



Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton



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Words of Wisdom

- *The scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying (J. Flavel).*

A Week Without God Is:

Sinday
Mournday
Tearsday
Wasteday
Thirstday
Fightday
Shatterday

The Holy Alphabet :

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

Prayers: ASAP

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

* There's work to do, deadlines to meet; You've got no time to spare,

But as you hurry and scurry, ASAP (ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER).

* In the midst of family chaos, "Quality time" is rare,

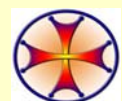
Do your best, let God do the rest; ASAP (ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER).

* It may seem like your worries, are more than you can bear,

Slow down and take a breather; ASAP (ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER).

* God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares,

And He'll respond to all your needs; ASAP (ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER).





NEXT WEEKEND of Nov. 7-8 * *Renewal of the Church* *****

Sat., Nov. 7 – 5:00 P.M. – Yasmaine Shortell by Mr.& Mrs. John Thomas

Sun., Nov. 8 – 10:00 A.M. – Youssef Maroun Jacob by family

WEEKDAYS

NO DAILY MASS : From November 9 to November 28th

WEEKEND of Nov. 14-15 * *Announcement to Zechariah* *****
 Sat., Nov. 14 – 5:00 P.M. – Agnes Pelicotti by Marlene Bedway
 Sun., Nov. 15 – 10:00 A.M. – Rizk, Alore & son Victor Rizk by Tony Rizk & family



WEEKEND of Nov. 21-22 * *Announcement to the Virgin Mary* *****
 Sat., Nov. 21 – 5:00 P.M. – Guido Bartalocci by Frank, Naomi & Jake koerwitz.
 Sun., Nov. 22 – 10:00 A.M. – Louise Joseph by Husband Eddy, daughters and grandchildren



WEEKEND of Nov. 28-29 * *Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth* *****
 Sat., Nov. 28 – 5:00 P.M. – Anthony Vaccaro by Frank, Naomi & Jake Koerwitz
 Sun., Nov. 29 – 10:00 A.M. – Catherine Melan by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Solomon



Monday	Nov. 30	6:30 P.M	Samuel Joseph by Mary Najjar
Tuesday	Dec.1	6:30 P.M	Clarence Stahl by Aziz Koury
Wednesday	Dec. 2	*****	NO DAILY MASS **** DAY-OFF
Thursday	Dec. 3	6:30 P.M	Susan Estephan by Mr. 7 Mrs. George Baurkot
Friday	Dec. 4	6:30 P.M	Joseph Jabour by Julia & Michael Stevens

WEEKEND of Dec. 5 - 6 * *Visitation of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth* *****
 Sat., Dec. 5 – 5:00 P.M. – Naim Hayek (40th day)by daughter Samira & son-in-law Edward Melhem & family
 Sun., Dec. 6 – 10:00 A.M. – Agnes pelicotti (40th day mass) by family .

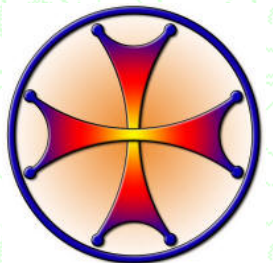


Readers



Saturday, November 7	Toni Lynn Melhem
Sunday, November 8	Joe Jacob
Saturday, November 14	Marlene Bedway
Sunday, November 15	Dora Elias
Saturday, November 21	Naomi Koerwitz
Sunday, November 22	Rosann Joseph

Saturday, November 28	Jennifer Vaccaro
Sunday, November 29	Claire Willard
Saturday, December 5	Edward Melhem
Sunday, December 6	Susan Superka
Saturday, December 12
Sunday, December 13	Mona Milan



Rummage Sale

“Do you have items lying around the house that you no longer use or need? Want to give them away for a worthy cause? The church’s CCD students will be holding a Rummage Sale from 1-7 p.m., on Saturday, **November 14, 2009** in the church hall. Parishioners can drop off their items at the hall between 9 a.m. and 12 noon that day. Proceeds of the sale will be donated to the Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter in downtown Easton. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to donate their items and to also come and purchase items for sale. Any questions, contact Marta Gabriel, 610-504-0541, or Rosie Jacob, 610-360-5020.”



We take a special moment in our day as we pray for all the sick in our parish, the shut-ins, and those recovering from any illness, surgery, or treatments. May the Good Lord touch them with His healing and restore them to a good health of body and soul. Please remember in your prayers this week: Berlin Kassis, Geraldine Boulos, Eva Oliver, Lilian Constantine, & Katherine John



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
Nov. 10	George Koorie	Aziz Koury , Susie karam & Louise Jacob	Antonios Jabbour Muncy Farhat
Nov. 17	Rose Sabra	Aziz Koury, Naomi Shiner	Antonios Jabbour
Nov. 24	George karam	Rosann Constantine Jawhara Karam & Aziz koury	Cheffie Melhem Antonios Jabbour

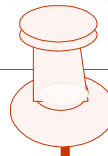
New Year Party

The church will be sponsoring a New Year Party in the social hall on December 31st. Only 200 seats will be available for this event. Prices are \$ 60 per adult. Bring your own alcohol. a Mediterranean Lebanese open Buffet with Dessert will be opened at 8:00 P.M.

Singer Tony Aoun and ensemble (of Boston) will be performing during this event.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Parish Council members. More info will be available inside the event’s flier.

We look forward to see you celebrating as one family this wonderful night.



7th ANNUAL GENTLY USED TOY SALE

will be held at the Holy Family Social Hall, 430 W. Center Street, Nazareth, on Dec. 4 from 2:00-3:30 and 5:30-7:30 pm; Dec. 5 from 9:00 am-Noon; and Dec. 6 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. We do not set prices! We accept monetary donations for the items. Gently used Christmas outfits, children's coats, boots and hats will also be available. Proceeds benefit the Holy Family Parish Social Outreach funds.

Spaghetti Dinner



Sponsored by
The Holy Name Society
of

Our Lady of Lebanon
Church

54 South 4th Street
Easton, PA

Time: 11:30 to 6:00 p.m

Date: November 15, 2009

Place : Church Hall

Tickets:

Adults: \$ 8.00

3 years to 12 years: \$ 5.00

2 years & under : Free.

Soda & Water : \$ 1:00

Contact persons:

Maynard Melhem: 610-462-6493

Henry Rouhana: 610-392-0990

Jordan Isaac: 484-695-6717

Alex Karam Jr.: 610-258-8884

David Elias: 610-703-3505

Saadeh Boulos: 610-258-4723

Ticket includes:

Pasta, Salad, Bread & Butter,
Dessert & Coffee.

**All proceeds will benefit the charitable activities
of the Holy Name Society for 2010**



50 / 50 RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR



1st Annual OLL Christmas Football Game

2009-2010

Overview

The OLL Church, HNS, and MYO/MYA will sponsor a football game between members of the church parish. We are looking for **ANYONE** to be a part of this event. We need **PLAYERS**, **COACHES**, **CHEERLEADERS** and **FANS**. This is an event we hope to bring everyone to be together and have a good time to play and cheer for a team.

The game is expected to be played on **Sunday December 27** at **12pm**. The game will be played at the Forks Community Center Fields. Teams will be divided in teams of 16(8 on offense/8 on defense)

Again **ANYONE** of **ANY AGE** may sign up for the football game. If you can't play then test your coaching skills. If you don't like football but love to cheer become a cheerleader. Whether your 8 or 80, it doesn't matter come on out because **we want you!**

A \$15 due for every player and coach is asked for to cover the field, pasta dinner, flags, Porta-Pottys, cones, and trophies. If anybody would like to donate anything please contact Owtil Koury. (610-597-8338)

So come on out no matter who you are and have fun and help make this a successful and fun time!

Good Luck!!

Important Dates

Nov.2-Dec.26-Practices(Specifics TBA)

Saturday Dec.26-Walkthrough

Saturday Dec.26-Pasta Dinner

Sunday Dec.27-1st Annual OLL Parish Football Game

Family Portrait Fundraiser

December 5th 2009

The L.A.W.A of Our Lady of Lebanon Church is having a family portrait fundraising event. For a \$15 dollar donation, you will receive a family grouping and an 8x10 portrait. Other portrait poses will be available in groupings, such as (mother and daughter, father and son, etc.) The additional poses besides the donated 8x10 portrait can be purchased via packages and or additional options. Here are the packages and pricing below.

<u>Package A</u>	(1) 11x14		
	(3) 8x10	\$135	
	(4) 5x7's		
	(16) wallets		
<u>Package B</u>	(2) 8X10's		
	(4) 5x7's	\$85	
	(16) wallets		<u>Additional Options</u>
			(1) 16x20 - \$75
<u>Package C</u>	(1) 8x10's		(1) 11x14 - \$55
	(4) 5x7's	\$ 45	(1) 8x10 - \$22
	(8) wallets		(2) 5x7 - \$20
			(8) Wallets -\$13
<u>Package D</u>	(1) 5x7		(1) CD - \$25
	(2) 4x5's	\$35	
	(8) wallets		

- Some portrait recommendations -

- Solid colors are always better than busy patterns.
- Long sleeve's are better than short sleeve's.
- Families should be color coordinated.
- Get hair cuts but stay away from new hair styles.
- Dress from head to toe - portraits may be full length.
- Casual dress and Formal dress is acceptable, dress your style.
- Family dogs are acceptable - please let us know when you schedule your appointment. Mornings only.
- Children's favorite toy is favorable (not always used in final portrait, but as a prop to capture the smile)

Please call Chris at (908) 303-1210 to schedule your appointment. Calling hours Mon-Fri 9:00 - 5:00 pm.

Appointments are necessary. First come first serve on availability. Remember family dogs need to be photographed before noon.

We only accept Checks and Cash only! Please make checks out to Christopher Reynolds

This fundraiser helps support our scholarship fund which benefits members of our Lebanese community.



MYO / MYA

The MYO/MYA will be sponsoring their **Annual Fall Hafli** on Saturday, November 28, 2009. The party will be held in Our Lady of Lebanon church hall. A full course meal and a full cash bar will be offered. The cost for adults 18 and over is \$40. The cost for children 2 and over is \$15. Children under two years old are free of charge. Tickets will be sold very soon. If you would like to make reservations we can not make them unless you pay on the spot. If you have any questions or would like to help or make donations please contact peter Koorie or Rhonda Elias. Benefits from this party pay for all the children and young adults' events throughout the year

HOLY NAME SOCIETY EVENTS



October 24th: Philadelphia Shrine Tour ; St. Rita, St. John Neuman and St. Maron Church

November 15: Spaghetti Dinner (Our Lady of Lebanon Church Hall)

St. Theresa Sodality Events



*** St Therese Sodality will be holding its **Annual Spinach/Meat Pie Sale** on Saturday, November 7th. Spinach Pies are \$3.00 each and Meat Pies will be \$4.00 each. Orders may be picked up between 1:00 and 4:30 PM. To place an order please call Renee Melan at 610-253-5968. The deadline for orders is Monday November 2nd. The Sodality's charities will benefit from the proceeds. Thank you in advance for your continuing support of our fundraising events.

*** **St. Therese Sodality/MYO Christmas Party** – The children's annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 19th. The Christmas "Pageant" normally scheduled on Christmas Eve will be moved to December 19th immediately following Saturday's Liturgy. The party will begin once the Pageant is concluded. Admission fee for adults will be \$5.00, children are free. All money collected for admission will be used to buy 150 sets of hats, gloves and scarves for underprivileged children in our local area. May God reward you for helping to keep these little ones warm during the cold winter months ahead.

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www.catholicweb.com church ID : 55071

Story: Christ Was Love

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I've been working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise. So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats.

As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun commercial entertainment songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title. Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row - center stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing, "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter, "M upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall proudly holding her "W". Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear: **"CHRIST WAS LOVE."** And, I believe, He still is.