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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday March 5, 2006 – Sunday March 12, 2006**

**The Patriarch, Nasrallah Peter Sfeir is coming to the states!**

We have been notified that His Eminence, Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir will be attending the Clergy Conference and Maronite Convention in Chicago this summer. As you know, 2006 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Maronite Hierarchy here in the United States of America.

The bishop is asking that each parish have some representation. You can obtain more information on the NAM Convention at [www.nam2006chicago.com](http://www.nam2006chicago.com).

**Help Wanted**

If anyone is interested in donating a gift to be used as a prize at our May Salad Supper Bingo the Altar Society would be deeply grateful.

This is our BIG fundraiser of the year. We are helping to pay for new upholstery on the Temple pews and the choir has also asked us to procure new choir robes. So we need lots of money.

If you would like to participate, sign up on the Bulletin Board sheet in the narthex to pledge a donation. We will need all donations by April 15<sup>th</sup>. They may be dropped off at the office at any time...or contact a member of the Altar Society.

**REFER A FRIEND!!!**

Refer a U.S. citizen who can speak, read and write Arabic and wants to work in Iraq.

You will earn \$2000 for every referral you provide who is hired and deploys to Iraq for 90 days from L-3 Communications.

Call me at 1-248-358-6941 @ ext. 3160 or call 313-363-3093 cell to speak with Bassem Awad or send information to [bassam.awad@titan.com](mailto:bassam.awad@titan.com)

NAM will be holding their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Retreat from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, at Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio. This year's theme is "The Mystery of Love" in the Maronite Perspective, a look at the meaning of Life and a search for true meaning of Love. The cost for the complete weekend is \$65 for NAM members \$65 and \$75 for non-members. The pre-registration deadline is March 27, 2006. Informational pamphlets are available. If you would like further information you may contact the NAM Office at: 718-630-5868, fax: 718-630-5191, email: [nam@msiny.com](mailto:nam@msiny.com) or the NAM website: [www.namnewsorg](http://www.namnewsorg)

**Clergy**

Rev. Father Jihad Younes  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte  
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

**Parish Staff**

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary  
Darrell Frye – Maintenance  
Pat Haley – Caterer

**Parish Leaders**

Lewis Walterhouse II– Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dottie Byrnes – Organist  
Erik Lindhurst – Religious Education  
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar



**Liturgy Schedule**

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	8:30a.m.
	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	10a.m. (English)
	12noon (Arabic)

**Adoration**

Friday 11a.m.

**Confessions**

½ hour before liturgy on Saturday and Sunday and by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism**, please contact the priest at least **1 month** before the intended date for the baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage**, please contact the priest at least **6 months** before the intended date for the wedding.

**Sick calls**, please notify the Church office as soon as possible if you want communion for your sick. We usually do sick calls on Wednesdays.

**Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:**



Mary Ann Sheehan

Sarah Marshall  
Mike Rizik  
Hanneh Chammas  
Joe Faris  
Doris Beck  
Lu Lu Williams  
Rose Johnson  
Dorothy Mattar  
Winston Walterhouse  
Beth Garner

**Evening Prayer of St. Augustine**

Watch Thou, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch or weep tonight, and give Thine Angels and S<sup>er</sup>ge over those who sleep. Tend Thy sick ones, O I<sup>esu</sup> Christ. Rest Thy weary ones, Bless Thy dying ones, Soothe Thy Suffering or<sup>ph</sup>ans, Pitv Thy afflicted ones.





## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY March 5: Sunday of the Leper

10A.M.: (Rom 6:12-23; Mk 1:35-45) Reader: Earl Matte  
 - Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Mike & Tyl Rizik  
 - Rep. Sultana Boutros by Manal Dabish

### MONDAY 6:

- Rep. Harry Haddad by Shaheen & Rose Shaheen

### TUESDAY 7: The Seven Young Men of Ephesus, Martyrs

- Intentions of Mary Ann Sheehan by Altar Society

### WEDNESDAY 8:

- Rep. Sue Adado by Clara Harris

### THURSDAY 9: The Forty Martyrs

- Intentions of Mary Ann Sheehan by Ralph & Helen Burgess

### FRIDAY 10:

12 NOON

-Rep. Ann Smithingell by Delores Benjamin

### SATURDAY 11:

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Intentions of Dottie Mattar by Vince Harrison  
 - Intentions of Vicky Linden by Mother

### SUNDAY 12: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

10A.M.: (2 Cor 7:4-11; Lk 8:40-56) Reader: Mary Matte

- Rep. Sister Helen Maroun by Sam  
 - Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Duane & Dee Gardner

### ARABIC MASS

12NOON

- Rep. Youssef Shikrallah Krayyem by Aziz Massad Family

### SUNDAY 19: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

10A.M.: (2 Cor 13:5-13; Lk 15:11-32) Reader: Karl Moon

- Rep. Kimberly Gardner by Duane & Dee  
 - Rep. Frances Moss by Duane & Dee  
 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

#### Weekly Contributions

February 5: \$2475  
 February 12: \$1923  
 February 19: \$4006  
 February 26: \$3879



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed every Thursday and Fr. Jihad will be out of town. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty. (232-9713)

There will be a Stewardship meeting this Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 6pm.

There will be a Parish Council meeting this Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7pm.

The Benediction of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 6pm during The Great Season of Lent. Please try to make time to spend in prayer with our Lord.

Please remember that the Great Season of Lent also brings with it our commitment to pay our Eparchial Appeal. The amount for our parish is \$6,400. You will find an envelope for this contribution in your yearly box of envelopes. If you do not have one please put your contribution for the appeal in a regular envelope with your envelope number on it.

The 2006 Maronite Diocesan Convocation will be held in St. Louis on Wednesday, March 15 through Sunday, March 19, 2006. This meeting is open to the parishioners in all parishes. If you are interested in attending please see Father Jihad.

Adult religious education class this Monday, will be discussing Mary and the Saints. If you are interested class begins at 6:30pm.

Sincere Thanks

The Maroun – Sauder Family wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who participated in the Forty (40) day mass and mercy meal held at the Jerusalem Inn for Mary. It was heart warming to feel the kindness and to know how many cared.

### Altar Servers Schedule for:

Sunday, March 5: Team 1  
 Sunday, March 12: Team 2



Church cleaning for the month of March:

Louise Faris

## Turn Back to the Lord with All Your Heart

Sadly, the sacrament of Penance is the most under-used sacrament in the church today. Many observers have noted that "the Communion lines are long (virtually everybody goes to Holy Communion these days) and the Confession lines are very short." In many parishes confession times are no longer scheduled and of course, there is the campaign for "general absolution." While many reasons are given for the unpopularity of the sacrament, perhaps one stands out which accounts for both its unpopularity and the push for general absolution. Unlike the other sacraments, you can't secularize this one. Like King David you have to get on your knees and say, "I have sinned." And that's the problem. Too many of us don't think that we've sinned in the first place. All types of rationalizations abound. "Vatican II changed that," "the theologians are saying different things," "I can tell God direct without an 'intermediary'." Pop psychology denies personal responsibility ("it's your parents fault" is a popular one) and of course there's the newest one from the social justice crowd (sin is structural and caused by inequality).

But true to her Lord, the Church still continues her mission of reconciliation especially with the sacrament of Penance. Also, Vatican II hasn't changed anything but instead insisted on the necessity of this sacrament as essential to repentance. It is still a commandment of the Church that the faithful are to go to confession at least once during the year, preferably during the Easter season (which for this purpose includes Lent). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "According to the Church's command, 'after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.'" (CCC #1457)

TO BE CONTINUED.....

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## The Forty Martyrs



The Forty Martyrs were soldiers quartered at Sebaste in Armenia, about the year 320. When their legion was ordered to offer sacrifice to idols, they refused to betray the faith of their baptism, and replied to all persuasive efforts, "We are Christians!" When neither cajolings nor threats could change them, after several days of imprisonment they were chained together and taken to the site of execution. It was a cruel winter, and they were condemned to lie without clothing on the icy surface of a pond in the open air until they froze to death.

The forty, not merely undismayed but filled with joy at the prospect of suffering for Jesus Christ, said: "No doubt it is difficult to support so acute a cold, but it will be agreeable to go to paradise by this route; the torment is of short duration, and the glory will be eternal. This cruel night will win for us an eternity of delights. Lord, forty of us are entering combat; grant that we may be forty to receive the crown!"

There were warm baths close by, ready for any among them who would deny Christ. One of the confessors lost heart, renounced his faith, and went to cast himself into the basin of warm water prepared for that intention. But the sudden change in temperature suffocated him and he expired, losing at once both temporal and eternal life. The still living martyrs were fortified in their resolution, beholding this scene.

Then the ice was suddenly flooded with a bright light; one of the soldiers guarding the men, nearly blinded by the light, raised his eyes and saw Angels descend with forty crowns which they held in the air over the martyrs' heads; but the fortieth one remained without a destination. The sentry was inspired to confess Christ, saying: "That crown will be for me!" Abandoning his coat and clothing, he went to replace the unfortunate apostate on the ice, crying out: "I am a Christian!" And the number of forty was again complete. They remained steadfast while their limbs grew stiff and frozen, and died one by one.

Among the forty there was a young soldier named Meliton who held out longest against the cold, and when the officers came to cart away the dead bodies they found him still breathing. They were moved with pity, and wanted to leave him alive, hoping he would still change his mind. But his mother stood by, and this valiant woman could not bear to see her son separated from the band of martyrs. She exhorted him to persevere, and lifted his frozen body into the cart. He was just able to make a sign of recognition, and was borne away to be thrown into the flames with the dead bodies of his brethren. Their bones were cast into the river, but they floated and were gathered up by the faithful.

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