

March 22, 2009
Bulletin # 12

Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

Faith † Family † Friends

2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Rectory: (304) 233-1688 • Fax: (304) 233-4714

E-Mail: ololwv@Comcast.net • Web Site: www.ololwv.com

Rev. Bakhos Chidiac (Pastor)

Evelyn Ghaphery (Organist)

Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer (Secretaries)

Healing of the Paralytic



Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- *Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start at 10:10 a.m.]
- *Weekday Masses: **At Noon.** Please refer to the Mass schedule on page 3 of this bulletin for Mass times and changes due to special events. Thank you for your cooperation.
- *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: Every 1st Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m. & 1st Sunday after Communion
- *Miraculous Medal Novena: Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- *Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- *Baptism: Kindly phone the Pastor as soon as the baby is born. Godparents must be Catholics.
- *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 any time at (304) 233-1688
- *Parish Council: Lou Khourey 277-3230, Linda Duffy 242-6853, Tom George 336-7142, P.J. Lenz 242-5606 and Carol Dougherty (740) 782-0146
- *Choir Members: Rita Thomas Strawn, Shirley George, Allison Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski, Earl Duffy, Lou Khourey, Robert Vawter, Jody & Abbie Seabright, Tracey Dierkes
- *Altar Boys: Louie Khourey & Dalton Haas
- *Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President 242-6853
- *Women's Society: Sandra Dusick, President 232-7395



- *Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- *Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- *If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Fr. Bakhos. Deadline is: Every Tuesday by Noon
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy and invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday – all spaces are for parishioners; Monday through Friday – park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Gospel Reflection: Healing of the Paralytic

Readings: 1 Tim 5:24-6:5 and Mk 2:1-12

“One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal.” (Luke 5:17-26)

It can be discouraging to compare our lives with that of Jesus because we fall so far short of being what he was. But in today’s gospel, Jesus is distracted. Now that is something with which we can all identify.

Distractions are the bane of our existence. When we are praying, our minds wander seemingly of their own accord. Too often when we are with friends, we long for solitude. Then when we have our longed-for solitude, we wish we were with friends. When we are busy, we wish for tranquility; when we are tranquil, we think of things we should be doing.

I forget who said it but I have taken great comfort in the saying, “When we are praying and distractions come, we should not fight the distractions because they are God’s way of telling us what should be the subject of our prayer.” Distractions are God’s way of breaking into our monologues to make sure that he is heard. In today’s gospel, Jesus has decided to teach but his Father wants him to heal, so Jesus’ mind wanders. Jesus does not fight the distraction but smoothly moves from teaching to healing. Advent is a good time to pay more attention to our distractions and to see them as God’s way of correcting the course of our day.

Lenten Meditation: Offering Ourselves – Sins and All

“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations...” (Isaiah 42:6)

When all is said and done, what we must learn above all is to offer ourselves-imperfections and all-to God. If we keep waiting until we are “worthy” of God, we will move farther rather than closer to Him. It is through our broken, vulnerable, mortal ways of being that the healing power of the eternal God becomes visible to us.

We are called each day to present to the Lord the whole of our lives-our joys as well as sorrows, our successes as well as failures, our hopes as well as fears. We are called to do so with our limited means, our stuttering words and halting expressions. In this way we will come to know in mind and heart the unceasing prayer of God’s Spirit in us. Our many prayers are in fact confessions of our inability to pray. But they are confessions that enable us to perceive the merciful presence of God.

Lord, instead of worrying about the times when I can’t pray and when I’m discouraged, I will try to turn them into opportunities to trust You alone.

Meditation for Lent: One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him. He was turned over to His enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had –His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

More than two thousand years have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched and all the navies that ever sailed and all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this “One Solitary life.”

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, March 21-22: "Healing of the Paralytic"

Saturday, March 21 at 4:00 p.m.:

Special Intention
Bill Druschel by Friends

Sunday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m.:

Zaidan & Zakieh Chahine (parents of Youssef Chahine) by Youssef & Jocelyn Chahine (PA)
John John by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, March 23: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, March 24: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, March 25 at Noon:

Lou Elias by his daughter Debbie Kull and Family
John John by Mary & Frank Lish and Family

Thursday, March 26 at Noon:

John John by Sam & Louise Simon
Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Veronica Mushet

Friday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass & Stations of the Cross & Benediction

John John by Anna Jalad
Adib & Sadie and Mona Chidiac by Veronica Mushet

NEXT WEEKEND, March 28-29: "Healing of the Blind Man"

Saturday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.:

Special Intention
John John by Bob & Fran Saseen

Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.:

John John by Rex & Rita Strawn
Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

I Want to Help the Church – What Can I Do?

Help Paint the Church this May:

The church needs to be painted and the cracks need to be fixed before they get worse. The cost of painting and patching is estimated to be \$32,000. **Painting will start on May 1st and end by May 31st.** During that month the Cedar Hall will be used for worship and our old basement hall will be used for coffee and donuts and all other events. No Cedar Hall rental may be scheduled during May. A special plaque will be mounted in the church stating: **"Please remember in your prayer these benefactors who painted the church in 2009."** Please check the list of donors below and see if your name is listed. Thank you for your dedication and generosity.

The Generous Benefactors who painted the church in 2009: (Total Raised: \$25,574.00)

Memorials: Mike Sobota (Memorial) (\$635), John John (Memorial) (\$900), Lena Joseph (Memorial) (\$100), Jennie Bedway (Memorial) (\$300), Rosella Saseen (\$5,000 in Memory of her grandparents Shikery & Helen & her parents Nancepe & Helen),

Donations: Our Lady of Lebanon Church Women Society Fundraising (\$211), Nancy Joseph (\$100), Manell Brice (\$500), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$100), Betty Shia (\$500), Charles Mattes (MD –Betty Shia's brother \$500), Cedar Club \$1,150, Rose Karsten (MN \$20), Bob & Fran Saseen (\$100), Millie & Sister Jeanne Vidonic (\$50), Robert & Virginia Pockl (\$100), Tom Ferris (\$125), Mary Custer (\$108), Denny Albaugh (\$25), Sylvia Long (\$100), Joseph & Carmella (Babe) Dallison (\$100), A Friend (\$100), Anna Jalad (\$100), Shirley Dietz (\$500), Mike & Maryann Carl (\$1,000), Joe & Nikki Popovich (\$100), Kenny & Nancy Joseph (\$500), Evelyn

Ghaphery (\$300), Mark & Barb McLaughlin (\$50), Dr. Joe Palmer (\$100), Joann Hill (\$50), Robert & Lois Hammond (\$100), Jim & Sue Brubach (\$100), Anonymous Parishioners (\$250), Fred & Debbie Shia (\$100), Annette Togliatti (OH \$20), Salem David (CT \$15), Susan & Dominique George (\$100), Lou & Marge John (\$200), Dr. Samy Sakla (\$100), Rose Mary White (\$25), Thomasina Geimer (\$100), Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury (\$100), Mike & Nicole Breit (NC \$50), Donald Fielding (FL \$250), Randy Weisner (\$500), Barbara Joseph (FL \$500), Evelyn Goodson (\$100), Rose Vargo (\$100), Ron & Kim Gibbons (\$30), Mike & Sue Linton (\$150), Al & Josephine Weidman (\$25), Frank & Anna Marie Duymich (\$25), Charles Sleeme (FL \$25), Emily Vince (\$50), Youssef & Jocelyn Chahine (PA \$300), John & Dee Shiben (\$500), Jim & Shirley George (\$100), Bill Hogan (\$100), Kathy Maroon (\$25), Patti (Hage) Hirsh (TX \$70), Clara Morris (\$25), Rex & Rita Strawn (\$300), Bill & Carol Dougherty (\$1,500), Eleanor Thomas (\$25), Mary Beth Weisner (OH \$1,000), George & Jean Weisner (\$500), Philip & Robbie Saseen (\$100), Gary Weisner (\$800), Millet & Susie Fadoul (\$200), Patrick & Laurie Henry (\$200), Clara Morris (\$20), Linda Hostutler (\$200), Julia Tappe (\$100), Louis & Joan Betras (\$100), Bob & Mary Thomas (OH) (\$340), Ron Weisner (\$2,000), Peggy & Nancy Shalvey (\$30), Dee Freeland and Michelle Beatty and Ann Verardi (\$55), Allison Duffy (\$50), Josephine Joseph (\$50), Mary M. Blum (\$50), Michael Sofka (\$20), Patrick & Jacqueline Petros (\$100), Holly & Shirley Bine (\$100), Earl & Linda Duffy (\$100),

Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$425)

Fr. Bakhos opened at Main Street Bank an Endowment Fund CD account exclusively for our church maintenance for the years to come. Many parishioners –primarily those who have no one to inherit their property or money– are willing to donate all or part of their assets to the church. These earmarked donations will be saved in this Endowment Fund. Only the yearly interest will be withdrawn and spent to pay for church utilities and general maintenance.

We understand that some members of our community cannot support our church as they would like to because of the need to retain funds for their retirement years. But after their death, their donation can bring stability and security to the future of the church. All benefactors will be enrolled in the daily Mass offering. Please put into writing in your will as Fr. Eugene Jacobs did. The following is suggested wording:

(I, , hereby give, devise and bequeath the sum of \$..... (or specify described real or personal property) to the Church of Our Lady of Lebanon, a non-profit organization located at 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. I want my donation to be deposited in the Endowment Fund account designated to maintain and support the church. I also wish to be enrolled as benefactor in the daily Mass intentions.) We thank each of the following individuals for their generous contribution to this Endowment Fund.

Bill & Mary Stees (\$200), Tom Ferris (\$125), Sylvia Long (\$100),

Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar

Sunday, March 22	St. Maron Lebanese Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 22	Women’s Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing – at St. Maron Lebanese Dinner
<u>Fridays of Lent:</u> March 27, April 3, 10	Stations of the Cross, Benediction, Reflections, Light Dinner
Sunday, March 29	Bingo Night – 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 29	Women’s Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle Drawing –after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, March 29	Women’s Society Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sat. & Sun. April 4-5	No Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament because of Palm Procession
Sunday, April 5	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 5	Easter Lilies: Donation Deadline
Thursday, April 9	Holy Thursday & Washing of the Feet of the Apostles
Friday, April 10	Good Friday
Sunday, April 12	Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12	Diocesan Appeal: Donation Deadline
Sunday, April 12	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale: Order Deadline
Sun.-Thur., April 19-23	Spring Lebanese Bake Sale – Work Days (11:30 a.m. Sun.; M-Th at 9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, April 19	Work Concession Stand at Wheeling Airport – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, April 26	Clearing the Church for Painting
Saturday, May 2	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 3	May Crowning & May Procession – No Benediction after Mass
Sunday, May 10	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass
Saturday, June 6	Parish Rummage Sale – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – In Old Basement Hall
Sunday, June 7– <i>New Date</i>	Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – In New Cedar Hall
Sunday, August 9	2009 Mahrajan

Stations of the Cross, & Light Dinner (Friday, March 27th)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. We need one more generous family to host the light meal following the Friday prayers on March 27th. (Desserts each Friday will also be provided by the Cedar Club.)

Date:	Volunteers:
5 th Friday, March 27 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Charlotte K., Fran Saseen, Jean Weisner
6 th Friday, April 3 rd	Light Meal Family Sponsor: Anna Jalad, Rita Strawn, Mary Thomas
7 th Friday, April 10 th	Light Meal Family Sponsor: The Cedar Club

St. Maron Lebanese Dinner (Sunday, March 22nd, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Mark your calendar with the date for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner. Help is needed in many areas to make this Dinner a success. Proceeds will benefit the Church Building Maintenance Fund. Tickets will be available soon.

Menu: baked kibbee, stuffed grape leaves, luban, fasolia (Lebanese lima beans), chicken & rice, hummus, salad, pita bread, dessert and beverage (Beer & pop are available a la carte.)

Advance Ticket Sales: (If PAID by March 15th)

\$ 7.00 ea. Child under 12 (Blue Ticket)

\$15.00 ea. Adult (Salmon Ticket)

(Adult Tickets are \$17.00 ea. if PAID March 16th thru 22nd)

For Tickets ask one of our parishioners or call 304-233-1688. Buy your tickets in Advance and save! Only a very limited number of tickets will be available at the door – **All Adult Tickets Sold Monday, March 16th through Sunday March 22nd, including ALL “At-The-Door,” Tickets will cost: \$17.00.** Bring your completed Ticket Stub with you to be eligible for **Door Prizes** – drawings held throughout the dinner.

Take Out Dinners will be available. **Gift Basket and 50/50 Raffle Drawings** will be held at 5:15 p.m.

St. Maron Dinner Baked Goods Sale: A Baked Goods Sale will also be held featuring a variety of delicious homemade pastries and other baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads, Lebanese specialties, etc.) made by our parishioners. After you have enjoyed a wonderful meal, please plan to stop by our table at the Baked Goods Sale and purchase some fabulous treats to take home!

Donations for the St. Maron Baked Goods Sale: We are asking all our generous parishioners to help make this a successful dinner by preparing and donating one (or even two) of your favorite homemade pastries for our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner Baked Goods Sale (especially if you are talented with making Lebanese items). With your help, we will have another great bake sale this year! Thank you in advance for your generosity, effort and time! Please plan to drop-off your donation between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21ST, or between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 22nd. If you would like to schedule an alternative drop-off time, please call the church at 304-233-1688.

St. Maron Dinner Food Preparation: Please plan to share your time and talent in service to our church the week beginning Monday, March 16 (*specific days and times will be listed in a future bulletin*). Please volunteer to work by calling Carol at (740) 782-0146 or Linda at (304) 242-6853 or the Church Office at 304-233-1688. We welcome everyone who is available to help and thank you in advance for your time.

Work Days are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, March 12	9:30 a.m.	make cookies
Wednesday, March 18	10:30 a.m.	clean, cook & shred chicken, brown orzo, puree onions, & brown 10 lb. ground beef
Thursday, March 19	9:00 a.m.	make & bake kibbee
	1:30 p.m.	pick up & clean vegetables
Friday, March 20	1:00 p.m.	fill individual serving cups of luban & hummus
Saturday, March 21	10:00 a.m.	bag bread & finish with hummus cups, cook grape leaves & set up Cedar Hall

St. Maron Dinner Workers are as follows:

Kitchen: Chicken & Rice and Grape Leaves: Ann Jalad, Tom George, Linda Duffy

Hot Vegetable: Rita Strawn

Kibbee: Fran Saseen

Salads: (*Starting at 9:30 a.m.*) David John & Nini Miller

Kitchen Helpers: Dalton Haas, Mary & Bill Stees from 3 p.m. to closing

Dinners for Eat In –at Kitchen Window: Mary Lish 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

& Allison Duffy 2:30 p.m. to closing

Dinners for Take Out: Sandra Dusick & Rex Strawn

Take Out Runner –at Entrance: Nettie Seidler & Jody Seabright

Dining Hall Hostess: Janet Shutler

Tickets Sales at Entrance: Thomasina Geimer & Charlotte Khourey

Greeter at Entrance: Luane Frazier

Servers: Bill Dougherty, Kenny Joseph, Nancy Joseph, Lou Khourey, Gary Weisner, George Thomas, & Cheryl Tucker

Complimentary Beverage Servers: Kay Garvey, Julia Tappe

Beverage Sales Bar: Mickey Duffy

Set Up (Silverware, Bread & Cookie): Linda Hostutler, Jean Weisner

50/50 Raffle Tickets: Jim & Shirley George

Gift Basket Tickets: Kim Gibbons & Floater

Bake Sale: Kathleen George, Marge Saseen, Mary Thomas

Floor Coordinator: Carol Dougherty & Floater

Floater: Mike Linton

Table Busing: Supervisor – Al Depto; Helpers – Chris & Jonas George,

Resetting Tables: *1st Shift* – Lisa & Gina Haas, & Corey Bratton; *2nd Shift* – Jeremy Siebieda

Gift Basket Raffle Drawing (*Sun., March 22, @ St. Maron Dinner; & Sun. June 7 @ Spaghetti Dinner*)

A “Homemakers Gift Basket” of kitchen items is the theme of our next Gift Basket Raffle (printed on white paper). This Gift Basket Raffle is sponsored by the Women’s Society to benefit our Church “Painting Fund.” The drawing will be at the St. Maron Lebanese Dinner on Sunday, March 22.

The Gift Basket includes: *a salt mill, a pepper mill, an 8 oz. pkg. of chocolate raspberry decaf coffee, a sample-size pkg. of cinnamon hazelnut coffee, a bottle of Riunite Lambrusco, a filled decorative bottle, a Wilton metal bread dish, a chicken roasting stand, an apron, chopping mats, a Tupperware pitcher & tumbler set, 3 kitchen utensils, a dish washing brush, 4 place mats, 2 dish cloths, 2 potholders, 2 dish towels, 2 sets of plastic food storage containers, a package of green produce bags, a kitchen timer, a bread knife, a manual can opener,*

a vegetable peeler, 3 food storage bag clips, a magnetic to do list tablet, recipe cards, a bottle of Soft Soap, a bar of Swiss milk chocolate.

“**Wine & Dine Italian Style**” is the theme of our next Gift Basket Raffle (printed on goldenrod paper). The drawing will be at the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 7. The Gift Basket includes many Italian items.

The Gift Basket Raffles are sponsored by the Women’s Society to benefit our “Maintenance Fund.” Tickets are available now at the church entrance, in our weekly Bulletin, at our upcoming St. Maron Dinner or call Kay at 232-0492. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or you can **triple your chances of winning by sending in 18 ticket stubs at one time for only \$10.00** (3 sheets of tickets).

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the weekly collection (with Gift Basket Raffle noted on the front of the envelope) or write the notation on the “Memo” line of your check when you mail it to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

For more information, contact the church office at 304-233-1688. Your generosity and cooperation enhances our Church.

Bingo Night (Sunday, March 29th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.)

The Cedar Club is sponsoring a "BINGO NIGHT" on Sunday, March 29, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held in our Old Basement Hall. George Thomas, Mickey Duffy and Jim George are requesting parishioners and friends to come and play your special bingo cards at very reasonable prices – 3 cards for 25 cents. Hot dogs & soft drinks will also be available. Free coffee will be served. There will be a “cookie jar” prize for the evening participants. The Cedar Club is sponsoring different social events to see which is best liked by more people.

Women’s Society March Meeting (Sunday, March 29, after 10:30 a.m. Mass)

Plan to join the Women’s Society at our March Meeting to discuss plans for our upcoming Easter, Bake Sale and our other upcoming events. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawings: Sunday, March 29th, after Mass)

The Women’s Society continues to sponsor the Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds will now be designated to the benefit the Church “Maintenance Fund.”

The drawing from entries received **from the March tickets** (printed on **canary** paper) are provided at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletin will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, March 29th**.

Buy or sell the tickets, and return the completed stubs as soon as possible in the collection or mail to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please write as “Memo: 50/50 Raffle.”

For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold and we ask for your continued support. Congratulations to the February 50/50 winner of \$53: Sandra Dusick.

Palm Sunday (Saturday and Sunday, April 4th and 5th)

Procession with Palm branches will take place during the Masses of Saturday and Sunday, April 4th and 5th. Please bring your children and grandchildren and let us proclaim Christ our king.

Easter Lilies (Deadline: Sunday, April 5th)

Dear Parishioners and friends of the Blessed Mother,

Every Easter the church looks beautiful decorated with the flowers donated from your hearts to the Blessed Mother in Memory of your beloved family members. Please be generous as usual and sponsor a \$20.00 Easter Flower by Sunday, April 5. The following Easter Flowers are donated in Memory of:

\$25 Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louis H. Khourey Sr., by Lou, Charlotte Khourey & Family

\$20 John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula & Family

\$25 Helen Fielding, a loving mother, by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

\$20 Barkett & Sadie Coury by their families

\$20 George & Rose Fadoul by the Family

- \$25 *Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Carol & Bill Dougherty*
 \$20 *Arthur & Mark Long by Sylvia Long*
 \$35 *Joseph, Victoria, Minnie & John J. John by Marge & Lou John*
 \$35 *John & Marian Keegan by Marge & Lou John*
 \$20 *Siham Frenn & LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn by Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn & Family*
 \$20 *Mattes & Shia Families by Betty Shia*
 \$30 *Fritz and Freddie Oser & Ron Canestraro by Bob Oser*
 \$25 *McCutcheon & Sobota Families by Peggy Justice & Ann Bauduin*
 \$20 *Saseen & Schlog Families by Bob & Fran Saseen*
 \$20 *The Shiben & McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben*
 \$20 *Mary K. Ferris by Tom Ferris*
 \$20 *Deceased members of Nimon & Miriam Joseph by the Family*
 \$20 *Deceased members of the Roe & Pockl Families by Bob & Virginia Pockl*
 \$25 *Ron Canestraro by his Family*
 \$20 *Frances Linton by Mike & Sue Linton*
 \$20 *Joanne & Tony Male by Mike & Sue Linton*
 \$25 *Special Intention*
 \$25 *Mike Sobota by Barbara Sobota*
 \$20 *Husband Roland Tappe & Louie Ammar & members of the John Family by Julia Tappe*
 \$20 *Constantine & Anna Shia & Family members by their children*
 \$20 *Ray & Sara McLaughlin & Mickey & Gary McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin*
 \$20 *Ralph & Mary(Joseph) Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer*

2009 Diocesan Appeal – Easter Obligation *(Due by Easter Sunday, April 12th)*

Many Thanks for all the following faithful parishioners and good Christians who contributed \$50.00 each (unless otherwise marked) toward their Easter Obligation for the 2009 Diocesan Appeal. May your Easter bring more blessings to you and to your family members.

Lou & Charlotte Kourey (\$100), Lou & Marge John (\$50), Peggy Palmer (\$50), Patricia Smith (\$25), Dr. Adel & Diane Frenn (\$50), Mark & Barb McLaughlin (\$50), Tom Ferris (\$50), Dolores & Virginia Joseph (\$50), Peggy Justice (\$50), Barb Sobota (\$50), Bill & Tricia Committee (\$50), Tom & Michelle John (\$50), Larry Breiding (\$50), Gary Weisner (\$50), Anna Jalad (\$50), Earl & Linda Duffy (\$50), Randy Weisner (\$50), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$50), Drs. Rajai & Nahla Khoury (\$50), Larry & Lillian Siebieda (\$250), Louis & Joan Betras (\$50), Pearl Shutler (\$50), Cecilia Ammar (\$50), Sandra Dusick (\$50), Mark Schroeder (\$50), Mary Piko (\$50), A Friend (\$50), Kenny & Nancy Joseph (\$50), Julia Tappe (\$50), Cecilia John (\$50), Sylvia Long (\$50), Dr. Michael Fortunato (\$50), Rex & Rita Strawn (\$50), Bill & Carol Dougherty (\$50), Joe Elias (\$50), Donald Fielding (FL) (\$50), Mr. & Mrs. Michael N. Breit (NC) (\$50), Sam & Bernadine Elias (\$50), Ron Weisner (\$100), Emily Vince (\$25), Bob & Fran Saseen (\$50), Betty Shia (\$50), Millet & Susie Fadoul (\$50), Mary Beth Weisner (\$50), John & Dee Shiben (\$50), Jean Weisner (\$30), Josephine Joseph (\$30), Nick & Evelyn Ghaphery (\$50), Frank & Anna Marie Duymich (\$25), Mike & MaryAnn Carl (\$50), Anna Bris Bougher (\$50), Martha Ruggiero (\$50), Ron & Kim Gibbons (\$50), David Weisner (\$50), Dr Mary Ann Cater & Dr Rob Vawter (\$50), Bob & Virginia Pockl (\$50), Mike & Sue Linton (\$50), Denny Albaugh (\$50), Holly & Shirley Bine (\$50), Linda Hostutler (\$50), Lucille Gibbons (\$50),

Spring Lebanese Bake Sale *(Order By: Sunday, April 12; Pick Up Orders: April 22-23)*

Order Deadline	Sunday, April 12
Spinach Preparation	Sunday, April 19, 11:30 a.m.
Baking to Fill Orders	Monday to Thursday, April 20-23, 9:00 a.m.
Order Pick Up Dates	Wednesday & Thursday, April 22 & 23

Spring Lebanese Bake Sale Order Forms will be available soon. The Women's Society of our Church has scheduled its Spring Lebanese Bake Sale of Spinach Pies, Meat Pies, Sweet (*Sesame*) Bread, and Zattar Bread. Completed order forms should be returned by mail or place it in the collection basket. *Forms will be available in next week's bulletin.*

All those who helped in the past are asked to help us again on the baking days listed above. Please come and join in the camaraderie! **Note:** Please save large clean paper grocery bags for use in packing our orders.

Whg. Airport Concession Stand Work (*Sunday, April 19th, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.*)

The Cedar Club will work the Concession Stand at the Wheeling Ohio County Airport during a Swap Meet and Craft Sale being held on Sunday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ("rain date" is Sunday, April 26). For this to be successful, all food along with cases of water (16 oz. size) will need to be donated in order to make a profit. (If you are unable to shop for the water, monetary donations will be accepted). **We are also asking all bakers of the parish to prepare some pastries or other baked goods for the concession stand.** Your water and baked items can be brought to the Church Hall on Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Remember this is for the parish and all funds raised will be designated for the Church Building Maintenance Fund. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Linda Duffy at 304-242-6853 or Luane Frazier at 304-242-7437.

Clearing the Church for Painting (*Sunday, April 26th from noon to 3:00 pm*)

The church needs to be cleared and made ready for scaffolding and painting on Sunday, April 26th, from noon until 3:00 p.m. A BBQ and salad will take place after the job done. All young men and women of the parish are asked to volunteer and help Fr. Bakhos move items from the church into the Cedar Hall that will be used for Masses during May. The ladies will help set up the chairs and the altar in the Cedar Hall and the young men will move and store the statues, stations of the cross, ... in the old basement. Please let Fr. Bakhos know if he can count on you to help and especially so that he can have enough food prepared all helpers. Your time helping us with this move will be greatly appreciated.

Rummage Sale (*Saturday, June 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*) – ***Held in the Old Basement Hall***

Start saving your household items that are in good condition and can be sold at our upcoming Parish Rummage Sale which will be held **in our Old Basement Hall**. There is always a profit on our sales. Drop off times will be listed in the coming bulletins.

Spaghetti Dinner – NEW DATE (*Sunday, June 7th, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.*)

Mark your calendars now and plan to enjoy our Spring Spaghetti Dinner served in our Cedar Hall following Mass Sunday, June 7. Chairperson Tom George and our parishioners invite you and your friends to come and enjoy our food and hospitality. Help our Church make this our best Spaghetti Dinner yet! Invite your friends, co-workers and neighbors to attend. Every dollar of profit earned will be used for our Church Building Maintenance Fund.

New this year: Students from the Lyceum School will strolling through the hall during the Spaghetti Dinner to provide entertainment throughout the day.

Notes:

1. Advance Ticket Sales: If you are able & willing to help sell tickets to make our dinner a tremendous success, please call our Church office. Unsold tickets & payments must be returned by Sunday, May 31.
2. Parishioners are being asked to *please bake and donate a dessert for use at the dinner* so that we may offer a variety of choices to go with the meal.
3. Parishioners are also being asked to help make our *Baked Goods Sale* –held simultaneously with the dinner– a huge success. Please make and donate an item: cookies, cake, pie, fudge, candy, Lebanese treat, etc.
4. Please save large, clean paper grocery or shopping bags and bring them to the Church any weekend so that we may use them to pack bake sale and "to go" orders.
5. If you can volunteer to work for the Spaghetti Dinner or have questions, please call the Church office at 304-233-1688.

Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs or Marinara Sauce, Salad, Roll, Dessert & choice of Coffee, Ice Tea or Lemonade. (Beer & pop are available a la carte.)

Tickets: \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12; will be available soon from the Church office at – 304-233-1688 or at the door. **Payment in advance is greatly appreciated.**

Happy Birthday

March 22:	Jennifer Imer
March 26:	Joseph John
March 27:	Tommy Zinn
March 28:	Virginia Porchiran
March 30:	Gregory John
March 31:	George Lewis & Jonas George
April 1:	Cheryl Saseen, Patrick Sengewalt
April 6:	Ronald Weisner
April 8:	Jesse John
April 10:	Bernadine Elias, Connie George, Richard Coury
April 11:	Randy Weisner
April 12:	Justin Frenn
April 13:	Adel Frenn

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Catherine Arthur

Also please pray for those who asked us to pray for them:

Barb Sobota, Rosella Saseen, Sam Elias, Laura & Marion Wellman, Mary Piko, Virginia Khourey Bryan (aunt of Lou Khourey in Toledo, OH), Richard & Mary Ryncarz (Shadyside, OH), Manell Brice (Arlington, VA), Rose Mary Bris-Roybal (Albuquerque, NM), John Vawter & his mom (brother & mother of Dr. Rob Vawter)

Your Church Support Last Week

881	Collection
575	Diocesan Appeal
72	Candles
250	Donation to Church
263	Easter Flowers
540	Painting Fund
2,866	St. Maron Dinner
810	Reimbursements
\$6,257	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

A New Baby Boy

Our warmest congratulations go out to Tom and Leighann Zinn of Martins Ferry on the birth of their son Elijah Thomas last Tuesday, March 17th. Elijah is the grandson of Debbie & Richard Zinn of Martins Ferry and great-grandson of our beloved parishioners Sam & Bernadine Elias. May the Lord God and his Blessed Mother bless him and grant him a healthy life and bright future.

Parish Condolences: Rosemary (Moses, Filuis) Taskaline

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Taskaline** family on the loss of their beloved **Rosemary** who died in the Lord in Wheeling, **Monday, March 16th**. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid **Rosemary** and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* family in their time of sorrow.

Item Needed for the New Hall & Church

1. With the perseverance and help of Don & Roberta Henning, we were able to purchase a used slicer for \$400. Any generous parishioner willing to sponsor it is asked to please call the church at 304-233-1688.
2. The church needs a 14-foot step ladder for use when we work in the Cedar hall and when light bulbs in the high ceiling need changed and in the chandeliers in the church. Cost is \$620. If you have been blessed with good health and money and are able to sponsor any of these items, please call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Your help will be deeply appreciated and it helps defray the expenses of the church.
3. The church needs a new copier to be able to copy our popular bulletin in short time. The new copier cost \$3,800. Please make a contribution to defray its cost.

Many Thanks...

- 1- ...To Randy Weisner for mounting the fence on our property at the north alley side. It is appreciated.
- 2- ...To Vicky Sleime for generously donating \$20.00 to the St. Maron Lebanese Dinner.
- 3- ...To Riesbeck's Food Markets for donating a \$50 gift card toward the St. Maron Lebanese Dinner.

Poor Box

Please consider sharing your blessings with the brothers and sisters of Christ who knock at our door daily. Many people in the area need assistance in many ways. Some are in dire need some are not, but God alone knows what's in each one's heart. The Poor Box is located at the rear of the church near the Holy Water Font. Fr. Bakhos is using his judgment to help the poor on your behalf and asks each of them to pray for you.

Around Us

St. Alphonsus Church Fish Fry (Fridays during Lent, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Phone: 304-232-4353; Fax: 394-232-1993 (Fax orders for Friday are accepted only on Thursday.)

Eat-in or take-out service is available, as well as delivery. (Delivery orders must be received from 8-10 a.m.)

Spaghetti Dinner (Sunday, March 29, from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m.)

Where: Catholic Neighborhood Center, 18th Street, Wheeling

Tickets Cost: Adult – \$6.00; Child – \$3.00

Information: Call 304-232-7157

Maronites = Catholics of the East

The Identity of the Maronite Church (6)

by Fr. Paul Mooradd

Every Maronite bears the name of Maron, and is forever identified with his memory, because the church and monastery built and dedicated to him upon his death [410 AD] became a center for an emerging understanding of Divine Mystery, unlike anything else to develop among all the other Christian churches. It is an understanding of Divine Mystery expressed and rooted in the very life of St. Maron. Moreover, it is an understanding of our Catholic Faith inspired by his insight into the very sacredness of creation.

Almost from the outset, Christianity was tainted by a dualism between matter and spirit, and the two were pitted against each other in a kind of battle between good and evil. Matter, flesh or the world was perceived as evil and at war with the spirit, Heaven or things of God. Consequently, in later centuries after the Christian persecutions ended, religious life was seen as a new way to sacrifice yourself for God. It was

imagined that anyone who sought to live in the dessert as a monk or hermit was going out among the wild beast to confront the devil [Mark 1:12], mortify [kill] their flesh, and subdue their earthly temptations to live the life of angels, creatures of pure spirit.

In St. Maron [and some of the other open-air hermits], we find something altogether new. He goes out from the city of Antioch into the countryside as a hermit not to confront the devil, but rather to draw close to God, and to proclaim His Kingdom [John 1:6, Isaiah 40:3]. Inspired by the Book of Genesis that all of God's creation is blessed with His Supreme Goodness, and the source and origin of evil is man not God, Maron goes out into creation to find God. In leaving the city behind him, the saint turns his back on all that comes from man or is produced by human handiwork, because it is inevitably tainted with sin just as God's handiwork is filled with His Grace.

Maron does not battle the wilderness as an enemy, but instead, he embraces it as a friend or heavenly gift. He becomes an "outdoor" ascetic [hermit], who lives outside exposed to all the elements of nature. It is a spiritual exercise that affirms his faith in the goodness of God's creation and admonition of Christ that, God will look after us just as he does the birds of the air or the flowers of the field. [Matt. 6:26-29] The use of any man-made shelter is avoided, such as a house, because as an expression of man's will over nature it would be tainted by our human sinfulness. Only in the severest weather will Maron take shelter under a small tent, because he [as every human] suffers from the corruption of sin.

After the Fall, humans live in disharmony with God's creation, which prevents every human from fully sharing in the gift of Grace offered in creation. While this leads every other Christian Church to look upon nature with hostility – an obstacle to be overcome in our search for communion with God, it is the genius of St. Maron to see the Sacred Mystery of communion with God as within nature, itself, vis-à-vis the Incarnation of Christ. Maron understands that God created us to live in harmony with Him and His creation. This is His Divine Will. Only when Adam and Eve exercise their will in opposition to God's Will is the communion between God, His creation and man broken. Sin, not nature, is what separates us from God. Since Christ is the Incarnation of God's Forgiveness of Sin, and the Divine Affirmation of creation's inherent Grace.

Maron expresses his faith in Christ by living as openly as is humanly possible to the sacredness of nature, in order to recapture in Christ our original harmony with God and His creation, which Adam lost. Maron is living outdoors without imposing his human will upon nature in submission to God's Will – the original plan for the Garden of Eden. It is no wonder, then, that Maron, unlike any other spiritual leader, left us no monastic rule or body of spiritual writings expressing his own ideas; for all these human endeavors would be expressions of human will, and thus corrupted by our sinfulness. Rather St. Maron's legacy was his priestly ministry. He converted an abandoned pagan temple into a church, and this simple act speaks volumes to generations of Maronites.

We understand that every pagan religion is an attempt to rationalize the workings of the world – to impose our own human understanding upon the sacredness of God's creation. This activity is fraught with sin, ultimately proves fruitless and can only end in abandonment. . .remember the Tower of Babel. [Genesis 11] By converting the temple into a church, St. Maron [priest and hermit] reorders the activity of human sinfulness into a source of God's Grace. Turning aside from human invention by convincing his neighbors to accept Divine Revelation in faith, Maron opens their minds and hearts to the sacredness of God's creation, thereby availing them of its power in Christ to bring them into communion with God through the Sacred Mysteries [the Sacraments of the Church]. The Temple, in which they previously invoked their pagan gods' protection against the misfortunes of nature, is transformed into a church where the very elements of nature carry them into sacred communion with the one true God.

Maron's unique understanding of Divine Mystery as the sacredness of God's communion with humans in and through His creation, which is obscured by sin but renewed in Christ, that remains the defining insight of our Maronite Church. Some Christians perceive our estrangement from God as a condition of nature corrupted by sin, and talk of Divine Mystery as God's inaccessibility to man because of the weakness [sinfulness] of our human nature. Yet, this human wisdom is the product of our human will – the desire by humans to explain their disunion with God, which was the source of our estrangement from God and His creation in the first place.

Maron has taught us to avoid these traps of human logic, by focusing exclusively upon God's Will as expressed in His Divine Handiwork, creation, and for each of us to be hermits [living for God alone] and priests [living for the spiritual good of others]. This same Divine Will was reaffirmed and restored in Christ, the Word of God made Flesh. Therefore in Christ, Maron lived as a renewed Adam, without expressing his human will, and open to the Grace of God in nature.

Although the children of Maron can be identified by their art, architecture and spiritual writings coming out of Antioch of Edessa, because these manmade products are the exercise of our human will over and against God's creation, they are not the fullness of our identity. For Maron attempted to recapture in Christ the original communion intended for us by God in the Garden of Eden. This he showed us was the meaning of our salvation. It is the sacredness of God's presence to us in His creation, the Holy Communion in Christ as lived by Maron, which defines our identity as Maronites.

It is in the Qurbono, the Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist [Mass], that we best express in faith the lived experience of St. Maron and our own Maronite identity each time we pray, "...You have assumed what is ours, and You have given us what is Yours for the life and salvation of our souls." Thus, our true identity is greater than our cultural and artistic heritage; it is the person of Jesus Christ, God and man as loved and followed by our Spiritual Father, St. Maron, hermit and priest.

Story: Taps

We have all heard the haunting song, "Taps." It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually creates tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be pleased to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when the Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia.

The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, Captain Ellicombe decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when war broke out.

Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heart-broken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. Captain Ellicombe had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military funerals, and at the end of each day on US military bases was born.

Day is done . . . Gone the sun . . . From the lakes . . . From the hills . . . Dims the sight . . . And a star . . . Gems the sky . . . Gleaming bright . . . From afar, . . . Drawing nigh, . . . Falls the night . . . Thanks and praise . . . For our days . . . Neath the sun . . . Neath the stars . . . Neath the sky . . . As we go . . . This we know . . . God is nigh.

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but have never seen all the words until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either, so I thought I'd pass it along.

<i>Joke (534)</i>

Good Golf Day

The secret of good golf is to hit the ball hard, straight, and not too often.

Hitting Fewer Spectators

I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators. (*Gerald Ford*)

Taking a Second Shot

It was a sunny Saturday morning, just perfect for golf, and a man was beginning his pre-swing routine, visualizing his upcoming shot, when a voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker: "Would the gentleman on the ladies' tee back up to the men's tee, please!" The man was still deep in his routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement: "Would the *man* on the *women's* tee kindly back up to the men's tee!" That was too much for the man. He broke his stance, lowered his club back to the ground, and raised his voice: "Would the announcer in the clubhouse kindly be quiet and let me play my second shot?"

No Game Like Golf

Golf is a simple sport. All you do is go out with three friends, play eighteen holes, and return with three enemies.

Extra Golf Pants

A man was golfing with his buddies. He reached into his bag for a club, and an extra pair of pants fell out of the bag. His friends were curious why he had an extra pair of pants in his golf bag. The man explained, "Oh, I always bring an extra pair of pants when I golf... just in case I get a hole in one."

Doctor's Privilege

A man and his wife were playing golf on the ninth green when she collapsed from what appeared to be a heart attack.

"I need help!" the woman gasped.

Her husband ran off and told her he would get help. A few minutes later the man returned and began to make his putt into the ninth hole.

His wife looked up from the ground and asked him what he thought he was doing.

The man told his wife, "Don't worry, I found a doctor. I'm just finishing my putt while we wait."

"But where is the doctor?" the woman asked with all the strength she could muster.

The man walked a short distance to the next tee, teed his ball and drove it toward the tenth hole. He then answered, "I found a doctor on the sixth hole."

The woman probed, "You found a doctor on the sixth hole and came back by yourself. Where is that doctor?"

"He won't be very long," the man answered confidently. "The guys on the seventh and eighth holes agreed to let him play through."