

# 11, 12 July, 2014 \* Sixth Sunday of Pentecost



## 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>	Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>DRE:</b> 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles K-1 <sup>st</sup> Rosanna Joseph 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee		
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sheila Bonenfant, David Elias, Lisa Grard, Frank Griffin, Lowell Hawes. Rosanna Joseph, Pearly Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson		
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	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 parent 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:

Those with a shallow understanding of the Gospel would read this and say, “look what those Jews do to Christians, ‘flog you in their synagogues’”. This kind of mentality has caused a great deal of harm for everyone.

A few hate and fear mongers can do a lot of harm, which has happened throughout human history. Every country, every community, organization, within relationships and some families have an example of someone among them doing horrendous harm to others even their own family. Gratefully, God’s love is more powerful than sin.

It is true that for a short number of years a few people of the Jewish religion flogged Christians. History shows for a very long period of time, and even now, Jews suffer at the hands of misguided people who identify themselves as belonging to the religion of Christianity but are not living the message. You can visit no country that does not have martyrs. As a Coptic priest said on the TV show “60 Minutes”, we are a church of martyrs even in our own land among our own people.

Here in the United States, we don’t face physical death, but we certainly are facing spiritual death.

Maybe Father or brother or sister, has not handed anyone over to death to prevent the spreading and receiving of the faith into the next generation, but certainly a culture is shaping that is efficiently closing down the building up of the church, there are more arguing at the dinner table to justify not building or teaching what Jesus commanded than are professing this faith.

In the early days of Christianity the Roman Empire persecuted Christians because they thought they were atheists. This was because they refused to give any recognition to their many gods. They refused to engage in activities that could be interpreted as accepting and following the Roman gods or activities that kept them from meeting for worship in the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist. They were called cannibals because of the belief in the true presence. They knew the teaching, but not the foundation and understanding of this core belief.

Today Christians are not killed in the sports arena, but are being overly consumed by activities that have gravely diminished the success of the command Jesus gave His Apostles. When Jesus commanded the Apostles to go out and teach all that He taught them, He wasn't referring to uninformed opinions of a few verses, but a transforming spiritual life that healed not only physically, but deep within the damaged soul. Inner and outer war was exchanged for inner and outward peace.

The popular view that human worth increasingly depends on being better at something than the other person is misguided. We are not valued by God for being the best, but being willing to do our best for His glory. When we are seeking our own glory, we can feel crushed by the need to appear better than others, and so life becomes perpetually a feeling of being weak while trying to feel strong, but often failing. Rather, the intrinsic value of being created to know, love, worship, and walk the path of the Creator presents to us tranquility and security; this is the source of wholeness and tranquility. This expression is often found in our Liturgical prayers.

Within the ministerial priesthood and those involved in other ministries there also can be a "hatred and a betrayal". Sometimes serious behavioral disorders are ignored through ignorance or negligence that later have caused tremendous harm to the others.

Regardless of our vocation in life we play a crucial role in shaping society and in making the truth of the Gospel believable or a message we reject.

Like Peter, a betrayal can provide harm to Christianity, but through the power of the Holy Spirit it is made possible to become a confessor of the faith that grows even in the face of severe persecution. When in the hands of Jesus, there is healing, compassion, and forgiveness. **Aboona**

### Liturgy Helps:

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**

Liturgy: Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Entrance chant: Pg. 493 (B), Creed: Pg. 748,  
Anaphora of the Twelve Apostle Pg. 754

### Liturgy Intentions

**Sat 12 4:00 p.m.**

† **Madame Jeannette Marie Sleiman**  
By John T. Sleiman

**Sun 13 10:00 a.m.**

† **Vincent Corey – 40 Day Liturgy**  
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

### **NO WEKDAY LITURGIES**

**Sat 19 4:00 p.m.**

† **Onil Roy**  
By Rev. James Roy  
† **Joseph & Mary Smus**  
By Paul, David, & Patricia Smus

**Sun 20 10:00 a.m.**

† **Frederick Blaschke**  
By Mr & Mrs Gordon Webber

### **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: Evelyn Blaschke, **Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Deacon Peter Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Mitch Michaud, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams**

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

### **Congratulations!**

May God's blessings be upon **Thomas Cooper** and **Jaime Hodgkin** who became one in the Lord last week. Our prayers are with them as they journey together. May they ever grow closer and deeper in their love for each other.

**July Devotions - Sanctuary Candles**  
**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**  
For Available

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**  
For Available

**Altar Bread:**  
For Available

**Altar Wine:**  
For Available

Happy people plan actions,  
they don't plan results.

~Dennis Wholey

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$1,944.00  
God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions while gone during the summer, our monthly bills still continue to arrive during the summer.

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

**July Food Pantry**

Jiffy Mixes Variety of Soups  
Juice in Plastic Containers  
Personal Care Items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27-30 Mathew 10:16-25  
4 p.m. July 12 Lenore Boles  
10 a.m. 13 Joe Rowden

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

2 Corinthians 3:1-6 Luke 10:1-7  
4 p.m. July 19 Lila Hallowell  
10 a.m. 20 Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR JULY**

Fri 25 Return from vacation.

**EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

Sun 24 Chicken BBQ

**Coffee Schedule**

For the summer: Larry Mitchell (Muffins)

**Join the St. John Regional Catholic Preschool through Grade Six Family!**

St. John Regional Catholic School provides an alternative educational system for families of a variety of socio-economic backgrounds and diverse cultures with a rich history that goes back over 85 years. Our mission involves instilling core values of strong moral character; ongoing development of faith; and an ingrained sense of responsibility. St. John School is educating students to succeed in a changing global environment preparing each child to meet the challenges of life. For more information contact the school at 872-7115.

**Remember St. Joseph in your will**

Consider including your parish in your will. Maybe at this time you are unable to give as much as you would like. A bequest may be a solution to being able to give later.

The following is a suggested formula;

I hereby give devise, and bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ for (or specify real or personal property,) to the Church of St. Joseph Maronite Church of Waterville, a non-profit organization located at 3 Appleton Street, Waterville, ME 04901, for general use of the parish or a specified purpose defined by you.

**Deepest Sympathy**

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to **Rita Hikel**, of this parish, on the loss of her Husband, **Adam Hikel** who died this week. We pray that the Lord God may grant him rest in His kingdom and provide consolation to his family and loved ones.

