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Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturdays: Mass at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays: Mass at 10:30 a.m.
 - ***Weekday Masses:** Tuesdays and Thursdays Mass at 12:00 Noon
Mondays and Wednesdays and Fridays: No Mass. Pastor's office work.
 - ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month after Mass.
 - ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment.
 - ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic.
 - ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made.
 - ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
 - ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Susan (John) Burns, Mark McLaughlin, Liz Murad, Gary Weisner.
 - ***Choir Members:** Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Joe Simon, Shelly Hancher, Holly Stahl.
 - ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
 - ***Altar Servers:** Joe Roxby and Christopher AlKhouri
 - ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President
 - ***Women's Society:** Jeannette Wakim, President
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- ***Bulletin Announcements:**
Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week.
 - ***New Parishioners:**
We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners.
 - ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: Ex 17:8-15; 1 Cor 1:18-25 and Jn 12:20-32

God so loved the world. This one sentence precludes the Christian from thinking of God's love as some metaphysical attribute of a distant divine being only to be contemplated by the philosophically wise. For God's love is an action in man's history -the Greek uses an aorist tense here, the tense regularly used of historical happenings and actions. God loved, and things happened. But he loved the world. So the witness of the Spirit is making plain the vast origin of the lifting up of Jesus: the divine love which is its origin is not to be confined to one people, race or nation; for God's love embraces the world. The magnitude of the love is matched by the magnitude of the gift: **God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.** God loved all there was, and gave all he had. So the splendid objective of the love of God can be stated only in universal terms: **that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.** The service of love, then, is not a trivial thing. It is not just a question within it; it is a question whether in response to the act of love a man will embrace the life that is offered, or finally and utterly perish. The terms **eternal life** and **perish** are, as Barrett observes, "absolute alternatives". The world into which the Son was sent was, and remains, in Paul's phrase, "IN BONDAGE TO DECAY" (Rom.8:21). Man in his inescapable mortality shares the finitude of the whole natural order. But at the cross, seen in the illumination of the Spirit, we learn of the victorious purpose of God's love that has asserted the gift of life in the midst of a dying world. Man has now the possibility of two destinies: life or death. Only God has life in himself. His gift of life to men is thus their own hope of attaining it, and to attain it is to share the fullness of life itself, in never -failing abundance. Its quality is the source of its prosperity. But outside this life, everything ends in death. The alternatives are indeed absolute.

Mahrajan Updating

Diamond Sponsors needed

We are going to self-sufficiency in affording EZ pop up tents for our booths. Most of our festival profit is going towards the tents rental. Msgr. Bakhos ordered five tents for \$200.00 each. If you can sponsor one tent, your name will be listed as a "Diamond Sponsor" in the next year Ad Book. May the Blessed Mother reward you many fold in this life and in the next and bless the work of your hands. —Msgr. Bakhos

--1st tent sponsored by: Ron & Kim Gibbons (they will be Diamond Sponsors in next year Ad Book)

--2nd tent sponsored by: Janet Shutler (she will be a Diamond Sponsor in next year Ad Book)

--3rd tent sponsored by: Chris & Jeannette Wakim (they will be Diamond Sponsors in next year Ad Book)

--4th tent sponsored by: Earl (Mickey) & Linda Duffy (they will be Diamond Sponsors in next year Ad Book)

--5th tent sponsored by: Mary Rose Kukula (She will be Diamond Sponsor in next year Ad Book)

--6th tent sponsored by: Dennis & Mary Lee Porter (they will be Diamond Sponsors in next year Ad Book)

--7th tent sponsored by: Rob Wodusky (he will be Diamond Sponsor in next year Ad Book)

--Arch for Mahrajan entrance sponsored by: **(\$150.00 Please sponsor me)**

Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, September 13-14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 13, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

✠ Kenny Joseph by Ray Tucker

✠ Intentions of the Benefactors and volunteers at our church

Sunday, September 14, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise Ferris

Weekdays Mass Schedule

Monday, September 15: No Mass. Pastor's day off.

Tuesday, September 16, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Sandra Tucker DiPaolo
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, and her son Mark by her last will

Wednesday, September 17: No Mass. Office Work.

Thursday, September 18, Mass at Noon:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Sandra Tucker DiPaolo
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

Friday, September 19: No Mass. Office Work.

Mass Schedule, next Weekend: Sat.-Sunday, September 20-21 ***1st Sunday after the Holy Cross***

Saturday, September 20, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Ray Tucker
- ✠ Intentions of the Benefactors and volunteers at our church

Sunday, September 21, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Kenny Joseph by Jack Fahey

Coming Parish Events

Sunday, September 21	Volunteers appreciation dinner after 10:30 Mass
November 10 thru 15 th	Monday, November 10: dicing onions Tuesday, November 11: Browning meat Wednesday, November 12: Baking kibbee Thursday, November 13: Meat Pies Saturday, November 15: Orders pick-up

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All Souls Two Week Masses (From November 1st until November 9th)

The weekend Masses will be followed by the Prayer of Incense for the Repose of All Souls.

Special day remembrance during these two week Masses for All Souls:

Sunday, November 2:

- ✠ Steve & Elizabeth Harasuik (Wedding Anniversary) by George & Susan Saseen and Family

Sunday, November 9:

- ✠ Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Anniversary) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone

Masses for All Souls

- ✠ Deceased of the Khourey & Howard Families by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Virginia Khourey Bryan & Deceased of the Nabiha & Habib Khourey Family by the Khourey Family
- ✠ Deceased of the Nader Family by Lou & Charlotte Khourey & Emmalena & Louie
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Youssef Chahine by his wife Jocelyne and Family (PA)
- ✠ Deceased of the Chidiac Family by Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
- ✠ John Shibben by his wife Dee
- ✠ Khalil & Sadie & Maria Harb & Annette & Al Togliatti by Jamil Harb (Troy, MI)
- ✠ Sarah Harb (sister of Benefactor Jamil Harb) by the Family
- ✠ Najla Nassar and Nawal El-Hage by Anthony & Rena Nassar and Family
- ✠ Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- ✠ Deceased of the Gibbons and Otterbecks Families by Ron & Kim Gibbons

- † Deceased of the Coury Family by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- † Helen & Al Schroeder by their son Mark and daughter Jane Wine
- † Suzanne Bush by Mark Schroeder
- † Martha Paul by Mark Schroeder
- † Frank Schroeder by Mark Schroeder
- † Deceased of Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † John & Mary Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Deceased of Elias & Selma Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
- † Mike Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- † Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Georgette Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- † Mildred Daniel by Vickie Joseph
- † Sam Daniel by Vickie Joseph
- † Rosemary Coury by Dick Coury
- † Eva Coury by Dick Coury
- † Marianna Khoury by Dick Coury
- † Attorney Edward Khoury by Dick Coury
- † Attorney Clinton Coury by Dick Coury

Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month

- September 24: Luane Frazier
- September 26: Mary Rose Kukula
- October 4: Leo Bleifus
- October 6: Joe Popovich, Frank Duymich
- October 10: Linda Duffy
- October 15: Denise “Nini” Miller
- October 16: Karen John, Natalie DeMuth Mulvey
- October 20: Courtney Sengewalt

<i>Your Church Support Last Week</i>	
\$2,180.25	Sunday Collection
225.00	2 nd collection: catholic University
48.00	Candles
21.00	Coffee hour
590.00	Donation to the church
50.00	Maharajan
\$3,114.25	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

(Note: Please call Msgr. Bakhos if you need your name added to our Prayer List. HIPPA regulations)
 Earl & Linda Duffy, Nini Miller, Becky Ferrera, Marge John, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Gavin Hancher, Monroe DeLuca, Sally Sengewalt, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda), Dolores and Bob Oser, Anthony Wakim, Fran Saseen, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Patty Olinsky, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

Question & Answer (#32)

Question #32: “Is there any record of how Jesus was In His younger years?”

Answer: The only thing we know of Jesus' younger years was when, at age 12, He was found by His parents in the temple discussing matters with the priests and elders. Upon finding Jesus, His parents asked, "Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety." To which Jesus responded, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house" (Luke 2:49)? The story goes on to say how He left with His parents and was obedient to them. The fact that the God-man would be obedient to His parents offers us a valuable lesson.

There are claims of private revelations (vs. public revelation which is revealed in Scripture and the Tradition of the Church) about Jesus' early years, but Catholics aren't obliged to accept them. Also, they may include serious errors about Christ so we should be cautious.

Spirituality: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.
 God was just your little boy and you know the way.
 Did you lift him up sometime, gently on your knee?
 Did you sing to him, the way mother does to me?
 Did you hold his hand at night? Did you try,
 Telling stories of the world. Oh, and did he cry?
 Do you think he really cares if I tell him things?
 Little things that happen?
 And do the angels wings make a noise?
 Does he hear me when I speak low?
 Does he understand me now? Tell me for you know.
 Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.
 God was just your little boy and YOU know the way.

--Bishop Fulton SHEEN

Wisdom: Good wishes

I wish you a day of ordinary miracles.
 A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself.
 An unexpected phone call from an old friend.
 Green stoplights on your way to work or shop.
 I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in.
 The fastest line at the grocery store.
 A good sing along song on the radio.
 Your keys right where you look.
 I wish you a day of happiness and perfection, little bite-size pieces of perfection that give you the funny feeling that the Lord is smiling on you, holding you so gently because you are someone special and rare.

Story: Words from Mother Theresa

Mother Teresa tells us a story that warms the heart: "One day a young couple came to our house and asked for me. They gave me a large amount of money. I asked them, "Where did you get so much money?" They answered, "We got married two days ago. Before we got married we had decided not to celebrate the wedding, not to buy wedding clothes, not to have a reception or a honeymoon. We wanted to give you the money we saved." I know what such a decision meant, especially for a Hindu family. That is why I asked them, "But how did you think of such a thing?" "We love each other so much", they answered, "that we wanted to share the joy of our love with those you serve." "To share: what a beautiful thing!"

And here are further words from Mother Teresa: "To die in peace with God is the culmination of any human life. "Of those who have died in our houses, I have never seen anyone die in despair or cursing. They have all died serenely. "I took a man I had picked up from the street to our House for the Dying in Calcutta. "When I was leaving, he told me, "I have lived like an animal on the streets, but I am going to die like an angel.

I will die smiling." He did die smiling, because he felt loved and surrounded by care. That is the greatness of our poor!"

The Taxi driver

A taxi driver didn't stop at the red light. The passenger said to him, "*Why are you going through the red light?*" The driver said, "*don't worry. My brother does that all the time.*" The passenger did not know what the driver meant. When the driver went through the second red light, the passenger screamed at him and said, "*stop and let me out.*" The driver replied, "*don't worry my brother does that all the time.*" At the third set of lights, the light was green the driver slammed the breaks and stopped. The passenger said to him, "*you have a green light. Go.*" The driver replied, "*How can I go? My brother could be coming on the red light!!!!!!*"

Please be quiet

Pastor Dave Charlton tells us, "*After a worship service at First Baptist Church in Newcastle, Kentucky, a mother with a fidgety seven-year old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, 'If you don't be quiet, Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!'*" It worked.

Jokes (184)

Love your enemy

Between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in a beautiful farming country, there lies a village embosomed in the fields, called by the pleasant scriptural name of Ephratah. In that village there once preached a humble Baptist minister. In the town was a wicked man, who did great injury to this preacher. The War of the Revolution came on, and this evil man joined the army of Washington. His low character soon got him into trouble in the army; he was court-martialed and sentenced to death. The army was then in the neighborhood of Philadelphia.

The news of this man's conviction and approaching death reached the preacher at Ephrata. Immediately he set out for Philadelphia, traveling the whole distance, more than 70 miles, on foot, and sought an audience with the commander of the army, George Washington, with whom he made a plea for the life of the convicted soldier. Washington heard him through, and then said, "I'M SORRY, I CAN DO NOTHING FOR YOUR FRIEND." "FRIEND?" said the preacher, "HE IS THE WORST ENEMY I HAVE IN THE WORLD!" "WHAT!" exclaimed Washington, "AND YOU WALKED FROM EPHRATA TO PHILADELPHIA TO PLEAD FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR WORST ENEMY? THAT PUTS A NEW LIGHT ON THE CASE. THE PRISONER SHALL NOT BE SHOT."

Religion

The play was in progress at the village theatre when the curtain was suddenly lowered and the manager stepped before the audience.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN," he said, "IT DISTRESSES ME DEEPLY TO HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE LEADING ACTOR, OUR GREAT AND BELOVED MAYOR HIMSELF, HAS JUST HAD A FATAL HEART ATTACK IN HIS DRESSING ROOM. WE ARE THEREFORE FORCED TO STOP THE PLAY .

On hearing this announcement a huge middle-aged woman in the front row stood up and shouted agitatedly: "QUICK! GIVE HIM CHIKEN BROTH."

"MADAM," said the manager, "THE HEART ATTACK WAS FATAL. THE MAN IS DEAD!" "SO GIVE IT TO HIM AT ONCE!" The manger was desperate, "MADAM," he pleaded, "WHAT GOOD WILL CHIKEN BROTH DO TO A DEAD MAN?" "WHAT HARM WILL IT DO?" she shouted.

Famous Quotes (74)

Alimony is repossessed love that one must still pay out on the installment plan.

Alimony is the fee you have to pay for name dropping.

Alimony is the high cost of leaving.

Admiration is the daughter of ignorance. Benjamin Franklin

Distance is a great promoter of admiration! Denis Diderot

Better be despised for too anxious apprehensions, than mined by too confident security. —

Edmund Burke

Worry a little bit every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years.

If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything. —

Mary Hemingway

--Climb High, Climb Far. Your goal the sky, Your aim the star."

(Inscription on Hopkins Memorial Steps Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts)

--"If you aspire to the highest place, it is no disgrace to stop at the second, or even the third, place." (Cicero)

--"Look to a gown of gold, and you will at least get a sleeve of it." (Sir Walter Scott)

--"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp Or what's a heaven for?" (Robert Browning)

"If you aspire to anything better than politics, expect no cooperation from men. They will not further anything good. You must prevail of your own force, as a plant springs and grows by its own vitality." (Henry David Thoreau)

"Bite off more than you can chew, Then chew it.

Plan more than you can do, Then do it." (Anonymous)

"Be yourself and speak your mind today, though it contradicts all you have said before." (Elbert Hubbard)