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1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

- *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.

1st Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Deut 17: 14-20; 2Tim 2:1-10 and Mk 10:35-45

The ambition of two disciples provoked this promise; the indignation of the other ten provoked the formulation of the new law, the law of the gospel. The disciples in this instance were exemplifying the rule governing Gentile society.

Jesus asserts the opposite rule as binding upon his society (vss.42-43). Here everything is turned bottom side up. Only the slave of all is qualified to govern all. And slavery to others is embodied in the act of dying for them. The only true king, it would seem, is a dead king. It is not at all surprising, then, when we reread the Gospel to find that the rejection of this rule lies behind all the rejections of Jesus, whether by the scribes, the crowds, the rich man, or the disciples. Yet the coming baptism will include the adoption of this rule. The baptism of the disciples will be fulfilled not simply by their suffering and death, but by their becoming slaves of all. This is why the New Testament can speak of all faithful believers as kings (Apoc 1:6, 9; 5:10; 1 Peter 2:9). When all are kings because all are slaves, such ambitions as those of James and John will be truly senseless.

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 28th miracle of Jesus when he paid the Temple Tax

Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum. There the people who collect the temple tax came to Peter. They asked him, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" "Yes, he does," he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus spoke first. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "Who do the kings of the earth collect taxes and fees from? Do they collect them from their own children or from others?" "From others," Peter answered. "Then the children don't have to pay," Jesus said to him. "But we don't want to make them angry. So go to the lake and throw out your fishing line. Take the first fish you catch. Open its mouth. There you will find the exact coin you need. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours." (Matthew 17:24-27)

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 last 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. Sep. 16-17: 1st Sunday after the Cross

Saturday, September 16, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Robart J. Saseen (Anniversary) by his wife Fran and Family
- ✠ John Shibben by David Shibben
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, September 17, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ George AlKhouri by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- ✠ John Wakim by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, September 18: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, September 19 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ John Shibben by Esta McCall
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Healing Mass for Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus

Wednesday, September 20: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, September 21 Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- ✠ John Shibben by Esta McCall

Friday, September 22 at noon:

Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun. Sep. 23-24: 2nd Sun. after the Cross

Saturday, September 23, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ John Shibben by Esta McCall
- ✠ Living & Deceased of the Roxby & Olinski Families by Joe Roxby
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, September 24, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mary Thomas by Lou & Charlotte Khourey and Family
- ✠ Greg George by Bernadette Conklin
- ✠ Living & Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.

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.
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	Date will be announced later.
Christmas Party	Sunday, December 3 rd after Mass (Dinner will be served at noon)

All Souls Masses for the Repose of the souls of:

From November 1st until November 9th: All Souls Masses

✠ Special Prayers during this week to:

Wednesday, November 1st: ✠ Charlotte George (Birthday) by Margaret George (MN)

Tuesday, November 7th to: ✠ Libby G. Magnone (Birthday) by her sister Mary Zaid Stees

Thursday, November 9th: ✠ Elizabeth Ferris Magnone (Birthday) by her daughters Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone

✠ Deceased of Zaidan Chahine by Youssef & Jocelyne Chahine (PA)

✠ Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart

✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabihah & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family

✠ Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie

✠ Deceased of the Thomas, Splatt & Nutter Families by John & Kathy Thomas (MN)

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

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

- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- † John Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family
- † Rudy Hodulik, Theodore Hodulik and Wayne Wilson by Judy Wilson
- † Julia Hodulik, Filka Hodulik by Judy Wilson
- † Alice Wilson by Judy Wilson & Family
- † Tom Ferris by his nieces Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- † Zaid Hawa Ferris by her granddaughters Mary Stees and Libby G. Magnone
- † Albert & Annette Togliatti by GiGi Rice
- † Sadie Bouharb & Mary Harb by GiGi Rice
- † Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)
- † Mike & Sue Linton & their parents Joe & Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- † Deceased of Tom & Judy Brock, Jr.
- † Chamse Rahi by the Peklinsky, Howarth, Storm & Rahi Families
- † Deceased of the Rouhana Family by the Peklinsky, Howarth, Storm & Rahi Families
- † Tina Rahi by the Peklinsky, Howarth, Storm & Rahi Families
- † Mary K. Ferris by her daughter Denise Ferris
- † George & Martha Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Debbie Saseen by George & Susan Saseen & Family
- † Paul Hankish by Rose Hankish Carpenter
- † Patty Ross Hankish by Rose Hankish Carpenter
- † Christopher Hankish by Rose Hankish Carpenter
- † Deceased of Gus and Anna Shia by the Family
- † Tim, Ginny and Martha Shia by the Family
- † Tom Jochum by his Family
- † George, Dolores and Bert Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Philip & Betty Lou Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- † Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- † Ray, Sara, Mick and Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Elias & Selma, Edward & Edith, George & Betty Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Deceased of the Daniel and DiFabrizio Families by Rebecca & Michael DiFabrizio
- † Mike Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Sam & Bernadine Elias & Deceased Family members by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- † Alphonse & Violet Golebiewski & Deceased Family members by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

September 18: Michael Duymich

September 20: Regina Hancher, Gavin Hancher

September 24: Luane Frazier

September 26: Mary Rose Kukula

October 4: Leo Bleifus

October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich

October 10: Linda Duffy

October 15: Denise "Nini" Miller

October 16: Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,063.00	Sunday Collection
58.00	Candles
7.00	Coffee hour
350.00	Donation to the church
50.00	Donation to the church in Memory of Betty Purpura
368.00	Utilities
\$2,896.00	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)

Anthony Wakim, Frank Duymich, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Mary Stees, Rex Strawn, 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?

Order of Saint Sharbel

October 8th is designated "Order of Saint Sharbel Sunday" in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. We will have a brief, special presentation on the Order that day. The Order of Saint Sharbel is vitally important in providing financial and spiritual support for educating our seminarians, who are crucial for the future of our Maronite Church. Please prayerfully consider joining the Order. You may enroll online at www.orderstsharbel.org or ask Msgr. Bakhos for more information.

2024 Offering Envelopes

Many Thanks for all parishioners of good standing who are supporting the church via envelopes, cash or checks. Only donations (cash and checks) via envelopes or loose checks (not cash) are recorded all year long for tax deduction. The financial committee is unable to identify the names of those who put cash in the collection basket. Consequently, no one could claim cash donations unless it is marked. Those who donate less than \$50.00 throughout 2023 will not receive 2024 offering envelopes. They are still considered parishioners and welcomed to the church. —Msgr Bakhos

Mahrajan Generous Sponsors needed:

--We need to buy two extra red tent 10x15 to be used at next year festival (\$300 each). Please sponsor one or more.

--We need to buy ten cocktail folding tables for our guests to use around the dance floor and around the beer and wine booths (\$75.00 each). Please sponsor one or more.

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.

Christmas Gift from our church Gift Shop

Order your Christmas Gifts to your family and friends from our Gift Shop. Please call 304-233-1688

Aprons	\$25.00
Born & Raised T-shirt	\$25.00
Heartbeat T-shirt	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (youth)	\$25.00
Dry Fit Festival T-shirt (adult)	\$30.00
Festival Golf Shirt (youth)	\$35.00
Festival Golf Shirt (adult)	\$40.00

Rummage Sale items drop off all year long

Please bring with you to the church all the items you wish to donate toward the Rummage Sale. Items are accepted all year long. The Cedar Club and the Women Society raise funds to cover the expensive Building Insurance of our church. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

Around Us

Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, September 17)

The Neighborhood Center in Wheeling will host our biggest fundraiser of the year, *The Spaghetti Dinner*, on Sunday, September 17th. We are back to being “in person” and expect to serve over 1,500 meals this year! As in the past, we are asking local churches if you would be willing to ask your parishioners, or a club within your parish, to donate baked items for dessert (cakes, pies, cookies, etc.)? Items can be dropped off at the Neighborhood Center at 125 18th Street, Wheeling, on Friday, September 15th until 4:00. If this time does not work, other arrangements can be made. Please call Betty or Tracey at (304) 232-7157 with any questions. We thank you for your past support of our organization and hope to see you at the dinner!

Blessings, Tracey Dickerson

Reconciliation & Penance (Saturday, September 30)

The Laymen's Retreat League invites all Catholic Men of the area to join us on Saturday September 30th, 2023, Saint Vincent dePaul Parish's Marist Center, Wheeling, WV. A day of reflection with Reverend Justin Golna, J.C.L. from 8am to 5pm. The theme for the day will be ***Reconciliation and Penance: The Love that is Greater than Sin***. The day includes light breakfast and lunch. Cost: \$30 JOIN US . . . Contact Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or laymensretreatleague@gmail.com --Deacon Doug Breiding

Turkey Dinner (Sunday, October 8)

When: Sunday, October 8th from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 630 Main Street, Bridgeport OH.

Menu includes: turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberries, roll, butter, pie and beverage. Adults \$12.00, children \$10.00. Eat in or take out.

Sara Mudrick (740-635-0296)

Spirituality: Do You love Him?

I knelt to pray but not for long, I had too much to do.

I had to hurry and get to work, for bills would soon be due.

So, I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and humped up off my knees.

My Christian duty was now done, my soul could rest at ease.

All day long I had no time, to spread a word of cheer.

No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry.

No time to give to souls in need, but at last the time to die.

I went before the Lord, I came, I stood with downcast eyes.

For in His Hands God held a book, it was the book of life.
 God looked into His book and said, "*Your name I cannot find.
 I once was going to write it down..., but never found the time.*"

Wisdom: Old Religious customs

Remember Old Religious Customs

SUNDAY = DAY OF THE LORD:

It wasn't too long ago that Sunday for most people had deep religious significance. Everyone focused their morning on going to church and being involved in parish events. The afternoon often was devoted to visiting relatives.

SUNDAY DRESS:

There were unwritten dress codes that helped remind us to respect God's holy place. Visits to relatives reminded us that respect for our elders is important and created lasting memories of the value -the goodness- of family life.

SIGN OF THE CROSS:

There was also the reverential custom of either tipping one's hat or making the sign of the cross when passing a church. Lebanese immigrant used to make the sign of the cross and then crossing the thumb and forefinger into a cross and kissing it.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS:

In so many homes, grace before and after meals was regularly recited.

On major feast days, families prepared special dishes, and everyone, without exception, was expected to be at the meal.

And our Catholic school system played a major role in keeping religion and its customs alive. It planted the seeds of religion in the minds and hearts of children and nurtured them throughout elementary and secondary education, and in our colleges and universities.

Today family life no longer has the luxury of a quiet, restful Sunday, nor do most families live close to grandparents who keep religious customs alive. Our sense of time and how best to use it has changed dramatically. We are much more restless, losing a sense of how to truly rest. The meaning of celebrating life is much different for our present generation. In many instances, we could use schooling in how to cultivate leisure. With the loss of many of religion's support systems, our memories aren't being fed with the images and values that are essential to keeping it central to our lives. And too, frequenting shopping malls and movie theaters, or becoming engrossed in sporting events, round the clock news and a quickened pace of life leave little space for anything sacred.

We can't turn back the clock in order to rectify this. What we can do is to understand that we are a new generation of Catholics facing postmodern tests to religion not encountered before. We are being challenged not only to preserve past religious customs and traditions, but to create new and unique ones that will enter into our memories and serve to remind us of the centrality of religion and faith.

Story: The Golden Phone

It seems that a man in Topeka, Kansas, decided to write a book about churches around the world, but thought that the place to start, since he was American, would be the United States, and with that in mind, he decided to fly to San Francisco, and start working east from there. He goes to the very large Grace Cathedral in that city and begins taking photographs, etc., when he suddenly spots a golden telephone on a wall with a sign which reads \$10,000 a minute. Intrigued, he seeks out the priest and asks about the phone and the sign. The priest advises him that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and, if he wants to use it, he can talk directly to God. "*Thank you very much*", says he and continues on his way.

His next stop is Clinton, Nebraska, and while attending a church there, notices that there is exactly the same type of phone, with exactly the same sign on it. Again, he seeks out the parish priest, asks the same question, and again is told that it is a direct line to God, etc. He thanks the priest and continues on his way.

Next in Milwaukee and Chicago, two cities rather close together, he discovers exactly the same type of

phone with exactly the same sign beside it; makes inquiries of the local priests and receives exactly the same answer. Again, he thanks them and moves on his way. Arriving in New York, he goes into the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine. The golden telephone is on the wall with the same sign reading \$10,000.00 a minute. He checks with the Dean of the Cathedral, and gets exactly the same answer.

Continuing on through many other states, he finds the same phone, same sign and gets the same answer, until, finally, he arrives in Texas. Upon entering Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Ft. Worth, lo and behold, he sees the usual golden telephone with a sign. But THIS time, the sign reads "*Calls 25 cents.*"

By now fascinated, he gets hold of Bishop Delaney and says to him, "*Bishop, I have been in cities right across the country, and in each church I found this golden telephone, was told that it was a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but, in all the other churches across the country, it was \$10,000.00 a minute. Your sign reads .25 cents a call. Why?*" The Bishop smiles benignly at him and says "*Oh, my son, that's very easy to explain. You see, you're now in Texas and, of course, it's a local call from here.*"

A Time to Laugh (80)

Jury of Lawyers

A defendant in a small county was brought before the judge. After listening to the man for several minutes, the judge could see that the man was clearly guilty. There were a couple of problems though. The man demanded a jury trial, and it was getting late into the afternoon. The judge glanced at his watch and thought he might still get this case over with before the end of the day.

The judge called for a recess and walked out into the hallway of the court. He saw a group of lawyers there who were finished with their cases and were preparing to leave. He asked them if they would like to serve on a jury for a short case.

This was an opportunity for the lawyers to act in an entirely different way, so they all enthusiastically agreed to serve on the jury. In just a few minutes court was convened, the case was heard, and the lawyer jury was dismissed to consider the case.

After more than an hour, the judge was confused at the length of the jurors' deliberations. He sent his bailiff to see what was delaying the jury. The bailiff returned. The judge asked the bailiff what was taking the jury so long to reach a decision.

"Reach a decision?" the bailiff responded. "They haven't even finished their nominating speeches for foreman of the jury."

Japanese Doctor Advice

I Love This Japanese Doctor

Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Heart only good for so many beats, and that's it... Don't waste time on exercise. Everything wear out eventually. Speeding up heart not make you live longer; it's like saying you extend life of a car by driving faster. Want to live longer? - Take nap.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: Oh no. Wine made from fruit. Fruit very good. Brandy distilled wine, that means they take water out of fruity bit so you get even more of goodness that way. Beer also made of grain. Grain good too. - Bottoms up!

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of one, sorry. My philosophy: No pain...very good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU NOT LISTENING! Food fried in vegetable oil. How can getting more vegetable be bad?

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: You crazy?!? HEL-LO-O-O!! Cocoa bean! Another vegetable! It best feel-good food around.

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming good for figure, explain whale to me.

Q: Is getting in shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is also a shape!

Well... I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets.

And remember:

Finally, the Japanese Doctor summed up: Look mister, Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Beer in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO-HOO, what a ride my life was"!!!!

Eat whatever you like because you will still DIE, don't allow motivational speakers deceive you.

1. The inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54.
2. The inventor of gymnastics died at the age of 57.
3. The world bodybuilding champion died at the age of 41.
4. The best footballer in the world Maradona died at the age of 60.

BUT

5. The KFC inventor died at 94.
6. Inventor of Nutella brand died at the age of 88.
7. Imagine, cigarette maker Winston died at the age of 102.
8. The inventor of opium died at the age of 116 in an earthquake.
9. Hennessy Cognac inventor died at 98.

How did these doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life?

The rabbit is always jumping up and down but it lives for only 2 years and the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives 400 years.

So, take some rest, Chill, stay cool, eat, drink and enjoy your life.