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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Saints Peter and Paul

***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

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Readings: 2 Cor 11:21-30 and Mt 16:13-20

Saint Peter

Very little is known about the early life of Peter, except that he was a Galilean fisherman, probably born in the village of Bethsaida or Capernaum and that his original name was Simon.

At the start of Christ's ministry, He was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, when He called to Peter and his brother Andrew, "*Come, and I will make you fishers of men.*" (Mt 4:19) They dropped their nets and followed Him.

During the two years when he followed Jesus, Peter witnessed many miracles, including the cure of his own mother-in-law of a fever. But Peter also failed, many times, to have faith. While Christ was walking on the water, He beckoned to Peter to come to Him. Peter set out with confidence, but was suddenly overcome with fear and began to sink. As it was so often with Peter, he wanted to believe, but his fear was stronger than his faith.

Peter Fails:

When called upon to stay awake with Christ while He prayed at Gethsemane, Peter, like the rest of the Apostles, fell asleep. As Jesus had predicted, Peter even went so far as to deny three times that he knew the Lord. When he realized how he had failed, he was filled with remorse and vowed to change.

Peter Leads:

After the Resurrection, Christ appeared to Peter and gave him the awesome responsibility of carrying on His work on Earth. Peter took up the leadership challenge with the resolve that came from knowing he would never be alone. He preached in Asia Minor, Antioch (where he was first acclaimed as bishop), and ultimately in Rome, where he often conflicted with the authorities. The first pontiff, he was martyred during Nero's reign but laid the foundation for the popes of the next millenniums to today.

Prayer:

"Gracious Father, by whose hand Your servant Simon Peter was most wonderfully delivered out of prison and from impending death: Grant us, in all the changes and chances of mortal life, to dread nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care upon You, who cared for us. When disasters lie ahead, help us to avoid them if we may, and to endure them if we must, knowing that we walk with Him who endured all for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who now lived and reigned with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever."

Saint Paul

The thought of one person being able to change the world in this day and age is almost beyond our imagining. We're all too dependent on one another, on the technology we've created, for that to happen. And yet in his own time St. Paul (67 AD), to a large degree, did just that -arguably more so than anyone else since Jesus lived among us on earth.

He was the missionary extraordinary, of course, spreading the Good News about Jesus throughout most of the known world. Jew, Gentile, those in pagan lands -they all responded to this man and his words, to the strength of his convictions, the love in his heart, the force of his personality.

That would have been accomplishment enough for anyone else. But for Paul it was only the beginning. The incomparable letters he wrote unveiled his vision of the divine plan and gave the young Church its shape and direction, leaving a lasting imprint that endures today.

Now consider this: none of this would have happened, none of it would have been possible, had not the Holy Spirit blessed Paul with the gift of understanding: understanding about Jesus, understanding about his followers, understanding about what must be done. And all of that began to happen in an instant. Just like this

Saint Paul [Extract from Acts 9:1-30.]

His name was Saul -a Roman citizen, born at Tarsus in Cilicia, instructed early on in the Mosaic law. Few could match him when it came to persecuting the new faith in Jesus, and he did so with a vengeance. He dragged Christians out of their homes, bound them with chains, and thrust them into prison. He even applied for

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a commission to take up all the Jews in Damascus who confessed Jesus Christ, planning to bring them to Jerusalem- where they would serve as an example to others.

But his life underwent a dramatic change while he was on his way to Damascus. He and his party were suddenly surrounded by a blinding light from heaven, brighter even than the sun. The stunning surprise of it all literally knocked Saul off his feet. He fell to the ground and heard a mysterious voice: “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” “Who are you, sir?” he asked.

“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” came the reply. “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

The experience transformed Saul and baffled his companions, who had heard the voice yet saw no one at all. Trembling and astonished, Saul followed the command he had received -even though he could not see and had to be led by hand into Damascus. There he stayed for three days before a holy man named Ananias came to him -on “the street called Straight” (Acts 9:11). In a house there Ananias laid hands on Saul and proclaimed: “Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

All at once something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes and he regained his sight, and, after he had eaten, recovered his strength as well. He stayed for some days in Damascus, proclaiming Jesus in the synagogue and confounding the Jews as he did so. Eventually, they conspired to kill him, but he and his disciples learned of the plot. His friends lowered Saul in a basket through an opening in the wall, after which he made his way to Jerusalem. There he became known also as Paul (Acts 13:9) and reported on his mystifying conversion. “He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord” (Acts 9:28).

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

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

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

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday June 28: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday June 29 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Walter Zurek by Mary Rose Kukula
- ✠ 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 30: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Thursday July 1 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI) and GiGi
- ✠ Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

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✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock

Friday, July 2: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, July 3-4: 7th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday July 3 at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Mark Fertig by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family

✠ Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

Sunday, July 4 at 10:30 a.m.: Happy 4th of July

✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and the David Abraham Ghaphery Family

✠ Special Prayer for Nicholas Breit (on his Birthday)

✠ Healing Prayer for Mary Stees by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family

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 Shiben, 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, John & Rose Palmer DDS, Wheeling National Heritage, Thomas Abraham, Larry & Becky Ferrera, Lisa Breiding, Michael & Nicole Breit, Drs. Maryann Cater and Robert Vawter, Kenny & Nancy Joseph,

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. There is no 10:30 a.m. Mass that day. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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
 July 16: Payton Wilson, Pam Obyc
 July 20: Shirley George
 July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
 July 26: Anna Marie Duymich

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>	
\$1,247.00	Sunday Collection
106.00	Candles
1,500.00	Sponsorship toward the Lebanese Food Festival
500.00	Donation to the church
\$3,353.00	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 on Your Wedding (Trabert-Petros))***

Tony Trabert and Angela Petros DDS were united in the bond of Holy Matrimony at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling with Msgr. Peterson and Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac officiating the marriage ceremony. A great number of friends and guests of honor attended the beautiful wedding and shared the luxurious reception that followed it at the White Palace. The bride is the daughter of our beloved parishioners Pat & Jackie Petros. We wish the young couple a happy and long life together.

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

<i>Spirituality</i>

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It is God who enables you
to smile in spite of tears;
to carry on when you feel like giving in;
to pray when you're at a loss for words;
to love even though your heart has been broken time and time again;
to sit calmly when you feel like throwing up your hands in frustration;
to be understanding when nothing seems to make sense;
to listen when you'd really rather not hear;
to share your feelings with others, because sharing is necessary to ease the load.
Anything is possible, because God makes it so.

Wisdom

I remember reading a story once about a man who was exploring some caves by the seashore. In one of the caves, he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled up some clay and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man so he took the bag out of the cave with him.

As he strolled along the beach, to pass the time, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could throw. He thought little about it until he dropped one of the balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone. Excited the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found hundreds of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left, then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of hundreds of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home thousands, but he just threw it away.

You know sometimes, it's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it, we see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person by God.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. The Bible says we are fearfully and wonderfully made. I don't think he means just our physical bodies. I think he means our spiritual selves, which are sometimes hidden from others by the "earthen vessel." But if you take the time to get to know that person, and if you ask the Father to show you that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

Don't come to the end of your life and find out that you threw away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. Lord, let me see the people in my world as you see them today. Amen

Story: Heaven

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother of pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold.

He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, "*Excuse me, where are we?*" "*This is Heaven, sir,*" the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

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"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road which led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence.

As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there" The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate. "Come on in."

"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump."

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog.

When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked. "This is Heaven," was the answer.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's Hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No. I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out the folks who'll leave their best friends behind."

A Time to Laugh (511)

Death from Waiting

An elderly man went to the doctor's office for his 2:00 p.m. appointment. After three hours of waiting, he got up to leave. As he passed the nurse, he told her, "I guess I'll go home and just die a natural death."

Never Hated That Much

I never hated a man enough to give him his diamonds back. (Zsa Zsa Gabor)

Barbie Gets Divorced

A man was driving home from work and suddenly remembered that it was his daughter's birthday and that he had not bought her a gift. He turned his car around and headed for the store. He asked the store clerk how much a Barbie doll costs. The store clerk inquired, "It depends. Do you want the Barbie Goes to the Gym for \$19.95, the Barbie Goes to the Beach for \$19.95, the Barbie Goes Shopping for \$24.95, the Barbie Goes to the Ball for \$19.95, or the Barbie Gets Divorced for \$249.95?"

"Wait a minute!" the father exclaimed. "Why is the Barbie Gets Divorced selling for so much more than the others?"

The clerk answered, "The Barbie Gets Divorced comes with Ren's car, Ren's house, Ren's boat, and Ren's furniture."

Marriage Enlistment

Marriage is like the army. Everybody complains, but you would be surprised at how many reenlist.

Federal Ostrich Studies

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Word has it there was a federally funded grant to discover why ostriches have such long necks. After thousands of dollars were spent, the discovery was made: The reason ostriches have such long necks is that their heads are so far from their bodies!

Disorderly Delights

One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries. (A. A. Milne)

Familial Enemies

Little Anne had been exceedingly naughty, and during the dinner hour she was forced to eat alone in the corner at a card table. When everyone was seated, Father bowed his head and gave thanks.

Then little Anne gravely bowed her head and said, "Thank you, dear Lord, for preparing a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Strategic Name Change

I had just put my little boy to bed for the umpteenth time and my patience was running out. When I heard him cry "Mama" again, I yelled to him, "If I hear you say 'Mama' one more time, I'm going to spank you."

For a little while, all was quiet. Then I heard a little voice whisper, "Mrs. Green, can I have a drink?"

Tie Up Loose Ends

A guest speaker was speaking at a small church. Prior to the adult sermon, he gave the children's message. He asked the children to tell some of the ways they were disciplined when they misbehaved.

The speaker was not sure what one of the boys in the group said, but it may have been "time out." At the time, however, it sounded like the boy said, "They tie me up."

The speaker was taken by surprise by what he thought he had heard. He turned to the boy and gasped, "What-they tie you up?"

The congregation was laughing so loudly that the speaker never did learn what the boy really said. Maybe the boy did get tied up.