

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Sunday of the Leper

*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

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*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.

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Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Rom 6:12-23 and Mk 1:35-43

You can imagine this leper's excitement to know that Jesus the Messiah, of whom the prophets prophesied, was coming his way. He knew that he was condemned by the society and he felt it and suffered much because of that. He very well understood that he was supposed to stay away from people because his disease was contagious. But he knew that this was his last chance. If the Messiah, would not heal him, no one else would. He has lost trust in the society that rejected him and put his full trust in Christ, the Son of God, the Divine Physician and the Medicine of Life. He run toward Jesus and professed his faith in him saying, "Lord, if you will you can make me clean."

Jesus did an extraordinary act by touching him, something that was forbidden by law. That little gesture said a lot about Jesus. He was saying to the leper, "you are important, you are a part of me. You have a dignity because my Father created you and he created everybody else. You are a child of God and therefore you deserve respect."

In his compassion and mercy, Jesus healed the Leper and restored his soul and body, revealing God's compassion toward his children.

Jesus came not to heal the healthy but the sick. He comes not to forgive the saints, but sinners, and who of us is not a sinner and does not need Christ constantly in his and her life?

Jesus always feels compassion toward anyone in need, toward anyone who asks for help. He is the compassion of God in action. He came to touch our souls, to renew our minds, to purify our hearts and spirits with his presence and with the power of his love.

In healing the leper, Jesus gave him a new life. Most importantly he restored him back to the community. Not only his disease was gone, but so is the exclusion, the excommunication and the broken relationship. The healed person is now welcomed back into society, and the community is reconciled. When Jesus healed the leper, the whole community was healed. When Jesus touches a person who is excluded, everyone is healed and reconciled.

Today, each one of us is urged to bring his and her leprosy to Jesus to heal them. We all have to learn first from the leper and identify ourselves with him. Each one of us has leprosy of the heart or the soul. We need to go to Christ in our brokenness, our weakness, our frailty and ask for help, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

Then, once Jesus shows compassion to us, we will want to show compassion to each other and to every one around us. Jesus is always compassionate and we are his followers, which means we have to become people of compassion too. We have to show compassion to everywhere.

Like Jesus, we have to side with the leper and the weak of our time, cultivate a heart of compassion, stretch out our hands, touch them, heal them, and welcome them back into the community. We have to reconcile with everyone everywhere.

In the Sermon of the Mount, Jesus, said to us, "Be compassionate as God." This is the heart of our Lenten journey my brothers and sisters, this is the heart of our spiritual life toward heaven, this is what mature Christianity looks like, this is the goal of our journey, to receive his healing and love and to pass it on to others unconditionally.

During this season of Lent, we are all urged to approach Jesus like the leper with faith and humility, falling on our knees before him. Pleading with him saying, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." I need you Lord, I submit to you my whole life, body, soul and spirit, cleanse me and purify with the hyssop of your mercy. To you be glory forever.

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner (Every Friday during Lent)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Cross. The "Stations of the Cross" is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary. Many Thanks to these generous families who sponsored light meatless dinners after the Stations of the Cross. If any other family wants to participate in the social hour, please ask and join the families listed below.

Date:	Volunteers Who are sponsoring the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
2 nd Friday, February 23	Meal Sponsors: Susan & Ron Burns
3 rd Friday, March 1	Meal Sponsors: Dr. Nabiel & Nisrine Alkhouri and Family
4 th Friday, March 8	Meal Sponsor: Liz & Jay Murad
5 th Friday, March 15	Meal Sponsors: George & Susan Saseen and the Frenn Family
6 th Friday, March 22	Meal Sponsors: Don & Lori Nickerson
Good Friday, March 29	Meal Sponsors: The Cedar Club & Parishioners
Easter Sunday, March 31	Happy Easter

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., Feb. 17-18: Sunday of the Leper

Saturday, February 17, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- Prosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- Property Bob Sengewalt by his grandchildren: Jeff, Courtney and Patrick
- 8 Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus
- **§** Special Intention

Sunday, February 18, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- 8 Special Intentions of Barb McLaughlin (Birthday) by the McLaughlin and Graney Families
- 8 Good health of Julia Schiess by her father Leo Bleifus
- ☆ Mary Stees by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ₱ Robert Rose (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, February 19: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, February 20, Mass at Noon:

- Prosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- 🕆 Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will
- ☆ Mary Stees by Denise Ferris

Wednesday, February 21: No Mass. Office works.

Thursday, February 22, Mass at Noon:

- ₱ Judith Wolfe (Anniversary) and Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- ♣ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)
- ☆ Mary Stees by Denise Ferris

Friday, February 23: Mass at 5:30 pm followed by Stations and Benediction & Light Dinner

- ₱ Mary Stees by Mary Lee & Dennis Porter
- ₱ Mike & Sue Linton and their parents Joe and Frances Linton by Steve Linton
- ♣ John Shiben by Denna O. Shiben (FL)

Next Weekend: Sat.-Sun., Feb. 24-25: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

Saturday, February 24, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- 🕆 Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ₱ Mary Stees by Jean Weisner and Family

Sunday, February 25, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ₱ 40-Day Mass for Mary Stees by Libby Magnone
- ♣ Lance Crowley by his mother-in-law Rosalie Conti

Coming Parish Events

Sunday, February 18	Cedar Club Meeting after 10:30 am Mass
Sunday, April 28	Mother Day dinner after 10:30 am Mass
Mother Day Masses	2 weekends Masses for Mothers & Grandmothers (May 11-19)
Saturday, May 11	Bake Sale. More details in next bulletins.
Father Day Masses	2 weekends Masses for Fathers & Grandfathers (June 15-23)

Easter Lillies Donated in Memory of:

- 🕆 Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Lois H. Khourey, Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ₱ Mary Stees by Denise Ferris
- 🕆 Adib & Sadie (parents), Nadim (brother), Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- ₱ Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ♣ Bob Saseen by his wife Fran
- ₱ Deceased of the Duffy and Fadoul Families by Earl & Linda Duffy
- The Matthew Siebieda and Charles & Della Cettorelli by Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- \$\footnote{\text{P}}\$ Shirley Elias Nickerson and Deceased of the Elias Family by Tammy Strong
- ♣ In Honor of Ron Weisner
- Philip Geimer and the Deceased Family of Thomasina Geimer
- Pearl Shutler by her daughter Janet Shutler
- Property Bob Shutler by his sister Janet Shutler
- † Nimon & Miriam Joseph Family by the Joseph and Weisner Families
- ♣ In Honor of Michael Duymich
- The Deceased of the Wakim and Yeater Families by Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- The Mary Stees by the Jay & Liz Murad Family
- † Danny & Milly Manners by their daughter Nini Miller

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Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month:

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

March 6: Kristen McLaughlin

March 10: Liam George March 15: Shelby Imer March 16: Mia Ferrera

March 18: Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros

Your Church Support Last Week	
\$948.00	Sunday Collection
56.00	Candles
589.00	Donation to the church
200.00	Donations to the church in Memory of Mary Stees
558.00	Easter Lillies
\$2351.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!
	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?

Parish Condolences: Dana Burkhart

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Burkhart Family on the loss of their beloved Dana who was the husband of our beloved parishioner Carol Burkhart. Msgr. Bakhos celebrated the funeral service on Tuesday, February 13th at Altmeyer Funeral Homes. 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.

In our Mailbox

Dear Msgr. Bakhos, We have a Saint Sharbel Retreat on Saturday March 23 at the Center and I wanted to see if you would be willing to announce it to anyone that might be interested in attending. The spots are filling up but I would love to connect with your parish. There will be a guest Speaker Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek, Priest, Franciscan Friar and author of the book 'For the Love of Mary'.

Here is the Agenda:

Friday March 22: Saint Sharbel Day at the Center (Confessions available all day).

2pm-4pm Registration, Quiet reading/meditation

3pm Stations of the Cross

4pm Eucharistic Adoration

5pm Rosary

5:30pm Divine Liturgy and blessing with Relic of St. Sharbel and holy oil

7:30pm-Dinner and Discussion

Saturday March 23: Retreat Day

7:30am-8:15am: Continental Breakfast

8:15am: Chaplet of Saint Charbel

8:30am-10am: Saint Sharbel with Dr. Anne Borik

10am-10:15am: Break

10:15am-11:45am Eucharistic Miracles with Dr. Anne Borik

12Noon-1:15pm: Lunch

1:30pm-2:45pm: SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER Fr. Daniel-Maria Klimek, a Catholic Priest, Franciscan Friar and Mariologist who has taught at Franciscan University of Steubenville and St. Bonaventure University. Author of the book "For the Love of Mary'. He will speak about diving into a deeper spirituality/intimacy with

Our Lady.

2:45pm-3pm: Break

3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Holy Rosary

4pm: Divine Liturgy and blessing with holy oil of Saint Sharbel

6pm-8pm: Dinner and Wrap up

IMPORTANT: If anyone is traveling from out of town, we have room accommodations at the Martina Spiritual

Renewal Center (only 8 mi from the Center). Please email me if you are interested.

Cost: \$45 includes all meals and Saint Sharbel Chaplet and material handouts.

I will send you a flyer.

Blessings, Anne Borik cell 480-628-3929. www.saintsharbelcenter.org

Spirituality: God is Love

God's love is miraculous as a newborn brought into the world.

God's love is more fulfilling than a Thanksgiving dinner.

God's love is nurturing as a mother holding her child in her arms.

God's love is satisfying as a big smile from a loved one.

God's love is bigger than the blessed Earth and beyond.

God's love is beyond any love you could imagine.

God's love is blessed as someone sick that is brought back to health.

God's love is strong as the Spirit given, that lives within us.

God's love is more wonderful than all of natures beauties.

God's love is as beautiful as the image that He made us.

God's love is imagery greater than the greatest artist in creation.

God's love is great as the healing Jesus that He sent us.

God's love is more healing than the worlds most helpful medicine.

God's love is helpful as a pure heart.

God's love is pure, as it was given out of pure love.

And pure love we give back as strong as the souls that he gave us.

Thank You O Lord for this amazing love that you give us.

Wisdom: Rambling Thoughts

Rambling thoughts to make your day go faster

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs"?

Story

There was a certain Professor of Religion named Chris, a studious man who taught at a small college in the western United States.

Dr. Chris taught the required survey course in Christianity at this particular institution. Every student was required to take this course his or her freshman year, regardless of his or her major. Although Dr Chris tried hard to communicate the essence of the gospel in his class, he found that most of his students looked upon the course as nothing but required drudgery. Despite his best efforts, most students refused to take Christianity seriously.

This year, Dr. Chris had a special student named Steve. Steve was only a freshman, but was studying with the intent of going onto seminary for the ministry. Steve was popular, he was well liked, and he was an imposing physical specimen. He was now the starting center on the school football team, and was the best student in the professor's class.

One day, Dr. Chris asked Steve to stay after class so he could talk with him.

"How many push-ups can you do?"

Steve said, "I do about 200 every night."

"200? That's pretty good, Steve," Dr. Chris said. "Do you think you could do 300?"

Steve replied, "I don't know ... I've never done 300 at a time."

"Do you think you could?" again asked Dr. Chris.

"Well, I can try," said Steve.

"Can you do 300 in sets of 10? I have a class project in mind and I need you to do about 300 push-ups in sets of ten for this to work. Can you do it?

I need you to tell me you can do it," said the professor.

Steve said, "Well ... I think I can ... yeah, I can do it"

Dr. Chris said, "Good! I need you to do this on Friday. Let me explain what I have in mind."

Friday came and Steve got to class early and sat in the front of the room. When class started, the professor pulled out a big box of donuts. No, these weren't the normal kinds of donuts, they were the extra fancy BIG kind, with cream centers and frosting swirls. Everyone was pretty excited it was Friday, the last class of the day, and they were going to get an early start on the weekend with a party in Dr. Chris's class. Dr. Chris went to the first girl in the first row and asked, "Cynthia, do you want to have one of these donuts?" Cynthia said, "Yes."

Dr. Chris then turned to Steve and asked, "Steve, would you do ten push-ups so that Cynthia can have a donut?" "Sure." Steve jumped down from his desk to do a quick ten. Then Steve again sat in his desk. Dr. Chris put a donut on Cynthia's desk.

Dr. Chris then went to Joe, the next person, and asked, "Joe, do you want a donut?"

Joe said, "Yes." Dr. Chris asked, "Steve would you do ten push-ups so Joe can have a donut?"

Steve did ten push-ups, Joe got a donut. And so it went, down the first aisle, Steve did ten pushups for every person before they got their donut.

Walking down the second aisle, Dr. Chris came to Scott. Scott was on the basketball team, and in as good condition as Steve. He was very popular and never lacking for female companionship. When the professor asked, "Scott do you want a donut?" Scott's reply was, "Well, can I do my own pushups?"

Dr. Chris said, "No, Steve has to do them." Then Scott said, "Well, I don't want one then." Dr. Chris shrugged and then turned to Steve and asked, "Steve, would you do ten pushups so Scott can have a donut he doesn't want?"

With perfect obedience Steve started to do ten pushups.

Scott said, "HEY! I said I didn't want one!"

Dr. Chris said, "Look! This is my classroom, my class, my desks, and these are my donuts. Just leave it on the desk if you don't want it." And he put a donut on Scott's desk.

Now by this time, Steve had begun to slow down a little. He just stayed on the floor between sets because it took too much effort to be getting up and down. You could start to see a little perspiration coming out around his brow.

Dr. Chris started down the third row. Now the students were beginning to get a little angry. Dr. Chris asked Jenny, "Jenny, do you want a donut?"

Sternly, Jenny said, "No."

Then Dr. Chris asked Steve, "Steve, would you do ten more push-ups so Jenny can have a donut that she doesn't want?"

Steve did ten ... Jenny got a donut.

By now, a growing sense of uneasiness filled the room. The students were beginning to say "No" and there were all these uneaten donuts on the desks. Steve also had to really put forth a lot of extra effort to get these pushups done for each donut. There began to be a small pool of sweat on the floor beneath his face, his arms and brow were beginning to get red because of the physical effort involved.

Dr. Chris asked Robert, who was the most vocal unbeliever in the class, to watch Steve do each push up to make sure he did the full ten pushups in a set because he couldn't bear to watch all of Steve's work for all of those uneaten donuts. He sent Robert over to where Steve was so Robert could count the set and watch Steve closely.

Dr. Chris started down the fourth row. During his class, however, some students from other classes had wandered in and sat down on the steps along the radiators that ran down the sides of the room. When the professor realized this, he did a quick count and saw that now there were 34 students in the room. He started to worry if Steve would be able to make it.

Dr. Chris went on to the next person and the next and the next. Near the end of that row, Steve was really having a rough time. He was taking a lot more time to complete each set.

Steve asked Dr Chris, "Do I have to make my nose touch on each one?"

Dr. Chris thought for a moment, "Well, they're your pushups. You are in charge now. You can do them any way that you want." And Dr. Chris went on.

A few moments later, Jason, a recent transfer student, came to the room and was about to come in when all the students yelled in one voice, "NO! Don't come in! Stay out!"

Jason didn't know what was going on. Steve picked up his head and said, "No, let him come."

Professor Chris said, "You realize that if Jason comes in you will have to do ten pushups for him?" Steve said, "Yes, let him come in. Give him a donut"

Dr. Chris said, "Okay, Steve, I'll let you get Jason's out of the way right now. Jason, do you want a donut?" Jason, new to the room, hardly knew what was going on. "Yes," he said, "give me a donut."

"Steve, will you do ten push-ups so that Jason can have a donut?"

Steve did ten pushups very slowly and with great effort. Jason, bewildered, was handed a donut and sat down.

Dr. Chris finished the fourth row, and then started on those visitors seated by the heaters. Steve's arms were now shaking with each push-up in a struggle to lift himself against the force of gravity. By this time sweat was profusely dropping off of his face, there was no sound except his heavy breathing; there was not a dry eye in the room.

The very last two students in the room were two young women, both cheerleaders, and very popular. Dr. Chris went to Linda, the second to last, and asked, "Linda, do you want a doughnut?" Linda said, very sadly, "No, thank you." Professor Chris quietly asked, "Steve, would you do ten push-ups so that Linda can have a donut she doesn't want?"

Grunting from the effort, Steve did ten very slow pushups for Linda. Then Dr Chris turned to the last girl, Susan. "Susan, do you want a donut?"

Susan, with tears flowing down her face, began to cry. "Dr. Chris, why can't I help him?"

Dr. Chris, with tears of his own, said, "No, Steve has to do it alone, I have given him this task and he is in charge of seeing that everyone has an opportunity for a donut whether they want it or not. When I decided to have a party this last day of class, I looked at my grade book. Steve here is the only student with a perfect grade.

Everyone else has failed a test, skipped class, or offered me inferior work. Steve told me that in football practice, when a player messes up he must do push-ups. I told Steve that none of you could come to my party unless he paid the price by doing your push ups. He and I made a deal for your sakes."

"Steve, would you do ten push-ups so Susan can have a donut?" As Steve very slowly finished his last pushup, with the understanding that he had accomplished all that was required of him, having done 350 pushups, his arms buckled beneath him and he fell to the floor.

Dr. Chris turned to the room and said, "And so it was, that our Savior, Jesus Christ, on the cross, plead to the Father, 'into thy hands I commend my spirit.' With the understanding that He had done everything that was required of Him, He yielded up His life. And like some of those in this room, many of us leave the gift on the desk, uneaten."

Two students helped Steve up off the floor and to a seat, physically exhausted, but wearing a thin smile. "Well done, good and faithful servant," said the professor, adding "Not all sermons are preached in words." Turning to his class, the professor said, "My wish is that you might understand and fully comprehend all the riches of grace and mercy that have been given to you through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He spared not only His Begotten Son, but gave Him up for us all, for the whole Church, now and forever. Whether or not we choose to accept His gift to us, the price has been paid." "Wouldn't you be foolish and ungrateful to leave it lying on the desk?"

A Time to Laugh (103)

Idiots in service:

This week, all our office phones went dead and I had to contact the telephone repair people. They promised to be out between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. When I asked if they could give me a smaller time window, the pleasant gentleman asked, "Would you like us to call you before we come?" I replied that I didn't see how he would be able to do that, since our phones weren't working. He also requested that we report future outages by email. Does YOUR email work without a telephone line?

Idiots at work:

I was signing the receipt for my credit card purchase when the clerk noticed I had never signed my name on the back of the credit card. She informed me that she could not complete the transaction unless the card was signed. When I asked why, she explained that it was necessary to compare the signature I had just signed on the receipt. So I signed the credit card in front of her. She carefully compared the signature to the one I had just signed on the receipt. As luck would have it, they matched.

Idiots in the neighborhood:

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason: too many deer were being hit by cars and he didn't want them to cross there anymore.

Idiots in food service:

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

Innocent humorous Kids:

It was that time during the Sunday morning service for "the children's sermon," and all the children were invited to come forward. One little girl was wearing a particularly pretty dress and, as she sat down, the pastor leaned over and said to her, "That is a very pretty dress. Is it your Easter dress?" The little girl replied, directly into the pastor's clip-on microphone, "Yes, and my Mom says it's hell to iron."

Famous Quotes (11)

Apology

--Never make a defense or apology before you be accused. (King Charles)

Appearance

- --All things are less dreadful than they seem.
- --Appearances are very deceitful. (French proverb)
- -- Things are not always what they seem. (Phaedrus)
- --All that glitters is not gold. (Miguel de Cervantes)
- --You are only what you are when no one is looking. (Robert C. Edwards)
- --The bosom can ache beneath diamond brooches; and many a blithe heart dances under coarse wool. Edwin (Hubbel Chapin)
- -- The proof of the pudding is in the eating, not in its looks.
- --Half the work that is done in this world is to make things appear what they are not. (Elias Root Beadle)
- --There are no greater wretches in the world than many of those whom people in general take to be happy. (Seneca)

Appeasment

--Appeasers believe that if you keep on throwing steaks to a tiger, the tiger will turn vegetarian. (Heywood Broun)

Appetite

- --He who cheats his appetite avoids debt. (Chinese proverb)
- -- A stomach that is seldom empty despises common food. (Horace)
- --Seek an appetite by hard toil. (Horace)
- --Always rise from the table with an appetite, and you will never sit down without one. (William Penn)
- -- The one thing bigger than my stomach is my appetite.

Appreciation

- --We never know the worth of water till the well is dry. (English proverb)
- --I now perceive one immense omission in my Psychology—the deepest principle of Human Nature is the craving to be appreciated. (William James)