

Our Lady of Lebanon Church - Easton

DIVINE MERCY (NEW) SUNDAY

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How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when **“all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened”**. (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy, on the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the Catholic Church. Jesus promised that **“The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.”**(Diary 699) He went on to say **“I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy.”** (Diary 1109)

We want to encourage everyone to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy **“Divine Mercy Sunday”**. We want you to benefit fully from these promises, and we also want you to notify all of your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith! The Image of The Divine Mercy, which Our Lord requested to be solemnly blessed and venerated on this day, will be on display in our church. Pope John Paul II said that the image portrays the Risen Jesus Christ bringing Mercy to the whole world. Our Lord said **“I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish”**. (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus. Jesus said to St. Faustina **“I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You”**. (Diary 327) **“The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him.”** (Diary 299)

About the feast day **“Divine Mercy Sunday”**, Jesus said **“...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy”**. (Diary 699) Our Lord said **“When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul...”** and **“Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy”** (1602) **Make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light.”** (1725)

It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day. Those who have already confessed their sins should make room for others. The Church allows for one to go to Confession for up to about 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday.



THIS WEEKEND * DIVINE MERCY (NEW) SUNDAY *****

Sat., April 18 – 5:00 P.M. – **Mitch Jabeir** (birthday remembrance) by Deacon Anthony Koury , Mike karam & Woody Badway
 - **Leila Norman** by Mr. & Mrs. Lazarus Melan
 Sun., April 19 – 10:00 A.M. – **Clarence D. Stahl (40th day)** by family.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday	April 20	6:30 P.M	Catherine Melan by Teresa Canone
Tuesday	April 21	6:30 P.M	Anna John by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Solomon Sr.
Wednesday	April 22	* * * *	No Daily Mass (day-off)
Thursday	April 23	6:30 P.M	Daniel Corey by Sharon John & family
Friday	April 24	6:30 P.M	Clarence Stahl by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury.

NEXT WEEKEND * 3RD SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION *****

Sat., April 25 – 5:00 P.M. – **Anthony, Elias, Tiro, Leonard, Sarah, Matilda & Ray Symia** by Rose Symia, Children and Grandchildren .
 Sun., April 26 – 10:00 A.M. – **Katherine Howard (40th day)** by Mr. & Mrs. George Marion & family.



BINGO	CALLER	KITCHEN	PAYOUT
April 21	Dora Elias	Aziz Koury Naomi Shiner	Antonios Jabbour
April 28	Amine Nehme	Rosanne Constantine Jawhara karam & Aziz khoury	Cheffie Melhem Antonios Jabbour



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GOD BLESS**

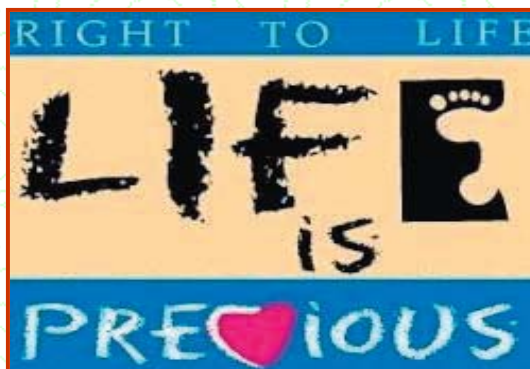
Collection Saturday, April 4	\$ 736.00
Collection: Palm Sunday 4/5	\$ 1320.00
2nd Collection: Holy Land	\$ 253.00
Collection Saturday, Vigil mass	\$ 1773.00
Collection: Saturday, midnight	\$ 300.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 395.00
2009 Bishop's Appeal	\$ 2335.00
Monk's Soup (Good Friday)	\$ 844.00

Readers

Saturday, April 18	Dorothea Toumeh
Sunday, April 19	Naomi Koerwitz
Saturday, April 25	Frances Melhem
Sunday, April 26	John Shaheen

**Scripture Readings
Divine Mercy Sunday**

2 Cor 5:11 - 21
 Jn 20:26 - 31



Easter Flowers From	In Memory of/ intention
Stephen & Suha Constantine	Anthonious & Shashoua Rizk Soubhi Said Constantine Yousef Moussa
Renee Melan and Melan family	Peter & Catherine Melan
Jennie Melhem & family	Joseph Melhem Sr.
John & Frances Melhem & grandchildren	Manor Melhem & Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Baka
Naomi & Frank Koerwitz	Clarence R. Stahl Victor & Adeline Karam Nancy & Joseph Patti
Frances Koury	Frank & Catherine Koury & Son Michael Koury Sr.
Helen & Joseph Jabour	John, bargoot Jabour & deceased children
Nadia & Pierre Bohemond	Elie & Jacqueline Bohemond Helen & michel Lebbos
Eva Farhat	Mansour Farhat
Nadia & Pierre Bohemond	Elie & Jacqueline Bohemond & Helen & Michel Lebbos
Robert & Labebe Buesing	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jabbour & Queenie Mr. & Mrs. Wahbe Bader & family Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Buesing & son family
Jamil & Ibtissam Saliby	family
Rachel Haddad	Souad & Elias Haddad
Sharon John & family	James & Lamia John



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: Yasmaine Shortell , karam Simon (Skimo) and Joe M. (our friend) , Marian Boulos, J.K & C.J .



MARONITE DAY - MYA



AS OUR BLESSED MOTHER brings us to her Son Jesus, it is our task also to bring others to the Lord. Come and join us celebrate and honor Mary and our mothers at the **Maronite Day** on Saturday, May 9th from 1 to 6 p.m at the **National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** (Mountain View Road in Washington,NJ). This event is sponsored by the MYA . Other Maronite parishes are also invited to join us. We will have a spiritual talk, a procession in the Rosary garden followed by confessions and Liturgy. All present mothers will be honored at the end of the mass. A bus will be available for non-drivers. Please register by April 26th.



MARONITE DAY



Sponsored by Our Lady of Lebanon Parish Easton, PA



Date: Saturday May 9, 2009

Time: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Location: Blue Army Shrine
674 Mountain View Road East
Washington, NJ 07882

Agenda:

1:00-2:00 p.m. Spiritual Talk by Maronite Priest/Sister

2:00-3:00 p.m. Rosary Garden Procession and Hymns

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions

4:00-5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy*

5:00-6:00 p.m. Food/Light Refreshments

*All mothers will be honored at the end of Mass

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 26, 2009

For more information please contact:

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** Bus Transportation will leave Our Lady of Lebanon Church Easton, PA at 12:00 p.m.

When confirming attendance, please let us know if you need transportation on the bus

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2009 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Many Thanks for all who fulfilled their Easter obligation for 2009: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Soliday, Marcine Symia, Maynard Melhem, Josephine Melhem, Khalale & Owtil karam, Jimmy Canone, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Constantine, Susan Baurkot, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kassis, Mr. & Mrs. R. Russack, Nadia Bohemond, Father Paul, Ferris & Eva koorie, Mr. & Mrs. John Thomas, Mary Najjar, John Shaheen Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kassis, Marlene Bedway, Julia & Michael Stevens .Naomi Karam, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Geosits, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacob, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Koury, Eva Farhat, John & Frances Melhem, Mr. & Mrs. George Jabbour, Robert & labebe Buesing, William Bader, Robert & Mary Chaponis, Mr. & Mrs. Scott Reda, Katherine John, Helen & Joseph Jabour, John & Sue Olson. Rachel Haddad, Martha Badway, James Dale, Sharon John, Carmela Loprette, Nicholas Ciambrone, Peter Kassis, Badwi Jacob, Andrea Koury, Leonard Koury, Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury, Mr. & Mrs. Ellwood, Mr. & Mrs. Marwan Bassil, Michael & Mary Jabbour, Charleen Loprette. (**Total : \$ 2335.00**)

(a complete list will follow later)

FOOD DRIVE

On behalf of all the kids in the CCD program we want to thank all who responded to our charity appeal and donated the canned food. Many thanks to all of you, and may our Lord reward hundred fold.

Monk Soup Sale

The Annual Monk's Soup Sale took place on Good Friday, April 10. Donations were raised for the wellbeing of all sick people in the parish. Our thanks to all who planned, volunteered and donated for this event. We made \$ 844.00 . Thank you.

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to Kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think where my priorities are? And no dropped calls! Trust in the Lord and *ASAP (Always Say A Prayer)