

**February 26, 2006**

**Bulletin #9**

## ***Our Lady of Lebanon Church***

*(Maronite Catholic Rite)*

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***Season of Lent***

***Cana Sunday***

### ***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: 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday & Sunday of the month after Communion
- \*Miraculous Medal Novena: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- \*Sunday School: 11:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.; September-May; Teachers: Nick GHAPHERY & Diane FRENN
- \*Baptism: Kindly phone the Pastor as soon as the baby is born. Godparents must be Catholics.
- \*Marriage: Kindly phone the Pastor at least six months in advance for Marriage Preparation
- \*Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the pastor any time at: (304) 233-1688
- \*Parish Council: Lou KHOUREY 277-3230, Susan JOHN 242-5706, Linda DUFFY 242-6853,  
Tom GEORGE 336-7142, Barry CARTER 242-2506, P.J. LENZ 242-5606,  
Carol DOUGHERTY (740) 782-0146 and Mike VOELLINGER 233-2186
- \*Choir Members: Rita THOMAS-STRAWN, Jim DELLGET, Shirley GEORGE, Allison DUFFY,  
George THOMAS, Ted OLINSKI and Robert HARRIS
- \*Please support Our Lady of Lebanon Church by patronizing our Advertisers
- \*Deadline for Bulletin Announcements: Every Tuesday by Noon
- \*Remember the Church in your Last Will – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
- \*New Parishioners: With great joy we welcome you to our parish & invite you to be on our mailing list
- \*If you support the Church and need a Bulletin mailed to you, please call the Rectory
- \*If you would like to serve God by preaching the Word of God, by celebrating the Sacraments and by serving those in need, you may have a vocation to the priesthood. Why not speak to Fr. Bakhos today!
- \*Parking: Saturday & Sunday – all spaces for parishioners; Weekdays – ONLY the 3 spaces by the ALLEY

## *Season of Lent: Cana Sunday*

*Readings: Rom 14:14-23 & Jn 2:1-12*

### THE MYSTERY OF MARY

The mystery of her who, in the words of St. Leo, “conceived God in her mind before she conceived Him in her body,” gives full meaning to the twofold presence of Mary in the mystery of salvation: her presence before God and her presence among men, both in the fellowship of one life, in one body. Here indeed two utterances made at Cana find their lasting meaning. The first is addressed to Christ, telling Him of men’s thirst: “They have no wine”; the second to men, telling them to hope for God’s gift and to give their cooperation: “Do whatever He tells you.”

–Rene LAURENTIN

## *Ash Monday*

### *Remember, You Are Dust and Will Return to Dust*

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### *Good Advice: Forgiveness*

- Forgive many things in others; nothing in yourself. –Ausonius
- Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much. –Oscar Wilde
- The truest joys they seldom prove, Who free from quarrels live;  
‘Tis the most tender part of love, Each other to forgive. –John Sheffield
- Don’t tell your friends their social faults;  
they will cure the fault and never forgive you. –Logan Pearsall Smith

## ***Season of Great Lent Begins***

Lent, the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of the Maronite calendar serves as a preparation for the Paschal Mystery and consists of fifty days. The period is composed of two distinct cycles: a proper liturgy of the Sundays of Lent numbering seven: Cana, the Leper, the Hemorrhaging Woman, the Prodigal Son, the Paralytic, Bartimaeus the Blind and Hosanna Sunday— and an independent weekday cycle composed of six weeks divided into three stages initiating the pattern of Christ’s public life. They include the Week of Lent, the Week of Miracles and Hosanna Week.

The weekday cycle reflects man’s estrangement from God and his need for conversion. The readings and prayers are designed to exhort the worshiper to take courage and to turn back by imitating Christ through penance. Here Lent commemorates the penitential aspect of the Lord’s forty day fasting. The Syriac fathers have traditionally described this movement toward God as a nautical journey whose destination is the Harbor of Life. “Bless our fasting ... Make it a journey which will lead us to the harbor of salvation.” The liturgies for the Sundays of Lent call to mind the power of God and His mystery over creation, hence the miracle accounts designated for the Sundays before Easter. The readings and prayers reflect an ascending movement toward the glory of resurrection. In this case Lent recalls the Lord’s progressive journey toward Jerusalem. The recurring theme is the imminent glorification of the divine Word and through Him the restoration of all creation to peace and harmony. Here one notes the eschatological aspect of Lent. “O Source of love as your peace rescued Noah from the flood, opened a way through the sea for Moses and calmed the raging waters for the disciples so now may it establish peace in your Church and fill her children with joy.”

### ***Celebration of the Holy Mysteries***

Added to the Week of the Faithful Departed:

Deceased members of AOWAD & COURY families by Lucille COURY-GIBBONS

#### **This Weekend: February 25-26 – “Cana Sunday – Entrance to Lent”**

##### **Saturday, February 25, at 4:00 p.m.:**

Wesley SNEDEKER by his sons David, Gary & Samuel & daughter Margaret J. QUINN  
Special Intention

##### **Sunday, February 26, at 10:30 a.m.:**

Eva Mae K. COURY by Lula-Marie K. MAROON  
Fred & Rita JOHN & Michael John by the GHAPHERY family

#### **Coming Week:**

##### **Monday, February 27: Ash Monday. Beginning of Lent Season [Day of Fasting]**

**8:15 a.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

Special Intention

**7:00 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash**

Special Intention

##### **Tuesday, February 28: No Mass. Office Work & Visitations of the Sick.**

**Wednesday, March 1, at 12:15 p.m.:**

Special Intention

**Thursday, March 2, at 12:15 p.m.:**

Special Intention

**Friday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.:**

6:30 pm: Mass: Special Intention

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross & Benediction (followed by light dinner)

<b>Next Weekend: March 3-4: "Sunday of the Leper"</b>
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**Saturday, March 3, at 4:00 p.m.:**

Kathy SHIPLEY by Louis & Marjorie JOHN

Special Intention

**Sunday, March 4, at 10:30 a.m.:**

Living and Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom GHAPHERY family & the David Abraham GHAPHERY family by the GHAPHERY family

Tom JALAD (on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by his wife Anna JALAD

<b><i>Parish Life &amp; Coming Events</i></b>	
Sunday, February 26: 11:30 a.m.	50/50 Monthly Building Fund Raffle Drawing
Sunday, February 26: 11:30 a.m.	Women's Society Meeting
Monday, February 27	Ash Monday – Mass at 8:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 12: 11:30 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Monday, March 13: 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cedar Club Meeting</b>
Wednesday-Saturday, March 15-18	Maronite Convention – St. Louis, MO
Sunday, March 26	St. Maron Lebanese Dinner

***Building Project Income***

Donations received in February 2006:

Diamond	Dr. Adel & Diane FRENN & children Justin & Andrea (2.1.2006)
Sapphire	Michael & Nicole BREIT (2.2.2006)
Alexandrite	John JOHN and his daughters Dianne & Victoria (2.4.2006)
Cedar Book	Jennifer KLEIN (2.06.2006)
Cedar Book	Martha RUGGIERO (2.10.2006)
Topaz	Rosella SASEEN (2.12.2006)
Topaz	Luane TRUELOVE (VA) (2.12.2006)

***50/50 Monthly Building Fund Raffle*** (Drawing: Sun, Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m.)

The Women's Society of Our Lady of Lebanon Church is sponsoring the 50/50 Monthly Building Fund Raffle. Tickets are available at the back of each week's Bulletin. Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. **The first drawing on Sunday, February 26, –from the pink ticket entries– will take place in the social hall following the morning Mass. (Green tickets at the back of this bulletin are for the Sunday, March 26, drawing.)** All proceeds received will benefit the Building Fund. 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.*

For more information or additional tickets, contact the church office at (304) 233-1688 or call: Mary LISH (740) 695-9452. Your generosity and cooperation will enhance our Church.

**Women's Society Meeting** (Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m.)

Our next Women's Society meeting will be held in the social hall on Sunday, February 26, at 11:30 a.m. Please try to be in attendance so that further plans for our spring events can be made.

**Ash Monday: Blessing with Ashes:** (Monday, February 27)

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**Lenten Dinners Need 6 Generous Host Families**

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Stations of the Cross and the Benediction of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Reflections series will take place every Friday. I need six generous families –each willing to host a light meal to be served in the parish hall at 8:00 p.m. following the Friday prayers. (All desserts each Friday will be provided by the Cedar Club.)

Please schedule yourself for one of these evenings. Thanks for your hospitality.

1 <sup>st</sup> Family: Friday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The DUFFY & FADOUL Families
2 <sup>nd</sup> Family: Friday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	The GHAPHERY Family
3 <sup>rd</sup> Family: Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	

4 <sup>th</sup> Family: Friday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Family: Friday, March 31 <sup>st</sup>	The CATER & MILLER Families
6 <sup>th</sup> Family: Friday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	

**Sunday School** (Sunday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m.)

**Cedar Club Meeting** (Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.)

Our next Cedar Club meeting will be on Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please bring your ideas and fun loving nature to the meeting.

### **Upcoming Calendar of Events for 2006**

Sunday, April 9	Palm Sunday
Friday, April 14	Good Friday
Sunday, April 16	Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 7	May Procession
Monday, May 1, to Thursday, May 4 <b>Order Deadline: April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Women's Society ... ... Spring ... <b>Lebanese Bake Sale</b>
Sunday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Spaghetti Dinner
Friday-Saturday, June 9-10	Rummage Sale
Wednesday-Sunday, July 5-9	NAM Convention – Chicago, IL
Saturday, August 12	Mahrajan Eve Hafli – St. Vincent Hall
Sunday, August 13	Mahrajan Day – Oglebay Park
Saturday, November 4	Grand Party of Our 100 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary at the White Palace, Wheeling Park

**St. Maron Dinner** (Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>)

Our annual St. Maron Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2006 from 11:30am – 5:30pm. The St. Maron Dinner will feature an array of delicious Lebanese cuisine. Our menu will include: Baked Kibbee, Stuffed Grape Leaves & Luban, Lubyi, Chicken & Rice, Hummus, Salad, Pita Bread and Lebanese Cookie. Each meal will also include: coffee, tea, iced tea, or lemonade. **Tickets purchased by March 17<sup>th</sup>** are: ADULTS \$13.00 each or 2 for \$25.00 and CHILDREN (12 years old and under) \$7.00 each. **Adult tickets purchased after March 17<sup>th</sup>** are \$15.00 each. **Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.**

Tickets are available by calling the church office @ 233-1688 or by contacting any of our Parish Council members (phone numbers on the front page of the bulletin). **Advance ticket sales only.**

**ST. MARON BAKE SALE** – With the help of our generous parishioners, we will sponsor a bake sale during the St. Maron Dinner. The bake sale will offer a variety of delicious, homemade pastries and baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, candy, breads, etc) made by our parishioners. After you have enjoyed a wonderful meal, please plan to stop by our bake sale and purchase some fabulous treats to take home!

**DONATIONS FOR THE ST. MARON BAKE SALE** – Calling all bakers! Please plan to bake and donate one (or even two) of your favorite **Homemade Pastries** for our St. Maron Bake Sale. Please plan to drop-off your donation between 3:30pm – 4:30 pm on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> or between 9:30am – 10:30am on Sunday, March

26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to schedule an alternative drop-off time, please call Marsha at 233-8194.

Our St. Maron's Day Bake Sale has always been a tremendous success. With your help, we will have another great bake sale this year! Thank you in advance for your generosity, effort and time!

### ***“From the Heart” Gift Basket Raffle*** (Drawing: Sun., March 26)

The Women's Society of Our Lady of Lebanon Church will sponsor its second “From the Heart” gift basket to be raffled following Mass on Sunday, March 26. Other gift baskets will be raffled at on Easter Sunday and at our Spaghetti Dinner. Proceeds from these gift basket raffles will be used to help those from our parish who need assistance. Anyone willing to sell tickets is asked to contact Marsha DELLGET at 233-8194 or the Church office at: 233-1688. Cost: \$1.00 each.

Join us in our endeavor to help others. If you wish to donate an item for one of these baskets (or any others that are prepared to help our church), the following are suggested items:

- 1- For a springtime theme gift basket for the St. Maron Dinner: decorative small flowerpots, flower seeds or bulbs, gardening tools, gloves
- 2- For the Italian-theme gift basket to be raffled at the Spaghetti Dinner: Chianti or other wine, corkscrew, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti fork, cheese grater, candles, wine glasses
- 3- Other items that would be useful in other baskets would be: Easter items, a cookbook, kitchen towels, potholders, spices, cooking wine, wooden spoons, spatulas, candy, potpourri, DVDs, popping corn, mugs, small packets of gourmet coffee, packets of hot cocoa mix, a variety of teas, etc.

We thank each of you from the bottom of our heart for the blessing of your cooperation with every one of our church events –whether you buy raffle tickets, sponsor an item, make a donation or offer your talents and time.

### ***Easter Flowers*** (Deadline, Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>)

We are accepting donations for the purchase of Easter flowers in memory of your loved ones through Sunday, April 9. Include your donation of \$20 in an envelope with your name, and the names to be listed “In Memory of...” Make your check payable to: **OLOL Church** – Memo: *Easter Flowers*, and mail to the church or deposit in the offering basket.

## ***What's New?***

### ***Help a Needy Family***

A family with a very sick father, caring mother, and four adopted children is in dire need at this time. If you are blessed enough and can help, please put money in the “poor box” mounted at the entrance of the church or see Fr. Bakhos for more information. May God who sees in secret reward you manifold for your good deeds.

We received the following letter from that family:

*“Hi Father,*

*I hope that things are going well with you.*

*I just wanted to thank you for the money you left with my mother. Could you please let me to whom I need to send a thank you note?*

*We really appreciate all that you and the church are doing for our family.*

*Philip continues to feel pretty good and we remain thankful for that. He will be home from Maryland tomorrow and will stay home for 2 weeks.*

*--Thank you, Cindy Ruggiero.”*

## ***Religious Questions & Catholic Answers***

### **Question #117: “How could there be a place like hell if Jesus loves people unconditionally?”**

**Answer:** Because Jesus loves people so much He gives them the tremendous gift of freedom. That means if they chose to reject Him, He will not force Himself upon them. Those who finally reject Him get what they want –to be left alone by God. That is the horrendous reality we call hell.

Here are seven reasons why a place like hell is reasonable to believe in and, despite it’s horrendousness is still compatible with God’s love:

- 1- What else can God do with the man? If a man dies loving himself more than God, what can God do with him? He has to let him go to the place of his own making. He can’t take him to heaven and force him to love Him, for that would mean an inconceivably close union with God, whom the man hates. Loving God (and being close to Him) would be a ceaseless torment to the man, who really loves himself most of all. It is impossible for man to reject God and possess Him at the same time.
- 2- Jesus (and the Father) wouldn’t lie. God the Father and the Son (Jesus) reveal many times in Scripture that hell is real. How then could God say, “I was only kidding.” God doesn’t kid about something as serious as hell. It must be true.
- 3- God is justice and love together. God is not 51 percent love and 49 percent justice or vice versa. God is 100 percent justice and 100 percent love at the same time. By His very nature (perfection), God is incapable of an injustice. Therefore, eternal punishment must somehow be just. Our free will is a gift that is in accord with our dignity as human beings. It would be an injustice for God to force us to love Him because this would go against our nature as humans. It would not offer the challenge or choice that our intellects and free will deserve. It would be an injustice for Him not to allow us to use our free will to choose or reject Him. Therefore, hell can actually be an argument for the justice of God.
- 4- Because the offense is so serious, the punishment must be just. If a person assaults another person, he may go to prison for a year. If he assaults the mayor, he will go to prison for a longer time. If he assaults the president of the United States, he’ll go for an even longer time. And, if he assaults the eternal God, by rejecting Him and His laws, it’s not unreasonable to think he should

go to “prison” for all eternity. Why? The penalty is measured by the gravity of the offense and the importance of the person we assault. Rejecting an infinite God (and not repenting) merits an infinite punishment.

- 5- God does not condemn men to hell. We condemn ourselves. God simply allows it because He knows that because the man rejected Him, it is just. God gives us every possible aid to avoid hell. He gave His only Son. He gave us the Church to teach us. He gave us the Bible as written documentation of His truth. He gave us the Eucharist to nourish us spiritually. He gave us Confession to heal us spiritually. He even gave us the Anointing of the Sick for those who are close to death. He gave us miracles to help us believe. Yet, people still reject Him. They couldn't care less about Him or His laws. What is God to do with them without offending their human dignity and free will?
- 6- Because man would live a more sinful life if there weren't the threat of hell. The possibility of spending eternity in hell is a great deterrent for bad behavior. Hell is an “emergency brake” against a life of sin. Time has proven that, because of our sinful nature and love of self, too many men choose to live for themselves instead of God. And this is in a world that mostly believes that hell exists. Can you imagine what life would be like if Christianity taught that there was a second chance after this life? Many would act much differently. Many would say, “I'm going to live it up here on earth because I plan to repent in the next life.” We would have chaos. We would have much more abortion, homicide, premarital sex, etc.
- 7- If punishment on earth is OK, why not in the afterlife? For those who reject the idea of eternal punishment, why do you not reject temporal (earthly) punishment? Why have prisons? Why have traffic tickets for speeding violations? Why have penalties for crimes here on earth if you're not prepared to have penalties for crimes committed against the One who made the earth? Penalties for crimes are necessary in order to maintain earthly justice and order. Likewise, penalties for crimes against God are necessary in order to maintain justice and order in the spiritual realm.

*It's important to remember you are in no danger of hell if you simply stay faithful to God and His laws. God will help us. And, if you fall into sin, get back up and be reconciled through the confessional. God does not take pleasure in allowing people to go to hell. Nor should we. This would be a warped view of justice. We should want all to be saved. We should always pray the Our Lady of Fatima prayer at the end of each decade of the rosary which says in part, “Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.”*

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

\$1,578.00	Collection
\$40.00	Votive Candles
\$5.00	Utilities
\$40.00	Reimbursement

\$1,663.00	TOTAL. May the Blessed Mother reward you manifold!
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## ***Happy Birthday to You***

### **Birthdays This Week:**

February 27: MaryAnn CARL  
March 1: Linda VOELLINGER  
March 4: Jeff SENGEWALT

### **Birthdays Next Week:**

March 5: Philip CARL  
March 6: Shipley SHIPLEY, Karen SHIPLEY, Kristen McLAUGHLIN

*To add or remove your birth-date from the bulletin, please call (304) 233-1688*

## ***Is Anyone Sick?***

*Wheeling Hospital 243-3000; OVMC 234-0123, East Ohio Regional Hospital 633-1100;  
Reynolds Memorial Hospital 843-3211; Peterson Rehabilitation Hospital 234-0500  
Nursing Homes: Continuous Care Center - 243-3800, Heartland - 635-4600;  
Good Shepherd Home- 242-1093; Welty Home - 242-5233*

### **Please remember those hospitalized recently in your prayers:**

Ann ELIAS, Francis LINTON, Paul SCHULER

### ***Also please pray for:***

Shipley SHIPLEY, Mary SHIPLEY (Thomasina GEIMER's mother), Jerry SASEEN,  
Donald HENNING, Peggy JUSTICE, Nellie GERLOCK, Philip RUGGIERO,  
Catherine (Geary) SIMON, Ed SHIA, Manell BRICE (Arlington), Jennie BEDWAY,  
Leona ALBAUGH, Rose Mary BRIS-ROYBAL (Albuquerque), Alyssa MOSS  
(Columbus)

*All parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon wish you a speedy return to health. We want you to know that each and every one of you has a very special place in our parish. All sick parishioners are visited regularly. If you wish to receive Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick, please do not hesitate to call: 233-1688. We wish you every blessing. –Fr. Bakhos CHIDIAC, Pastor*

## ***Around Us***

### ***World Day of Prayer*** (Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Where: Roney's Point United Presbyterian Church, Dallas Pike Rd., Triadelphia  
When: Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Luncheon at 12:00;  
Cost: \$4.00  
Reservation: Due by February 27. Call Norma 232-3971 or Katherine 277-1018

### ***Steak Fry*** (Sat., March 25<sup>th</sup>)

The Central Catholic High School Baseball program is sponsoring a Steak Fry on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 until midnight at the El Tor Grotto in Fulton. Cost is \$15.00 per person. For ticket information and reservations call 233-5791 or 242-0247.

## ***Religious Story: Pope Leo XIII***

*[The saints kept God first in their lives]*

*With the European community undergoing intense political upheaval for much of the nineteenth century, the Vatican turned inward and away from the modern world. Blaming the turmoil on new trends in political thought and changes in the social order, the Church distanced itself from progress, from liberalism, and indeed from modern civilization.*

*Then came Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903). Elected pope in 1878, the longtime archbishop of Perugia gradually embarked on a course that would change all of that. He understood that the Church had an obligation to reach out to the world around it. A pioneer not only in social justice but in ecumenism as well, he led the Church into the twentieth century -and into a new era. In doing so, he allied the Church firmly with working families, helping to stem a wave of antclericalism growing among the lower classes. It was a change that could have come about sooner, to be sure, but it represented such a marked departure from the old order that Leo would be known during his lifetime –and beyond–as “The Pope of the Workingman.”*

*His 1891 encyclical Rerum Novarum (“Of New Things”) is one of the universally recognized landmarks of the Church’s teaching on social justice. In the privileged surroundings of his youth there may have been little evidence of the direction his social thought would take, but as this charming story indicates, the priesthood seemed to beckon to him early in life.*

While still very young, Joachim Peed –the future Pope Leo XIII– began to display a great fondness for study that his mother interpreted as a sure sign of the priestly vocation she desired for him.

One day Count Ludovico Pecci, the boy’s father, took him for walk and, from a distant hillside, pointed out the locations of Aquino and Monte Cassino.

“What!” exclaimed Joachim. “Aquino, where St. Thomas the doctor was born, and Monte Cassino, where he learned to read and write! Papa, may I go there too to learn to read and write?”

Count Ludovico came back from the hike with mixed emotions. The boy’s wish to study as St. Thomas did was somewhat at odds with the career the father had in mind for him.

“I wanted to make a general of him,” he confided to his wife, the countess. “Well,” she replied, “you might have started something else. You may even make a pope of him!”

## ***Famous Quotes: America***

--America is one place where the people have complete control over how they pay their taxes – cash, check, or money order.

--America is still the land of opportunity. Where else could you earn enough to owe so much?

--Americanism means finding fault with other countries for not solving their

problems, while we wait without hope for the Government to solve ours.

## *A Time to Laugh (379)*

### ***Oooooooops!***

Sitting by the window of her convent, Sister Barbara opened a letter from home one evening. Inside the letter was a \$100 bill her parents had sent. Sister Barbara smiled at the gesture. As she read the letter by the window, she noticed a shabbily dressed stranger leaning against the lamp post below.

Quickly, she wrote, "Don't Despair. --Sister Barbara," on a piece of paper, wrapped the \$100 bill in it, got the man's attention and tossed it out the window to him.

The stranger picked it up, and with a puzzled expression and a tip of his hat, went off down the street.

The next day, Sister Barbara was told that a man was at her door, insisting on seeing her. She went down, and found the stranger waiting. Without a word, he handed her a huge wad of \$100 bills.

"What's this?" she asked. "That's the \$8,000 you have coming Sister," he replied. "'Don't Despair' paid 80-to-1."

### ***Oooooooops!***

One day at kindergarten a teacher said to the class of 5-year-olds, "I'll give \$2 to the child who can tell me who was the most famous man who ever lived." An Irish boy put his hand up and said, "It was St. Patrick." The Teacher said, "Sorry Sean, that's not correct."

Then a Scottish boy put his hand up and said, "It was St. Andrew." The teacher replied, "I'm sorry, Hamish, that's not right either."

Finally, a Jewish boy raised his hand and said, "It was Jesus Christ." The teacher said, "That's absolutely right, Marvin, come up here and I'll give you the \$2." As the teacher was giving Marvin his money, she said, "You know Marvin, since you're Jewish, I was very surprised you said "Jesus Christ."

Marvin replied, "Yeah. In my heart I knew it was Moses, but business is business."

### ***Don't You Sometime Wonder?***

Recently, when I went to McDonald's I saw on the menu that you could have an order of 6, 9 or 12 Chicken McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets.

"We don't have half dozen nuggets," said the teenager at the counter.

"You don't?" I replied.

"We only have six, nine, or twelve," was the reply.

"So I can't order a half dozen nuggets, but I can order six?" "That's right." So shook my head and ordered six McNuggets.