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Weekly Bulletin Sunday August 12, 2007 – Sunday August 19, 2007

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint

40th Anniversary Celebration

October 27, 2007
Woodfield Country Club
1000 Woodfield Dr.
Grand Blanc Michigan 48439
Dinner-Hafli (Dance)
Entertainment: Usama Baalbaki

Dinner & Hafli Tickets- \$50.00 per person
Hafli Only Tickets- \$30.00 per person
Cocktail Hour 6:00pm-7:00pm
Dinner served at 7:00pm
Hafli 9:00 until ?

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint has been serving the community and worldwide organizations for 40 years. Please join us in celebration of this great milestone.

Contact: Victoria Zerka-Linden for tickets
Phone Number: (810)-577-7273

Fr. Jihad has forms from the Consulate of Lebanon for passport renewals, marriage & birth registrations. If you need any of these forms please see Fr. Jihad.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

12 Registration for Religious Education begins
19 Spaghetti Dinner for Tony Massad

SEPTEMBER

5 Altar Society meeting at 7pm
9 Religious Education classes begin
12 Cruise Raffle

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
Albert Zerka– Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Liturgy Schedule

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

Weekly Contributions


July 15:	\$2181
July 22:	\$2019
July 29:	\$2206
August 5:	\$2473





Church cleaning for the Month of August:
Cindy Shaheen

Altar Server Schedule

August 5: Team 1
August 12: Team 2
August 19: Team 3



Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Marge Okal
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday 9am – 5pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 12: 12th Sunday of Pentecost St. Shania, Confessor

10A.M: (Eph 3:1-13; Mt 15:21-28) Reader: Freda Hearsch
- Rep. Tom & Peg LaBranch by Earl & Mary Matte

ARABIC MASS 12NOON

MONDAY 13:

- Rep. John Solomon by Jason & Joumana Klansack

TUESDAY 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr

- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

WEDNESDAY 15: The Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 9am and 6pm

- Intentions of Parishioners



THURSDAY 16: St. Roch, Martyr

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon by Kevin Jacobi & Randy Klann

FRIDAY 17:

12NOON

- Rep. Betty Mansour by Max & Loretta Plamondon

SATURDAY

5PM

- Rep. Woody Mattar by Chuck Solomon & Family

SUNDAY 19: 13th Sunday of Pentecost

St. Luke of Baalbeck, Martyr

10A.M: (1Cor 3:1-11; Lk 8:1-15) Reader: Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Doris & Eddie Gazell by George & Virginia Rizk

SUNDAY 26: 14th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:38-42) Reader: Diane Massad

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon
1st Anniversary by Alberta Kelush

*The banns of marriage are announced for
the first time for*



Laurence Aremia & Meghann Nelson

Announcements

Wednesday August 15th is the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm.

The Parish Council has tickets available for the Cruise Raffle. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100. Grand Prize is a Cruise or \$2500. If you would like to purchase tickets please see any parish council member or the church office.

Registration for Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, August 12, 2007. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Please get your children registered early so we can prepare for the school year. If you have any questions please see Freda Hearsch.

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Tony Massad on Sunday, August 19th at 5pm. Tickets are adults \$10 and children 10 and under \$5. Tickets are available from Tony Massad.

Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Cruise Raffle and Silent Auction

Wednesday, September 12, 2007
Dinner at 6pm
Raffle at 7pm
Followed by the Silent Auction



Tickets are \$35 or 3 for \$100

1 st Draw wins.....	\$100
50 th -100 th -150 th -200 th -250 th Draw wins.....	\$50
25 th -75 th -125 th -175 th -225 th -275 th Draw wins....	5 Lottery Tickets
299 th Draw wins.....	\$200
300 th Draw wins.....	Cruise

*Tickets may be purchased from any parish council member or the church office.

The Assumption



I once asked a college theology class if anyone could explain the doctrine of the Assumption of Mary. A student replied, “yeah, that’s the teaching whereby the Catholic Church ‘assumes’ that Mary is in heaven.”

There’s a bit more to the dogma of the Assumption than that. The Church does not just “assume” that any canonized saint is in heaven. Rather, it authoritatively declares that a person is in glory and should therefore be honored in liturgy and imitated in life. Our church calendar is filled with saints' days.

But why a particular day for each saint? The first evidence for this goes back to 155AD, to a bishop named Polycarp. The account of his martyrdom notes that after his execution, the faithful collected his bones, more precious than gold, and put them in a place of honor where every year they gathered to celebrate the anniversary of his death as a sort of “birthday” into eternal life. Celebrating Mass in the catacombs over the relics of the martyrs' led to the practice of putting relics in the main altar of every church. Eventually saints who did not die a martyrs death were also commemorated on their heavenly “birthday” and their relics were accorded great honor.

From very early times, August 15 has been observed as the “birthday” of our Blessed Lady. On this greatest of all Marian feasts we celebrate the greatest moment of her life – being permanently reunited with her son and sharing his glory.

All the saints experience the “beatific vision” upon their entry into heaven, and we celebrate this on every saint’s day. But there is something unique about Mary’s day. The Catholic Church teaches authoritatively that it is not just Mary’s soul that was admitted to God’s glory, but that at the end of her earthly life, Mary’s body as well as her soul was assumed into heaven by the loving power of God.

There is no eyewitness account of this actual event recorded in the Bible. Come to think of it, though, no one witnessed the actual resurrection of Jesus

either. The evidence was an empty tomb and eyewitness reports that the Risen Lord had appeared to them.

Interesting parallel here. There is a tomb at the foot of the Mt. of Olives where ancient tradition says that Mary was laid. But there is nothing inside. There are no relics, as with other saints. And credible apparitions of Mary, though not recorded in the New Testament, have been recorded from the 3rd century till today.

Mary is not equal to Christ, of course. Jesus, though possessing a complete human nature, is the Eternal Word made flesh. Mary is only a creature.

But she is a unique creature, the highest of all creatures. This is not just because she was born without the handicap of original sin. Eve and Adam were born free of sin as well, but it did not stop them from sinning as soon as they had the chance. Mary instead chose, with the help of God’s grace, to preserve her God-given purity throughout the whole of her life.

The bodily corruption of death was not God’s original plan. It came into the world through sin, as St. Paul says “the sting of death is sin” (1 Cor 15:56). So it is fitting that she who knew no sin should know no decay and no delay in enjoying the full fruits of her son’s work. It is fitting that she who stood by Christ under the cross should stand by him bodily at the right hand of the Father. “*The Queen stands at your right hand, in gold of Ophir*” (Ps 45). Enoch and Elijah, who the Old Testament says were assumed into heaven, were surely great in God’s eyes. But they do not begin to compare with the immaculate mother of His Son.

We too, one day, insofar as we accept God’s grace, will stand at His right hand. But Paul says that “all will come to life again, but each one in proper order” (1 Cor 15:23). The Redeemer, of course, blazes the resurrection trail. But who is to be first among his disciples? The one who is last is first, the Lord’s humble handmaid who did no more than say yes, and keep saying yes, and whose soul magnified not her self, but the Lord

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Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

