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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Announcement to Mary

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.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

Announcement to Mary

Readings: Gal 3:15-22 and Lk 1:26-38

Think about how Mary must have felt when she first learned of her impending pregnancy. She could have just said: "NO". Do you think she was tempted to? After she was moved to say "YES", do you suppose maybe she had second thoughts? How often do you think she must have rehearsed her speech to Joseph? How many tears do you think she shed before the wedding?

Now think about Elizabeth. How do you suppose she felt when she learned she was finally pregnant? Ever known someone who had a child late in life? Even if she had always desired a child, don't you imagine Elizabeth was shocked, and scared, and wondering why...why her...why now? How was she doing to cope with a new baby? -and a speechless husband- at her age?

Even the unidentified woman from the Old Testament must have been quite taken aback with the news of her baby. This was obviously a surprise, an unplanned pregnancy. Ever experience one of those, even vicariously? The first thought is not, "Thank God, I'm pregnant!"

And yet... and yet...Mary, Elizabeth, the woman who served as God's sign to Ahaz. . .all accepted God's will, and their humble acceptance had profound effects on untold lives.

Is not today's message crystal clear? Be led by the Spirit. Choose life!

This Weekend, November 21-22: Announcement to Mary

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

- ✠ Rose & George Fadoul by Millet & Susie Fadoul
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

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

- ✠ Alphonse Joseph by Vicki Joseph
- ✠ Harry Seabright, Frank, Edwin and Ernie by Mary Seabright Lish and Family
- ✠ George Weisner by Nettie Seidler

Weekdays Masses

Monday, November 23: No Mass. Pastor's day off

Tuesday, November 24 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Karem & Amelia Azar
- ✠ Rich Palmer by Lena & Mike Christman
- ✠ Deceased Family Members of Rosella Saseen and Sylvia Long by their last will

Wednesday, November 25: No Mass

Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving Day Mass. No noon Mass.

- ✠ Rich Palmer by Lena & Mike Christman
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi
- ✠ Mike Linton by Libby Magnone

Friday, November 27: No Mass

Next Weekend, November 28-29: Mary visits Elizabeth

Saturday, November 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Dengewalt
- ✠ Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock Jr.
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, November 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George Weisner by Sandra DeMuth

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

✠ Mike Linton by Lou & Charlotte Khourey

Calendar of Events

Christmas Basket & 50/50	Drawing: Sunday, December 20, 2020 after Mass
Bulletin ad renewal	Please renew your ad at the back of the bulletin by sending your payment

The Most Beautiful T-Shirts

T-shirts have arrived and are on-sale now while supplies last. Priced at \$20 each, the proceeds will support our church. The shirt illustrates an electrocardiogram (EKG) with heart and Cedar Tree. ***"My heart beats for Lebanon"***. The shirt is made of premium cotton fabric and is very stylish. Sizes include: S, M, L, XL, 2X and 3X. Shirts will be available for purchase and pickup before or after mass on Sunday, or call Susan at 304-218-3028. The shirt makes a wonderful Christmas gift!

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

- ✠ Leslie McGlumph by Jerry McGlumph & Children
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ✠ *Mary K. & Thomas Ferris by Denise Ferris*
- ✠ *Patricia Gompers by Matt & Vickie Gompers*
- ✠ *Don & Emilie Vince by Matt & Vickie Gompers*
- ✠ *Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family*
- ✠ *Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family*
- ✠ *Silvio Perilli by the Perilli Family*
- ✠ *The Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty*
- ✠ *George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Children*
- ✠ *Ralph & Mary J. Shipley and Selma Joseph and the Deceased family by Thomasina*
- ✠ *Robert Hunter Jr. & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina*
- ✠ *In honor of Kenny & Nancy Joseph*
- ✠ *George Weisner by Jean Weisner and Family*
- ✠ *Deceased of the Saseen and Schlog Families by Fran Saseen*
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Christmas Basket & 50/50 Raffle

Dear parishioners and friends,

A Christmas Gift Basket and a 50/50 Raffle will be your Christmas gift this year. You will receive letters by mail. The Christmas Basket includes these precious items:

8 cloth Christmas napkins, red with silver accents;

3 kitchen towels, 1 Christmas, 2 red;

2 red & white striped oven mitts;

A box of Belgium truffles;

A box of assorted pralines;

A box of peppermint bark.

Other items will be added to the basket. Good luck

Christmas 50/50 Winner Prize:	\$596.00 cash. Good Luck. Drawing on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020
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Lower your 2020 Income Tax Bill

Dear Parishioners and benefactors,

The CARES Act passed by Congress a few months ago has certain tax benefits for Parishioners who choose to donate to their Churches. This will help to benefit all Parishioners who make their end of year charitable giving decisions. The Act allows a personal tax deduction of \$300.00 in charitable contributions, even to those who do not itemize. A more important and substantial benefit of the Act, is that Parishioners can deduct 100% of their charitable contributions from their adjusted gross income. In years past, the most one could deduct was 60%. This means that every Dollar the parishioners give to their Church can be fully written off on their taxes.

One way to lower your income tax bill for this year is to make charitable contributions, which can be deducted from your income if you are planning to itemize your deductions when you file your 2020 income tax. Gifts you make to charities, such as **Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, are tax deductible. But in order for you to claim the deduction on your tax return for **2020**, you must make the gift this year. That is important to keep in mind if you are planning on making a year-end gift. For example, if you are going to give money using a check, be sure the date on the check is on or before December 31st, 2020. Also, be sure to give the check to the church on or before that date. The IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the **end of January 2021** all donors will receive a statement from **the Church** stating their names and the amount of gift received –through checks or weekly offering envelopes- from **January 1st, 2020 until December 31st, 2020**. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

November 24:	Rex Strawn
November 26:	Mary Lish
November 28:	Richard Obyc
December 3:	Joey John
December 7:	Christina Committee Zdilla
December 12:	Lou Khourey
December 19:	Chris Wakim
December 21:	Millet C. Faddoul Jr.
December 22:	Millet C. Fadoul

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)

Hailey John (granddaughter of Marge John, Louis “Butch” Elias, Dennis Porter, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shiben, Laura Lee Hunter, 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,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,394.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin ads
24.00	Candles
1,700.00	Rummage Sale
640.00	T-Shirt sale donated by Nick Ghaphery
160.00	Christmas Basket and 50/50 raffle
194.00	Christmas poinsettias
\$4,232.00	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

No Choir because of COVID-19

Due to the recent increasing number of covid-19 in Ohio and Marshall counties and according to the directives of our Diocese, Msgr. Bakhos and the choir organist and members decided to put the choir on hold for a while until it is safe for all who are singing in the choir loft. We will miss the beautiful sound of the choir but it is better to be safe than sorry.

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.

--To those of you who are wearing Masks properly at all times that you are inside Our Lady of Lebanon Church Building. This is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other flu & bacteria. Please note that your Nose & Mouth are to be covered at ALL times – especially when you are within 6 feet of another person.

Spirituality

A frail image stands alone
at this place of desolate beauty.
Long dark shadows kneel
on the barren ground
a cold acrid wind billows
the torn and ragged garment
The wearer is not here
yet his presence is felt where
Red stains run deep in hollow grains
indelibly pressed into our memory
Long abandoned where once only
Green leaves graced it's fragile limbs
We search in vain to find this place
Pray not to defile it once more. -- by GH Thomas

Wisdom: Beatitudes of Satan

This one will make you stop and shudder! We all fit into one of these or more!

If the devil were to write his beatitudes, they would probably go something like this:

1. Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians --they are my best workers.
2. Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked -- I can use them.
3. Blessed are the touchy who stop going to church -- they are my missionaries.
4. Blessed are the trouble makers -- they shall be called my children.
5. Blessed are the complainers -- I'm all ears to them.

Story: God used Him

Truck driver Rod, sixty—two, believes an impromptu prayer meeting led to his spotting the two Washington, D.C. area sniper suspects who had allegedly killed ten people before Lantz saw them at an interstate rest area in Maryland. The arrests of suspects John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo undoubtedly saved lives. Law enforcement officials claim the pair had been plotting their next attack. But that does not bring Rod much comfort.

“I'd like to have had it ended before that,” laments Rod. Still, he insists that God orchestrated the men's capture. Rod, a trucker for more than thirty years, would listen to talk radio during his regular haul from Kentucky to Maryland. He was horrified at the news of each sniper attack. During one of these trips he decided to do something about it.

“I was on a CB radio talking to drivers,” he said “and I asked them if they would follow me into this rest area and have a little prayer service about our country and about the snipers.

“Lo and behold, about fifty truckers were there. It took about fifty-eight minutes to have the prayer meeting. I just thought these people had to be caught some way or the other and that somebody was going to catch them.”

The next Wednesday, Rod was called in to work on his clay off. Looking back, he can see God’s hand in the events that followed. That day, he was stopped by police three separate times but was not ticketed. With each stop he was delayed a few minutes while the cops checked his paperwork. “I’ve been driving a truck for thirty-six years and that’s never happened before,” he noted.

The same day, Rod heard a description of the snipers’ car. “I got down on I-95. They described the car, the people in it, and the license-plate number. I wrote it down,” said Rod.

On his return trip to Kentucky he pulled into a rest area on Interstate 70 in Frederick County, Maryland, and immediately recognized the Chevrolet Caprice the police were looking for. Muhammad was asleep inside the car, and Malvo was resting on a park bench.

Rod immediately placed an emergency call and waited for the police to arrive. An officer who responded told Rod to use his rig to block the exit. Rod then got on his CB radio and asked another trucker to block the entrance. He said he wasn’t worried about his own safety.

“I wasn’t scared,” Rod said. “I mean, the person I am, I’m not scared because the good Lord just put me there to do what I did.”

Until 1997, Rod had stayed away from church. That year, he promised his dying adult son that he would commit his life to serving God. Rod did not realize it, but hours before he spotted the alleged snipers, a group at his church had held a prayer meeting of their own and had prayed for the killer’s capture.

Fifteen minutes after Rod made his 911 call, the area was swarming with police. They used a flash grenade to disorient the suspects before grabbing them both.

In his column for The Wall Street Journal wrote: “Mr. Rod offers us a simple but powerful story, one that reveals an underlying strength in American society that the media often neglect: Religious character matters. It’s no coincidence that the best defenders of our domestic security are also turning out to be some of our most upstanding, moral citizens.”

Although the FBI, state police, local law enforcement, and the best and latest technology were at work, God used a truck driver to bring this terror to an end.

A Time to Laugh (479)

This has to be one of the funniest things in a long time. I think this guy should have been promoted, not fired. This is a true story from the WordPerfect Helpline, which was transcribed from a recording monitoring the customer care department. Needless to say, the Help Desk employee was fired; however, he/she is currently suing the WordPerfect organization for "Termination without Cause."

Actual dialogue of a former WordPerfect Customer Support employee.

(Now I know why they record these conversations!):

Operator: "Ridge Hall, computer assistance; may I help you?"

Caller: "Yes, well, I'm having trouble with WordPerfect."

Operator: "What sort of trouble??"

Caller: "Well, I was just typing along, and all of a sudden the words went away."

Operator: "Went away?" Caller: "They disappeared."

Operator: "Hmm. So what does your screen look like now?" Caller: "Nothing."

Operator: "Nothing??" Caller: "It's blank; it won't accept anything when I type."

Operator: "Are you still in WordPerfect, or did you get out??" Caller: "How do I tell?"

Operator: "Can you see the 'C: prompt' on the screen??" Caller: "What's a sea-prompt?"

Operator: "Never mind, can you move your cursor around the screen?"

Caller: "There isn't any cursor; I told you, it won't accept anything I type."

Operator: "Does your monitor have a power indicator??" Caller: "What's a monitor?"

Operator: "It's the thing with the screen on it that looks like a TV. Does it have a little light that tells you when it's on??" Caller: "I don't know."

Operator: "Well, then look on the back of the monitor and find where the power cord goes into it. Can you see that??" Caller: "Yes, I think so."

Operator: "Great. Follow the cord to the plug, and tell me if it's plugged into the wall."

Caller: "Yes, it is."

Operator: "When you were behind the monitor, did you notice that there were two cables plugged into the back of it, not just one??" Caller: "No."

Operator: "Well, there are. I need you to look back there again and find the other cable."

Caller: "Okay, here it is."

Operator: "Follow it for me, and tell me if it's plugged securely into the back of your computer."

Caller: "I can't reach."

Operator: "OK. Well, can you see if it is??" Caller: "No."

Operator: "Even if you maybe put your knee on something and lean way over??"

Caller: "Well, it's not because I don't have the right angle -- it's because it's dark."

Operator: "Dark??"

Caller: "Yes - the office light is off, and the only light I have is coming in from the window."

Operator: "Well, turn on the office light then." Caller: "I can't."

Operator: "No? Why not??" Caller: "Because there's a power failure."

Operator: "A power A power failure? Aha. Okay, we've got it licked now. Do you still have the boxes and manuals and packing stuff that your computer came in??"

Caller: "Well, yes, I keep them in the closet."

Operator: "Good. Go get them, and unplug your system and pack it up just like it was when you got it. Then take it back to the store you bought it from."

Caller: "Really? Is it that bad?"

Operator: "Yes, I'm afraid it is."

Caller: "Well, all right then, I suppose. What do I tell them??"

Operator: "Tell them you're too stupid to own a computer!!!"