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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 7: 4-11** Gospel: **Lk 8: 40-56**

Anaphora: **Twelve Apostles, page 754**



<b>Sat. Feb. 28</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David & Michael Rizk (+) <b>Romanos &amp; Asma Georges</b> By Michael Georges (+) <b>Joseph E. Joseph (Anniv)</b> By The Family (+) <b>Bruce Shelby</b> By Reggie Joseph (+) <b>Mason Michael</b> By Sam & Debbie Tartick
<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b>	(+) <b>Children of St. John Maron</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Monthly Rosary Prayer Mission</b>
<b>Sun. Mar. 1</b> <b>11:30 AM</b>	(+) <b>Mulhem &amp; Mary Badawy</b> By Elie & Jessie Korkomaz (+) <b>All Souls in Purgatory</b> By Hind Chaiban
<b>Thurs. Mar. 5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Adoration &amp; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Fri. Mar. 6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</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 **John M. Joseph** requested by Mary Joseph.



**FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARON**  
**Sunday, March 1, 2026**  
**after 11:30 AM Mass**

*Celebrate our Patron St. John Maron at the Cedars  
Venue with zlabyie, cake and coffee.  
Hosted by The Knights of Columbus*



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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**

Please note that during Lent on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only, Father Tony will be celebrating 6:30 PM Rosary and 7 PM Mass.



**CONFESSION DURING LENT**

You are encouraged to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this season of Lent. Catholics must go to confession at least once a year and as often as they need to, in order to cleanse themselves of sins and be in a state of grace. Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.



**LENTEN GUIDANCE**

Good Friday (April 3), and ALL Fridays of Lent are days of Fast & Abstinence. Abstinence from meat, and fasting binds all physically capable Catholics, Eastern and Western, who are 14 years old and older. Fasting in the Catholic Church involves no eating or drinking (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon and doing works of charity. The rest of the day's normal meals can be taken but without meat.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent starting February 20 at 7 PM. Each week will be guided by a different society/group in the church. All are welcome to attend every week.



**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**

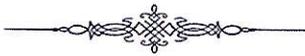
February 22, 2026

Regular Collection: \$3,229.00

Second Collection: \$.00

Online Collection: \$225.00

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](http://cedarsvenue.com) website for more information.



**ST. JOHN MARON MEAT RAFFLE**

Keep **April 17<sup>th</sup>** open for our Annual Meat Raffle. We are hoping to involve all our parishioners to participate in any way they can, whether attending the raffle, volunteering before or the night of the raffle, donating gift baskets and gift cards and also getting the word out to family and friends for a very fun event! **Stay tuned for more information and flyers to post in your establishments.**

**St. John Maron Meat Raffle**

**Friday, April 17, 2026  
Cedars Banquet Venue**

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

FIRST SPIN 6:30 PM

- Split club
- Basket raffle
- Door prize
- 21 and over event



**Religious Education**

- Mar 1: Regular Class, Gr. 6/7 9:30 mass
  - Mar. 8: Regular Class
  - Mar. 15: Regular Class at 9:45 AM
- COFFEE HOUR:**
- Mar. 1: Andrew & Lauren Issa
  - Mar. 8: Anthony & Lana Dakwar
  - Mar. 15: Joe & Mary Boctor

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




**Fish Fry Friday's**

**EVERY FRIDAY: BEGINS 2/20**

**FEBURARY 20<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**OPEN FROM 5 PM - 9 PM**

**MENU**

- FISH FRY \$18
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- SHRIMP BASKET \$15
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*Please contact our Parish Council members with any suggestions or issues you might have.*

*Parish Council*

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**2026 ASSESSMENT BISHOPS APPEAL**

The Bishop's Assessment Appeal letters have been sent to all parishioners. It is more important than ever for all parish families to do their share to reach our goal of \$36,900. **If we do not reach our goal, we are still obligated to pay it and therefore must dig into our weekly collections.** As most of you know, it is unfortunate that we can barely meet our monthly expenses based on our weekly collection. Last year we had 61 parishioners out of 190 contribute specifically to the Bishops Appeal during Lent. That works out to only 32% of our registered parishioners participating. **We kindly ask each family to contribute whatever they can. Every contribution helps offset the church's obligation.** As always, we thank you for your generosity and may God continue to bless you and your family!

**2026 WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

The few remaining contribution boxes are in the back of the church. **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.

**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. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. **You can also send your request using our [stjmaron.org](http://stjmaron.org) website.** Thank you for your cooperation.

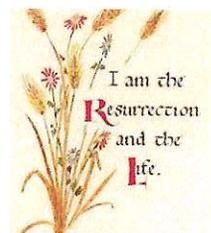


**BISON**  
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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



Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Michel Kopty** who passed to the Lord on February 20, 2026. Michel was the husband of Karin and father of Elexa, Elena and Emma. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of **His servant, Michel**, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn him.



Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go to the nieces, nephews, family and friends of **Elaine Hayek** who passed to the Lord on February 20, 2026. May the Lord grant eternal rest to the soul of **His servant, Elaine**, and may He grant comfort and consolation to all those who mourn her.

**MONTHLY ROSARY PRAYER MISSION**

Please note we are changing the day and time of the monthly Rosary Prayer Mission to the first Sunday of the month at 10:30AM, between masses. We hope this will encourage more parishioners to attend. Our March monthly Rosary Prayer Mission will be held on **Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 AM.**

# 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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SAT	9am - 5pm
SUN	CLOSED

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