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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: Eph 1: 15-23 Gospel: Jn 13: 31-35  
Anaphora: Twelve Apostles, page 754

<b>Sat. May 16</b> 5:00 PM	(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David & Michael Rizk (+) <b>Dr. Michael Maouad</b> By Rosemary Lunghino
<b>Sun. May 17</b> 9:30 AM	(+) <b>Samira Moussa</b> By The Moussa Family (+) <b>Nazlah &amp; Adib ElChibani</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Milad ElChibani
<b>Sun. May 17</b> 11:30 AM	(+) <b>Geryes AbouJaoude</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Abdallah AbouJaoude (+) <b>Chayban Chayban</b> By The Family (+) <b>Maroun Ntanios &amp; Family</b> By Fouad & Madeline Natanios (+) <b>George Mansour</b> By Souraya Mansour & Family (+) <b>George Jabbour</b> By The Family (+) <b>Rodrick Khoury</b> By Nila Khoury
<b>Fri. May 22</b> 7:00 PM	<b>ST. SHARBEL MASS</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.



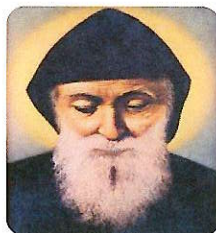
**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burn this month for **Rima Sayegh Dawli** requested by The Family.



**ST. SHARBEL MASS**

There will be a mass in Honor of St. Sharbel on **Friday, May 22 7:00PM** followed by a procession.



**Mass Time & Intentions**

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-21 Gospel: Jn 14: 15-20  
Anaphora: Saint Sixtus, page 856

<b>Sat. May 23</b> 5:00 PM	(+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b> By David & Michael Rizk (+) <b>Sarah &amp; Sadie Betros</b> By Rosemary Lunghino (+) <b>Elias &amp; Sadie Joseph</b> By The Family
<b>Sun. May 24</b> 9:30 AM	(+) <b>Frederick Mattoon, Jr.</b> By Karen Mattoon
<b>Sun. May 24</b> 11:30 AM	(+) <b>Chayban Chayban (40 Day)</b> By The Family (+) <b>Antoun AbouJaoude</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Abdallah AbouJaoude (+) <b>Bahia &amp; Antonios Mansour</b> By Fouad & Madeline Natanios (+) <b>Michel Bsaiibes</b> By Bou Jaoude Family (+) <b>Semaan &amp; Claudette Mahfoud</b> By Georgina AlMekhtifi



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*Please join us on Friday, May 22 at 7 PM for a blessing with the oil of St. Sharbel. Invite your loved ones and friends to join us for this time of healing prayers. May the Lord, through the intercession of St. Sharbel bless you and yours.*



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

*Parish Council*

*Mr. Joseph Mahfouz 716-725-3185*

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*Dr. Naim Dawli 716-982-9411*

*Mr. James Issa 716-536-2370*

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE BANNS**



This is the first announcement of the Marriage Banns for Jacob Chbat and Nina Segarra. If anyone knows of any reason as to why this marriage should not take place in church, please contact me at 716-634-0669 or forever hold your peace.



**LEBANESE FESTIVAL  
2026**

**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday  
July 31, August 1 and 2.**

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE FESTIVAL**

**FESTIVAL PREPARATION**

Preparation for the Lebanese Festival has begun. Anyone willing and able to either volunteer or donate in any capacity, please contact Joe Mahfouz or Parish Office. **Also, sign-up sheets are available in the back of the church for volunteers.**

It is only with the support of our parishioners that our festival is a true success! Now is the time to start spreading the word about our wonderful festival so friends and family can enjoy the three-day long activities. Many families plan their reunions at our annual festival!

**Please start thinking about how you would like to volunteer your time and talents.** If you worked a particular venue in the past, we hope that you will be able to help out again this year! If you have never volunteered before, we hope you consider joining us, as it is a worthy cause and fun to work with fellow parishioners!

Once again, we will have the sponsorship for our Festival Booklet which includes color ads for your business and also beautiful tributes to your deceased loved ones. Watch for the mailing that will be sent shortly.

**Let's keep the momentum going!!**



**In need of  
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DANCE PRACTICE & TIME DETERMINED IN INITIAL MEETING



**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



**TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION**

May 10, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,312.00

Second Collection: \$303.00

Online Collection: \$325.00

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

The Second Collection this week is for Catholic Home Missions Appeal



**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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual **Chicken Barbeque on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 12 noon until 4PM. Tickets are \$16. Dine-in or take-out. Weather permitting, dining will take place outside. Please see a member of the Knights of Columbus for tickets. Thank you for your support.



**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY**

Please join us for our last Altar & Rosary meeting until our tea to be held Monday, May 18. We will begin with the liturgy at 6PM. Our meeting and social will follow in the Education Center. We have the election of president at this meeting. Please join us for a wonderful time being with each other.



Asking for God's blessing on those who've generously touched your life with their love takes thankfulness to the next level-an eternal one. It also reminds you to thank God for bringing these special people into your life.

*I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Eph: 1:16*



**JOIN ST. JOHN MARON COMMUNITY**

We have welcomed many new members in the past year, whether newly married couples, visitors, or family members. We warmly welcome and invite any parishioner to become an official member of our parish family. Go to our website at [stjmaron.org](http://stjmaron.org) or email the church office at [stjmaron@gmail.com](mailto:stjmaron@gmail.com) to register. We invite you to share your unique talents and actively participate in our vibrant parish life. There are many wonderful ways to get involved, including:

- **Usher:** Assist during mass and welcome parishioners
- **Lector:** Share your voice to proclaim the Word during mass
- **Teacher:** Help guide and educate our students
- **Choir/Music:** Use your musical gifts to enhance our worship experience
- **Building/Maintenance:** Volunteer your skills to keep our church beautiful and functional

**Join one of our many wonderful clubs:**

- Altar & Rosary Society
- Knights of Columbus
- MYO (12-17) or MYA (18-35)
- ECMA for medical professionals

# 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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