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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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5th 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

5th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Phil 3:7-14 and Mt 10:1-7

Jesus is stirred to the depths of his being, and his heart is torn by the crowds whom he meets; they are tired, dejected, pitiable, deserted by their shepherds. On his own, there is no way he will be equal to the task, be able to complete it; so, he takes on workmen. Twelve apostles, -twelve for the twelve tribes of Israel, for the whole world! Here was an ambition out of all proportion to this very disparate group, group only too likely to split up, if Jesus himself were not to hold it together: a few sinners, a former tax collector, a member of the resistance, one who was to end up a traitor, and a few others, about whom we know nothing. How would they measure up to such a task without the power of the Spirit?

“So, ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to his harvest.” This is an absolute necessity, because one cannot take on the mission without running the risk of preaching oneself instead of Christ; of making the apostolate one’s own business and not that of the kingdom, to gather in the harvest to one’s own advantage. The disciples are called to continue the work of the *Messiah*. Their ill-assorted band must take the place left vacant he the official rulers of Israel who had forfeited their role as leaders and inspirers.

The goal is first ‘the lost sheep of the House of Israel’, in view of the urgency of their distress. The mission to the world will come later, after Pentecost. Even then the instructions will remain unchanged, namely to go to the misfits, to those who arouse the compassion of Christ in the heart of the apostle. For beyond all human ambition, and before any pastoral strategy, the great tide of compassion must flow right up to the very place where the sheep go astray. That is where Jesus is active beside his followers, healing, setting free and forgiving. When we share the lot of the most neglected, we are already showing them their origin and their end; namely the one and only kingdom prepared by the loving kindness of God — who gives without charge.

This Weekend and the following weekdays:

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

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- † 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
- † 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
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family

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

Next Weekend, June 26-27: Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday June 26 at 4:00 p.m.:

- † Bob Sengewalt (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

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✠ Cathy Sharp Howard (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Special Intention

Sunday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol

✠ Susie Fadoul by Dorothy & Chuck McKee

✠ Deceased of the Nassar & Hassan Families by Dalton

✠ Lindsay Lenz (Birthday) by Dalton

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'Brien (Wheeling Convention & Visitors Bureau), Dr. Dianna M. Vargo, Frank & Anna Mary Duymich, Dennis & Mary Lee Porter, The Holloway Group of Hazlett, Burt & Watson, Marge John, Al Depto & Mary C. Davis, Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury, Cave Club, Mark & Barb McLaughlin, Bill & Tricia Committee, John Palotay, George & Patty Fahey, Robert & Paula Gibbons, John & Dee Shibben, Tom & Judy Brock, Denise Ferris, Mr. & Mrs. Wm Blair, David & Cindy Reasbeck, Jerry McGlumphy & Children, Fran Saseen, Alicia Peklinsky, Pat & Jackie Petros, Matt & Vickie Gompers, Melissa Gibbons, Marc & Debbie Abraham, Paula Perilli, Carol Dougherty, Thomasina Geimer, Millet Fadoul, Joe & Henya Betras, John & Sherri Kalkreuth, Barbara Joseph, Grisell Funeral Home, Mary Stees, Rusty & Annette Wetzal, Angele Mansor, Robert Hetzel, Anonymous, Carolee Bentz, John & Tulane Mensore, Jean Weisner, Linda Hostutler, Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn, Earl & Linda Duffy, George & Susan Saseen, Altmeyer Funeral Homes, Myron & Cynthia Law, Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Wright, Riesbeck Food Market,

Sunday Mass one time change (Sunday, August 15)

On Sunday, August 15th, Msgr. Bakhos has to drive three hours to Dayton Ohio to officiate a wedding. Please come and attend morning Mass on that day at 9:00 am instead of 10:30 am so that he can drive and reach his destination without rush. Thanks for your cooperation.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

June 20: Nick Ghaphery, Jr.

June 23: Mary Beth Weisner

June 27: Lindsay Lenz

July 3: Larry Ferrera

July 5: Bill Committee

July 11: Justin Wilson

July 12: Shaun Hancher

July 14: Chloe Imer

July 15: Denny Albaugh

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July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc

July 20: Shirley George

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)

John Frazier, 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>	
\$1,162.00	Sunday Collection
93.00	Candles
2,200.00	Sponsorship toward the Lebanese Food Festival
108.00	Donation toward the Lebanese Food Festival
60.00	Parking
10.00	Utilities
\$3,633.00	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?

Many Thanks

--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 recall notice

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technical termed, "sub-Sequential Internal Non-Mortality", or more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include: Loss of direction, Foul vocal emissions, Amnesia of origin, Lack of peace and joy, Selfish or violent behavior, Depression or confusion in the mental component, fearfulness, idolatry, rebellion.

The manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, JESUS, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component. No matter how big or small the

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SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self Control.

Please see the operating manual, the B. I. B. L. E. (Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on Jesus.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped to the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

GOD

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice and you may contact the Father anytime by 'Knee mail'.

Wisdom: Church attendance

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. *"I've gone for 30 years now,"* he wrote, *"and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them.! So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."* (Signed: *Missing the message.*)

This started a real controversy in the "**Letters to the Editor**" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: *"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals for me. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."*

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Story: Heaven

Our house was directly across the street from the clinic entrance of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. We lived downstairs and rented the upstairs rooms to outpatients at the clinic.

One summer evening as I was fixing supper, there was a knock at the door. I opened it to see a truly awful looking man. "Why, he's hardly taller than my eight-year-old," I thought as I stared at the stooped, shriveled body. But the appalling thing was his face, lopsided from swelling, red and raw.

Yet his voice was pleasant as he said, "Good evening. I've come to see if you've a room for just one night. I came for a treatment this morning from the eastern shore, and there's no bus 'til morning." He told me he'd been hunting for a room since noon but with no success, no one seemed to have a room. "I guess it's my face...I know it looks terrible, but my doctor says with a few more treatments..."

For a moment I hesitated, but his next words convinced me: "I could sleep in this rocking chair on the porch. My bus leaves early in the morning."

I told him we would find him a bed, but to rest on the porch. I went inside and finished getting supper. When we were ready, I asked the old man if he would join us. "No thank you. I have plenty." And he held up a brown paper bag. When I had finished the dishes, I went out on the porch to talk with him a few minutes. It didn't take a long time to see that this old man had an oversized heart crowded into that tiny body.

He told me he fished for a living to support his daughter, her five children, and her husband, who was hopelessly crippled from a back injury. He didn't tell it by way of complaint; in fact, every other sentence was

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prefaced with a thanks to God for a blessing. He was grateful that no pain accompanied his disease, which was apparently a form of skin cancer. He thanked God for giving him the strength to keep going.

At bedtime, we put a camp cot in the children's room for him. When I got up in the morning, the bed linens were neatly folded and the little man was out on the porch.

He refused breakfast, but just before he left for his bus, haltingly, as if asking a great favor, he said, "Could I please come back and stay the next time I have a treatment? I won't put you out a bit. I can sleep fine in a chair."

He paused a moment and then added, "Your children made me feel at home.

Grownups are bothered by my face, but children don't seem to mind." I told him he was welcome to come again. And on his next trip he arrived a little after seven in the morning. As a gift, he brought a big fish and a quart of the largest oysters I had ever seen. He said he had shucked them that morning before he left so that they'd be nice and fresh. I knew his bus left at 4:00 a.m. and I wondered what time he had to get up in order to do this for us.

In the years he came to stay overnight with us there was never a time that he did not bring us fish or oysters or vegetables from his garden. Other times we received packages in the mail, always by special delivery; fish and oysters packed in a box of fresh young spinach or kale, every leaf carefully washed. Knowing that he must walk three miles to mail these, and knowing how little money he had made the gifts doubly precious.

When I received these little remembrances, I often thought of a comment our next-door neighbor made after he left that first morning. "Did you keep that awful looking man last night? I turned him away! You can lose roomers by putting up such people!" Maybe we did lose roomers once or twice. But oh! If only they could have known him, perhaps their illness would have been easier to bear. I know our family always will be grateful to have known him; from him we learned what it was to accept the bad without complaint and the good with gratitude to God.

Recently I was visiting a friend who has a greenhouse. As she showed me her flowers, we came to the most beautiful one of all, a golden chrysanthemum,

bursting with blooms. But to my great surprise, it was growing in an old dented, rusty bucket. I thought to myself, "If this were my plant, I'd put it in the loveliest

container I had!" My friend changed my mind. "I ran short of pots," she explained, and knowing how beautiful this one would be, I thought it wouldn't mind starting out in this old pail. It's just for a little while, till I can put it out in the garden."

She must have wondered why I laughed so delightedly, but I was imagining just such a scene in heaven. "Here's an especially beautiful one,"

God might have said when he came to the soul of the sweet old fisherman. "He won't mind starting in this small body." All this happened long ago -- and now, in God's garden, how tall this lovely soul must stand! The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7b)

Friends are very special. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear and they share a word of praise.

A Time to Laugh (510)

Even God enjoys a good laugh!

There were 3 good arguments that Jesus was Black:

1. He called everyone brother
2. He liked Gospel
3. He didn't get a fair trial

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Jewish:

1. He went into His Father's business
2. He lived at home until he was 33

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3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin and his Mother was sure He was God

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Italian:

1. He talked with His hands
2. He had wine with His meals
3. He used olive oil

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was a Californian:

1. He never cut His hair
2. He walked around barefoot all the time
3. He started a new religion

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was an American Indian:

1. He was at peace with nature
2. He ate a lot of fish
3. He talked about the Great Spirit

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Irish:

1. He never got married.
2. He was always telling stories.
3. He loved green pastures.

But the most compelling evidence of all 3 proofs that Jesus was a woman:

1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was virtually no food
2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it
3. And even when He was dead, He had to get up because there was still work to do

Second Opinion

My doctor gave me six months to live, but when I couldn't pay the bill, he gave me six months more. (Walter Matthau)

Standing for the Doctor

A little girl went to the doctor for a preschool physical examination. The doctor examined her and then did some coordination tests. While testing the girl's coordination, the doctor asked, "Could you stand on one foot for me now?" "Sure!" the girl answered as she stood on the doctor's foot.

Doctors, Professors, and Mechanics

A professor watched while a mechanic removed engine parts from his car to get to the valves. A surgeon waiting for his car being repaired walked over to observe the process.

After the two introduced themselves, they began to chat and the conversation turned to their lines of work. "You know, Doctor," said the professor, "I sometimes believe this type of work is as complicated as the work we do." "Perhaps, but let's see him do it when the engine is running."