



Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday November 27, 2011– Sunday December 4, 2011



The Beggar

I was twelve years old; it was three weeks before Christmas and I really had the “Spirit”. I’d saved up to buy my Mom a nice present and my cousin, May, advised me that the best place to purchase a gift for a lady was Flint’s big downtown department store, Smith-Bridgeman’s.

Well, I was almost there when I saw ... the Beggar. She was right in front of the store, a short, heavy woman with thick grey hair. She wore a shabby man’s overcoat, a rag-scarf, and one mitten ... yes, just one ... which she shifted from one hand to the other as her fingers became cold.

She had no hat and her eyes looked ... odd, cataracts clouding one while the other rolled about seemingly out of control. Oh yes, she was quite blind.

But here is the most pitiful thing: she was kneeling on the sidewalk, her knees pressed against the cold, hard cement. She kept shouting over and over: “Merry Christmas to all! Merry Christmas to all! Merry” A constant chant.

She held out a tin cup with pencils in it. There was a cigar-box near her knees inviting passersby to drop in a coin or two.

Well, I did my best to ignore the Beggar. This was the season of joy and, as I said, I had the Christmas spirit. Deliberately and with much consternation, I looked straight ahead and walked right past her.

You don’t blame me, do you? The vast majority of holiday shoppers did the same thing. Certainly, the Beggar wouldn’t blame any of us.

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Clergy

Rev. Paul Tarabay, O.M.M.
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte
The Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Leaders

Tom Macksood- Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist
Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse –
Morningstar Society

Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary
Pat Haley – Caterer
Dan Bartos - Custodian

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Patsy Joseph
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Sue Stubbett
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Patti Pollack
Aryielle Dyer-Stone

Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Ann David
Helen Azzarello
Wanda Maroun
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Nina Rachid
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ronda Kaufman
Fouzi Zerka



Liturgy Schedule

Mon. – Wed. 9a.m.
Friday 12noon
Saturday 5p.m.
Sunday 10a.m.

Adoration and Rosary

Friday 11:00a.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.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY November 27th: Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

10A.M.: (Eph 1:1-14, Lk 1:39-45) Joe Pavlovich

- Reps. Solotana Qiya & Dalia Dabish Salem by Sameer & Manal Dabish
- Int. of Fouzi Zerka by Duane and Dee Gardner
- Rep. Elias Zerka by Francis & Salwa Haddad

MONDAY 28: St. James of the Marches

- Rep. Nouhad Badr by Ahlam Solomon

TUESDAY 29: St. Saturninus

- Rep. Boyd (Lee) DePeal by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

WEDNESDAY 30: St. Andrew, Apostle, St. Beshai, Confessor

- Rep. Josie Knight by Doreen Romzek

THURSDAY December 1: St. Eligius

NO MASS

FRIDAY 2: St. Bibiana

- Rep. Mrs. Norah Thalys by James & Teresa Manoharan

SATURDAY 3: St. Francis Xavier, Confessor

- Rep. Ted Mansour by Tom & Laura Mansour

SUNDAY December 4th: Birth of John the Baptist

10A.M.: (Gal 4:21-5:1, Lk 1:57-66) MYO

- Rep. Karen Solomon (11 yr) by Chuck & Family
- Rep. Jean Rossie by Saffa & Linda Kouza
- Rep. Sandy Lapino by Joann & Joey Adado

SUNDAY December 11th: Revelation to Joseph

10A.M.: (Eph 3:1-13, Mt 1:18-25) Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Norm Weissert by Yvonne & Family
- Rep. Nouhad Badr by Jason & Joumana Klanseck
- Rep. Yakooop Disho & Shmoni Poulis by Sam & Samira Kalo



The Beggar Continued.....

Why, she couldn't even see us. Besides, she wished everyone a Merry Christmas whether they bought her pencils or not.

So, I found myself inside the store. I saw all the beautiful colorful, festive lights, the stuffed toys, smiling Santas and reindeer, the friendly salesclerks willing ... very willing ... to be helpful.

But suddenly, I wasn't merry any more. The Christmas bells rang hollow for me. I didn't feel like shopping. Darn it! That old Beggar had spoiled my Christmas! She had made me lose "The Spirit" ... or ... did she really help me find it?

Right then, I left Smith-Bridgeman's ... and there she was ... I stood directly in front of the Beggar ... and I placed into her offering box ... a whole dollar!

By Sub Deacon Earl Matte

Announcements:



Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our next "Announcement Season" Bible Study class. This will be held Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 6:00 PM in the library. The reading and topic for this coming Tuesday are Mark 10:17-45- Goodness-Ambition.

Scripture is the lens through which we see all of life.



1st Communion Meeting

Tonya Solomon has scheduled a parent's meeting for all parents of students making their first communion this May. The meeting will be held Sunday December 4th while religious education classes are in session. Please plan on attending. If for any reason you cannot be there, please contact Tonya at 810-659-0915.



MYO Parent Meeting

Johnny Solomon, Noha Zerka and Father Paul have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 PM for **all parents** of members of our MYO. Please put this date on your calendar and be sure to attend.



2012 Ushers

We are setting up our 2012 usher schedule and are looking for men or women in the parish who are interested in helping out as ushers. The duties of the ushers include welcoming parishioners to mass, seating them, handing out bulletins, collecting envelopes during mass and counting the collection after the final mass on Sunday. Anyone that might be interested in volunteering once or twice a month as an usher should contact Joe Pavlovich at 232-7672 or the church office at 732-2370.

Holiday Devotion Schedule



Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday Dec. 8: Masses 9:00AM & 6:00PM

Christmas Novena

Thursday Dec. 15-through Friday Dec. 23:
6:00PM Devotions

(Confession 1/2 hour before and after services)

Christmas

Saturday Dec. 24: Mass 6:00PM

Mass 12:00 Midnight

Sunday Dec. 25: Mass 10:00AM

New Year's

Saturday Dec. 31: Mass 6:00PM

Sunday Jan. 1: Mass 12:00 Noon

Epiphany

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday Jan 5: Mass 6:00PM

Friday Jan 6: Masses 9:00AM & 6:00PM



Welcome Bishop Gregory



Dear Parishioners
and Friends,

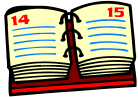
Nina and I wish to thank all parishioners and friends for their prayers, cards and kind expressions of concern during her extended illness. Nina is doing okay, but it is going to take a while to see great improvement. Please keep the prayers coming. God bless all of you!

Deacon Marty

*If you can't feed a hundred people,
then feed just one.*

Mother Teresa

Altar Servers Schedule



December 4: Team 2
December 11: Team 3

Ushers Schedules

December 4: Team 3/MYO
December 11: Team 1

Church Cleaning

December: Sawson Kalo



15th Annual Banquet & Trail Blazer Awards

St. Sharbel Banquet
Hall
31601 Schoenherr Road
Warren, MI. 48088

Najem Studio Al Fann
Karim Jaber and his band

Saturday December
3rd, 2011
Doors Open at 7 PM /
Program Begins at 8 PM



Ticket Prices:
Regular \$50
\$450 per Table of 10
(B.Y.O.B)

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with early ticket
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PLEASE CONTACT:

Naji Chidiac (248) 613-3386 - Wissam Malouf (313) 570-1507
Chuck Gemayel (586) 405-3490 - Tony Greige (586) 899-1630

Please try to support this event.
For tickets contact
Jason Klanseck 287-9228.

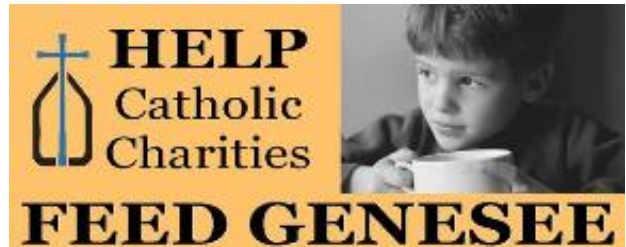


Breakfast with Santa

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be hosting
Breakfast with Santa after 10:00 Mass
Sunday December 18th.

Santa will be here to have breakfast with the children and have his picture taken with them. We will be selling Zaatar, Cheese Bread and Knafeh for breakfast that morning as well.

If you would like to buy extra Zaatar or Cheese Bread to take home, you can order it in advance by calling Ahlam Solomon at 659-6797 or 449-1504.



Government funding cuts, both federal and state, have hit Catholic Charities and its three soup kitchens/food programs hard. They will need to replace more than two-thirds of what it takes to purchase food to provide more than 155,000 meals annually here in Genesee County.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church will be joining with the Mid Eastern Churches in Genesee County to help provide food to the needy through Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities will be bringing a food collection truck to our parish on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of each month to collect non-perishable goods for those in need.

Their truck is scheduled to be here the 2nd weekend of each month for an hour before and after mass. We will have our first food drive Saturday December 10th from 4 PM to 6 PM and Sunday December 11th from 9 AM until Noon. Any non-perishable food items will be accepted. We are especially looking for spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and canned tomato products during this collection

We are hoping to put out flyers so that individuals from the surrounding community will join in our monthly food drive. We ask that you also contact your friends and neighbors to help in collecting food items. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

Mark Your Calendar

November:

Nov. 29 : Bible Study 6:00 pm

December:

Dec. 4: Parent Meeting 1st Communion
Dec. 4: Organizational Christmas Party
Dec. 13: MYO Parent Meeting
Dec. 17: Church Cleaning
Dec. 18: Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 31: New Year's Party



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Stewardship

Weekend Nov. 19 – Nov. 20, 2011

Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	170
Received	73
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,153.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$ 358.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Fuel	\$ 15.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,876.00
Second Collection	-0-
Budgeted for November	\$ 16,000 .00
Amount needed for Nov.	(\$7,946.00)



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