

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
Weekends 5:00 PM Saturday; 10:00 AM & 12:15 PM Sunday
July - August 5:00 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:

Saturday4:30 – 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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

A Heartfelt Welcome to all new parishioners. We would invite each family and/or individual to please register with us by filling out the Registration Form available at the entrances of the Church or by stopping by the Parish Office.

2040 Wehrle Drive, Williamsville, NY

LITURGY INTENTIONS

<u>TIME AND DATE</u>	<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
5:00 PM Sat. Dec 17	All Souls Elias & Joseph E. Joseph	M/M Sayed El Khoury Sadie Joseph & Family
10:00 AM Sun. Dec. 18	Bernadette & Julian Palinski Mohsen Ramia	M/M Richard Moses Lynn Clarke
12:15 PM Sun. Dec. 18	Ghassan Dergham Moura Youssef Michel & Elias El Khoury Linda Kairouz Zahira Chayban	M/M Sayed El Khoury M/M Fouad Natanios M/M Victor El Khoury & Family M/M Victor El Khoury & Family M/M Maurice Said
12:00 PM Tues. Dec. 20	Linda Kairouz	M/M Victor El Khoury & Family
12:00 PM Wed. Dec. 21	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	Abouna
12:00 PM Thurs. Dec. 22	James & Rose Abraham	Daughters & Families
12:00 PM Fri. Dec. 23	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	Abouna
6:00 PM Sat. Dec. 24 Vigil Eve	Deceased Members of the Moran & Joseph Families Eli Joseph & Moses Joseph	St. John Maron Church Zaine Joseph
12:00 AM Sat. Midnight Mass	For the deceased & living members of St. John Maron	
11:00 AM Sun.	Christmas Day ~ For the deceased & living members of St. John Maron	

The Altar Bread for this Month of December is given in loving memory of **Said, Hanneh, Pete & Mary Hayek**

The Altar Wine for this Month of December is given in loving memory of **Said, Hanneh, Pete & Mary Hayek**

The Sanctuary Lamp for this Month of December is given in loving memory of **Joseph H. & Georgette Attea by Richard & Harriet Attea**

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

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Rom 1:1-12 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 1:1-17

NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Heb 1:1-12 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 2:1-20

Parish Stewardship (Dec. 11, 2011) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**
THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.

REGULAR TITHES \$1,995
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION \$ 205

PLEASE CONTINUE TO USE YOUR ENVELOPES.
THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE HELPING. YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.
IF EACH PARISHIONER HELPS A LITTLE, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT.

“A Tithe is not only a Debt we owe; It is also a Seed we Sow

TODAY THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE FUEL & UPKEEP
NEXT WEEK THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOP APPEAL

*** Altar Servers:**
 Sat. 5 p.m.: Elias Zinaty
 Sun. 10 a.m.: Jonathan Mansour & Peter Hayek
 Sun. 12:15 p.m. John Shelby & Michael Hayek

*** Lectors:** Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Tom Haykel
 Sun. 10:00 a.m.:
 12:15 p.m.: Rita Hayeik

*** Peace Bearers:** 10:00 a.m.:

*** Gift Bearers:** 10:00 a.m.:

*** INTERSESSIONS:** 10:00 a.m. :

OFFICE BUSINESS, REQUESTS FOR RECORDS, MASSES, ETC.,

Parishioners who are in need of anything from the Parish Office or *Abouna*, such as scheduling Masses, Baptisms, meetings, requests for records, etc... are kindly asked to call or visit the parish office during the week (Monday-Friday) so that we can properly attend to matters.

NO SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS.

Please, call the Parish Office and leave a message.

PLEASE NOTE: Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday of each week

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

If you haven't purchased your 15-week split club ticket, there is still time. Drawings start in January.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Winter Newsletter for details of the Society's upcoming events along with contact information, which is located in the bulletin rack.

We wish everyone a holy and blessed Christmas celebration.

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!

PENANCE SERVICE

Penance Service for Advent will take place on **Monday, December 19, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.** along with the Christmas Novena.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Will begin on Thursday, December 15th @ 7 p.m. and will continue every night till December 23rd.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no Religious Education classes for the next two Sundays (12/25 & 1/1), due to the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume January 8, 2012.

2012 MASS BOOK

The 2012 Mass Book is now open for anyone who wishes to schedule Masses IN ADVANCE

HONORS ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to our young parishioners who have achieved honors in their respective schools:
Cynthia Mazraani - Honor Roll - Sacred Heart Academy
Peter Hayek - Honor Roll - St. Christopher School

We are very proud of you and your achievement!

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Lillian Noah, Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder, George Hayek, Lily Simon, Nagibe Betros, Richard Hunter

Please remember the sick of our Parish family in your prayer.

SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEER LIST

10:00 a.m. Mass:

December 18 - Collette Jowdy

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Sponsors are needed for the Altar Bread and Wine & Sanctuary Lamp. Anyone who wishes to do so in thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s), may fill out the appropriate form available at each of the entrances of the church. You may sponsor each or all items on a weekly or monthly basis. The offering is \$10 for each week of Altar Bread, \$10 for each week of Altar Wine and \$10 for each week of Sanctuary Lamp.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please note that if you wish to have a Mass said for a loved one, a "Divine Liturgy Intention Form" must be filled out and submitted to *Abouna* or sent to the Rectory. The form is located at each entrance of the Church. This is also necessary for the "Altar Bread and Wine and Sanctuary Lamp."

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday, December 24: Vigil Eve Mass @ 6:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass @ 12:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day @ 11:00 a.m.



Saturday, December 31: New Year's Eve @ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day @ 10:00 & 12:15.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS

We are now collecting Christmas food donations of non-perishable foods and/or monetary gifts for the poor. Food containers may be found at the entrances of the Church. May God bless you for your generosity. For information, please call Dolores Godlewski @ 681-0758 or Abouna at the parish office.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, Jesus Christ.