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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of Pentecost

***Weekend Masses:**

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]

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, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad

***Choir Members:**

Lou Kourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski, Holly Stahl

***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer

***Altar Server:**

Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby

***Altar Boy:**

Christopher AlKhoury

***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

3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-10 and Jn 14:21-27

As we move toward our future with God, we struggle to be faithful to what was handed on to us from the past. We cannot do this on our own. We need the vision of those who stood closest to Jesus. We need the Spirit to guide and direct our decisions and judgments. We need the entire people of God: priests and lay people alike to work to bring about God's reign. With Christ in our midst, we have a light to guide us on our way.

Jesus promised to dwell forever with those who live in love and fidelity to his word, but he did not leave a blueprint as to how this would be done. Though he is removed from our sight, we must not be distressed. We are at peace, for we have another "Advocate, the Holy Spirit" (Jn 14:26a), whom God has sent in Christ's name. The Spirit will teach us everything and remind us of all that Christ has said. When we struggle to comprehend the lessons of the past, we can say with the apostles, "It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us" (Acts 15:28a). Led by the Spirit, we will continue to celebrate the living Christ among us.

This Weekend, June 5-6: 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday June 5 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Robert Matiasek by Lucille Hicks

Sunday, June 6 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
- ✠ Jim George Sr. by his wife Shirley & Children
- ✠ Deceased of the Hassan and Nassar Families by Dalton

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday June 7: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday June 8 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) & GiGi
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday June 9: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday June 10 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Susie Fadoul by Mary Lish and family
- ✠ Robert Matiasek by Lucille Hicks
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

Friday, June 11: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, June 12-13: 4th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday June 12 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his wife Sally
- ✠ George Joseph (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Robert Matiasek by Lucille Hicks

Sunday, June 13 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Deceased members of the Rohanna and Seabright Families by Mary Seabright Lish & Family

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- ✠ Mariam Joseph by the Joseph and Weisner Families
- ✠ Jim George Sr. by his wife Shirley & Children
- ✠ PJ Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton

Deceased Father Day Masses (From Sat., June 19 till Friday June 25)

✠ (Special Remembrance) Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Birthday 6/21) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family

Please remember your fathers on Father's Day by offering Masses for their souls.

- ✠ Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey, Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs & Franklin Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Family
- ✠ Vincent Jacovetty & Denis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ George N. Lewis (Anniversary) by Cynthia Lewis Reasbeck
- ✠ Donald Vince by his children and grandchildren
- ✠ Arthur Long and his son Mark Long
- ✠ Nimon Joseph (father) by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- ✠ Maroon Habeb (grandfather) by the Weisner & Joseph Families
- ✠ William Fitzgerald by Rosemary & Dick Coury
- ✠ Joseph John, John Keegan and Louis John by Marge John and Family
- ✠ George A. Fahey and Philip Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ James Dellget and William Schaffer by Rita & Rex Strawn
- ✠ Harold Strawn and John Strawn by Rex & Rita Strawn
- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his daughter Lisa
- ✠ Charles (Darwish) Habdo by his granddaughter Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Robert J. Shutler, Sr. and Harry J. Nolte, Fred Shutler and Harry F. Nolte by Janet Shutler
- ✠ Al Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- ✠ Bob Saseen & Steve Schlog by Fran Saseen
- ✠ Deceased fathers & grandfathers of Larry Josephs (MN)
- ✠ Bill Daniel by his daughter & son-in-law Rebecca & Michael Difabrizio
- ✠ Tom A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ Tim Shia by his daughter Sue Jochum
- ✠ Tom Jochum by his children & grandchildren
- ✠ Elias Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Ed Shiben and Ray McFarland by John & Dee Shiben
- ✠ Donald A. Nickerson Sr., & Albert Nickerson by their Loving Family
- ✠ Nickolas Elias by his Loving Family
- ✠ Elmer E. Albaugh (father) & Rodney M. Albaugh (brother) by Denny Albaugh
- ✠ Steve Sofka by Mike & Judy Sofka
- ✠ John T. John and D. William Burns by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Thomas John & David Joseph by their Loving grandchildren: David, Tom, Greg, Maryann, Susan & their Families
- ✠ Doug Bentz, Harold Reynolds, Clarence Reynolds, William Bentz by Nathan, Adam & Lee Bentz
- ✠ George T. Fadoul & Joseph P. Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ George Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ George Joseph, Lawrence Ferrera, Edward, Joseph, Elias Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ William Thomas Breit by Michael and Nicole Breit
- ✠ Samuel Elias, Albert Elias, Charles George by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Alphonse Golebiewski, Benny Tomaszewski, Stanislaus Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ John G. Moses by James Moses

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✠ Tony George & Salim George by Margaret George

✠ Albert Stiles by Margaret George

✠ Walter Elwartoski by Richard Elwartoski

✠ Jim George Sr., Frank Gray & Abraham George by Shirley George & Children

✠ Angelo Palsinelli by Rosalie Conti

✠ John Miller, Ray McLaughlin, Sr., Mickey McLaughlin & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family

✠ Elias Joseph, George Joseph (godfather) & Edward Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin & Family

✠ Melo J. Wakim, William Yeater, and Lawrence Belt (grandfather) by Chris and Jeannette Wakim

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2021 Living Father Day Masses (From Sat., June 19 till Friday June 25)

✠ Lou Khourey by his children Emmalena & Louie

✠ Dr. Adel Frenn by Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel

✠ James Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn & Andreah & Zack Riedel

✠ Michael Sofka by Kelly & Kirezytaf Kowalski

✠ Terry Rinehart by Sarah & Patrick Rinehart

✠ Joe Popovich by Nikki Popovich

✠ PJ Lenz by Joe & Nikki Popovich

✠ Larry Ferrera, Larry Ferrera III & Tony Ferrera by Becky Ferrera

✠ Michael Breit by Nicole Breit & children

✠ Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac and all priests (in gratitude for shepherding us) by the Breit Family

✠ Chris Wakim by Laura Chapman and C. Nathaniel Wakim, Jackson and Eloise Chapman

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Lebanese Food Festival (Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15)

Out of precaution and for the protection of our volunteers and guests, the Mahrajan Committee decided to have a Lebanese Food Festival similar to last year one. All food and pastries that were served at Oglebay Park during the previous Mahrajans will be prepared and served as take-out only from the Cedar Hall of our church on Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15 from 11:30 am until 3:00 pm. If you like to receive a Food Order Form, please ask Msgr. Bakhos.

Mahrajan (Festival) Sponsors (Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15)

Msgr. Bakhos and the members of the Parish Council appreciate and compliment the following generous sponsors of the Mahrajan (Festival). Their actions mean lot of love and dedication to keep the spirit of our tradition going for the generations to come. The full list of their memorials and donations will be printed and distributed with every food order on August 14 and 15. May God and the Blessed Mother reward you many folds.

Ron & Kim and Kaitlin Gibbons, Gary Weisner, Frank O'Brein (Wheeling Convention & Visitors Bureau),

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

June 7: Jean Weisner

June 8: Patty Olinski

June 9: Ava DeMuth

June 11: Allison Duffy

June 14: P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm

June 15: Becky Joseph Ferrera

June 20: Nick Ghaphery, Jr.

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June 23: Mary Beth Weisner
 June 27: Lindsay Lenz
 July 3: Larry Ferrera
 July 5: Bill Committee

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)

Danny Albaugh and Rita, Mary Stees, Ron Gibbons, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, Nick & Judy Bedway, Earl Duffy & his sister Dorothy McKee, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), Louis "Butch" Elias, Mary Thomas, Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, John Shibben, Al Depto, Don Henning, 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>	
\$1,127.00	Sunday Collection
46.00	Candles
200.00	Sponsorship toward the Lebanese Food Festival
50.00	Utilities
\$1,423.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i> Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Mary Stees, Linda Duffy, Susan Burns, Liz Murad

What's New?

Congratulations: William Harris

William Harris, the son of our beloved attorney Paul and Judy Harris, graduated from boot camp as a Marine. We are proud of you William and May the Blessed Protect you wherever you go.

Bake Sale Financial Report

Income	Expenses	Net profit
\$5,677.00	\$1,138.97	\$4,538.03

Many thanks to all the volunteers and helpers who contributed to the success of this year Bake Sale. It was a team effort to provide for the church to keep her doors opened during this pandemic. From the beginning of time, the ladies with the help of the gentlemen of the church are the backbones of the church. May the Blessed Mother reward each and every one of you with good health and long life. Let us keep the good work up.

Many Thanks

--To Mr. Gary Weisner for fixing electrical device in the church.

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

Rummage Sale Information

Parishioners and friends; you can start bringing items with you on Saturday and Sunday. We can open the basement door before and after mass for the drop-offs. Please remember, no personal clothing.

More information at a later date. For any questions call Linda (304) 242-6853

Spirituality: God's Plan

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11 NIV**

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God has a plan for your life. He brought you into this world to fulfill that plan. It is the best plan that anyone could ever make for you. It is a plan that will bring Him the greatest glory and you the greatest good. From the beginning of this calendar year until its end, God is working out His plan.

As you follow God's plan for your life, you do so by faith. It is important to remember that He is the Guide and you are the follower. He does not need to bring you into His planning room as a consultant to help Him decide what is best for your life. God has called you to trust Him and to take the next step of obedience according to His will. God has said, "I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them." **Isaiah 42:16**

Here are some ways that God is working out His plan:

He is your Shepherd—He is leading you.

He is your Provider—He is taking care of you.

He is your Strength—He is enabling you.

He is your Counselor—He is speaking to you.

He is your Shield—He is protecting you.

He is your Comfort—He is encouraging you.

He is your Father—He is blessing you.

Wisdom

1. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
2. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to. As you get older, their conversational skills will be as important as any other.
3. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have or sleep all you want.
4. When you say, "I love you," mean it.
5. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.
6. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.
7. Believe in love at first sight.
8. Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much.
9. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.
10. In disagreements, fight fairly. Please No name calling.
11. Don't judge people by their relatives.
12. Talk slowly but think quickly.
13. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"
14. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
15. Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
16. When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
17. Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
18. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
19. When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
20. Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
21. Spend some time alone.

Story

Mother and I had never been close. She was very temperamental and domineering. Her quick temper had inflicted great emotional wounds on our family as we were growing up. My father, on the other hand, was a gentle soul. I adored him and was always Daddy's little girl.

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As an adult I tried to leave the past in the past, but my mother's behavior while my beloved father was dying brought fresh strain to our relationship. Mother was neither patient nor kind during Dad's suffering. The disruption in her life angered her, and probably scared her. Yet, I could not accept her had temperament during this time.

After my father's death in 1985, however, I knew I had a responsibility to both God and Dad to forgive. It helped to remember how patient my father had always been. He loved my mother, faults and all. I recalled many times as a child that whenever Mom had been especially cruel, my father would come into my room, out of my mother's earshot. He would hug me and say, "Please don't hate her; she needs more love and forgiveness than most people do. She is God's treasure just as you are."

After Dad's death, I wanted to honor my dad. I knew his hopes and prayers were that I could love and forgive my mom. This was beyond my human frailties so I prayed to God for the grace to do so. As the years passed my feelings of distrust and resentment ebbed. I managed to lay the past to rest as Christ would have me do. Mother and I built a decent, if not perfect, relationship as mother and daughter. The past was just that the past. The future I would leave to God.

Then, during the first week of September 1992, I awoke from a dream sensing a very firm command: "Go home and see your mother." I had ceased to question God's inspiration when I felt prompted by the Holy Spirit. As soon as daylight broke, I packed my suitcase. My husband suggested we call to make sure she was all right. Everything was fine and Mother sounded very happy that I would be visiting over Labor Day.

I arrived by mid-afternoon and Mom and I had an enjoyable time going out to dinner and visiting friends. Mother cut the evening short explaining there was a program on television she wanted to watch. When we got home, I got ready for bed and sat in the living room reading my nightly scripture as Mom watched TV. The television volume gradually increased. Every few moments Mom asked, "Does that bother you?"

"No, it's fine," I repeatedly told her.

Finally, she had turned the volume all the way up. "Does that bother you?" She asked in a loud but shaky voice. I put down the Bible and looked at her.

"Well, it is loud. Are you trying to tell me something? Are you having hearing problems? I asked.

Mother looked at me with searching eyes. Still, I did not understand. Returning the sound back to normal, she explained. "No, what I mean is, does this program bother you?" For the first time, I looked over to see what she was watching. It was a program on child abuse. "I was not talking about the sound," she said. "I meant, what do you think of parents who abuse their children?"

I was caught off guard. I stared into her eyes. For the first time I recognized pain and remorse. Huge tears trickled down her checks. My response was instinctive.

"Mom, I love you, I cried, truly meaning it. "And if you are asking for my forgiveness, you have had it for years. Don't cry," I said, coming over to kiss her cheek. "It is all in the past. it doesn't matter anymore." I then hugged her and wiped her tears away. No more words were needed. It truly was now in the past. For my proud mother to humble herself to ask forgiveness was a grace I never imagined.

The next day, Saturday, we began with a visit to church to pray the Rosary. Tears of joy and also of sorrow for all the wasted years streamed down my face. But I praised God for this new beginning. The rest of the day we filled with shopping and sharing as a mother and daughter who fully loved and respected one another. We went to an estate sale and found ourselves giggling and laughing like young school girls. Mom bought me a statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Heart, which had seen better days. The face was chipped and it had no nose. But it was a precious treasure, representing our newfound love for one another. I basked in the grace of our healing. Surely this was why God called me home ... or so I thought. It turned out to be only the beginning.

On Sunday, we planned to attend a late morning Mass. Mom excused herself from our talk and laughter to make coffee, which she herself did not drink. Trying to make it on the stove with a whole cup of grounds in a small pot, she boiled it to the strength of turpentine. We ended up laughing until our sides hurt. We determined Mom's specialty—tea would be a better choice.

While she boiled the water, I went to finish getting ready for Mass. All was right with the world. My heart sang. What a grace-filled day this would be!

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As I came out of the bedroom, Mom came towards me from the kitchen. Her face looked stricken and blood-drained. "Christy, I feel so sick," she gasped. Suddenly, she began to vomit over and over. I grabbed hold of a wastepaper basket and held her head over it. Finally, she seemed to collapse in my arms. I felt her pulse racing. Her skin was cold and clammy. I called an ambulance.

Initially, Mom's ulcer was suspected, but the symptoms worsened. During the night, she suffered a stroke. Hours later, mom suffered an aneurysm requiring surgery. The doctors put her chance of survival at 25 percent. Then blood clots formed in both legs and she was rushed immediately back into surgery. There were too many clots and gangrene ensued. By the following week one of mom's legs had to be amputated. By the following year, the other leg was also removed.

The seeds of our new relationship blossomed into a solid bond as we prayed together through this hardship. It was not always easy for either of us. At first, Mom begged the doctors to just let her die rather than go through life with no legs. But before my eyes, I saw her begin to stretch her faith farther than she probably ever imagined it would need to go. On a daily basis I watched her let go and trust God.

In the grueling months following her amputation, she amazed everyone. The doctors said she would never be able to walk with prosthesis; she did. No one thought she was capable of managing with two artificial limbs. Mom again worked doggedly until she was able to walk unaided.

Mom was determined to return to her old life of independence. She was only partially successful. You see, she returned to independence, but it was not her old life. Instead, Mom grew to embrace a new life of acceptance and even joy. I watched in awe as she continually reached out to other suffering souls and ignited sparks of courage and love in their lives. Some people are never the same after experiencing a disability. In my mother's case, this was true in a good way. Her capacity to love seemed to grow and spread it to others.

Almost four years after her stroke, she got breast cancer and lived only another four months. It was but another cross she accepted and used to make a difference in the life of others by her example of joyfully accepting God's will. God's healing grace truly worked wonders in her life. I am so thankful I did not miss out on sharing it with her.

A Time to Laugh (507)

How did God give the Ten Commandments?

This is the little-known tale of how God came to give the Jews the Ten Commandments. God first went to the Egyptians and asked them if they would like a commandment. "What's a commandment?" they asked.

"Well, it's like, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," replied God.

The Egyptians thought about it and then said, "No way. That would ruin our weekends." So, then God went to the Assyrians and asked them if they would like a commandment. They also asked, "What's a commandment?"

"Well," said God, "it's like, THOU SHALT NOT STEAL." The Assyrians immediately replied, "No way. That would ruin our economy." So finally, God went to the Jews and asked them if they wanted a commandment.

They asked, "How much?" God said, "They're free." The Jews said, "Great! We'll take TEN!"

Night Driver

Two older women were talking about a mutual friend who had recently married.

One woman asked, "Is he rich?"

The other woman said, "No, she told me he was not well-off at all."

"Is he good-looking?" the woman asked.

"No, he is rather plain."

"Well, then, why did she marry him?"

"The best I can figure, she married him because he can drive at night."

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An Inopportune Drink

Two cars collided on a curving country road. The drivers got out and exchanged information in a gentlemanly way. Then one driver took out a flask and said, "Look, fellow, you seem pretty shaken up. How about a drink to steady your nerves?"

The other man took a big swig and asked, "Aren't you going to have any?"

The other driver responded, "Not now. Not until after the police get here."

Peaceful Way to Go

A group of junior high students was asked to write down their thoughts about death. One student wrote, "When it is my time to die, I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather did. I would hate to die screaming in panic like the passengers in Grandfather's car did."