

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

DATE AND TIME		IN LOVING MEMORY OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	May 18	5:00 pm Frank J. Manzella	Felix & Yvonne Labaki
Sunday	May 19	10:00 am Tanios Abounader	Elias & Kathy Mansour
		George & Tackla Hage	Mrs. Nelly Anthony & Family
		Healing of Martin Rose	Dr. & Mrs. George Youakim
		12:15 pm Joseph Hanna	Mona Hanna & Family
		Nagibe Betros	Marie Abounader & Family
Tuesday	May 21	12:00 pm Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	May 22	12:00 pm Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	May 23	12:00 pm Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Friday	May 24	12:00 pm Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	May 25	5:00 pm Deceased & Living Members	The Members
Sunday	May 26	10:00 am Of the Four Star Post	
		Elias & Hassibeh Mansour (Anniversary)	Theresa Mansour & Family
		Deceased Members of the Fouad Khoury Family	Mr. & Mrs. Tony Ibrahim
		12:15 pm Tanios Abounader	Mr. & Mrs. Emil Mansour
		Badih Al Mekhtafi	Samir & Katia Mansour
		Nagibe Betros	Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Natanius
		Naime Hellou (40 Day Mass)	The Moussa Family
		Khalil Aboudib	Assad Aboudib

The Altar Bread for the month of May is in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz

The Altar Wine for the month of May is in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of May is in in loving memory of Ghassan & Linda Kairouz

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

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

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Acts 2:1-21 ~ **Gospel:** Jn 14: 15-20

Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Rom 11:25-36 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 28: 16-20

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (May 12, 2013)

Regular Tithes:

5 pm & 10 am: \$ 1698.00
 12:00 pm: \$ 314.00
TOTAL: \$ 2012.00

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

***ALTAR SERVERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm
 Sun. 10:00 am Jonathan Mansour

***PEACE BEARERS:** Sun. 12:15 pm
***GIFT BEARERS:** Sun. 12:15 pm

***INTERCESSIONS:** Sun. 12:15 pm

***LECTORS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Bob DiSibio
 Sun. 10:00 am Tania Badaway
 Sun. 12:15 pm Regina El Hawa
***DEACONS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Herb Batt
 Sun. 10:00 am Joe Bittar
 Sun. 12:15 pm Albert Farah

CCD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

COFFEE HOUR

May 19: David & Patricia Bittar

CLASSES

May 19: Last Class—Report Cards Given

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE

The following second graders will receive the *Sacrament of First Penance* this **Saturday, May 18, 2013 @ 10 a.m.** Please include the following children in your prayers as they celebrate with our Lord. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Charbel Al Mekhtiffi
Chloe Armstrong
Maria Atallah
April Kabalan
Sophia Khangi
Sienna Maalouf

Ethan Miller
Patrick Sakr
Perla Sakr
Dominic Shady
Julia Yax

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

A heartfelt gratitude to *Nadia Miller* and *Andrea Khoury* for doing such a wonderful job preparing our second graders for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Your time in teaching Sunday school is deeply appreciated. May your labor of love be rewarded.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following students who attained perfect attendance during the CCD School year:

1st gr: *Natalie Behlok*
3rd gr: *Kylie Badawy, Alexandra Behlok, Mark El Khoury*
4th gr: *Jamie Badawy, Danielle Behlok*

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A special “thank you” to those parents who consistently bring their children to *Church and Religious Education classes*. You are truly setting a wonderful example for your children. Giving two hours a week to our beloved Lord is barely a sacrifice when we see how much He gives us in return. Thank you for a wonderful year and to all those parents who are continuously there to lend a helping hand. May God bless you with a safe summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Sadie Joseph, Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder,
Lily Simon, Zaine Joseph, Nelly Anthony,
Anna Furstace, Angele Boujaoude, Thomas Maguire,
Myrna Haeick, Norma Kamp,
Martha Fasolino, & Helen Milliken

2013 ASSESSMENT BISHOP’S APPEAL

Thank you to every parish family who has already sent in their contribution. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, we kindly ask that you find it in your hearts to be generous and send in your contributions as soon as possible. *Every parish family is kindly asked to do its share so that our St. John Maron Parish will be able to meet its goal which is (\$32,000).*

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.

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 requirements on the 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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart.”

~ Mother Teresa ~

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

Atlas Self Storage

550 Cayuga Rd, ~ Cheektowaga, NY 14225 ~ (716) 626-2442

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

A MOTHER’S HEART

*A Mother’s heart is always filled
with love for her children.
With hopes and dreams for them.
With a never ending prayer
that God blesses them with happiness.
That God will protect them from harm.
That God cares for them in her absence.
A Mother’s heart is always filled with love
for her children and love for God.*

CONSECRATION TO MARY

O My Queen, O My Mother, I love you and give myself to you. I give to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole self. Since I am yours, keep me and guard me as your child forever. AMEN

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 26, 2013** Lebanese Festival (5 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- July 27, 2013** Lebanese Festival (2 p.m.-11 p.m.)
- July 28, 2013** Lebanese Festival (12 p.m.-5 p.m.)
- Aug. 8, 2013** “Thank You” BBQ for festival workers
- 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

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of **Mr. Joseph Merii**, who passed away May 15, 2013. **Mr. Joseph Merri** is the beloved husband of Mrs. Souad Merri. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of his servant, Joseph, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn him.

BABY GRAND OR UPRIGHT PIANO NEEDED

St. John Maron is looking for two pianos to enhance our beautiful campus (**Baby Grand & Upright**). If you have or know of anyone who has a piano and are willing to donate to our church, please contact Abouna. As always your love and concern for our parish is exemplary. (Your donation can be used as a tax deduction)

“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!*

BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you are you interested in adding information to the weekly bulletin for St. John Maron, please submit all information to the parish office **NO LATER than 12 p.m. on WEDNESDAYS**.

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