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14th Sunday of Pentecost

- *Weekend Masses: **Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
 Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- *Weekday Masses: **Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.**
 Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass
- ***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 Khourey, Mary Stees, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad
- ***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, 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.

14th Sunday of Pentecost

Readings: Deut 6:4-9; Thes 2:1-13 and Lk 10:38-42

“But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” (Lk 10:42)

In this statement, the Lord Jesus teaches us a lesson in priorities. He emphasizes the importance of first things first. One of those “first things” is devotional life. As we follow the reading we see how Mary exemplifies this.

1- Mary’s Devotional Intention: *“Mary has **chosen** that good part”.*

Mary had to make a choice, and this implies intention. She had to choose between worship and work. Our natural bent is to be more busy than holy. Jesus had to rebuke Martha on this issue. He said: “Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed.”

2- Mary’s Devotional Attention: *“Mary....sat at Jesus feet and **heard** His word”.* How easy it is to sit at Jesus’ feet and not hear a thing! Jesus was constantly telling His disciples to “hear” and to “head” what he was saying. A devotional period without attention is as useless as busyness without holiness.

3- Mary’s Devotional Retention: *“Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”* An occasional quiet time is not sufficient for the busy lives we lead. It regulates the one needful thing to the place of secondary importance. With intention and attention there must be retention. When we reach this point, God will see to it that this good part.....will not be taken away from us.

Jesus performed 37 Miracles.

We will publish them weekly in order to strengthen our faith that Jesus is indeed the Son of God who has divine power to heal and raise the dead by a Word from his mouth. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Him.

The 25th miracle of Jesus when he healed a Blind Man at Bethsaida

Jesus and his disciples came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him. They begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand. Then he led him outside the village. He spit on the man’s eyes and placed his hands on him. “Do you see anything?” Jesus asked. The man looked up. He said, “I see people. They look like trees walking around.” Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened so that he could see again. He saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home. He told him, “Don’t even go into the village.” (Mark 8:22-26)

Creating your legacy

How can you manage your charitable giving more efficiently to benefit the charities you love and support, like our church established by our ancestors since 1906? The Parish Council opened an Endowment Fund Account designated exclusively for the church maintenance for years to come. All donations are tax deductible. Please let us keep our beautiful church well maintained and donate anytime toward this account or put the church in writing in your will. To donate, please call the church office at 304-233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you in this life and in the next. Monsignor Bakhos, pastor.

This Weekend: Sat.-Sun. Aug. 26-27: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, August 26, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Olinski & Marchy Families by Mary Ragase
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen and Family
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Sunday, August 27, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Lou Ann Blazier by Lou & Charlotte Kourey and Family
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shiben by Julie & Tom Shiben

† Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, August 28: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, August 29 Mass at Noon:

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

† John Shiben by Julie & Tom Shiben

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

† Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Wednesday, August 30: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, August 31 Mass at Noon:

† Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

† John Shiben by Julie & Tom Shiben

† Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

† Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Friday, September 1: No Mass. Visitation of the sick.

Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun. Sep. 2-3: 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday, September 2, Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

† Shirley Elias Nickerson (Birthday) by her Loving Family

† Terry Stab by Paula Perilli

† Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

† Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Sunday, September 3, Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

† Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris

† Dennie Bartolovich (Anniversary) by his wife and mother-in-law Helen Benline

† Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

† Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Coming Parish Events

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	Every 1 st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass followed by blessing with healing oil from Saint Sharbel for good health.
Friday, September 1 ⇨	Rummage Sale from 4 pm to 7 pm (NO concession food)
Saturday, September 2 ⇨	Rummage Sale from 8 am to 2 pm (concession food)
Sunday, September 10 th	OLOL Women's Society Meeting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Monday, September 11 th	Cedar Club Meeting in Cedar Hall at 6:15 p.m. (Election of Officers)
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	Date will be announced later.
Christmas Party	Sunday, December 3 rd after Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

August 31: Joseph R. Simon

September 1: Janet Fadoul Wilson

September 8: Carol Dougherty

September 9: Gary Weisner, Patrick Stees,

September 10: Chris George

September 18: Michael Duymich

September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher

September 24: Luane Frazier

September 26: Mary Rose Kukula

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$1,233.00	Sunday Collection
21.00	candles
53.00	Coffee hour
1,561.00	Mahrajan
\$2,868.00	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)

Frank Duymich, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, Mary Thomas, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Jamie Stoneking (nephew of Charlotte and Lou Khourey), Patty Olinsky, Sarah Volk (aunt of GiGi Rice), Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Earl Ragase, Patrick Sengewalt, Renee Beabout (daughter of Marge John), Jack Hogan (infant son of Mark & Michaela Hogan & great nephew of Lou Khourey), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

What's New?

Mahrajan Financial Report

A detailed Income/Expenses financial report will be published in the bulletin as soon as we pay all the bills. Lot of companies don't send their bill before the end of the month.

Generous Sponsors needed:

--We need to buy two extra red tent 10x15 to be used at next year festival (\$600)

--We need to buy some cocktail folding tables for our guests to use around the dance floor and around the beer and wine booths (\$300)

Names of all Generous Benefactors will be published in 2024 Ad Book as Golden Mahrajan Supporters. May God and the Blessed Mother reward you many folds in this life and in heaven.

Golden Mahrajan Supporters

--Many thanks to Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone for donating each \$1,000 toward the General Operation.

--Also PJ & Nikki Lenz donated \$150 toward the General Operation.

All donors' names will be published in the next year ad book as **Golden Mahrajan Supporters**

Spirituality: The Devil is alive and active in our world

The devil exists as a personal being under God's dominion and he tries to bring about man's ruin in an ominous manner by prompting him to rebel against God and by instigating him to separate himself from God. In spite of that, however, with God's help, man can resist Satan and remain faithful to God.

There are at least 300 references to the devil in the New Testament, with a variety of names that denote the nature and wickedness of the devil.

Jesus said to Satan: ***"Begone, Satan! For it is written: The Lord your God shall you adore and him only shall you serve."*** (Mt 4:9-10) St. Peter warned us saying: ***"Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the evil, prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour."*** (Ep.5:8) Pope Paul called Satan, ***"The treacherous and cunning enchanter who finds his way into us by way of senses, the imagination, lust, utopian logic, or disorderly social contacts in the give and take of life."*** (General Audience, Nov. 15, 1972)

Satan was described as fallen angel condemned to the ***"eternal fire"*** (Mt.25:41), ***"eternal punishment"*** (Mk 25:46); ***"everlasting fire"*** (Mk 9:43); ***"the fire is never extinguished"*** (Mk 9:48); ***"the smoke of their torments will go forever and ever"*** (Rev.14:11).

It is our free will to choose Satan and once we do he can conquer us. But, through the power of confession, we are forgiven again and again and again until our last breath. God is mercy. You can do the sin a million times and a million times you are forgiven, but you must make an effort to change and stop this sin.

God allows evil for you to conquer sin, but you must unite your will with his to recognize the situation. You ask, why would God allow all this to happen to me? God wants your soul. He wants you in heaven with him. If you have everything you want, how often do you pray? But if you lose everything and you suffer depression and despair, who do you turn to? God. So when someone insults you, hurts you and lies against you, praise God and look for the good in that individual because this is a test for you to conquer a certain sin.

We alone cannot defeat Satan, but with Christ, we can. When you fail he has given us the sacrament of confession for the forgiveness of sins.

Wisdom: Nonviolence

Family Pledge of Nonviolence

Making peace must start within ourselves and in our family. Could we, members of the Holy Family Maronite Catholic Church, commit ourselves as best we can to become nonviolent and peaceable people?

1- TO RESPECT SELF AND OTHERS:

To respect myself, to affirm and to avoid uncaring criticism, hateful words, physical attacks and self-destructive behavior.

2- TO COMMUNICATE BETTER:

To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to express my anger, and to work at solving problems peacefully.

3- TO LISTEN:

To listen carefully to one another, especially those who disagree with me, and to consider others' feelings and needs rather than insist on having my own way.

4- TO FORGIVE:

To apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, and to keep from holding grudges.

5- TO RESPECT NATURE:

To keep the environment and all natural resources clean and healthy.

6- TO PLAY CREATIVELY:

To select entertainment and toys that support our family's values and to avoid entertainment that makes violence look exciting, funny or acceptable.

7- TO BE COURAGEOUS:

To challenge violence in all its forms whenever I encounter it, whether at home, at school, at work, or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated unfairly.

Story: String of Pearls

The cheerful girl with bouncy golden curls was almost five. Waiting with her mother at the checkout stand, she saw them: a circle of glistening white pearls in a pink foil box. "Oh please, Mommy. Can I have them? Please, Mommy, please?"

Quickly the mother checked the back of the little foil box and then looked back into the pleading blue eyes of her little girl's upturned face. "A dollar ninety-five. That's almost \$2.00. If you really want them, I'll think of some extra chores for you and in no time you can save enough money to buy them for yourself. Your birthday's only a week away and you might get another crisp dollar bill from Grandma."

As soon as Nancy got home, she emptied her penny bank and counted out 17 pennies. After dinner, she did more than her share of chores and she went to the neighbor and asked Mrs. Hill if she could pick dandelions for ten cents. On her birthday, Grandma did give her another new dollar bill and at last she had enough money to buy the necklace. Nancy loved her pearls. They made her feel dressed up and grown up. She wore them everywhere - Sunday school, kindergarten, even to bed. The only time she took them off was when she went swimming or had a bubble bath. Mother said if they got wet, they might turn her neck green.

Nancy had a very loving daddy and every night when she was ready for bed, he would stop whatever he was doing and come upstairs to read her a story. One night when he finished the story, he asked Nancy, "Do you love me?" "Oh yes, Daddy. You know that I love you." "Then give me your pearls." "Oh, Daddy, not my

pearls. But you can have Princess -the white horse from my collection. The one with the pink tail. Remember, Daddy? The one you gave me. She's my favorite." "That's okay, Honey. Daddy loves you. Good night." And he brushed her cheek with a kiss.

About a week later, after the story time, Nancy's daddy asked again, "Do you love me?" "Daddy, you know I love you." "Then give me your pearls." "Oh Daddy, not my pearls. But you can have my baby doll. The brand new one I got for my birthday. She is so beautiful and you can have the yellow blanket that matches her sleeper." "That's okay. Sleep well. God bless you, little one. Daddy loves you". And as always, he brushed her cheek with a gentle kiss. A few nights later when her daddy came in, Nancy was sitting on her bed with her legs crossed Indian-style. As he came close, he noticed her chin was trembling and one silent tear rolled down her cheek. "What is it, Nancy? What's the matter?"

Nancy didn't say anything but lifted her little hand up to her daddy. And when she opened it, there was her little pearl necklace. With a little quiver, she finally said, "Here, Daddy. It's for you." With tears gathering in his own eyes, Nancy's kind daddy reached out with one hand to take the dime-store necklace, and with the other hand he reached into his pocket and pulled out a blue velvet case with a strand of genuine pearls and gave them to Nancy. He had them all the time. He was just waiting for her to give up the dime-store stuff so he could give her genuine treasure.

So it is with our Heavenly Father. He is waiting for us to give up the cheap things in our lives so that he can give us beautiful treasure. Isn't God good? Are you holding onto things which God wants you to let go of. Are you holding on to harmful or unnecessary partners, relationships, habits and activities, which you have come so attached to that it seems impossible to let go? Sometimes it is so hard to see what is in the other hand but do believe this one thing.....God will never take away something without giving you something better in its place.

A Time to Laugh (77)

In an Emergency

A mother mouse felt that the time had come to introduce her baby mice to the larger world. So having cautioned them that they must pay strict attention to what she did, she proceeded to lead them out of their mouse hole. Upon leaving the hole and entering the living room, she suddenly saw a big cat sleeping a few yards away in the midst of her intended path. Frightened at what lay ahead but not wanting to appear cowardly to her children, the mouse led her family silently forward. Just as she was creeping past the cat, the cat's eyes popped open and she raised her paw. What was Mother Mouse to do to save her children from peril? As the paw began its downward descent, the mouse turned to the cat and barked like a dog. The cat was so frightened she turned and ran, whereupon the mother mouse turned to her baby mice and said, "In an emergency, it's always good to know a second language!"

It may be that the most important thing the church has to offer people in our world is the knowledge of a "second language"!

Sunday Humor

"Don't let your worries get the best of you. Remember, Moses started out as a basket case"

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes and sand gnats come close

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny, they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better preacher, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.