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Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

- *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, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
- *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.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Readings: Ez 37:1-10; Thess 5:1-11 and Lk 16:19-31

Why the Church wants us to pray for the repose of the Souls in Purgatory?

The theological doctrine of the “Communion of Saints” reminds us of the union of the faithful on earth (Church Militant) with the blessed in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Souls in Purgatory (Suffering Church). It includes our loved ones and all those throughout the world who have gone before us on their journeys toward the Heavenly Jerusalem: those who during their lives on earth hungered and thirsted for holiness and fought the good fight of faith.

The Second Vatican Council said: *“Very much aware of the bonds linking the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead. Because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from sins, she has always offered prayers for them.”* Then it says, *“This most sacred Synod accepts with great devotion the venerable faith of our ancestors regarding this vital fellowship with our brethren who are in heavenly glory or who are still being purified after death. It proposes again the decrees of the Second Council of Nicea, the Council of Florence and the Council of Trent.”*

On their way to Heaven, some souls may have to spend a while in Purgatory. The word purgatory is from the Latin verb *purgare* which means to “cleanse” or to “purify”. Purgatory is a state where souls suffer for a time after death on account of their sins. In other words, it is for the souls stained or spotted with venial sins which have not been forgiven during earthly life and for souls which still have temporal punishment to undergo for mortal sins which have been forgiven in this life.

If we pray for someone who is already in Heaven, God will use our prayers for other souls in need of prayer. There are, indeed, many deceased who have no one to pray for them. The souls in Purgatory are called *Poor Souls* because they stand in need of our help. They are also called *Holy Souls* because they are in a state of grace; they sin no more and they are sure of their salvation. They realize that nothing spotted or unclean can enter the pure white presence of the ALL-HOLY God. They accept their suffering with resignation to the will of God.

Our Christian charity urges us to pray to God, the loving Father, to grant all our brothers and sisters who have left this world refreshment, light and peace. The Souls in Purgatory cannot pray to shorten the time of their *purification*. However, they can pray and offer their pain for the souls on earth. How long the souls remain in Purgatory depends on their guilt and the assistance we send them. The Church recommends various ways to help the Souls in Purgatory, including the Divine Liturgy (first and foremost); communion; almsgiving; charitable works; penance; mortification; indulgences; and all kinds of prayers, private or public. Some people become upset when they hear that their loved ones can be suffering in Purgatory. But the intense pains in Purgatory are mingled with intense joys. How joy can exist amid torment and pain is something of a mystery. There is mystery in the case of the martyrs who felt a sense of peace and joy beyond expression in their most terrible tortures. There is mystery in the case of the mother who, during delivery, endures the suffering of childbirth with the joy of giving life to her tiny loved one. If suffering and happiness can be mingled here on earth, how much more harmoniously can they be mingled in that other life of waiting for God? We pray for the Souls in Purgatory because they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can pray and offer their suffering for those on earth, and when they are in Heaven they see that those who have prayed for them are rewarded.

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., February 3-4 and until Feb.9
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed***

Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4 and following weekdays: All Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this first weekend of the month.

- ✠ Adib & Sadie Chidiac (parents), Nadim (brother) and Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos
- ✠ Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Pat Sengewalt
- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) and Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Stees and Libby Magnone
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna O. Shibben (FL)
- ✠ Catherine Arthur by her daughter Carol Burkhart
- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey and Howard families by Lou and Charlotte and Emmalena and Louie
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Al Felici by their children Brian & Francie Felici and Stephanie Richards & Families
- ✠ Holly Bine by his wife Shirley and Family
- ✠ Linda Hostutler by Gary Weisner
- ✠ Mary & George Popovich by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Augie Montalbano by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Helen & Don Fielding by Joe & Nikki Popovich
- ✠ Suffering of Jesus in his agony in the Garden by Joe & Nikki Popovich

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, February 5: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, February 6, Mass at Noon: Mass for the Faithful departed

Wednesday, February 7: No Mass. Office work.

Thursday, February 8, Mass at Noon: Mass for the Faithful Departed

Friday, February 9, Mass at Noon: Saint Maron Feast Day: Mass for the Faithful departed

***Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun., February 10-11:
Entrance to Lent: Cana Sunday***

Saturday, February 10, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Eva M. Coury (Anniversary) by Richard Coury
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 11, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Mary Stees by Carol Dougherty (OK)
- ✠ John Shibben by Denna O. Shibben (FL)
- ✠ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton

Coming Parish Events

Breakfast in honor of Msgr Bakhos on his birthday

On Sunday, February, 11th after 10:30 am Mass, the Women Society and the Cedar Club and the Parish Council are preparing a breakfast to honor Msgr Bakhos on his 73rd birthday. Please join us.

<h3><i>Ash Monday & Wednesday Mass Schedule</i></h3>
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“Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” On Ash Monday, we will have two Masses and blessing with Ashes at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed during the two Masses on Ash Wednesday at Noon and 5:30 p.m. for those who missed it on Monday.

Ash Monday, February 12:

12:00 Noon: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Ash Wednesday, February 14:

12:00 Noon: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Sunday, April 28	Mother Day dinner after 10:00 am Mass
Saturday, May 11	Bake Sale. More details in next bulletins.

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

February 4: Lindsay Carl
 February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Michael DiFabrizio
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth
 February 11: Charlotte Khourey
 February 14: Diane Frenn
 February 15: Nettie Seidler
 February 16: Dave Sengewalt
 February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
 February 18: Larry Ferrera III
 February 21: Louie Khourey, Dennis Porter
 February 24: Mary Lee Porter
 February 27: MaryAnn Carl
 March 2: Ava Murad
 March 4: Jeff Sengewalt

<h3><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></h3>	
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\$1,126.00	Sunday Collection
399.00	2 nd collection: Eparchial charities
66.00	Candles
28.00	Coffee hour
25.00	Donation to the church
700.00	Mercy meal: Mary Stees
2,350.00	Donations to the church in Memory of Mary Stees
25.00	Mahrajan: Market Place
\$4,719.00	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)

Dolores Oser, Sally Sengewalt, Anthony Wakim, Frank Duymich, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Rex Strawn, Sandra DeMuth, Ken Imer, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Earl Ragase, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter),

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

What's New?

Spirituality: God won't ask

God won't ask what kind of car you drove,
But He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask about the square of your house,
But He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet,
But He'll ask how many you helped to clothe

God won't ask about your social status,
But He'll ask what kind of class you displayed.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had,
But He'll ask if they dictated your life.

God won't ask what your highest salary was,
But He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask how much overtime you worked,
But He'll ask if your overtime work was for yourself or for your family.

God won't ask how many promotions you received,
But He'll ask how you promoted others.

God won't ask what your job title was,
But He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask what you did to help yourself,
But He'll ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask how many friends you had,
But He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask what you did to protect your rights,
But He'll ask what you did to protect the rights of others.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived,
But He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about how many times your deeds matched your words,
But He'll ask how many times they didn't.

Wisdom: Problem solving

LOOK TO YOURSELF

To give advice is to place oneself above one's fellow, thereby obstructing the spiritual fellowship in which alone he can be helped. The best way to help one's wife or husband to make headway in life is to go ahead oneself. When the children become particularly difficult, the parents have only to ask themselves what is wrong within, and to correct that. I see many people who would like to solve a marital problem before having solved their most elementary personal problem. Real problems are not between them but in each of the partners themselves.

Story

I'm Up One Day and Down the Next

I would like you to please pray for me.

I think I have head-knowledge but very little understanding. Sometimes I think I am lazy, other times too overanxious. I would love to just experience ongoing joy, peace, and victory in serving God but I haven't arrived. I'm up one day and down the next.

I think that at this stage in my life there are a couple things that I need to develop. One is hearing the voice of God and knowing without a doubt that it is the Holy Spirit counseling, correcting, and guiding me. I just can't seem to know His voice. I haven't seen or heard from my mom or daughter for awhile, but if they were to speak, I believe I could discern their voices clearly. I also feel I spend too much time doing other things rather than really getting grounded in study and prayer. But I think overall I need to learn God's voice and obey Him.

I pray and I know that I need a personal experience with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Continue to keep me in your prayers that my faith fail not.

"My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the LORD, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the LORD disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts. Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?(Hebrews 12:5-7)

A Time to Laugh (101)

Disliked Dictator

The dictator of a small country was bitterly disappointed that nobody would use the newly issued postage stamps bearing his portrait. He questioned his postmaster, who explained that the stamps were not sticking. Seizing a stamp, the dictator licked it and stuck it on an envelope. "Look!" he shouted. "It sticks perfectly!" The postmaster faltered for a moment, then explained, "Well, sir, the truth is that the people have been spitting on the wrong side."

Pray Informed Prayers

Rev. Arley Fadness of Harrisburg, South Dakota, told of being a student at Augustana Academy in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On Sunday afternoons the students would go in small groups to a nearby hospital to visit the sick and take turns praying for their recovery. Finally, it was Fadness's turn. Nervously he prayed for God to heal the woman and spare her any recurrence of the illness. After his "Amen" he went back into the hall, only to be told that they were in the maternity ward!

Realistic Dental Care

In health class a teacher asked a six-year-old what he did to protect his teeth. "I watch out for kids pushing at the drinking fountain," he said.

Diet to Die For

Eat right, exercise regularly, die anyway.

Something for the Cough

A teacher walked over to a student who was coughing uncontrollably and said, "That's quite a cough you have there! What are you taking for that cough?"

The student, between coughs, answered, "I don't know, teacher. What will you give me for it?"

Tooth Fairy Nightmare

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly canes, walkers, and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

Famous Quotes (9)

- Never forget what a man says to you when he is angry. (Henry ward Beecher)
- When anger rises, think of the consequences. (Confucius)
- The great thing, when you are angry, is to kick, if only in fantasy, anybody or anything but yourself. (Brendan Francis)
- When angry, count four; when very angry, swear. (Mark Twain)
- "Never do anything when you are in a temper, for you will do everything wrong." (Baltasar Gracian)
- Anger is what arouses you to challenge a situation. Aim to use it to improve things. Often, with it, you can change things. (Walter McQuade)
- Eat a third and drink a third and leave the remaining third of your stomach empty. Then, when you get angry, there will be sufficient room for your rage. (Babylonian Talmud)
- Rouse not the anger of a multitude, though it be but a nest of wasps. (John Lancaster Spalding)
- Don't be afraid to express anger (hiding it is even more stressful than letting it out), but choose your fights; don't hassle over every little thing. You can also give in once in a while, instead of always insisting you are right and others are wrong. (Jane E. Brody)
- Anger punishes itself.
- Angry men seldom want woe.
- Beware the fury of a patient man. (John Dryden)
- Anger is a bad counselor. (French proverb)
- Anger renders the man insane and the prophet dumb. (Hebrew proverb)
- Anger manages everything badly. (Statius)
- However weak the hand, anger gives it strength. (Ovid)
- It is hidden wrath that harms. (Seneca)
- The greatest remedy for anger is delay. (Seneca)
- Anger is as a stone cast into a wasp's nest. (Malabar proverb)
- An angry man is again angry with himself when he returns to reason. (Publilius Syrus)
- Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not only a present evil, but that you have increased a habit. (Epictetus)
- When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry. (Thomas Haliburton)
- Animals:
 - To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs. (Aldous Huxley)
- Answers:
 - Answers are what we have for other people's problems.
 - No answer is also an answer. (Danish proverb)
- Anticipation:
 - If pleasures are greatest in anticipation, just remember that this is also true of trouble. (Elbert Hubbard)
 - A man's delight in looking forward to and hoping for some particular satisfaction is a part of the pleasure flowing out of it, enjoyed in advance. But this is afterward deducted, for the more we look forward to anything, the less we enjoy it when it comes. (Arthur Schopenhauer)
 - We love to expect, and when expectation is either disappointed or gratified, we want to be again expecting. (Samuel Johnson)
 - Nothing is so wretched or foolish as to anticipate misfortunes. What madness is to be expecting evil before it comes. (Seneca)