

Hall & Kitchen Rental

Over the years our parishioners have been generous in their giving to Our Lady of Lebanon Church, especially back in 1986 when our church was being built. It is now 32 years later and unlike many churches who have been forced to close their doors because of rising costs and declining membership, we are still thriving as a parish.

Back in 1986 a verbal commitment by the pastor was made in an attempt to secure pledges from parishioners in order to build the church. The commitment was parishioners who pledged money would not be charged for the use of the hall or kitchen.

Sadly, we will no longer be able to bear the expenses associated with the use of the hall and kitchen for private events (excluding funerals) due to skyrocketing costs of utilities, taxes, insurance, renovations and just about everything else.

To alleviate the aforementioned costs, the Finance committee has agreed upon the rental fees listed below to take effect Feb. 1, 2018.

Parishioners

Hall rental	\$300.00
Kitchen	\$200.00

Non-Parishioners

Hall rental	\$500.00
Kitchen	\$300.00
Parking	\$250.00

Thank you for your understanding.

The Finance Council

2018 FINANCE COUNCIL

Nehme Nehme, President

Martha Badway

Marta Gabriel

Maynard Melhem

Joseph Moussa

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society thanks everyone who purchased tickets, volunteered their time or donated in any way to help make their annual Breakfast Fundraiser a success! They raised **\$500.00** after expenses. Thank you for your support!

ST. THERESA SODALITY MEETING

February 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the church hall.
Call 610-905-6209 if you are in need of transportation.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The next pastoral council meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

KNIGHTS OF MARY

The Knights of Mary (grades 1-6) will be meeting on Friday, February 16th from 5 - 7 PM in the church hall. Help us grow your children's spirituality by encouraging your child to attend.

PIONEERS

The Pioneers will meet on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

Weekly Collection

Saturday, January 27, 2018	-	\$588.00
Sunday, January 28, 2018	-	\$802.00
Yearly Dues	-	\$958.00
Total	-	\$2,348.00

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosie Canone
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Arthur Jacob

CONFESSIONS:

Sunday: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)

Saturday: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)

Also Available by Appointment

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

October through May -Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

BAPTISMS:

Please Call The Parish Rectory

(non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

MARRIAGES:

Please Notify The Pastor
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time



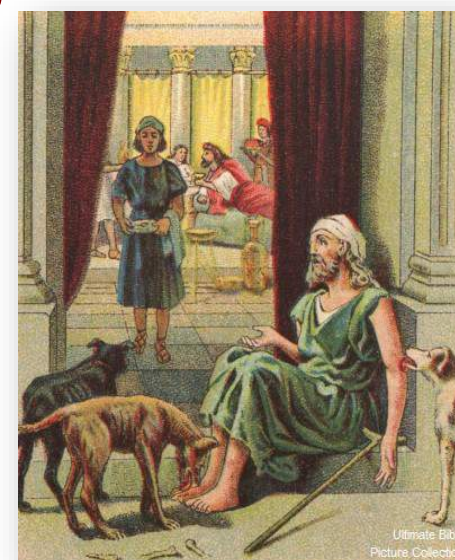
Week 6 - Week 8

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

website: ololeaston.org

Feb 3 - Feb 18, 2018

Sunday of the Faithful Departed



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 16:19-31.

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."

He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them."

He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."

He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."'

CLERGY

Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor
Deacon Anthony Koury

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
No office hours on Fridays.

LITURGY:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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BIBLE STUDY

Come join Father Simon's Bible Study class on Wednesday, February 14th & 21st at 6:30 PM in the church hall. There will also be another class in March, date is yet to be determined. Please use this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Scriptures. Everyone is welcome!



WEEKEND of Feb 3 - Feb 4 *** **SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** ***
Saturday, Feb 3 - 5:00 PM - MANOR & JOSEPHINE MELHEM by the Family
Sunday, Feb 4 - 10:00 AM - BETTY KARAM BHUIYAN (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.
 DECEASED PRIESTS OF KFARSGHAB, LEBANON, DECEASED MEMBERS OF SHEIK ESTEPHEN FAMILY & ALL THE DECEASED WHO HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR THEM by a Friend.

Tuesday	Feb 6	6:00 PM	EDWARD JOSEPH by Tony & Miireille Karam & Family
Wednesday	Feb 7	9:00 AM	MARTHA RUSSELL by Sharon John & Family
Thursday	Feb 8	7:00 PM	ST. MARON FEASTDAY - Vigil Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) JOANNA JOSEPH by Dr. & Mrs. George Nassoor
Friday	Feb 9	9:00 AM	SAM SAAD by Emil Anthony & Family

WEEKEND of Feb 10 - Feb 11 *** **MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE** ***
Saturday, Feb 10 - 5:00 PM - AOUTEL KARAM (40 Day Mass) by the Family
Sunday, Feb 11 - 10:00 AM - MARY JABBOUR (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Monday	Feb 12	10:00 AM	***ASH MONDAY*** JOSEPH ELIAS by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Budway
		7:00 PM	DAOUN BOULOS BY Evelyn Hanni
Tuesday	Feb 13	6:00 PM	CHAMES WARNER by Charles Badway, Jr.
Wednesday	Feb 14	9:00 AM	CANON ANTHONY by Alex & Beverly Karam
Thursday	Feb 15	9:00 AM	MICHAEL JABBOUR by Mary Linda Bellis
Friday	Feb 16	9:00 AM	IN THANKS TO ST. JUDE FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED by Anonymous
		7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

WEEKEND of Feb 17 - Feb 18 *** **HEALING OF THE LEPER** ***
Saturday, Feb 17 - 5:00 PM - GEORGETTE BOULOS (5th Anniversary) by the Family
Sunday, Feb 18 - 10:00 AM - ELIAS SYMIA (40 Day Mass) by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Feb 6	Mike Boulos	Sharon John
Feb 13	John Isaac	Jenny Vaccaro

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 3	Family
Sunday, Feb 4	Family
Saturday, Feb 10	Family
Sunday, Feb 11	Family
Saturday, Feb 17	Family
Sunday, Feb 18	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of the Faithful Departed
1 Thes 5:1-11 / Lk 16:19-31

Miracle at Cana in Galilee
Rom 14:14-23 / Jn 2:1-11

Healing of the Leper
Rom 6:12-23 / Mk 1:35-45



This Lent, as they have for four decades, millions of Catholics around the United States will place a colorful cardboard box and calendar in their homes to begin a spiritual journey that changes lives around the world.

For Catholic families, the "CRS Rice Bowl Effect" begins conversations about Lent and their faith, about the role of charity, and about the many different people who make up our world family. For Catholic parishes and schools, it unites communities for Lenten faith reflection around the spirit of serving those in need and the good work of the Church around the globe. And for those who benefit from its charity, the "Rice Bowl Effect" is a key to a better life.

Twenty-five percent of all contributions stay in local dioceses to support hunger and poverty prevention programs such as community gardens, food pantries, soup kitchens, support groups, and job centers. The remaining 75% goes to support CRS' humanitarian programs overseas, providing life-saving assistance and hope to impoverished and vulnerable communities.

In last week's Gospel, Jesus says "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Let us honor Jesus's words this Lent by making sacrifices to those in need.

The Rice Bowl Kit will be available at both entrances to the church. You may return your contributions to the church at the end of Lent.

SPINACH PIE SALE

TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
WHERE: CHURCH HALL
COST: \$4.00 EACH
PICK UP TIME: SATURDAY BETWEEN 2:00 - 6:00 PM
DEADLINE TO ORDER: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

TO PLACE ORDER CALL:

CHEFFIE KOURY AT 610-905-8894

MINERVA JACOB AT 610-653-7640

NORMA BASSIL AT 610-746-6658



VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP ON
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM AND
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, BEGINNING AT 7:30 AM.

St. Joseph's Hafli



Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Catholic Church of Cranston, Rhode Island

is celebrating its

69th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli
 on **Saturday, March 3, 2018.**

As part of its celebration it is holding a \$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The raffle ticket cost \$100 per ticket and "one lucky winner" need not be present at the event. If you are interested in supporting this annual event you may purchase a raffle ticket by contacting Rosann Constantine in person or by telephone at 610-253-2269.

Save the Dates

HOLY NAME MEATLESS DINNER.....March 2nd
 ST. JOSEPH'S BAKE SALE..... March 18th
 HOMELESS DINNER..... March 23rd
 ANNUAL SPRING HAFLIApril 21st
 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.....May 6th
 41ST ANNUAL LEBANESE HERITAGE DAYS.....August 4th & 5th