

# 19, 20 October 2013 \* Sixth Sunday of the Holy Cross



## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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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.

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

### Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord Jesus Said: "It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one — to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' [Then] the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my

good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'

### Dear Parishioners and Friends:

When Jesus refers to this man as useless, he is not saying the man is not capable of being useful, but revealing that we can have beliefs about others and

oneself that prevent us from using the talents that God has given us.

Like last week's Gospel we can have a false understanding of the importance of what is expected of us. The bridesmaids had the resources to make sure there was light for the return of the groom, but made decisions that proved to be a disaster for them. This man had the talent to do what the others did, but kept a perception of the Master that robbed him of the inner strength and willingness to use his talent and that decision turned out to be a disaster for him.

There is a story of a paralyzed nun in Italy who became a saint. She was a slave in Africa and her Master brought her to Italy and was set free. She became a nun and later in life she developed an illness that incapacitated her and was bed ridden. One day a great and famous Cardinal visited the convent and meeting her asked her what she did. St. Baquitha said, "I do the same thing you do." This upset the Cardinal, because he was able to do so many great things.

He asked again what she really did, and she said the same as you, the Will of God. God gives us all the talents we need to do His will and to find fulfillment through the gifts he gives us. Whether we have 10 or 5 or 1 we still can do the will of God.

Maybe the man given one talent made it a habit throughout life to ignore his talents. In other parts of the Scripture Jesus says those who cannot be trusted in the small things can't be trusted in the large things. Sometimes the wise thing to do is to take small steps of trust and responsibility to gain confidence in oneself. I don't think Jesus tells this story to humiliate or to show that He gives up, but that He is always ready to give and always makes it possible to learn more about Him to make better decisions. As in last week's gospel, there really has to be a time, when through our freewill we will receive the outcome that we chose, and not the outcome that God tried to lead us toward.

### **Aboona**

#### **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.

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

### **DEACON PETER P. JOSEPH IS TURNING 90!!**

Stop by and share a piece of birthday cake with our beloved Deacon on Sunday, Oct. 27 between 2 and 4 o'clock at St. Joseph Maronite Church Hall.

### **Liturgy Helps:**

**Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Oct 20 Propagation of the Faith

**Liturgy: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Holy Cross:** Pg. 608

**Creed:** Pg. 748, Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg. 856

- Sat 19 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi**  
By Dom Rinaldi, Sr.
- Sun 20 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Intentions of the Elias Family**  
By Gayle Misner

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

- Mon 21** Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 22 9:00 a.m.**  
† **Intention Available**
- Wed 23 9:00 a.m.**  
† **Intention Available**
- Thu 24 9:00 a.m.**  
† **Jimmy Edleman**  
By Subdeacon Steve
- Fri 25 9:00 a.m.**  
† **Caroline Nale**  
By Mark & Laurie Nale
- Sat 26 4:00 p.m.**  
† **Ernest George**  
By Brent & Lea Williams
- Sun 27 10:00 a.m.**  
† **Buddy & Eva Mitchell**  
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

### **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, Betsy Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Hope Murphy, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin., Beverly Rideout**  
Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

### **Thank You Hafli Committee!**

Thank you to **David Elias**, and all those who gave of their time and talent toward the Hafli. We had a wonderful time. The proceeds were designated for the cost of the new roof for the Rectory.

Several bids were taken for the cost of the new roof. The cost will be \$7,200. This means we will need to

raise another \$6,500; more if there is additional roof repair needed before applying the shingles.

### **Food Pantry - October**

Personal Care Items                  Canned Stew  
Bisquick mix   Family sized soups, ravioli, Etc.  
Thank you for caring!

### ***Parking on Front Street***

#### **Parking is no longer allowed on the East (river) side of Front Street.**

I am not sure of which agency made this decision, but the police department said it was due to someone believing we were no longer in need of this parking.

### **October Devotions**

#### **Sanctuary Candles**

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

**For Doris Peters Poirier**

**By Doris Labranche**

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

**For Ernest James Peters**

**By Doris Labranche**

#### **Altar Bread & Wine:**

**For Shackie & Rose-Marie Joseph**

**By Rosanna Joseph**

**TO PROTECT THE LITURGICAL BOOKS** we are asking that you place them on the pew instead of using the book-rack because of the tight fit it makes them difficult to remove and return. 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.

### **Third Banns of Marriage**

Adam Hikel, Jr. & Kristine Hoag

## **READERS SCHEDULE**

### **6th Sunday After Holy Cross**

Galatians 6:1-10                                  Matthew 25:14-30

4 p.m. Oct. 19 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 20 Sub-Deacon Steve Crate

### **Sunday of Christ the King**

Romans 12:9-21                                  Matthew 25:31-46

4 p.m. Oct. 26 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. 27 Lauraine Mansur

### **EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**

- Wed 23 5-8 Open house for "Life Beside the Two Cent Bridge" Lebanese Community exhibit at the Holocaust & Human Rights Center of Maine
- Sat 26 Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale
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2-4 **Deacon Peter's** Birthday Celebration in the Church Hall.

### **EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

- Sat 2 4:30 – 6 p.m. Bean Supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
- Sun 3 Religious Education
- Wed 6 Parish Council Meeting
- Sun 10 Rosary Sodality Corporate Communion
- Sat 16 Christmas Bazaar

**There will be Coffee and donuts** served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy.

Muffins will served the second Sunday of each month.

Oct. 20: Marie McMahon & Jane Lee

Oct. 27: Mary Hawes & Mary Jo Hodgkin

Nov. 3: Jody Veilleux & Jan Bourque

Nov. 10: April Mitchell & Larry Mitchell (Muffins)

Nov. 17: Nancy Elias & Cindy Elias

### **Religious Education Schedule**

11/3 – 12/15 – 1/5 -2/2 – 3/2 – 4/6 - 5/4

### **MYO Schedule**

11/14 – Set up for Bazaar, 11/16 Bazaar, 12/15

Liturgy & Christmas party 1/26 Lenten Discussion,

Super Bowl Breakfast preparation, 2/9 Super Bowl

Breakfast, 3/2 M'jadra dinner, 4/13 Hosanna Sunday

Celebration.

### **Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection     \$1,852.00

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.