

LITURGY INTENTIONS			IN LOVING MEMORY OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	Mar. 18	5:00 pm	Deceased of Nicholas & Lulu Sfeir & Families Josephine Haeick	Family of Sadie Joseph Mrs. Dolores Godlewski
Sunday	Mar. 19	10:00 am	Majid & Badwih Mansour Germonos & Habib Family Zahira & Mansour Chayban Florence Sambrano Elias & Hassibeh Mansour Joseph Mansour	M/M Fouad Mansour Rania Habib The Family M/M Tom Joseph Ms. Amal Mansour M/M Samir Mansour
Sunday	Mar. 19	12:15 am	Souhad Hayek Antonios & Bahieh Mansour Anthony Mouawad	The Family M/M Majed Ntanios Mr. Peter Elhawa & Family
Tuesday	Mar. 21	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	Mar. 22	8:00 am	Evelyn M. Kairouz Atallah	The Family
Thursday	Mar. 23	8:00 am	Madeleine M. Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Mar. 24	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Mar. 25	5:00 pm	Peter & Dorothy Arida	Mrs. Dolores Godlewski
Sunday	Mar. 26	10:00 am	Majid & Badwih Mansour Amelia Safy (Anniversary) Zahira & Mansour Chayban Florence Sambrano	M/M Fouad Mansour The Safy Family The Family Abouna
Sunday	Mar. 26	12:15 am	Ghassan Aziz Kairouz (Annv.) Alfred Deeb, Sr. (Annv.) Souhad Hayek Joseph G. Hanna Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder Badieh & Nawal Al Mekhtifi	The Family Ms. Selma A. Deeb The Family Mrs. Mona Hanna Mrs. Ferouz Dabbikeh M/M Samir Mansour

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 12, 2017)**

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$1,064.00 12:00 pm Mass: \$426.00 Total: \$1,490.00

***ALTAR SERVERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: Elias & Jonathan Mansour ***LECTORS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Tom Haykel
Sun. 10:00 am Christine Bitar
Sun. 12:15 pm Rita Hayek

***PEACE BEARERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: ***DEACONS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Regina Joseph
Sun. 10:00 am Tania Badawy
Sun. 12:15 pm Henri Khoury

***GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm: Tom Haykel & Regina Joseph
Sun. 10:00 am: M/M Fouad Mansour
Sun. 12:15 pm: Therese & Souad Hayek

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

**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. 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. 19: Pat Harris

Mar. 26: Jackie Khoury

**LEBANESE
FESTIVAL**

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.

O St. Joseph! You were a quiet listener, a strong and loving protector of Jesus and Mary. Help us to mirror your example of openness, humility, faithfulness, and trust.

ST. JOHN MARON NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Zip:** _____

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

**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!**

RE M I N D E R

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, Mona Arida, Robert DiSibio, Victor Khoury, Joseph Martino, Theresa Mosey, Pamela Ravengard.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of *Mr. David Hanson*, the beloved brother of *Mrs. Harriet Attea*, who went to the Lord on March 15, 2017. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and may He give comfort and consolation to all those who mourn them.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family, friends, and relatives of *Mr. Jacob Akiki*, the beloved brother of *Miss Theresa Akiki*, who went to the Lord on March 13, 2017. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and may He give comfort and consolation to all those who mourn them.

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

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 FUEL & UPKEEP.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR ASSESSMENT/BISHOP’S APPEAL.

This Weekend’s Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Cor 13:5-13 ~ Gospel: Lk 15:11-32

Next Weekend’s Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 1 Tim 5:24-6:5 ~ Gospel: Mk 2:1-12

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE

Williamsville (716) 634-5515, Amherst (716-692-8219), Orchard Park (716-674-3344)

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

St. John Maron Church.