

APRIL 23, 2017 NEW SUNDAY (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) (أحد الرحمة الإلهية) الأحد الجديد

LITURGY INTENTIONS			IN LOVING MEMORY OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	Apr. 22	5:00 pm	Elias, Sadie & Joseph E. Joseph Jeanette Haroney Maroun & Ratibeh Arida Jacob Akiki	The Family Mr. Philip Haroney Mrs. Dolores Godlewski Miss Elizabeth Assaf
Sunday	Apr. 23	10:00 am	Juliet & Dan Budi & Richard Moses Badieh & Nawal AlMekhtifi Michael Merii Majid & Badwih Mansour Mansour & Zahira Chayban	The Moses Family M/M Samir Mansour M/M Tony Hamad M/M Doumit Chayban The Family
Sunday	Apr. 23	12:15 pm	Souhad Hayek Antonios & Bahieh Mansour Farid Aboujaoude (Anniversary) Joseph G. Hanna Maurice Chaiban Eid Majed	The Family M/M Charbel Ntarios M/M Kamal Jowdy Mrs. Mona Hanna M/M Boulos Chaiban Hanne Khoury
Tuesday	Apr. 25	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	Apr. 26	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	Apr. 27	8:00 am	Rose M. Kairouz	The Family
Friday	Apr. 28	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	Apr. 29	5:00 pm	Martha Fasolino Jacob Akiki (40 Day Mass)	Mrs. Dolores Godlewski The Family
Sunday	Apr. 30	10:00 am	Joseph Mansour Majid & Badwih Mansour Mansour & Zahira Chayban Michael Merii (40 Day Mass)	M/M Samir Mansour M/M Doumit Chayban The Family Mrs. Souad Merii and Family
Sunday	Apr. 30	12:15 pm	Souhad Hayek Eid Boutros Majed	The Family M/M Tony Ibrahim

The Altar Bread for April is in loving memory of the Hayek Family by Mrs. Marie Hayek

The Altar Wine for April is in loving memory of the Hayek Family by Mrs. Marie Hayek

The Sanctuary Lamp for April is in loving memory of the Hayek Family by Mrs. Marie 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 (April 16, 2017)**

Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$2,399.00 12:00 pm Mass: \$1,964.00 Total: \$4,363.00

***ALTAR SERVERS:** Sun. 10:00 am: Elias & Jonathan Mansour ***LECTORS:** Sat. 5:00 pm Tom Haykel
Sun. 10:00 am Marylou Badawy
Sun. 12:15 pm Elie Korkomaz

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

***GIFT BEARERS:** Sat. 5:00 pm: Dolores Godlewski & Betty Assaf
Sun. 10:00 am: M/M Samir Mansour
Sun. 12:15 pm: Mona Hanna & Hanne Khoury

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Apr 23: Regular class
Apr 28: Scapular, Reconciliation and practice for Communicants 6:30 pm
Apr 30: Regular class
May 7: No class; First Communion 12:00 noon
May 15: Regular class

VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

- Apr. 23: Dolla & Jamie Soban
Apr. 30: Roula Damian

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Friday, April 28th at 6:30PM, First Communicants will be enrolled in the Scapular, Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion practice. **All children and parent(s) must attend.**

ST. JOHN MARON CHURCH MYO BOWLING FUNDRAISER!!!

Come Support Our Youth!!

Sunday April 30, 2pm at Transit Lanes

Enjoy an early evening of bowling, food and drink while supporting our youth, and raising money for their organization!!! All ages are welcome, and all parish members and non parish members are welcome to join!! Please spread the word and RSVP promptly to better organize the event!!! See enclosed **slinger** for details. Thank you and God Bless!!

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 Ravangard, Victoria Healy.

NAM POSTER CONTEST

Contest pamphlets have been given to the children. St. John Maron has had winners every year, so we encourage all children, including high school and MYO to participate by submitting their posters or essays.

CARING & SHARING

During the *Month of April*, we ask you to donate a variety of canned tomatoes, including whole and puree. 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!

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!**

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.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET.
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL.**

This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Cor 5:11-21 ~ Gospel: Jn 20:26-31
Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures: Epistle: 2 Tim 2:8-13 ~ Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

ST. JOHN MARON THANKS

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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.**

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

Once again this year we are hosting the International Rosary. Please plan on attending so that we have huge representation from our own Parish. We have invited Catholic Churches from the greater Buffalo area, and the Rosary will be said in different languages. It will take place Monday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. Please refer to the slinger in the bulletin.

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.

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 or on the Church grounds.**

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Let's have some fun! Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 24th following the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.** Nominations of officers will take place. In addition, there will be a demonstration of **motivating** ways that exercise can keep us healthy. Usually the first day into the New Year, people step into the gym eager to start their workout program. Then comes February, and for some of us, the motivation is gone! Let's bring it back! At this meeting, our workout "guru", Vicki Karam, will demonstrate **age-appropriate** and effective techniques to get us started again. Please join us and experience the great benefits working out offers.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

It was 100 year's ago that Our Lady of Fatima visited the three children in Fatima, Portugal. Her purpose was clear: She was sent by God with the message of prayer and repentance, and for all the world to pray for peace. Prayers for peace are so needed in our world today.

The Altar & Rosary Society invites all parishioners to join our yearly pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston, NY on **Saturday, April 29. Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine Chapel 11:00 a.m. by our own Father Elie.** Lunch can be enjoyed in the cafeteria, and afterwards, walk through the lovely grounds visiting the beautiful statues. Among them are our own Lebanese Saints: Sts. Sharbel, Rafka, and Al-Hardini. **If you need further information, please call Regina Joseph at 883-6194.**

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.

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY RISEN!

المسيح قام! حقا قام!

ST. JOHN MARON NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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