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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Revelation to Saint Joseph

***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

Revelation to Saint Joseph

Readings: Eph 3:1-13 and Mt 1:18-25

“When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” (Mt 1:18-24)

A small altar boy came into the sanctuary before Mass started, and he began to light the candles on the altar. When he came to the Paschal candle, however, he ran into trouble. Though the stick of his lighter was long enough for him to reach the top of the candle, he could not manage to light that wick. By now everyone in church was following his movements. Nobody went to help him, but they were all relieved to see the sacristan coming out to intervene. Now, the sacristan did not take the lighter and light the candle. Instead, he brought a footstool for the boy to climb on and light the candle himself. Some people in the church applauded, maybe for the boy, maybe for the sacristan who showed his respect for the boy by letting him light the candle himself.

In today’s gospel, we hear how an angel visited Joseph in a dream. This angel tells Joseph what to do, but leaves it to him to do. This is how God treats each one of us. God does not take over! God’s respect for us is unconditional, and so is God’s love. God will never leave us alone, but the final decisions will be ours.

LET US PRAY

Dear Jesus, once a rich young man came to ask you what to do, but then walked away from you. As he left, you remained steadily looking at him with love. Help me to realize you are looking at me with that same love. I will follow you. Amen.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Is there something that you need to do which you have been putting off—a telephone call, answering an e-mail message, making peace with someone, going to a doctor, or maybe even something more serious like retiring or moving? Take action now to celebrate the birth we anticipate at Christmas.

Stay Safe & keep others safe

Our Lady of Lebanon church urges all parishioners to mask up inside the church premises, get tested when appropriate and stay home when ill. Also, we remind everyone to get coronavirus vaccinations or booster shots. By following these rules, we protect ourselves and others from corona virus and its variances.

This Weekend, Dec. 11-12: Revelation to St. Joseph

Saturday December 11:

at 3:40 p.m.: Christmas Novena

at 4:00 p.m.: Mass

✠ Jean and Billy Bentz (Birthday) and Susie Fadoul by Millet Fadoul

✠ Bob Sengewalt (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

✠ Special Intentions of A Friend

Sunday, December 12:

at 10:10 a.m.: Christmas Novena

at 10:30 p.m.: Mass

✠ Deceased members of the Hassan and Nassar Families by Dalton

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom Brock Jr.

Weekday Masses Schedule

Monday December 13: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

Tuesday December 14 at 12:05 p.m.:

✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

✠ Peter & Emma Peters

Wednesday December 15: No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

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Thursday December 16 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom Brock Jr.
- ✠ Lottie Elwartoski (Birthday) by her son Richard

Friday, December 17: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

<h2 style="margin: 0;"><i>Next Weekend, Dec. 18-19: Genealogy Of Jesus</i></h2>

Saturday December 18:

at 3:40 p.m.: Christmas Novena

at 4:00 p.m.: Mass

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Joann Ferrera Slack (Anniversary) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, December 19:

at 10:10 a.m.: Christmas Novena

at 10:30 p.m.: Mass

- ✠ Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Susie Fadoul (1st Anniversary) by her husband Millet and Family

30th Anniversary to the Priesthood (Sunday, Dec. 19 after 10:30 am Mass)

This year, Msgr. Bakhos reached his 70th Birthday (February 9th) and his 30th Anniversary to the priesthood will be on (December 21). He was ordained in Sydney, Australia on December 21, 1991. He designed the church of Saint Joseph in Croydon -which is a suburb of Sydney, Australia- and he handled the building project to the parish council over there before he moved to the United States in 1994. He served in Lawrence (Massachusetts), Dayton (Ohio), St. Paul (Minnesota), in many Missions and he spent the last 20 years serving Our Lady of Lebanon church in Wheeling. A brunch will be served on Sunday, December 19th following the 10:30 am Mass at the Cedar Hall. All parishioners and Friends are cordially invited to attend. Please call Linda at 304-242-6853 and let her know how many guests are attending so that the ladies can prepare food for everyone. Please plan to attend because Msgr. Bakhos likes to see you there.

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of:

Please donate toward decorating the altar with poinsettias during Christmas. Every poinsettia cost \$25.00

- ☼ Louis N. & Louis H. Khourey, Sr. & Gladys Howard by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ☼ In Honor of Chris Wakim and Family
- ☼ In Honor of the Yeater Family by Jeannette & Chris Wakim
- ☼ In Honor of Frank & Anna Marie and Michael Duymich
- ☼ In Honor of Joe & Nikki Popovich and Family
- ☼ In Loving memory of John & Cecilia John by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
- ☼ In Loving memory of The Elias & Nickerson Families by Tammy Strong
- ☼ In Loving memory of the Saseen & Schlog Families by Fran Saseen
- ☼ In Loving memory of Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley by Thomasina Geimer
- ☼ In Loving memory of Robert Hunter Jr. & Robby Hunter III by Thomasina Geimer
- ☼ In Loving memory of Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter NiNi Miller
- ☼ In Loving memory of Bill Dougherty by his wife Carol
- ☼ In Loving memory of the Habdo Family by Carol Dougherty
- ☼ In Loving memory of Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt and Family
- ☼ In Loving memory of George Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
- ☼ In Honor of Gary Weisner
- ☼ In Loving memory of the Joseph and McLaughlin Families by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ☼ In Loving Memory of Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph & Weisner Families

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Christmas Masses Schedule

Friday, December 24:

4:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Mass

10:00 p.m.: Christmas Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25th: Day of Obligation

10:30 a.m.: Christmas Day Morning Mass

4:00 p.m.: Christmas Day Evening Mass

New Year Masses Schedule

Friday, December 31st, 2021:

4:00 p.m.: New Year's Eve Mass (No Midnight Mass)

Saturday, January 1st, 2022: New Year's Day (Day of Obligation)

4:00 p.m.: New Year's Day Mass

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

December 7: Christina Committee Zdilla

December 12: Lou Khourey

December 22: Millet C. Fadoul

December 25: Shelly Hancher

December 27: Luke Lenz, Jay Murad

December 29: Jeff Bentz

January 1: Nancy Joseph

January 3: Rosemary Coury

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)

Mark Boehm, Angela & John Carpec, Carol Dougherty, Shirley George, John Frazier, Dennis Porter, Mary Stees, Diane Palotay, Rex & Rita Strawn, Nick & Judy Bedway, 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, Diana Misko, Barbara Hostage,

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,157.00	Sunday Collection
228.00	2 nd collection patriarchal charities
55.00	Christmas poinsettias
39.00	Candles
\$1,479.00	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: Philip Geimer

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to Thomasina Geimer on the loss of her husband Philip. We extend the parish's condolences to our beloved secretary and her

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Family in their time of sorrow. More details about the funeral Mass will be announced later. May he rest in peace.

Parish Condolences: Chuck Gibbons

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to Gibbons on the loss of their beloved brother Chuck who died in Dover, Ohio. Chuck was the son of our late beloved Lucille Gibbons. We extend the parish's condolences to his family and to all his brothers and sisters in their time of sorrow. More details about the funeral Mass will be announced later. May he rest in peace.

Bulletin Ads

If you wish to place a memorial Ad or business Ad on the back of our 2022 weekly church bulletin, please contact Msgr. Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Charlotte 304-639-1372 for more information.

Lower your 2021 Income Tax Bill

Dear Parishioners and benefactors,

The CARES Act passed by Congress 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.

So, 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 2021 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 **2021**, 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, 2021. 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 2022** 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, 2021 until December 31st, 2021**. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions.

Help needed to sanitize pews

Dear parishioners,

Our goal is to protect you inside and outside the church. We are asking for two volunteers after every Mass to help sanitizing the pews and railings and door handles, etc. Please stay after Mass in the church for five minutes and join those who are sanitizing. May the Blessed Mother protect you and reward you. Msgr Bakhos

2022 Mahrajan (Festival) (Sunday, August 14, 2022)

Dear Parishioners, The Mahrajan committee decided to have the 2022 Mahrajan at Oglebay Park on Sunday, August 14, 2022. There will be only one day festival instead of two. More details will be published in the coming bulletins.

Spirituality: Love of God

Love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet, ever new,
uncomprehended and unbought beyond all knowledge and all thought.
O heavenly Love, how precious still in days of weariness and ill,
in nights of pain and helplessness, to hear, to comfort and to bless!
O Love of God, our shield and stay, through all the perils of our way,
Eternal Love, in You we rest, forever safe, forever blest.

Wisdom: Enriching Thoughts

The most destructive habit Worry
 The greatest joy Giving
 The greatest loss Loss of self-respect
 The most satisfying work Helping others
 The ugliest personality trait..... Selfishness
 The most endangered species Dedicated leaders
 Our greatest natural resource..... Our youth
 The greatest "shot in the arm"..... Encouragement
 The greatest problem to overcome..... Fear
 The most effective sleeping pill..... Peace of mind
 The most crippling failure disease..... Excuses
 The most powerful force in life Love
 The most dangerous pariah A gossip
 The world's most incredible computer.... The brain
 The worst thing to be without Hope
 The deadliest weapon The tongue
 The two most power-filled words "I Can"
 The greatest asset Faith
 The most worthless emotion Self-pity
 The most beautiful attire SMILE!
 The most prized possession Self esteem
 The most powerful channel of communication ... Prayer
 The most contagious spirit Enthusiasm
 To the world, you may be one person; but to one person, you may be the world.

Story

The County Sheriff got a disturbing call one afternoon about his 6-year-old grandson who had been hit by a car while fishing with his dad.

The father and son were near a bridge when a woman lost control of her car, slid off the bridge and hit the grandson at a rate of about 50 mph. Sheriff had seen the results of accidents like this and feared the worst. When he got to the hospital, he rushed through the emergency room to find his grandson conscious and in fairly good spirits. "What happened?" the sheriff asked. The grandson replied, "Well, Papaw, I was fishin' with Dad, and some lady runned me over, I flew into a mud puddle, and broke my fishin' pole and I didn't get to catch no fish!"

As it turned out, the impact propelled the grandson about 500 feet, over a few trees and an embankment and in the middle of a mud puddle. His only injuries were to his right femur bone which had broken in two places. Grandson had surgery to place pins in his leg, otherwise the boy is fine.

Since all the boy could talk about was that his fishing pole was broken, the Sheriff went out to Wal-Mart and bought him a new one while he was in surgery so he could have it when he came out.

The next day the Sheriff sat with his grandson to keep him company in the hospital. The boy was enjoying his new fishing pole and talked about when he could go fishing again as he cast into the trash can. When they were alone, the boy, just as matter-of-factly, said, "Papaw, did you know Jesus is real? Well," the Sheriff replied, a little startled. "Yes, Jesus is real to all who believe in him and love him in their hearts."

"No," said the boy. "I mean Jesus is REALLY real." "What do you mean?" asked the Sheriff. "I know he's real 'cause I saw him." said the boy, still casting into the trash can. "You did?" said the Sheriff. "Yep," said the boy. "When that lady runned me over and broke my fishing pole, Jesus caught me in his arms and laid me down in

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the mud puddle."

GIVES YOU GLORY BUMPS DOESN'T IT! GOD WILL DO THE REST

I asked the Lord to bless you As I prayed for you today

To guide you and protect you As you go along your way

His love is always with you His promises are true

And when we give Him all our cares You know He will see us through

So when the road you're traveling on Seems difficult at best

Just remember I'm here praying And GOD WILL DO THE REST.

A Time to Laugh (535)

Golf Speed

Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are in front of you and the fastest are behind you.

Patience in Golfing

It's good sportsmanship to not pick up lost golf balls while they are still rolling. (*Mark Twain*)

Too Many Golf Strokes

"Uff-da, Hans! Golfing must be bad for da heart," remarked Hilda.

"Vat makes yew say dat?" asked Hans.

"Veil," replied Hilda, "I just heard a golfer say dat he had four strokes on da very first hole."

Golf Sermons

How can you tell when a preacher is about to give a short sermon?

He has his golf shoes on

Tossing for Tee Time

Perkins was twenty minutes late at the first tee one Sunday morning, and the other three members of the regular foursome were almost ready to drive off without him.

"I agreed with my wife," explained Perkins, "that this Sunday I'd toss to see whether I played golf or went to church. And you know, I had to toss twenty-four times."

Put or Putt

Golfers were surveyed to determine what the difference is between the words *put* and *putt*. The most common definition given was that *put* means to place an object where you intend for it to be. In contrast *putt* means to unsuccessfully attempt to do the same thing with a golf ball.

Perfect Shot Too Short

Four work associates were golfing together on a Saturday morning. One of the men took his turn to tee off. He stood at his tee for an extended length of time, looking up and down and calculating and recalculating the distance of the shot. He even figured the wind velocity and direction.

His golfing partners were growing more and more impatient with his behavior. One of his buddies finally interrupted him. "Why are you taking so long for one stupid shot? Just hurry up and hit the ball!"

The golfer turned to his buddy and explained, "Look straight ahead at the clubhouse. The owner of our company is sitting outside on the clubhouse patio, and he's watching us with binoculars. I want to make this a perfect shot."

His friend answered, "You may as well forget it; even with a perfect shot, you'll never hit him from here."

Gossip Confusion

The things that go in one ear and out the other don't hurt as much as the things that go in one ear, get all mixed up, and then slip out the mouth.

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As a Matter of Fact

"As a matter of fact" is an expression that precedes many an expression that isn't.

Squashing Rumors

Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to unring a bell.

Bureaucratic Accomplishments

Bureaucracy is the art of making the possible impossible. (*Javier Pascual Salcedo*)

On the Committee

If you ever live in a country run by a committee, be on the committee. (*William Graham Sumner*)