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

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

(+) =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.



On this **MEMORIAL DAY** let us remember all the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Rom 11: 25-36 Gospel: Mt 28: 16-20
Anaphora: Saint Peter, page 774

Sat. May 30 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Romanos & Asma Georges By Michael Georges (+) Elias & Hassebeh Mansour By Theresa Mansour
Sun. May 31 9:30 AM	(+) Michel, Loulou & Amelia Khoury By Grandchildren
Sun. May 31 11:30 AM	(+) Chayban Chayban By The Family (+) Joseph & Albert Mansour By Fouad & Madeline Natanios



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Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
Acts 2:1



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

Parish Council

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE BANNIS



This is the second 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

**SUPPORT OUR ST. JOHN MARON
LEBANESE FESTIVAL**

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.

Let's keep the momentum going!!

John 14:15
(KJV)
"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

SIMPLE MEANING:
Jesus is saying that true love for Him is shown through obedience – not just words or feelings, but living according to what He taught.

**In need of
Dance Volunteers**
**FOR THE LEBANESE FESTIVAL
JULY 31, AUGUST 1-2 2026**

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**TRADITIONAL LEBANESE STYLE DANCING / DABKE
AGES 7-10, 11-14, (15-18+ ... TBD)**

**DM @SJM.CHURCH IF INTERESTED!
LAST DAY TO SIGN UP: APRIL 20TH**

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 17, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,968.00

Second Collection: \$379.00

Online Collection: \$145.00

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

**The Second Collection this week is for
Fuel and Upkeep**

CEDARS HALL RENTAL

For information, please contact Michael Houry or Joseph Mahfouz at 716-393-9266. Check out the cedarsvenue.com website for more information.

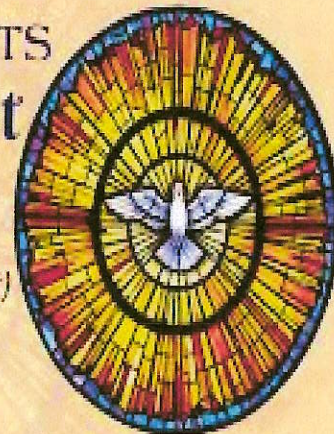
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who volunteered their time last Sunday for the Chicken Barbeque, including the Knights of Columbus and members of the Altar & Rosary Society. Without your continued assistance, these events could not happen. Thank you for your support.

Every Saturday between 10AM and 12Noon, the Knights of Columbus will gather on the church grounds to assist in maintaining the property and preparing for the festival. Anyone can volunteer and help beautify the church campus.

**THE SEVEN GIFTS
of the Holy Spirit**

Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel (*Right Judgement*)
Fortitude (*Courage*)
Knowledge
Piety (*Reverence*)
Fear of the Lord (*Wonder & Awe*)



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 or email the church office at 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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Mt. 20:26

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