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Organ Concert
Friday, December 12, 2008
7pm

A reception will be held in the hall following the concert.



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin Sunday November 9, 2008 – Sunday November 16, 2008

Mark Your Calendar

November
27 Thanksgiving Day

December
12 Organ Concert
25 Christmas
31 New Year's Eve



Altar Server Schedule

November 16: Team 1
November 23: Team 2



Church cleaning for November:
Madeline Zerka & Mona Massoud



Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

Parish Staff

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

Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



Liturgy Schedule

Monday 9a.m.
Tuesday 9a.m.
Wednesday 9a.m.
Thursday 9a.m.
Friday 12noon
Saturday 5p.m.
Sunday 10a.m.

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:



Sue Stubbert
Jim Joubran
Rose Khoury
Michelle Garey
Eddie Moran
Milad Zerka

Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Joe Pavlovich
Phillip Shaker
Amy Burke
Aziz Massad



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Wednesday 10am – 3pm
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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 9: Renewal of the Church

10A.M. (Heb 9:11-15; Jn 10:22-42) Reader: Mike Potoczny

- Rep. Said & Julia Maroun by Sam
- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Keith & Freda Hearsch
- Rep. Mary Nissan by Family
- Rep. Adele Sabai
- 40 Day Memorial by Family

MONDAY 10: St. Moura

- Rep. Virginia Farhat by Mary Ann Sheehan

TUESDAY 11: Veterans Day

St. Minas & St. Martin

- Int. Theresa Manoharan by James

WEDNESDAY 12: St. Josaphat

- Rep. Syliva Lira by Family

THURSDAY 13: St. John Chrysostom & St. Francis Cabrini

- NO MASS

FRIDAY 14: St. Phillip

12NOON

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Ralph & Helen Burgess

SATURDAY 15:

- Rep. Mary Lou Crusin by Aziz Family

SUNDAY 16: Announcement to Zechariah St. Matthew Apostle & Evangelist

10A.M. (Rom 4:13-25; Lk 1:1-25) Reader: Clergy

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Tom & Blanche Alex
- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by Juleit Hermiz

SUNDAY 23: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

10A.M. (Gal 3:15-22; Lk 1:26-38) Reader: Ferris Anthony

- Rep. Sylvia Zerka by George & Sue Rasak
- Rep. Louie Shaker by Julia Shaker



St. Thomas More Academy is having an open house on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 from 6pm to 8pm. They are located at 6456 E. Bristol Road in Burton. If you have any questions or would like any additional information please see Alicia Wofford or call 742-2411.



We will soon begin classes to teach English and Arabic. We are looking for volunteers to help teach. If you are interested please see Fr. Hanna.

Announcements



We would like to congratulate Tony Massad. Tony will be ordained Sub-Deacon on Thursday, November 13, 2008. Congratulations Tony! If you would like to send Tony a card you can find his address on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Bible Study classes will be held every Tuesday evening at 7pm. If you would like any information regarding these classes please see Deacon Marty.



Our Stewardship Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, November 11 at 6pm.



Parish Council will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 11 at 7pm.



Please keep in mind the families that we help feed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both of these holidays are fast approaching. Our food pantry is a yearly ongoing donation for those in need.



Planning for the 2009 Festival has already begun and we need your help! We have something unique to offer the Flint community with our food and entertainment options. It's something we are proud to share. We can accomplish this by working together as one parish family.

Sign-up sheets for the festival committees are available in the narthex. Please sign up as we need as many volunteers as possible, to make the festival a greater success than last year. Opportunities to volunteer will also be available at a later time by contacting the committee chair.

If you have questions on this process, please contact Ronny Solomon at (810) 423-6830 or Jason Klansack at (810) 287-9228.

Thank you for your commitment and God bless.

St. Phillip



Rome in the 1530s was a city struggling to recover after the sack of 1527, a place of poverty, material, moral and spiritual. In particular, the clergy were at a low ebb, often living and behaving disreputably. By the end of the century, all this had changed, and this was largely through the work of St Phillip Neri.

Philip came to be known as the 'Apostle of Rome', but was born in Florence in 1515. Turning his back on a career in business with his uncle in Monte Cassino, he arrived in Rome in 1535, a city where, apparently, he had no prospects and knew nobody. So how did he come to wield the influence he ultimately did? He started his life in Rome teaching the two sons of a Florentine compatriot, in return for a room and food, and a place to study. This allowed him the time and freedom for his intense life of prayer to grow. He used to spend many hours, even whole nights praying, sometimes in church porches, sometimes in the catacombs of San Sebastiano outside the city. It was here, on Pentecost Sunday in 1544, that Philip experienced his own Pentecost. As he reluctantly confided many years later, it appeared to him that a globe of fire had descended from heaven and penetrated his heart, so that for the rest of his life he could feel it palpitating, throbbing with divine Love. An examination after his death confirmed his heart to be abnormally large, so much so that it had forced two ribs apart to make space for it.

Philip's prayer bore practical as well as spiritual fruit. 'When shall we begin to do good?', he used to say, and, over the years he gathered together a group of people who, after meeting Philip, did indeed want to do something worthwhile. A particular area where help was badly needed was in the grim hospitals of Rome, where patients were dependent on volunteers for basic nursing, cleaning and food. In the Jubilee year of 1550, many poor pilgrims made their way to Rome, and Philip and his companions in what they called the Confraternity of the Holy Trinity made it their business to care for their needs too. That year, Philip was persuaded - somewhat reluctantly - to be ordained a priest, which duly happened on 23rd

May 1551. After this, he found a home at the church of San Girolamo della Carita, where he and his companions used to meet informally for prayer, discussion, and recreation together, before going off to minister to the needy. Soon, large crowds were coming to these gatherings, so Philip devised a pattern for them: four talks, some music, and vocal prayers. And so what we would recognise today as the Oratory was born.

Philip's success aroused jealousy in some quarters: he and the Oratory were subjected to more than their fair share of suspicions and difficulties, but throughout it all he remained faithful to his own advice, non dubitare, 'don't worry', confident that God, who had begun the good work in him, would bring it to completion. And his trust paid off: a rather dilapidated church, Santa Maria in Vallicella, was given to the Oratory by the Pope, and it was rebuilt on a grand scale: even today, it is still known as the Chiesa Nuova, the New Church. Some of Philip's companions had been ordained to assist him in his ministry, and together they were organised into the Congregation of the Oratory.

St Philip died on 25th May 1595. By that time, he had become the friend and confessor of countless people, including Popes and Cardinals (and had himself refused a Cardinal's hat). He used, even in old age, to spend many hours in the confessional, bringing pardon and peace to all who came to him: his penances were perfectly suited to the needs of his penitents, and never harsher than they could bear. He was always available to those in need, and used to say that the porter's bell was to him like the voice of God. He saw what others might regard as these distractions from prayer as 'leaving Christ for Christ'. Above all, perhaps, he is known for his joy in the service of Christ: the attractive character of the 'Saint of Joy' brought people flocking to him, and through him to a renewed vigour in faith. His practical jokes and eccentricities were many: whether he was sending the future Cardinal Baronius to taste countless different wines before buying the smallest amount possible of one, organising a procession of noblemen carrying pots and pans through the streets to the Chiesa Nuova, or shaving off half his beard, his aim was simple: to change Rome for the better, to draw everyone he could closer to Christ, to allow others to share in something of that joy which he himself experienced.

<http://www.oxfordoratory.org.uk/saints/philip.html>