

St. John Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



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ST. JOHN MARON PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Maronite Catholic Family in Western New York, descendants of the Church of Antioch, children of Beit Maroun, and part of the same Universal Church, are committed, through Time, Talent and Treasure, to preserve the faith of Peter, to hand down the torch of our precious heritage to our children and to promote human life and dignity in our community and in the world.

DIVINE LITURGIES

WeekdaysTuesday-Friday.. (No Mass On Monday) ..12:00 PM
Holy Days 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Weekends5:00 PM Saturday; 10:00 AM & 12:15 PM Sunday
July - August5:00 PM Saturday; 11:00 AM Sunday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays (September through May) 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Parents must be active parishioners and must attend church regularly in order to enroll their children in the Religious Education program of St. John Maron.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Upon request or according to the following schedule:

Saturday 4:30 – 4:50 PM
Sunday 9:30 – 9:50 AM and 11:45 – 12:05 PM

HOSPITAL & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call and notify the parish so that we can attend to your spiritual needs

MYSTERIES OF INITIATION

For Baptisms and Confirmation, please contact the parish office to set a date and to make arrangements

MYSTERY OF CROWNING

Marriage arrangements must be made Six (6) Months in advance. Those who plan to get married outside of the United States and need a testimonial for Free State to Marry must contact the Pastor in advance.

2040 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY
14221

LITURGY INTENTIONS

<u>DATE AND TIME</u>			<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Saturday	Sept. 7	5:00 pm	Anna Furstace Deceased of the Akiki Family	Sadie Joseph & Daughters Jacob & Theresa Akiki
Sunday	Sept. 8	10:00 am	Joseph Merii Catherine El Khoury	M/M Tony Hamad M/M Sayed El Khoury
		12:15 pm	Aziz Hazzan (Anniversary) Georgette Nasr	Laila Hazzan & Family M/M Tony Moussa
Tuesday	Sept. 10	12:00 pm	Zmorad Maroun & Deceased of members of The Anthony Family	Sarkis Anthony
Wednesday	Sept. 11	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Sept. 12	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Sept. 13	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Sept. 14	5:00 pm	<i>Feast of The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i> Ghassan & Linda Kairouz Ayyoub Elias and Elias Ayyoub Zinaty, & Jean D'Arc Abi Antoun	The Family Mrs. Losazine Zinaty & Family
Sunday	Sept. 15	10:00 am	Arthur Zohab	Abouna
		12:15 pm	Nagibe Betros Souls of Pergatory Hanna Mansour	M/M Emil Mansour Amal Mansour

The Altar Bread for September is in loving memory of Irene J. Youakim by Dr. & Mrs. George Youakim

The Altar Wine for September is in loving memory of Irene J. Youakim by Dr. & Mrs. George Youakim

The Sanctuary Lamp for September is in loving memory of Irene J. Youakim by Dr. & Mrs. George Youakim

****KEEP THE LEGACY ALIVE****
****PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING****

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 1 Cor 1:18-25 ~ **Gospel:** Jn 12:20-32

Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Tim 2:1-10 ~ **Gospel:** Mk 10:35-45

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Sept. 01, 2013)

Regular Tithes:

5 pm : \$ 1475.00
11:00 am: \$ 549.00
TOTAL: \$ 2024.00

PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE YOUR ENVELOPES.
OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH.
YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR FUEL AND UPKEEP.

*ALTAR SERVERS:	Sat. 5:00 pm	*LECTORS:	Sat. 5:00 pm	Donna Amati
	Sun. 11:00 am		Sun. 10:00 am	Mary Lou Badawy
			Sun. 12:15 pm	Henri Khoury
*PEACE BEARERS:	Sun. 12:15 pm	*DEACONS:	Sat. 5:00 pm	Reggie Joseph
*GIFT BEARERS:	Sun. 12:15 pm		Sun. 10:00 am	Joe Bittar
			Sun. 12:15 pm	Albert Farah
*INTERCESSIONS:	Sat. 12:15 pm			



PLEASE NOTE

Beginning September 1st, the Sunday Liturgies will return to 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.



As summer comes to an end, I welcome you back to your home of St. John Maron. As people re-

turn to school and their "normal" life, I invite all of you to continue to be involved in the spiritual growth and activities of our parish. I hope you all enjoyed your summer and God bless!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes begin this **Sunday, September 8, 2013.** It is imperative for each child to attend class weekly to enhance his or her knowledge of their Maronite Catholic Faith and Spiritual Growth. Please keep in mind that your child needs to consistently attend class in order to participate in church functions such as Christmas plays and festival dancing.

Registration will take place Sunday, September 8th, 15, and 22nd between 11:00 a.m. and 12 noon in the Education Center. Calendars will be available during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Debbie Tartick** (Religious Education Coordinator) at (716) 681-6844 or (716) 472-6149.

S.A.V.E. O.N.E.

S.A.V.E. O.N.E. is a foundation to support orphans in Lebanon. The Annual Fund Raising event, "**The Taste of Lebanon**" will be held on **Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Joseph's Country Manor.** Reservations are \$65 per person, and must be made by September 24. Contact Regina Joseph @ 883-6194 for reservations.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Sadie Joseph, Raghad Dabbikeh
Schroeder, Zaine Joseph, Nelly Anthony,
Norma Kamp, Angele Boujaoude,
Myrna Haeick, Helen Milliken,
Souraya Mansour,
Mona Arida, Herbert Batt



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will have their first meeting of the year on **Sunday, September 8, 2013** after the 10 a.m. Liturgy. Coffee and donuts will be served. The Annual, "**Membership Steak Dinner**" on **Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** will be held in the Education Center.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCITEY



It is with great honor that we continue with the legacy of The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John Maron Parish. It is your presence and membership that allows this society to continue with its wonderful traditions. The Membership "Tea" will take place on **Monday, September 16, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in The Cedars Ban-**

quet Facility. This year, there will be a Divine Liturgy before the Membership "Tea". Special featured guest; music by Paul Hage and Mirage. We encourage and invite each one of you to this special event. Let us all come together as women of St. John Maron to continue this historic tradition and carry out the true meaning of the Altar and Rosary within our parish. *(Formal invitations have been mailed .)*

MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

The first meeting for MYA will be held on **September 10th at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Do not fret, for God did not create us to abandon us...

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

MILHEM ATTEA & BROS. INC

1509 CLINTON STREET, BUFFALO, NY 14206 ~ (716) 882-1665

Please support and acknowledge them when needed as a "thank you" for advertising at St. John Maron.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov. 9, 2013 Autumn Spectacular Fundraiser
Dec. 7, 2013 Adult Christmas Party
Dec. 14, 2013 Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 31, 2013 New Year's Eve Party
Feb. 8, 2014 St. Maron Annual Dinner
May 17, 2014 St. John Maron Scholarship Split Club

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross is a holy day of obligation. It will be celebrated at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, September 14th.

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

An anonymous donor has made a scholarship available to St. John Maron families with children attending Catholic elementary schools within the Diocese of Buffalo. Please contact The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo at (716) 847-8369.

OCTOBERFEST

The Sisters of St. Joseph are holding their annual OCTOBERFEST on Sunday, September 22, 2013 between 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church, 157 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga. German music, food, beverages, and dancing are highlights. \$5.00 per person, presale; or \$6.00 at the door, which includes popcorn, pretzels, and music.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS REGARDING SACRAMENTS AT ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH BAPTISM:

All parents who desire Baptism for their child must contact the parish office two months prior to scheduling the date for Baptism.

WEDDINGS:

Engaged couples who desire the Sacrament of Marriage MUST schedule an appointment with the pastor to discuss marriage preparation and scheduling a coordinated date between the intended couple and the pastor. This MUST be done prior to any other wedding plans that are made.

FUNERALS: Please contact the pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one to schedule a date and make arrangements.

BOOK ON THE LIFE OF ST. SHARBEL

Over the years, we have received requests for information on the life of St. Sharbel. We have been fortunate to receive a recently printed book entitled St. Sharbel From His Contemporaries To Our Era. The Book of St. Sharbel is located on a table in the entrance of the church. Please pick one up.

A LASTING GIFT

Have you considered making a lasting gift in memory of a loved one in lieu of flowers at a time of Death, Wedding, Baptism, First Communion, or any occasion?! Please give primary consideration to ST. JOHN MARON'S ENDOWMENT FUND & ST. JOHN MARON'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND. These two special funds will ensure that the work and mission of St. John Maron Church can continue for future generations. Making such a donation is a lasting testament that has great significance.

"SMOKE FREE" CAMPUS

As a friendly reminder please, DO NOT SMOKE in front of entrances and exits of the Church, Banquet Facility, and Education Center. (This is a New York State Law). We also ask that you DO NOT PARK in the front entrance of the Church. Please park in designated parking spots only! (This is a New York State Law and Fire Hazard) Let's kindly remind ourselves of our environment and our safety.

YOUR COMMITMENT IS NEEDED

St. John Maron Parish exists to Support Your Faith & Attend to Your Spiritual Needs. We need Your Faithful Weekly Financial Support. Please Remember to Make Up your Weekly Envelopes (Weekly, Fuel, Building Fund etc.) for your Saint John Maron Parish...when returning after being away for vacation, travel, etc...OUR PARISH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL. Thank you in advance for your commitment and your generosity. May God Bless you!

PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEW LITURGY BOOKS BY HANDLING THEM WITH CARE AND RETURNING THEM PROPERLY IN THE PEWS

ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____

CHECK ONE:

- New Registration
Change of Address
Moving Out Of Parish
Want Envelopes