



# Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday January 3, 2010 – Sunday January 10, 2010**

## Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar  
Deacon Martin Rachid  
Subdeacon Earl Matte

## Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary  
Pat Haley – Caterer  
Richard Baka – Custodian

## Parish Leaders

Chuck Solomon – Parish Council  
Dee Gardner – Choir Director  
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist  
Sr. Therese Tayar & Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.  
Mary Matte – Altar Society  
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar Society



## What Should We Do?

Do we welcome those far from perfect?

Do we continue to welcome those, who just like us, are far from perfect?

Is it possible that we are called to welcome the uncertain?

Even those who have done wrong?

Would that make a difference?

Submitted by Deacon Marty

- \* **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:



Helen Zerka  
Jean Rossie  
Aziz Massad  
Sue Stubbart  
Michelle Garey  
Amy Burke

Delore Shaker  
Josie Knight  
Helen Azzarello  
Sarah Marshall  
Hanneh Chammas  
Hap & Eve Maroun  
Joe Faris  
Ann Faris  
Roger Nesser  
Ann David  
Dorothy Mattar  
Wanda Maroun  
Linda Macksood  
Phil Shaker

## Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

## Liturgy Schedule

Mon. - Thurs	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.

## Adoration

Friday 11 a.m.

## Confessions

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



# MASS INTENTIONS

## SUNDAY January 3<sup>rd</sup>: Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

10A.M: (Heb 7:11-19, Lk 2:41-52) MYO

- Rep. Maroun Khattar by Francis & Salwa Haddad & Family
- Rep. Hanna Rizk by Mike & Madeline Zerka
- Rep. Elias Zerka by Milad & Georgette Zerka

## MONDAY 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Confessor

- Rep. Margaret Okal by Ralph & Helen Burgess

## TUESDAY 5: St. Paul, the First Hermit, Confessor, St. John Neumann, Confessor

- Rep. Charlie Rossie by the Rossie Family

## WEDNESDAY 6: Feast of the Glorious Epiphany 6:00 PM

- Rep. Joseph Tayar by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

## THURSDAY 7: Praises to John the Baptist, Martyr

- Rep. Joe Ferris by Bill Conti

## FRIDAY January 8: St. Apollinaris

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Mary Ann Sheehan

## SATURDAY 9: St. Adrian of Canterbury

- Rep. Alice Griffiths by Moussa & Jamal Barnaba Family

## SUNDAY January 10<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M: (2Cor 10:1-11, Jn 1:29-34) Ferris Anthony

- Rep. Gerald Knight by Josie Knight & Family
- Rep. Mike Nemer (40 day) by Samira Nemer & Family
- Rep. Subdeacon Charlie Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by Rossie Family

## SUNDAY January 17<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10A.M: (2Cor 4:5-15, Jn 1:35-42) Erik Lindhurst

- Int. Linda Macksood by Josie & Teresa Knight
- Reprs. Ibrahim, Bibiya & Yousef Kassab by Adeeb & Mayson Steph o
- Reprs. Jerjus & Nerim Kattoola & Pastor Butrus Kattoola by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho



Thank you to all of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lebanon for your wishes, gifts, cards and food this Christmas season. I would especially like to thank all of you who visited the Rectory Saturday after Christmas. God be with all of you and your families during the upcoming New Year.

*Abouna Hanna*

## Announcements:



The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.



The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM.



The Altar Society *Not Meet* in January.



Mass will be held at 6:00 pm Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> in celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany.



The MYO will meet Friday January 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



The second collection on January 10<sup>th</sup> will be for Catholic Communications.



Father Hanna will be visiting homes to bless them after the Epiphany from Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and after his return from the Eparchial retreat. If you would like to have him visit your home, please sign the sheet on the small table by the bulletin boards and indicate the time that is most convenient for you.



*Don't forget* - Contribution envelopes are now available in the Narthex. If you do not see a box of envelopes with your name on it please call the church office. If you have contribution envelopes that you are behind on please consider catching them up as soon as possible. Sometime around the middle of January the printing of yearly contribution statements will take place. If anyone has any questions please call the office.

**WHEN ONE DOOR OF HAPPINESS  
CLOSES, ANOTHER  
OPENS, BUT OFTEN WE LOOK SO LONG  
AT THE CLOSED DOOR THAT WE DO  
NOT SEE THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN  
OPENED FOR US.**

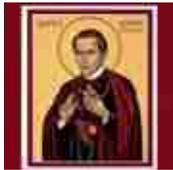
Helen Keller

## Christmas Eve at Our Lady of Lebanon



We had a very nice Christmas Eve liturgy to celebrate our Lord's birth. The Gospel was animated by the MYO and the choir provided us with beautiful music. Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church this season.

### المسيح ولد، هلوليا



## St. John Neumann

Feastday: January 5

John Nepomucene Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He entered the seminary there in 1831 and two years later transferred to the University of Prague, to study theology. He wished to be ordained, but in 1835 his bishop decided there would be no more ordinations since Bohemia had too many priests at the time.

Neumann, who spoke 8 different languages, wrote to other bishops in Europe all of whom replied that they also had too many priests. Inspired by the writings of Bishop Frederic Baraga in America, he sent letters to bishops in America, requesting to be ordained in the United States. In 1836 he came to the US and was ordained to the priesthood. He was assigned by the bishop of the New York diocese to work with German immigrants in mission churches in the Niagara Falls area. He visited the sick, taught catechism, and trained teachers to take over when he left. He was one of 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics. John's parish in New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. The church had no steeple or floor. John spent most of his time traveling from village to village, visiting the sick and celebrating the Mass at kitchen tables.

Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, John longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. He is considered one of the founders of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to 100.

John never lost his love and concern for the people. On one visit to a rural parish, the parish priest picked him up in a manure wagon. Seated on a plank stretched over the wagon's contents, John joked, "Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop?" The ability to learn languages that had brought him to America led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, "Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!" Once on a visit to Germany, he came back to the house he was staying in soaked by rain. When his host suggested he change his shoes, John remarked, "The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right foot and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own."

John died on January 5, 1860 at the age of 48.

**Altar Servers Schedule:**

Jan 10: Team 2  
Jan 17: Team 3



**Church Cleaning for January**

Mary Matte



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**Mark Your Calendar**

**January:**

Jan 6: Epiphany  
Jan 21: Mid East Luncheon

**February:**

Feb. 6: St. Maron's Hafli  
Feb 15: Ash Monday  
Feb 12-14: Regional Youth Retreat

**!!Regional MYO Youth Retreat!!**

All young people ages 12 to 17 are invited to attend the regional MYO youth retreat which will be held this year by in Youngstown, Ohio. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. This is a great opportunity for our you ng people to have fun while furthering their spiritual education and meeting new people.



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