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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday May 20, 2007 – Sunday May 27, 2007

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

Altar Server Schedule

May 27: Team 3
June 3: Team 4
June 10: Team 1



The Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and
The Maronite Community of Metro Detroit



Announce a



FREE Concert

to be Performed by the

**Choir of Notre Dame University
Louaize, Lebanon**

on

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 7:30PM

at

Saint Sharbel Maronite Church
31601 Schoenherr Road • Warren, MI

Refreshments following the Concert

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	9a.m. 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.

Pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Dr. John Abdella

Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Pat Pollack
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths

Tom & Margaret LaBranch



**Our Lady of Lebanon
Office Hours**

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 20: 7th Sunday of Resurrection

Altar Society Sunday

10A.M.: (Eph 1:15-23; Jn 13:31-35) Reader: Robert Pollack

- Rep. Betty Mansour by Albert & Thereze Karram
- Rep. Ajege & Martha Rachid by Deacon Marty & Nina Rachid

MONDAY 21: Sts. Constatine & His Mother Helen, Confessors

- Intentions Cheryl Wilson by Violet Deibis

TUESDAY 22: St. Rita of Cascia the Miraculous

- Intentions James Manoharan by Eddy Moran

WEDNESDAY 23:

- Rep. Frank Khosho by Lazar & Nahida Hanna

THURSDAY 24:

- Rep. Ferris Adado by George & Virginia Rizk

FRIDAY 25:

12NOON

- In Thanksgiving by John & Ceal Abdella

SATURDAY 26:

9A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Charles Palma & All Deceased Members of Assad & Rose Rizk Family by Daughter

SUNDAY 27: Pentecost Sunday

10A.M.: (Acts 2:1-21; Jn 14:15-20) Reader: David Allen

- Rep. Michael Rizik by Choir
- Rep. Wajdi Badr by Jaber & Eva Massoud

SUNDAY June 3: 7th Sunday of Resurrection

10A.M.: (Rom 11:25-36; Mt 28:16-20) Reader: Ferris Anthony

- Rep. John Solomon by Ahlam & Family 3rd Anniversary
- Rep. Wajdi Badr by Mike & Madeline Zerka

Weekly Contributions

April 22:	\$2371
April 29:	\$2037
May 6:	\$3920
May 13:	\$2130



Announcements

Monday, May 28, 2007 is Memorial Day the office will be closed following mass.

The MYO group is having a toy drive. The toy drive will be held from Sunday, May 20th thru Sunday, May 27th. They are looking for new items such as crayons, books, toys, etc.

Today is Altar Society Sunday please take a moment and thank our ladies for all they do for our parish. God Bless our Altar Society.

For the past month there has been a problem with children blowing out the prayer candles. We are asking parents to please speak to your children regarding the candles. Please explain to them why these candles are lit and how important the prayers are to those who have lit them. Also remind them that not only are those candles and prayers very important but playing with fire could cause a lot of damage and maybe serious injury.



Church cleaning for the Month of May:

Hala Kaspar, Eliane Zerka & Georgette Zerka

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY
20 Altar Society Sunday

JUNE
24 Picnic in Honor of Our Mothers

Altar Society Prayer

Father of all, look upon the members of our Altar Society and bless them with your grace and love. Be pleased with their work and service for the people of this community. Grant your peace and protection to each of them, we ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.

Amen



St. Rita of Cascia



Rita's childhood was one of happiness to her parents. To satisfy her desire of a life of union with God by prayer, her parents fitted up a little room in their home as an oratory, where she spent all her spare moments. At the age of twelve, however, she desired to consecrate herself to God in the religious state. Pious though her parents were, their tearful pleadings to postpone her noble purpose prevailed on Rita, and they gave her in marriage, at the age of eighteen, to an impulsive, irascible young man, who was well fitted to try the patience and virtue of the holy girl. Two sons were born to them, each inheriting their father's quarrelsome temperament. Rita continued her accustomed devotions, and her sanctity and prayers finally won her husband's heart so that he willingly consented that she continue her acts of devotion.

Eighteen years had elapsed since her marriage, when her husband was murdered by an old enemy; both of her sons died shortly after. Rita's former desire to consecrate herself to God again took possession of her. Three times she sought admittance among the Augustinian Nuns in Cascia, but her request was refused each time, and she returned to her home in Rocca Porrena. God Himself, however, supported her cause. One night as Rita was praying earnestly in her humble home she heard herself called by name, while someone knocked at the door. In a miraculous way she was conducted to the monastic enclosure, no entrance having been opened. Astonished at the miracle, the Nuns received Rita, and soon enrolled her among their number.

St. Rita's hidden, simple life in religion was distinguished by obedience and charity; she performed many extreme penances. After hearing a sermon on the Passion of Christ she returned to her cell; kneeling before her crucifix, she implored: "Let me, my Jesus share in Thy suffering, at least of one of Thy

thorns". Her prayer was answered. Suddenly one of the thorns detached and fastened itself in her forehead so deeply that she could not remove it. The wound became worse, and gangrene set in. Because of the foul odor emanating from the wound, she was denied the companionship of the other Sisters, and this for fifteen years.

Miraculous power was soon recognized in Rita. When Pope Nicholas IV proclaimed a jubilee at Rome, Rita desired to attend. Permission was granted on condition that her wound would be healed. This came about only for the duration of the trip. Upon her return to the monastery the wound from the thorn reappeared, and remained until her death.

As St. Rita was dying, she requested a relative to bring her a rose from her old home at Rocca Porrena. Although it was not the season for roses, the relative went and found a rose in full bloom. For this reason roses are blessed in the Saint's honor.

After St. Rita's death, in 1457, her face became beautifully radiant, while the odor from her wound was as fragrant as that of the roses she loved so much. The sweet odor spread through the convent and into the church, where it has continued ever since. Her body has remained incorrupt to this day; the face is beautiful and well preserved.

When St. Rita died the lowly cell was aglow with heavenly light, while the great bell of the monastery rang of itself. A relative with a paralyzed arm, upon touching the sacred remains, was cured. A carpenter, who had known the Saint, offered to make the coffin. Immediately he recovered the use of his long stiffened hands.

As one of the solemn acts of his jubilee, Pope Leo XIII canonized St. Rita on the Feast of the Ascension, May 24, 1900.

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