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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday February 26, 2006 – Sunday March 5, 2006

The Patriarch, Nasrallah Peter Sfeir is coming to the states!

We have been notified that His Eminence, Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir will be attending the Clergy Conference and Maronite Convention in Chicago this summer. As you know, 2006 marks the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the Maronite Hierarchy here in the United States of America.

The bishop is asking that each parish have some representation. You can obtain more information on the NAM Convention at www.nam2006chicago.com.

Help Wanted

If anyone is interested in donating a gift to be used as a prize at our May Salad Supper Bingo the Altar Society would be deeply grateful.

This is our BIG fundraiser of the year. We are helping to pay for new upholstery on the Temple pews and the choir has also asked us to procure new choir robes. So we need lots of money.

If you would like to participate, sign up on the Bulletin Board sheet in the narthex to pledge a donation. We will need all donations by April 15th. They may be dropped off at the office at any time...or contact a member of the Altar Society.

REFER A FRIEND!!!

Refer a U.S. citizen who can speak, read and write Arabic and wants to work in Iraq.

You will earn \$2000 for every referral you provide who is hired and deploys to Iraq for 90 days from L-3 Communications.

Referral deadline: February 28, 2006
Call me at 1-248-358-6941 @ ext. 3160 or call 313-363-3093 cell to speak with Bassem Awad or send information to bassam.awad@titan.com

NAM will be holding their 14th Annual Lenten Retreat from March 31st to April 2nd, 2006, at Our Lady of Lebanon National Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio. This year's theme is "The Mystery of Love" in the Maronite Perspective, a look at the meaning of Life and a search for true meaning of Love. The cost for the complete weekend is \$65 for NAM members \$65 and \$75 for non-members. The pre-registration deadline is March 27, 2006. Informational pamphlets are available. If you would like further information you may contact the NAM Office at: 718-630-5868, fax: 718-630-5191, email: nam@msiny.com or the NAM website: www.namnewsorg

Fuel collections for the month of January, 2006 were \$267.
The Consumers bill for the month of January \$3964.61



Clergy

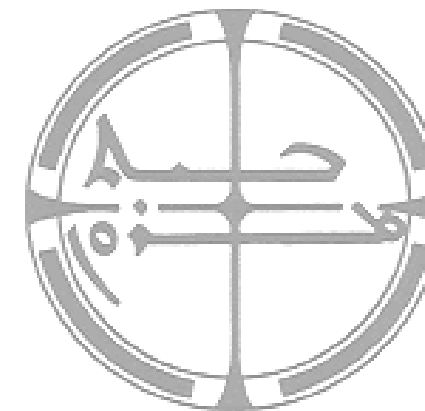
Rev. Father Jihad Younes
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte
Subdeacon Charles Rossie

Parish Staff

Pam Aziz – Parish Secretary
Darrell Frye – Maintenance
Pat Haley – Caterer

Parish Leaders

Lewis Walterhouse II– Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Erik Lindhurst – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar



Liturgy Schedule

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	8:30a.m.
	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 nd Sunday of the month	10a.m. (English)
	12noon (Arabic)

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:



Mary Ann Sheehan

Sarah Marshall
Mike Rizik
Hanneh Chammas
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Lu Lu Williams
Rose Johnson
Dorothy Matta
Winston Walterhouse
Beth Garner

Quote of the Week

"The patient and humble endurance of the cross, whatever nature it may be, is the highest work we have to do."



Saint Katherine Drexel



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 26: Cana Sunday

10A.M.: (Rom 14:14-23; Jn 2:1-11) Reader: Tony Massad
- Living & Deceased Members of the Deibis Family by Sue Deibis

MONDAY 27: Ash Monday

Fast and Abstinence, Mass at 9am & 6pm

-Intentions of Mary Ann Sheehan by Altar Society

TUESDAY 28: Saints Coura & Marana,

Disciples of St. Maron, Confessors

- Intentions of Mary Iverson by Pam

WEDNESDAY March 1: Saint Domnina, &

Saint Afdokia of Baalbek, Confessors

- Intentions of Dorothy LaBranche by Bob & Joanne Potts & Family

THURSDAY 2: St. John Maron, Confessor

- Rep. Sue Adado by Sylvia Abdella

FRIDAY 3: St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church & St. Katherine Drexel, Confessor

12 NOON

- Rep. Ann Smithingell by Phil & Marie Faris

SATURDAY 4:

8:30A.M.

- Special Intentions

5P.M.

- Rep. Jo Mattar Harrison by Woody & Dottie Mattar

- Rep. Joseph & Milia AbouGebrael by Barnabas Family

SUNDAY March 5: Sunday of the Leper

10A.M.: (Rom 6:12-23; Mk 1:35-45) Reader: Earl Matte
- Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Mike & Tyl Rizik

SUNDAY 12: Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman

10A.M.: (2 Cor 7:4-11; Lk 8:40-56) Reader: Mary Matte
- Rep. Sister Helen Maroun by Sam
- Rep. Mary Ann BoSauder by Duane & Dee Gardner

Weekly Contributions

January 29: \$2332
February 5: \$2475
February 12: \$1923
February 19: \$4006



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed every Thursday and Fr. Jihad will be out of town. If you have an emergency please call Deacon Marty. (232-9713)

The Great Season of Lent begins Monday, February 27, 2006. Ash Monday mass will be celebrated at 9am and 6pm. Please remember no meat and you should fast until 12noon.

MYA will be having a bake sale on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26, 2006.

Altar Society will have a meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2006, 7pm at the rectory.

Please remember that the Great Season of Lent also brings with it our commitment to pay our Eparchial Appeal. The amount for our parish is \$6,400. You will find an envelope for this contribution in your yearly box of envelopes. If you do not have one please put your contribution for the appeal in a regular envelope with your envelope number on it.

The 2006 Maronite Diocesan Convocation will be held in St. Louis on Wednesday, March 15 through Sunday, March 19, 2006. This meeting is open to the parishioners in all parishes. If you are interested in attending please see Father Jihad.

There will be no Adult religious education class this Monday, February 27, 2006. Class will resume next Monday, March 6, 2006 at 6:30pm and they will be discussing Mary and the Saints.

Altar Servers Schedule for: Sunday, February 26th

David Allen Daniel Allen
Sam Kadadu Chris Gebrael



Sunday, March 5th

Sharbel Massoud Matthew Lindhurst
George Allen Joseph Dakki



Church cleaning for the month of February:
Nawal Gebrael & Mona Massoud

Turn Back to the Lord with All Your Heart

We begin the season of Lent with the imposition of ashes on *Ash Wednesday* or, as is done in the Maronite church, *Ash Monday*. The ashes are both a reminder of our mortality and an ancient biblical symbol of repentance. When King David desired the lady Bathsheeba, he committed adultery with her and then had her husband killed to cover up the crime. When confronted by the prophet Nathan, David repented: "I have sinned before the Lord." He then put on sackcloth (another symbol of repentance), placed ashes on himself, fasted and composed *Psalms 51*, the great psalm of repentance. (That is an excellent prayer to use for daily repentance and as a preparation for the sacrament of penance). It's a good story to read in *2 Samuel* in the Bible.

All of the elements of repentance are contained there: acknowledgment of sin, confession of sin and penance.

Before ascending back to His heavenly Father Our Lord empowered His Apostles to continue His mission of forgiving sins: "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive are forgiven. Whose sins you retain, they are retained" (Jn 21). The priest then has received this power through sacred ordination to continue what Christ Himself did while on earth. This should remind us of why Our Lord came to earth in the first place. He didn't come to "make a better world" nor to help us "realize our human potential." His very name tells us why He came: "You will name Him Jesus because He will save His people from their sins." So the Church places the forgiveness of sins at the top of its Mission: hence the sacrament of penance and Lent.

TO BE CONTINUED.....

www.maronitemonks.org/

St. Katherine Drexel, Confessor

If your father is an international banker and you ride in a private railroad car, you are not likely to be drawn into a life of voluntary poverty. But if your mother opens your home to the poor three days each week and your father spends half an hour each evening in prayer, it is not impossible that you will devote your life to the poor and give away millions of dollars. Katherine Drexel



did that.

She was born in Philadelphia in 1858. She had an excellent education and traveled widely. As a rich girl, she had a grand debut into society. But when she nursed her stepmother through a three-year terminal illness, she saw that all the Drexel money could not buy safety from pain or death, and her life took a profound turn.

She had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by reading Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*. While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" His answer shocked her into considering new possibilities.

Back home, she visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux leader Red Cloud and began her systematic aid to Indian missions.

She could easily have married. But after much discussion with Bishop O'Connor, she wrote in 1889, "The feast of St. Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored." Newspaper headlines screamed "Gives Up Seven Million!"

After three and a half years of training, she and her first band of nuns (Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored) opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed. By 1942 she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states.

Two saints met when Mother Cabrini advised Katherine about the "politics" of getting her Order's Rule approved in Rome. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university in the United States for blacks.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Apparently her life was over. But now came almost 20 years of quiet, intense prayer from a small room overlooking the sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless aspirations and meditation. She died at 96 and was canonized in 2000.

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