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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Maronite Catholic Family in Western New York, descendants of the Church of Antioch, children of Beit Maroun and the Universal Church, are committed, through Time, Talent and Treasure, to preserve the faith of Peter, to hand down the torch of our precious heritage to our children and to promote human life and dignity in our community and in the world.

## Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Heb 7: 11-19 Gospel: Lk 2: 41-52

Anaphora: Saint James, page 794

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|------------------------|---|
| <b>Sat. Jan. 3</b>     | (+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b><br>By David & Michael Rizk      |
| <b>5:00 PM</b>         | (+) <b>Ferouz Dabbikeh</b><br>By Regina Joseph                    |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>     | (+) <b>Badih &amp; Nawal ElMekhtafi</b><br>By Sam & Katia Mansour |
| <b>9:30 AM</b>         |   |
| <b>Sun. Jan. 4</b>     | (+) <b>George Mansour</b><br>By The Family                        |
| <b>11:30 AM</b>        | (+) <b>Ferouz Dabbiekh</b><br>By Madeline Natanios                |
|                        | (+) <b>Claude Nasr</b>  |
|                        | By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Moussa   |
| <b>Mon. Jan. 5</b>     | <b>Glorious Epiphany Vigil Mass</b>                               |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>         | (+) <b>Maurice Boulos Chaiban</b><br>By Hind Chaiban              |
|                        | (+) <b>Nawal ElMekhtafi</b><br>By Sam & Katia Mansour             |
| <b>Tues. Jan. 6</b>    | <b>Glorious Epiphany Mass</b>                                     |
| <b>10:00 AM</b>        | (+) <b>Semaan &amp; Claudette Mahfoud</b><br>By Hind Chaiban      |
| <b>Tues. - Fri.</b>    | <b>6:30 PM – Rosary</b>   |
| <b>Jan. 6 – Jan. 9</b> | <b>7:00 PM - Mass</b>   |

(+) =Deceased; (-) = Intention not deceased



## WELCOME!

If you are a guest or visitor to St. John Maron Church, we are happy to have you. PLEASE make yourself at home. You Are Among Family.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burn this month for a Special Intention requested by John & Amy Zavitz.



## DONATE USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

In an effort to make it easier to donate to St. John Maron Church, scanning this QR Code leads the mobile camera to our Church's Donate landing site.



## DAILY ROSARY AND MASS

Please note that starting January 2, 2026, Father Tony will be celebrating 6:30 PM Rosary and 7 PM Mass from Tuesday through Friday until further notice.



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Glorious Epiphany Vigil Mass and blessing of the water will take place on Monday, January 5 at 7PM. HOLY DAY Mass at 10AM on Tuesday. Come and let us ask for the Lord's blessings as we begin this New Year of 2026.



## CONFESION

Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

## PARISH CONTACTS

|                          |                     |                       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Pastor                   | Fr Dany Abi-Akar    | 716-634-0669<br>EXT 1 |
| Parochial Vicar          | Fr Tony Kairouz     | 724-732-4064          |
| Administrative Assistant | Debbie Tartick      | 716-634-0669<br>EXT 2 |
| Parish Council           | Joseph Mahfouz      | 716-725-3185          |
| Finance Committee        | Anthony Habib       | 716-913-4174          |
| Altar & Rosary Society   | Reggie Joseph       | 716-472-8420          |
| Knights of Columbus      | Chuck Mosey         | 716-228-8313          |
| Religious Education      | Christina ElChibani | 716-713-4454          |
| Building Committee       | Henri Khoury        | 716-479-9143          |



## SICK OR IN NEED

If you or someone you know is sick or in need of a visit from clergy, please call the office. 716-634-0669.

**Please pray for those who are sick, homebound or in the hospital.**

Theresa Utz, Paula Chameli, John Joseph, Jr., Gregory Joseph, Sanaa Abou-Jaoude



## TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

December 28, 2025

Regular Collection: \$5,507.00

Online Collection: \$50.00

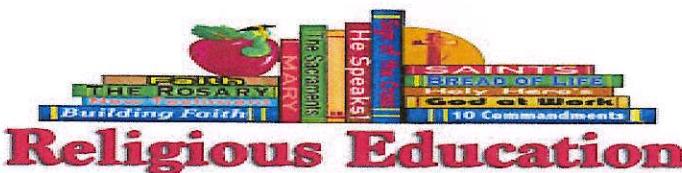
Our gratitude to all who are supporting our parish. Your generosity is a blessing.

Today's second collection is for Assessment/Bishop's Appeal



## CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the [cedarsvenue.com](http://cedarsvenue.com) website for more information.



Wishing all our Religious Education families a safe, spiritual and joyous Christmas and New Year! Looking ahead to a wonderful start to 2026!

Jan. 4: Regular Class; 9:30 MYO Mass  
 Jan. 11: Regular Class  
 Jan. 18: Regular Class; Grade 2 Children's Mass

## COFFEE HOUR:

Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios  
 Jan. 11: Maggie & Fadi Issa  
 Jan. 18: Ellen El Hawa & Laura Mansour

All parishioners are welcome to coffee hour between masses at 10:30.



## ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosary Prayer Mission on Monday, January 12 at 7 PM in the church. What a better way to begin the New Year than by praying to our Blessed Mother as a community.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the A & R Society for our holiday luncheon. Please send in your reservation by Jan. 5 with your meal choice, name and check/cash. If you have any questions, please contact Reggie Joseph at 716-472-8420. Hope to see all members there!



## BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"  
 Luke 2: 49

**Please contact our Parish Council members with any suggestions or issues you might have.**

### Parish Council

**Mr. Joseph Mahfouz** 716-725-3185  
**Dr. Gabriel Chouchani** 716-812-0881  
**Dr. Naim Dawli** 716-982-9411  
**Mr. James Issa** 716-536-2370  
**Mr. Charles Mosey** 716-228-8313

### ALTAR BREAD, WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP

Anyone who wishes to sponsor the Altar Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp in Thanksgiving or in memory of deceased loved one(s) for 2026 can call or email the rectory to request a specific month. **July is the only month available.** Please call the office 716-634-0669 or email [stjmaron@gmail.com](mailto:stjmaron@gmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

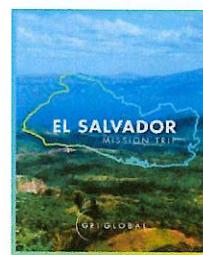
### 2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

**The Contribution boxes are in the back of the church.** Please make sure you pick up your box as soon as possible so you can start using them in the new year. Please look at the address on the sticker to make sure it is correct. If there are any errors, please report them to the church office. **If you are new to the church or have never contributed using envelopes** and would like to receive weekly envelopes, please call or email the office. As always, thank you for continuing to contribute to St. John Maron Church. Your

donations have funded many projects and needed updates to our church.

### MASS INTENTIONS

For your mass intentions, **please complete the intention form located near the bulletin in the church.** Insert it with the stipend into the blue envelopes available near the bulletin. You can also download the form from our [stjmaron.org](http://stjmaron.org) website located on the main page. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your cooperation. **The 2026 Mass Book is now available to schedule your masses.**

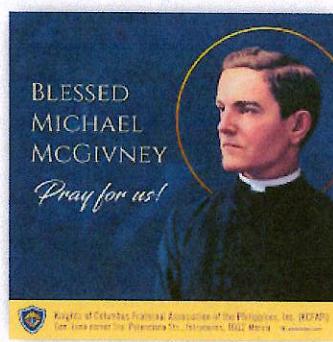


Fellow parishioners will be participating in a mission trip to El Salvador this February. Your generosity will help bring Christ's love and hope to those in need. A designated place to leave your gift is available in the back of the church. Please keep our mission team in your prayers. Thank you.



Our congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Elia Fares** on the Baptism & Chrismation of their daughter **Leony**. May God, who created us out of His outpouring of love, grant their child good health and long life so that she may grow in His Church to love, adore and praise Him. May He also grant **Elia and Rosette**, the parents of Leony, a good healthy life to raise her according to our Maronite Catholic Tradition.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRAYER FOR BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of the neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2025

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR FLOWER DONATIONS

Mrs. Terry Abraham in memory of her loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Amati in memory of Amati & Abraham families  
Mr. & Mrs. Christian Behlok in memory of their loved ones  
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Mrs. Hind Chaiban in memory of her loved ones  
Dr. & Mrs. Gabriel Chouchani in memory of their loved ones  
Mrs. Marie Therese Chouchani in memory of the Chouchani Family  
Mrs. Ferouz Dabbikeh in memory of her loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Eid in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Boutros El Hawa in memory of Elia & Sara, Leila, Najib, Wakim & Katia ElHawa  
Mrs. Mona Hanna in memory of Joseph Hanna, Sr.  
Amy Hayek in memory of George & Constance Hayek  
Mrs. Laila Hazzan in memory of Aziz Hazzan & Ferouz Dabbikeh  
Rosemarie Helda in memory of Abraham and Helda families  
Drs. Roland & Ranime Honeine in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Hossenlopp in memory of their loved ones  
Tony Ibrahim & Family in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Issa in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. James Issa in memory of their loved ones  
Dr. & Mrs. Philippe Jaoude in memory of Father Elias AbouJaoude, Maroun Kesrouani & Nawal Cherfane  
Miss Regina Joseph in memory of Elias, Sadie & Joseph E. Joseph  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Kabalan in memory of their loved ones  
Dr. & Mrs. Matthew Kabalan in memory of their loved ones  
Mike Karam in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Toufic M. Karam  
Mr. & Mrs. Philippe Khoury in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Bechara Mahfouz in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Jean Maalouf in memory of their loved ones  
Ms. Amal Mansour in memory of Hanna Elias Mansour  
Elias H. & Kathy Mansour in memory of Hanna Elias Mansour  
Mr. & Mrs. Fouad Mansour in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Mazzei in memory of George, Tufic, Souad, Ghattasse, Kamal, Abla & Anis Nader  
Mr. & Mrs. Rimon Moawad in memory of Anthony and Therese Moawad  
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Mosey in memory of Mary Grace DeMarse, Kathleen Maass & Tilfunda Mosey  
Ms. Houda Moussa in memory of her loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. John Moussa in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Moussa in memory of Bachir & Mary Moussa, and Jean & Georgette Nasr  
Mrs. Laila Nader in memory of her loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Simon Nasr in memory of Joseph & Odette Haddad, Fouad & Naime Nasr  
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Orazi in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. David Rizk in memory of Emil & Gloria Rizk and Joseph Gibaan & Mary Milan  
Mr. Michael Rizk in memory of Emil & Gloria Rizk, Neil & Barbara Rizk, Joseph & Mary Milan, Dr. Michael Snyderman  
Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Saad in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. Moussa Sakr in memory of their loved ones  
Mr. & Mrs. John Zavitz in memory of the James & Rose Abraham, John & Millie Zavitz & Carol Abraham Krestos  
Mr. & Mrs. Sarkis Zaiter in memory of their loved ones

*Merry & Blessed Christmas*

# IN LOVING MEMORY of...

Nabih Tablie  
Albert Hanna  
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy

Rose & Jim Abraham  
Mildred & John Zavitz  
Beloved sisters Karema Abraham & Carol Abraham Krestos  
By John & Amy (Abraham) Zavitz

The deceased members of the Nemtala and Jeanette Moses Family  
By the Moses Family

Toufic & Najeeba Karam  
By Michael Karam

Sam & Christine Tartick  
Kitty Champagne  
Adeline Rein & Eugene Musial  
By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick

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By Mrs. Therese Abraham

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Miriam & Anthony Amati  
By Mr. & Mrs. Roger Amati

Charlie & Rose Sparcino  
Theresa & Tom Mosey

Badih B. Boujaoude  
Farid and Angele Aboujaoude  
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy

Mary & Gebron Milan  
By David & Michael Rizk

Emil & Gloria Rizk  
By David & Michael Rizk

John M. Joseph  
By Wife Mary K. Joseph

Katherine Hage  
Antoine & Teresa Hage  
Peter Hage  
By the Family

Rita and Patrick MacDiarmid, Sr.  
Deceased family members of Elias and Rose Attea  
Deceased family members of Andrew & Lena MacDiarmid  
By the Family

Joseph (Gush) Mosey Sr & Helen Mosey  
By Thomas J. & Theresa Mosey

Elias & Sadie Joseph  
Joseph E. Joseph  
By the Family

The deceased of the Saffire & Attea families  
By Rosemary Saffire

Charles & Mabel Haykel  
Frank & Josephine Baron  
Jabour Anthony Family  
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel

Felix & Yvonne Labaki  
Paul Labaki  
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel

Sarkis Abraham & Family  
Sarkis Zaiter & Family  
By Mrs. Therese Abraham

Rafca Abdallah Boujaoude  
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy

Rima Sayegh Dawli  
By the Family

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS WHO SERVED ST. JOHN MARON PARISH WITH LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, SERVICE AND LOVE...

### PASTORS:

Reverend Antoun A. Zoghby (1903-1904)  
Reverend Georges Aziz (1904-1908)  
Reverend Monsignor Francis Shemalie (1908-1959)

Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1960-1968)  
Reverend Maron Abi-Nader (1968-1969)  
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1969-1996)

### ASSISTANT PASTORS:

Reverend Monsignor Nemat-Allah Chemaly (1912-1919)  
Reverend Silwanus Jowdy, Reverend Philip Nagem and Reverend Simon Acle (alternately 1915-1919)  
Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1924-1930; 1947-1954)  
Reverend Norman S. Peter (1946-1948)  
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1954-1956)  
Reverend Paul Hage (1954-1968)  
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