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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 28/29, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

September 28 – Mass for children at Sweifieh

September 29 – Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 1 of 2, 3 PM Jesuit Center

October 1 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 1 of 2, 7 PM Jesuit Center

October 4 – First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 Mass

October 5/6 – Mass in Latin

~~October 7 – FATHER JOHN SINGS AGAIN!! A Concert at Bank Al Etihad~~

Concert postponed until November 18

October 10 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 2 of 2, 7 PM Jesuit Center

October 12/13 – Installation of Liturgical Ministers

Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish

October 19 – Mass for Jesuit Alumni and Friends

October 25 – Daylight Savings Time ends

October 26/27 – Renewal of Marriage Vows

October 30 – November 9 – Father John away on retreat

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints; First Friday

November 2 – Feast of All Souls

November 9 – Fr. John returns from retreat; regular 1st Communion class

November 13 – Deadline for ads for the 2020 calendar

November 14 – The Progressive Dinner

November 18 – FATHER JOHN MEETS FATHER CHRISTMAS – 7 PM, Bank Al-Etihad

November 23/24 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

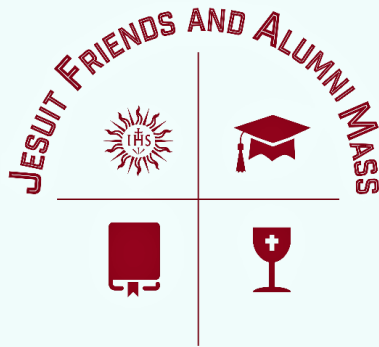
FOR SEPTEMBER

The Protection of the Oceans
That politicians, scientists and
economists work together to protect the
world's seas and oceans.

The link to the video for this month's prayer intention: <https://youtu.be/EQtsRyhPIAs>

MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)



JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI – OCTOBER 19

Once again we are pleased to join with other Jesuit parishes around the world to celebrate and honor our friends who have gone to Jesuit schools or worked in Jesuit organizations. There will be a special Mass at 5 PM in Sweifieh, followed by a reception in the Church Hall immediately afterwards. The Mass program will again list the various schools and agencies that will be represented, so if you went to a Jesuit school (even if you didn't graduate) or worked at a Jesuit school or a parish or a project, send in the name of that organization, so we can include it in the program.

Please help spread the word to others you know, and plan on coming yourself. You are part of our Jesuit family, and we look forward to welcoming you and saying Thank You for your contribution and participation in the work of the Jesuits around the world.

SATURDAY MORNING CATECHISM – Light and easy

On Saturday morning following the 8:30 Mass, beginning around 9:00 AM, a small group of young people gather to discuss and learn more about our faith. It is technically a class for preparation for Confirmation, but those not preparing for the sacrament may attend, with permission. If you would like to join us, please let Fr. John know (so we can have enough chairs). If you want to come for the Mass at 8:30, so much the better. The class lasts for approximately 90 minutes.

FATHER JOHN MEETS FATHER CHRISTMAS

Monday, November 18 – 7 PM SHARP!
Halim Salfiti Theater Bank Al Etihad HQ

TICKETS FOR THE OCTOBER 7TH CONCERT VALID FOR THIS EVENT.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

KARASI – www.karasi.com

Orders at – www.jordanjesuits.org and click Sacred Heart Parish

PRICES:

Patron – 25 JOD – Reserved seats, name in the program, special gift (*Patron seats ONLY through Fr. John*)

General Admission – 10 JOD

Children under 12 (Accompanied by adult) 5 JOD – limit 2 per adult ticket

Students – 5 JOD (Admitted 10 minutes before the start, sit in any vacant seat.)

All proceeds go to the Sacred Heart Parish charity programs

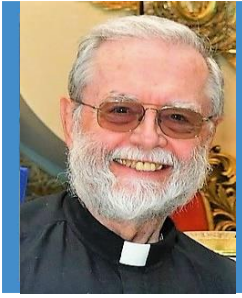
If you have a ticket and want to come to the concert in November - just keep your ticket and it will be honored.

If you can't make the concert and would like your money back, let me know and I will take your ticket and refund your money.

If you can't make the concert and would like to donate your ticket - please destroy or send back your ticket, and God bless you, the money will still go to the Care for the Poor work in the parish. Let me know!

New publicity will be out shortly - save the date and tell everyone. Thank you.





RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Last week I went to the French Week at Boulevard, and it was great fun. They had a miniature Eiffel Tower (I once met a man who had helped build the Eiffel Tower. When I met him he was very old, and he had been a young man then but it was exciting) and jugglers and French food and entertainment. One of the new attractions was a small “museum” of old cameras. I was a little startled at how many of the “old” cameras I had actually used.

I was reflecting on cameras later, because I remembered the old portrait cameras, where the lens showed you everything upside down. You had to learn to “read” the scene inverted.

Lenses are funny things. They can make far away things seem closer, and small things seem larger, they can fix my eyes so I can see clearly and they can transmit light in strange ways to form lasers. They can make fat people look skinny and the other way around, tall people short – a lens can improve your vision or distort.

But we are an adaptable species. They have had experiments where people wore glasses that inverted everything – and in a couple of days they got used to it and functioned normally (although I don’t think they let them drive cars). After a couple of weeks, they took off the glasses and the people were very disoriented. They had to re-learn how to see things right side up.

Next week we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and one of the things I love about him is his vision. He didn’t use physical lenses, but through the “lens” of his great love of God, he saw the world differently than most people did. He looked at flowers and saw God; he looked at trees and birds and he saw God; he looked at the sun and was so moved with love he wrote a poem.

The lens of love – which is, after all, what our religion is supposed to be – can make the whole world look different. Not upside down or skinny (if only!) but if you keep the love of God in your mind and use that as your lens, you suddenly find you do look at things differently. You respond to things differently. And people become God’s children, your brothers and sisters, rather than strangers or annoyances or even threats. There are wonderful videos of children who get glasses for the first time, and their expression when they see leaves clearly, or their mother’s face is wonderful. The same sort of thing can happen to us.

And don’t forget – the lens transmits light in two directions, so as God’s light comes in, so too our light goes out. As you “radiate” God’s love, people will see you differently, just as you see the world differently. When Jesus’ family “...heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. ‘He’s out of his mind,’ they said.” (Mk 3:21) People who are in love act differently; they literally see the world differently, and people who DON’T see the world that way often think they are crazy.

What a great compliment that would be – for someone to think we were crazy because we loved God so much that they could see it in our lives and how we acted!

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John’s Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org Website: Jordanjesuits.org

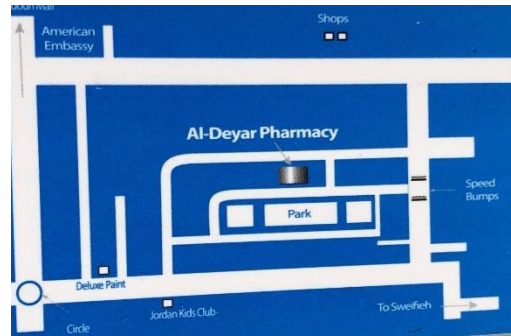
Fr. John’s Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

TUESDAY EVENING GROUP STUDY – 7 pm

Adult Faith Conversation and Exploration. We already have one group that meets every Tuesday from 11am to 12:30 pm (anyone interested is welcome to join this group as well) and we now have a second session. For information:

sana@dababneh.net (18 Ahmad elaroussy st – Abdoun) All are welcome – men and women, younger and older. We come to learn and to share and to deepen our faith. No grades, no tests, and God usually drops by. Sometimes there are even snacks.



OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

The Holy Father is putting a special emphasis on this particular month, and as part of the many different resources, the Vatican has prepared a series of daily reflections for the month. They are longer than the daily reflections I have provided for Advent or Lent, but they do provide a rich opportunity for reflecting on our role in the world, especially as members of the Roman Catholic Church.

IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THESE REFLECTIONS, you have to let me know. Mission means going out in some form, so you have to “go out” and ask to be put on this list. God bless you.

KEEPING TRACK

We do notice these things.

Last week at the Mass at Sweifieh, **50 PEOPLE** came into Church after the Mass had started.

That’s just over 25% of the total attendance. For many it was not a question of a minute or two, but long stretches of time.

At Freres Church last week, when we started the Mass, there were 24 people in the Church. At the Prayer of the Faithful, there were 42. 18 people arrived after Mass had started – that’s 43% of the congregation arriving late.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS – Each Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30, Fr. Marc-Stephan Giese is leading a class for adults to open up new understandings of our faith and our history. The location is about 4 minutes from the church at Sweifieh and all adults are welcome. Since it is a private home, you need to contact Fr. Marc for details and so he knows how many to prepare for. His email is: marc-stephan.giese@jesuiten.org

JESUIT CENTER COMMUNITY CHOIR

With Fr. Marc-Stephan

From 23/09 every Monday at 6.30 PM

We will learn and sing
English and Arabic songs,
both traditional and modern.
No music experience required.
The fun to sing together
is in the focus.

More information and
registration: 079 679-3436

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

WWW. <http://shp.jordanjesuits.org/>



MASS WITH CHILDREN

Some thoughts – and not just for special occasions



To the parents, grandparents and godparents of our Young Children
May we suggest...

Relax!

God put the wiggle and curiosity in children;
Don't feel you have to suppress it.

All are welcome!

Sit toward the front

where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on.
They can get tired of seeing the backs of adult heads.

Explain the liturgy – before they come, and even during the Mass

The readings – tell us about our history as a people

The Gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ coming into the world

Offertory – the people bring their gifts to God

Kneeling – how we pay special honor to God

Holy Communion – Receiving Christ in a special way – and when you are older...

And adults – sing the hymns and say the responses.

Children learn how to behave in Church by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so.

But please come back.

As Christ said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember that the way we welcome children in the Church directly affects the way they
respond to the Church, to Christ and ultimately, to one another.

Let them know they are at home.

And for everyone else – especially those who don't have children at Mass –

The presence of children is a gift to the Church,
and a reminder that we are a growing parish,
and that our membership is wide and diverse.

Please welcome our children –
and give a smile or a word of encouragement to the parents.

