

St. John Maron Church

Maronite Catholic

Founded in 1904

Celebrating our 122nd Anniversary

Rectory: 2040 Wehrle Drive • Williamsville, NY 14221

Phone & Fax: (716) 634-0669

Website: www.stjmaron.org E-mail: stjmaron@gmail.com



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.

GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

December 25, 2025

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Heb 1: 1-12 Gospel: Lk 2: 1-20

Anaphora: Twelve Apostles

Christmas Vigil Mass Wed. Dec. 24 5:00 PM	Living and Deceased of Moran & Joseph Families By The Family Living and Deceased of St. John Maron Church
Thurs. Dec. 25 12 Midnight	Living and Deceased of St. John Maron Church
Thurs. Dec. 25 11:00 AM	Living and Deceased of St. John Maron Church
Sat. Dec. 27 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Romanos & Asma Georges By Michael Georges
Sun. Dec. 28 9:30 AM	(-) For the Increase of Priestly Vocations
Sun. Dec. 28 11:30 AM	(+) George Mansour By The Family (+) Jacques Khangi By Renee Khangi & Family (+) Essa Dabbikeh (+) Ferouz Dabbiek By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family

(+) =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 the soul of **Souhad Hayek** requested by The Family. May she rest in Peace.



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.



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

December 21, 2025

Regular Collection: \$2,322.00

Second Collection: \$461.00

Online Collection: \$0.00

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



GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

The birth of Jesus, or the Nativity is the Christian belief that God's Son became human, born miraculously to the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, conceived by the Holy Spirit, fulfilling Old Testament prophecy as the promised Messiah, Savior, and Lord, signifying God's love and plan for humanity's salvation, uniting divine and human natures. The biblical accounts describe angels announcing his birth to shepherds, who then visited the newborn in a manger, followed later by wise men, symbolizing hope, peace, and God's presence with humanity.



PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
Parochial Vicar	Fr Tony Kairouz	724-732-4064
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Tartick	716-634-0669 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, Therese Hayek, Sanaa Abou-Jaoude

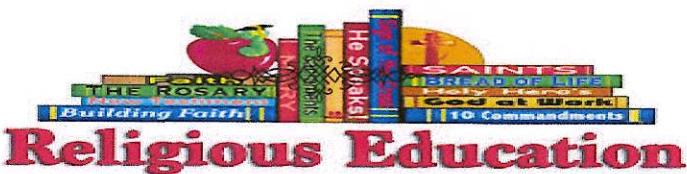
The Light That Came Quietly

In a world that rushed and worried, a Child was born...not in a palace, but in peace. The night held its breath as Heaven whispered hope in the quiet.

No trumpets, no noise. Just starlight, straw, and the steady rhythm of love arriving. The kind of love that doesn't demand attention, but changes everything when you notice it.

He came not to rule with power, But to reign with peace. To remind weary hearts that the light still shines in the dark, and that light is Christ.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given... "
Isaiah 9:6



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

Dec. 28: No Class; Christmas Vacation

COFFEE HOUR:

Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios

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!



CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Khoury or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the cedarsvenue.com website for more information.



2025-26 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation) – 5PM

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day Mass

(Holy Day of Obligation) – 11AM

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. June, July & September are still available. Please call the office 716-634-0669 or email stjmaron@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

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 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.

2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES

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. The envelope list will be updated soon.

Your weekly donation helps defray the costs associated with keeping our beautiful church open.

PEW RESTORATION !!

Thank you to all those parishioners who purchased pews for our beautiful restoration project. If you have not already done so, please send an email to the church, stjmaron@gmail.com, or call the office, 716-634-0669, to request the proper wording on your plaque. May God continue to bless our parish family for their contributions of time, talent and treasure.



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

Isabelle Abraham

By Mrs. Therese Abraham

Rose & James Abraham, Karema Abraham,

Carol Abraham Krestos

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)

Bishop Fouad T. El-Hage (1972-1982)

SUPPORT OUR PATRONS!



WNY's Premier Diagnostic Imaging Center
NEW! Spectrum Radiology

Ultrasound, X-ray (Scoliosis), Fluoroscopy (VCUG, Upper GI) Nuclear Medicine, 3D Mammo, CT, DEXA
1150 Youngs Rd. Ste 111
Williamsville, NY 14221 P 716.688.7622

WNY @ Parkclub Lane
High Field MRI, CT, X-Ray
180 Parkclub Ln., Suite 150
Williamsville, NY 14221 P 716.204.0028

WNY MRI
High Field MRI, X-ray, DMX, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine PET/CT, 3D Mammo, DEXA
222 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14203 P 716.855.2866

WNY @ KEN-TON
High Field Open MRI, CT, X-Ray, Ultrasound, X-Ray, Fluoroscopy
2882 Elmwood Ave.,
Kenmore, NY 14217 P 716.876.7000

WNY @ Lockport MRI
High Field MRI
170 Professional Pkwy.
Lockport, NY 14094 P 716.438.2400

WNY WOMEN's IMAGING
3D Mammo, Ultrasound, DEXA, X-Ray
3915 Sheridan Dr.,
Amherst, NY 14226 P 716.632.7465

COURTESY TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE!

NORTHEASTERN
FINANCIAL PARTNERS LLC
5780 Main St. • Williamsville, NY 14221 • (716) 635-6800



Contact Kamal Jowdy
Service • Quality • Value
1000 Commerce Pkwy • Lancaster, New York 14086
(716) 683-1100 • Fax (716) 683-1101
email: info@delftprinting.com
www.delftprinting.com

LOMBARDO
Funeral Home
Since 1907

Don't overpay for one of life's necessities.
• Traditional Funerals starting at \$3,895
Includes 2 day viewing, 20 gauge metal casket

(Concrete grave liner optional - not required by NYS; may be required by cemetery)

DAGHER LAW
ATTORNEY AT LAW
JD PLUG

Joseph F. Dagher, Esq.
Real Estate / Corporate Attorney
Phone: 716-213-3489
Email: Jdagher@dagherlawpllc.com

MIKE SMITH



Mike Smith Buick GMC
6014 S. Transit Rd.
Lockport, NY
(716) 625-8235



Let us Design Your Future
• NEW HOMES
• ADDITIONS
• OUTDOOR LIVING
• REMODELS
• COMMERCIAL
- NEW BUILDS
- BUILD OUTS
716.651.0381
8353 Main St
Clarence, NY 14221



Cloud Services
MSP Services
VoIP Services
Complete IT Needs



Chuck Mosey
716.250.7700

MON 8am-5pm
TUE 8am-5pm
WED CLOSED
THU 8am-5pm
FRI 8am-5pm
SAT 8am-5pm
SUN CLOSED



Southgate Plaza p 716.674.1651
1030 Union Road • West Seneca, NY 14224

St. John Maron

Council 16441
Serving St. John Maron's
since 2016



**Knights of
Columbus®**

"Whoever desires to become great among you, shall become your servant"

Mt. 20:26

We invite all men of our parish to JOIN us.



J. Rutowski

Tile Pharmacy

1031 Cleveland Dr.
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Ph: 716-632-4888
Fax: 716-632-4488



BUFFALO
GENERAL DENTISTRY
IMPLANT SEDATION COSMETIC

Present this ad for 10% discount

Dr. Daniel Jammal, DMD

(716)836-1620
4955 N. Bailey Ave
Amherst, NY 14226

BuffaloGeneralDentistry.com

• Direct Cremation \$899
885 Niagara Falls Blvd • (near Eggert Rd) 837-7100
3060 Abbott Road • (near Lake Avenue) 823-4812
"The end of high cost funerals"