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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

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

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 Chamel, 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! 🌟

December 7, 2025

Religious Education

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:

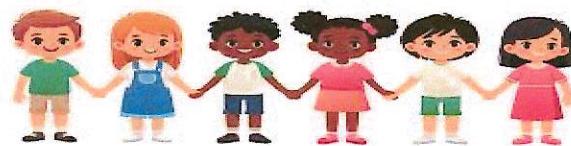
Dec. 7: Katherine & Matt Kabalan
Dec. 14: Michael & Natalie Khoury
Jan. 4: Abir & Charbel Ntanios

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
Band. \$120 per adult. Please see the flyers
at the entrances 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 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.**

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.

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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Let's celebrate!

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

Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1960-1968)

Reverend Maron Abi-Nader (1968-1969)

Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1969-1996)

PASTORS:

Reverend Antoun A. Zoghby (1903-1904)

Reverend Georges Aziz (1904-1908)

Reverend Monsignor Francis Shemalie (1908-1959)

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)

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

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