

24, 25 August 2013 * Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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Chapel Window

“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: 3-5th Lenore Boles K-1st Rosanna Joseph 2nd 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.		

Luke 7:36-50

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair.

Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him — that she is a sinner."

Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the

woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

This woman knows she has sinned and has sorrow and tears of grief. In humility she bows down in worship. The sorrow and repentance cleanses her, and in a ritual way, washes the feet of Jesus.

Jesus does not have to be cleansed but in a mysterious way our cleansing of Him cleans us; for Jesus is the naked, the hungry, the

imprisoned, the thirsty, the ones who need forgiveness and mercy.

The woman's humility and sorrow allowed her to be completely open, not looking for permission to continue in sin without a need to feel sorrow, but to gain inner healing and dignity to be truly free to experience genuine life changing compassion.

In our complex and sophisticated world, the Pharisee would not have bothered to even invite Jesus over for a meal to risk being challenged. The woman would have not entered the religious "hypocrites" home and would have never "stooped" in front of anyone. She would have continued to use the deceptions of sin to try to feel loved. Unconditional love is not permission to live immorally nor is it some power that removes the consequences and effects of evil.

This woman was willing to go into the home of a person she knew judged her without love, to be healed and transformed by a person, who loved her and would forgive her. She found grace and mercy to overcome her sins. Sometimes this may happen immediately; but more often, over a period of time through patient prayer.

Unfortunately, large numbers no longer enter a church because in their mind, they are entering place of judgment without love. Others might not enter because they have no desire to see themselves as a sinner in need of forgiveness. We are in the process of forgetting that God is the One to worship, listen to, praise, and receive His graces. It was He who wanted a Sabbath, it was He who gave His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life.

It is sad that in so many places it is not forgiveness and love that makes the big decisions in life, but fear and hatred. These types of judgments are closing churches throughout the world. In some places it is due to severe persecution by the radicals of other faiths, and in other places it is the indifferent and hostile judgments of "our own". **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. and appreciated.

1st Banns of Marriage:

Philip Joseph & Lauren Veilleux

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: Sep 9: School Subsidy

Liturgy: Sunday of Pentecost A: Pg. 425-7

Creed: Pg. 748 Anaphora St. Sixtus Pg. 856

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 24 4:00 p.m.

† **Ernie George**

By The Jurdak Family

Sun 25 10:00 a.m.

† **Marion L. Maroon**

By Sylvia & Carol Plourde

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

Mon 26 Father's day off for prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 27 9:00 a.m.

† **Paul Emile Arbour**

By Suzanne M. Pare

Wed 28 9:00 a.m.

† **Gerry Redlenger**

By Gregory & Marianne Gillespie

Thu 29 9:00 a.m.

† **Valeen Arbour**

By Suzanne M. Pare

Fri 30 9:00 a.m.

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 31 4:00 p.m.

† **The Mazzucco Family**

By The Taddeo Family

Sun 1 10:00 a.m.

† **Ferris Ferris**

By The Ferris Family

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, Brent Maroon, 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 - August

Soup Canned ravioli

Cake Mixes Condiments (Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise.

Thank you for caring!

August Devotions - Sanctuary Candles

St. Joseph 14 days Sanctuary Candle

For Pat Joseph

By Deacon Peter Joseph & Family

St. Jude 7-Day Sanctuary Candle

For Pat Joseph

By Deacon Peter Joseph & Family

Altar Bread & Wine:

For Pat Joseph

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*Regret is an appalling waste of energy;
you can't build on it;
it is good only for wallowing.*

~Katherine Mansfield

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

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,211.00

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.

New Knights: Congratulations to **Larry Mitchell** and **John Gallant** for completing their fourth degree with the Knights of Columbus last weekend in Old Town. They are Fourth degree members of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Council Knight of Columbus**, who call St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church their home. We are all very proud of Larry and John!

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

Birthdays in August

READERS SCHEDULE

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Luke 7:36-50

4 p.m. Aug 24 Lila Hallowell

10 a.m. 25 Subdeacon Steve

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Romans 8:18-27 Luke 18:9-14

4 p.m. Aug 31 Lenore Boles

10 a.m. Sep 1 Kevin Michaud

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Wed 4 6:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Sun 8 Franco Festival at Head of Falls. We will be serving Lebanese Food. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church. Come and support the church.

Sun 8 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Sun 22 Religious Education Registration

Coffee & Muffins will be served during the Summer

There will be Coffee and muffins 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. Tickets are now available \$35 per person. Tables of 10 are available at \$300 (pre paid). Call David Elias 692-4686 or see Fr Larry. Posters will be available for distribution this weekend.

Hafli Jar

If you start now putting in **\$12.19** a day or **\$5** a week in your Hafli jar, you will have the amount for the Hafli ticket.

Anniversaries for August

Chapel / Church Window Project

We think we have found a way to greatly improve the lighting of the Window that is shared by the Chapel and the Church. We are looking for donors toward the purchasing and the installing of these light fixtures. You can contact Herb Joseph who is overseeing this project or send a check directly to the Church with your donation marked as for the Chapel/Church window project.