

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday Dec. 09 5:00 pm
 Sunday Dec. 10 10:00 am

Sunday Dec. 10 12:15 pm

Tuesday Dec. 12 8:00 am
 Wednesday Dec. 13 8:00 am
 Thursday Dec. 14 8:00 am
 Friday Dec. 15 8:00 am

Saturday Dec. 16 5:00 pm

Sunday Dec. 17 10:00 am

Sunday Dec. 17 12:15 pm

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Joseph & Peter Arida
Children's Mass
 William Robidoux
 Majid & Badwih Mansour
 Loulou Khoury
 Rhada Chbat (Anniv.)
 Maroun Keserwani (Memorial Mass)
 Georgette Nasr

No Mass
 No Mass
 No Mass
 No Mass

Elias, Sadie, and Joseph E. Joseph
 Deceased of the Crehan & Haroney Families
 Peter Moses
 Joseph Mansour
 Peter Moses
 William Robidoux
 Majid & Badwih Mansour

Loulou Khoury
 Joseph G. Hanna, Sr.

REQUESTED BY

Mrs. Dolores Godlewski

Ramona Arida
 Mr. & Mrs. Elias Mansour
 The Family
 Mrs. Yasmine Chayban
 Abouna Elie
 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Moussa

The Family
 Mr. Phillip Haroney
 Rosemary & Regina Joseph
 Samir & Katia Mansour
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullen
 Abouna Elie
 Mr. & Mrs. Elias Mansour

The Family
 Mrs. Mona Hanna & Family

The Altar Bread for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

The Altar Wine for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

The Sanctuary Lamp for December is in memory of Souhad Hayek by Marie Butera Hayek

Wealth May Last A Lifetime. A Legacy of Charity & Good Deeds Lasts Forever.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN MARON PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

OUR GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO ARE SUPPORTING ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS A BLESSING.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (December 3, 2017)

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$1,225.00 ~ 12:00 pm Mass: \$144.00 Total: \$1,369.00

***ALTAR SERVERS: Sun. 10:00 am:** Elias & Jonathan Mansour

***LECTORS:**

Sat. 5:00 pm Donna Amati
Sun. 10:00 am Haleigh Rittling & Olivia Robinson
Sun. 12:15 pm Rita Hayek

***PEACE BEARERS: Sun. 10:00 am:** Halim Habib, Bedie Rittling

***DEACONS:**

Sat. 5:00 pm Bassam Deeb
Sun. 10:00 am Tania Badawy
Sun. 12:15 pm Henri Khoury

***INTERCESSIONS: Sun. 10:00 am:** Noah Chbat, AJ Rittling, Adam Frank, Marita Farah, Eliana Maalouf

***GIFT BEARERS: Sat. 5:00 pm** - Amy and John Zavitz
Sun. 10:00 am - Julianna Aldik & Ruby Khoury
Sun. 12:15 pm - Dr. & Mrs. Philippe Jaoude

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Dec. 10 ~ Children's Liturgy Grade 4
 Dec. 16 ~ Children's Christmas Party 6:30 PM
 Dec. 17 ~ Regular Class
 Dec. 24 ~ No Class

COFFEE HOUR:

- Dec. 10 ~~~ Nada Sabha
 Dec. 17 ~~~ Richard & Georgina Kabalan
 Dec. 24 ~~~ No coffee hour

CCD COFFEE HOUR:

To Parents and Coffee Servers - Children are **not allowed** to take donuts without a parent present. IN ADDITION, children are not allowed donuts before class. It is up to the parents to purchase a donut for their child to be eaten only AFTER class. Also, please remember to clean up your area after coffee and dessert. Let's all be considerate and not leave a mess for coffee servers to clean up. As every family takes a turn serving coffee, let us all treat others the way we would want to be treated when it is our turn to host. Thank you kindly.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party will take place on December 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cedars Banquet Facility. Come, bring your children and join us! Eat, drink, and take a memorable picture with Santa Claus!

CARMELITE MONASTERY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRIDUUM

The Solemn Christmas Triduum, beginning Thursday, Dec. 21st and closing on Saturday, Dec. 23rd will be held at the Carmelite Monastery on Carmel Road in Buffalo. Services each evening of the Triduum will begin with the Rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass. There will also be a Mass offered at 11:30 p.m., December 31st, to give thanks to God for all our blessings of 2017, and to ask for His blessings for 2018.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR FUEL AND UPKEEP.

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Gal 4:21-5:1 ~ **Gospel:** Lk 1:57-66
Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: Eph 3:1-13 ~ **Gospel:** Mt 1:18-25

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

BURNS BARBER SHOP

Southgate Plaza ~ 1030 Union Road, West Seneca, NY ~ (716) 674-1651

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Abouna Youssef Khoury, Josette Sfeir, Sarah Attea Griffin, Frances Flynn, Douglas Franke, Mirna Haieck, Chris Curry, Loulou Chbat, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Pamela Ravangard, Victoria Healy, Rita Larson, Naja Sfeir

PARISH ROSARY

We, the Altar and Rosary Society, would like to invite and remind all parishioners that a **Parish Rosary** will take place **on a Monday of each month (Oct. – May 2017-2018) at 7:00 PM in the Church. The next Rosary is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.** We hope you and your family will join us in praying for your intentions, the intentions of Pope Francis, and for world peace. If you are interested in saying a decade of the Rosary either in English or Lebanese, please contact Carole Farah at 317-902-5323 or Regina Joseph at 716-883-6194.

LEBANESE CITIZENSHIP

Bishop Gregory Mansour has sent us a letter regarding Lebanese citizenship. As many know, at this time in history, the status of Christianity in Lebanon and throughout the Middle East is under great pressure. It is important for Lebanon to maintain a vibrant and significant Christian presence and witness. The Lebanese Nationality Program is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants for people of Lebanese heritage around the world to apply for Lebanese Citizenship. For full details, please go to our website, stjohmaron.org and at the top of the home page click on links and then click joint lebanese-citizenship-2017-pdf-2.pdf.



2017 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SERVICE & MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 15 - Saturday, Dec. 23

Christmas Novena @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

Regular Saturday Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24:

Regular Sunday Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Mass @ 12:15 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25:

Christmas Midnight Mass @ 12:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Mass @ 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 30:

Regular Saturday Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31:

Regular Sunday Mass @ 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday Mass @ 12:15 p.m.

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) @ 5:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1:

New Year's Day Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) @ 11:00 a.m.

CARING & SHARING

During the **Month of December**, we ask you to donate condiments, canned vegetables, and bags of candy and popcorn for the caring and sharing project. The containers are at the entrances of the Church. If you know of any family or person who is in need, please contact Abouna. This information will be kept confidential. As always, thank you for your help!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please remember to notify the Rectory Office if you have a **Change of Address or Phone Number**.

GUM CHEWING IN CHURCH

Our Church is a special place calling for special behavior. Our actions should respect the house of God. In that regard, **please refrain from chewing gum in Church, and please do not discard the gum in Church, under the pews, or on the Church grounds.**

PARISH PARKING LOT

All parishioners are kindly advised to **call and notify the parish office if it is necessary to leave your car in the parking lot of St. John Maron Church.** Any car of which the parish is not aware, will be towed away at the owner's expense. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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 the **ST. JOHN MARON ENDOWMENT FUND & ST. JOHN MARON SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** These two special funds will ensure that the work and mission of St. John Maron Church can continue for generations. Making such a donation is a lasting testament that has great significance.

"To love God is something greater than to know Him"

~Saint Thomas Aquinas

ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

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