

<u>LITURGY INTENTIONS</u>			<u>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Saturday	Mar. 25	5:00 pm	Peter & Dorothy Arida	Mrs. Dolores Godlewski
Sunday	Mar. 26	10:00 am	Majid & Badwiah Mansour Amelia Safy (Anniversary) Zahira & Mansour Chayban Florenca Sambrano Mary Donovan	M/M Fouad Mansour The Safy Family The Family Abouna M/M Edmond Boctor
Sunday	Mar. 26	12:15 am	Ghassan Aziz Kairouz (Annv.) Alfred Deeb, Sr. (Annv.) Souhad Hayek Joseph G. Hanna Raghad Dabbikeh Schroeder Badih & Nawal Al Mekhtifi	The Family Ms. Selma A. Deeb The Family Mrs. Mona Hanna Mrs. Ferouz Dabbikeh M/M Samir Mansour
Tuesday	Mar. 28	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	Mar. 29	8:00 am	Rose M. Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Mar. 30	8:00 am	Joseph A. Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Mar. 31	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	April 01	5:00 pm	Sr. Techla, Sadie & Mary Joseph Jacob Akiki For The Healing of Alfred Sambrano Jacob Akiki	Family of Elias D. Joseph Mrs. Dolores Godlewski Dr./Mrs. George M. Youakim Dr./Mrs. George M. Youakim
Sunday	April 02	10:00 am	Zahira & Mansour Chayban Peter & Najibe Betros Antonios & Behieh Mansour Jacob Akiki	The Family M/M Joseph Bittar M/M Semir Mansour M/M Joseph Bittar
Sunday	April 02	12:15 am	Souhad Hayek	The Family

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 19, 2017)**

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$1,957.00 12:00 pm Mass: \$361.00 Total: \$2,318.00

***ALTAR SERVERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: Elias & Jonathan Mansour ***LECTORS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Regina Joseph
Sun. 10:00 am Marylou Badawy
Sun. 12:15 pm Jamil Anz

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

***GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm: Dolores Godlewski & Debbie Howell
Sun. 10:00 am: M/M Edmond Boctor
Sun. 12:15 pm: Ferouz Dabbikeh and Laila Hazzan

***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. 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!*

Apr. 02: Regular Class

Apr. 09: No Class; Easter Break

Apr. 16: No Class; Easter Break

VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

Mar. 26: Jackie Khoury

Apr. 02: Bill & Suzie Cardone

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.

*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

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 & GRATITUDE”

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 *Mrs. Martha Fasolino*, the beloved mother of *Mr. Jerry Fasolino*, and *sister of Mrs. Corky Ferro*, who went to the Lord on March 16, 2017. May the Lord grant her 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 ASSESSMENT/BISHOP'S APPEAL.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR EASTER FLOWERS.**

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

Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Cor 10:1-7 ~ Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

THE CLARENCE INN

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