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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday September 25, 2011– Sunday October 2, 2011



Our Imperfect Drawing

Bruce was a family-man. He was also a counselor with special skills, working for the State of Michigan. He liked his job very much ... but most of all ... he loved his kids.

One day, Bruce brought to the office a picture that had been drawn and colored by his baby daughter. Immediately, he taped it to the wall behind the desk in his cubicle for us all to admire. The little girl had colored the sun black, the sky green, and the grass purple. On the left, she'd made circles ... flowers (?) ... to the right she drew squiggles that represented ... well ... I'm not sure what they were.

Bruce hinted that his little baby girl may be a young Van Gogh because to a father ... his child could not make a bad picture.

Well, it's like that with fathers, isn't it? When his child leaves toys and friends to come eagerly to sit on his lap, Dad is always delighted. Oh sure, once there, the child might be looking all around, attention flitting from one thing to another. The child may even wind up falling asleep. But his little boy or girl had chosen to be with him ... and to a father ... that's enough.

So, let's see, we are children of God and we decide to pray. We settle in our heavenly Father's arms. Once there, our mind, imagination, our thoughts become distracted. We're soon bored, even sleepy. ... And once more, we've failed to pray well.

Oh, we did decide to be intimate with God. We did want to be with Him.

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Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

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

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

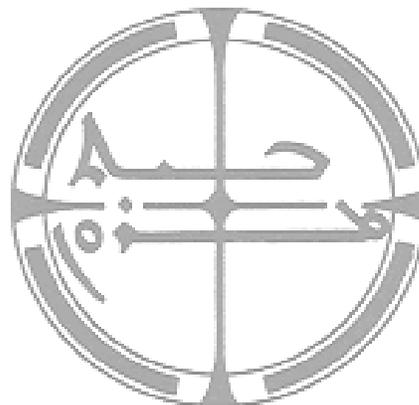
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

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



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 September 25th: 2nd Sunday After Holy Cross

- 10A.M.:** (1Cor 15:19-34, Mt 24: 1-14) Eric Lindhurst
- Rep. Frances Mansour (40 day) by Family
 - Rep. Kim Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
 - Rep. Rose Ellen Fall by Barhoum & Colette Rizk
 - Reps. Roger Nesser & Toufic & Adele Alsabie by Laila Nesser

MONDAY 26: Sts. Cosmas & Damian

- Rep. Msgr. Ron Beshara by Mary Ann Sheehan

TUESDAY 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Confessor

- Int. Nina Rachid by Aziz & Diane Massad

WEDNESDAY 28: St. Lorenzo Ruiz

- Rep. (Ann) Louise Macksood by Joann Lowe

THURSDAY 29: St. Cyriacus (Rouhana the Cantor), Confessor

- No Mass

FRIDAY 30: St. Gregory the Illuminator, Martyr

- Int. Adonis Massoud by Duane & Dee Gardner

SATURDAY October 1st: St. Thérèse of the Child of Jesus, Doctor of the Church, Confessor

- Rep. Betty Mansour by Tom & Laura Mansour

SUNDAY October 2nd: 3rd Sunday After Holy Cross

- 10A.M.:** (Phil 3:17-4:1, Mt 24:23-31) MYO
- Rep. Norman Weissert by Yvonne & Family
 - Rep. Ray Faris by Phil & Marie Faris
 - Rep. Msgr. Ron Beshara by Joe & Lily Pavlovich

SUNDAY October 9th: 4th Sunday After Holy Cross

- 10A.M.:** (1Thes 5:1-11, Mt 24:45-51) Diane Massad
- Rep. Violette Naffah (40 day) by Family
 - The living & deceased members of the Shaheen & Okal Families by the Family
 - Rep. Josie Knight by Phil & Marie Faris



Our Imperfect Drawing continued...

We did show up to pray. But, sadly, once more it all turned out to be a distracted, imperfect, unfocused mess.

... And yet ... to an earthly loving father his child cannot make a bad picture.

So ... to our heavenly Father who loves us unconditionally ... can His chosen children ever really make a bad prayer?

Submitted by Sub Deacon Earl Matte



Condolences

We wish to offer our deepest condolences to the Macksood family on the death of Louise Macksood (Jubenville) who passed away Saturday, Sept. 17th. Her funeral was held here at Our Lady of Lebanon Church Tuesday morning. *"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her."*

Announcements:



Bible Study Classes

Please join us in our Announcement Season Bible Study classes which will begin Tuesday, Oct 11th at 7:00 pm. The classes will be held in the library. Readings for the classes are available in the back of the church.



Patriarch's Visit

His Beatitude Patriarch Beachara Rai, will be coming to the States for a limited Pastoral visit. He is scheduled to arrive in Washington DC on Monday October 3rd. His tentative schedule is posted on the bulletin board, but he is scheduled to be in Cleveland, Ohio Monday, October 10th. St. Maron's Church in Cleveland is looking forward to sharing this occasion and would like to welcome guests to all events of the church. They would like to know in advance approximately how many individuals will attend. If you are planning on traveling to Cleveland this day, please contact Fr. Tony Massad 216-781-6161 or email saintmaroncleveand@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar

October:

- Oct. 2: Breakfast with St. George
- Oct. 20: Mid-East Luncheon

December:

- Dec. 4: Organizational Christmas Party
- Dec. 31: New Year's Party



Please help us celebrate
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Join us for a memorable evening

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Mass at 6:00pm, Party immediately following
 Dinner will be served at 8:30pm **sharp**
 Complimentary valet will be provided

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Karen Newman, Ali Barada,
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St. Lorenzo Ruiz

Feast Day: September 28th

St. Lorenzo Ruiz was born in Binondo, Manila, of a Chinese father and a Tagalog mother. His father taught him Chinese while his mother taught him Tagalog. Both of his parents were Roman Catholics.

Ruiz served as an altar boy at the convent of Binondo church. He was educated by the Dominican friars for a few years, and was gifted with exceptionally beautiful penmanship. He became a professional calligrapher, earning the title of "escribano" as he transcribed baptismal, confirmation and marriage documents into the church's official books. He became a member of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. He married and had two sons and a daughter with his wife Rosario. Life for them was generally peaceful, religious and full of contentment.

In 1636, while working as a clerk at the Binondo Church, Ruiz was falsely accused of killing a Spaniard. Lorenzo learned of some missionary priests leaving Manila, and thinking that they were going to Macao, he sought help from his Dominican superiors who believed in his innocence. He was allowed aboard the ship, along with three Dominican priests, Saint Antonio Gonzalez; Saint Guillermo Courtet; Saint Miguel de Aozaraza, and a Japanese priest; Saint Vicente Shiwozuka de la Cruz. Only when they were on the ship did Lorenzo learn that the missionaries were headed for Japan, where Catholics were suffering terrible persecutions at that time. When the boat landed at Okinawa, the group was arrested and imprisoned on the basis of their Christian religion. After two years, they were transferred to Nagasaki to face trial by torture.

On September 27, 1637, Ruiz and his companions were taken to the Nishizaka Hill, where they were tortured by being hung upside down over a pit. This form of torture was known as *tsurushi* in Japanese or *horca y hoyo* in Spanish. The method was supposed to be extremely painful. Though the victim is bound, one hand is always left free so that victims may be able to signal a recantation of beliefs. In such cases, they would be freed. Ruiz refused to renounce Christianity and died from blood loss and suffocation. His body was cremated and his ashes were thrown into the sea. Before he died he reputedly said: "I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly accept death for the Lord; if I have a thousand lives, all of them I will offer to Him."

Lorenzo Ruiz was beatified in Manila on February 18, 1981, by Pope John Paul II during his papal visit to Manila, the first beatification ceremony held outside the Vatican. San Lorenzo Ruiz was canonized by Pope John Paul II in the Vatican City, Rome, on October 18, 1987, making him the first Filipino saint and the first Filipino martyr

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lorenzo_Ruiz

Altar Servers Schedule:

October 2: Team 2

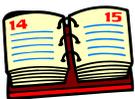
October 9: Team 3

Ushers Schedules

October 2: Team 1/MYO

October 9: Team 2

Church Cleaning October: Sawsan Kalo



*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him,
that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.*

~ 1 John 5:15

Stewardship

Weekend September 17 – September 18, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	67
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,105.00
Online Donations	\$ 275.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 108.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,5143.00
Second Collection	-0-
Budgeted for September	\$ 15,000 .00
Amount needed for Sept. Budget	(\$ 6,823.00)

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Middle Eastern Luncheon
and
Bake Sale

Thursday, September 29, 2011
11am-3pm
St. George Orthodox Church
5191 Lennon Road
Flint, MI

(Behind Kohl's) Between Linden and Dye Roads

Menu

Cooked Kibbee, Green-Bean-Stew-
(Yahnee) and Rice, Hummus, Salad,
Pita-Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea

Cost: \$10

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