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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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8th 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

8th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Rom 8:1-11 and Mt 12:14-21

To find a treasure either by a stroke of luck or after a persistent search is real good fortune. What wouldn't one do to find a treasure island or simply to win a lottery? The chance of a lifetime, the unexpected opportunity, is to discover in Jesus the kingdom of heaven. But to take possession of it, we have to sell everything we possess like this merchant, this digger, in order to buy what we desire. And it's too bad for those who will describe as folly what is basically no more than wisdom, the capacity to appreciate and to look for the genuine article. "Ask yourselves", said Newman, "if, in the event of the kingdom disappearing, there might be something in your life you would have to change; if you are aware of nothing to be changed, it is because your life is not staked on Christ and the Kingdom".

A life staked on Christ and the kingdom: that is exactly how demanding is the Christian life received in baptism; that is its hallmark, as against all other ways of life. In social, professional, even family life there are certain limits to be observed, but not in Christian living. This overwhelming passion for Christ is like a great wave which swamps everything and knows no division. Anyone who wants to follow Christ must therefore really "sell everything" and admit not even the smallest proportion of hypocrisy or compromise.

Even less is it a question of being only half free. How can anyone speak of sacrifice, when detachment is only the reverse of attachment to Jesus in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge? Better than any of the great causes, Jesus can arouse only joy, all the joy of the world: the joy of discovering a purpose in life, the joy of feeling caught up in the adventure of holiness. Truly, all the joy of the world!

This Weekend, July 10-11: 8th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday July 10 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ Deceased of the Matiasek Family: Lorena Matiasek, Nora Fleming, Adele Woodard and Robert Matiasek by Terri Peacock

Sunday, July 11 at 10:30 a.m.: Happy 4th of July

- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Duffy, Fadoul and Shedeed Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Dale Seidler Sr. by his wife Nettie and Family

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday July 12: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday July 13 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock
- ✠ 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 July 14: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Thursday July 15 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Intentions of Mrs. Judy Ghaphery
- ✠ 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

Friday, July 16: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Next Weekend, July 17-18: 9th Sunday of Pentecost

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Saturday July 17 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Walter Elwartoski (Birthday) by his so Richy
- ✠ Healing Prayers for a Special Intentions

Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m.: Happy 4th of July

- ✠ LaVerne Thomas (Anniversary) by Dr. Adel, Diane, Justin Frenn and Andreah & Zack Riedel
- ✠ Rose Ann & Angelo Polsinelli by Rosalie Conti
- ✠ Virginia & Anton Matesic by Rosalie Conti

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, 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, Maryann Carl, Carol Burkhart,

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.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

- 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

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July 22: Grace Klein, Mark Boehm
 July 26: Anna Marie Duymich
 July 30: Dee Shiben, Susan John Burns
 August 2: Rosella C. DeMuth
 August 7: Rita Strawn
 August 10: Kory Bratton, Thomasina Geimer

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, 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 Shiben, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Barbara Hostage, Phil Geimer,

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,151.00	Sunday Collection
49.00	Candles
50.00	Donation to church in memory of Evelyn Ghaphery
258.00	Utilities
\$1,508.00	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?

Parish Condolences: Our previous Organist Evelyn Ghaphery

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Ghaphery Family on the loss of their beloved Evelyn who passed away in Wheeling. Evelyn played the church organ for years and years and she praised the Blessed Mother in her genuine Maronite hymns and music. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral Mass at our church on Monday, July 5th at 10:30 a.m. A Mercy Meal was served after the burial. May the Blessed Mother intercede for her and lead her to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to her Family in their time of sorrow.

Our Lady of Lebanon church is so grateful to the Ghaphery Family for directing all memorial contributions toward the Maintenance of the church. May her Memory be eternal.

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: Thank God

Happy moments, praise God.
 Difficult moments, seek God.
 Quiet moments, worship God.
 Painful moments, trust God.
 Every moment, thank God.

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Wisdom: Commonsense Obituary

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; however, they could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by two stepbrothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Story: Heaven & Hell

[Heaven and Hell; The Real Difference]

A man spoke with the Lord about heaven and hell. The Lord said to the man, "Come, I will show you hell." They entered a room where a group of people sat around a huge pot of stew. Everyone was famished, desperate and starving. Each held a spoon that reached the pot, but each spoon had a handle so much longer than their own arm that it could not be used to get the stew into their own mouths. The suffering was terrible.

"Come, now I will show you heaven," the Lord said after a while. They entered another room, identical to the first, the pot of stew, the group of people, the same long-handled spoons. But there everyone was happy and well-nourished.

"I don't understand," said the man. "Why are they happy here when they were miserable in the other room and everything was the same?"

The Lord smiled. "Ah, it is simple," he said. "Here they have learned to feed each other."

A Time to Laugh (513)

We All Manufacture

We are all manufacturers-some make good, others make trouble, and still others make excuses.

Age-Old Bargain

A woman was more athletically inclined than her husband and frequently engaged in biking, canoeing, and other strenuous activities. Several years ago, when her husband was sixty, he came inside after a day of yard work and collapsed into his favorite easy chair, bemoaning the aches and pains of his advancing age.

Attempting to comfort him, the woman reminded her husband that when they were newlyweds, they had looked forward to growing old together.

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"Yes," he replied, "but you haven't kept your end of the bargain."

Far-Reaching Weight Loss

A doctor recommended a way to lose weight to his patient-run five miles a day for the next hundred days and lose fifty pounds.

One hundred days later, the patient called his doctor and complained that he did not like this weight-loss program.

The doctor asked the patient if he had lost fifty pounds.

The patient said that he had.

"So, what's the problem?" asked the doctor.

The patient answered, "The problem is that I am five hundred miles from home."

Working Out Revenge

Those who are "workout-challenged" can take comfort in the fact that every five minutes of every single day someone in an exercise class pulls a muscle.

Folly of Fitness

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where she is.

The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I joined a health club last year. Spent about four hundred bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to show up.

I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.