

<b>LITURGY INTENTIONS</b>			<b>IN LOVING MEMORY OF</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>
Saturday	May 06	5:00 pm	Eleanor Backus Jean & Philip Williams Nelson Williams Martha Fasolino Jacob Akiki Sadie Joseph	Her Sisters Their Children His Nieces Mrs. Ramona Arida Reggie, Rosemary & Dolores Joseph The Family
Sunday	May 07	10:00 am	Bedie & Norman Joseph Neamtallah, Jeanette & Richard Moses Michael Merii Mansour & Zahira Chayban Majid & Badwih Mansour	Mrs. Amy Habib & Family The Moses Family M/M Tony Hamad The Family M/M Doumit Chayban
Sunday	May 07	12:00 pm	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b> The First Communicants Ghassan & Linda Kairouz Sarah & Sadie Betros	The Family Mrs. Rosemary Lunghino
Tuesday	May 09	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Wednesday	May 10	8:00 am	Joseph Aziz Kairouz	The Family
Thursday	May 11	8:00 am	Therese M. Kairouz	The Family
Friday	May 12	8:00 am	Ghassan & Linda Kairouz	The Family
Saturday	May 13	5:00 pm	Jabour & Marianna Anthony & Fam. Abdo Haroney Florencia Sambrano Jacob Akiki	Dr./M Felix Labaki Mr. Philip Haroney Dr./M George Youakim M/M Gregory Joseph
Sunday	May 14	10:00 am	Badieh & Nawal AlMekhtifi Martha Fasolino (40 Day Mass) Mansour & Zahira Chayban Michael Merii	M/M Samir Mansour The Family The Family M/M Tony Hamad
Sunday	May 14	12:15pm	M/M Toufic M. Karam Antonios & Bahieh Mansour John Deep	Mr. Mike Karam Mrs. Natalie Higgins Abouna

**The Altar Bread** for May is in loving memory of Elias & Rose Attea & Family by The Family

**The Altar Wine** for May is in loving memory of Elias & Rose Attea & Family by The Family

**The Sanctuary Lamp** for May is in loving memory of Elias & Rose Attea & Family 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 (April 30, 2017)**

**Regular Tithes: 5:00 pm & 10:00 am Mass: \$2,667.00 12:00 pm Mass: \$890.00 Total: \$3,557.00**

<b>*ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	<b>Sun. 10:00 am:</b> Elias & Jonathan Mansour	<b>*LECTORS:</b>	<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Donna Amati
			<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Nila Khoury
			<b>Sun. 12:00 pm</b>	Grace Cardone
<b>*PEACE BEARERS:</b>	<b>Sun. 12:00 pm:</b> Halim Habib & Haleigh Rittling			
<b>*INTERCESSIONS:</b>	<b>Sun. 12:00 pm:</b> Julianna Aldik, Alesh Khoury, Haleigh Rittling, Halim Habib, Noah Chbat, & Olivia Robinson			
		<b>*DEACONS:</b>	<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Bassam Deeb
			<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Nila Khoury
			<b>Sun. 12:00 pm</b>	Tania Badawy
<b>*GIFT BEARERS:</b>	<b>Sat. 5:00 pm:</b> Regina Joseph & Donna Amati			
	<b>Sun. 10:00 am:</b> M/M Doumit Chayban			
	<b>Sun. 12:00 pm:</b> Julianna Aldik, Grace Cardone, Noah Chbat, & Alesh Khoury			

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

On May 7th, our seven communicants will be receiving their First Holy Eucharist. May Jesus' presence in the Eucharist nourish their souls, give them strength to overcome temptation, and provide them with the sacramental grace to live a life of love.

Our First Communicants are as follows:

**Julianna Aldik, Grace Cardone, Noah Chbat, Halim Habib, Alesh Khoury, Haleigh Rittling, and Olivia Robinson (who will be crowning the Blessed Mother).**

**NO CAMERAS/VIDEO ALLOWED DURING FIRST COMMUNION MASS.**

**May 7:** No class; **First Communion, May Crowning** 12:00 noon.

**May 14:** Regular class

**May 20:** Saturday First Penance @10 am & Reception for 2nd graders.

**May 21:** Last Class (Report Cards given)

**VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR**

**May 14:** Claire Semaan

**May 21:** Cathy 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.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

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.

**ALTAR & ROSARY****MOTHER & DAUGHTER EVENT**

*As we honor Mary, Our Mother, during the month of May, this month's meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society will be dedicated to all our mothers and daughters. This meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, following the 6:30 p.m. Rosary. Election of Officers will be held that evening.*

*The Altar & Rosary Society is inviting all Mothers & Daughters, Aunts & Grandmothers to this special event. Let this special event add to our memories of celebrating the precious relationship between a mother and daughter. A gourmet mezza will be served.*

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

A sincere and warm Thank You to all who participated in making the International Rosary on May 1st a beautiful, religious event. A special thank you to the organizers: **Miss Regina Joseph & Miss Therese Hayek**; our choir Director: **Mr. Bou Jaoude**; and our wonderful **St. John Maron Children's Choir**. Also, to those who prayed the rosary in a variety of languages, to those who printed the beautiful books, and to our **parish ladies who helped set up the reception and prepare the delicious food**, your participation was greatly appreciated. A thank you seems so small for someone's service that is so great. You made it possible for all of those who attended to have a devotion to Mary, Our Mother of Jesus that was memorable.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS WEEK IS FOR THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON.  
THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK IS FOR THE BUILDING FUND**

**This Weekend's Sacred Scriptures:** Epistle: Heb 13:18-25~ Gospel: Jn 21:1-14  
**Next Weekend's Sacred Scriptures:** Epistle: Eph 2:1-10 ~ Gospel: Jn 21:15-19

**ST. JOHN MARON THANKS**

**PIERRE STUDIO II**

**3806 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225 ~ 716-686-9610**

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

**THE NATIONAL APOSTOLATE OF MARONITES**

The National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM) Buffalo Chapter will be holding “NAM Awareness Membership Drive” on Saturday, May 13 after the 5pm Mass, and on Sunday, May 14 after the 10am and the 12:15pm Masses.

**NAM POSTER CONTEST**

Posters and essays MUST BE submitted to Debbie Tartick no later than **May 14** in order to be considered. St. John Maron has had winners every year, so let’s keep up the good work!! We encourage all children, including high school and MYO, to submit posters or essays.

**INNOVATIONS IN WOMEN’S HEALTH CARE**

Bishop Gregory of the Eparchy of Saint Maron invites you to attend a seminar on the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. The seminar is on **May 30, 2017** at Our Lady of Lebanon Cathedral; Brooklyn, NY. For information call Marise Frangie, (914) 393-8907.

**CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATION**

The parish of Corpus Christi is celebrating their 110th Anniversary on Sunday, June 18 at 1:30 pm. They invite all to join in their celebration. For further details, please call 716-896-1050.

**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.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

There will be a presentation of the Annual Financial Report of the Parish on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in the Cedars Banquet Facility after the 5 pm Mass. All parishioners are requested to attend.

**2017 ASSESSMENT/BISHOP’S APPEAL**

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.**

**CARING & SHARING**

During the *Month of May*, we ask you to donate canned fruit and jars of peanut butter and jelly. 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 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.

*When I pray the Hail Mary,  
the Heavens smile, the Angels rejoice,  
and the world is happy.*

**ST. JOHN MARON NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

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