

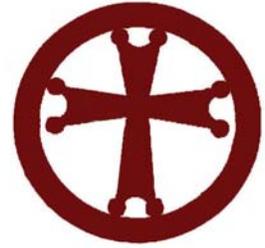
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April, May, June 2013 Newsletter

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

“Habemus Papam! We have a Pope!

The world was shocked to hear that His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI renounced his position as the Holy Roman Pontiff after eight years of service in that capacity. When that was announced we saw what a humble and exhausted Pope he truly was. As Church we did not see failure or resentment, rather a man of great integrity and faithfulness to a Church he sincerely loves. For most of us a great leader and example.

As the Cardinals of the world began to arrive in Rome for the “Conclave” that would elect a new Pontiff, the world anxiously awaited the news of a new Pope; and again, much to our surprise his name was announced, Jorge Bergoglio, Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He would become the 266th successor to Saint Peter and would take the name of Francis.

Without exaggerating, the phone at the Rectory didn’t stop all evening. Many calls of congratulations and surprise. I had been saying that I thought the new Pope would come from Latin America. But what took me by surprise was that he is a man of advanced years, 76 years of age to be exact. Is that bad? Not at all. Most churchmen today speculated that the next Pope would be between 65 and 72 years of age. After hearing who he is and how he lives his life it became no wonder why they chose him

Our Pope is of Italian lineage but born and raised in Argentina. He is a man of extreme intelligence but even more of humility. As Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires he resided in a simple apartment and traveled by public transportation. At first glance he looks to be totally somber but those who know him say even though he doesn’t smile much, he loves a good joke and is in touch with the people. As he would travel throughout his Diocese people would hand him pieces of paper with requests for their families. He tired to help them as best as possible. He was hands on and non-judgmental. One interview I watched spoke of how he would deal with his priests on a very pastoral level. When they were harsh for instance, not wanting to Baptize the children of unwed mothers, he would chastise them and say to them go and Baptize so as not to keep that child from Salvation. After all, isn’t it better than for the mother to have aborted that child. That takes much strength and courage.

So we see a man of deep faith and respect for suffering humanity. Extremely intelligent, as in his Jesuit tradition yet very much a man of the world. These are great qualities to have.

It is too early to say exactly what he will do. I believe that he will not reject the legacy of Pope John Paul II or Pope Benedict XVI. With Pope Francis we will see more continuity than change.

As a result, there will be more continuity than change in Church doctrine and policy. That means that as someone who come from Latin America he will most likely be liberal on political and economic issues and yet someone who supports ecumenical and interreligious dialogue but is convinced that the Catholic Church has the Truth. By saying liberal we do not mean as into giving in to the world, but rather as Liberating in the socio-economic sphere of the world. In other words he will look out for the rights of the poor and underprivileged.

From a personal perspective we already see he is not the actor, intellect that John Paul was. Nor is he the theologian that Benedict is. However he is what we believe the Church needs today. He will listen as a Pastor and Father. As Tip O’Neil, former speaker of the House said, “All politics is local,” even in the Catholic Church.

The Church is no longer the Church of Europe. Every part of the globe has its own characteristic. We now have many Cardinals from outside of Europe. Pope Francis is going to have to react to and with the Church in Latin America which is suffering from social and economic neglect. The Church in America is dealing with issues of immorality and human secularism. The Church in Africa and the East must deal with the issues of the expansion of Islam. These are just a few to be mentioned.

Pope Francis must be all for all. His job is not going to be easy, however, the college of Cardinals knows that and I am sure that is why they elected Francis. Our prayers and our support in all matters and for all peoples go with him. God bless our Church!

In our Lord and His Mother, I remain
Sincerely,

Msgr. James A. Root



Book of Initiation

Audrey Najat Rached
Daughter of Roger and Rouba Souheil Rached
January 4, 2013

Ian Emile Hughes
Son of Brian and Suzanne Saba Hughes
February 17, 2013

Joseph Carlo Saba
Son of Carlo and Christine Lachenal Saba
February 17, 2013

Luke Gouvia Jure
Son of John and Camila Silva jure
March 16, 2013

Book of Crowning

NO Entries

Book of Life

John Shakal
William Mahfouz
Georges Anissi
Judy Sayegh

Prayers for the Sick and Homebound

Laurice Fadel
Olga Kahraman
Gladys Lanese
Bernice Mansour
Marian Moshy
Raymond Safi
Lorraine Trablusi

Gifts of the Heart

Altar Bread and Wine

April 2013

George Makadssi

Requested by Roger and Vera Shammas

May 2013

Simon and Raphael Families

Requested by Philomena Simon

June 2013

Mary Batal—Nofil

Requested by Lydia Gordon

July 2013

Arthur Matney Sr.

Requested by Laurice Matney

August 2013

Charles and Susie Gustin and Joe and Delores Gustin

Requested by Joseph Gustin

September 2013

Joseph and Margaret Mansour

Requested by Bernice and Marilyn Mansour

October 2013

Ciaccia and Sahadi Families

Requested by Marian Ciaccia

November 2013

James Gordon

Requested by Lydia Gordon

December 2013

Henry Hamid

Requested by Carol Hamid



Sanctuary Lamp

April 2013

Margaret Mansour

Requested by Bernice and Marilyn Mansour

May 2013

Simon and Raphael Families

Requested by Philomena Simon

June 2013

Salavessa, Santoni Spehn Families

Requested by Daisy and Elana Diamontopulos

July 2013

Diamontopulos and Ahearn Families

Requested by Daisy and Elana Diamontopulos

August 2013

Duart, Leito and Brignoni Families

Requested by Daisy and Elana Diamontopulos

September 2013

Maro Batrouni and Rita Hage Batrouni

Requested by Salim Batrouni

October 2013

Sahadi and Ciaccia Families

Requested by Marian Ciaccia

November 2013

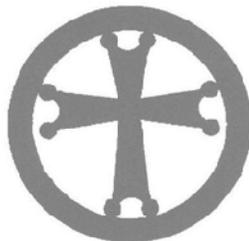
Margaret Mansour

Requested by Bernice and Marilyn Mansour

December 2013

Saad and Leesha Families

Requested by Bernice and Marilyn Mansour



Chapel Sanctuary Lamp

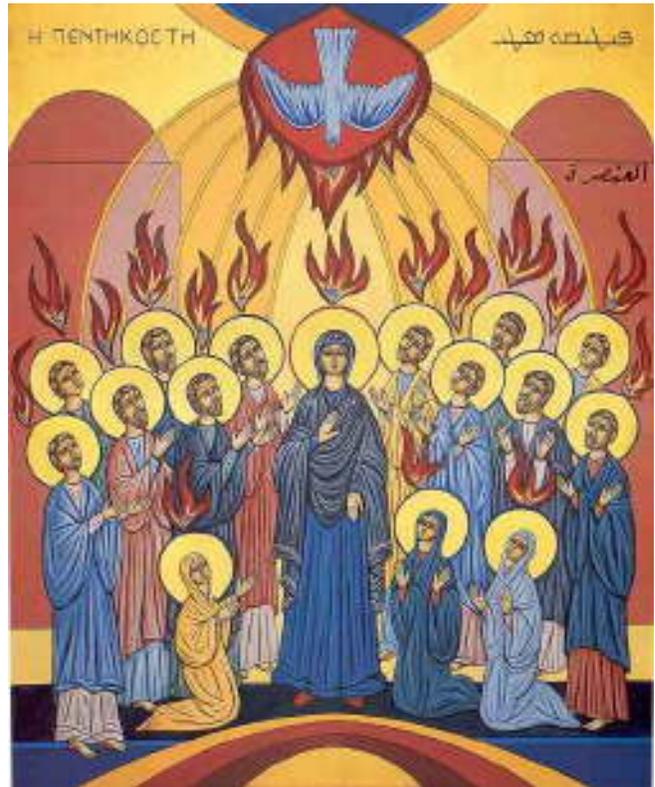
April 2013

Sahadi and Ciaccia Families

Requested by Marian Ciaccia

May—December Available

Come Holy Spirit



Outdoor Shrine to Mary

April 2013

Arthur Matney Sr.

Requested by Laurice Matney

May 2013

Joseph Mansour

Requested by Bernice and Marilyn Mansour

June 2013

Eid and O'Shea Families

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. George Eid

July 2013

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August 2013

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September 2013

Paul Habib Boustany

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jost

October 2013

Sahadi and Ciaccia Families

Requested by Marian Ciaccia

November 2013

Farres Mattar

Requested by Leila Badran and Family

December 2013

Saad and Leesha Families

Requested by Bernice and Marilyn Mansour

Announcing

**A Taste of Lebanon
Food Festival**

**Friday, Saturday and
Sunday**

May 31—June 2, 2013

Sponsored by:

**The Cathedral of Our Lady
of Lebanon**

**Friday 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm
Saturday 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm
Sunday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm**

Mega Raffle:

**Sunday at 5:00 pm
2013 Hyundai Sonata**

**Donation \$100.00 per ticket
(Limited Ticket Amount)**

Winner need not be present.

Festival Takes place Rain or Shine



