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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday April 3, 2011– Sunday April 10, 2011



Pentecost still ongoing!

Jesus didn't leave his disciples orphans, he sent them the Holy Ghost to **guide, strengthen and enlighten them**. He told them "*I am with you always until the end of this World*" (Mt. 28, 20), and He is truly with his Church. This week I had the chance to participate in the installation of His Beatitude Mar Bechara Boutros Rai in Lebanon as Patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church.

This event helped me to understand much better what happened in the upper room with the apostles. **The Holy Spirit was there; it was a real Pentecost.** Celebration, prayers, songs, music, joy and community etc... are a good sign of the presence of Jesus among us. Pentecost will endure forever.

The new patriarch warned that Lebanon "is not for one religion, party or group alone, and it **should not be monopolized by any**, because the monopolization of Lebanon by a single group would represent humiliation to all and a loss to the country whose greatness lies in the diversity of its spiritual families and their richness." Those words should be applied to each community, and especially today to our church. **I cannot be an active member except if I accept the other with his differences and put my potential and qualities in the service of the church** and others.

This Sunday, the healing of the Paralytic invites us to turn again toward Jesus and ask him **to heal all that is paralyzing us**, to bring us together as one body telling to each one of us: "*your sins are forgiven you... arise and walk*". Sins paralyze us and interfere in our relationship with God and others. Do I have enough faith to be seen and allow the miracle to be cured to happen?
Abouna Hanna

Clergy

Rev. Hanna Tayar
Deacon Martin Rachid
Subdeacon Earl Matte

Parish Staff

Michelle Tennis - Secretary
Pat Haley – Caterer
Richard Baka – Custodian

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

Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

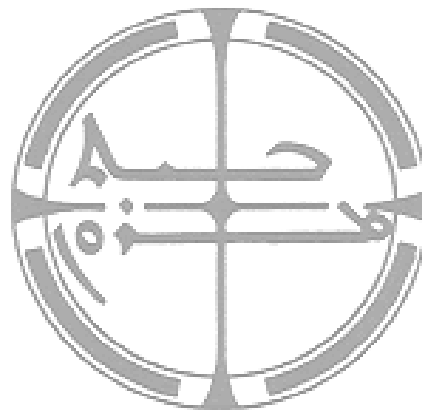
Monday thru Friday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Michelle Garey
Albert Karram
Hanneh Chammas
Duane Gardner
Joe Faris
Ann Faris
Helen Zerka
Nadia Sob
Wanda Maroun
Sue Stubbart

Eliane Zerka
Hector & Rose Khoury
Delore Shaker
Amy Burke
Helen Azzarello
Patsy Joseph
Fayez Zerka
Bruce Lindhurst
Eve Maroun
Michel Farah
Agnes Torok
Ophelia Polovina
Ann David
Dorothy Mattar



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 April 3rd: Healing of the Paralytic

- 10A.M: (1Tim 5:24-6:5, Mk 2:1:12) MYO
- Rep. Peter Joubran by Family
 - Int. Father Hanna Tayar by Choir
 - Reprs. Hawa & Dahous Elbayeh by Jamil Hasna Ghantous

MONDAY 4: St. Isidore of Seville

- Int. Sue Stubbart by Denise & Tanya

TUESDAY 5: St. Vincent Ferrer

Mass 6:00PM

- Rep. Int. of the Ferrara & Jordan Families by Dennis Ferrara

WEDNESDAY 6: St. William of Eskilsoe

- Rep. Jann Alex by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

THURSDAY 7: St. John Baptist de la Salle, Confessor

- No Mass

FRIDAY 8: The Second Council of Nicaea (787)

Mass 5:30 PM

- Rep. Thomas Alex by Violet Deibis

SATURDAY 9: St. Julie Billiard

- Rep. Ray Faris by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kocsmors

SUNDAY April 10th: Healing of the Blind Man

- 10A.M: (2Cor 10:1-7, Mk 10:46-52) Daniel Allen
- Rep. Adam by Aziz & Diane Massad
 - Int. Duane Gardner by Choir
 - Rep. Hanna Rizk by Jeanette Raad
 - Reprs. Aziz Chammas (40 day) and Joseph Chammas by Family

SUNDAY April 17th: Palm Sunday

- 10A.M: (Phil 1:1-13, Jn 12:12-22) Erik Lindhurst
- Living & Deceased of the Shaheen & Okal Families by Joan Lowe
 - Int. Eliane Zerka by Choir
 - Rep. Paul Stepho by Adeeb & Mayson Stepho

Announcements:



Easter Flower Collection

The Altar Society will be taking up donations for Easter flowers after both Masses this weekend. Please see Cindy Shaheen or Juliet Hermiz if you would like to make a donation..



Festival Meeting

The festival committee will meet Monday, April 4st at 7:00pm.



Bible Study

Please join us for Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesdays to be followed by our weekly Bible Study classes at 7:00pm. The theme for Tuesday, April 5th is "Purity of Intention-Prayer" The reading is Matt 6:1-15.

Scripture is the lens through which we see all of life!



Altar Society

The Altar Society will meet Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 pm. **This will be a very important meeting to prepare for the Salad Supper Bingo next month. Also, please bring your pens** as we will be addressing postcards for the Salad Supper Bingo.



Adoration of the Cross

Mass will be held at 5:30 pm on Fridays followed by Adoration of the Cross at 6:00 pm during Lent. Come and share in this opportunity to worship and enjoy the family dinner provided by the parishioners afterwards.

On Friday, April 8th, the MYO will provide a Falafel dinner prepared by the youths. We hope to see you there!



Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee will meet Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm.



Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm in the library.



Altar Society Bake Sale

The ladies of the Altar Society will be hosting their annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale Wednesday April 13th and after Masses on April 16th & 17th. They are opening the sale to the public on Wednesday and are expecting to sell a lot of baked goods. Parishioners interested in supporting the event are asked to drop off "HOME BAKED" breads, pastries, cookies or sweets to the church Tuesday April 12th before 2:00pm or Wednesday April 13th before noon. Any baked goods not sold on Wednesday will be sold after Masses Saturday and Sunday.



Easter Food Drive

We are still in need of donations for to our food pantry. Easter is fast approaching, and the shelves in our food pantry are not yet full. Please deposit non-perishable food items in the collection box in the Narthex. Let's share what we are giving up for Lent with others!



Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet

We are looking for twelve men to volunteer to assist Father Hanna with the *Washing of the Feet* on Thursday April 21st. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you are willing to help out during this service.

"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?"

Altar Servers Schedule:

April 10: Team 3
 April 17: Palm Sunday All Servers
 April 21: Holy Thursday All Servers
 April 22: Good Friday All Servers



Ushers Schedules

April 3: Team 2
 April 17: Team 1

Church Cleaning April Aida Hayek

Coffee & Donuts March

Coffee: Mon Shaheen
 Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad

Thank You



I would like to thank our friends and parish family from Our Lady of Lebanon for your prayers, cards and masses during my recent hospital stay. Your kindness and caring were very much appreciated!

Eliane Zerka

Mark Your Calendar

April

Apr. 13, 16 & 17:
 Altar Society Bake Sale
 Apr. 16: Church Cleaning
 Apr. 17: Palm Sunday
 Apr. 24: Easter



Stewardship

Weekend March 29-27, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	75
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,655.00
Fuel	\$ 30.00
Easter	\$ 25.00
Loose	\$ 259.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 2,969.00
Second Collection	
Eparchial Appeal	\$ 200.00
Holy Land	\$ 25.00
Budgeted for March	\$ 18,000.00
Amount needed for March Budget	(\$ 6,150.00)

Annual Eparchial Appeal.



Envelopes went out this week to all parishioners for the annual Eparchial Appeal. As stated in the letter from the Eparchy, this collection helps to fund many of the Eparchy's special needs such as missions, the seminary and educational materials. There has been some question about the difference between the **Annual Eparchial Appeal** envelopes and quarterly envelopes for the **Eparchial Assessment**. Each year, the Eparchy assesses our parish \$16,000 to help pay the operating costs of the Eparchy. Your quarterly donation for the **Eparchial Assessment** is used by our church to cover a portion of this assessment. The funds for the **Annual Eparchial Appeal** go directly to the Eparchy for their use.

ST JOHN BAPTIST de la SALLE

Feastday April 7th



John Baptist de La Salle was born into a world very different from our own. He was the first son of wealthy parents living in France over 300 years ago. Born at Reims, John Baptist de La Salle received the tonsure at age eleven and was named Canon of the Reims Cathedral at sixteen.

Though he had to assume the administration of family affairs after his parents died, he completed his theological studies and was ordained a priest on April 9, 1678. Two years later he received a doctorate in theology. Meanwhile he became involved with a group of rough and barely literate young men in order to establish schools for poor boys.

At that time, people were extremely poor: peasants in the country, and slum dwellers in the towns. Only, a few could send their children to school; most children had little hope for the future. Moved by the plight of the poor who seemed so "far from salvation" either in this world or the next, he determined to put his own talents and advanced education at the service of the children "often left to themselves and badly brought up." To be more effective, he abandoned his family home, moved in with the teachers, renounced his position as Canon and his wealth, and formed the community that became known as the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

John Baptist de La Salle was a pioneer in founding training colleges for teachers, reform schools for delinquents, technical schools, and secondary schools for modern languages, arts, and sciences. His work quickly spread through France and, after his death, continued to spread across the globe. In 1900 John Baptist de La Salle was declared a Saint. In 1950, because of his life and inspirational writings, he was made Patron Saint of all those who work in the field of education. John Baptist de La Salle inspired others how to teach and care for young people, how to meet failure and frailty with compassion, how to affirm, strengthen and heal. At the present time there are De La Salle schools in 80 different countries around the globe.

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**WHEN: WEDNESDAY
APRIL 13, 2011**



**WHERE: OUR LADY OF LEBANON
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TIME: 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM



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God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.
Amen

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