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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 13: 5-13** Gospel: **Lk 15: 11-32**

Anaphora: **Saint Peter, page 754**

Sat. Mar. 7 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Theodore Backus By David & Michael Rizk (+) Robert Lunghino By Rosemary Lunghino
Sun. Mar. 8 9:30 AM	(+) Sick of the Parish
Sun. Mar. 8 11:30 AM	(+) Ferouz Dabbikeh By Diane & Patty Velocci (+) Semaan & Claudette Mahfoud By Fouad & Mariette Mansour (+) Peter & Nagibe Betros By Rosemary Lunghino (+) Boulos Chaiban By Hind Chaiban (+) Doumit Shady By The Family
Fri. Mar. 13 7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

(+) =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.

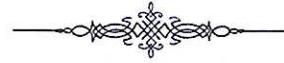


ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY PRESENTS

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE

Sunday, March 22 after 11:30 Mass

You won't want to miss out on this beautiful tradition!
All donations will benefit the Beatification of Ghassibe Kairouz.



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.



DAILY ROSARY AND MASS

Please note that there will be no 6:30 PM Rosary or 7 PM Mass this week only.



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

March 1, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,652.00

St. John Maron Feast Collection: \$305.00

Online Collection: \$.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.



ST. JOHN MARON MEAT RAFFLE

Keep **April 17th** 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, 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.**

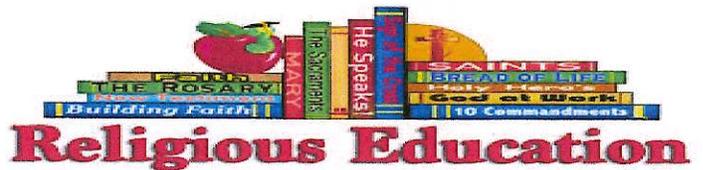
**St. John Maron
Meat Raffle**

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

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

FIRST SPIN 7:00 PM

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



- Mar. 8: Regular Class
- Mar. 15: Regular Class at 9:45 AM
Clocks Spring Ahead-Don't Be Late
- Mar 22: Regular Class

COFFEE HOUR:

- Mar. 8: Anthony & Lana Dakwar
- Mar. 15: Joe & Mary Boctor
- Mar. 22: Susie Raina

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




Fish Fry Friday's

EVERY FRIDAY: BEGINS 2/20

FEBURARY 20TH - MARCH 27TH

OPEN FROM 5 PM - 9 PM

MENU

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

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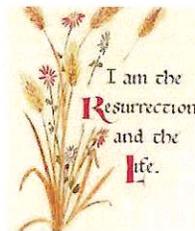
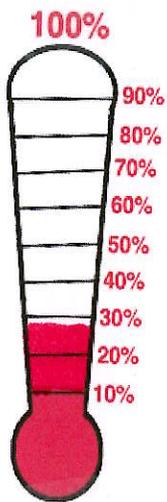
BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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.**

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. 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!



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

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 website.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION OF
Ghassibe Kairouz
FUNDRAISING & INFO EVENT

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Luncheon After 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy

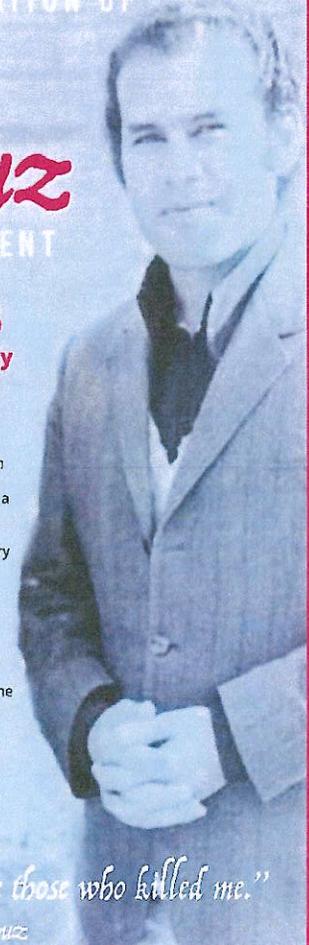
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"I have only one request, forgive those who killed me"
These words were written by Ghassibe Kairouz, a young man who was killed during the Lebanese war. He wrote these words in a letter he left for his parents, in which he wrote of a premonition he had regarding his future martyrdom.

Born 1950 to a Maronite family, he exhibited an extraordinary faith throughout his life, spending his time teaching catechism to children in the countryside. One Christmas, as he decided to travel back to his village, he was captured and held hostage by a non-Christian family. During his capture, Ghassibe remained steadfast in witnessing to his Christian faith, which led to his martyrdom at the hands of his kidnappers on December 23, 1975. Ghassibe previously confided to one of the nuns he worked with saying, "If anyone stops me along the way, I will speak to them about Jesus. After that, if they decide to kill me, so be it."

If Ghassibe's story spoke to your heart, God may be calling you to take part in the efforts to seek his beatification. You can help through your prayers and/or financial support. Join us on SUNDAY, MARCH 22, to learn more about his life.

"I have only one request, forgive those who killed me."
- Ghassibe Kairouz



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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deceased members of the
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Liberatore Families*



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