

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	Aug. 17	5:00 pm	Joseph (Guish) & Helen Mosey M/M C. John Zavitz Sr. Anna Furstace (40 Day Mass)	The Children Isabelle Abraham The Family
Sunday	Aug. 18	11:00 am	Nagibe Betros Joseph Hanna Theresa M. Hage	M/M Abdallah Aboujaoude Mona Hanna & Family The Hage Family
Tuesday	Aug. 20	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	Aug. 21	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Aug. 22	12:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Deeb Family	Anna Lahood
Friday	Aug. 23	12:00 pm	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Aug. 24	5:00 pm	Joseph & Rose Assaf Carlton McGuire	Elizabeth Assaf Mrs. Mae McGuire & Children
Sunday	Aug. 25	11:00 am	Nagibe Betros Joseph Merii	M/M Sarkis Zaiter M/M Tony Hamad

The Altar Bread for August is in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz by The Family

The Altar Wine for August is in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz by The Family

The Sanctuary Lamp for August is in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz by The Family

****KEEP THE LEGACY ALIVE****

****PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING****

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 1 Thes 2:1-13 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 10:38-42

Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 1 Thes 1:1-10 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 7:36-50

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Aug. 11, 2013)

Regular Tithes:

5 pm : \$ 968.00
 11:00 am: \$ 1236.00
TOTAL: \$ 2204.00

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

THERE WILL BE NO SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOP APPEAL.

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| *ALTAR SERVERS: Sat. 5:00 pm | *LECTORS: Sat. 5:00 pm | Reggie Joseph |
| Sun. 11:00 am | Sun. 11:00 am | Mary Lou Badawy |
| Jonathan Mansour & John Krier | | Albert Farah |
| *PEACE BEARERS: Sun. 12:15 pm | *DEACONS: Sat. 5:00 pm | Joe Bittar |
| *GIFT BEARERS: Sun. 12:15 pm | Sun. 11:00 am | Tania Badawy |
| *INTERCESSIONS: Sun. 12:15 pm | | |



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

2013 FESTIVAL
FINANCIAL REPORT

With gratitude to all those who worked so tirelessly for the 2013 Festival, I am very pleased to announce the following:

Net Income: \$ 70,407.91

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

An anonymous donor has made a scholarship available to St. John Maron families with children attending Catholic elementary school within the Diocese of Buffalo. Please see the enclosed informational sheet for additional details.

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.

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



SAVE THESE DATES

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.

Altar & Rosary Membership Tea will be held Monday, September 16, 2013.

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome into our family our newly baptized Christians, *Mary Jane Attea, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Attea, Jr. and Essa Victoria Abraham, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John C. Abraham*, who were baptized on August 10, 2013. May God Bless them and their families.

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.

PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY

With the weather getting warmer, we kindly remind you to dress modestly when you come to Church. The Church is God's sacred house, and we should dress with our best attire when we come to worship God. Please do not come in shorts, mini-skirts or halter tops. Thank you for your consideration in adherence to this reminder.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear
and the blind can see...*

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

Scanlon Jewelers

5735 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 ~ (716) 633-6362

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

SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO LET THINGS GO

I thought this reflection Matthew 17: 22-27 would be beneficial to all of us. *Abouna*

“Does not your teacher pay the temple tax? When the Temple tax collectors cornered Peter, Jesus didn't take the time to dispute with them. By all rights, Jesus could have refused to pay the tax, but he didn't want to get pulled into their petty drama. His mission and the focus of all his attention was his upcoming passion, death, and resurrection. So instead of taking the time to prove himself right in the matter, Jesus sent Peter to catch a fish, retrieve a coin, and pay the tax. He had bigger fish to fry!

We can all think of examples of petty disputes: a married couple’s relationship soured because of decades-old spat; two members of the parish council couldn’t agree on the right shade of purple for the new Lenten banners; a father’s disappointment with his daughter’s career choice. Was one opinion better than the other? Maybe. But refusing to bend caused everyone to lose the bigger picture, and the result was division and bitterness. And that made it harder for the love of God to shine.

Sometimes, we just have to let things go, even if we’re “right”. Sometimes it’s best to keep the bigger picture in view. Are you loving God with your whole heart? Are you loving your neighbor as yourself? Is the other person trying to do the same? In the end, those are the only questions worth asking.

Imagine how God deals with us. He can see all our faults and failings, but he doesn’t bring every detail to our attention all at once. Like a loving parent he focuses on one area at a time, slowly polishing our rough edges. He’ll get to everything in His own time, starting with the most important. You never know: maybe those Temple tax collectors ended up embracing the gospel simply because Jesus refused to be baited into an argument.

So stay focused on what’s most important. Focus on love, even when you disagree. Pray for those who contradict you. Let God smooth the rough edges. He knows how to sort things out!”

“Jesus, thank you for your patience with me. Help me to be patient with other people. Teach me to focus on loving them instead of correcting them. I trust you to work out the details.”

PARISH SERVICE AWARD

In preparation for the St. John Maron **2014 PARISH SERVICE AWARD** to be presented at The Annual St. Maron Feast Day Dinner in 2014, the committee is requesting any parishioner who chooses to make a nomination to please pick up the eligibility requirement form located at the entrance of the church. The award may be given to a maximum of ten parishioners of SJM who have served the parish during the year of Jan 1st—Dec 31st, 2013.

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