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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday September 23, 2012 – Sunday, September 30, 2012

He's Already Here

“In the Latin (“Roman”) rite of our Church the preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation –Chrismation-- is a “big deal.” Sister Fidelis, our fifth grade teacher, helped us kids get ready. She had us memorize the prayer to the Holy Spirit. (Come Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of Your faithful... etc. etc.)

Immediately after we received the sacrament from the bishop, Sister congratulated us and said, “Boys and girls, you can now forget that “Come Holy Spirit” prayer because you don’t ever need to ask Him again to come to you. The Spirit of God is with you now...and He will never leave you.”

After all this time, throughout my teens and adult life, I’ve never doubted Sister even though I’ve never actually seen this Holy Spirit. No, I don’t see Him, I can only see you, my neighbor.

So I obey the Ten Commandments because I don’t want to hurt any of you...and besides, that Holy Spirit of Love is here inspiring me to do the right thing.

I have coffee and donuts with you. We laugh, talk and socialize together because we are friends...and besides, that Holy Spirit of joy marks our relationship.

I pray the liturgy in our beautiful church with you because we stand before God together as His people...and besides, again, that Holy Spirit of freedom makes us want to worship together.

It’s true. I never ask the Holy Spirit to come, because I don’t see the point in asking for what I already have. But every day I do ask God for the grace to be aware, to be conscious, to know deep in my soul that His Spirit is here already...here in me...here in you...here in us.

Submitted by Earl Matte

Clergy

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

Parish Leaders

Erik Lindhurst- Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist
Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Anthony Marshall –
Morningstar Society

Parish Staff

Melanie French - Secretary
Pat Haley – Caterer
Dan Bartos – Custodian

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

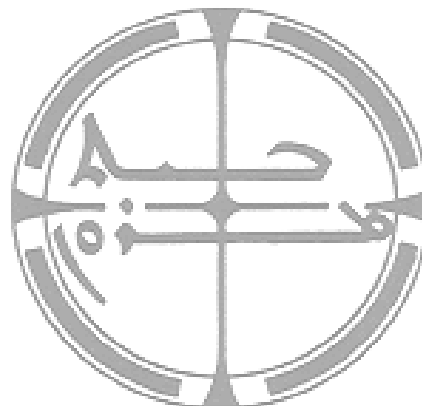
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Violet Deibis
Patti Pollack
Sharon Griffiths
Dorothy Mattar
Hanneh Chammas
Sue Stubbett
Nina Rachid
Dee Marshall
Wanda Maroun

Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Baheje Zerka
George Damouni
Helen Azzarello
Patsy Joseph
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Ron Delling
Zeidan Zerka
Helen Zerka
Ophelia Polovina



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 23: 2nd Sunday after Holy Cross

10A.M: (1Cor15:19-34, Mt 24:1-14) Erik Lindhurst(E)

Linda Kouza A)

Rep: Kim Gardner by Duane and Dee Gardner

Rep: Ann David by Mom and Elsie

MONDAY 24: St. Thecla, First Woman Martyr

Int: Raymond Rasak by George & Sue Rasak

TUESDAY 25: Gerard Segrado D. 1046

- Rep: Ray Faris by Shaheen & Rose Shaheen

WEDNESDAY 26 Sts Cosmas & Damian

Rep: Fran Adado by Gary & Dorothy Shaker

THURSDAY 27 St. Vincent De Paul

No Mass

FRIDAY 28 Lioba D. 781

12:00 Rep: Ghantous Tayar by Jim & Deborah Gamer

SATURDAY 29

Rep. Geraldine Kelush by Jim & Family

Raymond Faris by Jeanie Faris

SUNDAY September 30: 3rd Sunday after Holy Cross

10A.M: (Phil 3:17-4:1, Mt 24:23-31) Diane Massad(E) Elias Chammas(A)

Rep: Norm Weissert by Yvonne Weissert

Rep: Sarah Marshall by Lewis & Jeanette Waltherhouse

SUNDAY October 7: Fourth Sunday after Holy Cross

10A.M: (1Thes 5:1-11, Mt 24:45-51) MYO(E) Anthony Chammas(A)

Rep: Alamaza Zarka by Nadia Zerka

Announcements;

Grief Support

A grief support group with Catholic perspective sponsored by New & Old Calvary Catholic Cemeteries begins Tuesday, Oct. 1st at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for seven weeks, with a follow up meeting on January 15, 2012. It will be held at St. John Vianney Community Room, 2415 Bagley St., Flint. Attending a grief support group often brings comfort and understanding beyond one's expectations! To register, call the St. John Vianney office, 810-235-1812 by Oct. 12th. This program is free of charge.



Religious Education Sign-up

If you haven't already done so, it is time to **Sign-up**. Registration sheets are available in the back of the church or through the church office.



First Holy Communion

If you have a child receiving their First Communion this coming year, please pick up a form at the back of church and return to the office.



Adult Conversion Classes Scheduled

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin in October. Anyone interested in attending should contact the office for registration forms.

MYA Food Drive

We will be doing our annual food drive this year. Our goal is to help 50 individuals in December. If you are aware of anyone who could be helped by receiving one of these donations, please contact Ursula Kadadu at 810-280-3272

Bible Study



We hope to begin Bible Class in mid-October. The class will be approximately 7 to 8 weeks. The title of the course is "From Genesis to Jesus." There is a book that is assigned for the class at a cost of \$10. What we need is an approximate number of people who are interested. **Please sign up** in back of church or call the office, it takes a few weeks to get the books. —Deacon Marty



Food Drive



Next month we will be collecting large cans of fruit such as peaches, pears or fruit cocktail the weekend of Oct.13-14.. Personal items such as tooth paste and toothbrushes would also be appreciated.

The photo below ...

The Giant Floating Rosary of balloons rises in the sky, drawing attention of the people gathering at Bkerke in Harissa near Beirut before Pope Benedict XVI meets the youth September 15, 2012.

(REUTERS/ Stefano Rellandini)



Altar Servers Schedule

September 23: Team 1

September 30: Team 2

Ushers Schedule

September 23: Team 1 Josef, Phil,Gino,Marcus,Joe

September 30: Team 1 Josef, Phil,Gino,Marcus,Joe

Church Cleaning September

Cindy Shaheen

Mark Your Calendar

Sept:

Sept 16: Religious Education begins

Oct:

Oct. 1: Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2: Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2 Breakfast with St. George (at St. George)

Oct: RCIA classes begin

Oct. 11: Mid East Luncheon

Oct. 20: MYO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 28 Children's Halloween Party



Thank You!

Their hard work and your contributions paid off! Our Lady of Lebanon Rummage Sale made a total of \$1,745.84.

Excerpts from Benedict XVI – General Audience 19 Sept. 2012

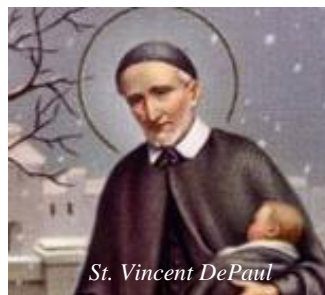
"During my visit, the people of Lebanon and the Middle East ... in a serene and constructive atmosphere were able to enjoy an important experience of mutual respect, understanding and fraternity, which constitutes a powerful sign of hope for all humankind. Yet it was above all the meeting with the Catholic faithful of Lebanon and the Middle East, who were present in their thousands, that aroused a feeling of profound gratitude in my heart for the ardour of their faith and witness".

"I was able to see directly how the Lebanese Catholic communities, thanks to their two-thousand year presence and their hope-filled commitment, offer an important and highly appreciated contribution to the daily life of all the country's inhabitants", the Pope said.

"The days spent in Lebanon were a wonderful manifestation of faith and religious feeling and a prophetic sign of peace. ... I am sure that the people of Lebanon, in its varied but well blended religious and social make-up, will know how to witness with renewed impetus to the true peace that comes from faith in God. I hope that the messages of peace and respect that I sought to give, will help the governments of the region to take decisive steps towards peace and a better understanding of the relationship between Christians and Muslims. For my part, I continue to accompany those beloved people in prayer."

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St. Vincent DePaul

It would be impossible to enumerate all the works of St. Vincent De Paul. Charity was his predominant virtue. It extended to all classes of persons, from forsaken childhood to old age. He breathed his last in Paris at the age of eighty. His feast day is September 27th. He is the patron of charitable societies.

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Stewardship

Weekend Sept.15– Sept.16, 2012

Weekly Envelopes

Distributed	180
Received	81

Weekly envelopes	\$ 1,729.50
Loose	\$ 110.00
Eparchial Assessment	\$.00
Fuel	\$ 20.00
Total Sunday Collection	1,859.50

Second Collection

Budgeted for September	\$16,000.00
Amount needed for Sept.	\$(9,663.00)

Hala Beco

Produce Meat Market



Hours: Mon-Sat
9am-9pm
Sunday: 11am-6pm



- Mid Eastern Foods
- Fresh Ground Meat
- Lamb Shoulder
- Lamb Leg
- Fresh Produce
- Fresh Chicken
- All Halal Meat

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