

# St. John Maron Church

## Maronite Catholic

*Founded in 1904*  
*Celebrating our 122<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*

**YOU ARE WELCOMED & LOVED BY ST. JOHN MARON'S COMMUNITY**



**2040 Wehrle Dr. Williamsville NY 14221**

**Phone: 716-634-0669**

**Website: [www.stjmaron.org](http://www.stjmaron.org)**

**E-mail: [stjmaron@gmail.com](mailto:stjmaron@gmail.com)**

**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: 1 Thes 5: 1-11 Gospel: Mt 24: 45-51**  
**Saint Peter, page 774**

|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. Oct. 10</b><br><b>5:00 PM</b>  | (+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b><br>By David & Michael Rizk<br>(+) <b>Gregory Joseph</b><br>By Joan Dienhart<br>(+) <b>Sarah &amp; Sadie Betros</b><br>By Rosemary Lunghino<br>(+) <b>Abraham Abounader</b><br>By Marie Abounader & Family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sun. Oct. 11</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b>  | <b>Living &amp; Deceased of Setlik, Mazzacua, Schraml &amp; Zuba families</b><br>By Drs. Robert & Andrea Setlik and Family                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Sun. Oct. 11</b><br><b>11:30 AM</b> | (+) <b>Rima Sayeh Dawli</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>David Khoury</b><br>By Mr. & Mrs. Bou Jaoude<br>(+) <b>Boulos Chaiban (Anniv)</b><br>By Hind Chaiban<br>(+) <b>Samira Jamil Moussa</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Simone Khoury Germanos</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Samira Khalil Assaf</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Antoine Harfouche</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>George Mansour</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Chayban Chayban</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Fawzi Maalouf</b><br>By Mr. & Mrs. George M. Atallah and Family<br>(+) <b>Doumit El Khoury</b><br>By Mr. & Mrs. Sayed ElKhoury & Family<br>(+) <b>Badih &amp; Nawal ElMektafi</b><br>By Sam & Katia Mansour |

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



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle burn this month for the souls of **George & Constance Hayek** requested by Amy Hayek.



**Mass Time & Intentions**

**Epistle: Phil 2: 12-18 Gospel: Mt 25: 1-13**  
**Twelve Apostles, page 754**

|                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat. Oct. 17</b><br><b>5:00 PM</b>  | (+) <b>Emil &amp; Gloria Rizk</b><br>By David & Michael Rizk<br>(+) <b>Lena Thomas</b><br>By Rosemary Lunghino<br>(+) <b>Kitty Champagne</b><br>By Debbie & Sam Tartick                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Sun. Oct. 18</b><br><b>9:30 AM</b>  | (-) <b>Children &amp; families of St. John Maron Parish</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Sun. Oct. 18</b><br><b>11:30 AM</b> | (+) <b>Rima Khoury Abboud</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Jenny Tony Aziz</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Pauline Issa</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>David Henri Khoury</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Badih &amp; Nawal ElMektafi</b><br>By Sam & Katia Mansour<br>(+) <b>George Jabbour</b><br>By Mr. & Mrs. George M. Atallah and Family<br>(+) <b>Antoinette Zaiter</b><br>By Mona Hanna<br>(+) <b>Antoine Harfouche</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>George Mansour</b><br>By The Family<br>(+) <b>Chayban Chayban</b><br>By The Family |



**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. **You can also sign up for autopay using the QR Code. It is a secure, quick and easy way to donate on a recurring basis.**



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS

October 11, 2026

### 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.

### 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.,  
Peter Eid, Chau Tran, and Souraya Mansour



### TOTAL BASKET COLLECTION

October 4, 2026

Regular Collection: \$3,770.00

Second Collection: \$439.00

Online Collection: \$28.00

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

### MYO BAKE SALE



#### SUNDAY OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

Please come out and support our MYO as they kick off their year with a delicious bake sale! Baked goods will be available:  
During coffee hour: 10:30-11:30AM  
After the 11:30 mass in the vestibule

### VIGIL MASS



Per the majority of our parishioners, going forward for the winter months, we will move our Vigil Masses from 7PM to 6PM. Moving the time back by

one hour can slightly reduce nighttime driving.



### Honor a Loved One with an Engraved Memorial Brick

#### Create a Lasting Tribute

Creating an engraved memorial brick is a beautiful, lasting tribute to your loved ones. Your personalized brick will become a permanent part of our Memorial Garden, preserving their memory for generations while helping support our parish and its future.

#### Your gift is a meaningful way to:

Honor the memory of a loved one

- Celebrate family members or parishioners
- Leave a lasting legacy at St. John Maron Church
- Support the continued growth and beautification of our garden and parish

**Donation: \$150 per engraved brick      Special: 4 Bricks for \$500**

1. Please see the sample brick and order form in the back of the church. Please call the office with any questions. Visit the Memorial Garden where four bricks have already been installed.

**Order yours today to secure your spot in our Memorial Garden.**

Thank you for helping create a place of remembrance, prayer, and reflection for our parish family. Your generosity ensures that the memories of those who came before us will remain a lasting part of St. John Maron Church for years to come.

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

*Parish Council*

*Mr. Joseph Mahfouz 716-725-3185*

*Dr. Gabriel Chouchani 716-812-0881*

*Dr. Naim Dawli 716-982-9419*

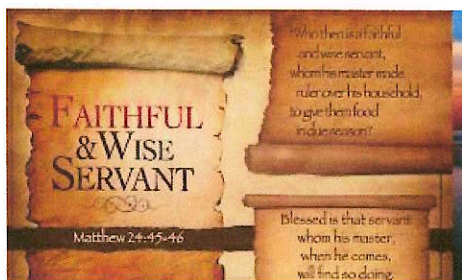
*Mr. Charles Mosey 716-228-8313*

### **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.

### **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. You can also download the form from our [stjmaron.org](http://stjmaron.org) website located on the main page. Intention forms can be mailed in or put in the collection basket. Thank you for your cooperation.



### **Matthew 24:42-51**

instructs believers to be watchful and ready for Christ's return, as

the timing is unknown. Jesus uses a parable of a master and his servants to illustrate that the faithful, responsible servant who is diligently doing his duties will be rewarded, while the wicked, complacent servant who abuses others will face severe judgment. The passage emphasizes living each day with spiritual alertness, integrity, and active service, rather than spiritual laziness or fear, to be prepared for Christ's unexpected return.



**The Autumn Spectacular is coming up Saturday, November 14.** Tickets will be distributed after all masses this weekend. If you cannot pick them up, please call the office to arrange for pick-up. Please call the office if you would like to purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$100, dinner is \$25.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the committee to help organize and enhance this event. Please contact the Parish office if you are interested.

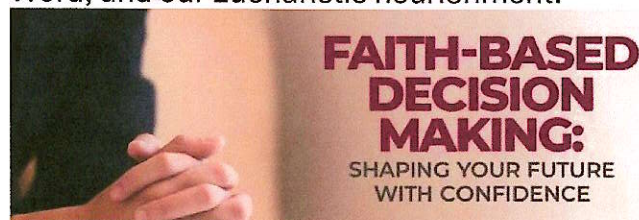


### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

We are in the process of ordering our weekly envelopes for 2027. If you are a new parishioner and would like weekly envelopes, please call or email the office.

### **Catechism of the Catholic Church, Simplified**

**Making Decisions with the Church (2039-2040)** A person's conscience should not focus upon his own acts. In making moral judgments, the person should consider the good of all as expressed in the moral law, in Church law and in Church teaching. Personal conscience and reason should not oppose the moral law or the Church's teaching. Baptismal grace should bring forth a filial spirit toward the Church because the Church has brought us God's mercy, God's Word, and our Eucharistic nourishment.



# 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*

*Toufic & Najeeba Karam  
By Michael Karam*

*Sam & Christine Tartick  
Kitty Champagne  
Adeline Rein & Eugene Musial  
By Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Tartick*

*John M. Joseph  
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  
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*

*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)  
Reverend Paul Hage (1954-1968)  
Bishop Fouad T. El-Hage (1972-1982)*



**George's Mobil & Service Center • (716) 688-0963**  
Major & Minor repair • Domestic & Foreign Cars • Quality Workmanship  
**Audubon Laser Wash • Touch Free Car Wash • Open 24 Hrs**  
**Taste of Lebanon • Mediterranean Food • (716) 688-4242**  
**2206 Millersport Hwy Getzville NY 14068**



# SUPPORT OUR PATRONS!



**Western New York MRI**  
222 Genesee St., Buffalo, NY 14203  
• High Field 1.5T & 3T MRI • PET/CT  
• 3D Mammography • Ultrasound • Nuclear Medicine • Bone Density X-ray • DMX  
Ph: 716.855.2866 | Fax: 716.855.2860

**WNY MRI at KEN-TON OPEN MRI**  
2882 Elmwood Ave., Kenmore, NY 14217  
• High Field Open MRI • Ultrasound  
• CT • X-ray (Scoliosis) • Fluoroscopy (Upper GI)  
Ph: 716.876.7000 | Fax: 716.876.7447

**WNY MRI & WNY Women's Imaging at Park Club Lane**  
180 Park Club Ln., Ste. 150, Williamsville, NY 14221  
• High Field 1.5T MRI • CT • Ultrasound  
• 3D Mammography • Bone Density • Fluoroscopy  
• Nuclear Medicine • X-ray  
Ph: 716.204.0028 | Fax: 716.428.3824

**WNY MRI at Lockport**  
170 Professional Pkwy. Lockport, NY 14094  
• High Field 1.5T MRI • 3D Mammography • Ultrasound • X-ray  
Ph: 716.438.2400 | Fax: 716.429.6264

**WNY MRI at Orchard Park (Sterling Park)**  
45 Windward Dr., Ste. 250, Orchard Park, NY 14127  
• 1.5T MRI • CT • X-ray • Ultrasound  
Ph: 716.322.4550 | Fax: 716.322.3373

Call for Convenient Hours •  
Courtesy Transportation  
www.wnyig.com  
Dr. Joseph Serghany - Parishioner



**ORE Communications**

**Cloud Services**

MSP Services  
VoIP Services  
Complete IT Needs





**Chuck Mosey**  
716.250.7700

**Cedars Venue**

Celebrate your next event at Cedars Venue!

716-393-9266

2040 Wehrle Drive,  
Buffalo, NY 14221

Cedarsvenue.com  
Cedarsvenue@gmail.com



**Mike Smith Buick GMC**  
6014 S. Transit Rd.  
Lockport, NY  
(716) 625-8235



**BURNS BARBER SHOP**  
Haircutting & Shaves

|     |           |
|-----|-----------|
| MON | 9am - 5pm |
| TUE | 9am - 5pm |
| WED | CLOSED    |
| THU | 9am - 5pm |
| FRI | 9am - 5pm |
| SAT | 9am - 5pm |
| SUN | CLOSED    |

Southgate Plaza p 716.674.1651  
1030 Union Road • West Seneca, NY 14224

**St. John Maron** Council 16441  
Serving St. John Maron's since 2016



**Knights of Columbus**

"Whoever desires to become great among you, shall become your servant"  
Mt. 20:26

We invite all men of our parish to JOIN us.



**Health Mart PHARMACY**

**Tile Pharmacy**

1031 Cleveland Dr.  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Ph: 716-632-4888  
Fax: 716-632-4488

J. Rutowski



**NORTHEASTERN**  
FINANCIAL PARTNERS LLC

5780 Main St. • Williamsville, NY 14221 • (716) 635-6800



**Contact Kamal Jowdy**  
**Service • Quality • Value**

1000 Commerce Pkwy • Lancaster, New York 14086  
(716) 683-1100 • Fax (716) 683-1101  
email: info@delftprinting.com  
www.delftprinting.com



**BUFFALO GENERAL DENTISTRY**  
— IMPLANT SEDATION COSMETIC —

Dr. Daniel Jammal, DMD  
(716) 836-1620  
4955 N. Bailey Ave  
Amherst, NY 14226  
BuffaloGeneralDentistry.com

Present this ad for 10% discount

*Don't overpay for one of life's necessities.*

**TRADITIONAL FUNERALS STARTING AT \$5995.00**  
Includes 1 day viewing and a 20 gauge metal casket

(Concrete grave liner optional -  
not required by NYS; may be required by cemetery)



**LOMBARDO FUNERAL HOME**  
OUR FAMILY SERVING YOUR FAMILY SINCE 1907

**DIRECT CREMATION \$1690.00**

885 Niagara Falls Blvd • (near Eggert Rd) 716-837-7100  
4614 Main Street • (near Harlem) 716-839-7100  
3060 Abbott Road • (near Lake Avenue) 716-823-4812

*"The end of high cost funerals"*