

*** LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Sat., May 10 – 5:00 P.M. – **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE** - Louise Joseph by
Husband, Edward Joseph, Daughters and Granddaughters

Sun., May 11 – 10:00 A.M. – All Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish

- St. Theresa Sodality, M.Y.O., C.C.D., and First Holy
Communion

- **ANNIVERSARY** - Therese Nehme by Daughter, Charlotte
Elias and Family

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(Mother's Day)

Mon., May 12 – 8:00 A.M. – Father Hares Zogheib by Katherine Howard

Tues., May 13 – 8:00 A.M. – George Karam by Mr. & Mrs. George Baurkot

Wed., May 14 – 8:00 A.M. – Adeline Karam by Richard & Shelly Ruschak

Thurs., May 15 – 8:00 A.M. – Elliot Badway by Mrs. Charlotte Assise & Family

Fri., May 16–8:00 A.M. – John Saba Karam by John & Michael Boulos

Sat., May 17 – 5:00 P.M. – Michael Michael by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Constantine & Son

- Helen Melhem by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Solomon, Sr.

Sun., May 18 –10:00 A.M. – Abraham Aboujoude Family – Living & Deceased

- ***ALL THE SOULS IN PURGATORY***

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Mon., May 12 – ST. EPIPHANIUS, BISHOP OF BYPRUS, CONFESSOR

Tues., May 13 – ST. ADAI, ONE OF THE 72 DISCIPLES

- OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Thurs., May 15– OUR LADY OF THE HARVEST

Sat., May 17 – ST. SERAPION, CONFESSOR

***SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Lebanese American Women's Association (L.A.W.A.) is sponsoring a Scholarship Fund for high school graduates. If you are interested, please contact Sharon John (610) 253-2165, with your name, address, phone number, name of your school and guidance counselor before May 11.

*** ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

Sat., May 17 – 5:00 P.M. – Anthony Daniel, Marwood Joseph, & Anthony Rouhana

Sun., May 18 -10:00 A.M. – Anthony Daniel, Frank Farhat, Mansour Farhat,
Anthony Melhem, Joseph Melhem, & Daniel Miller

*** BINGO SCHEDULE – TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2007**

Kitchen – Maureen Geosits and Aziz Koury

Caller – Mike Boulos

Payoff – Antonius Jabbour

***MAY CROWNING**

Congratulations to Bernadette Boulos, May Queen and her Court of Honor: Jessica Bassil, Diane Elias, Leila Karam, Laurene Milan and Amanda Shaheen. The May Crowning will be held this Sunday, May 11, 2008, immediately after the Liturgy. Following the ceremony, all parishioners are invited to attend a brunch in the church hall, sponsored by the St. Theresa Sodality in honor of the May Crowning and Mother's Day.

***RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.” John 3:16

An organizational meeting for the Religious Education Committee will be held next Sunday, May 18, at 6:30 P.M. in the Church. All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend.

***MAY DEVOTIONS**

If you would like to host the recitation of the Rosary and ZEE YAH IL ADRA (Benediction with the Icon of the Blessed Mother), please contact Father Kamil or Deacon Anthony to schedule the May devotions in your home. In order to accommodate as many requests as possible, we will have a 6 P.M. Service and 7:30 PM. Service.

May the Lord through the intercession of Mary, His Mother and our Mother, too, bless and protect you and your families.

***PRO-LIFE MONUMENT DEDICATION**

Knights of Columbus Council 345 are proud to announce that we will be donating a monument at the Gethsemane cemetery located on William Penn Highway in Palmer (next to Williams Family Diner) in honor of our continued pro-life support to remember those that have been lost to abortions and not given the chance to live.

Please join us on Mother's Day – this Sunday, May 11, 2008, at 2 P.M. for the dedication ceremony.

***PATRIARCH'S VISIT**

His Beatitude, Nasrallah Peter Cardinal Sfeir, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, will visit Philadelphia and Villanova University, from May 16 – 18, 2008. The highlight of His trip locally will be on Friday, May 16, 2008. The Patriarch will celebrate a Pontifical Liturgy on Friday, May 16 in the Cathedral-Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul in downtown Philadelphia at 6 P.M., followed by a Banquet/Reception at the Sheraton across the street from the Cathedral-Basilica. The bus will leave the Church parking lot at 2 P.M. on Friday, May 16. Everyone who have made a reservation, please be here by 1:45 P.M.

***CONFESSIONS**

Father Bob George will be hearing Confessions next Saturday, May 17, from 4:00-4:30 P.M. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

***M.Y.O - KNOEBELS**

The M.Y.O. is sponsoring a bus trip to Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg, PA on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. The buses will depart from the Wal-Mart parking lot on Route 248 at 7:45 A.M. Cost is \$10 per person. There are a limited number of seats available and the M.Y.O. requests payment at the time of reservation. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, May 25, 2008. (The busses will depart Knoebels at 6:30 P.M.) The M.Y.O. will provide pizza, snacks and beverages. A tee shirt will be distributed to everyone prior to the trip. Anyone who would like to be a sponsor for the tee shirts is asked to contact Rhonda Elias at 610-905-0050 or Peter Koorie at 610-258-5798 by May 19, 2008. Or go on line - www.ollmyo.blogspot.com

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MAY 11, 2008**

**READING
ACTS 2:1-21**

**GOSPEL
JOHN 14:15-20**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY
SIXTH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION

“PEACE BE WITH YOU”

***M.Y.O./YOUTH CALENDAR/ACTIVITIES**

The M.Y.O. has projected the following activities/events for the coming months.

They appreciate your support in any way possible:

- Thursday, June 19 – Knoeble’s – contact Peter Koorie & Rhonda Elias
- Saturday, November 29 – M.Y.O. Hafli (Thanksgiving)

More information about the M.Y.O. – www.ollmyo.blogspot.com

**BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD.**

**JESUS SAID TO PETER...
“FEED MY SHEEP”**

2008
YEAR OF PEACE



FORKS OF THE DELAWARE SERRA CLUB

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 – The Liturgy will be held at 6:15 P.M. at St. Francis Friary and Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton. Refreshment and dinner will be served afterwards. Guest speaker will be Rev. Eric Arnout.

Tuesday, May 27, 2008 – Sisters' Night - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held at 6:15 P.M., at St. Francis Friary and Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton. Refreshment and dinner will be served afterwards. Notre Dame High School cast of ANNIE will be honored guests.

Friday, June 6, 2008 – (9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Notre Dame High School.

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 – The Liturgy will be held at 6:15 P.M. at St. Francis Friary and Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton. Refreshment and dinner will be served afterwards. Celebrant will be Rev. Deogratias Rwegasira, A.J., and also guest speaker.

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 – ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held at 6:15 P.M., Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 P.M., followed by Refreshment and dinner. Guest speaker will be Mr. Mark Smith, CEO of the Diocese of Allentown, PA

WORK AND PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Serra name is from Blessed Rev. Junipero Serra, a Franciscan Missionary Priest who established many missions in California. Our purpose is to foster vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Your Priest is Somebody's Son.

The Serra Club is an organization that promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer. **"The Harvest is great, but the Laborers are few. Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send Laborers into His vineyard."**

We must continue to pray that the Lord will provide worthy priests and dedicated religious to continue to build up His Church.

ON SALE – LEBANESE-AMERICAN COOKBOOK

The LEBANESE-AMERICAN COOKBOOK – VOLUME II – This is sponsored by the Lebanese American Women's Association. Price is \$12 per book. Please contact Sharon John (610)253-2165 or Sandy Lombardo (610)258-8856.

***45TH ANNUAL MARONITE CONVENTION**

St. Sharbel Maronite Church of Somerset, NJ, will host the 45th Annual Maronite Convention on July 2 – 6, 2008. If you are interested in attending, Father Kamil has registration forms.

***HOLY NAME SOCIETY UPDATE**

On Sunday, March 30, we had the initial meeting for the purpose of re-organizing and re-establishing the Holy Name Society in our Parish. The meeting was attended by 20 men. As a result of that meeting, a transition committee was established to facilitate the next meeting. That meeting will take place this Monday, April 14, 2008. (Next meeting is Thursday, May 8, 2008.) We will gather for the Liturgy at 7:00 P.M., followed by a meeting in the Church Hall. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Guest Speaker -Tony Karwacki, Holy Name Society, Sacred Heart Church, Bethlehem Township.
- III. Membership Drive
- IV. Election of Officers
- V. Pentecost Evening of Recollection
- VI. Father's Day Celebration
- VII. Good of the Order
- VIII. Closing Prayer

At the meeting on March 30, it was decided that we should open membership to male members of our Parish, 16 years of age and older.

Once again, we urge all men of the Parish who are 16 years of age and older, to come to this meeting on April 14, starting with the Liturgy 7:00 P.M.

***HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

At the last meeting of the Holy Name Society, an executive board was established. They are: President, Alex Karam, Jr.; Vice-President, Joey Karam; Secretary, Jordan Isaac, Treasurer, Awtill Koury and Marshall, David Elias. Congratulations.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother; to you we come; before you we kneel sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer them. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who instructs the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Holy Spirit to love what is right and ever to rejoice in His consolation through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ST. MARON, PRAY FOR US

HOLY MOTHER, PROTECT US AND LEBANON

ST. MARON, PRAY FOR US

All Souls Day is a special day of prayer. We remember our loved ones and honor their memory with great respect as we pray that they will be loosed from their sins and share in the great joy of heaven. Amen

REGISTER YOUR NAME TODAY BEFORE TOMORROW

**“YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED; WITH YOU I
AM WELL PLEASED.”** **LUKE 3:22**

PADRE PIO AND THE HOLY SOULS

“While undergoing the process of purification, the souls of purgatory are powerless and can do nothing to better themselves. But we can help them. We can do so, firstly, by prayer; secondly, by good works of every kind, provided they are offered up for that purpose; thirdly, by gaining those indulgences for them that the Church has permitted by way of suffrage to be applied to them; and lastly, by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The latter is of infinite value, and although no one can receive its benefits in their fullness, each one can receive his portion according to his capacity and the will of God. We should not, therefore, forget the dead. It is natural for us to extend to them every assistance in our power. We do not know how long they suffer or how great their sufferings are, but we are sure that they are very great. The time may be for a little while, or it may be long, long years, even ages. These souls are anxiously awaiting the end of their sorrow; and it is within our power to assist them. They see heaven before them, and they long to enter its blessedness. They see God before them, and it is anguish unspeakable to be separated from Him. If you were out on a storm-tossed sea, your boat crippled, the angry waves threatening every moment to engulf you, your provisions exhausted and the grim specter of starvation walking like a demon on the face of the deep...Oh, how would you welcome a speck on the horizon and rivet your eyes on it, until it would grow and grow into a sail...a sail like an angel from heaven! How you would weep for joy. Well, the souls in purgatory are looking out for that sail, that angel, that messenger from God, sent to bring them out of sorrow into everlasting happiness and eternal life. We can hasten that angel's coming; we can speed him on his journey. We can do it by our prayers and intercession.”

ST. HARDINI

Father Hardini was born Joseph Kassab in the year 1808. His father was George Kassab and his mother Marium Raad, daughter of Reverend Yousef Yacoub. He had four brothers and two sisters, his brothers were 'Assaf, Elias, Tanious, Yacoub and his sister Masihieh and Mariam. Joseph's brother Elias became Father Lesha', the Hermit at Qozhaya and later at 'Annaya where he died. Father Charbel replaced the late Father Lesha' at the hermitage in 'Annaya. Joseph entered the school of the monks of St. Anthony at Houb from 1816 to 1822, and then entered the monastery of St. Anthony Ishaia and became a novice in November 1828. There he adopted the name Fr. Nimatullah Kassab Hardini, then he learned to bind books.

He professed his first vows on the 14th of November, 1830. After he finished his theological studies, he was ordained a priest under Bishop Seiman Zwain in the monastery at Kfifan on the 25th of December, 1833.

He became a member of the general council three times from 1845 t 1848, 1850 to 1853, 1856 to 1858. As a member of the council, he continued to bind books. He taught in monastic schools, especially in Kfifan.

Father Nimatullah lived a very holy life. He was a man of prayer, totally "enraptured by God." He spent days and nights in meditation, prayer, and adoration of the Eucharist. The Virgin Mary was his patron and Father Nimatullah prayed Her Rosary. He was also a very humble, sensitive and patient person who lived his monastic vows of "obedience, chastity and poverty" to perfection. His fellow brother Monks and the people who knew him called him "The Saint" while he was still alive. One of his students was Charbel Makhlof (St. Charbel) 1853-1858.

(Story continues in next week's bulletin)

Father Nimatullah Hardini died in the monastery of Kfifan on December 14, 1858. He passed away after struggling ten days with a high fever which he contracted from the cold winter wind characteristic of northern Lebanon. He was only then fifty years of age. He died holding a picture of the Virgin Mary, his last words being "O Virgin Mary between your hands I submit my soul." People who were nearby at the moment of Father Nimatullah's death witnessed a heavenly light illuminating his room and a aromatic smell which remained in his room for a number of days afterwards. When the then Patriarch, boulos Massad heard of Father Nimatullah's death, he commented: "Congratulations to this monk who knew how to benefit from his monastic life." Some time later, the Monks opened Father Nimatullah's tomb and to their surprise they found his body had remained incorrupt. He was then removed and placed ina coffin near the church. After obtaining due permission from the local ecclesiastical authority, from 1864 visitors were allowed to see Father Nimatallah's intact body until 1927. In that same year, the Committee of Inquiry set up to investigate the Cause of Father Nimatullah finalized its investigation. Father Nimatullah's body was then reburied in the curving wall of his monastic cell, before being transferred to a little Chapel where masses are celebrated for visitor.

He was declared Venerable on September 7, 1989. At the behest of his Beatitude Patriarch Nasrallah Peter Sfeir, his body was examined and placed in a new coffin on May 18, 1996. His body was recently transferred to a new coffin made of cedar and placed in the Monastery of Kfifan where people may visit.

***POPE'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES**

His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop of New York, has invited clergy and laity from throughout the United States to New York's Yankee Stadium the afternoon of Sunday, April 20, 2008, for the culmination of Pope Benedict's Apostolic Journey to the United States and a Solemn Pontifical Mass. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Father Kamil before Christmas, 2007 (your name, address, social security number or driver's license (both if possible)), in order for him to send the information to the Bishop's office.

THE DIALOGUS BETWEEN EARTH AND HEAVEN

Said Heaven one day to earth, "O how I fill with envy beholding the happiness that I wish might come to me."

Said Earth with amazement filled, "Tell what could cause your envy with God and the angel's love. How could you be unhappy?"

"Ah!" Heaven replying said, "Not all the creation's gold could buy that which borrowing I should be so much consoled!"

Astonished, the Earth then asked: "Do you truly laugh at me?" I almost despair to look at the woeful things I see.

With all kinds of troubles like hatred and wars and famine, diseases and death I ask:

"What have I but pain and sin?"

"Yes," Heaven responded, "But I do not have a Mother; and, if you will give me one, you shall have my all for her.

"I promise, if you acquiesce to my plea that is so strange, I shall give you all I have calling it a fair exchange.

Heaven said, "Since your best gift you have decided to give, in turn I shall give you mine; God, the One in Whom I live.

Then Jesus our Lord came down given by His Father's love, the greatest thing Heaven had where God's Spirit dwells above.

But Jesus arose again after He had chose to die; and on His return again took His Mother back on High.

Now Heaven has joy complete and truly happiness it knows; the body of Mary there which at her Assumption rose.

Peace and Joy dwell on the Earth since God has chose to come here; Christ's body in Sacrament stays with men forever near.

***OF THE JOY OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE**

The glory of a good man is the testimony of a good conscience. (2 Cor. 1:12).

Keep a good conscience and thou shalt always have joy.

A good conscience can bear very much and is very joyful in the midst of adversity.

A bad conscience is always fearful and uneasy.

Sweetly wilt thou take thy rest if thy heart reprehend thee not. (Prov. 3:24).

Never rejoice but when thou hast done well.

The wicked never have true joy, neither do they feel internal peace, because "There is no peace to the wicked, saith the Lord." (Is. 48:22)

He will easily be content and in peace whose conscience is clean.

Thou art not more holy if thou art praised nor anything the worse if thou art dispraised.

What thou art that thou art, nor canst thou be said to be greater than God sees thee to be.

If thou consider well what thou art within thyself thou wilt not care what men say of thee.

Man beholds the face, but God looks upon the heart. Man considers the actions, but God weighs the intentions.

To do always well and to hold one's self in small account is a mark of an humble soul.

To refuse comfort from any created thing is a sign of great purity and interior confidence.

To walk with God within and not to be held to any affection without, is the state of an internal man.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAM AND OF THE RESURRECTION

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 17, 18, and 19

6:30 P.M. - Liturgy

7:00 P.M. – STATIONS AND BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 18 - Night of St. Joseph Feast Day

6:30 P.M. – Liturgy

**7:00 P.M. – BENEDICTION AND PROCESSION WITH THE ICON
OF ST. JOSEPH**

Wednesday, March 19 (St. Joseph Feast)

6:30 P.M. - Liturgy

7:00 P.M. – BENEDICTION OF THE ICON OF ST. JOSEPH

7:15 P.M. – BENEDICTION OF THE CROSS

Thursday, March 20

7:00 P.M. - Liturgy and Washing of the Apostles' Feet

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30 P.M. (The Church will
be open to visitors)**

Friday, March 21

6:30 P.M. – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 P.M. – CRUCIFIXION AND BURIAL OF CHRIST SERVICES

Saturday, March 22

5:00 P.M. – Liturgy

Sunday, March 23 - Midnight – Liturgy – of the Glorious Resurrection

10:00 A.M. – Liturgy –of the Glorious Resurrection

MAY THE RISEN LORD JESUS

GRANT

YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

THE

PEACE AND JOY
OF
HIS RESURRECTION
&
MAY HE FILL YOUR HEARTS
WITH
HIS LOVE
WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES
A
HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER!
FR KAMIL
&
DEACON ANTHONY