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August 19, 2018



14th Sunday of Pentecost

Hospitality is one of the coveted possessions of Middle Eastern culture. The very idea of being remarked as a good host is an honor, as the host diligently sees to their guests – and not offering something once, but often three or more times. Beyond being a characteristic of being Middle Eastern, hospitality is a fundamental value of Christianity, as St. Paul suggests (Heb. 13:12). And who could be a greater honor to receive as a guest than Christ, our Lord and God, as Martha and Mary receive Him in the Gospel this Sunday?

At our baptism, we are also honored with the indwelling of Christ to the humble abode of our body. As St. Paul says, “It is Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20) and “Do you not know that you are God’s temple...?” (1 Cor. 3:16).

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By baptism we welcome Christ into our very selves, and He enters the place we prepare for Him regardless of the sneers of others. Just as when Christ visited Zaccheus the tax collector's house (Luke 19), He did not listen to those who were questioning Christ for visiting a sinner. In fact, it was because Zaccheus was a sinner that Christ was even more pleased to visit Him because, as He said through the prophet Ezekiel, "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!" (Ez. 18:32). Should we not prepare, then, a house fitting for the visit of the King of Kings?

But why, then, was Martha corrected by Jesus when she was busy toiling to prepare things for Christ's visit while Mary sat there entertaining Him? Certainly preparing food and tidying up is an important part of any visit of a guest. But Martha allowed her other cares to distract her from the fact that the King of Kings had come to visit. As our Lord told Martha, "You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42). Christ is not telling Martha to ignore the necessities of life – indeed, if she let the house fall in, there would be no house to have Christ as a guest. But she is allowing other worries to ignore the most life-giving encounter she could possibly have with Life Himself.

We have been honored beyond our deserving with the visitation of our Lord in our bodies. How do we receive Him? Do we sit attentively at His feet as Mary did? Or do we allow the cares of this world to pull us this and that way, while we say that we are doing what is necessary now and we will give Christ a later time? As Christ Himself says, "But about that day or hour no one knows" (Matt. 24:36) so for all we know that later time we give Christ may never come. Placing Christ at the center of our lives is a life-long process, and not merely a box to check but an act of love. Just as we should not approach the amount of time we give our mothers, the Christian does not think "What is the least amount of time that I can give God and He will still love me?" God will always love us regardless of our acts – the amount of time we give Him in return is our response.

Subdeacon Michael Shami

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Digital Parish Directory - Update!!!! Up and Running!!!

The Online Parish Directory is live! Problems??!! Call Joe at 864.469.9119!!

The Directory is online and ready to view and edit!!! BUT, there are problems!!

The directory is fine. The invitations that were sent to your email address are time sensitive. We had no idea! Also, if you have changed email addressed since you gave us your information, the software does not recognize the new address. Let us know and we can fix the problem. Thanks to all who have updated their profiles with new addresses, email address and pictures.

Any other questions? Email or call Joe: secretary@saintrafka.org or 864.469.9119.

NEW!!! Saint Rafka Parish Directory Online

First time to the site? Register [here](#). Call Joe for help first.

Already registered? Click [here](#).

NEW!!!! Please follow us at @saintrafkagreenville on **Instagram**.

After 30 years of serving the community, **St. Anthony's Catholic Store** is closing its doors. We will be having a storewide clearance sale while supplies last.

While we are sad to close our doors, we look forward to the doors that God will be opening for us and our family. The friendships that were formed during our time here will forever be cherished in our hearts and you will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,
The Bruce Family

Calendar of Events

August

- 18, 4 PM, Vigil Liturgy, **14th Pentecost**
- 19, 11 AM, Divine Liturgy
 - 4:30 PM, Korean Mass
 - 7:00 PM, Last Chance Divine Liturgy
- 22, 7 PM, Divine Liturgy, Anointing of the Sick
- 25, 4 PM, Vigil Liturgy, **15th Pentecost**
- 26, 11 AM, Divine Liturgy
 - 1 PM, Baptism
 - 5 PM, Byzantine Divine Liturgy
- 29, Divine Liturgy, Anointing of the Sick

September

- 1, 4 PM, Vigil Liturgy, **16th Pentecost**
- 2, 11 AM, Divine Liturgy
 - 3 PM, Holy Hour
 - 7 PM, Last Chance Divine Liturgy
- 3, Labor Day
- 4, 7 PM, *Ramsho* of the Maronite Saints
- 5, 7 PM, Divine Liturgy, Anointing of the Sick
- 6, 5:30 PM, First Thursday Pasta Supper
- 8, 4 PM, Vigil Liturgy, **Holy Cross**
- 9, 11 AM, Divine Liturgy
 - 4:30 PM, Korean Mass
 - 7:00 PM, Last Chance Divine Liturgy
- 10, 7 PM, Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 11, 7 PM, *Ramsho* of the Maronite Saints
- 12, 7 PM, Divine Liturgy, Anointing of the Sick
- 15, 4 PM, Vigil Liturgy, **2nd of Holy Cross**



Ramsho and Blessing with the relics of Saints Rafka, Sharbel, Nimatullah and the Massabki Brothers will resume on September 4 at 7 P.M.



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Ephrem the Syrian



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AZ QUOTES



Fr. Frank Pavone



Fr. Bill Casey



Fr. Brian Mullaly, OP



Doug Barry



Dr. John Bruchalski
Former Abortionist
Pro-life M.D., OB/GYN



Jeff Cavins

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Saturday, Nov. 10

Doors open: 7:30 am

Mass: 8:30 am,

Talks,
Buffet Lunch,
Confessions



Sunday, Nov. 11

Doors open: 7:50 am

Mass: 8:30 am,

Talks,
Buffet Lunch,
Confessions

For more information, please call (864)354-7160
or go to www.meconferencesc.net

Registration after Oct. 27, \$ 90

Registered by October 27 by mail. Registration after Oct. 27: \$90
We offer gluten free meals.



Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares is a prayer ministry that also involves making prayer quilts and prayer squares for those facing medical, spiritual, emotional difficulties, or anyone in the Parish that is active duty military. Don't know how to quilt? That's ok, we can teach you. Not interested in sewing? That's ok, we will need help with staying organized, record keeping and correspondence. What is needed are willing hearts and hands to do God's work and pray together for those in need, and each other too.

A prayer quilt or square, once requested, is made and tied with each knot representing a prayer for that individual and their specific needs. The recipient must be willing to receive the quilt and the prayers. The purpose of the group is not to give away quilts, but to offer a physical representation of God's love and the prayers of the community. A recipient is able to wrap themselves in prayer during a difficult time. The quilt itself has no power, but the prayers offered do.

The most up to date **Maronite Voice** is always available [here](#).

Help!

Volunteers needed for:

- BBQ Chefs
- Set up
- Clean up
- Face painters
- Free event cooks

2018

Sponsors Needed

- Food
- Advertising and Signs
- Paper Goods

Contact:

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 pjhoward74@hotmail.com
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 joanlcraven@yahoo.com

FESTIVAL NEEDS

== *Saint Rafka* ==
 • **Food Fest**

Middle Eastern Delights!

A Unique Parishioner Call for Help

Dear Friends,

Re: **End-Stage Kidney Disease**

Some of you may already know: I have end-stage kidney disease. My kidneys do not work well enough to keep me alive, and my treatment options are limited to dialysis or kidney transplant.

Regular hemodialysis treatments, three times per week for four hours at a time, help my kidneys do their job and keep me alive. But a transplant would offer me the ability to live a longer, healthier, more normal life and with more freedom.

Finding a kidney for a transplant is not easy. There are 100,000+ people, just like me, on the waiting list for a deceased donor kidney. Time is not on our side. Some die while waiting. I've been waiting nearly six years, about a year longer than the average wait time of five years.

There is another option: receiving a kidney from a living donor. Asking a family member or a friend to donate a kidney is very difficult for me, extremely personal, takes much thought and involves your family's consideration. Your decision will not affect our relationship, and I absolutely do not want a donor feeling pressured in any way.

You may not know a lot about living donation, which I did not until recently. Understandably, many people are fearful of surgery and what living with one kidney will mean for them. Here's some basic information about kidney donation:

- Most people are born with an extra kidney - only one is needed to live a long, healthy life.
- As a living donor, you will have a separate team of Healthcare professionals to evaluate you. Their job is to help YOU understand the risks and benefits, looking out for YOUR best interests.
- Cost of your evaluation and surgery will be covered by my insurance; the hospital can provide to you more information.
- Most donor surgery is done laparoscopically, meaning through tiny incisions.
- Recuperation is usually fairly quick, generally two weeks, for people with desk jobs, to six weeks, for jobs involving heavy lifting.

What is a paired kidney exchange? Roughly one-third of kidney failure patients with a willing living donor will be unable to receive the kidney because of incompatibility. In a paired kidney exchange, a donor may donate their kidney to another recipient in exchange for a compatible kidney for their loved one.

Before deciding, you can explore the living donation program by calling MUSC's Kelly Canavan, my Living Donor Coordinator, at [843-792-1594](tel:843-792-1594).

A living donation may not be right for you, but you can still help. Please help by sharing my story, spreading the word about kidney disease, raising awareness of living donation and helping me and the many others on the waiting list.

Thank you for reading and for your concern and for your help in spreading the word about kidney disease.

Appreciatively, Joe Baranski [864-201-2480](tel:864-201-2480) Greer, SC

November 25, 2017



SAINT STEPHEN MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

A member of the Eparchy of St Maron of Brooklyn, NY

Visit the [homepage](#) of our neighbors to the north of us. Saint Stephen is under the leadership of **Father Elias Khalil** and is growing in Grace and numbers.

Religious Education - First Holy Communion Preparation

Is your child ready for the reception of First Penance and Holy Communion? Parishioner **Alex Roman-Menge**, a professional teacher, has volunteered to teach in our religious education program. Other children, post Holy Communion, are also welcome to these classes. Contact the Church Office to register or see Alex after the Liturgy.



NOW ENROLLING! Prince of Peace Catholic School is currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 School Year in grades K4 - Grade 8. We now offer a full-day or half-day K4 Program, an Advanced Learning Program directed by Mrs. Robin Marlar, and we are proud to introduce our new Learning Specialist, Mrs. Rebecca Blevins. Call 864.331.3911 to schedule a tour today! You'll be glad you did!

Books for Prisoners

Catholic volunteers to the Greenville County Detention Center are in need of **paperback (only paperback)** books for the inmate library. We will set up a box in Wickett Hall to place your books into and these will be collected by **Sharon Bookbinder**, a volunteers from Prince of Peace Church. This is a great way to un-clutter and help those in prison by giving them reading materials. Thanks for your help and assistance! **Thanks for your help with this project and the books you have brought in - keep them coming!**

Lay Dominicans

Almost since its beginning, the laity has been in ministry and fully incorporated into the Dominican Order. They are lay man and women from every walk of life, living out their Baptismal promise through the ministry founded by St Dominic.

If you would like to learn more about the life and charism of Lay Dominicans and how they share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order through the Four Pillars: Prayer, Study, Community and Apostolic Preaching, join us on 23 Sunday, September at 3p, at St Mary's Church in Sacred Heart Hall (upstairs). For additional information, please contact **Linda Head, OP** at 864.268.0746.



Dormition Byzantine Rite Patronal Feast

Holy Dormition Eastern Catholic Mission
will commemorate its
Patronal Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) of Mary
externally on
Sunday, August 26

Divine Liturgy (Mass) will be celebrated at 5 pm
at St. Rafka Maronite Church, 1215 SC-14, Greer, SC 29650

Fellowship with food will follow in the church hall.
Potluck dishes are invited.

For more information about the new mission:
visit dormition.weebly.com,
contact frjosephmatlak@gmail.com or 980-785-2764,
and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



MINI RETREAT

On Saturday, 18 August from 9a-4p, join a special mini-retreat titled "*In the School of Fulton J. Sheen*" at Prince of Peace Catholic Church led by **Alexis Walkenstein**, nationally-recognized author of selected wisdom of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. The day will follow this schedule:

9a - Introduction & Talk 1: Why Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen?

11a - Talk 2: God is Fire (the soul and God)

11.45a - Talk 3: Human Freedom (and petitions)

12.30p - LUNCH

1.15p - Talk 4: Divine Love

2.10p Talk 5: Sin (more petitions, examination)

3p. Talk 6: Knowing Jesus

4p Wrap Up

5p Mass

There will be several breaks for fellowship, reflection, and prayer across the day. Copies of Walkenstein's book, *Fulton J. Sheen*, published by Pauline Books & Media will be available on site.

To register online: <https://goo.gl/forms/4yGQpYQrChO4hKUM2>

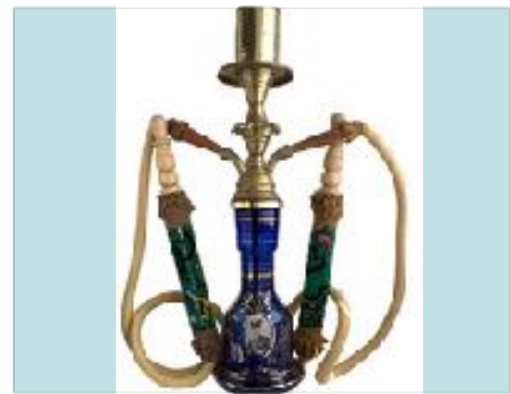
To register by email or phone, contact Angela Calabro at angela.calabro@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864-331-3903.

Saint Joseph's Indian School

Many friends ask how they can help Native American children in need in ways other than monetary donations. The following is a list of items always put to good use in caring for our Lakota (Sioux) boys and girls. The most important needs at this time are: Clean and Clear Advantage 3-1 exfoliating cleanser with 5% benzoyl peroxide acne medication, Athlete foot powder, Clotrimazole cream, Hydrocortisone Cream, Body Wash* (Both men's and woman's), Hair Conditioner, Athletes foot spray, Band aids, Bath puffs, Unscented Body Lotion (boys or girls can use), Girls dress shoes and sandals (sizes 1-7), Boys and girls athletic pants (sizes 6-20), Boy's underwear (briefs and boxers), Cerave Cream, Children's 8 hr Robitussin cough and cold, alcohol free, WITHOUT PHENYLEPHRINE, Aveeno Body Wash, Aveeno lotion, Pillows, Cotton balls, Facial tissues, Tennis Shoes (Sizes 1-7), Long athletic shorts (all sizes), All types of children clothing (8-20) Puritans Pride Chewable Vitamins, Cetaphil facial cleanser, Acne facial wipes, Viniferamine Silicone 4 ounce cream, Ibuprofen, Tylenol 325 mg and 500 mg tablets, Tylenol or Ibuprofen Children's dose liquid or chewable, Head and Shoulders Shampoo.

Simply bring your items to Wickett Hall and there is a box to receive these articles! Thanks!

Knights of Columbus Picnic



Sunday, August 26, 2018

Food, Beverage, and Fun!

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A fund-raising event for Knights of Columbus Saint Rafka Council 15519

SAVE THE DATE

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FALL MIDDLE-EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL



SAINT RAFKA MARONITE CHURCH 11am - 6pm

Bring your healthy appetite to taste our delicious homemade Middle Eastern food and pastries at our Fall Food Festival. There will be Music, Face painting, and many other fun activities. Please join us. Stay tuned for additional details as the date approaches!!!!

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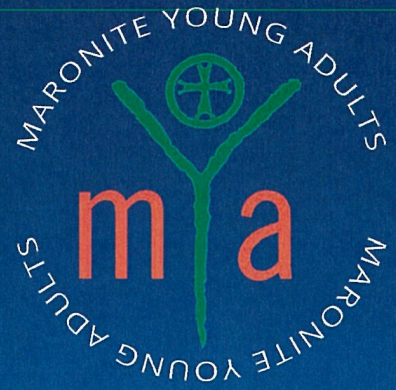


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10th Annual MYA Conference Presents

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Prayer List

Theresa Woodson, Noah Scott Kestler, Mary Philips, Art and Judy Pape, Suhail Yousiff, Tom Craven, Jr., David Gibbons, Michael Rau, Chris Davis, Raymond Trinidad, Theresa Woodson, Joe Treacy, Marguerite LaBella, Dakota Miller, David Olmsted, Okshana Stachiw, Pixie Geren, Mike Dyer, Christian Pereira, Houda Askar, Jack D'Aquin, Moe Mercier, Ed Rauch, Art Newton, Mike Georgion, Nancy Georgion Jack Yacu, Houda Askar, Montaha Achi, Jim Hopsecger, Recovery of RS, Ashley Mullinex, Bill McAfee, Bill Leon, Sr., Charley Dusthimer, Bernadette Smith, Claire Barnett, Hans Wascom, Ethel Brassel, Katrina Shunk, George Vargo, Dan Steinker, Irma Galvan, Mary Cleary, Joe Lemire, Mary Anne McAfee, Lois Taylor, Virginia LaFave, Nabeel Howard, Father M. T. Phillips, Paul Cote and Family, Paul Bussemey, Ramza Sleiman, Joan Bussemey, Special Intention by Abouna, Bob Brown, Joe Durham, Michael Bays, Patrick Lavelle, Tara Galvin, Susan Connor, Bill Hines, Beth Banks, Andrea Fiorni-Frazier, Shawn Sexton, James and Kaleigh, Mark Pelletier, Antonella, Stephanie, Derek Gerard Solomon, JoAn Salloum, Susie, Jim Hopka, Family of Colbert Arthur, Berma Darlene Bell, Terry Vadnais, Elaine Gillen, Amy Hunter, Shawn Sexton, Adrian Kassentar, Beth Hopsecger, Mark Barnard, Janice Radich, Paula Lemire, Becky Jarvis, Lillian Moon, Vito Fortuna, Sam Howard, Jr., Betty Braun, Deanne Valencia, Katie Frank, Beverley Davis, John Fender,



Saints We Celebrate

August 23, Saint Isaac the Syriac, Confessor

August 25, Saint Titus the Apostle, Martyr

August 27, Saint Biyameen the Hermit

August 28, Saint Moses the Ethiopian, Confessor

August 28, Saint Augustine

August 29, The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist

August 31, Saints Abda, Aegidius (Giles) and Zakhia (Victor), Martyrs

September 1, Saint Simon the Stylite

September 2, Saint Mamimas, Martyr

September 5, Saint Sharbel, Bishop of Edessa and His Sister, Confessors

September 6, Saint Michael the Archangel

September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 9, Saints Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Virgin Mary

September 14, Exaltation of the Holy and Life-



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Liturgical Items

Liturgical Readings

Feast	New Testament	Gospel
14th Pentecost	I Thes. 2:1 - 13	Luke 10:38 - 42
English	Heather Sijon	
Arabic	Fadi Nassif	New! To review the readings online, go here .

Mass Intentions

August 18 - 19	Intention	Donor
Saturday, 4 PM	+Juanita Rosas	Sister Mary Emmanuel
Sunday, 11 AM	+Mike Casby	Marie Kidd
Sunday, 7 PM	+Curtis Manning (6th Anniversary)	Bernadette Mileski
Wednesday, 7 PM	Darlene Successful surgery and recovery	Andy and Ceil Frisari
August 25 - 26		
Saturday, 4 PM	Happy Feast Day, Fr. Bart	Andy and Ceil Frisari
Sunday, 11 AM	+Mary Yacu	Yacu Family
Sunday, 7 PM	+Vince Traina, RIP	Andy and Ceil Frisari
Wednesday, 7 PM	+Bob Mercier	Moe & Lorraine Mercier

Sanctuary Lamp and Flowers

To have the Sanctuary Light for your relatives or intentions, please use the envelope provided at the entrance. Donation is \$5.00. **The Sanctuary Candle burns for these Intentions from Sunday thru Saturday.** If you would like a Mass offered for your loved ones, please call the church office at 864.469.9119 or secretary@saintrafka.org. The Sanctuary Candle burns this month in loving memory of **+Curtis Manning**, 6th Anniversary, by his wife, Bernadette Mileski.



Church Offerings and Attendance

August 12	Saturday 4 PM	Sunday 11 AM	Sunday 7 PM	Total	Budget per week	+/-	Wed. 7 PM
People	69	77	48	194	170	24	79
Collection	\$1107.00	\$937.00	\$455.00	\$2499.00	\$2,800.00	-\$301.00	0
Average per person	\$16.04	\$12.17	\$9.48	\$12.88		Holy Hour	22
Assumption	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$937.00	\$937.00		Ramsho	0
Average	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3436.00		YTD	\$94,685.00
Average Attendance	71	80	35	Average 186			
Budget YTD	\$91,588.00	YTD	\$94,685.00	Budget +/-	\$3,097.00		

Offerings



Attendance Year to Date	
4:00 PM	2061
11:00 AM	2320
7:00 PM	1011
Wednesday 7 PM	444
First Sunday	141
Ramsho	46
Holy Day	129
Special Liturgy	459
Funerals	160
Weddings	70
Pasta Supper	297

How are these totals calculated?

One total graphed **to the left** is through **donations** each week, compared to the previous year.

The totals to the **to the right** are counted by the ushers during the Divine Liturgy and tabulated.

Date	Emails Sent	% Opened	% Clicked
August 12	515	34.8%	15.7%
August 5	515	37.9%	16.9%
Difference	0	3.1%	1.2%

Scripture Readings for Sunday

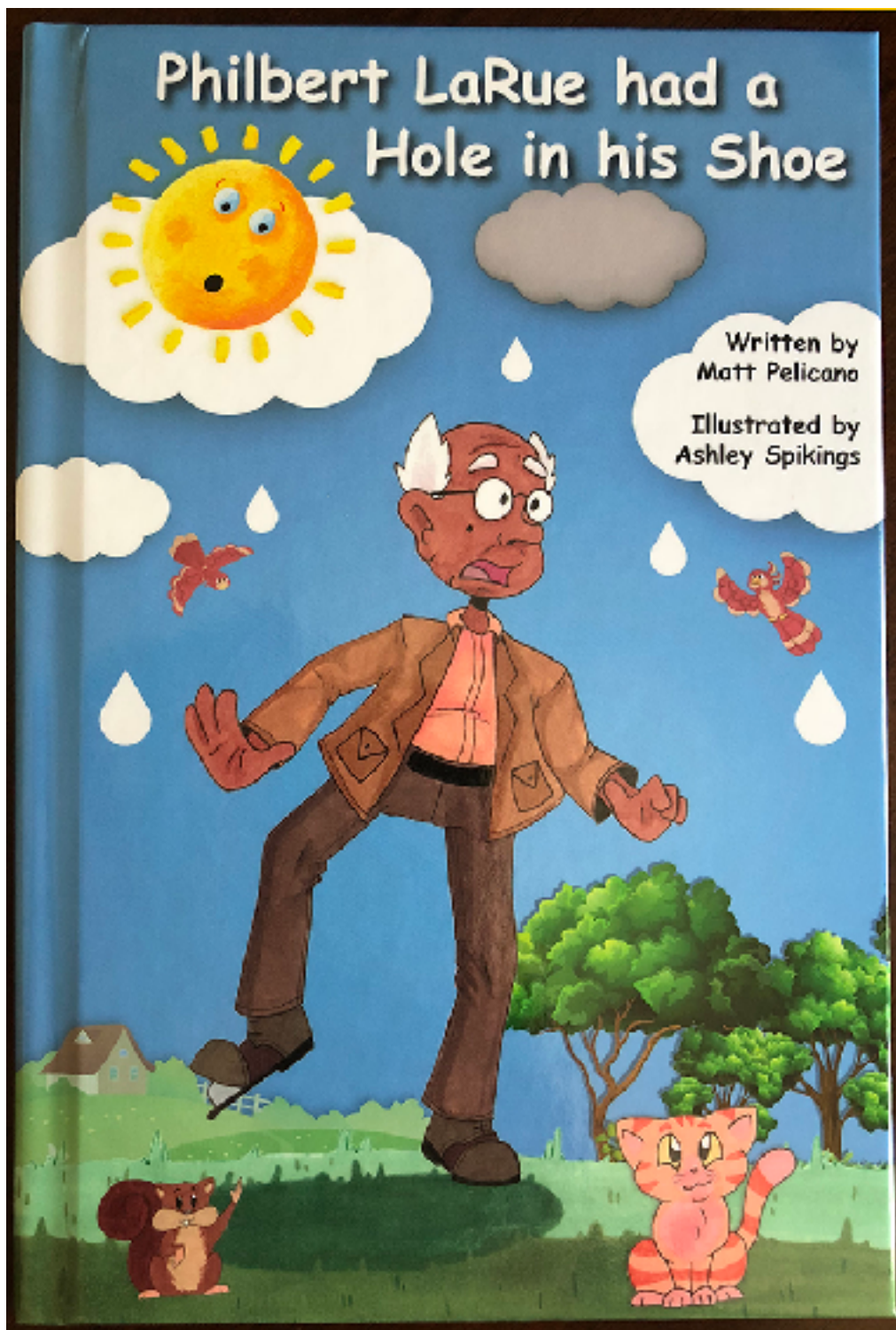
1 Thes. 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our reception among you was not without effect. Rather, after we had suffered and been insolently treated, as you know, in Philippi, we drew courage through our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle. Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives, nor did it work through deception. But as we were judged worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel, that is how we speak, not as trying to please human beings, but rather God, who judges our hearts. Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know, or with a pretext for greed—God is witness—nor did we seek praise from human beings, either from you or from others, although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers. As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you conduct yourselves as worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Luke 10:38-42

As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”





Philbert LaRue had a Hole in his Shoe

Written by
Matt Pelicano

Illustrated by
Ashley Spikings



Great Children's Book!

Looking for a high quality, fun book for kids? Here you go! Written by **Matt Pelicano**, our webmaster. A great story illustrated by **Ashley Spikings**, a high school student that will delight children and adults alike. Matt will be at Saint Rafka on the weekend of September 1 & 2 to sell and autograph his book. Congrats to Matt for a job well done!



SAINT MARON FESTIVAL

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Catholic Radio in S.C. 2018 Radiothon

The 2018 Radiothon will be Thursday & Friday September 27th & 28th. Radiothon always has a theme and every year we ask for God's guidance when choosing. Last year was the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, so the choice was obvious. While continuity with last year is important, each Radiothon also needs something a little different. So, let me share a story about a young woman of Faith with you.

Adele Brise was born in Belgium in 1831. She came with her parents as they immigrated to Wisconsin in 1855. In early October 1859, Adele saw a woman clothed in white standing between two trees: one a maple, the other hemlock. She was frightened by the vision and prayed until it disappeared.

On October 9, 1859, she saw the apparition a second time while walking to Mass in the community of Bay Settlement. She asked her parish priest for advice, and he told her that if she saw the apparition again, she should ask it, "In the Name of God, who are you and what do you wish of me?"

That same day, she saw the apparition a third time, and when she asked the question, "What more can I do, dear Lady?" the Lady's direction was simple: "Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation."

"But how shall I teach them who knows so little myself?" Adele asked.

The Lady replied, "Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you." Adele devoted the rest of her life to the task.

Such a fervent yet humble person is an inspiration for all of us. That's why the theme for the 2018 Radiothon will be "Our Lady of Good Help." We hope to bring attention to the Shrine in Champion, Wisconsin dedicated to these apparitions, the only apparitions in the United States which are approved by the Catholic Church.

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*“She (a Godly woman) is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.”
~Proverbs 31:25*

Stephanie is a survivor of motherhood, homeschooling, and breast cancer treatment with little kids. Whether it’s deep or funny, she enjoys blogging, leading retreats and speaking about falling in love with God in the midst of real life and suffering.

A former Protestant pastor convert, she is an active member of the Catholic Writers Guild and freelance writes for blog sites and magazines. Stephanie lives in South Carolina with her husband, five children, and two dogs.

Come and join us as we glorify the Lord, and magnify His holy Name! And don’t forget to bring a friend!



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Special Notes

Marriage

Congratulations to **Reema Askar** and **Fadi Alahammas** who will be united in marriage on August 24 at Saint George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Richmond Hill, Ontario. Reema is the daughter of **Ramiz** and **Ikram Askar** of our community. May God grant Fadi and Reema a long and happy marriage!

Death

This week we learned of the passing of **Fred Mansour**, lifelong resident of Greenville. Born into a Lebanese family, Fred attended Saint Mary's Church and operated a liquor store on Academy Street. The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 4 at Saint Mary's. May his memory be eternal!

Celebrate!

Vigil Feast of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 2 pm

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August

20, Afaf Sleiman
20, Scott Herr
21, Susan Newton
21, Wael Namouz
22, Maureen Abdalla
22, Jack Yacu
22, Bill Leon
24, Gaby Dibo
27, John Howard
27, Sura Farah
28, Bill McAfee
29, Raad Seleem



Anniversaries

August

25, Rich and Pat Washnock

September

1, Jack and Maureen Yacu
3, Richard and Linda Wickett

Necrology

August

+Father Peter Boulos, August 19, 2013

September

+Sami Ghannam, September 3, 2010
+Lorraine Phillips, September 3, 2015
+Msgr. Ron Beshara, September 5, 2011



Ashy Pavilion

Please remember that registered and supporting parishioners are free to use the Ashy Pavilion for family events, reunions, parties, etc. Others are welcome to rent the facilities. More information? Contact Richard Wickett here.

Coffee Socials

If you would like to sponsor a Coffee Social *In Memory Of* or *In Honor Of* someone, please call or email the office to let us know.

Wickett Hall

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