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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



# BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

December 7, 2025

## Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle Gal 4: 21-5:1 Gospel: Lk 1: 57-66

Anaphora: St. Sixtus

<b>Sat. Dec. 6</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David & Michael Rizk (+) <b>Carol Abraham Krestos</b> By Sisters and Families (+) <b>Deceased of Crehan Family</b> By Philip Haroney
<b>Sun. Dec. 7</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	(-) <b>Children of St. John Maron Church</b> By Father Dany
<b>Sun. Dec. 7</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>	(+) <b>Tony Bemine Philipe (40 Day)</b> By The Family (+) <b>George Mansour</b> By The Family (+) <b>Semaan &amp; Claudette Mansour</b> By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) <b>Boulos Chaiban</b> By Hind Chaiban (+) <b>Ferouz &amp; Essa Dabbikeh</b> (+) <b>George Majed</b> By The Family (+) <b>Antonios &amp; Bahiea Mansour</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Emil Mansour (+) <b>Jean &amp; Georgette Nasr</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Moussa
<b>Mon. Dec. 8</b> <b>9 AM and</b> <b>7 PM</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception Holy Day</b> (+) <b>Jean &amp; Georgette Nasr</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Tony Moussa

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

## 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.



## 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.



## 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

November 30, 2025

Regular Collection: \$1,853.00

Second Collection: \$591.00

Online Collection: \$25.00

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



## BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



The birth of John the Baptist, as described in the Gospel of Luke, was foretold by the Archangel Gabriel to his father, the priest Zechariah, who was serving in the Temple. Zechariah and his wife

Elizabeth were old and childless, but the angel announced they would have a son who was to be named John. Because Zechariah doubted the angel, he was struck mute until the child was born. When the time came, Elizabeth insisted the baby be named John, and when they asked Zechariah, he wrote on a tablet that the child's name was John, and he was immediately able to speak again.



## BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

**December 7, 2025**

## PARISH CONTACTS

Pastor	Fr Dany Abi-Akar	716-634-0669 EXT 1
Parochial Vicar	Fr Tony Kairouz	724-732-4064
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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, and Corky Ferro



**Join us for a beautiful evening celebrating the true meaning of Christmas with a Living Nativity featuring live animals!**

**Date: December 20th, 2025**

 Time: 7:00 PM

**Location: Triple Heart Ranch**

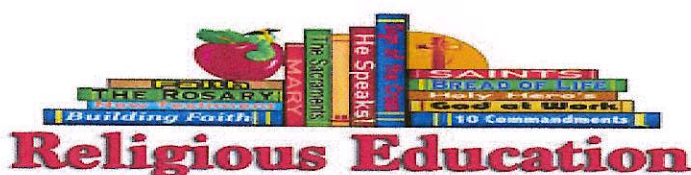
4922 Chesnut Rd, Newfane, NY 14108

**This is a FREE event, perfect for families and friends.**

**Donations Welcome!**

While attendance is free, we invite you to support the St. Gianna Molla Pregnancy Outreach Center. Consider bringing donations of: Bottles, Pacifiers, Bibs, Burp Cloths, Blankets Newborn & Infant clothing, Lotions and Wash, Baby Wipes & Diapers

Together, we can make a difference in our community!  
RSVP: Please contact Lauren Issa at 716-982-9085 to reserve  
your spot! We look forward to seeing you there for this  
heartwarming holiday tradition! 🌲🌟



Dec. 7: Regular Class

Dec. 13: Children's Christmas Party, 1-4PM

Dec. 14: Regular Class, Christmas Pageant

**Dec. 21 & 28: No Class: Christmas Vacation**

## COFFEE HOUR:

Dec. 7: Katherine & Matt Kabalan

Dec. 14: Michael &amp; Natalie Khoury

Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios

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

Dear parishioners,

Our CCD program is growing, and we are in need of your support to continue forming the next generation of disciples. If you are able, we invite you to make a donation to help us sustain our work. Donations will be used towards our Christmas pageant costumes and materials, first reconciliation celebration, and our end of the year closing program. Your generosity and support to the children of our parish is greatly appreciated. Please mail any donation to St. John Maron and reference: CCD Program.

God bless.

Christina ElChibani, CCD coordinator



## ***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.

Happy New Year  
2026

Cedars Venue presents  
The Annual NYE Party,  
December 31, 2025 at 7  
PM. Live Entertainment  
with Maestro Amin and  
adult. Please see the flyers  
of the church.



*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. The months are already filling up so please call the office 716-634-0669 or email [stjmaron@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.**

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.



## December Events

**Dec 13 Kids Christmas Party 1- 4 PM Cedars Venue. For reservations call Monique Merhej 716-909-6093**

**Dec. 13 Christmas Concert (Free) 7 PM in the Church – Sara Badawy performance.**

**Dec 14 Christmas pageant following 11:30 Mass at the church. Ann Marie Lattanzio 716-604-6341**

**Dec 15 – Dec 23 Christmas Novena @ 7 PM at the church. Sat/Sun Novena after Masses.**

**Dec 20 Living Nativity at the Triple Heart Ranch at 7 PM. Lauren Issa 716-982-9085**

**Dec 24 Vigil Mass of the Nativity of our Lord 5 PM and Mass 12 Midnight**

**Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass at 11 AM**

**Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Vigil Mass 5 PM**

**Dec. 31 NYE Party 7 PM Cedars Venue. See contact list on posters for more information.**

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# 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*

*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*

*Mary & Gebron Milan  
By David & Michael Rizk*

*Emil & Gloria Rizk  
By David & Michael Rizk*

*John M. Joseph  
By Wife Mary K. Joseph*

## 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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