



## Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton



# 14th SUNDAY PENTECOST

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## Gospel Reflections : Lk 10: 38-42

Although we sometimes wish we had better qualities of character, even more often we wish for guidance! So many decisions confront us big ones, little ones and we just don't know which way to go. Where can we find direction? Our Divine Guide is the Holy Spirit. (If you want a picture of this truth, read the Acts of the Apostles; you will find the Spirit directing every thing.) Once we acknowledge that the guidance we need for our everyday choices is available in the Holy Spirit, we are ready for a new experience of the Spirit. But how do we keep it going?

We practice doing what Mary of Bethany knew so well. Most often, however, we act more like Mary's sister, Martha. We are very good at doing. We know how to work hard, strive, figure things out, worry, take care of people, solve problems, .... But when we need the Spirit's guidance, we hardly know how to receive it.

Mary is eager to hear Jesus' words, open and ready to welcome them. Like her, we need to practice being eager for the Spirit's guidance and allowing it to direct us. The Spirit always knows what is best and will happily communicate guidance to us. Yet we often think that we can figure it out for ourselves. Then we wonder why we aren't guided! If we are never receptive until we are desperate, we will find it pretty difficult to hear the Spirit. How about practicing daily eagerness to receive the Spirit's direction? It's a little like reporting for duty and inquiring what the Spirit wants to do through us in this day. It may be a task; it may be an attitude; it may be expected or unexpected. Whatever it is, we practice daily being ready to hear and ready to allow the Spirit's

action through our activities. We have often heard: "Ask and you shall receive." So, when we need guidance and even when we don't think we need guidance we can ask. Then we can sit quietly, attentive to the Spirit, and open ourselves with an eager attitude so that we can receive. Guidance will be given. We will know the Spirit, our Mentor, is with us. (Fr. B.C)

### 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).*



## Burglary

A man went to the Police Station wishing to speak with the burglar who had broken into his house the night before. "You'll get your chance in court," said the Desk Sergeant.

"No, No, No!" said the man. "I want to know how he got into the house without waking my wife. I've been trying to do that for years!"



**THIS WEEKEND \*\*\* 14th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST \*\*\***

Sat., Aug 29 – **Karam Simon (40 Day Anniversary)** by family  
(5:00 P.M.)

Sun., Aug 30 – **Joseph Marzuoli** by James Onembo  
(10:00 A.M.)

**WEEKDAYS**



Monday	Aug. 31	6:30 P.M	<b>Susan Estephan</b> by Sharon John & family
Tuesday	Sep. 1	6:30 P.M	<b>Clarence Stahl</b> by late Joseph Marzuoli
Wednesday	Sep. 2	* * * *	<b>No Daily Mass (day-off)</b>
Thursday	Sep. 3	6:30 P.M	<b>Tannous Estephan</b> by Marlene Bedway
Friday	Sep. 4	6:30 P.M	<b>Samuel Joseph</b> by Charlotte Assisse

**WEEKEND of September 5-6 \*\*\* 15th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST \*\*\***

Sat., Sep. 5 – 5:00 P.M. – **George Karam** (2nd anniversary) by family.

Sun., Sep. 6– 10:00 A.M. –



**AMOUNT**

**THANK YOU  
&  
GOD BLESS**

**Total Collections: \$ 3300.00**

Collection Saturday, Aug 1 , 2009	\$ 404.00
Collection: Sunday, Aug 2, 2009	\$ 345.00
Collection Saturday, Aug 8, 2009	\$ 540.00
Collection: Sunday, Aug 9, 2009	\$ 779.00
Assumption of the Virgin Mary : Aug 14 Vigil Mass.	\$ 163.00
Collection Saturday, Aug 15 , 2009	\$ 486.00
Collection: Sunday, Aug 16, 2009	\$ 583.00



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
Sep. 1	Badway Karam	Aziz Koury, Susie Karam & Louise Jacob	Antonious Jabbour Muncy Farhat
Sep. 8	Mike Boulos	Aziz Koury & Naomi Shiner	Antonious Jabbour

**Readers**

Saturday, August 29	John Simon
Sunday, August 30	Simon Koorie
Saturday, September 5	Claire Willard
Sunday, September 6	John Shaheen

**Scripture Readings**

**14th Sunday of Pentecost**

**1 Thes 2: 1– 13 / Lk 10: 38-42**



**DAY OFF** Please be advised that Father Paul ' day off is Wednesday. On that day the Rectory's office will be closed. phone calls will go to an answering machine . For emergencies - Hospital calls- please call Abouna on his cellular or Deacon Anthony Koury.

# MYO / MYA

MYO SITE : <http://ollmyo.blogspot.com/>

**LABOR DAY PICNIC** The MYA will be sponsoring a Labor Day Picnic at Lopatcong Municipal Park on Belvedere Road in New Jersey. This picnic will be held on Monday, September 7, 2009. Live entertainment will be provided by a band. There will be a per table charge. More information will follow. If you would like to reserve a table from now please contact Rhonda Elias.

## CCD Classes



CCD classes for the 2009-2010 school year will take place on **Saturdays** at 3:45pm. Classes will begin on **Saturday, September 12th**. Children who attend Catholic school and will enter the 1st grade this year should plan on joining the 2nd grade CCD class. Catholic school children in 2nd grade should join the Holy Communion class. This year, it is required for all children (public school AND Catholic school) who are making their First Holy Communion to attend class and Mass on a regular basis. Parents, please plan on attending a short meeting at the start of the first class on September 12th. Registration forms are available via email, on the church's website or in the vestibule of the church. It is important to fill out the registration form, so we know how many books and supplies to order. Thank you in advance for sending your children to these very important classes in the Maronite faith.

## ST. THERESA SODALITY



Following the 6:30 P.M evening mass, there will be a meeting of the St. Theresa Sodality this Monday, **August 31, 2009**, at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting as decisions will be made in term of upcoming events.

## FEAST DAYS

Monday, Aug 31	St. Abda, St. Zakhia	مار عبدا و مار زخيا
Tuesday, Sep. 1	St. Simon Stylite	مار سمعان العامودي
Wednesday, Sep 2	St. Mammias the Great	مار ميما
Saturday, Sep. 5	BL. Teresa of Calcutta	الأم تريزا

## BAPTISM

Congratulations for Elias & Layla Boulos for the Baptism of their daughter Zabad this Saturday August 29, 2009.



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: Agnes Pellicotti, Eva Oliver, Belva Dieter, E.K, L.B & Carmella Bigly

## Craft Show

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. Mary Church, located at 830 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Alpha, NJ is sponsoring a Craft Show on Saturday, November 14 from 9AM - 3PM in the basement of the Church. Crafters, please contact: Mary @ 908-995-7919 after 5 PM.

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[www.mountlebanon.org](http://www.mountlebanon.org)

You can find us also at:

[www.catholicweb.com](http://www.catholicweb.com) church ID : 55071

*I am thankful*



- FOR THE WIFE WHO SAYS IT'S HOT DOGS TONIGHT, BECAUSE SHE IS HOME WITH ME, AND NOT OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.
- FOR THE HUSBAND WHO IS ON THE SOFA BEING A COUCH POTATO, BECAUSE HE IS HOME WITH ME AND NOT OUT AT THE BARS.
- FOR THE TEENAGER WHO IS COMPLAINING ABOUT DOING DISHES BECAUSE IT MEANS SHE IS AT HOME, NOT ON THE STREETS.
- FOR THE TAXES I PAY BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM EMPLOYED.
- FOR THE MESS TO CLEAN AFTER A PARTY BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE BEEN SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS.
- FOR THE CLOTHES THAT FIT A LITTLE TOO SNUG BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.
- FOR MY SHADOW THAT WATCHES ME WORK BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM OUT IN THE SUNSHINE
- FOR A LAWN THAT NEEDS MOWING, WINDOWS THAT NEED CLEANING, AND GUTTERS THAT NEED FIXING BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE A HOME .
- FOR ALL THE COMPLAINING I HEAR ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT MEANS WE HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.
- FOR THE PARKING SPOT I FIND AT THE FAR END OF THE PARKING LOT BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM CAPABLE OF WALKING AND I HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH TRANSPORTATION .
- FOR MY HUGE HEATING BILL BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM WARM.
- FOR THE LADY BEHIND ME IN CHURCH WHO SINGS OFF KEY BECAUSE IT MEANS I CAN HEAR.
- FOR THE PILE OF LAUNDRY AND IRONING BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE CLOTHES TO WEAR.
- FOR WEARINESS AND ACHING MUSCLES AT THE END OF THE DAY BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF WORKING HARD.
- FOR THE ALARM THAT GOES OFF IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM ALIVE.
- AND FINALLY, FOR TOO MUCH E-MAIL BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE FRIENDS WHO ARE THINKING OF ME.

