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Weekly Bulletin

Sunday March 20, 2011– Sunday March 27, 2011



What Do You Catholics Believe Anyway?

Have you ever been asked that, especially at the beginning of Lent, when you walk around on Ash Monday (or Wednesday) so marked on your forehead that everyone knows you are one of those Catholics?

What do you say? Certainly, you're not going to expound on the catechism ... the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Redemption ... your questioner really doesn't want a long answer. He just wants to know, briefly, what the wearer of those ashes stands for.

Well, in one sentence, this is it: We Catholics believe that the life of the Spirit is more important than any **thing**.

Although that statement is brief, it means a whole lot. It means that we hold that a small child, who knows the existence of God and believes in the Blessed Trinity, knows more than all the college professors throughout the whole world who deny there is a God. The Spiritual life, to us, is that important.

Therefore, a holy hour spent before the Blessed Sacrament does more good for the well-being of the world than days of talking about progress in Washington. The life of the Spirit, we believe, is that important.

Therefore, one sinner returning to God is of more value and is more a cause for celebrating than hundreds of hostages returning safely home from captivity ... and the Spirit is so important that we consider the increase of God's grace, a better thing than the increase of our bank account.

We believe that all the beauties of nature cannot compare in the least to a soul in the state of grace ... and that the profoundest of scientific discoveries is nothing

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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
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Dorothy Bolduc-Peppin - Organist
Alicia Massad – Religious Ed.
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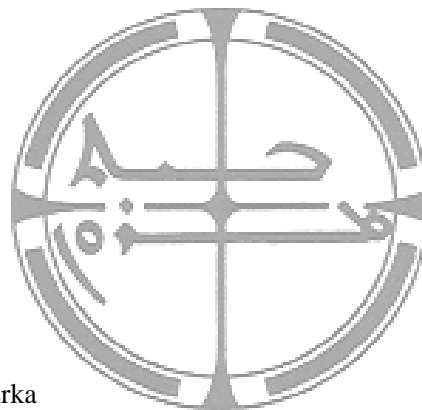
Our Lady of Lebanon Office Hours

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

Please pray for our sick and homebound Parishioners:



Michelle Garey	Jann Alex
Albert Karram	Hector & Rose Khoury
Hanneh Chammas	Delore Shaker
Duane Gardner	Amy Burke
Joe Faris	Helen Azzarello
Ann Faris	Nina Rachid
Helen Zerka	Fayez Zerka
Nadia Sob	Bruce Lindhurst
Elisabeth Fanderl	Eve Maroun
Sue Stubbert	Michel Farah
	Agnes Torok
	Ophelia Polovina
	Ann David
	Dorothy Mattar Eliane Zerka
	Wanda Maroun Patsy Joseph



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 March 20th: Healing of the Hemorrhaging Woman

10A.M: (2Cor 7:4-11, Lk 8:40-56)

- Rep. Kim Gardner by Duane & Dee Gardner
- Rep. Brian Rizik by Fouzi & Eliane Zerka
- Int. of Jann Alex & Tommy Alex Jr. by Alex & Wilson families

MONDAY 21: St. Enda

- Int. Duane & Dee Gardner by Bob & Sharon Griffiths

TUESDAY 22: St. Lea

Mass 6:00PM

- Int. of Patsy Joseph by George (Sonny) Joseph

WEDNESDAY 23: St. Rafka, Confessor

- Rep. Ferris Adado by Alberta Kelush

THURSDAY 24: St. Aldemar

- No Mass

FRIDAY 25: The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary

Mass 5:30 PM

- Int. Bishop Beshara al-Rahi

SATURDAY 26: St. Gabriel the Archangel

- Rep. John Abdella by Josie Knight

SUNDAY March 27th: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

10A.M: (2Cor:13:5-13, Lk 15:11-32) David Allen

- Rep. Paul (Hap) Maroun by Yvonne Weissert
- Int. Albert Karram by Choir
- Khaled, Geryes, Elias, Moussa, Helwa, Badiah, Julia, Haleneh, & Rafleh by Jamil Sahouri & Family

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 Gphantous

What Do You Catholics Believe - Continued...



compared to the superior intellectual feelings of a child on his first communion day.

We believe that the soul of a skid-row alcoholically addicted bum is more precious in the sight of God than the success of our economic policy, our foreign policy, or any other policy. Yes, the Spiritual really matters that much to us.

So, poverty is not the greatest curse. Physical pain is not the greatest evil. And the loss of a family member is not as serious as the loss of Faith.

If people say, "That's a pretty dumb, foolish, naive belief you Catholics stand for ... just tell them, "Well, what would it profit a man if he gained the whole (material world) but suffered the loss ... of his Spirit?"

By Subdeacon Earl Matte

Announcements:



Bible Study

Please join us for Mass at 6:00pm on Tuesdays to be followed by our weekly Bible Study classes at 7:00pm. This schedule will continue throughout Lent. The theme for Tuesday, March 22nd is "The Coming of Jesus' Hour" and the reading for the evening is John 12:20-36.

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



Easter Food Drive

We are once again asking for donations for families to help feed families in need during the holiday seasons. Easter is fast approaching, and the shelves in our food pantry are almost empty. Please deposit non-perishable food items in the collection box in the Narthex. Cash donations can be given to Deacon Marty. Food baskets and gift cards will be provided to families of children who are suffering from cancer. Let us share our abundance with those in need!



Condolences

We wish to extend our condolences to the Chammas and Rizk families on the death Josef Elias Chammas, Thursday, March 11 in Lebanon. Mr. Chammas was the cousin of Elias Chammas and Colette Rizk. May he have eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank You



A special "Thank-You" for all your support, concern, prayers, cards and masses during my surgery and recovery – not only for myself but for Dee as well! Sincerely

Duane F. Gardner

Altar Servers Schedule:

March 27: Team 1

April 3: Team 2

Ushers Schedules

March 27: Team 1/MYO

April 3: Team 2

Church Cleaning April Aida Hayek

Coffee & Donuts March

Coffee: Mon Shaheen

Donut Pick-up: Najib Massaad

Archbishop Beshara al-Rahi elected 77th Patriarch of Antioch for the Maronites



On Tuesday, March 13, Monsignor Youssef Tawk announced from the seat of the church in Bkirki that Archbishop of Jbeil, Beshara al-Rahi had been elected the 77th Patriarch of Antioch for the Maronites to succeed Nasrallah Sfeir.

Patriarch Rahi was born Feb. 25, 1940, in Himlaya, Lebanon. He was ordained a priest of the Maronite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary (OMM) Sept. 3, 1967, and was ordained a bishop in 1986. He has served as bishop of Jbeil since 1990.

The new patriarch founded the NDU University of Louaizeh, and has served as president of the Lebanese bishops' communications committee and hosted a weekly program on Telelumiere, Lebanon's Christian television station. The program, "Boushra al Rahi," which means "Good News of the Shepherd," provided commentary and teaching on that Sunday's Gospel, and the patriarch encouraged listeners to live the Scriptures in a practical way.

At his request, Patriarch Rahi will officially be installed on the feast of the Annunciation, March 25 at 5pm in Lebanon (11 am Flint). Catholic patriarchs do not have their elections confirmed by the Pope, but the new Patriarch will request and receive spiritual communion from Pope Benedict XVI.

The new Patriarch Rahi can play a **very constructive role for the future of Christians in the Middle East and diaspora**, and he is known for being very courageous in expressing his point of view, and actually **he speaks out what he believes in**.

Dear Parishioners, with this election, "Our joy has no limit". The 77th patriarch of the Maronite Catholic Church said "Communion and Charity" would be his motto. Let us continue to live this "communion and Charity" with joy in our community. Congratulations for all of us and thank you for the Holy Spirit for his gift for our humanity.



We wish all of you a
Blessed
Feast of St. Joseph
Patron of:
*The Universal Church,
Carpenters, Fathers, and
Families.*



Congratulations

We wish to congratulate Joyce El Hayek whose design was chosen as the new logo for the City of Flint.

Joyce created the design over a year ago and submitted it as part of the city's student design competition for students from middle school through college. Please check the bulletin board for more articles on this award.

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is related in Luke 1:26-38. The angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary, at Nazareth, a small town Galilee. Mary was of the house of David, and was espoused to Joseph. The angel having taken the figure and the form of man, came into the house and said to her: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." Mary having heard the greeting words did not speak; she was troubled in spirit, since she did not know the angel, nor the cause of his coming, nor the meaning of the salutation. The angel continued and said: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God. Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father; and he shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of his kingdom there shall be no end." The Virgin answered, "How shall this be done, because I know not man?"

The angel to remove Mary's anxiety and to assure her that her virginity would be spared, answered: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." In token of the truth of his word he made known to her the conception of St. John, the miraculous pregnancy of her relative now old and sterile: "And behold, thy cousin Elizabeth; she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her that is called barren: because no word shall be impossible with God." Mary may not yet have fully understood the meaning of the heavenly message and how the maternity might be reconciled with her vow of virginity, but clinging to the first words of the angel and trusting to the Omnipotence of God she said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word."

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/01541c.htm>




Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You By following His example of suffering, and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. *Amen*

Mark Your Calendar

April

- Apr. 16: Church Cleaning
- Apr. 17: Palm Sunday
- Apr. 24: Easter

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Stewardship

Weekend March 12-13, 2011

Envelopes Distributed	170
Weekly Envelopes received	76
Weekly envelopes	\$ 2,749.00
Fuel	\$ 340.00
Loose	\$ 146.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 3,235.00
Second Collection	
Caritis of Lebanon	\$ 45.00
Budgeted for March	\$ 18,000.00
Amount needed to meet March Budget	(\$ 12,174.00)

What counts in life is whether or not we invest ourselves in God's Kingdom and whether we take what we have and use it in God's work of love and charity



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