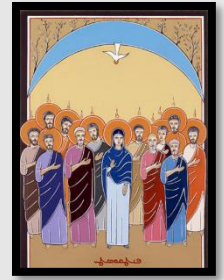




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WEEKLY BULLETIN - 07/09/2023

Season of The Glorious Pentecost

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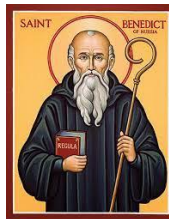
Coordinators: Nahi Rai, Roger Jebara, Frankie Piacentini

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7th Sunday of Pentecost



St Benedict

ABBOT, CONFESSOR

Patron Saint of: Europe, Kidney Disease, Monks, Poisoning, Schoolchildren

Feast Day July 11

St. Benedict was born in Nursia, Italy around 500 AD. Born into a wealthy family, he was sent to Rome to finish his studies, but he left Rome before finishing because of the sinfulness in the city.

He became a hermit under the monk, Romanus. Some monks sought out St. Benedict to live according to his ways, but he warned the monks that it would be too strict for them. They insisted, and once they found that Benedict had been correct, they decided to poison him.

When St. Benedict blessed the poisoned wine that they offered him, the glass shattered, saving his life.

Benedict left them and established twelve monasteries. It was for his monastery in Monte Cassino that he wrote the Rule for which he is known. The Rule, based on the writings of saints and the existing tradition of Christian monasticism, provides guidance for how to practically live the monastic life.

It designates sufficient time for daily prayer and meditation, manual work, leisure, and sleep. It provides instruction on spirituality (e.g., obedience, humility), daily life practices (e.g., how to dress, how much food to eat at meals), and specifics concerning how to run a monastery (e.g., how to receive guests and handle unacceptable behavior from the monks).



Prayer

Help me, great Saint Benedict,
to live and die as a faithful child of God,
to run in the sweetness of His loving will,
and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven.
Amen.

July 2023

Month of the

Most Precious Blood

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-7

Sanctuary Candle

IMO Jamileh Haddad

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, July 8, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered in memory of Chiara Lombardi requested by Amalia Lombardi. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 9, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is offered in memory of Azizeh Soof (1-year Anniversary) requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, July 15, @ 6:00PM,
liturgy is offered in memory of Jason Ballan requested by his family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 16, @ 11:00AM,
liturgy is offered in memory of Fouad and Shushan Raie requested by Khalil and Madeline Raie and family. May their souls rest in peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you are sick and homebound and wish to receive communion at home, please contact: the Church Office at 215-389-2000 or Fr. Andrawos at 978-241-2977.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1-2, 2023

Collection	\$ 1,134.00
Fuel	\$ 25.00
PayPal	\$ 350.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 17.00
Total	\$ 1,526.00

EPARCHIAL LOAN

Paid OFF

Loan Principal and Interest Owed:
\$ 57,125.00

Total Amount Paid as of

June 2023:

\$ 57,125.00

Remaining Loan Balance:
\$ 0.00

2023 FESTIVAL

Total Income	\$ 128,819.67
Total Expenses	\$ 39,063.47
PROFIT	\$ 89,756.20

UPCOMING

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Liturgy: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Liturgy: Feast of the Assumption

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Liturgy: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Ordination of deacon

Christian Hbaiter to the Priesthood
At Saint Anthony Church, Lawrence MA.

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Block Party (working on the permit)

Friday, September 29, 2023

St. Michael Feast Day – Blue Mass
At 11 AM

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Appreciation Lunch

October 20-28, 2023

Saint Jude Novena

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Saint Jude Pasta Night

The Pope's Monthly Intentions July 2023



For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

A quote from Pope Benedict XVI

"The person who abandons himself totally in God's hands does not become God's puppet, a boring 'yes man'; he does not lose his freedom. Only the person who entrusts himself totally to God finds true freedom, the great, creative immensity of the freedom of good." (Homily, Dec. 8, 2005)

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers

Mary V. (Nelson) Scotti, Mike Deviney, Debbie Freedenberg, Allan Emilio Domingez, Rev. Subdeacon Dr. Mallard T. George, Landon Reid, Tamara Lewis, Michael Thomas, Barbara Impriano, Mary McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Angela McKinney, Skyla Simon, Peter Labaki, Nancy Murphy, Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Deviney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno.

We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intention.

MYO CORNER



Testemonies

I had an incredible time at the retreat! I loved performing on the piano while representing my church and winning 3rd place at the talent show! The retreat allowed me to deepen my relationship with God through prayers and reflection and to meet new friends.

Sandro Boujaoude

The retreat was a very nice experience for me and my friends. I had a great time getting closer to God and making new friends. I especially loved the food in the dining hall.

Joseph Chaaya

The retreat was a pleasant surprise for me. The spiritual aspect was deeply impactful, especially the impromptu conversations which came up. Everyone's energy was thriving. Overall, I had a great time!

Anthony Labbad

This year's national MYO conference was truly something special. It was an amazing experience getting to connect more with God. I loved confession and the topics. It was so much fun reconnecting with my friends again and dancing at the party. overall, I am so happy I went this year and I'm excited to go next year!

Maria Topalian

This years MYO national was one of a kind. I got to reconnect with my friends and become closer to God. The fun part of it was really enjoyable and I'm excited to be going again.

Nai Topalian

Upcoming Festivals

St. Joachim & Anne Maronite Catholic Mission
2023 Annual Church Festival
July 15th & 16th - 924 N Front St
 4pm - 11pm 12pm - 10pm Allentown, PA 18102

Elias Berro Saturday
Elias Khoury Sunday

*Middle Eastern Food & Pastries - Saj - Live Music
 Dancing - Hookah - Beer - Kids Games*

Please join us On These 2 Fun Filled Days!

HALL WORK

Project Start Date:
Monday June 26, 2023

Project End Date:
Saturday July 1, 2023

Scope of work:

A. Fix some damaged walls

- i. Kitchen Ceiling above cabinets on the left.
Description: patched a hole.
- ii. Kitchen wall at the entrance of the basement.
Description: patched a hole.
- iii. Kitchen wall next to the kitchen left door.
Description: patched a hole.

B. Increase storage area in the hall.

- i. At the entrance of the hall.
Description: the religious article stand was removed and a wall was built.
- ii. In the hall.
Description: the basement stairs was moved about two feet from its original location.

Project Cost

Construction	\$ 5,186.49
(Including Material Cost and Labor cost)	
Donation from Contractor	\$ 1,500.49
	Total: \$ 3,686.00
Cleaning	\$ 360.00
	TOTAL COST: \$ 4,046.00

CHURCH HVAC REPAIR

1. Changed the condenser fan motor
2. Tightened up the blower fan belt

Project Cost:

Parts	\$ 1,065.00
Labor	\$ 0.00
	TOTAL COST: \$ 1,065.00

Thank
you




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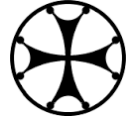
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July 8-9, 2023

First Reading

2 Corinthians 3:1-6

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Praise be to God always.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل قورنتس

يا إخوتي، أَنَعُودُ نَبْدًا فَنُوصِيكُمْ بِأَنْفُسِنَا، أَمْ تُرَانَا نَحْتَاجُ، كَبَعْضِ النَّاسِ، إِلَى رَسَائِلِ تَوْصِيَةٍ إِلَيْكُمْ أَوْ مِنْكُمْ؟ إِنَّ رِسَالَتَنَا هِيَ أَنْتُمْ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، يَعْرِفُهَا وَيَقْرَأُهَا جَمِيعُ النَّاسِ. أَجَلْ، لَقَدْ أَتَّضَحَ أَنَّكُمْ رِسَالَةُ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّتِي خَدَمْنَاها نَحْنُ، وَهِيَ مَكْتُوبَةٌ لَا بِالْحَبْرِ بَلْ بِرُوحِ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، لَا عَلَى الْأَوْحِ مِنْ حَجَرٍ، بَلْ عَلَى الْأَوْحِ مِنْ لَحْمٍ أَيْ فِي قُلُوبِكُمْ. تِلْكَ هِيَ النِّقَةُ الَّتِي لَنَا بِالْمَسِيحِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ، وَهِيَ أَنَّنَا لَا نَقْدِرُ أَنْ نَدَّعِيَ شَيْئًا كَأَنَّهُ مِنَّا، بَلْ إِنَّ قُدْرَتَنَا هِيَ مِنْ اللَّهِ، فَهُوَ الَّذِي قَدَّرَنَا أَنْ نَكُونَ خُدَّامًا لِلْعَهْدِ الْجَدِيدِ، لَا لِلْحَرْفِ بَلْ لِلرُّوحِ، لِأَنَّ الْحَرْفَ يَقْتُلُ أَمَّا الرُّوحُ فَيُحْيِي.

والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint Luke 10:1-7

The Apostle Writes:

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ لَوْقَا

بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ عَيَّنَ الرَّبُّ اثْنَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ آخَرِينَ، وَأَرْسَلَهُمْ اثْنَيْنِ أَمَامَ وَجْهِهِ إِلَى كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ وَمَوْضِعٍ كَانَ مُزْمَعًا أَنْ يَذْهَبَ إِلَيْهِ. وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «إِنَّ الْحِصَادَ كَثِيرٌ، أَمَّا الْفَعْلَةُ فَقَلِيلُونَ. أَطْلُبُوا إِذَا مِنْ رَبِّ الْحِصَادِ أَنْ يُخْرِجَ فَعْلَةً إِلَى حِصَادِهِ. إِذْهَبُوا. هَا إِنِّي أُرْسِلُكُمْ كَالْحُمَلَانَ بَيْنَ الذِّئَابِ. لَا تَحْمِلُوا كَيْسًا، وَلَا زَادًا، وَلَا حِذَاءً، وَلَا تُسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَحَدٍ فِي الطَّرِيقِ. وَأَيُّ بَيْتٍ دَخَلْتُمُوهُ، قُولُوا أَوَّلًا: أَلْسَلَامٌ لِهَذَا الْبَيْتِ. فَإِنْ كَانَ هُنَاكَ ابْنُ سَلَامٍ فَسَلَامُكُمْ يَسْتَقِرُّ عَلَيْهِ، وَإِلَّا فَيَرْجِعُ إِلَيْكُمْ. وَأَقِيمُوا فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَيْتِ تَأْكُلُونَ وَتَشْرَبُونَ مِمَّا عِنْدَهُمْ، لِأَنَّ الْفَاعِلَ يَسْتَحِقُّ أَجْرَتَهُ. وَلَا تَنْتَقِلُوا مِنْ بَيْتٍ إِلَى بَيْتٍ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانَ لِكُلِّكُمْ.