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Celebrating our 122nd Anniversary*

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Father Dany Abi-Akar

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: Rom 8: 1-11 Gospel: Mt 12: 14-21
Anaphora Saint Peter, page 774

Sat. July 11 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Msgr. Joseph D. Joseph & Rev. Peter D. Joseph By Family of Elias D. Joseph (+) Gregory Joseph By John & Amy Zavitz
Sun. July 12 10:30 AM	(+) Boulos Chaiban By Hind Chaiban (+) Farid & Angele AbouJaoude By Kamal & Colette Jowdy (+) Abandoned Souls in Purgatory By Fouad & Madeline Natanios (+) Father Yousef Khoury By The Family (+) Rodrick Khoury By The Family

(+) =Deceased; (-) = Intention not deceased



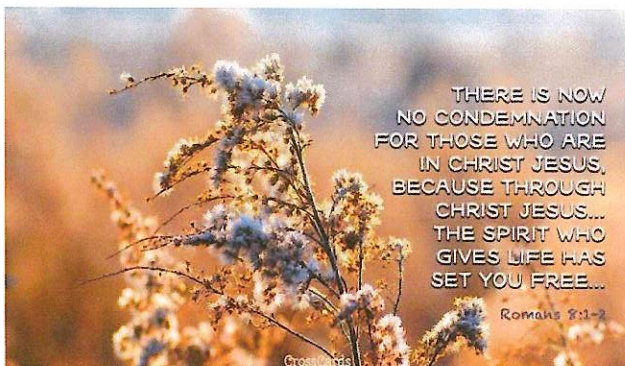
WELCOME!

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 blessings of our country and protection of our citizens requested by Amy Hayek.



Mass Time & Intentions

Epistle: Rom 8: 28-39 Gospel: Mt 13: 36-43
Anaphora Saint Sixtus, page 856

Sat. July 18 5:00 PM	(+) Emil & Gloria Rizk By David & Michael Rizk (+) Pat & Rita MacDiarmid By The Family (+) David Khoury By Tom & Betty Haykel (+) Gregory Joseph By Mary Joseph
Sun. July 19 10:30 AM	(+) David Khoury (40 Day) By The Family (+) Fares & Rafca AbouJaoude By Kamal & Colette Jowdy

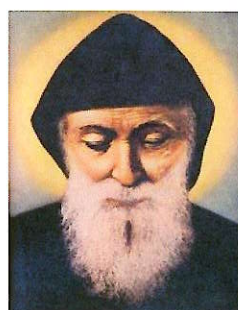


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ST. SHARBEL FEAST DAY MASS



We will celebrate the feast of St Sharbel on **Thursday, July 23 at 7 PM** followed by a procession and blessing with the oil of St. Sharbel. Please share this news with your loved ones and friends. May the Lord through the intercessions 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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**LEBANESE FESTIVAL
2026**

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

VOLUNTEER FOR THE FESTIVAL

KITCHEN HELP

Please contact Shirley Kabalan 716-907-9908 or Joe Mahfouz 716-725-3185 to help out one or all of these shifts. Thank You!

Tabouleh prep and chopping team
July 27th and July 28th morning

Shish Tawook and Beef Kebob
July 27th and 28th evening

Bread Prep team- July 29th

Packaging and cupping team
July 29th and July 30th

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

We continue to accept donations and ads for our festival booklet. Sheets are available in the back of the church. You can also email the church, and we'd be happy to email you a form to complete. It is because of our beloved parishioners and sponsors that our Festival is a success.

We are deeply grateful for the continued generosity and support of our parish family and local businesses. Together, we can make this year's festival a joyful celebration of faith, family, food and community.

ST. JOHN MARON EMAILS

Please email the office at stjmaron@gmail.com if you are not on our mailing list and would like to receive emails about upcoming events.

CONFESSION

Father is always available to hear confessions. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Thank you.

SUMMER MONTHS

Sundays during the summer, the collection goes down. I urge you to make up your contributions when you return or sign up for online donations by using the QR Code. As always, we look forward to seeing you this summer!

**PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY &
REVERENTLY**

We kindly REMIND YOU to dress modestly & reverently when you come to Church on all occasions. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and adherence to this friendly reminder.

**THE SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY
OF MT. CARMEL**

**WHAT IS THE BROWN
SCAPULAR?**

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, or the Brown Scapular, consists of two pieces of brown wool on a cord.

"On July 16, 1251 the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Prior of the Carmelites, giving him the Brown Scapular."

Our Lady promised that "Whoever dies invested with this Scapular shall be preserved from the eternal flames. It is a sign of salvation, a sure safeguard in danger, a pledge of peace and of my special protection until the end of the ages." (EWTN)



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.,
and Peter Eid



TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

July 5, 2026

Regular Collection: \$2,614.00

Second Collection: \$.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
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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think
about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the
Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

Romans 8:5

Our brains are gifts from God, intended to serve us
well, special gifts of grace we often take for granted. In
return, we need to offer our minds back to God.
Practice thinking positive thoughts. Focus on what is
true rather than on lies; pay attention to beautiful
things and stop staring at the ugly things in life.
Discipline your mind to take on God's habits of
thinking.

*Dear Lord, I want to give Your Holy Spirit complete
control of my mind because I know His leadership
leads to life and peace. Truth is found in You alone.
Amen*

TUITION ASSISTANCE

A generous parishioner of St. John Maron is
pleased to provide scholarship opportunities
(tuition assistance) to our St. John Maron families.

The requirements are:

† Family must be registered and participating
members of St. John Maron Church.

† Family must have one or more students
registered and attending a Catholic Elementary or
High School in WNY for the 2026-2027 school
year.

† Families must demonstrate financial need.

† **Application deadline is August 1, 2026.**

Completed applications must be turned in to St.
John Maron Office by August 1, 2026. See the
application and instructions in the back of the
church.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are continuing their
clean up and maintenance on the church grounds
every Saturday morning. Please join us anytime
between 8am and noon. All help is appreciated.

■ GOSPEL REFLECTION | MATTHEW 12:14-21

In today's Gospel, Matthew 12:14-21,
we see how Jesus responded to
rejection not with anger, but with
quiet mercy. As the Pharisees
plotted against Him, Jesus withdrew—
not out of fear, but out of divine
wisdom. He continued to heal and
serve, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah:

*„He will not quarrel or cry out...
A bruised reed He will not break.
and a smoldering wick He will
not snuff out.“*

▲ Jesus is the gentle Servant of God—full of compassion,
justice, and mercy. He lifts the broken, restores the weary,
and brings quiet hope to the world.

✞ May we learn to walk in His gentleness. In moments
of rejection or trial, may we remain faithful and kind,
trusting that God's justice will prevail in peace.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, You are the humble and merciful Servant
foretold by the prophets. Teach us to be like You—gentle
in spirit, faithful in trials, and loving even in rejection.
May we bring Your healing and hope to those in need.
Amen.

#GospelReflection #Matthew1214to21 #JesusTheGentle
Servant #HopeInChrist #WalkWithJesus #FaithOverFear

IN LOVING MEMORY of...

*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*

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Kitty Champagne
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By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick*

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By Wife Mary K. Joseph*

*Badih B. Boujaoude
Farid and Angele Aboujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Nabih Tablie
Albert Hanna
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*

*Elias & Sadie Joseph
Joseph E. Joseph
By the Family*

*The deceased of the Saffire & Attea families
By Rosemary Saffire*

*Charles & Mabel Haykel
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Jabour Anthony Family
By Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haykel*

*Felix & Yvonne Labaki
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*Sarkis Abraham & Family
Sarkis Zaiter & Family
By Mrs. Therese Abraham*

*Rafca Abdallah Boujaoude
By Kamal and Colette Jowdy*

*Rima Sayegh Dawli
By the Family*

*Emil & Gloria Rizk
By David & Michael Rizk*

*Mary & Gebron Milan
By David & Michael Rizk*

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 Aclé (alternately 1915-1919)
Reverend Peter F. Sfeir (1924-1930; 1947-1954)
Reverend Norman S. Peter (1946-1948)
Reverend Monsignor Joseph D. Joseph (1954-1956)
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Mt. 20:26

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