

**MARCH 12, 2017 SUNDAY OF HEALING OF THE HEMORRHAGING WOMAN أحد شفء الأنزفة**

**LITURGY INTENTIONS**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**REQUESTED BY**

Saturday	Mar. 11	5:00 pm	James Crehan Jr.	Mr. Philip Haroney
Sunday	Mar. 12	10:00 am	Deceased of the Elias & Hassebeh Mansour Fam.	M/M Elias Mansour
			Majid & Badwiah Mansour	M/M Fouad Mansour
			Hanan Koweter (Anniversary)	M/M Majed Farah
Sunday	Mar. 12	12:15 am	Zahira & Mansour Chayban	The Family
			Souhad Hayek	The Family
			Ibrahim Licha	M/M Tony Moussa
Tuesday	Mar. 14	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	Mar. 15	8:00 am	Josephine A. Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Mar. 16	8:00 am	Therese M. Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Mar. 17	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Mar. 18	5:00 pm	Deceased members of Nicholas & LuLu Sfeir and Family	The Family of Sadie Joseph
Sunday	Mar. 19	10:00 am	Josephine Haeick	Mrs. Dolores Godlewski
			Majid & Badwiah Mansour	M/M Fouad Mansour
			Germonos & Habib Family	Rania Habib
			Zahira & Mansour Chayban	The Family
Sunday	Mar. 19	12:15 am	Florence Sambrano	M/M Tom Joseph
			Souhad Hayek	The Family
			Antonios & Bahieh Mansour	M/M Majed Ntanios

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

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp** for March is for the health of Gregory Joseph by The Family

**\*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 (March 05, 2017)**

**Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$2,011.00 12:00 pm Mass: \$425.00 Total: \$2,436.00**

**\*ALTAR SERVERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: Elias & Jonathan Mansour **\*LECTORS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Regina Joseph  
Sun. 10:00 am Tania Badaway  
Sun. 12:15 pm Henri Khoury

**\*PEACE BEARERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: **\*DEACONS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Bassam Deeb  
Sun. 10:00 am Naila Khoury  
Sun. 12:15 pm Jamil Anz

**\*GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm: Regina Joseph  
Sun. 10:00 am: M/M Fouad Mansour  
Sun. 12:15 pm: M/M Tony Moussa

**\*INTERCESSIONS:** Sun. 10:00 am:

## LENTEN & HOLY WEEK MASS & SERVICE SCHEDULES

### Sunday, April 9th

Palm Sunday @10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday @12:15 p.m.

### Thursday, April 13th

Holy Thursday @7:00 p.m.

### Friday, April 14th

Signing of the Chalice 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday Service @ 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, April 15th

Easter Vigil Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass @12:00 a.m.

### Sunday, April 16th

Easter Sunday Mass @11:00 am

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

### SHOW YOUR

“LOVE & GRADITUDE”

It is a great blessing for our parishioners to have the opportunity to sponsor the Altar Bread, Wine & Sanctuary Lamp. We all have a reason to be thankful and we all have deceased members for whom we can dedicate this beautiful blessing. **Please sponsor one month when you are called!**

### REMINDER

**SMOKING is ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN in ANY AREA of the Church or Church grounds at ANY TIME.**

### PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Josette Sfeir, Jolee Manns, Frances Flynn, Douglas Franke, Antoinette Shehadi, Mirna Haeick, Chris Curry, Loulou Chbat, Jacob Akiki, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Theresa Mosey, Pamela Raven-gard.

### CONFESSION DURING LENT

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need to, in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace.

### LENTEN GUIDANCE

Ash Monday (February 27), Good Friday (April 14), and ALL Fridays of Lent are days of Fast & Abstinence.

Abstinence from meat, and fasting binds all physically capable Catholics, Eastern and Western, who are 14 years old and older. Fasting in the Catholic Church involves no eating or drinking (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon, and doing works of charity. The rest of the day's normal meals can be taken but without meat.

### GOOD FRIDAY FLOWERS

As always, we thank you for bringing flowers to the Tomb of Jesus Christ at the Good Friday Service. However, you are kindly asked to limit yourself to only (2) roses/flowers. (Flowers should be short stems and contain no wrapping.) Thank you for your understanding.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND.  
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR FUEL & UPKEEP.**

**This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures:** Epistle: 2 Cor 7:4-11 ~ Gospel: Lk 8:40-56  
**Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures:** Epistle: 2 Cor 13:5-13 ~ Gospel: Lk 15:11-32

## ST. JOHN MARON THANKS MAYBACK'S PIZZA & SUBS

**3035 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 (716) 893-383**

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

**2017 ASSESSMENT/  
BISHOP'S APPEAL**

Letters and pledge/donation cards have been mailed to every parish family. As Christians, it is our responsibility to make the commitment to help others in need. Please be generous with your donations to the Assessment/Bishop's Charity Appeal. Every parish family is kindly asked to do their share so that our St. John Maron Parish will be able to meet its goal, which is \$35,000.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Mar. 12: Regular Class

Mar. 13: First Communion practice ~ 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 19: Regular Class

Mar. 26: Regular Class; **Easter Egg Hunt** which will be held for all grades. The children will have a lesson on the meaning of the Easter egg and then search for Easter eggs in the Banquet Hall and outside, *Weather Permitting!*

**VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR**

Mar. 12: Odeale Frank

Mar. 19: Pat Harris

Mar. 26: Jackie Khoury



The **LEBANESE FESTIVAL** takes place always on the last weekend of the Month of July. The date of the 2017 Lebanese Festival is: July 28th, 29th, & 30th.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

**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.

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

*PLEASE BE GENEROUS!*

**CARING & SHARING**

During the *Month of March*, we ask you to donate rice, canned chili, and canned pork and beans. 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. Thank you, always, for your help!

**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 RETREAT**

**"EVANGELIZING OUR FAMILY"**

The Altar & Rosary Society invites all parishioners to a Lenten Retreat "**Evangelizing Our Family**" with our Pastor, *Rev. Father Elie G. Kairouz*, on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the church followed by *St. Joseph's Table* in the Education Center. When good people come together, great things happen. When good people pray together, they can change the world.

*God our Savior, bring us back to you and fill our hearts  
with your wisdom.  
May we be enriched by our observance of lent!*

**ST. JOHN MARON NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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