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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

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Evelyn Ghaphery (Organist)

Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer (Secretaries)

7th Sunday of Resurrection



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: 7th Sunday of Resurrection

Readings: Eph 1:15-23 & Jn 13:31-35

“I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)

I was talking to a young couple that I had married a few years back. They were each turning thirty years old and had just given birth to their second child in three years. They wanted to talk to me about their sense of sadness at having their time so limited by their children. All the fun they had when they were single and newly married was now buried in diapers and middle-of-the-flight feedings. It was their task now to commit to a greater and fuller reality: the challenge of being a family, of being parents, of becoming connected to families and parents across the universe. They needed to create the new vision of being family that would carry them through the next phase of their life together.

Isaiah and Jesus declare that their lives are at a point of new beginning. They both realize that it is time to engage a new reality, a new challenge. For Isaiah the challenge is to be a light that will lead his people through this time of exile. For Jesus the challenge is to depart from his loved disciples and be glorified.

Holy Week is certainly a time of new beginnings. Perhaps we could look into our lives today and see where we need to begin anew. We look at our seedlings of future growth and pray, ***“For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O God, from my youth.”*** (Psalm 71:5)

Mass Intentions

THIS WEEKEND, May 23-24: 7th Sunday of Resurrection

Saturday, May 23 at 4:00 p.m.:

Robert Rose (on his Birthday) by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family
Sue Linton by Joe & Carmel Safesak & Family

Sunday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.:

Gladys Howard (on her Anniversary) by Charlotte & Lou Khourey & Family
Good health of Kay Garvey’s niece in Florida

Weekday Masses

Monday, May 25: No Mass. Pastor’s Day Off

Tuesday, May 26: No Mass. Pastor’s Day Off

Wednesday, May 27 at Noon:

Martha Bris Corondoni by Mariam Bris Harris & her children & Anna & Jim Bougher
Mike & Sadie Thomas and Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)

Thursday, May 28 at Noon:

Martha Bris Corondoni by Mariam Bris Harris & her children & Anna & Jim Bougher
Sue Linton by Sophia Kindall

Friday, May 29 at Noon:

Martha Bris Corondoni by Mariam Bris Harris & her children & Anna & Jim Bougher
Sue Linton by OLOL Women Society

THIS WEEKEND, May 30-31: Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m.:

Fritz Oser by his daughter Debbie Huffman
Martha Bris Corondoni by Mariam Bris Harris & her children & Anna & Jim Bougher

Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m.:

George & Rose Fadoul by the Family
Martha Bris Corondoni by Mariam Bris Harris & her children & Anna & Jim Bougher

Many Thanks to the generous benefactors who donated toward the Church Parking Lot Paving Fund (Total Raised: \$2,445)

Peggy Justice & Ann Bauduin (\$150), Barb Sobota (\$50), Peggy & Nancy Shalvey (\$25), Mike Linton in Memory of his wife Sue (\$500), Patricia Smith (\$20), Elsie Renzella (\$20), Melo & Laura Wakim (\$100), Marge & Lou John (\$250), Mark Shroeder (\$200), Peggy Palmer (\$100), Anna Jalad (\$100), Paul & Irene Schuler (\$100), Michael Caruso (\$30), Frank, Anna Marie & Frank Duymich (\$25), Dr. Samy Sakla (\$50), Mark & Barb McLaughlin (\$75), Bob & Fran Saseen (\$150), Randy Weisner (\$500),

Names of donors toward the Painting Fund on the Plaque

A plaque will be mounted inside the church to honor all the donors toward the Church Painting Fund. Please check to see if your name is listed below so it will be printed on the plaque and so that your children and grandchildren may read it in the future and be proud of your generosity and support toward the church you belong to. Churches are built on winners of heaven while casinos are built on those who lost their souls.

A last opportunity is being given to you to add your name to this plaque by donating toward the cost of repairing the roof of the church; the leak – on the parking side – was discovered during the painting project and will cost an additional \$1,100.

Call Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688 to add your name to the plaque.

Additional Donors: Cecilia John (\$50), Shipley Shipley (Memorial) (\$?)

“Please remember in your prayers the following benefactors who painted Our Lady of Lebanon Church in May 2009”

(Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Ph.D., Pastor)

Over \$500

Anonymous, Larry **Breiding**, Manell **Brice** (VA), Mike & MaryAnn **Carl**, Dr. MaryAnn **Cater** & Dr. Rob **Vawter**, Cedar Club **OLOL**, Fr. Bakhos **Chidiac**, Pastor, Shirley **Dietz**, Bill & Carol **Dougherty**, John **John** (Memorial), Kenneth & Nancy **Joseph**, Barbara **Joseph** (FL), Louis & Charlotte **Khourey**, Sue **Linton** (Memorial), Charles **Mattes** (MD), Joe & Nikki **Popovich**, Rosella **Saseen**, Nancepe & Helen **Saseen** (Memorial), Shikery & Helen **Saseen** (Memorial), Betty **Shia**, John & Deanna **Shiben**, Mike **Sobota** (Memorial), Gary **Weisner**, George & Jean **Weisner**, Randy **Weisner**, Mary Beth **Weisner** (OH), Ronald **Weisner** (PA).

\$100 to \$499

A Friend, Jennie **Bedway** (Memorial), Louis & Joan **Betras**, Holly & Shirley **Bine**, Mary Margaret **Blum**, Juliette **Breit** (PA), James & Susan **Brubach**, Youssef & Jocelyn **Chahine** (PA), Mary **Custer**, Joseph & Carmella **Dallison**, Sam & Bernadine **Elias**, Earl & Linda **Duffy**, Sandra **Dusick**, Millet & Susie **Fadoul**, George & Dolores **Fahey**, Tom **Ferris**, Donald **Fielding** (FL), Kay **Garvey**, Phillip & Thomasina **Geimer**, Thomas & Kathleen **George**, Susan & Dominique **George**, Jim & Shirley **George** Sr., Evelyn **Ghaphery**, Evelyn **Goodson**, Robert & Lois **Hammond**, Patrick & Laurie **Henry**, Bill **Hogan**, Linda **Hostutler**, Anna **Jalad**, Louis & Marge **John**, Lena **Joseph** (Memorial), Rajai & Nahla **Khoury** MD, Mary Rose **Kukula**, Mike & Sue **Linton**, Frank & Mary **Lish**, Sylvia **Long**, Joseph **Palmer** DDS, Patrick & Jacqueline **Petros**, Robert & Virginia **Pockl**, Samy & Beatrice **Sakla** MD, Jerry & Marge **Saseen**, Philip & Robbie **Saseen**,

Robert & Frances **Saseen**, Paul & Irene **Schuler**, Fred & Debbie **Shia**, Shipley & Kathryn **Shipley**, Rex & Rita **Strawn**, Julia **Tappe**, Robert & Mary **Thomas** (OH), Rose **Vargo**, **Women Society OLOL**.

Under \$100

Dennis **Albaugh**, Ann Lee **Bauduin**, Michelle **Beatty**, Michael & Nicole **Breit** (NC), Salem **David** (CT), Allison **Duffy**, Frank & Anna Marie **Duymich**, George & Patty **Fahey**, Dee **Freeland**, Ronald & Kim **Gibbons**, Joann **Hill**, Patricia Hage **Hirsh** (TX), Cecilia **John**, Josephine **Joseph**, Peggy **Justice**, Rose & Rueben **Karsten** (MN), Joseph & Frances **Linton**, Kathy **Maroon**, Mark & Barb **McLaughlin**, Clara Jean **Morris**, John & Mary **Pifko** (PA), Peggy & Nancy **Shalvey**, Charles **Sleeme** (FL), Mike & Judith **Sofka**, Harold & Adele **Storm**, Eleanor **Thomas**, Albert & Annette **Togliatti** (OH), Ann **Verardi**, Mildred & Sr. Jeanne **Vidonic**, Emily **Vince**, Alvin & Josephine **Weidman**, Sr., Rose Marie **White**.

Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$625)

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 (\$225), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100),

Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar

Date	Event
Sun. May 24 th or 31 st	Restoring the Church and Cedar Hall after the Painting Project
Sunday, May 31	Women's Society 50/50 Maintenance Fund Raffle – Drawing after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, June 6	Parish Rummage Sale – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – In Old Basement Hall <i>Drop Off Days:</i> Sunday, May 31, from after Mass to 5 p.m. Monday & Tuesday, June 1 & 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, June 3 & 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 7	Spring Spaghetti Dinner – 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – In New Cedar Hall
Sunday, June 7	Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle Drawing – at the Spaghetti Dinner
Monday, June 8	Cedar Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – In Old Basement Hall
Sunday, August 9	2009 Mahrajan
Sunday, August 30	Women's Society Meeting – after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Flowers for the Blessed Mother in May (Sundays, May 3 through May 31)

The flowers donated for the Blessed mother in May will be sponsored as follows:

Sunday, May 24	Fran Saseen, Marge Saseen, Rosella Saseen
Sunday, May 31	Charlotte Khourey & Mary Stees

Restoring the Church after Painting (Sunday, May 24th or Sunday May 31st)

According to the contract with the painting company, the job should be done by the end of May. It might be done the week before, but we don't know for certain yet. Please follow the progress of the painting in the bulletin and be prepared to help Fr. Bakhos return the statues and all items to the church and set up the Cedar Hall for the Spaghetti Dinner when called upon to do so. After painting, the church will be professionally cleaned by Panhandle and the Memorial Plaque of the donors will be mounted inside the church. Any additional donations will cover the above expenses.

Additional donations received toward the Painting Fund:

-Sue Linton Memorial (Total \$620), Kay Garvey (\$100), Mary Margaret Blum (\$100), Gary Weisner (\$1,000), Cecilia John (\$50),

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday, May 31)

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 **for the May 50/50 Raffle Tickets** are provided at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletins will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, May 31**.

Please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. All raffle tickets are now printed on white paper only. 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 April 50/50 winner of \$77: Virginia Porchiran, who participates monthly and now has won for the second month in a row. May the Blessed Mother continue to grant you a long life filled with good health.

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. *If you have any questions, call Linda at 304-242-6853 or Luane at 304-242-7437.* Drop off dates are as follows:

Sunday, May 31, from after Mass until 5 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday, June 1 & 2, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday, June 3 & 4 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner (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.

Menu: Spaghetti and meatballs or marinara sauce, salad, roll, dessert with coffee, ice tea or lemonade.

Tickets: \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12; Tickets are now available from the Church office at: 304-233-1688 or at the door. *Remember to purchase your tickets early. Our last three Spaghetti Dinners were sell outs!* **Tickets can be held at the door only if they are prepaid.** **Payment in advance is greatly appreciated.**

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.

Gift Basket Raffle Drawing (Sunday, June 7, at the Spaghetti Dinner)

“**Wine & Dine Italian Style**” is the theme of our next Gift Basket Raffle. The drawing will be at the Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, June 7. The Gift Basket includes the following Italian items: *1 bag of tri-color pasta, 1 jar Figaretti Pasta Sauce, 1 box San Georgia shells, 1 box San Georgia spaghetti, 1 box Ronzini's Healthy Harvest spaghetti, 1 jar Classico Sweet Basil sauce, 1 jar DeLallo Roasted Peppers, 1 bottle Riunite Rasp. Wine, 2 Italian Wine Goblets, 1 Pasta Italian Cook Book, 1 pair kitchen shears, 1 Oneida 4-sided grater, 1 hand cheese grater, 1 Italian Spoon rest, 1 bottle Balsamic Vinegar, 1 bottle Pure Olive Oil, 1 container Parmesan Cheese, 1 Pampered Chef Measuring Cup, 1 garlic press, 1 pasta fork, 1 kitchen towel.*

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 **triple your chances of winning by sending in 18 ticket stubs** (3 sheets of tickets) **at one time for only \$10.00.**

Please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. All raffle tickets will now be printed on white paper only. 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.

Cedar Club Meeting – (Monday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. – in the old **Basement Hall**)

The Cedar Club will hold its next meeting in the old **Basement Hall**. On Monday, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. Office nominations for the coming year will be accepted. Please try to attend. Hostesses for the evening will be Rita Strawn and Mary Thomas.

Father's Day Masses (Saturday, June 20, to Friday, June 26)

We are offering a week Masses for Deceased and Living fathers and grandfathers. Please remember the souls of those who hold you on their shoulders when you were a child.

Father's Day: My Father When I Was...

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| 4 years old: | My daddy can do anything. |
| 5 years old: | My daddy knows a whole lot. |
| 6 years old: | My dad is smarter than your dad. |
| 8 years old: | My dad doesn't know exactly everything. |
| 10 years old: | In the olden days when my dad grew up, things were sure different. |
| 12 years old: | Oh, well, naturally, Father doesn't know anything about that. He is too old to remember his childhood. |
| 14 years old: | Don't pay any attention to my Father. He is so old-fashioned! |
| 21 years old: | Him? My Lord, he's hopelessly out-of-date. |
| 25 years old: | Dad knows a little bit about it, but then he should because he has been around so long. |
| 30 years old: | Maybe we should ask Dad what he thinks. After all, he's had a lot of experience. |

- 35 years old: I'm not doing a single thing until I talk to Dad.
 40 years old: I wonder how Dad would have handled it. He was so wise and had a world of experience.
 50 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here now so I could talk this over with him. Too bad I didn't appreciate how smart he was. I could have learned a lot from him.

Special Masses already requested for the weekend and weekdays of June 20 – June 26

- Saturday, June 20: Cathy Sharp Howard (on her Anniversary) by the Sengewalt Family
 Sunday, June 21: Jim Garvey (on his Birthday) by his wife Kay and his daughter Sue.
 Wednesday, June 24: Helen Fielding (on her Anniversary) by her husband Don Fielding (FL)
 Arthur Long (on his Anniversary) by his wife Sylvia Long

Remembered Deceased Fathers and Grandfathers:

*Deceased fathers & grandfathers of the Chidiac Family by Fr. Bakhos
 Habib & Louis Khourey, Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou & Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie
 Frank Gray & Abraham George by Jim & Shirley George
 Lou Elias by his daughter Debbie Kull and Family
 Charles Przelenski & Daniel Schuler by Paul & Irene Schuler
 Joseph J. John by Marge & Lou John*

Remembered Living Fathers and Grandfathers:

*Living fathers & grandfathers of the Chidiac Family by Fr. Bakhos
 Lou Khourey by his children Emmalena & Louie & wife Charlotte
 Lou John by his children*

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Helen Kloss, Elizabeth Coram Purpura, Donald Gibbons,

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

Rosella Saseen, Evelyn Goodson, Barb Sobota, Rosalie Conti, 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)

Happy Birthday

- May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig
 May 31: Bill Dougherty
 June 1: Billy Committee, Sebastian George
 June 2: Debbie Sengewalt
 June 5: Earl Duffy, Mary Stees, Kenly George
 June 8: Patty Olinski
 June 9: Ava DeMuth
 June 11: Allison Duffy
 June 12: Marcia Laughlin
 June 14: P.J. Lenz
 June 15: Becky Joseph Ferrera

Your Church Support Last Week

1,003	Collection
150	Donations to church
45	Donation to church (Memorial of Shipley Shipley)
34	Candles
160	Parking
70	Spaghetti Dinner

56	Bake Sale
50	Reimbursement
850	Mahrajan (Ad Book)
120	Mahrajan (Table reservations)
50	Painting Fund
1,645	Parking Lot Paving Fund
\$4,233.00	Total. May God reward you many fold

What's New?

Parish Condolences: Shipley Shipley

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Shipley** family on the loss of their beloved **Shipley** who passed away in Wheeling, last week.

Fr. Bakhos celebrated the Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Lebanon Church on **Monday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m.** The Women's Society served the Mercy Meal at the Social Hall of the church after the interment.

May the Blessed Mother intercede for him and lead him to the light of Christ. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His servant **Shipley** and we extend the parish's condolences to *his* Family in their time of sorrow. Our Lady of Lebanon church is so grateful to **Shipley's** family for directing all memorial contributions toward the church maintenance fund. May *his* Memory be eternal. AMEN

Parish Condolences: Watfa Joseph

The pastor and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, offer their heartfelt sympathy to the **Joseph** family on the loss of their beloved **Watfa** who passed away in Main.

Watfa was the sister of our beloved parishioner Cecilia John. May the Almighty God grant repose of the soul to His handmaid **Watfa** and we extend the parish's condolences to *her* Family in their time of sorrow.

A New Monstrance for the Church

Many Thanks from the entire parish to Mike & Nicole Breit of Wilmington, NC, for donating the very beautiful and elegant monstrance to be used for the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Their intentions as a very christian family will be remembered in all the prayers of the church.

Also, many thanks to this generous family who visited Majegorie with their daughter Julianna who celebrated her First Communion at our church last month. They offered Fr. Bakhos a beautiful stole from that shrine. Julianna and her parents will be remembered in Fr. Bakhos' prayers always. Many Thanks.

Many Thanks

- To Gary Weisner who donated a heavy duty utility cart to be used for hauling boxes in and out of the kitchen. It is highly appreciated. God bless you Gary.
- To Barb Sobota for donating the new tall umbrella holder to be used in the lobby.
- To Janet Shutler for helping Fr. Bakhos in the artwork of the Mahrajan ad book. Thanks for your skills Janet.
- To Randy Weisner who is designing the Golden Cedar Book to be mounted next to the Cedar Tree of Life. Randy you are a wit.

Congratulations Graduates

- 1- Congratulations to Alyssa Truelove Moss who will be graduated with honor on May 26, 2009, from Hamilton Township High school. Alyssa will receive a scholarship and be going to Ohio State University this Fall. She is the daughter of Greg and Karrie Moss of Columbus, and a niece to Mary & Frank Lish.
- 2- Congratulations to Megan E. Truelove who will graduate on June 1st, 2009, from Winfield High School in Charleston. Megan was awarded a scholarship in Cross County to Wheeling Jesuit University. She is the daughter of Mark & Sue Truelove of Charleston, WV and also a niece to Mary & Frank Lish.
- 3- Congratulations to Patrick Ryan Sengewalt, son of Dave and Debbie Sengewalt, who graduated from Jesuit University with Bachelor of Science accountancy "Magna Cum Laude".

Maronites = Catholics of the East

A Maronite Role in Lebanon

The Interim Period 1958-1975.

The Arabs fought and lost another war in 1967, which sent another flood of Palestinian refugees to Lebanon. In 1969, the Cairo Accord virtually gave Palestinians autonomy within their camps, The Melkart Accord soon followed allowing Palestinians to be armed in their camps and free to engage in wars of liberation from their Lebanese refugee camps. The agreements came as a result of a 6 months deadlock by the government of then Sunni Prime Minister Rachid Karame. Lebanon was torn between two strongly opposing tendencies: an inclination within the Christian community that gave the order of priority to focus on the idea of coexistence while keeping Lebanon out of the sphere of regional conflict, in contrast to an overwhelming sense within the Muslim community that made a higher priority of integration of Lebanon into the Arab hinterland as a prerequisite to the destruction of Israel. Against this backdrop, there was complete governmental breakdown; militia rule arose as the various communities felt that they could no longer depend on the legitimate internal security forces of the government to protect their lives and property. Hafez al Assad, who had come to power in neighboring Syria during Lebanon's descent, has been described, quite correctly, as playing the role of both arsonist and fireman in Lebanon during this period. In 1973, Syria participated in the October Yom Kippur War against Israel, from which Lebanon refrained. In the aftermath of that war, the Kunaitra Disengagement Accord was reached between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights in which both countries agreed, under U.S. mediation, not to attack each other's territory from their respective sides of their common border.

The Lebanon War 1975-1982.

From the date of the 1974 Kunaitra Disengagement Accord, Assad had one obsession: to stay in power. This is a difficult task for him given his Alawite minority status within Syria. Without being viewed by the Sunni majority in Syria as an Arab liberator, or a champion of the Palestinian cause, Assad's hold on power in Syria was tenuous. Thus he sought to circumvent the requirements of the accord by maintaining a status of low intensity military confrontation against Israel through neighboring Lebanon. Assad first approached the Maronite leadership of the Lebanese Government who declined to involve Lebanon in such a confrontation or to condone such activity from Lebanese territory knowing the destruction such activity would wreak on the country. Assad next acted through Yasir Arafat's Fatah and PLO, bolstering their military presence in Lebanon through use of units of the Syrian Army being infiltrated into Lebanon as the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) to assist Arafat in his war to liberate Palestine through Jounieh. By weakening the Lebanese state and dividing the Lebanese Army, Assad was able to bolster his image. This partnership with the PLO continued until 1982 when the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) invaded Lebanon and militarily defeated the PLO and expelled them from Beirut. Ironically, the PLO, as a fighting force, was finally defeated and expelled from Lebanon by the Syrian Army at Tripoli in 1983. *(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

Religious Story: Saint Veronica

[The saints kept God first in their lives]

One of the most enduring and inspiring stories of a saint is that of Veronica. Little is known about her life, but she lived at the same time as Jesus and was present during his trial on Good Friday.

While Jesus carried the cross, he was shouted at and spit upon by a furious, almost uncontrollable crowd; his face was covered in sweat, blood and mud, and he was having difficulty remaining on his feet.

Watching Jesus fall was so painful for Veronica that she stepped out of the angry throng, despite the risk to her own life. With true compassion, she knelt in front of Jesus and used her veil to gently wipe his face clean. This simple act of kindness still resonates all over the world. In fact, the event is commemorated on the sixth station of the cross.

The Image of Christ:

After soldiers pushed her away, Veronica went home and discovered that Christ's face was imprinted on her veil. It is believed Veronica later traveled to Rome, leaving the veil in the care of Pope Clement I and his successors. Her name and legend is said to have come from the words vera icon (true image), which is what the veil was called.

An Enduring Story:

Throughout history, Veronica herself as well as her veil have been part of various legends. According to a popular Italian legend, the veil was used to cure the Roman emperor Tiberius of an illness. French legend holds that Veronica came to the region of Bordeaux shortly after the Ascension of Christ, and preached there for many years. In all its many forms, Veronica's story is a lesson about selfless compassion, and inspires us to show love for each other.

Prayer: "Jesus, may the contemplation of your sufferings move me with the greatest compassion, make me hate my sins, and kindle in my heart a more fervent love for you. Imprint your image in my mind so that I may never forget what my sins have done to you. Guide me, that I may one day be transformed into your likeness. My beloved Jesus, grant that I may never cease to love you, and do with me as you will."

Trivia Quiz

See if you can figure out what these words have in common.

- 1- Banana
- 2- Dresser
- 3- Grammar
- 4- Potato
- 5- Revive
- 6- Uneven
- 7- Assess

Look at each word carefully. You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer. This is so cool.....?
Looking for the answer?!!! Find it at the bottom of this page.

Joke (543)

Acupuncture and Porcupines

Many have not given acupuncture enough credibility. Those who doubt its effectiveness need only look at the porcupine. Rarely does one see a sick porcupine.

Destructive Healing

One nice morning two men were out fishing on a large lake. It was a beautiful morning-seventy-eight degrees and sunny with a light breeze-and the fish were biting. They had caught their limit and were enjoying the day. One fisherman noticed a man walking on the shore. He could not believe his eyes. He said to his friend, "If I did not know any better, I'd say that was Jesus over there."

The man on the shore waved them in. They rowed to the shore, and indeed it was Jesus. They began talking with him, and one man asked him if he really could heal sick people.

Jesus said, "Yes, of course, I'm good at that."

The man then asked him to heal some chronic physical problems he had. Jesus touched the affected areas, and one by one each place was restored to healthy functioning. The man never felt better. He was more alive than he had ever felt and had a renewal of youthful energy.

Jesus then looked at the other fisherman.

The man's eyes got wide, and he said, "Don't you come near me. I'm on 100 percent disability."

Answer to the Trivia Quiz

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. Did you figure it out?