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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday July 1, 2007 – Sunday July 8, 2007

My Mass

“If...during the day you feel the fatigue or dreariness of your work, if you meet with disappointment or suffering: *don't grumble – that is your Mass*; keep a cheerful heart and a smiling countenance. If you experience temptations and find it hard to keep straight, clean or honest: remember your Mass, carry out your offering. If you feel neglected, misunderstood, calumniated, if you are treated with injustice or ingratitude: don't allow bitterness and resentment to fill your heart, don't listen to your wounded feelings; but think of Christ with whom you have offered yourself...Whenever there is an opportunity to help your neighbor, to make him better and happier; or to help the Church, to spread the kingdom of Christ: don't shirk it, don't excuse yourself – it is part of your Mass; overcome selfishness, radiate kindness; give yourself to God in work and ambition and consecrates you a 'victim': do not let self-pity close and cramp your soul – repeat your offering. And when, finally, death comes and calls you to the Master you have served, make the offering of your life the last act of your Mass, the last great 'yes' to the Will of God. Thus the whole Christian life is lived in the magnificent spirit of the Mass, in the spirit of giving, offering, self-surrender, selflessness – in union with Christ.”

Joseph Putz, S.J.



Fr. Jihad has forms from the Consulate of Lebanon for passport renewals, marriage & birth registrations. If you are in need any of these forms please see Fr. Jihad.

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

Albert Zerka– Parish Council
Dee Gardner – Choir Director
Dottie Byrnes – Organist
Freda Hearsch – Religious Education
Cindy Shaheen – Altar Society
Jeanette Walterhouse – Morningstar
Rob Kowalk – Spiritual Growth Coordinator



Liturgy Schedule

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| Monday | 9a.m. |
| Tuesday | 9a.m. |
| Wednesday | 9a.m. |
| Thursday | 9a.m. |
| Friday | 12noon |
| Saturday | 9a.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:



Eddie Rashid
Nadia Sob
Tom & Margaret LaBranch

Marge Okal
Sarah Marshall
Hanneh Chammas
Hap Maroun
Joe Faris
Doris Beck
Ann Faris
Dorothy Mattar
Sharon Griffiths



Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

Monday 9am – 5pm
Tuesday 9am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 9am – 5pm
Friday 9am – 5pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY July 1: 6th Sunday of Pentecost Blessed Junipero Serra, Confessor

10A.M.: (1Cor 12:12-13,27-30; Mt. 10:16-25) Reader: Earl Matte
- Rep. Sam Marino by Mike & Madeline Zerka
- Deceased Members of the Matte Family & Rep. Mayford Penhaligon by Earl & Mary Matte

MONDAY 2:
- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon by Dale & Martha Huber

TUESDAY 3:
- NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY 4: Independence Day
St. Andrew the Cantor, Bishop of Crete**
- Rep. Betty Mansour by Josie Knight

THURSDAY 5:
- Rep. Elias Deibis by Lila Kaleel

FRIDAY 6: St. Maria Goretti, Martyr
12NOON
- Rep. Ted Beck by Mon & Elsie Shaheen

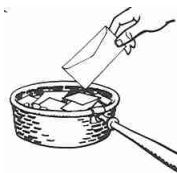
SATURDAY 7:
5P.M.
- Rep. Winston Walterhouse by Joseph & Janet Hamo

SUNDAY 8: 7th Sunday of Pentecost
10A.M.: (2Cor 3:1-6; Lk 10:1-7) Reader: Mary Matte
- Rep. Jacob, Mary & Louie Zerka by George & Virginia Rizk
- Rep. Gloria Mansour by Family

**SUNDAY 15: 8th Sunday of Pentecost
St. Sharbel (observed)
St. Kyriakos & St. Yolitts, Martyrs**
10A.M.: (Rom 8:28-39; Mt 13:36-43) Reader: Karl Moon
- Rep. Diab Rizk, Lorance Abou Diwan by George & Virginia Rizk

Weekly Contributions

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| June 3: | \$3178 |
| June 10: | \$1324 |
| June 17: | \$1593 |
| June 24: | \$2851 |



Altar Server Schedule

July 8: Team 1
July 15: Team 2



Announcements

There will no longer be a 9am mass on Saturdays.

The office will be closed Tuesday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 4. Mass will not be celebrated on Tuesday but there will be Mass on Wednesday as scheduled.

The Parish Council will be having a Cruise Raffle on September 12, 2007. They would also like to have a Silent Auction. They are looking for donations of goods and services. If you have any questions please see Al Zerka.

Please keep our MYO youth in your prayers as they fly to St. Louis to attend their yearly youth retreat. They will be leaving on July 3 and returning on July 8.



Of old you made yourself the guide and the way for your people as they wandered in the desert; be the protector of our children as they set out on their journey, so that they may return home safely. Amen

A special thank you to the men of our parish for the picnic held Sunday in honor of our mothers. It was a great day! May God bless each of you.

The children's bible school will be held Monday, July 16 thru Friday, July 20, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions please see Natalie Zerka or Tony Massad.



Church cleaning for the Month of July:

Elsie Shaheen,
& Yvonne Weissert

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JULY

3-8 Maronite Youth Conference
16-20 Children's Bible School
22 Parish Picnic
25-29 NAM Convention in Richmond Virginia

Saint Maria Goretti

Martyr



This little Italian girl, who before reaching the age of twelve was slain for having preferred death to sin, was beatified and canonized before fifty years had passed. Saint Maria Goretti, born in October, 1890 in the small hilltop village of Corinaldo near Ancône, was the second of the six living children of a very pious poor family. Her mother consecrated the infant to the Blessed Virgin on the day of her baptism. Her courageous parents labored under the sign of Christian poverty to support the children, but by 1896 their little plot of land proved insufficient to feed the growing family. The father decided they would move down to the plains of Rome, where it was said that fertile farm land could be rented at low cost. The move to Ferriere di Conca, near Nettuno, proved fatal to the good Luigi, who after only four years, exhausted by the unhealthy climate, the heavy heat and his hard labor, died a Christian death.

His courageous widow could not follow his dying admonition to return to Corinaldo, since their contract obliged her to pay what she owed to their employer. Maria, nine years old and deeply affected by her father's death, seconded her mother's labor in the fields by taking over the care of her four younger brothers and sisters. She was an angelic child whose piety was observed by all who knew her. Her fervor won her the grace to make her First Communion, as she begged to do, with the other children. When she asked that permission, her mother told her she did not know how to read or write, and they did not have the means to buy the shoes, robe, and veil she would need. Maria replied that in the town a lady who knew how to read would teach her, and on Sundays she could go to a village where the priest taught catechism to all the children, and she was sure that God in His providence would care for her material needs. She was right; she passed the questioning session by the Archpriest of Nettuno with honors, and kind benefactors gave what she needed.

Living conditions for the little family of orphans were very difficult; they shared a kitchen with another family. This other one was motherless: the mother had died in an asylum, and the father was a drunkard. His son, 19 years old, began to pay much attention to Maria, and the little girl, who wished to remain pure for her beloved Jesus, begged her mother never to leave her alone. But one day in the torrid heat of summer, while Maria watched her baby sister and prepared the meal, Alessandro left the field where everyone was working and went to the house with evil intentions. No one heard Maria's cries for help; it was only an hour or so later that a younger brother of Alessandro entered and found her bathed in her blood on the floor. Her love of purity had cost her fourteen grievous wounds, nine of which were very profound. She lived long enough to tell the priest who came to her in the hospital that she forgave her assassin and wanted him to be with her in Paradise. She received the Last Sacraments in peace and joy, dying on July 6, 1902.

The story did not end there. Alessandro was condemned to thirty years of prison. Gruff and totally impenitent, he was mistrusted by the guardians. But the bishop of the diocese, Monsignor Blandini, wanted to save his soul, and went to the prison, asking to talk with him. "My son," he said, "your bishop wants to greet you and comfort you." "I didn't ask for your visit, and I don't need comfort or your sermons," was the reply. But when the prelate told Alessandro how, during her last minutes, Marietta had forgiven him and wished to have him near her in heaven, the nonchalant young man was overcome. "That is not possible!" he exclaimed. Before the bishop left, Alessandro had fallen into his arms, weeping; and in the hours of solitude which followed, he began to pray. Three years before the end of his term, for his good behavior he was set free, and in 1937, at the age of 55, he went to see the mother of the little victim. When he fell on his knees and begged her pardon, like her little daughter she gladly forgave him. They went to Communion in the little village church at Christmas; and there was no inhabitant who did not rejoice with a Christian joy in this new proof of the sanctity of Maria, to whom they all attributed his wondrous conversion. Pope Pius XII beatified the new Saint Agnes in April 1947, and in June of 1950, she was inscribed among the Saints. www.magnificat.ca