



Our Lady of Purgatory



Maronite Catholic Church

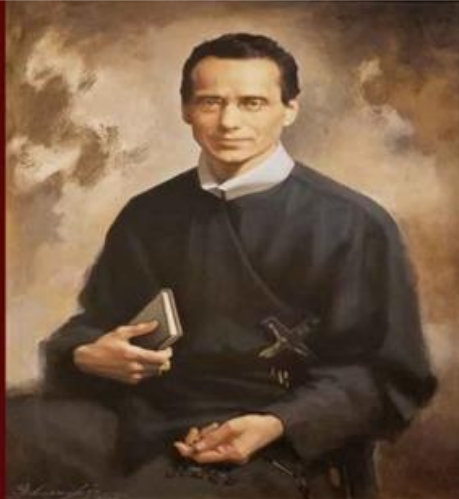
September 30- October 1, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE HOLY CROSS

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O God,
 who made your Priest
 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
 outstanding in love,
 that he might proclaim
 the mysteries of redemption
 and comfort those in affliction,
 grant, by his intercession,
 that we may work zealously for your glory
 and for the salvation of mankind.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.
 Amen.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos



Francis Xavier Seelos was born in Fussen, Germany, in 1819. Expressing his desire for the [priesthood](#) since an early age, he entered the diocesan seminary of [Augsburg](#) after completing his studies in philosophy. Upon learning of the charism and missionary activity of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, he decided to join and go to North America. He arrived in the United States on April 20, 1843, entered the Redemptorist novitiate and completed his theological studies, being ordained a [priest](#) on December 22, 1844. He began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained nine years, working closely as assistant pastor of his confrere St. John Neumann, while at the same time serving as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to mission preaching. In 1854, he returned to Baltimore, later being transferred to Cumberland and then Annapolis, where he served in parochial ministry and in the formation of the Redemptorist seminarians. He was considered an expert

confessor, a watchful and prudent spiritual director and a pastor always joyfully available and attentive to the needs of the poor and the abandoned. In 1860, he was a candidate for the office of Bishop of Pittsburgh. Having been excused from this responsibility by Pope Pius IX, from 1863 until 1866 he became a full-time itinerant missionary preacher. He preached in English and German in the states of Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. He was named pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he died of the yellow fever epidemic caring for the sick and the poor of New Orleans on October 4, 1867, at the age of 48 years and nine months. The enduring renown for his holiness which the Servant of God enjoyed occasioned his Cause for Canonization to be introduced in 1900 with the initiation of the Proceso Informativo. On January 27, Your [Holiness](#) declared him Venerable, decreeing the heroism of his virtues.

FAMILY PICTURES FOR DEDICATION PROGRAM

As we move closer to completion of the new Church construction, Bishop Gregory has set aside December 8-10, for the dedication of the new Church and Church grounds. That weekend will be filled with many activities and functions, including a Commemorative Church Dedication Program.

Along with many pages of the history of OLOP, it will also include family pictures for each family in the parish. I am asking each of you to please email me a very good quality picture of you and your family to include in this program book. We need to have these pictures by Friday, November 3, 2023. I am hoping that every family will send a picture for this special booklet. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the office.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is only through suffering that we become holy. And to become holy is our only purpose in life, our only preparation for heaven.”
Feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos



Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

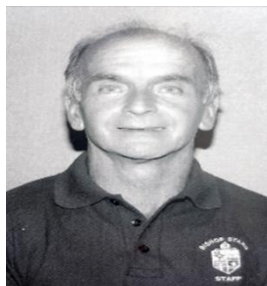
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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

PASSING OF CHARLIE MURRAY



Last week we received the sad news that Charlie Murray passed away. Charlie was a member of Our Lady of Purgatory Church and Saint Anthony of the Desert choir. We extend our condolences to his mother Alice Daher and his sister Mary Ann Daher and her family. May Almighty God welcome Charlie into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. A 40 Day memorial mass will be held on Sunday, October 29. Allah yerhammo!

PASSING OF LOUIS MARINI

We also extend our condolences to Brendon and Vicki (Thomas) Marini for the passing of their grandfather Louis Marini. May almighty God welcome Louis into His kingdom and may his soul rest in peace. Allah yerhammo.

ARABIC CLASSES TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

I am happy to inform our community that we will begin Arabic classes for beginners in October. This class will include writing, reading, and speaking the Arabic language. These classes will be split into two groups: one for children and one for adults. Please contact the office for registration forms.

Classes will be held once a week for adults and for the youth. Classes will be held on the following days:

Adult classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45 PM.

Youth classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-7:45 PM.

We are looking forward to beginning the classes in October. The starting date will be announced soon. Thank you for your support.

(Arabic classes are open to all parishioners. To help with the cost of materials and books, there will be a \$50.00 registration fee for the year. If this is a hardship for anyone, please contact Fr. Vincent privately. I do not want this to be a hinderance for anyone who would like to learn Arabic.)

2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is that time of year as we begin to prepare for the 2023 Children's Christmas Pageant which will be held on **December 9, 2023**. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in this beautiful expression of love and dedication. Please register your children for this special event in the life of the Church. This year will be performed for Bishop Gregory and our invited guests as we celebrate our dedication that weekend. I look forward to seeing all of our children participate, spreading the joy of Christ's birth to our community and beyond. For more information, please contact Fr. Vincent or Matthew Thomas.

2023 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar is now underway for planning. This year our bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 10AM- 6PM, and Sunday, November 12, from 10AM- 3PM. Baked Kibbee presale is now available online or by using the order forms. **The kibbee trays are \$35.00 each. All presale orders for kibbee must be in the office by Sunday, October 22, 2023**, so that we can prepare accordingly. You may order online, or contact:

Smitty Cabral (508-961-8599), Hiba Chdid (508-617-3888), or the Church office (508-996-8934).

If anyone would like to donate Holiday raffle baskets, items for the Caravan Auction, or monetary donations for the food, we would certainly appreciate this. More details will follow next week. Please mark your calendars and join us for this beautiful celebration.

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SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

Periodically we will be publishing news and coming events from the St. Joseph Sodality. The Sodality is the oldest organization in the Parish, having been founded in 1918. Through their devotion to St. Joseph, Sodality Members seek to emulate the life and faith of St. Joseph, and by doing so, hope to achieve eternal happiness as he did. The Sodality encourages you to consider becoming a member.

This Sunday the Sodality will be meeting at 10:00 am for prayer service. Please join us afterwards for coffee hour.

Upcoming events for the Sodality - Sodality will sponsor the Festival of Trees during the Christmas Bazar, if you would like to help please see Amal Barbour.

Our Lady Of Purgatory
ANNUAL LEBANESE HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 11, 2023
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 12, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MONEY & BASKET RAFFLES
CARAVAN & SILENT AUCTIONS
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LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Gregory the Illuminator). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph, Maryanne, George and Heurta Farris and all the deceased members of their family requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, October 1, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church). Liturgy is being offered in gratitude to Almighty God for the good health of Maria Sousa requested by her son Marco Sousa. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Selma Joseph requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley David requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace.

Saturday, October 7, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Sarkis and Bacchus). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael David requested by the Macedo family (FM). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May all the souls in Purgatory rest in peace.

Sunday, October 8, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Pelagia of Antioch). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Penny Farhat requested by Ida Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for a special intention requested by Theresa John.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Magda Moosa, Alice Daher, Sister Juanita Marie, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Natalya Sarkis, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Edmond Salameh, Ed Da Rocha, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of September is offered for Joseph Daher requested by his wife Alice Daher.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns in honor of Therese Barbour Christening requested by her Godfather. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/2-10/7/23

Monday:

Book of Revelations 7: 9-17
Matthew 24: 32-44

Tuesday:

Book of Revelations 10: 1-11
Luke 6: 20-26

Wednesday:

Book of Revelations 11: 1-12
Luke 5: 33-39

Thursday:

Book of Revelations 12: 1-12
Luke 21: 34-38

Friday:

Book of Revelations 13:1,2b-4,6-7,
11-12,15-18
John 5: 17-23

Saturday:

Book of Revelations 14:1-8,13
John 5: 24-30

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday, September 30,
Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, October 1,

John Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, October 7,

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, October 8,

Rana Choubah / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, October 14,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, October 15,

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, October 21,

Rachel Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

Sunday, October 22,

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

Saturday, October 28,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, October 29,

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

23-24, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$	869.00
Donations	\$	100.00
Coffee Hour	\$	30.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$	10.00
Candles	\$	31.00
Total	\$	1,040.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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CHRISMATION - CHORBISHOP
SEELY BEGGIANI

OCT 19: CONFESSION &
ANOINTING OF THE SICK -
FR. CLAUDE FRANKLIN

OCT. 26: HOLY EUCHARIST -
FR. GARY GEORGE

NOV. 2: MARRIAGE &
ORDINATION - CHORBISHOP
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