondered if his death had been a mistake. He found St. Peter and asked him about this concern. St. Peter said he would look into his case and see what he could find out.

The next day Peter came back and said to the lawyer, "Yes, after looking at your file, I realized a mistake had been made in your case. We had figured your age by the number of your billing hours!"

Playing with a Cheater

The golf pro met Charlie in the clubhouse and said, "Charlie, you used to play golf with Pete all the time, but you don't anymore. Why?"

Charlie answered with a question of his own. "Would you play with a guy who tees the ball up in the rough, gives himself even the long putts, and cheats on the scorecard?"

The pro thought about this and then said, "No, I guess I wouldn't."

Charlie responded, "Well, neither will Pete!"

Almost Identical Answers

Two young engineers applied for a single position at a computer company. They both had the same qualifications, in order to determine which individual to hire, the department manager asked both applicants to take a test.

Upon completion of the test, both men had missed only one of the questions. The manager went to the first applicant and said, "Thank you for your interest, but we've decided to give the job to the other applicant."

"And why would you be doing that? We both got nine questions correct," argued the rejected applicant. "We have based our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed," said the department manager. "And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?" the rejected applicant inquired.

"Simple," said the department manager. "Your fellow applicant put down on question number five, 'I don't know.' You put down, 'Neither do I.'"