



HEARTBEAT

News Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Music for the Fifth Week of Easter (*Installation Mass at Sweifieh*)

(We will recite the Creed and the Our Father)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I am, Lord

ALLELUIA (Gaelic)

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

HOLY – ACCLAMATION (*When we eat...*) – AMEN (*Lilies of the Field*)

AGNUS DEI (*Latin*)

COMMUNION

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL

Sing to the Mountains

Music for the following week will appear in each edition of **HEARTBEAT**. Suggestions are welcome.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

JUNE 3 AND 4 - IN BOTH

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH and ST. JEAN BAPTISTE de LaSALLE

That weekend we will be celebrating the great feast of Pentecost. At both Masses, we will also celebrate the renewal of marriage vows. All couples are welcome to come forth during the Mass, and renew their Marriage Vows. The ceremony will take place during the Mass. If you have not been validly married in the Church, taking part in this ceremony will NOT validate your marriage.

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Ignatius always said that God listens to our prayers, and when something important was coming up, he would encourage the early Jesuits to “storm heaven with prayer.” can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you.

For a young woman, Kaitlyn, fighting cancer

For Ray Olfky, who has been diagnosed with cancer

For Fr. John's sister, Terry who is recovering from open heart surgery

For a woman concerned about her daughter and her grandchildren

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

May 6 – First Holy Communion at Sweifieh

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (Memorial)

4:30 pm – First Reconciliation Service

Mass of Installation of Fr. John Sheehan as Pastor of the English Language Church in Amman – at Sweifieh at 5 PM.

Bishop William Shomali will be the Principal Celebrant.

A reception will follow and all are invited.

May 24 – Our Lady of the Way (Memorial)

May 25 – Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord

Holy Day of Obligation – Masses at 8:30 AM and 6 PM in the Jesuit Chapel

May 31 – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 3/4 – Solemnity of Pentecost

Renewal of Marriage Vows in both churches

June 6 – Fr. John to the U.S.

June 10/11 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 17/18 – Solemnity of the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ

June 23 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart – Patronal Feast of Our Parish

June 24 – Solemnity of the Nativity St. John the Baptist

June 29 – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 11 – Fr. John returns to Amman

MAY 13 – MASS OF INSTALLATION AND 1ST RECONCILIATION

On Saturday, May 13, at Mary of Nazareth Church, Bishop William Shomali will formally install Fr. John R. Sheehan, SJ as Pastor of the English Language Church in Amman. Although our “parish” includes six different sites where we celebrate Mass, we can obviously only have one installation Mass, so we selected Sweifieh, at least partly because it is convenient for the Bishop and the time for that Mass is convenient for many.

Please come. Even if you normally celebrate at another site, we would love to have members from all the different communities coming together, to let the Bishop know that the English language community, although we are dispersed, is a sizeable gathering of Catholics in his diocese. And of course, there is a reception afterwards, to which all are invited.

And before the Mass, at 4:30, Valeria Cronin will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All are invited to attend the short ceremony – since this will be taking place, there will not be time for rehearsing prior to the Mass, so please arrive early if you are a parish or ministry representative – seats will be reserved and if you are doing one of the Prayers of the Faithful (there will be separate reserved seats for you as well).

PLEASE REGISTER!!!

There are usually registration slips at the back of the Church. There are four ways to register:

- 1) Fill out the slip of paper and give it to me.
- 2) Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online.
- 3) Send me an email with the basic information.
- 4) If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and leave me a message. I will admit you to the group and you can leave your details in a private message there as well.

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Saturday – 8:30 AM – Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein
 3rd Friday, 12 Noon - Jabal Luweibdeh, St. Mary of the Annunciation
 Every Saturday at 5 PM– Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
 3rd Sunday – Jabal Amman, St. Joseph – 11:30 AM
 Every Sunday – 6 PM - Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle

Most weekend Masses have confession for 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass. Fr. John or other Jesuit priests are available to hear confessions by appointment as well.



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 Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and on your first visit you will request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.

PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

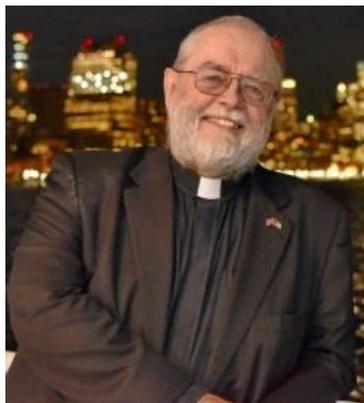
Ministry	Mary of Nazareth	Jean Baptiste de LaSalle	Notes or Special Events
Hospitality 1 ¹			
Hospitality 2			
Leader of Song			
Lector 1 ²			
Lector 2			
Collection 1			
Collection 2			
Eucharistic Min.			
Eucharistic Min.			
Altar Server			

- 1 – A family may serve as Ministers of Hospitality. Adults are required to be present but children may certainly help in welcoming and passing out materials.
- 2 – 1st Lector reads the First Reading and on occasion the Responsorial Psalm
 2nd Lector reads the Second Reading and the Prayer of the Faithful

This is the form that will appear in the Heartbeat every week, reminding those of their upcoming commitment for service. For a while – hopefully a short while – there will be blanks, and not all ministries are the same for each Church. For whatever reason, if an individual wants to keep their name from being public, we will assign an alias, so they can be reminded and still maintain privacy.

RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR



A few months back, people in my office were talking about Mel Gibson's movie, The Passion of the Christ. One of my coworkers, a young 20 year old secretary, mentioned that she wasn't sure if she was going to go see it because it would be too sad.

That's when I jokingly told her that "It's okay; he comes back in the end. I read the Book." At which point she says, "There's a book?"

I received the piece above from a friend years ago, and it is probably one of those Internet jokes that never dies, but it points to something terribly important in our lives as Catholics – the need for ongoing education in our faith. Most Catholic parents recognize the need for their children to attend CCD classes, but they are less sensitive to the need for their own continuing education. Formation in our faith never ends, and the ability for us to learn more about God and the role of God in our lives is a gift that we must keep developing, not to mention knowing the history of our Church, our faith, and the basics of that faith.

It is especially important in a world where the clash of cultures is becoming an increasing tension, and where a solid knowledge of Catholic teaching (as opposed to the popular perception of “what the Church says”) is crucial. Unfortunately, too many adult Catholics today grew up in an age where the emphasis was less on teaching the faith than in promoting social justice (which is certainly an intrinsic part of our faith). The result is that some have missed basic education in history and moral theology and ethics that is necessary for an adult understanding of the Catholic faith, and how it should be lived in our world.

Today we celebrate three children from our parish who will receive their First Holy Communion, and two others who have prepared with us but who will receive the Sacrament in other parishes. Now what? Will we provide continuing education for them, and for other children who come to Church? What can we do for parents and other adults who want to continue their own faith formation? Coming to Mass on a weekly and even a daily basis is good and wonderful but it is not enough.

Any program of formation needs several elements:

- 1) It needs teachers, people who know the material and who can help share it. Fr. Schineller currently has two groups that meet weekly for Bible study and discussion. I have led and taught in the past and can certainly be a part of that activity. But we also need adults who can teach the classes for children. They don't have to “be” teachers, and some feel the better results in this field come from people who aren't professional educators but rather people who simply want to share the faith.
- 2) It needs time. Those who participate need to make the commitment of time – time to prepare, time to teach, and the time to make sure that participants – children and adults – actually attend.
- 3) Everything else can be provided – space, books and materials, encouragement and assistance. But without teachers and students and commitment, nothing will happen.

Congratulations to our First Communion recipients, and to the rest of you – do something good for yourself this week.

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