



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday June 07, 2009 – Sunday June 14, 2009

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Chuck Solomon – Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Mary Matte – 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:



Dan Dolan
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap & Eve Maroun
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Ray Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Wanda Maroun
Phillip Shaker
Ann David
Sam Maroun



Helene Zerka
Sue Stubbett
Michelle Garey
Amy Burke
Agnes Torok

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday	10am – 3pm
Tuesday	10am – 3pm
Wednesday	10am – 3pm
Thursday	10am – 3pm
Friday	10am – 3pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY June 7: Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity

10A.M.: (Rom 11:25-36, Mt. 28:16-20) MYO

- 40 day Rep. Najla Assaf & Angel Tannous by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
- Rep. John Solomon by Ahlam Solomon & Family
- Rep. Irene Bernath by Helen Bur gess

MONDAY 8: The Finding of the Nails of Jesus

- Rep. Massad Toufic Massad by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka

TUESDAY 9: St. Ephrem of Syria

- Rep. Tanious Gebreal by Barhoum & Colette Rizk

WEDSDAY 10: St. Barnabas, One of the 72 Disciples, Apostle

- Int. Philip Jesuratnam by James & Theresa Manoharan

THURSDAY 11: Thursday of the Body of Christ, St. Bartholomew, Apostle

- Rep. Tom Alex by Bob & Joanne Potts

FRIDAY 12: St. Leo III

- Rep. Dr. John Zerka by George & Sue Rasak

SATURDAY 13: St. Anthony of Padua, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Rep. Julia Meachum by Josie Knight

SUNDAY June 14: 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

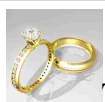
10A.M.: (1 Cor 2:1-10, Jn 14:21-27) Diane Massad

- Rep. Tanious Gebrael by Blanche Alex
- Rep. John Soloman by Jason & Joumana Klanseck
- Rep. Najla Assaf by Francis & Salwa Haddad & Family

SUNDAY June 21: 4th Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M.: (1 Cor 2:11-16, Lk 10:21-24) Diane Massad

- Rep. Peter Joubran (2nd year anniversary) by Eva & Joseph Joubran
- Rep. Gloria Mansour by Family
- Rep. Najla Assaf by Mansour & Elsie Shaheen



The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Danny Zerka & Asmahan Hanna and for the third time for Tony Fakhoury & Minerva Hermiz.

Announcements:



There will be a meeting of the Stewardship Committee Monday, June 8th at 7:00.



There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM in the Library.



Our Lady of Lebanon will be hosting a garage sale June 11, 12 & 13. Please bring any clean and useable items for resale and drop them at the church office during office hours Monday thru Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Our Lady of Lebanon will be represented by 17 of our young people at this year's annual retreat July 21-26 in Ligonier, PA. We are excited for them and are sure they will have a lot of fun. Any donations from parishioners to help them with their expenses would be greatly appreciated!



The weather was perfect for the final meeting of the **Altar Society** held at the church Rectory on Wednesday, June 3rd. Everyone brought a dish to pass and the Altar Society provided meat to grill. It was a great way to wind down the year. We would like to thank the ladies for all of their fundraising efforts this past year and for their weekly efforts in cleaning the church.



“You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving”

Do I give enough support to my Church?

Dear Parishioners, Dear friends,



Money, money, money, that's all we talk about. Isn't the Church supposed to be about spiritual things? What's so spiritual about money? I go to Church to get away from everybody trying to get MY money. I am a member in good standing. I pay my dues and go to confession once a year. What more do YOU want? Sound familiar? Why is it when the Church and money are topics of discussion in the parish, we get emotional? To some, God and money are complete opposites. One is spiritual, the other is material. One is good, the other is bad.



Allow me today to take a couple of minutes to reflect with you on the financial needs of your parish, understanding that the economic situation is not the best in our country. Of course, the church gets affected like everyone else.

However, I believe at a time when the economy may not be doing very well, we can show our gratitude and trust in God for sustaining us and helping us to cope through this matter. After all, everything that we had and have and will have is a gift from God. Sometimes we forget that we did not bring anything with us into this life, and worst yet, we often forget that we will not take anything with us.

Today I want to present to you the need of your parish and how it is affected by this situation:

- First of all, I believe that **this parish has more generous people than many other communities** and our financial situation is better since I arrived one year ago. These are the people that support this parish with the contribution of their time and talents as well as treasures. The volunteers in this parish have saved us tons of dollars over the years. **However, the parish belongs to everyone and we all have responsibly to support it.** You can make it grow or you can make it slow.
- Supporting the church financially **is an essential part of our Christian vocation.** We are all responsible to share in the Church's work.

First and foremost, God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize He is truly the Lord of our lives. **Giving financially to your church is an act of worship, an act of discipleship and a participation in God's mission in the world.** Of course there are many ways of giving to the church. I truly believe that each one of us should treat the church like one of our children, support it similarly and even include it in our will as one of our children.

I am not going to focus on that today. I just want to focus on the issue of giving through the weekly collection.

- First I want you to know that we mail at the beginning of each year over 170 envelope boxes to active and non-active parishioners. However, we receive every week in the basket around 80 envelopes. There are some parishioners that mail in their envelopes monthly and there are some that come every week that do not put an envelope in the offering basket. Some say that they put cash, but all the loose cash in the collection doesn't add up that much. There are two people that give by automatic deposit from their banks. I wish that more of you will do that. It is so easy and very safe.
- Please note that if we were only depending on the weekly collection we would have been in the red long time ago. The collection does not cover our expenses. Moreover, the scary part is this: Usually the collection gets worst in the summer. I lay this responsibility on each one of us. I invite you to send your envelopes by mail even when you are on vacation the way that you support your home when you are on vacation. I prepared for you stamped envelopes with the address of the Church; you can use those envelopes at your convenience.

I also suggest and appeal to you to do the following:

- If you are giving, please increase your gift by a small amount. If you are not giving, please think seriously about giving something, no matter how much it is, Jesus praised even the widow's mite.
- If you forgot your envelope at home or if you do not have one, please take one of the envelopes in the back of the church. I strongly encourage parents to teach their children to put something in the basket no matter how small it is. Teach them to give an offering of gratitude and thanksgiving.
- If you do not have envelopes at home, please, call the parish office and request a box with your name and number. There are some boxes in the back of the church for the children to take today.

The question that each one of us should ask is: **Am I happy with my giving to the church? And most important do you think that God is pleased with your giving?**

If the answer is No, then you should do something different about it and to start giving now.

Love your Church and give cheerfully and generously and God will reward you abundantly. God bless you all and have a great and graceful Summer.



Last Sunday we celebrated **the high school and college graduations** of students from Our Lady of Lebanon. We also bid farewell to **Dottie Byrnes** who has served as our organist for the past four years. Several of our graduating students showed up with their caps and gowns for the service. Dottie and graduates received a special blessing from Father Hanna during mass and everyone shared in cake after the service. We are proud of all of our graduates, and we wish Dottie and our students the best of luck in all of their future endeavors!



St. Anthony of Padua

Feastday: June 13

There is perhaps no more loved and admired saint in the Catholic Church than Saint Anthony of Padua, a Doctor of the Church. Though his work was in Italy, he was born in Portugal. He first joined the Augustinian Order and then left it and joined the Franciscan Order in 1221, when he was 26 years old. The reason he became a Franciscan was because of the death of the five Franciscan martyrs -- St. Bernard, St. Peter, St. Otho, St. Accursius, and St. Adjutus -- who shed their blood for the Catholic Faith in the year 1220, in Morocco, in North Africa, and whose headless and mutilated bodies had been brought to St. Anthony's monastery on their way back for burial. St. Anthony became a Franciscan in the hope of shedding his own blood and becoming a martyr. He lived only ten years after joining the Franciscan Order.

So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic Faith, so that the most unlettered and innocent might understand it, that he was made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. Saint Anthony was only 36 years old when he died. He is called the "hammer of the Heretics" His great protection against their lies and deceits in the matter of Christian doctrine was to utter, simply and innocently, the Holy Name of Mary. When St. Anthony of Padua found he was preaching the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he then went out and preached it to the fishes. This was not, as liberals and naturalists are trying to say, for the instruction of the fishes, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. St. Anthony wanted to profess the Catholic Faith with his mind and his heart, at every moment.

He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus, to whom He miraculously appeared, and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles." Upon exhumation, some 336 years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, yet his tongue was totally incorrupt, so perfect were the teachings that had been formed.

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Mark Your Calendar

June:

June 7 Father's Day Breakfast

June 11-13 Garage Sale

July:

July 10-11 Festival

Altar Servers Schedule:

June 7: Team 1

June 14: Team 2

Church cleaning for June:

Yvonne Weissert & Elsie Shaheen



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