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Bulletin #8

## *Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church*

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### *Sunday of the Faithful Departed*

- \***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Joe Roxby
- \***Altar Boy:** Christopher AlKhoury
- \***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.

## *Sunday of the Faithful Departed*

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

It's sometimes difficult in our hurried world to feel connected to those we know and love. How can we be expected to care about those we don't even know? Nonetheless, God calls us to care for all of our brothers and sisters whether they be friend or foe, near or far, rich or poor. "How?" you might ask. The ways are numerous. By praying. Through simple acts of kindness. By caring. By being informed. By learning about different cultures and ideas. By being open to unexpected opportunities to serve. By being concerned about events and happenings around us.

This week's message of unity is tied very closely to our call to discipleship. We are called in baptism to be one with each other. To love our neighbor as ourselves. To care, as Christ cares, for all people, especially the poor, the weak, those who have no power. We may find ourselves among the poor, weary, and powerless. When we do, we can look with hope and faithfulness to God: "Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest."

Discipleship is not one-sided. At times we may be on the receiving end. We can look to our brothers and sisters in Christ for help, consolation, and support. We might look to our children for models of how to seek help. Youngsters are not hesitant to seek assistance: They need to be fed, clothed, cuddled, nurtured. But adults sometimes fear reaching out for help. We must be as little children, trusting and open, to enter God's reign. We need to be present for one another -to serve and to be served.

### *Turn off your cellular phone before you enter the church*

It is a Common Sense that people silence or turn off their cellular phone before entering the church to pray and focus on prayers. Many public places display signs asking "Turn off your cell phone." It is the right of every worshiper not to be disturbed while praying. Two signs are posted inside our church to this regard. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. —Monsignor Bakhos

## *This Weekend, Feb. 22-23: Sunday of the Faithful Departed*

### Saturday, February 22; Mass at 4:00 pm:

- ✠ Bob Rose (Anniversary) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby

### Sunday, February 23; Mass at 10:30 am:

- ✠ John Shibben by his wife Dee Shibben
- ✠ Deceased Family members of our parishioners
- ✠ Mike Josephs & his mother Freda (MN) by Cyndi & Shawn Tobias

## *This Weekdays Mass Schedule*

### Monday, February 24: No Mass. Pastor's Day off.

### Tuesday, February 25; Mass at noon:

- ✠ Judith Wolfe (Anniversary) by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will

### Wednesday, February 26: No Mass.

### Thursday, February 27; Mass at noon:

- ✠ Cecilia U. John by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ Patricia Gompers (Birthday) by the Matthew Gompers Family
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

### Friday, February 28: No Mass. Visitation of the sick

## ***Next Weekend, March 1-2: Entrance to Great Lent Cana Sunday***

### **Saturday, March 1; Mass at 4:00 pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

- ✠ Deceased Family members of the Roxby Family by Joe Roxby
- ✠ John Shiben by his wife Dee Shiben
- ✠ Intentions of Cyndi & Shawn Tobias of Saint Paul, MN

### **Sunday, March 2; Mass at 10:30 am followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

- ✠ John T. John by Ron & Susan Burns
- ✠ William Dougherty (Anniversary) by his wife Carol (OK)
- ✠ John Shiben by his wife Dee Shiben

## ***Coming Parish Events***

Friday, March 7 Stations of the Cross	5:30 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross, Spiritual Reflection, and Benediction. Then social hour sponsored by Chris & Jeannette Wakim.
Holy Week schedule	Monday thru Thursday, April 14-17: Mass at 5:30 pm every day. (no noon Masses)
Good Friday, April 18	Solemn Burial of the Lord at 5:30 pm followed by Meatless dinner prepared by the Cedar Club.
Easter, Sunday, April 20	10:30 am Easter Mass
Sunday, May 11	Mother Day
Spring Bake Sale	Kibbee baking: Wednesday, May 14 Spinach pie baking: Thursday, May 15 Order pick-up: Saturday, May 17
Sunday, June 15	Father's Day
Mahrajan (Festival)	Sunday, August 10, 2025. Outdoor Mass at Oglebay at 10:00 a.m. Booths open after Mass.
Thanksgiving Bake Sale	???????

### ***Blessing with Ashes*** (Monday and Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

Ash Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ash distribution during Noon Mass and 5:30 pm Mass

Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Ash distribution during Noon Mass and 5:30 pm Mass

### ***Stations of the Cross*** (Starting Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. It 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 Lenten meal dinners for social hour after the Stations of the Cross. If any other family wants to participate in the meal for social hour, please ask and join the families listed below.

Date:	Volunteers Who are sponsoring the Light Meals on Fridays during Lent:
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday, March 14	Meal Sponsors: Susan and Ron Burns
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday, March 21	Meal Sponsors: Dr. Nabil & Nisrine Alkhouri
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday, March 28	Meal Sponsors: Liz & Jay Murad
5 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 4	Meal Sponsors: Janet Shutler, Randy Weisner and Msgr. Bakhos
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday, April 11	Meal Sponsors: George & Susan Saseen & the Frenn Family
Good Friday, April 18	Meal Sponsors: The Cedar Club & Parishioners
Easter Sunday, April 20	Happy Easter



***Easter Lillies Donated in Memory of:***

Please donate \$25.00 to sponsor a lilly or a hyacinth toward decoration the Tomb and the altar of the church at Easter. Please mention on your note: "In Loving Memory of..." May God reward you many folds.

- ✠ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Lois H. Khourey, Sr. by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family
- ✠ In Loving Memory of Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris
- ✠ In Loving Memory of Mary Stees by Denise Ferris
- ✠ In Loving Memory of Mary Zaid Stees by Jay & Liz Murad
- ✠ Adib & Sadie (parents), Nadim (brother), Mona (sister) by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- ✠ In Loving Memory of the Shutler & Nolte Families by Janet Shutler
- ✠ In Loving Memory of the Rahi and Peklinsky Families by Alicia Peklinsky
- ✠ In Loving Memory of Bob Sengewalt by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt
- ✠ In Loving Memory of beloved parents John & Cecilia John and D. William Burns and grandparents Tom & Sadie John, David & Tamamie Joseph and Sarah Burns by Susan & Ron Burns
- ✠ In Loving Memory of aunts & uncles: Louis & Cecilia Ammar, Fred & Rita John, Sister Mary Thomasina John & Roland & Julia Tappe by Susan & Ron Burns
- ✠ In Honor of Janet Shutler
- ✠ In Honor of Jean & Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ In Honor of Chris & Jeannette Wakim
- ✠ In Honor of Larry & Lillian Siebieda
- ✠ In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Nabiel Alkhouri & Family
- ✠ In Honor of Michael Duymich

### ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month***

- February 24: Mary Lee Porter
- February 27: MaryAnn Carl
- March 2: Ava Murad
- March 4: Jeff Sengewalt
- March 6: Kristen Graney
- March 15: Shelby Imer
- March 16: Mia Ferrera
- March 18: Kenny Imer, Bill Stees, Patrick Petros
- March 21: Caroline Stees McDowell
- March 22: Jennifer Imer

### ***Your Church Support Last Week***

\$798.00	Sunday Collection
70.00	Candles
37.00	Coffee hour
80.00	Easter Lillies
\$985.00	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

### ***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)  
 Mary Ragase, Becky Ferrera, Debbie Sengewalt, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Earl Duffy, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

## *What's New?*

### ***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 Building Insurance of our church which exceeds \$22,000. Any donation is accepted and helpful. We will open the basement door for you anytime. Please call 304-233-1688

## *Our Diocese Events*

### ***Maronite Academy***

The Maronite Academy is an initiative, undertaken by the Maronite Foundation, aimed at introducing young Lebanese immigrants around the world to their country of origin, Lebanon.

The Foundation is proud to announce, the opening of the 8th consecutive session of the Maronite Academy in honor of the late H. E. Michel Eddé, Founder and honorary President of the Maronite Foundation.

The candidates should be descendants of Lebanese Ancestors, aged between 20 and 30, and should undergo online courses to build their knowledge about Lebanon and the Maronite Heritage.

To increase their chances of being selected, the candidates must also complete the form on the website <https://maronitefoundation.org/LebaneseCitizenship/en> to learn more about their roots and to check if they are eligible to get their Lebanese Citizenship.

After successfully completing their online courses, the candidates will benefit from an organized two-week trip to Lebanon (August 2 to 17, 2025), hosted by the Maronite Foundation.

During their stay in Lebanon, the candidates will get to bond with their roots and explore the history of Lebanon and the Maronite Heritage through specialized seminars given by prominent figures and various site visits.

Please spread the word about the Maronite Academy program among your friends and family to register before the end of April 2025 and join the Maronite Academy!

\*Candidates must be fluent in English

We are expecting your visit soon! Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram!



The Maronite Foundation in the World [maronitefoundation.org](http://maronitefoundation.org)

### ***Maronite National Youth Conference*** (June 23-28)

Where: La Roche University, Pittsburgh

Age groups: 12-18 year old

Registration starts on: January 17, 2025

Information: [www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org)! Questions: [office@maroniteyouth.org](mailto:office@maroniteyouth.org)

### ***NAM awarness***

Our Diocese needs two parishioners interested to be the liason of the National Apostolate of Maronites Convention. Please call Msgr Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to be appointed. Thanks for your cooperation

### ***Pilgrimage to Rome & Sicily*** (August 25 to September 4)

On the occasion of the Jubilee Year 2025, our Diocese is planning a pilgrimage trip to Rome and Sicily.

When: From August 25 until September 4

Package includes: stay at 4 star hotels, meals, visit important sites, English speaking guide, bus transportations.

Cost: \$3,900 for double occupancy per person. Additional \$1,000 supplement for single occupancy.

Reservation due date: May 31, 2025. There are only 50 spots open. First come, first serve.

Reservation: please call Ivette Jackson 323-336-3168 or Jamileh Koury 918-626-9193 [info@eparchy.org](mailto:info@eparchy.org)

## *Trivia Teaser*

### *Answers to Trivia Teaser of last bulletin: "City Names"*

- 1.c = St. Petersburg.
- 2.b = St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 3.d = Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- 4.d = San Francisco, California.
- 5.c = Regina, Saskatchewan.
- 6.a = Tombstone, Arizona.
- 7.c = New York, New York
- 8.b = Sleepy Hollow.

### *This is a genuine psychological test.*

It is a story about a girl. While at the funeral of her own mother, she met this guy whom she did not know. She thought this guy was amazing, so much her dream guy she believed him to be, that she fell in love with him there and then... A few days later the girl killed her own sister.

Question: *What is her motive in killing her sister? DON'T Scroll down until you have thought what your own answer is to this question!!!!*

Answer:

She was hoping that the guy would appear at the funeral again.

If you answered this correctly, you think like a psychopath.

This was a test by a famous American psychologist used to test if one has the same mentality as a killer. Many arrested serial killers took part in this test and answered it correctly. If you didn't answer correctly, good for you.

If your friends hit the jackpot, may I suggest that you keep your distance.

## *Advice: Anxiety*

--Better be despised for too anxious apprehensions, than mined by too confident security. (Edmund Burke)

--Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything. (Mary Hemingway)

## *Question & Answer*

**Question #3: "Who is God?" Jan Rio, age 14**

Answer: God is our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sanctifier. God is the Blessed Trinity -three distinct Persons Who share the same Divine nature. God is an eternal family. God is love.

## *Giving in Scriptures: God Commands Us to Give (Christ has received)*

Saint Augustine said, "Christ has received what you have given; it has been received by the one who gave you the means to give it, it has been received by the one who at the end will give you himself."

"Everyone who helps a person in need aids three: his needy friend, himself and Me."

## *Spirituality: The Beautiful Hands Of A Priest*

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close.

We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne are not equal to them in their greatness, their dignity stands all alone.

And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and of sin, it's the hand of a priest that will absolve us, not once, but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast.

But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress.

When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide you and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us may our courage and strength be increased by seeing raised over us in blessing the beautiful hands of a priest!

### ***Wisdom: Time is eternal***

Every moment comes to you pregnant with a divine purpose, time being so precious that God deals it out only second by second. Once it leaves your hands and your power to do with it as you please, it plunges into eternity, to remain forever what you made of it. --Bishop Fulton Sheen

### ***Story: No charge for love***

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups. And set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat of the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money." The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?" "Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up.... "I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands." With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy. "How much?" asked the little boy. "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love."

The world is full of people in need of someone who understand.

### ***Jokes (155)***

#### ***Johnny And The Teacher***

One day an atheist teacher asked Johnny "Do you see that tree out there?" John replied, "Yes, I do". "OK then do you see the grass?"

"Well sure I see the grass". "Go outside and tell me if you see the sky". He came back in and said, "Well sure its there its always there." "OK now go outside and look at the sky and tell me if you see God."

Johnny comes back in and said, "Well no I didn't see him". "That's because he doesn't exist!" So little Anna stood up and said, "Can I ask Johnny some questions"? "Well I guess I don't see anything wrong with that." "Johnny do you see that tree?" "Yes" Johnny said (Getting a little tired of

the teacher." "Do you see the teachers brain?" "Well, no I don't." "Does that mean it doesn't exist?"

### The Saints

During the Meigi era two well-known teachers lived in Tokyo; as unlike each other it was possible to be. One, Unsho, a Shingon teacher, was a man who meticulously observed every one of Buddha's precepts. He rose well before dawn, retired when the night was young, ate nothing after the sun had passed its zenith and drank no intoxicating drinks. The other, Tanzan, was a philosophy professor at the Imperial Todai University. He observed no precepts for he ate when he felt like eating and slept even during the daytime.

One day Unsho visited Tanzan and found him in his cups. This was quite scandalous since not even a drop is supposed to touch the tongue of a Buddhist. "hello, my friend," Tanzan exclaimed. "Will you come in and have a drink with me?" Unsho was outraged. But he said in a controlled voice: "I never drink." "One who does not drink is not human, surely," said Tanzan.

This time Unsho lost his temper. "Do you mean to say I am inhuman because I do not touch what the Buddha explicitly forbade? If I am not human, what I am?" "A Buddha," said Tanzan happily. Tanzan's manner of dying was as ordinary as was his manner of living. On the last day of his life he wrote sixty postcards, each of which read: "I am departing from this world. This is my last announcement. Tanzan, July 27, 1892." He asked a friend to mail these cards for him, then quietly passed away.

## *Fishing hobby and bad Temper*

A man was fishing in the northern mountains. One day his guide took to telling him anecdotes about the bishop whose guide he had been the previous summer.

"Yes," the guide was saying, "*He is a good man except for his language.*"

"*Are you saying that the bishop swears?*" asked the man.

"Oh, but of course, sir," said the guide. Once he caught a fine salmon. Just as he was about to land it, the fish slipped off the hook. So I say to the bishop: "*that is damned bad luck!*" and the bishop, he looks me straight in the eye and he says: "*Yes, it is indeed!*" *But that's the only time I heard the bishop use such language.*

## *Famous Quotes (52)*

Matthew Chapter 5: 17-20 (Teaching About the Law)

Jesus said:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Be sure you do not perform your acts of piety before men, for them to watch; if you do that, you have no title to a reward from your father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in synagogues, and in streets, to win the esteem of men. Believe me, they have their reward already, But when you give alms, you shall not so much as let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so secret is your almsgiving to be; and then, your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, you are not to be like hypocrites, who love to stand praying in synagogues or at street corners, to be a mark for men's eyes; believe me, they have a reward already. But when you are praying, go into your inner room and shut the door upon yourself, and so pray to your Father in secret; and then your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.