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Bulletin #21

## *Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church*

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### *Pentecost Sunday*

- \***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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



#### \***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.

## ***Gospel Reflection: Pentecost Sunday***

Readings: Gen 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21 and Jn 14:15-20

Then as now there are people viewed as “*insiders*” or “*outsiders*.” In Jesus’ time, the Samaritans were definitely on the “*out*” with the Jews. Jesus’ attitude toward them is surprising; everyone is his brother and sister, everyone is worthy of hearing the good news. Following Jesus’ example, Philip preached to the people of Samaria. When the apostles heard how eagerly the Samaritans accepted the Lord, Peter and John were sent to pray with them, too. Amazingly, these “*foreigners*” received the Spirit just as they had.

Peter writes to people who are maligned because of their way of life. If anyone asks them the reason for their hope, they should be ready to reply, but with respect and understanding. Not everyone is ready to hear the “*Spirit of truth*.” Although a Christian’s belief may bring rejection and suffering, it is better to do good deeds as Jesus did rather than evil ones. We do not see Jesus in his “*fleshly existence*,” but we have the opportunity to see him in our brothers and sisters.

**For Reflection:** *Do I treat people of different faith traditions, races and cultures the same? How does the Spirit help me to see them as Jesus does?*

### ***Flowers to the Blessed Mother During May***

May the Blessed Mother shower her graces upon all the generous parishioners who sponsored Flowers to decorate her altar during the month of May consecrated to her devotion.

May 24th	Libby G. Magnone, Patrick Stees, Pam Obyc, Kathleen George
May 31st	Thomasina Geimer, Nini Miller and Becky Ferrera

### ***Diocesan Appeal fulfilled***

Thanks to Mrs Rose Hankish for fulfilling her Easter Obligation in Honor of Rose Hankish and Frederic Carpenter.

### ***This Weekend Mass Schedule. Sat-Sun. May 23-24***

#### **Saturday May 23, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- ✠ Robert Rose and Dave Sengewalt by the Family
- ✠ Thomas Hicks by Anna Bris
- ✠ Linda Mason by Judy Noll

#### **Sunday May 24, Mass at 10:30 a.m.:**

- ✠ David & Tamamie Joseph by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
- ✠ Fran Saseen by Michelle & Jay McGowan
- ✠ Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family

### ***Weekdays Mass schedule***

**Monday May 25:** No Mass. Pastor’s day off.

#### **Tuesday May 26, Mass at Noon.**

- ✠ Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- ✠ Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will

#### **Wednesday May 27: No Mass.**

#### **Thursday May 28, Mass at Noon:**

- ✠ Mary Zaid Stees, Elizabeth A. Magnone, Tom Ferris by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Josie Stees Fertig (Birthday) by Libby Magnone
- ✠ Tom Quinn by his Family

#### **Friday May 29: No Mass.**

### ***Next Weekend Mass Schedule. Sat-Sun. May 30-31***

#### **Saturday May 30, Mass at 4:00 p.m.:**

- † Bryce D. Luginhill (Anniversary) by Mary Beth Weisner
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- † Linda Mason by Judy Noll

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

- † Bertha Nolte (Great Aunt) (Anniversary) by Janet Shutler
- † Fran Saseen by Michelle & Jay McGowan
- † Tom Quinn by his Family

## *Coming Events in a Glimpse*

Dance Troupe practice May 24, 31	Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. May 24, 31 and June 7, 14, 28 and July 12, 19, 26
Saturday, June 6	Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
June 20 – June 28	Fathers and grandfathers' Day Masses
Sunday, August 9	Mahrajan (Lebanese Festival) See details below

## *Fathers' Day Masses, Sat. June 20 – Sunday, June 28*

### *Masses for the Deceased Fathers and Grandfathers*

Special Remembrance on these special days:

- On June 20: † Mariam Joseph by the Weisner and Joseph Families
- On June 21: † Sara (Joseph) McLaughlin (Birthday) by Mark & Barb McLaughlin
  - † Sara McLaughlin (Birthday) by Larry & Becky Ferrera
  - † Sister Mary Thomasina John by Ron & Susan (John) Burns
  - † Richard Frazier (Birthday) by his wife Luane
  - † Antonina Siebieda (Anniversary) by Larry & Lillian Siebieda and Family
- On June 23: † Jim Fahey (Anniversary) by George & Patty Fahey
- On June 27: † Bob Sengewalt and his son Dave by the Family

- † Habib Khourey, Louis Khourey Sr., & Nassif Nader by Lou, Charlotte, Emmalena & Louie Khourey
- † Charles "Pud" Howard, Bruce Cody Riggs and Franklin C. Howard by Lou & Charlotte & Family
- † Adib Chidiac (father) & Nadim Chidiac (brother) and my grandfathers by Msgr. Bakhos
- † Aziz Kazour and Youssef Chahine by Jocelyne Chahine and Family (Pittsburgh)
- † Janis & George Thomas (Ohio) by their last will
- † Albert Togliatti and Khalil Harb by GiGi Rice
- † Deceased of Mr. Jamil Harb by Msgr. Bakhos
- † Tom & Mary K. Ferris by their daughter Denise
- † Noel Foreman by his wife Anne and Family
- † Ray McLaughlin, Sr. and Elias Joseph by Mark & Barb McLaughlin and Family
- † John Miller by Mark & Barb McLaughlin and Family
- † Dana Burkhart by his wife Carol Burkhart
- † Sylvia Long, her husband Arthur, & her son Mark by her last will
- † Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her last Will
- † John T. John and D. William Burns by their loving children Susan and Ron Burns
- † Thomas John, David Joseph and Donald Burns by their loving grandchildren Susan and Ron Burns
- † Alfred Felici by his children Stephanie Richards and Brian Felici
- † Elias Frenn and Jim Thomas by Dr. Adel, Diane & Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack & Christian Riedel
- † Richard Frazier by his wife Luane and sons Rick and John and grandson Kyle Logan Sander
- † Thomas A. Ferris by his daughter Denise Ferris
- † Thomas Shia and Gus Shia by Sue Jochum and Family
- † Thomas Jochum, Jr. & Sr. by Sue Jochum and Family
- † Al Schroeder by his son Mark Schroeder and daughter Jane Wine

- ✠ Matt Hughes and Albert Schroeder by Mark Schroeder and Jane Wine
- ✠ Kenneth Joseph by his daughter Cheryl Tucker and Family
- ✠ Donald Nickerson Sr. and Albert Nickerson by their Loving Family
- ✠ Nicholas Elias by his Loving Family
- ✠ Vincent Jacovetty by Patty & George Fahey
- ✠ Dennis Fahey by George & Patty Fahey
- ✠ Randy Borkoski by Anthony & Amanda Sable and Children
- ✠ John Henning and Joseph Bott by Don & Roberta Henning
- ✠ Anthony George (MN) by his daughter Margaret George
- ✠ George A. Fahey by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ Philip Petros by Jackie & Pat Petros
- ✠ George Fadoul and Joseph Duffy by Earl & Linda Duffy
- ✠ Samuel John Hebdo by his daughter Rose Hebdo-Oberst
- ✠ George J. Saseen by his son George P. Saseen
- ✠ Steve Harasuik by his daughter Susan Harasuik-Saseen
- ✠ Al Otterbeck and Barkett Coury by Ron & Kim Gibbons
- ✠ George Joseph, Lawrence Ferrera, Elias Joseph and Tom Veechione by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Gary McLaughlin, Mickey McLaughlin, Gerard Joseph and Edward Joseph by Larry & Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Walter Elwartoski by his son Richard Elwartoski
- ✠ Robert and Charles (Darwish) by Carol Dougherty
- ✠ Mike Joseph by his wife Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Alphonse Joseph by Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Abdo Ferris, Tom Ferris, Nikolai Magnone, Louie Ferris, Kenneth Coffield, Ted Ferris, David Garcia, John Ferris, Mark Fertig, William Magnone by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ George Alan Weisner and Albert Frederick Weisner by Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ Nimon Joseph by Mary Beth Weisner
- ✠ George Weisner by his son Gary Weisner
- ✠ Donald Vince by his Children and grandchildren
- ✠ Walter Machel and Leo Spyra by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Sterun Sofka and John Sayre and Tim Stanton by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Abdoo Saseen by Jim & Pat Connell
- ✠ Bernard Connell by Jim & Pat Connell
- ✠ Albert Boehm by his Family
- ✠ Robert Glaser by his Family
- ✠ Samuel J. Elias by Mike & Terri Golebiewski
- ✠ Alphonse Golebiewski by Mike & Terri Golebiewski

### *Masses for the Living Fathers and Grandfathers*

- ✠ Louis H. Khourey by his children Emmalena and Louie
- ✠ Mark McLaughlin by his children Brad and Kristen and grandchildren Nathan and Shane Graney
- ✠ Dr Adel Frenn and Mike Riedel by Justin Frenn and Andreah, Zack Riedel
- ✠ Dr Adel Frenn and Mike Riedel by Christian Riedel
- ✠ Earl (Mickey) Duffy by his wife Linda Duffy
- ✠ Assad Rahi by his daughter Alicia and Scott Peklinsky
- ✠ George Saseen by his granddaughter Ginny Naswadi
- ✠ Larry Ferrera, Larry Ferrera III, Tony Ferrera and Mark McLaughlin by Becky Ferrera
- ✠ Louis Valles by his daughter Vickie Joseph
- ✠ Nick Magnone, John Ferris, Nicky Magnone, Bill Stees, Josh McDowell by Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Anthony Ruiz by Matt and Vicki Gompers
- ✠ Patrick Rinehart and Terry Rinehart and Mike Sofka by Judy & Mike Sofka
- ✠ Krzysztof Kowalski and Zdzislaw Kowalski by Judy & Mike Sofka

## ***Bake Sale Financial Report***

2026 Spring Bake Sale	\$9,260.31	\$3,306.97	\$5,953.34
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Othe income sales will be added later. May the Blessed Mother reward all the workers with good health and long life. Job well done.

## ***Lebanese Festival News (Sunday, August 9 from 11 to 6 pm)***

**Outdoor Mass** (Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 am not 10:30 am at Oglebay Park. There will be no Mass at the church that Sunday.)

### **Souvenir Ad Book**

--If any parishioner want to put an ad in the Souvenir Ad Book that will be distributed at the festival and all over, please contact Msgr Bakhos 304-233-1688 or Mark McLaughlin. We will help you in the free design.

### **Dance Troupe of OLOL**

--We are once again recruiting for our parish dance troupe. If you know anyone (age 5-21) who would be interested to join, please contact Nesrin Alkhouri at 304-231-7728. We have to see many young dancers. Practice schedule: Lasts for 45 minutes directly after 10:30 am Mass. May 24, 31 June 7, 14, 28, July 12, 19, 26

### **Volunteers:**

--If you are able to volunteer 2 hours at the festival, please call Msgr. Bakhos at 304-233-1688. Thanks

### **Diamond Sponsors:**

All those generous benefactors who sponsored the 2026 festival with \$200 or more will be recognized in the Ad Book as Diamond sponsors.

### **5 Cash Door Prizes:**

--All guests will be welcomed at the entrance of the festival with good news of five cash prizes donated by generous parishioners. Everyone who submits his/her name and address at the welcome booth, will have a chance to win \$100 cash. Drawings will take place around 6:00 pm before the Raffle cash prize. Good luck to everyone and many thanks for our generous benefactors.

### **No Canope or Pop-ups at the Festival:**

The Festival committee decided not to allow anyone to bring his/her own canope or pop-up tent to the festival ground -that is rented by the church- for insurance and safety reasons. The committee will ask the owners to remove their pop-up immediately.

## ***Birthdays Wishes in the Coming Month***

May 27: Emmalena Khourey, Brad McLaughlin  
 May 30: Josie Stees Fertig  
 June 1: Billy Committee  
 June 5: Earl "Mickey" Duffy, Kenly George  
 June 7: Jean Weisner  
 June 9: Ava DeMuth  
 June 14: P.J. Lenz, Kathy Boehm  
 June 15: Becky Joseph Ferrera, Grace Ferrera  
 June 20: Nick Ghaphery, Jr., Michelle Shia  
 June 23: Mary Beth Weisner  
 June 27: Lindsay Lenz

## ***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)

Gina & Shelley Hancher, Lisa Kennedy (daughter of Carol Dougherty, OK), Joe Popovich, Earl & Linda Duffy, Nini Miller, Julia Schiess (daughter of Leo Bleifus), Mary Ragase, Mary Zigler (sister of Lillian Siebieda),

Dolores Oser, Anthony Wakim, Sandra DeMuth, Justin Frenn, Elia Frenn, Patty Fahey, Fred Schweizer (brother of our organist Mary Lee Porter), Denny Albaugh, Rita Rae Sage,

<b><i>Your Church Support Last Week</i></b>	
\$892.00	Sunday Collection
103.00	Candles
17.00	Coffee hour
2,288.75	Bake sale deposited in Women society
2,015.00	Mahrajan (Lebanese festival)
\$5,315.75	Total Deposits: May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home! Finance Committee: Lou Khourey, Susan Burns, Liz Murad, Mark McLaughlin

## ***Question & Answer (#69)***

***Question #69: "Many of my friends and even strangers try to question my Faith. I have tried to debate with them, but you can't argue with people who have their minds set. What do you suggest I say in reply?"***

Answer: Yes, you can argue with people who have their minds set. You simply have to come up with better arguments. You first need to ask them if they're really interested in discussing or are they debating simply for the sake of debating. If they are interested in discussing the issues, you then need to thoroughly know their positions. Be a good listener and be charitable. Don't be too defensive.

If you don't have an answer, be frank and tell them so. But then tell them you will get back to them and then do so. Stay on one issue at a time. Don't let the person jump from issue to issue. Write down what you've resolved so you don't have to re-address the same issues again.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you and that you'll remain humble. Be sure to pray that the person(s) receives the gift of faith. Faith is a gift. Believing in the Catholic Church is a gift. All the arguments in the world won't convince people without God's grace. So, pray to God that they receive this grace. And pray that your friends respond.

## ***Famous Quotes***

Story of Jesus when he ate with Sinners

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew. He was sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him. Matthew got up and followed him. Later Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and sinners came. They ate with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this. So, they asked the disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus heard this. So, he said, "Those who are healthy don't need a doctor. Sick people do. Go and learn what this means, 'I want mercy and not sacrifice.' (Hosea 6:6) I have not come to get those who think they are right with God to follow me. I have come to get sinners to follow me." (Matthew 9: 9-13)

## ***Spirituality: God and pumpkin***

From one pumpkin to another.

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for the world to see."

## ***Wisdom***

Cancer is a serious crisis -but isn't life a matter of adapting to one change after another?

I believe we must continually adapt to survive, and as life goes on, we can thrive on living. There's no

reason we cannot maintain a fine quality of life during a life-threatening crisis. The diagnosis of cancer is not an automatic death warrant that demands that the patient and his family stop living.

## *Story*

Years ago, while unearthing an ancient Egyptian tomb, an archaeologist came upon seeds buried in a piece of wood. Planted, the seeds realized their potential after more than 3,000 years! Are there conditions in the lives of people so discouraging, so defeating, that human beings - regardless of inherent potentiality - are doomed to lives of failure and quiet desperation? Or are there also seeds of possibility in people, an urge for becoming that is so strong that the hard crust of adversity is breached? Consider this story that came over the wires of the Associated Press on May 23, 1984:

As a child, Nancy did not learn to read and write. Experts labeled her retarded. As an adolescent, she "earned" an additional label, "incurable," and was sentenced to two years in a reformatory. It was here, ironically, in this closed-in place, that Nancy - bending to the challenge to learn - worked at her task for as long as 16 hours a day. Her hard work paid off. She was awarded her (GED) high school diploma.

But more misfortune was to visit Nancy. After leaving the reformatory, she became pregnant without benefit of marriage. Then, two years later a second pregnancy resulted in a stroke, erasing her hard-earned powers of reading and writing. With the help and support of her father, Nancy battled back, regaining what she had lost.

In dire financial straits, Nancy went on welfare. Finally, to make ends meet, she took in seven foster children. It was during this period that she started taking courses at a community college. Upon completion of her course work, she applied to and was accepted by the Medical School to study medicine.

In the spring Nancy paraded in full academic regalia across the graduation stage. No one can know what private thoughts went through her mind as she reached out to grasp this eloquent testimony to her self-belief and perseverance, her diploma that announced to all the world: Here stands on this small point of Planet Earth a person who dared to dream the impossible dream, a person who confirms for all of us our human divineness. Here stands Nancy, M.D.

## *Jokes (222)*

### *Education*

Nasruddin handed a boy a pitcher and told him to go fetch water from the well. Before the kid set out, however, he clouted him on the ear and shouted: "*Mind you don't drop it!*"

An onlooker said: "*How can you strike a poor child before he has done anything wrong?*"

Said Nasruddin: "*I suppose you would prefer me to strike him AFTER he has broken the pitcher when both the pitcher and the water are lost? When I clout him he remembers and so the pot and the water are both saved.*"

### *Psychology*

A despairing couple sent urgently for the child psychologist because they just did not know what to do with their little son who had installed himself on the rocking horse of a neighboring kid and refused to get off. He had three rocking horses of his own at home, but he was adamant that the one he wanted to sit on was THIS one. Attempts to drag him away led to such howls and shrieks that he was put right back on the horse.

The psychologist first settled the matter of his fee, then walked up to the kid, tousled his hair affectionately, bent down and smilingly whispered something in his ear. Instantly the kid got off the horse and docilely followed his parents home.

"*What kind of magic did you use on the child?*" asked the wondering parents. The psychologist collected his fee before he said: "*Simple, I just bent down and said, 'If you don't get off that horse this minute I'm going to beat you up so you won't be able to sit down for another week. I'm being paid to do this, so I mean it.'*"

Parents: "*Why is it that though Johnny is younger than you his marks at school are always better?*"

Seven-year-old: "*Because Johnny's parents are clever.*"

### *Why Jesus Walked on Water*

A Scotsman was traveling in the Holy Land on a vacation when he came to the Sea of Galilee. Inquiring the price of a pleasure boat in which he might see the sights, he found it was five dollars per hour.

"Five dollars per hour?" he exclaimed. "Why, I rent a boat in Aberdeen for less than half as much."

"Ah, but this is Palestine," replied the boatman, "and these are the waters on which our Lord walked."

"No wonder he walked!" said the Scotsman in disgust.

### ***Psychic Frog Line***

It is not always in our best interest to know the future. A frog called a psychic hotline for frogs. The phone psychic told the frog that he was about to meet a beautiful young woman who would want to know all she could about him.

The frog was excited to hear this news and asked the psychi "When will I meet this beautiful woman?"

The psychic answered, "You will meet her next week."

"And where will we meet?" the frog probed.

The psychic hesitated and then told the frog, "You will meet this woman in her biology class."