

22, 23 June 2013 * Sixth Sunday of Pentecost



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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

Pope John XXIII

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., * Sunday 10:00 a.m. * Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

***Suggested donation** for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

Choir Director:	Fefa Deeb	Sacristans:	Yvonne Nemer, Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
Teachers	DRE: 3-5 th Lenore Boles	K-1st Rosanna	Joseph 2 nd Jane Lee
Parish Council:	David Elias, Frank Griffin, David Lee, Gerald Joseph, Rosanna Joseph, Kevin Michaud, Susan Mitchell, Lowell Hawes, & Aaron Rowden.		
Ex-officio:	Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.		

Matthew 10:16-25

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

When we read, “look what those Jews do to followers of Jesus, ‘flog you in their synagogues’”; there is a danger of using it to

hate and judge millions on the actions of a few for a very short period of time in history. The tragedy of history is that many people who professed to be followers of Jesus have, thorough out the centuries, done horrendous acts of violence toward them and others.

We certainly do not want to be judged on the actions of others centeries ago, or in different countries. As we judge so shall we be judged. Which means if we hold all in contempt for what a few did or are doing, we place ourselves to be judged for whatever anyone throughout history who shares our same ethnic mixture and religion. God help us all if that is the case.

This shows us the accuracy in which St. Paul writes, “all have fallen short of the glory of God.” Again we are not saved by finding others who have behaved worse than ourselves, but we are saved by the mercy of a compassionate God.

Every country, every community, organization, relationships and even some families have an example of someone among them doing

horrendous harm to others. Gratefully, God's love is more powerful than sin.

Today Christians in most countries are not in danger of being killed by violent persecution. However, the spreading of the Gospel and authentically living it, is in many places being destroyed and wounded by being replaced by activities that have gravely diminished the mission and the command Jesus gave His Apostles. We are gravely neglecting to teach and live the message of Jesus. We have too many churches being closed. When Jesus commanded the Apostles to go out and teach all that He taught them, He wasn't referring to a few verses of "niceness".

When Jesus says those who endure to the end will be saved, one can ponder the ramifications of what happens to the one who does not endure? In several countries the persecution is obvious. The Coptic Christians of Egypt in some places are forced to take their crosses off their churches, there can be no sign of any kind that others would be able to identify it as a Christian Church. They are not even allowed to sing or use instruments loud enough so that someone outside can hear them.

Persecution can be very subtle also. We become uncomfortable with showing or revealing expressions of our faith and beliefs. In America we might not have outward persecution, but it is obvious. Articles about someone within the church will get national news if they did wrong but if someone of a different organization does the same thing, they might get a paragraph located in an obscure place.

In subtle ways, Jesus' statement that within family there is a persecution is bearing out. Those who are older remember never making the decision whether to go to church. It was accepted and practiced; we went to church because our parents were convinced of its value. Now very often it is the child who dictates the actions of the parents. The culture of today, in many places, creates a certainty of the church not surviving. Fasting and prayer is needed for the Church to survive in those place it is struggling to survive, even here in Maine. **Aboona**

Lebanese History Exhibit

The Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine located at the University of Maine at Augusta; is planning to do an exhibit this fall about the Lebanese Community which settled in Maine and in particular, Waterville. Anyone wishing to help the Center with this great project should contact David Greenham: Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine.

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Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection 6/16 Bishop's request - Oklahoma Tornado relief.

Liturgy will begin on page 493, Creed p 748 Anaphora of St. Sixtus, Pope of Rome 856

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 22 4:00 p.m.
† **Eva Turner**
By Pat Thomas & Family

Sun 23 10:00 a.m.
† **Paul A. Ferris**
By The Ferris Family

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

Mon 24 Father's day off
Tue 25 9:00 a.m.
Intention Available

Wed 26 9:00 a.m.
Intention Available

Thu 27 9:00 a.m.
† **Joe Ezayah**
By Subdeacon Stephen

Fri 28 9:00 a.m.
† **Caroline Nale**
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 29 4:00 p.m.
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**
By Paula, David, & Patricia Smus

Sun 30 10:00 a.m.
† **Intentions of the Elias Family**
By Gayle Misner

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Heal Your servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
And comfort from Your holy place.

Those who seek our prayers: **Theresa Clark, Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Theresa Lee, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, and Virginia Poulin.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Food Pantry - June

Jelly or jam Juice in plastic bottles
Jiffy mixes Family size items
Ravioli, soups, etc.

Thank you for caring!

See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

June Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 days Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention

The Taddeo Family

St. Jude 7-Day Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention

The Taddeo Family

Altar Bread:

For Tofe Joseph

By Louise Saliem

Altar Wine:

For Tofe Joseph

By Louise Saliem

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,875.00

Maronite Charity Appeal \$(4,000.00)

Collected last week \$0.00

Collected before last week \$3,716.00

Total yet to collect \$(284.00)

God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

Gone a lot? Please consider electronic giving. You can contact your bank to schedule your contribution to be sent to St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church.

Birthdays in June

6	Richard Levine Jr.	13	Jenna Mitchell
7	Pilar Elias	14	Renee Jabar
9	Jody Veilleux	15	Peter Taddeo
9	Lea Williams	16	Blake Sturtevant
9	Nevaeh Pease	17	Jibryne Karter Jr.
10	David Poirier	18	Nicholas Derosby
11	Sara Poirier	21	Laya Joseph
12	Jeff Lee	23	Beverly Rideout
12	Brandon Bearce	27	Alexandria Lee
13	Karen Clark	29	Allison Crate
13	Nicholas Elias	29	Kooper Levine

Anniversaries for June

- 2 Kevin & Diane Joseph
- 4 Richard & Nancy Elias
- 11 Hanson & Linda Weed
- 13 Bridget & Joe Jabar Jr.
- 24 Dan & Pam Casavant
- 25 Mark & Doris Poirier
- 27 Bill & Vicki Mitchell
- 28 Karen & Ken Clark

READERS SCHEDULE

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Corinthians 12:12-13,27-30 Matthew 10:16-25

4 p.m. June 22 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 23 Kevin Michaud

Sts. Peter and Paul – Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

2 Corinthians 11:21-30 Matthew 16:13-20

4 p.m. June 29 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 30 Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR JUNE

Sat 22 5-6:30 Public Spaghetti Dinner Benefit
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

EVENTS FOR JULY

Mon 1-7 Priest Conference and NAM Convention
S&S13/14 Fr. Sam Najjar will be visiting

10-24 Fr. Larry will be on vacation in Michigan
to celebrate his Mother's 90th Birthday.

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Sun 4 11-1p.m. BBQ Chicken Dinner

Coffee & Buns will be served during the Summer

There will be Coffee and buns served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Sunday Liturgy during the summer.

Hafli - October 5, 2013

Dust off your Hafli jar; ink in this date for a great time. The Funds from this Hafli will be used toward the new roof for the Rectory. \$35 a person.

Hafli Jar

If you start now putting in **41¢** a day or a **\$2.19** a week in your Hafli jar, you will have the amount for the Hafli ticket.

E-Mail Bulletins

The **Monthly** and **Weekly Bulletin** is sent out by E-mail. If you have Internet service and would like to have the bulletin sent to you this way, send an E-Mail to the church.

The email address is on the front of the bulletin.

New Liturgical Books

Please handle them carefully and respectfully. If you have a child that might mishandle them, be sure to provide another item for them to be entertained with.

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, no food or drinks in church, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off. Modest clothing is expected and appreciated.

Wanted – 4th Degree K&C regalia.

Do you have or know someone who can donate their no longer used regalia for a 4th degree Knight?