

St. John Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



Rev. Elie G. Kairouz PASTOR

Rectory634-0669
Fax634-0674
Website www.stjohnmaron.com
E-mail.....stjmaron@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL

Robert DiSibio, Pres.632-7895

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Richard Saffire, Jr., Pres....228-9052

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Vicki Karam, Pres.870-6655

MARONITE YOUTH ORG.

Christina Khoury713-4454

MARONITE YOUNG ADULT

Marylou Badawy803-5325

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Albert Farah837-6917

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Deborah Tartick681-6844



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.



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. Jan. 28	Sarkis Mansour	M/M Sayed ElKhoury
10:00 AM Sun. Jan. 29	Hikel & Rose Karam (Anniversary) Louise Stritzel Dolores (Solomon) Hlady (40 Day Mass) Souls in Purgatory	M/M Michael J. Karam M/M Fouad Hage Harry DeBan Family Paul & Hind Chaiban
12:15 PM Sun. Jan. 29	<i>Abouna Youssef's 50th Anniversary Mass</i> Michael Abraham Tannous & Souad El Khoury	Terry Abraham Dr/M Joseph Hayek
12:00 PM Tues. Jan. 31	Aziz & Wadiha Kairouz	Abouna
12:00 PM Wed. Feb. 1	All the Suffering Souls	Elaine Braham
12:00 PM Thurs, Feb. 2	Linda & Ghassan Kairouz	Abouna
12:00 PM Fri. Feb. 3	Harry G. DeBan	The Family
5:00 PM Sat. Feb. 4	Millie & John Zavitz Sr.	Amy & John Zavitz
10:00 AM Sun. Feb. 5	<i>Matriarchs & Patriarchs Special Mass</i> Ron, Chris & Deceased of the Mobarek Family	Anne Furstace
12:15 PM Sun. Feb. 5	Hanneh Majed (40 Day Mass)	The Family

The Altar Bread for January is given in loving memory of **Rose, Jim & Karema Abraham** by their loving family

The Altar Wine for January is given in loving memory of **Rose, Jim & Karema Abraham** by their loving family

The Sanctuary Lamp for January is given in loving memory of **Kaffa Abdella, Mary Bittar, Mary Milan** by M/M Richard Attea

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

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 1 Tim 4:6-16 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 12:42-48

NEXT Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Heb 12:18-24 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 25:31-46

Parish Stewardship (Jan. 22, 2012) **TO MEET EXPENSES WE NEED \$3,800 IN THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY.**
THE WEEKLY COLLECTIONS ARE KEY TO PAYING BILLS.

REGULAR TITHES \$1,818.00

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.

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOP'S APPEAL
NEXT WEEK, THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND

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

*** Altar Servers:** Sat. 5 p.m.: Elias Zinaty
 Sun. 10 a.m Jonathan Mansour & Michael Hayek
 Sun. 12:15 p.m.: Anthony Khoury & Steven Khoury

***Lectors:** Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Tom Hayek
 Sun. 10:00 a.m: Joseph Bittar
 Sun. 12:15 p.m.: Henri Khoury

*** Peace Bearers:**

*** Gift Bearers:** (12:15 Mass): Sheeman Aboudib & Rodrick Khoury

*** Intercessions:** (12:15 Mass): Nila Khoury, Joseph Khoury, Stephanie Khoury, Kattour Khoury

FEAST OF ST. MARON

PRAYER SERVICE

Mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow parishioners in recognizing and honoring our spiritual father, **St. Maron**, on his feast day, **February 9**. We will gather in Church at **7:00 p.m.** for a special prayer service, followed by refreshments in the **Education Center**. If you would like to bring a dessert to share, contact Dolores Sapienza at 633-7236.

SAVE THE DATE

To recognize the many Matriarchs and Patriarchs (75 years young and older) who have given selflessly to our parish over the years, a celebration honoring their legacy will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2012, at the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy**. A light fare reception will follow in the Cedar's Banquet Hall. A letter of invitation has been sent to **ALL** parishioners. **Please respond by January 25.**

FIRST COMMUNION NOTICE

The meeting for the Communicant parents on **Sunday, January 29 at 11:15 a.m.** will be held in the 7/8th Grade classroom. **Parents must attend this meeting.**

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The Society's February card party is rescheduled for **Monday, February 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.** Don't forget to bring a dish and/or dessert to pass. We always have a great time at this event, as it's an opportunity to play Basra and socialize with fellow parishioners while enjoying the creations of our very talented cooks.

2011 RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS

The record of contributions for your 2011 tax statements will be available in the near future. Any questions, please contact the parish office.

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of lectors in both English and Arabic languages to proclaim the Word of God during the Divine liturgies (Saturday and Sunday). If you would like to help in this ministry, please indicate so by signing the sheet located at the entrance of the Church. Brief training will be part of this endeavor. **This is an important part of the Liturgy and your help is greatly needed.** Thank You!

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!

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Lillian Noah, Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder, George Hayek, Lily Simon, Nagibe Betros, Richard Hunter, Shirley Adimey, Rita Eberle, Zaine Joseph, Nelly Anthony.

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

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.

ENVELOPE OFFERING BOX SET

The Offering Envelope box set for each parish family are now located in the back of the Church. Please be sure to pick up your box set. **If you did not receive any envelopes, please contact the parish office.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Coffee Schedule:

1/29/12 ~ Joe & Roula Damian
2/5/12 ~ Cathy & Samir Khoury
2/12/12 ~ Michael & Sandy Shady

ALTAR BOY MEETING ~ RESCHEDULED

The **mandatory** meeting & practice for new and current altar boys will be held on **Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Church.**

2012 MASS BOOK

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

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.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is *your gift back to God.*