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Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Saints Peter & Paul

- ***Weekday Masses:** **Mondays and Wednesdays:** No Mass. Pastor's office work.
 Tuesdays and Thursday at 12:00 Noon [*Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass*]
 Fridays: No Mass. Pastoral visitations.
- ***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, Holly Stahl
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Altar Server:** Earl Duffy and Joe Roxby
- ***Altar Boy:** Christopher AlKhouri
- ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
- ***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, 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

Saints Peter & Paul

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

St. Peter

Simon was a fisherman. His brother Andrew said to him, "I have met Jesus. Come and see Him." Simon loved Jesus and Jesus gave him the name Peter, which means "a rock."

Jesus picked eleven other Apostles and said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." He meant He would send them to do His work of bringing people to God. The Apostles gave up their homes to follow Jesus.

One day Jesus said to them, "Who do you think I am?" Peter answered, "You are Christ, the Son of God."

Our Lord was pleased and said, "You are Peter, a rock, and I will build My church upon you. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." This is the power to help people get to heaven.

After His Resurrection, Jesus asked Peter three time, "Peter, do you love Me?" Three times Peter answered, "Lord, you know that I love You." And Jesus said to him, "Feed My lambs, feed My sheep." In this way Jesus made it clear that Peter was to be the first Pope.

Peter was crucified, head downward, in Rome, because he said he was not worthy to die the same way as Jesus.

St. Paul

St. Paul was a Jew who hated the Christians. He was on his way to the city of Damascus to arrest them when a light from heaven suddenly shone around him. He fell to the ground as he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?"

He asked, "Who are You, Lord?" And the voice answered, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul asked, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" The voice said, "Go into the city; you will be told what to do."

Saul had to be led by his companions into the city, as he had been struck blind. After three days, a man named Ananias came to him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me -Jesus who appeared to you on your journey- that you may get your sight back and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

At once Saul could see. He was baptized and was called Paul.

He began to preach the word of Jesus to the pagan world. He wrote many letters (Epistles) to the Christians.

After years of travel and suffering, Paul was taken to Rome as a prisoner and beheaded.

This Weekend, June 25-26: Saints Peter & Paul

Saturday, June 25 at 4:00 p.m.: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

✠ Mariam Joseph by the Weisner and Joseph Families

✠ Michael T. and Eileen M. Hatty by their son Hon. Michael P. Hatty (MI)

Sunday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m.: Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

✠ Don & Helen Fielding

✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy and good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase

✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb and Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)

Next Week Mass Schedule

Monday, June 27: No Mass. Office work.

Tuesday, June 28 at Noon:

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

✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

✠ Don & Helen Fielding

Wednesday, June 29: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, June 30 at Noon: Feast of the 12 Apostles

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt (Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy and good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

Friday, July 1: No Mass. Pastoral visitations.

Next Weekend, July 2-3: 5th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, July 2 at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney & Patrick Sengewalt
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Kathleen Olinski and Alois Marchy and good health of Matt Ragase by Mary Ragase

Schedule of Upcoming Events

July, 11-17	NAM Convention, Minneapolis, MN
Sunday, August 14	Lebanese Festival (Mahrajan) 10:00 am Mass outdoor followed by Festival

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

Your Church Support Last Week

\$727.00	Sunday Collection
15.00	Bake sale
42.00	Candles
46.00	Coffee hour
40.00	Donation to the church
721.00	From the funeral of Nick Bedway
100.00	Donation to the Women Society for serving the Mercy Meal of Nick Bedway
790.00	Mahrajan
60.00	Parking
100.00	T-Shirts sale donated by Mr. Nick Ghaphery
\$2641.00	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

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)
 Emily Harris, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Joe Bryan, Regina Hancher, Thomasina Geimer, Mary Stees, Rex & Rita Strawn, Viola J. Yeater (mother of Jeannette Wakim), 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), Ted Olinski, Patricia Corder,

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Joseph Bryan

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Bryan Family on the loss of their beloved Joe. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral service on Friday, June 24th. May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. We extend the parish's condolences to his Family in their time of sorrow.

Win Cash – NAM Raffle (July, 11-17)

If you want to share in the Raffle of the 2022 Maronite Convention in Minneapolis, please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 and purchase a book of 5 tickets for \$20.00. Good luck.

1 st Prize	\$4,000
2 nd Prize	\$1,000
3 rd Prize	\$700

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

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Aug 14, 2022 and plan on spending the day with us celebrating the Lebanese Mahrajan (Festival) at Oglebay Park!

The Lebanese Festival will begin with an outdoor Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Mahrajan which will begin at 11:30 a.m. (or after mass) and close at 7:00 p.m. The committee will keep you updated on planning progress in the weekly bulletin. We also ask that you please feel free to make any suggestions or share your thoughts with any committee member.



- **Logo.** We have a **NEW Lebanese Festival Logo!** Please log-on to the Lebanese Fest Facebook page to view our NEW logo. **Please "Like" us on Facebook.**

- **Band & Singer** have been booked and contract signed.

- **50/50 Raffle** announcement has been mailed. The 50/50 Raffle will give you an opportunity to win \$5,000 if all tickets are sold! This year, we are only selling 500 numbered tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. You can purchase tickets from any Festival Committee member or call the church at 304-233-1688 for details. We will also be selling tickets after mass on Saturday's and Sunday's leading up to the day of the festival.

- **Festival Ad Book.** We are accepting ads for the Ad Book. If you have purchased an ad in past years, you should have received information in the mail. We are asking you to please consider renewing your previous ad or purchase new ad space for this year.

- **Table Reservations:** 1 table seating 8 people under tent (cost price: \$130.00; 1 open-air wooden picnic table: \$65.00. Reservation due date is June 29th.

- **Menu items:** All your favorite Lebanese food items are planned. More details to follow.

- **Volunteers:** We love and need our volunteers! No event can be successful without the help of our volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, please contact any committee member.

Mahrajan Committee:

Liz Murad, Mahrajan Committee Chairperson, Monsignor Bakhos, Lou Khourey, Susan John-Burns, Nick John, Ryan Storm, Ava Murad

Spirituality: The Rosary

The two declarations: “Be it done to me according to Your word” and “Father, if this cup cannot pass, Your will, not mine, be done,” set into motion a mission that changed the course of world history. Here, the divine joined forces with the human to initiate God’s plan for the salvation of our world. Mary’s “let it be,” and Jesus’, “yes, Father!” exemplify what a mother and son accomplished for mankind in a brief span of time. The events that capulate their lives are shown in the four gospels and highlighted in the mysteries of the rosary.

Reciting Hail Marys as rosary beads slip through our fingers may or may not draw us closer to Christ. However, meditating on the mysteries brings alive their joint mission as we move through the history of our Lord’s birth, the forming of his future Church, the descent of the Holy spirit, and the empowering of his apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations. It’s all there in the 20 decades of the rosary which now include the “luminous” mysteries, added recently by Pope John Paul II, entailing Jesus’ public life as preacher, healer and miracle worker.

We might say, “Fine, but how can I ever hope to become like Mary the mother of God? What could I possibly have in common with the Queen of Heaven?”

You might be surprised. For far too long, Catholics have relegated Mary to a heavenly throne, out of touch with our present day trials and tribulations. Kneeling before her statue, we hail Mary as our queen. We are in awe of her beauty as depicted in fine art, chiseled in stone, replicated in ivory and featured on holy cards and medals. Her beauty, as it should be, is awesome. However, if we examine her everyday life as revealed in the Gospels, we find that she was of the “Anawim,” the poor little ones of God. We come to know her not only as the one chosen to bear the Savior of the world, but as a trusting teen-ager, a friend, and an intercessor.

In the Joyful Mysteries we witness Mary’s absolute surrender to God’s will, her rejection, homelessness giving birth in a stable, being exiled from her country, stalked by a mad king and finally, being told by the prophet Simon that not only will her son suffer, but that her heart too will be pierced. Upon her young shoulders is laid the weight of the world.

Pausing to meditate on the scriptural accounts of Mary’s life enjoined with that of Jesus, we come to realize how they functioned as a team throughout his upbringing and introduction into public life as revealed in the Luminous Mysteries. Here we encounter our Lord’s first miracle, his mingling with the poor and downtrodden, his teachings and healing. We come to recognize the personality of Christ, his passion, tenderness, forgiveness, mercy, his overwhelming love of mankind and his purpose for coming to earth.

Embracing the Sorrowful Mysteries we experience through Mary’s eyes, her son’s mockery, scourging and crowning with thorns. We envision their meeting on the road to Calvary as their declarations, “Be it done unto me,” and, “Your will, not mine be done,” echo in our ears. We relive with Mary her son’s crucifixion, and join our heartache with hers as we recall mankind’s gruesome treatment toward the son of God.

In the Glorious Mysteries we conjure images of Christ’s resurrection, the great stone being rolled away from his grave site along with Mary Magdalene’s shock and awe at seeing her risen Savior.

We imagine the descent of the Holy Spirit and the sweeping wind that whipped through the upper room, as tongues of fire danced upon the heads of Mary and the apostles. We envision Christ’s glorious ascension into heaven as his apostles stand astounded at his departure and mourn his leaving.

Within these Glorious Mysteries, we as Catholics also profess our belief in Mary’s ascension into heaven and acknowledge her title as “Queen of Heaven and Earth” as decreed by our Church. Here we join our hearts with simple men and women of old whom God chose and commissioned to carry forth the Gospel message of Christ.

Lest we forget, it was to Mary that Jesus, age 12, confided, “I must be about my Father’s business,” revealing a glimpse of his divinity. It was at Mary’s bidding that Jesus performed his first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. It was to Mary that Jesus, with a dying breath, entrusted not only the apostle John, but all the children of the world.

Contemplating the lives of Jesus and Mary, we embrace Christ's great plan for his Church. As members of the Body of Christ, we too are called to dedicate ourselves in courage, faith and trust just as they, in their humanity were called to do -and did.

Joined with Christ through our baptism, and empowered through confirmation, we, just like Peter and Paul, James and John, Mary Magdalene, the woman at the well (whom some consider our first evangelist) and other disciples, we are called to communicate the "Good News" to a hurting world. Never in the history of our Church have there been so many ministries open to the laity as there are now to serve our neighbors. Whether it is supporting a single mother, sponsoring a refugee, protecting the life of the unborn, improving our environment, practicing ecumenism, instructing the ignorant, helping build houses for the poor, feeding the hungry, aiding the elderly, sponsoring a convert to the faith, visiting those in prison, consoling a distraught teen or encouraging a spouse with a troubled marriage. These ministries are the bedrock and heartbeat of our parish and diocesan mission.

The apostle Paul compared our spiritual gifts to parts of a body that, when working in union with other parts, form a powerful force. We become that force. We become God's hands, feet, mind and spirit here on earth. We are privileged to complete the unfinished work of our Savior.

Marian spirituality grasps, cherishes and delves deeply into every aspect of our Lord's life enjoined with Mary's providing us with old, new and many personal insights into his love for humanity.

Pick up that Rosary. Invoke the power of the Holy Spirit. Think, think, think about the life of our Savior. Take time to meditate and experience Marian spirituality at its richest.

Wisdom: Gifts that cost nothing

1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING: But you must REALLY listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

2. THE GIFT OF AFFECTION: Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and holds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

3. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER: Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "*I love to laugh with you.*"

4. THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE: It can be a simple "*Thanks for the help*" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

5. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT: A simple and sincere, "*You look great in red,*" "*You did a super job*" or "*That was a wonderful meal*" can make someone's day.

6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOR: Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

7. THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE: There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

8. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION: The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, really it's not that hard to say, Hello or Thank You.

Little Stories

On a Journey

You have been sent on a journey. You had no choice about when or where it started. You don't know when, where or how it will end. You have no map. All you know for sure is that it's bound to end sometime.

There are rules that apply to this journey, but you've had to learn them as you go. And you cannot control them. You may not even know the purpose of the journey, even though others claim to know.

All you know is that once started, you must continue every day, whether you feel like it or not. You start with no possessions, and when you finish you must turn in all you have accumulated. In the end, say some, you will be rewarded or punished. But how do they know for sure?

That's life, my friends, and you cannot change it. A little faith and a sense of humor, fortunately, help cushion some of the bumps.

God within you

A little girl was standing with her grandfather by an old-fashioned open well. They had just lowered a bucket and had drawn some water to drink.

"Grandfather," asked the little girl, "where does God live?"

The old man picked up his little granddaughter and held her over the open well. "Look down into the well," he said, "and tell me what you see."

"I see a reflection of myself," said the little girl.

"And that's where God lives," said the grandfather. "He lives in you."

The Beatitudes: The Lesson

Jesus took his disciples up the mountain, gathered them around him and began to teach them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek. Blessed are they who mourn. Blessed are the merciful. Blessed are they who thirst for justice. Blessed are you when persecuted. Blessed are you when you suffer. Be glad and rejoice for your reward will be great in heaven..."

Simon Peter spoke up and said, "Do we have to write this stuff down?" Andrew asked, "Are we supposed to remember this?" James piped in, "Will we be tested on this?" Philip asked, "What if we don't understand it?" Bartholomew inquired, "Is this an assignment to turn in?" John said, "The other disciples didn't have to learn all this." Matthew said, "When do we get off this mountain?" And Judas questioned, "What does this have to do with real life anyway?"

Then one of the Pharisees present asked to see Jesus' lesson plans. Another demanded to know Jesus' terminal objectives in the cognitive domain... And Jesus wept!

A Time to Laugh (16)

Signs of the Times

At a carpet store in Las Vegas: "We guarantee to beat them all."

At a turf farm in Helendale, California: "Easy to get a lawn with."

People are like that

A bag of bagels in my arms, I stopped to buy a subway token at the station. A homeless person stood by the token, crumpled coffee cup in hand, asking for change. I bought my token and then asked if the man would like a bagel. "They're still warm," I said.

His eyes lit up. "Sure," he said. The man thanked me, and I wished him well as I walked to the platform. I congratulated myself on a good deed until I saw one that put me to shame.

As I stepped into my train, I looked back toward the token booth. The homeless man had broken his bagel in two, and offered half to a man crouched in a dark corner of the terminal. As my train moved on, I watched as a man who had little gave all he could to one who had nothing.

In a Parish

The weather was menacing: dark, brooding clouds filled the sky. The wind took on a chill and picked up speed; obviously, a summer storm was not far off. Father Robert had just finished reading the gospel and begun his sermon at the Saturday evening Mass. His sermons usually are filled with jokes, and he was relating to us the time a child saw him during Mass and asked if Father Robert was Jesus.

"Of course," the priest told us, "the woman corrected her son." But in retelling the story to us, the priest jokingly said, "You know, the boy was pretty close to the truth, though..."

As Father Robert joked, a cloud clap of thunder shook the windows, leaving the church without power, in utter darkness father Robert, forced to continue his homily in the dark, looked upward tentatively and said, "Hey, sorry about that." And just as coincidentally, the power came back on.

The Self

A student walked up to the clerk at the language laboratory and said: "May I have a blank tape, please?"

"What language are you studying?" asked the clerk. "French," said the student.

"Sorry, we don't have any blank tapes in French."

“Well, do you have any blank tapes in English?” “Yes, we do.”

“Good. I’ll take one of those.”

(It makes as much sense to speak of a blank tape as being French or English as it does to speak of a person as being French or English. French or English is your conditioning, not you).

Identity

A baby born of American parents and adopted by Russian parents, has no notion he has been adopted and grows up to be a great patriot and poet who gives expression to the collective unconscious of the Russian soul and the aspirations of Mother Russia: is he Russian? American? Neither. Find out who/what are you.

Authority

An ancient king in India sentenced a man to death. The man begged that the sentence be condoned, and added: “If the king will be merciful and spare my life, I shall teach his horse to fly in a year’s time.”

“Done,” said the king. “But if at the end of this period the horse cannot fly, you will be executed.”

When his anxious family later asked the man how he planned to achieve this, he said: “In the course of the year: the king may die; or the horse may die; or, who knows, the horse may learn to fly!”

Famous Quotes (16)

--I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them. (Thomas Jefferson)

--My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government. (Thomas Jefferson)

--No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms. (Thomas Jefferson)

--The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government. (Thomas Jefferson)

--The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. (Thomas Jefferson)

--To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical. (Thomas Jefferson)

--In light of the present financial crisis, it's now very interesting to read what Thomas Jefferson said in 1802: "I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies. If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around the banks will deprive the people of all property until their children wake-up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

--On the Right Track: Even if you're on the right track, you're going to get run over if you sit there.

--When you become reluctant to change, remind yourself of the beauty of autumn.

--If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

--Church members are like automobiles—they start missing before they quit.

--The heart is happier when it beats for others.

--A Christian is one who does not have to consult his bank book to see how wealthy he really is.

--If you don't take care of your body, where else are you going to live? (Logans Ferry Messenger)

--It doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian –it takes all of him.

--The less real religion a church has, the more entertainment it takes to keep it going.

--Civilization stands at the crossroads. Down one road is despondency and despair, and down the other is total annihilation. Let us pray that we choose the right road. (Woody Allen)

--The act of faith is an act of acceptance, not an explanation. (Morris West)

--All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

--Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness. (Helen Keller)

--Dying is no big thing, since I'm prepared for it by my Catholic faith. (Walker Percy)

--No one is mature until he/she has confronted the reality of his/her own death and has ordered his/her life accordingly. (Dr. Donald Irish)

--I have no property or stocks or insurance. I have no family but a niece and nephew I never see and a brother to whom I am as close as to a mild-mannered short-order cook. I see no friends constantly, only when I'm in the city. I have no memorabilia, clippings, reviews, photographs, records, printed or manuscript music, I keep only the letters of one man. I refuse to contemplate the past or future. I have no plans, no ambitions or infatuations. I assume that the worst is likely to occur at any moment and therefore celebrate not so much feeling well as not feeling sick Since I have reduced my needs and interests, to a minimum, there will be that much less to die. (The New Yorker, 12 January 1981: on the death of one of its staff members, from the published Last Will and Testament)