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**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday August 19, 2007 – Sunday August 26, 2007**

# The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint

## 40th Anniversary Celebration

October 27, 2007  
Woodfield Country Club  
1000 Woodfield Dr.

Grand Blanc Michigan 48439  
Dinner-Hafli (Dance)  
Entertainment: Usama Baalbaki

Dinner & Hafli Tickets- \$50.00 per person  
Hafli Only Tickets- \$30.00 per person  
Cocktail Hour 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Dinner served at 7:00pm  
Hafli 9:00 until ?

The Ladies Cedars Club of Flint has been serving the community and worldwide organizations for 40 years. Please join us in celebration of this great milestone.

Contact: Victoria Zerka-Linden for tickets  
Phone Number: (810)-577-7273

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER

- 5 Altar Society meeting at 7pm
- 9 Religious Education classes begin
- 12 Cruise Raffle

#### OCTOBER

- 7 Bishop Gregory's Anniversary
- 7 Breakfast with St. George's Parish
- 27 Ladies Cedars Club Anniversary Hafli
- 28 Altar Society Harvest Dinner

### Altar Server Schedule

- August 12: Team 2
- August 19: Team 3
- August 26: Team 4



### 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

Monday	9a.m.
Tuesday	9a.m.
Wednesday	9a.m.
Thursday	9a.m.
Friday	12noon
Saturday	5p.m.
Sunday	10a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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:



Nadeem Gebrael  
Eddie Rashid  
Nadia Sob

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

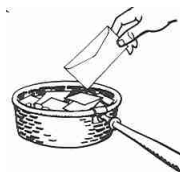


### Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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

### Weekly Contributions

July 22:	\$2019
July 29:	\$2206
August 5:	\$2473
August 12:	\$2007



Church cleaning for the Month of August:  
Cindy Shaheen



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY 19: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

#### St. Luke of Baalbeck, Martyr

10A.M: (1Cor 3:1-11; Lk 8:1-15) Reader: Erik Lindhurst

- Rep. Doris & Eddie Gazell by George & Virginia Rizk

### MONDAY 20: St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church

- NO MASS

### TUESDAY 21:

- NO MASS

### WEDNESDAY 22:

- NO MASS

### THURSDAY 23: St. Isaac the Syriani, Confessor

- NO MASS

### FRIDAY 24:

12NOON

- NO MASS

### SATURDAY 25: St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples

10:30AM

- Memorial Mass for Thomas and Margaret LaBranch by Family

5PM

- Rep. Josph Rizk by Family

### SUNDAY 26: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

10A.M: (1Thes 2:1-13; Lk 10:38-42) Reader: Diane Massad

- Rep. Mayford Penhaligon

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary by Alberta Kelush

### SUNDAY September 2: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

#### St. Mammas the Great, Martyr

10A.M: (1Cor 1:18-25; Jn 12:20-32) Reader: Earl Matte

- Rep. Joe Ferris by Hap & Eve Maroun

*The banns of marriage are announced for the second time for*



*Laurence Aremia & Meghann Nelson*

*"A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty."*



Author Unkown

## Announcements

Fr. Jihad will be out of the office this week. There will be no mass on Monday through Friday. The parish office will be open.

The Parish Council has tickets available for the Cruise Raffle. Tickets are \$35 each or 3 for \$100. Grand Prize is a Cruise or \$2500. If you would like to purchase tickets please see any parish council member or the church office.

Registration for Religious Education has begun. Classes begin on Sunday, September 9, 2007. Please get your children registered early so we can prepare for the school year. If you have any questions please see Freda Hearsch.

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Tony Massad on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Tickets are adults \$10 and children 10 and under \$5. Tickets are available from Tony Massad.

### Our Lady of Lebanon Annual Cruise Raffle and Silent Auction

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Dinner at 6pm

Raffle at 7pm

Followed by the Silent Auction



Tickets are \$35 or 3 for \$100

1 <sup>st</sup> Draw wins.....	\$100
50 <sup>th</sup> -100 <sup>th</sup> -150 <sup>th</sup> -200 <sup>th</sup> -250 <sup>th</sup> Draw wins.....	\$50
25 <sup>th</sup> -75 <sup>th</sup> -125 <sup>th</sup> -175 <sup>th</sup> -225 <sup>th</sup> -275 <sup>th</sup> Draw wins....	5 Lottery Tickets
299 <sup>th</sup> Draw wins.....	\$200
300 <sup>th</sup> Draw wins.....	Cruise

\*Tickets may be purchased from any parish council member or the church office.

## *Saint Bernard*

### *Doctor of the Church*



Bernard of Clairvaux was born into the nobility of Burgundy, his father being, Tescelin, Lord of Fontaines and his mother Aleth of Montbard in the year 1090.

From his earliest years, Bernard showed an aptitude for learning he was also deeply devout with a zealotness not usually found in one so young. This young man

even from his earliest years showed himself to be a very forceful and charismatic figure who had the ability to draw people to himself and to illuminate the love he held for his Faith to those who would listen to him.

So it was no surprise despite his delicate health that at only 22 years of age he decided to join a Monastery and live the rest of his days as a monk. Due to his charismatic personality 35 other members of his family joined him in his pursuit of the monastic way of life. Quite an achievement for one so young.

One can see even from an early age Bernard was of a determined disposition and did not suffer fools gladly. His rule was so severe that it not only caused him health problems but also his fellow brothers within the Monastery compound. Upon becoming ill, Bernard was able to rest and re-think his strict regime as many of his fellow brothers were flagging under such extreme asceticism and mortifications. When he recovered Bernard relaxed some of the stricter penances for his fellow brothers but he remained very severe with himself.

Bernard was an astute character with a keen intelligence, but this did not mean he was open to any novelty of the moment and remained true to the Teachings of the Catholic Church. He was also very forthright and was not put off by anyone's position in life, not even if that man were the Pope himself! Bernard would speak the truth and accept the consequences for his outspokenness.

This great man of the Church was also not without fault one of them being that Bernard had a great impatience for those who did not grasp facts as quickly and as easily as himself. He also had no patience for those who were indecisive and would often use his quick wit to good effect when dealing with those who were driven by their own ego's rather than a love of God. Bernard also possessed a love for conveying to all his deep passion for God and the Church and would answer all letters written, from the Pope himself to the most humble peasant. In Bernard's mind, all men should be given equal respect be they pauper or prince.

At times the slow moving of the many ecclesial bodies within the Church would set off Bernard's famous impatience, and he would send them his thoughts on various matters. His replies from Rome were equally confronting he was told in no uncertain terms to mind his own business, and keep his thoughts within his own community. It was a robust relationship between those in authority and this most clever and perceptive of men which was the essence of the character of Bernard of Clairvaux.

The very character of Bernard though would be needed by the Catholic Church when an anti-pope Anacletus II tried to overtake the reigning Pope, Innocent II. It was to Bernard that the Church turned to help sort out the mess of the two popes, and who was the legitimate Pontiff. Bernard rallied to Pope Innocent II and helped dispel the cult of Anacletus II by preaching in many different countries as he gained support for the rightful Pope, Innocent II. This would also take a toll on the health of this well spoken and intellectual son of the Church.

During all this work Bernard was also a prodigious writer and his works are still read to this very day. Bernard wrote some of the most mystical writings within the Catholic Church, which gained the respect of all those who read them, his eloquence when writing about different aspects of the Catholic Church would one day make him a Doctor of the Church and deservedly so.

Bernard was also an unwilling accomplice in the Crusades when Rome once again called upon this eloquent monk to preach to the man in the streets in order to set off for the Holy land and the sights sacred to Christianity. Even though many joined the Crusades after listening to Bernard the Crusades were not a success and many lost their lives in the ensuing battles with the Moors, this grieved Bernard deeply. It was at this time that a man tried to bring dissent within the gentile and Jewish communities as he espoused hatred of the Jews. This incensed Bernard, who then immediately rebutted what this despicable man, Raoul and his hateful rantings which incited violence against the Jewish population. Bernard with his usual forthrightness called Raoul exactly what he was a hate filled and heretical speaker who promoted murder at the cost of the innocent. Bernard's condemnation of Raoul was so strong that it gained the respect and admiration of the Jews who lived within the European provinces, so much so that many named their sons after Bernard.

All of this traveling and preaching eventually took its toll on the health of Bernard. A man of fierce intellect and a zealous passion for the Church, his entire life was spent in serving the Church which he so loved.

Bernard of Clairvaux died in 1153. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux was canonized in the year 1170 by Pope Alexander III.