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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday at 9:30 am (English)

Sunday at 11:30 am (Arabic)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed on: Fridays, Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: 2 Cor 10: 1-11 Gospel: Jn 1: 29-34

Anaphora: Twelve Apostles, page 754

Sat. Jan. 10 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) LeRoy (Bill) William, Sr. & Genevieve Seklecki By Anna Lahood
Sun. Jan. 11 9:30 AM	(+) Antonios & Bahia Mansour By Sam & Katia Mansour (+) Healing of Noha & Roulla Zghoub By Mr. & Mrs. Milad ElChibani
Sun. Jan. 11 11:30 AM	(+) George Mansour By The Family (+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Diane & Patty Velocci (+) Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family (+) Rose & Youssef Khoury By Philippe & Joelle Khoury
Mon. Jan. 12 7:00 PM	Altar & Rosary Society Monthly Rosary Prayer Mission

(+) =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.



CONFESSON

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

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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

Daily mass is postponed until further notice.



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



And John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and stay on him. I still did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptize with water, had said to me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and will stay on a man; he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen it," said John, "and I tell you that he is the Son of God." John 1: 32-34

Dear Lord, I want to give Your Holy Spirit complete control of my mind because I know His leadership leads to life and peace. Truth is found in You alone.

Amen



PARISH CONTACTS

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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

January 4, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,724.00

Second Collection: \$422.00

Online Collection: \$275.00

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



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.



Religious Education

Jan. 11: Regular Class

Jan. 18: Regular Class; Grade 2 Children's Mass

Jan. 25: Regular Class

COFFEE HOUR:

Jan. 11: Maggie & Fadi Issa

Jan. 18: Ellen El Hawa & Laura Mansour

Jan. 25: Andrea & Rob Setlik

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!



Wisdom of the Saints for the Season of the Glorious Epiphany

St. Ephrem (d. 373) wrote a beautiful hymn in which he connected the baptism of Jesus with the womb of Mary and the sacrament of the Eucharist: "See, Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you! See, Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptized! Fire and Spirit in our Baptism; in the Bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit!" Christ, the Light of the World, dwelt first in the womb of the Virgin—who was thus "baptized" by her Son—and then in the womb of the Jordan; he emerged from both as the Incarnate Word, the Savior of mankind. Those who are baptized thus become the children of Mary and partakers of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of her Son.

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

Parish Council

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Dr. Naim Dawli 716-982-9411
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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.

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 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

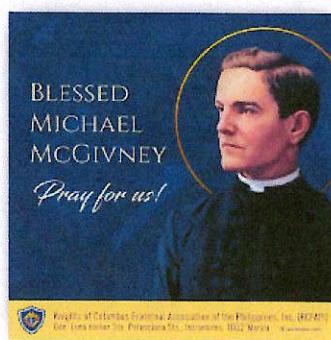
For your mass intentions, please **complete the intention form located near the bulletin in the church.** Insert it with the stipend into the blue envelopes available near the bulletin. You can also download the form from our stjmaron.org website located on the main page. Intention forms can be mailed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



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This is a tuition assistance program to help economically eligible children entering K-8th Grade who attend private grammar schools of their choice. To get more information, please see the form online at www.bisonfund.org. Email cmcdonald@bisonfund.org for more information. The deadline is March 31, 2026.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRAYER FOR BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY



Knights of Columbus Fraternal Association of the Philippines, Inc. (KOFAP)
One Cavite Street, Makati City 1210, Philippines

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

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

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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

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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
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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)

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