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Our Lady of Lebanon Church

(Maronite Catholic Rite)

Faith ☩ Family ☩ Friends

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Rev. Bakhos Chidiac (Pastor)

Evelyn Ghaphery (Organist)

Charlotte Khourey & Thomasina Geimer (Secretaries)

6th Sunday after the Holy Cross



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
- *Confession: 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 304-277-3230, Linda Duffy 304-242-6853, Tom George 304-336-7142, P.J. Lenz 304-242-5606 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 304-242-6853
- *Women's Society: Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395



- *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 – both parking lots are for parishioners; Monday through Friday – park **ONLY** in the 3 ALLEY spaces

Gospel Reflection: 6th Sunday after the Holy Cross

Readings: Gal 6:1-10 and Mt 25:14-30

Yes, he is coming. And we do delight in him. But if we are honest, we have to admit that we each have our own images of him. Some of these images are very attractive, and some fill us with fear. The defenseless, lovable, little displaced person in the manger can hardly be a turn-off. But a refiner with his blazing furnaces is not quite so attractive. We need some time of reflection to appreciate him in this guise. As we bend low –the only way to get into the Bethlehem cave– we realize our sinfulness, our unworthiness to approach such innocence, such holiness, such goodness, such self-giving love. This realization leads us to desire that in his mercy, he will be a refiner and will make us worthy so that we may receive the fullness of the joy to be found in this Bethlehem cave.

PRAYER: “Lord, the hour is near at hand. With all my heart I ask you to purify me and prepare me to receive you this Christmas with all the love and purity of heart that is necessary so that I may truly see you, my God.

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Many people are afraid these days of catching the Swine Flu virus. Some are avoiding public places like restrooms, theatres, meetings, churches, and if they do attend, they are afraid to touch door knobs, faucets, pews, etc.... Others prefer traveling by car rather by airplanes, buses, trains, etc.... Others are scared to death to shake hands or kiss each other, etc.... Others raise their concern about receiving the “sign of peace” at the church or receiving “wine” during Communion from a communal chalice, ...

In regard to this, I would like to adopt the preventive policy recommended by other local churches and the local board of education as a way to stop the transmission and spread of the flu virus as follows:

- 1- Any individual(s) with flu symptoms should remain at home and receive treatments until recovery,
- 2- At the church, receive the “sign of peace” by waving hands or bowing head not by shaking hands.

In our Maronite Catholic Rite, we are fortunate to have the most hygienic way to receive Communion through Intinction. After welcoming parishioners at the door before Mass, I wash and sanitize my hands immediately and before the Consecration. I give Communion by dipping the blessed host in the chalice of consecrated wine and placing it on the tongue of the communicants. On the altar, I use two chalices of wine to be consecrated: one I use myself; the other smaller one, in which I dip the host that will be given to parishioners. This chalice has a special socket in the ciborium.

Our restrooms, pews, and door knobs are sanitized weekly and I advise all parishioners with flu symptoms to remain at home until they recover. By following these procedures, we show respect to each other and protect those who are very susceptible to the flu, including myself.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding,

--Fr. Bakhos

Spirituality: Forgiveness

A wealthy Jewish merchant treats a poor old man with rudeness and disdain as they travel together on a train. When they arrive at their common destination, the merchant finds the station thronged with pious Jews waiting in ecstatic joy to greet the arrival of one of the holiest rabbis in Europe, and learns to his chagrin that the old man in his compartment is that saintly rabbi.

Embarrassed at his disgraceful behavior and distraught that he missed a golden opportunity to speak in privacy to a wise and holy man, the merchant pushes his way through the crowd to find the old man. When he reaches him, he begs the rabbi's forgiveness and requests his blessing. The old rabbi looks at him and replies, "I cannot forgive you. To receive forgiveness you must go out and beg it from every poor old person in the world."

Mass Intentions

NEXT WEEKEND, October 24-25: Sixth Sunday after the Holy Cross

Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Betty Joseph (on her 1st Anniversary) by her daughter & Family
Special Intention

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m.:

40-Day Mass for Teresa Joseph Shea by Mary & Frank Lish & Family

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday, October 26: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, October 27: No Mass. Pastor's Day Off

Wednesday, October 28: No Mass. Pastor's vacation day

Thursday, October 29 at Noon:

Theodore Rydzak by the Ghaphery Family

Martha Ruggiero by Bob & Andrea (Bushilla) Kofeles

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

Friday, October 30 at Noon:

Mike & Sadie Thomas and Deceased Relatives (MN) by Ervin & Rosemary Splatt (WI)

Martha Ruggiero by Marge Muchess

Good health of Richard Shiben by his brother John & Family

Next weekend and following weekdays (from Saturday, October 31st until Friday, November 6th)

Commemoration of All Souls

All Masses from Saturday, October 31st, until Friday, November 6th, 2009, will be offered for the repose of the souls of the following remembered beloved ones. Forgotten souls are those parents and grandparents whose un-caring children and grandchildren chose not to offer at least a yearly Mass for the repose of their souls. The church is reminding you to honor your father and mother living and deceased as God commanded. Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family by the Ghaphery Family

Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL)

Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Fr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

Deceased of the Habib & Nabiha Khourey Family by Virginia Khourey Bryan

Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey, Emmalena & Louie

Deceased members of the Jacobs & Dusick Families by Sandra Dusick

Siham Frenn & LaVerne Thomas (mothers of Adel & Diane Frenn) by Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

Deceased grandparents of the Frenn & Thomas Families by Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn

Deceased family members of Thomasina Geimer

Deceased members of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Carol & Bill Dougherty

Charles & Anna Przelenski & Daniel & Adelaide Schuler by Irene & Paul Schuler

Deceased of the Schlog & Saseen Families by Bob & Fran Saseen

John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula

Sarah & Earl Magruder by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Janet & Harry Voitle by Denny & Barbara Magruder

Joseph A. Saseen by Joe & Susie Saseen

Elmer & Virginia Blust by Joe & Susie Saseen

Deceased of the Huffman & Oser Families by Mark & Debbie Huffman

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Suzanne Linton by her husband Mike Linton

Frances Linton by her son Mike Linton

Mary & Keith Linton by their grandson Mike Linton

Joanne & Tony Male by their son-in-law Mike Linton

Robert L. Rose by Dave & Debbie Sengewalt & Family

Cathy Sharp Howard by the Sengewalt Family

Simon & Fannie DiDomenico & Thomas Jalad by Anna Jalad

Joe & Nell Duffy & George & Rose Fadoul by Earl & Linda & Allison Duffy

Jim Garvey by Kay Garvey

Deceased of the Kay Garvey Family by Kay Garvey

Deceased Family Members of Albert & Anita Weisner by George & Jean Weisner & Family

Deceased Family Members of Nimon & Mariam Joseph by their children & grandchildren

George & Mary & Mike Elias by Joe Elias

Bessie & Ann & Lou Elias by Joe Elias

Abdo Habita & Mary Zaid Ferris by Tom & Denise Ferris

Teresa Joseph Shea (Austin, TX) by Frank & Mary Lish & Family

Our deceased dear ones of the Camille & MiMi Rohanna Families by Frank & Mary Lish & Family

Roland Tappe & members of the John Family by Julia Tappe

Living & Deceased Members of Joseph Linton Family by Joseph Linton

George & Mary Popovich by son Joe and Nikki Popovich

Helen Fielding and Augie Montelbano by daughter Nikki & Joe Popovich

Deceased of Don Fielding (FL) by Fr. Bakhos

Louis & Mary Elias by their Family

Deceased Members of the Long & Condelli Families by Sylvia Long

Peggy Emmerth by sisters Mary & Helen

Judy Custer by mother Mary & husband Rick

Chas Custer by mother Mary, brother Rick & daughter Candi

Deceased of the Coury, Aowad & Gibbons Families by Lucille Gibbons

Barkett & Sadie Coury by their children

Andrew & Mary Demsko by daughter Rosemary Cornish

Deceased of the Demsko & Cornish Families by Rosemary Cornish

Catherine Arthur by daughter Carol Burkhart

Deceased members of the Shiben & McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Sengewalt by the Sengewalt Family

Lawrence & Pauline Shalvey by Peggy & Nancy Shalvey

James & Rose McCutcheon Sr., & James McCutcheon Jr., & Jack McCutcheon by Peggy Justice & Ann Bauduin

Ed Shia by his wife Betty Shia

Helen Mattes by her daughter Betty Shia

Michael Sobota Sr., by his wife Barb Sobota

Living & Deceased members of the Bentz Family by Millet & Susie Fadoul

Elaine & Jay Cybulski, Annette Aprea, Rose & George Fadoul by Millet & Susie Fadoul

In Memory of Emma & James Dellget from her Family

Virginia & Harold Strawn from Rita & Rex Strawn

Cecilia & John Thomas from Rita & Rex Strawn

Donate to the Church Maintenance Fund

Help with the Endowment Fund to Keep Our Church Open and Active (Total Raised: \$1,708.00)

Please donate toward the Endowment Fund CD account that is meant exclusively for our church maintenance for the years to come. Only the yearly interest will be withdrawn and spent to pay for church

utilities and general maintenance. All benefactors will be enrolled in the daily Mass offering. Please put into writing in your will the following 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, Phone (304) 233-1688. 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. They will be remembered in every Mass: *Bill & Mary Stees (\$200), Tom Ferris (\$325), Sylvia Long (\$100), Catherine Arthur (Memorial) (\$100), Women's Society Fundraising total (\$916), Donation (\$67),*

Donate to Our Parish Families Assistance Fund

A special account called "**Parish Families Assistance Fund**" had been opened to help exclusively the families of our parish who are in dire need. You can make a donation to the church earmarked toward the "Poor of the Parish" or drop your donation in the Poor Box located at the back of the church. The Poor Box money located at the back of the church will be divided between the poor of our parish and the "Poor of Wheeling" through cooperative effort with the 18th Street Catholic Neighborhood Charity Center. All donations are tax deductible. May God reward those who share their blessings with the brothers and sisters of the Lord.

<i>Our Lady of Lebanon Community Calendar</i>	
Date	Event
Sun., Oct. 25 & Nov. 29	Women's Society Meeting & 50/50 Monthly Raffle Drawing – after Sunday Mass
Wednesday, October 28	No Mass. Fr. Bakhos day of Vacation
Thursday, October 29	Bible Study – from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, November 1	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri., Oct. 31,-Fri., Nov. 6	Week of All Souls Masses
Saturday, November 7	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, November 14	Movie Night: "Mama Mia" – at 5:45 p.m. – following Saturday Mass
Sunday, November 29	Parish Christmas Party – 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. – see note below
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 12-13	Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Exchange & Sale
Sunday, December 13	Parish Children's Christmas Party – following Sunday Mass
Sunday, December 13	Christmas Poinsettia – Deadline
Sunday, December 13	Donation of Non-Perishable Food – Deadline
Sunday, December 20	Fr. Bakhos' Anniversary to the Priesthood Luncheon – following Sunday Mass



Community Events

Lebanese Folklore Dance Troupe "Dabke" Classes Forming

Our Lady of Lebanon Church is willing to establish a Lebanese Folkloric Dance Troupe under the guidance of trainer, Natalie Committee. The troupe will be able to perform at our 2010 Mahrajan and at local events in the greater Wheeling area. Fr. Bakhos is willing to order a traditional folkloric costume from Lebanon for each age. Please register first by calling Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Training day (either Saturday or Sunday) and time will be decided when 6 or more candidates have expressed interest. **Please encourage your children or grandchildren, nieces and nephews to participate.** Call Fr. Bakhos today and sign up so we can begin.

Dance Troupe students: *Emmalena & Louie Khourey, ??*

40-Day Mass for Teresa Joseph Shea (Sunday, October 25th at 10:30 a.m.)

Women's Society Monthly 50/50 Raffle (Drawing: Sunday's, Oct. 25 & Nov. 29)

The Women's Society continues to sponsor the Monthly 50/50 Raffle. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds now will benefit the maintenance of our church through the "Endowment Fund."

The drawing from entries received **for the October 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which can be found at the church entrance, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, October 25**.

The drawing from entries received for the **November 50/50 Raffle Tickets**, which can be found at the church entrance and in the Weekly Church Bulletins, will take place in the Cedar Hall after Mass on **Sunday, November 29**.

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. The anonymous winner of the September 50/50 drawing donated the prize of \$67 back to Our Lady of Lebanon Church. May they be blessed many fold.

Women's Society Meeting (Sunday, October 25th, after Mass)

Plan to join the Women's Society for their next meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 25th, after Mass. We will complete our plans for the upcoming events.

One Day Vacation for Fr. Bakhos (Wednesday, October 28th, No Mass)

Bible Study & Lebanese Language Classes (Thursday, October 29th)

Bible Study – from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Lebanese Language – from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

-Sunday, November 1st after Mass

- Saturday, November 7th at 3:30 p.m.

Movie Night (Saturday, November 14th, at 5:45 p.m.)

Movie Night scheduled for Saturday, November 14th, will feature "Mama Mia" on the big screen in our Cedar Hall at 5:45 p.m. (after the Saturday Mass). The Cedar Club is sponsoring the movie and will provide soft drinks and popcorn. If you wish, bring an appetizer to share before the movie.

Parish Christmas Party (Sunday, November 29th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.)

Singer George Suhon is booked to provide the entertainment for our parishioners at our Parish Christmas Party sponsored by our Women's Society members on Sunday, November 29th, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. Come celebrate this year of blessings in our Cedar Hall. All parishioners and their guests are welcome to attend and join together for a great time! The menu will be: *Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine, Mixed Greens Salad, Rolls & Butter, a choice of Pies for Dessert and Coffee, Iced Tea or Lemonade.* Pop, beer and wine will be available a la carte. Everyone who attends is eligible for Door Prizes. (Women's Society members may bring door prizes anytime – they can be stored in the church office).

Reservations are required and must be made by Sunday, November 23rd, to guarantee that enough food may be ordered. (No tickets will be available to be sold after November 23rd; none available at the door.) To be included in the fun and festivities, call the church office at 304-233-1688. Remember to bring your ticket with the attached, completed Door Prize Stub to the Dinner so that you can be entered for the Door Prizes (or to avoid forgetting them and let us hold your ticket(s) at the door). **Advance Payment is requested. Tickets are \$10.00 each.** Write checks to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church & mark the Memo line: "Christmas Party."

Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Sale & Exchange (Sat.-Sun., Dec. 12-13)

Our parish's third Christmas Cookie, Candy, etc., Sale & Exchange has been scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13. Here's how it works:

--Make and bring extras of your favorite Christmas treats so that plenty will be available for sale.

--You may then buy goodies that another person brings **OR**

--You may choose to "exchange" half your treats for an equal amount that another person brings. (If you wish to take home 2 dozen treats, please bring 4 dozen – **half for you to exchange and half for others to buy**; if you want to take home 3 dozen, bring 6 dozen, etc.)

Donated cookies or other treats may be dropped off beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 12th; however, those who wish to "exchange" half their cookies donated should plan to come between 10 and 11 a.m.

Goodies remaining after the "exchange" are available for sale by the half dozen. Anyone can buy our treats (you do not have to bring anything to exchange). Just remember to come during the sale hours:

Saturday, December 12, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. and immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass; and Sunday, December 13, following 10:30 Mass.

Please make some goodies – any holiday treat will be welcomed: Lebanese specialty (Baklava, Mamouls, Sesame Twist Cookies, Namoura, Makaroons, Ghroubeh), Biscotti, Pizzelles, Nut Horns, Pecan Sandies, Thumbprint Cookies, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Oatmeal Cookies, Raisin Cookies, Chocolate Peanut Butter Cookies, Shortbread Cookies, Russian Tea Cookies, Snicker Doodle Cookies, 7 Layer Bar Cookies, Anise Cookies, Feniki Cookies, Coconut Bon Bons, Truffles, Hard Tack Candy, Buckeyes, Fudge (chocolate, peanut butter, maple, vanilla, brown sugar, etc.), Nut Rolls, regular or mini-size quick breads with or without nuts (pumpkin, zucchini, banana, blueberry, cranberry, lemon, poppy seed), etc.

If you plan to participate by preparing your favorite goodies for this fundraiser, please let us know what you might make so we can tempt people by printing a list of items. *So far, donations this year will include: Buckeyes, Pecan Tassies, Call the Church office at 304-233-1688 or Charlotte at 304-277-2320.*

Children's Christmas Party (following Mass on Sunday, December 13th)

The Women's Society invites all who attend Our Lady of Lebanon Church to bring their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to the Children's Christmas Party planned for Sunday, December 13th, following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Santa will come to the party to visit with each child.

Christmas Barrel of Non-perishable Food (Deadline: December 13th)

A barrel has been placed in the back of the Church for non-perishable food items to be given to those who are in need this Christmas Season. Our church will give a monetary gift from the "poor box" donations along with the food items to families with children. Please be generous if you can share your blessings.

Christmas Poinsettias (Deadline: Sunday, December 13)

Every Christmas our church looks beautiful when decorated with poinsettias grown by Nikki's Garden Center, \$25.00 each. Your generosity contributes to the beauty of the church.

2009 Christmas Poinsettias are offered in Memory of:

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

\$25 Fred Oser by Dolores Oser

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\$25 Ron Canestraro by the Oser family

\$25 The deceased members of the Oser & Gongola families

\$25 In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Dolores Oser

Lunch to Honor Fr. Bakhos' Priesthood Anniversary (Sun, December 20)

Plan to join the members of the Women's Society at a luncheon to honor Fr. Bakhos' Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, December 20, after Mass. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Women's Society Gift Basket Raffle *(Drawing, Sunday, December 20th)*

The Women's Society's next Gift Basket Raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20th, at the luncheon to honor Fr. Bakhos' anniversary to the priesthood. The "Wine & More for the Holidays" Gift Basket includes one bottle of the following wines: Bolla Chianti and Valpolicello; Oak Leaf Shiraz and Merlot; Lindemans Cabernet Sauvignon; Sutter Home White Zinfandel; one four-bottle wine rack; two Italian-made wine goblets; and a cheese cutting board, with a cleaver, knife, and cheese plane – all to help make your Christmas and New Year's holidays merrier.

The Gift Basket Raffle proceeds benefit the maintenance of our church through the "Endowment Fund." **Won't you take a chance ... or two ... or eighteen!** Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 **or 18 ticket stubs (3 sheets of tickets) at one time for only \$10.00.** All Gift Basket and 50/50 Raffle Tickets are now printed on white paper in the bulletins so please check the ticket sheets carefully to be sure you are completing the correct ticket stubs. Tickets are available in our weekly bulletin and at the entrance to the church at that time also.

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 "Memo" line of your check and on the front of the envelope) or mail it to: Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. Congratulations to Richard Ryncartz who won the October Gift Basket.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently In Your Prayers:

Gary West, Louis John, Philip Ruggiero, Dick Shiben (brother of John Shiben), Bob Dougherty (brother of Bill), Alice Holmes (sister of Eva Powell), Tammy, Richard Ryncarz, Edith Fahey, Frank Lish, Pat McNeil (FL) niece of Kay Garvey

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

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

Happy Birthday

October 26:	Joe Linton, Jared Voellinger
October 29:	George Thomas, John Wurtzbacher
October 30:	Michael Duffy, Andreah Frenn
November 4:	Kenneth Joseph, Libby G. Magnone, Dalton Haas
November 6:	William Sterling
November 8:	Staci Duffy, Mark Wilson
November 9:	Elizabeth A. Magnone
November 13:	Rosella Saseen
November 15:	Rena Bratton
November 18:	Emily Vince, Rose Vargo

Your Church Support Last Week

842	Collection
152	2 nd Collection "Propagation of Faith"
46	Candles
20	Utilities
120	Parking
450	Donation to Church
15	Spaghetti Dinner
20	Christmas Dinner Party
\$1,665.00	Total. <i>May God reward you many fold</i>

What's New?

Generous Sponsor Needed: Baby Changing Station

A baby changing station had been mounted between the men's and women's restroom. If any generous, big hearted benefactor is willing to donate \$225.00 to cover its cost it will be highly appreciated. Please contact Fr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688.

Please Pray for Our Benefactor Gary West

Please keep Gary West, one of our dear benefactors who had emergency aortic aneurism surgery this past week, in your daily prayers. He has been so good to our parish and is in need of your prayers for healing.

Thanks to...

Peggy Justice, Ann Lee Bauduin and Barbara Sobota for donating three 18-quart roasters for our use at our church events. May the Blessed Mother grant them a long healthy life.

Lamb Shish Kebab and Other Mahrajan Food for Sale

If you would like to purchase some frozen food items, and at the same time help our church recover the expense for these items, please ask Fr. after Mass or call the church office at 304-233-1688. Items available for sale include: **Shish Kebab**: \$17 pkg. of 5 skewers; **Zattar Bread**: \$1.50 pkg. of 2; **Wheat (#1 fine and #2 medium)**: \$3.50 pkg. of 2 lb. and once again we now have more **Pita Bread**: \$3.00 pkg. of 10 large.

Around Us

St. Alphonsus Ladies Guild Card Party (Sunday, October 25th, from 1-4 p.m.)

What: Annual Card Party at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 25
Cost: \$6.00 includes light lunch and great prizes; for reservations call: 304-232-9810

Bake Sale Fundraiser at Riesbeck's (Saturday, October 31st, starting at 10 a.m.)

Please Help – Baked Goods needed for a fundraiser Saturday, October 31st, starting at 10 a.m. outside the Riesbeck's store in Elm Grove. If you are unable to drop baked goods Saturday morning at Riesbeck's call Allison or Linda Duffy at 304-242-6853 so we can plan for a Friday, October 30th, pick up. Anything you make will be appreciated.

Wheeling Symphony Auxiliary Steak Fry (Sat., November 14, 6:30-10:30 p.m.)

What: Steak Fry – delicious homemade desserts, beer & pop are included; bring place setting & utensils
When: Saturday, November 14th, from 6:30-10:30 p.m.;
Includes: DJ – Joey Allen; Gift Baskets, a Chinese Auction, Texas Poker, a 50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes
Call: Reservations 304-242-7015 or contact Charlotte at 304-277-3230
Pay to: Anita Carenbauer, 3 Evergreen Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003

St. John Parish Annual Wine Tasting (Saturday, November 14th, (7:00-10:00 p.m.)

Where: St. John Church Hall, 1300 Charles Street. Wellsburg, W.Va.
Cost: Tickets \$10 each - In advance or at the door
Contact: Chris Cipriani at 304-737-0867

Boatsie's Stockings for Soldiers (Due by Monday, November 16th)

What: Make a donation or make or buy a Christmas Stocking; list items and value; fill stocking and slip stitch top or secure it to prevent items from "spilling out." (Suggestions: variety of candy, gum, hot chocolate, DVD's, cards, travel toiletries, athletic socks, phone cards, black watch caps, etc. (Suggested value of stocking contents is \$20-25; checks or money is gratefully accepted).
When: Stockings or donations are due by Monday, November 16th. (See flyer at church entrance)
Contact: Janell 'Zoomie' Loh, Special Project Coordinator for Boatsie's Boxes at (304) 243-0675

Wheeling Park Presents Play (Sunday-Tuesday, November 22-24, at 7 p.m.)

What: Park Players present – *The Butler Did It* Sunday-Tuesday, November 22, 23 & 24, at 7 p.m.
Tickets: \$7.00 in advance; \$8.00 at the door; \$6.00 for groups of 10 or more if attending on same night
Information: 304-243-0417 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays or wphsparkplayers@yahoo.com

Parishioner Profile: Josephine Joseph

“Parishioner Profile,” written by Carol Dougherty, is a once-a-month feature in our Weekly Bulletin. It will introduce one or more of our parishioners and include their life’s reflections, memories, etc. – each as unique as the individual. Please allow yourself to be interviewed so others may get to know you better.

Our October Parishioner Profile is about our beloved Josephine Joseph. She was born Josephine Phillips in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, to Nasim & Sophia Phillips. Her grandparents (who had originally lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the Boulevard of the Allies) also lived in New Kensington, Pennsylvania, where they had opened a store. In fact, New Kensington is where her parents met and were married.

When Josephine was around five months old, her grandparents asked permission of Nasim & Sophia to take Josephine’s oldest brother Abe (Abraham), her older sister Rose and Josephine as well as their mother Sophia with them for a visit to their homeland in Khrabay, Syria. (Khrabay is located close to the well-known area called Hasin and is where her aunt lived.) The family thought the trip would last three or four months and this would be an opportunity for their Syrian relatives to meet part of their American family. (Josephine’s two younger brothers, Jimmy and her youngest brother George, were born after the family returned from Syria and they rounded out the family of three boys and two girls.)

Unfortunately, war broke out while they were in Syria and their visit lasted about six years. She recalls that when they left Khrabay they traveled at night on horseback to begin their journey home. They left Syria by boat and sailed to France, but there they had a mechanical problem and had to stay in France for 3 months. All in all, the return trip home took six months. Josephine’s father, Nasim, had sent them enough funds through the French Council to pay for first-class passage. However the French Council kept the money that he had sent and never let the family know about these funds. This caused both parents to believe the other one had died since their communications had not been passed on. Through the generous efforts of a man in Marsielle, France, the family was able to return to the United States although they ended up travelling in third-class steerage and had to sleep on the floor. She described it as a miserable trip. After what seemed like an eternity, they docked in the United States and entered through Ellis Island. None of the family spoke English so they were aided by a Red Cross worker. She assisted them in getting transportation and they boarded a train for the remainder of the trip home. Josephine was seven years old when they returned to the United States. Since Josephine had never seen her father, she asked her mother what he looked like. Her mother described him as a heavy-set man. So every time Josephine saw a heavy man, she asked: “Is that my father?” When they finally arrived home, the reunion was truly heart-rending.

While they were gone, their father Nasim had moved and opened a grocery store in Martins Ferry, Ohio, called Phillips Grocery (Although Rustum was their original family name it somehow evolved into Phillips while they lived here.) The family settled in Martins Ferry where Josephine attended Martins Ferry schools. Her older brother Abe played football for Martins Ferry and she enjoyed going to the games to watch him play. Before being married, she worked in McCrory’s Five & Dime. (While married she worked at Wheeling Stamping for eight years.) On February 16, 1932, in Our Lady of Lebanon Church, she married the love of her life Louis “Big Zeke” Joseph. Fr. Abraham performed the ceremony. Together Josephine and Louis had five children: Joan, Dolores, Louise, Ron and Clara. Ron lives in Florida; Clara lives in Georgia; but the others all live locally. She is also the proud grandma of fourteen grandchildren: (Joan’s) Kenny and Debbie; (Dolores’s) Terrie, Cindy and Cheryl; (Louise’s) twins Dana and Donna, Todd (deceased) and Lisa; (Ron’s) Ronnie, Robert and Ryan; (Clara’s) Christine and Brian and twenty-four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Sadly, her husband Louis passed away on January 16, 1959. After her husband Louis died, she lived in an apartment across from Our Lady of Lebanon Church for thirteen years before moving to her current home.

As a parishioner of Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Josephine was always ready to lend a hand at our functions; and she did so for many years helping to prepare the food for our many dinners, bake sales and annual Mahrajans. For enjoyment, along with her two sisters-in-law, Alice Thomas and Mildred Daniel, Josephine loved playing cards and bingo. She is a much cherished member of OLOLWomen’s Society and looked on as our respected and loved matriarch. The first thing most people do when they come to Mass on Sundays, is to look to see if Josephine (always dressed beautifully) is in her seat. She is then greeted with hugs and kisses. Our Josephine has been a faithful member of our parish since 1932 and may she be here for many more years.

Maronites = Catholics of the East

Lebanon in the Holy Scriptures

III. Lebanon in the Old Testament

Several books of the Old Testament – particularly the Song of Songs – are full of praise for Lebanon's nature, wild animals, waters, trees, flowers, wine, and the plants and snow of the high mountains of Lebanon. Lebanon was known as a country characterized by blooming flowers (Nahum 1:4). Its opulent nature supplied the authors of the Old Testament with abundant material for metaphors and parables (Judges 9:15; 2 Kings 14:9 par.; 2 Chronicles 25:18; Ezekiel 17:3; Jeremiah 18:14, 22:6.23; 1 Kings 5:13). The mountain range could serve as a type of creation itself (Psalms 104:16; 2 Kings 19:23 par.; Isaiah 37:24).

The wealth of Lebanon's trees is promised to the sanctuary of the Lord in Zion (Isaiah 60:13). Ancient imagination pictured a special garden of God, a garden of abundance. In relation to this concept of a garden of God, Lebanon functions as its image. In the context of this image, the cedars of Lebanon are to be understood as the trees in the garden. The tradition of a garden of God can be found in biblical and extra-biblical sources, especially in the Mesopotamian epic of Gilgamesh and an Assyrian poem entitled "A Prince's Vision of the Nether World."

The original composition of the Assyrian poem dates to the seventh century BC. The poem contains an account of a prince, possibly Assurbanipal, who dreamed about the spirit of a dead king, most likely Sennacherib. The god Ashur had blessed the king and allowed him to "rebuild the holy New-Year's-temple-of-the-Countryside in the garden of abundance, the image of Lebanon." The poem of "A Prince's Vision of the Nether World" parallels the garden of the god Ashur with "the image of Lebanon." In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah is using a very similar metaphor in his description of how "the glory of Lebanon," i.e., the trees of the Lebanon, beautify God's sanctuary on Zion. Even if Isaiah does not necessarily refer to a literal garden of God, which would be the sanctuary on Zion, the reference to "the glory of Lebanon," implying the trees of Lebanon, nevertheless evokes the garden imagery. The aim of such expressions is to suggest the beauty and the wealth of the sanctuary or of the palace, namely beauty and wealth imparted by the best of what Lebanon has to offer, one might add.

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Story: Let the Music Out

Three neighborhood boys, Salvator, Julio and Antonio, lived and played in Cremona, Italy, around the mid-1600s. Salvator had a beautiful tenor voice and Julio played the violin in accompaniment as they strolled the piazzas. Antonio also liked music and would have loved to sing along, but his voice squeaked like a creaky door hinge. All the children made fun of him whenever he tried to sing. Yet Antonio was not without talent. His most prized possession was the pocketknife his grandfather had given him. He was always whittling away on some piece of wood. In fact, Antonio made some very nice things with his whittling.

As the time for the annual festival approached, the houses and streets gradually became festooned with beautiful decorations for spring. Dressed in their finest clothes, people filled the streets. On festival day, Salvator and Julio planned to go to the cathedral where they would play and sing in the crowded plaza.

"Would you like to come with us?" they called to Antonio, who sat on his stoop whittling on a piece of wood. "Who cares if you can't sing? We'd like to have you come with us anyway."

"Sure, I'd like to come along," Antonio replied. "The festival is so much fun."

The three boys went off to the cathedral. As they walked along, Antonio kept thinking about their remark about his not being able to sing. It made him cry in his heart, because he loved music as much as they did, even if his voice did squeak a little.

When they arrived at the plaza, Julio began to play the violin while Salvator sang with his melodious voice. People stopped to listen, and most of them left a coin or two for the shabbily dressed boys. An elderly man stepped out from the crowd. He complimented them and placed a shiny coin into Salvator's hand. He was quickly lost in the milling crowd.

Salvator opened his hand and gasped, "Look! It's a gold coin." He clenched it between his teeth to make sure. All three boys were excited and passed the coin back and forth, examining it. They all agreed that it was a real gold piece.

"But he can well afford it," said Julio. "You know, he's the great Amati."

Antonio asked sheepishly, "And who is Amati? Why is he so great?"

Both boys laughed as they said, "You've never heard of Amati?"

"Of course he hasn't," said Julio. "He knows nothing about music makers. He has a squeaky voice and is just a whittler of wood." Julio went on, "For your information, Antonio, Amati happens to be a great violin maker, probably the best in all of Italy or even the entire world, and he even lives here in our city."

As Antonio walked home that evening, his heart was very heavy. It seemed that he had been laughed at too often for his squeaky voice and his whittling. So, very early the next morning, Antonio left his home, carrying his precious whittling knife. His pockets were stuffed with some of the things he had made – a pretty bird, a flute, several statues and a small boat. He was determined to find the home of the great Amati.

Eventually, Antonio found the house and gently knocked on the front door. When a servant opened it, the great master heard Antonio's squeaky voice and came to see what he wanted so early in the morning.

"I brought these for you to see, sir," replied Antonio, as he emptied his pockets of the assortment of items that he had carved. "I hope you will look at these and tell me if I have enough talent to learn how to make violins, too."

Amati carefully picked up and examined each piece, and invited Antonio into his house. "What is your name?" he asked. "Antonio, sir," he squeaked.

"And why do you want to make violins?" inquired Amati, now quite serious.

Impulsively Antonio blurted, "Because I love music, but I cannot sing with a voice that sounds like a squeaky door hinge. You heard how good my friends are yesterday in front of the cathedral. I, too, want to make music come alive."

Leaning forward and looking Antonio in the eyes, Amati said, "The thing that matters most is the song in the heart. There are many ways of making music—some people play the violin, others sing, still others paint wonderful pictures. Each helps to add to the splendor of the world. You are a whittler, but your song shall be as noble as any." These words made Antonio very happy, and he never forgot this message of hope. In a very short while, Antonio became a student of the great artist. Very early, every morning, he went to Amati's workshop, where he listened and learned and watched his teacher. After many years, there was not one secret about the making of a violin, with all of its seventy different parts, that he did not know. By the time he was twenty-two years old, his master allowed him to put his own name on a violin he had made.

For the rest of life, Antonio Stradivari made violins – more than 1,100 of them – trying to make each one better and more beautiful than the one before. Anyone who owns a Stradivarius violin owns a treasure, a masterpiece of art.

We may not be able to sing, play, whittle or make a violin, but if we really want to, we will find a way to let the music out of our hearts and to praise God with it.

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Lipstick

According to a news report, a certain private school in Washington was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them, and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night. To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.