

**Maronite Christian Formation  
(MCF)**

MCF classes are held every Saturday at **3:45PM** in the church hall.

All second grade students who have not made their First Communion are asked to attend every week in order to prepare for their First Communion in Spring 2017. Parents please make it a priority to help your children by ensuring students are present for all classes.

**2017 PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Patrice Boulous, Liturgy & Sacraments Leader

Samuel Elias

Keene Jabbour, Esq.

Michael Karam, Pastoral Outreach Leader

Steve Koorie

Judge Michael Koury

Peter Melan

Leonard Symia

Dr. Charlene Symia, Formation Leader

Rosie Touma

Mary Sue Tumminello

**2017 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**

Nehme Nehme, President

Martha Badway

Owtill J. Koury

Marta Gabriel

Maynard Melhem

Joseph Moussa

**CONFESSIONS:**  
  
**SUNDAY: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass)**  
**SATURDAY: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass)**  
**Also Available by Appointment**

**OCTOBER TO MAY**  
  
**Religious Education: Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm**

**CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**  
A charismatic healing mass will be held at St Philip & James Church  
430 south Main Street, Phillipsburg at 7pm on  
Wednesday Jan. 25, 2017. Fr. Cliff Bishop will be the celebrant.  
For further details call 732-514-7160 or [dmhealing@aol.com](mailto:dmhealing@aol.com).  
This will be a great night for all those who attend.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
The first meeting of the new year will be held on Sunday,  
January 22nd in the church hall beginning at 7:00 PM

**PIONEERS OF MARY**  
Meetings will be held every Sunday in the hall at 6:00 PM.

**PARISH MISSION**  
*To live our Antiochene Catholic faith and nurture our Maronite heritage in order to grow and flourish as a family of Christ in the local community.*

<b>BINGO COMMITTEE</b>	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
<b>MCF COORDINATOR</b>	Deanna Baurkot
<b>ST. THERESA SODALITY</b>	Rosie Touma
<b>FINANCIAL AUDITOR</b>	Ferris Koorie
<b>HOLY NAME SOCIETY</b>	Leonard Symia
<b>HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON</b>	Steve Koorie
<b>MYA</b>	Selana Koorie
<b>PARISH ORGANIST</b>	Patty Boulous
<b>MYO/PIONEERS</b>	Alexa Koorie
<b>ARABIC CLASS COORDINATOR</b>	Rita Bassil

<b>BAPTISMS:</b>  <i>Please Call The Parish Rectory</i> <b>(non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)</b>	<b>MARRIAGES:</b>  <b>Please Notify The Pastor</b> <b>At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time</b>
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Our Lady of Lebanon  
Maronite Catholic Church  
55 SOUTH FOURTH STREET EASTON, PA. 18042  
610-252-5275

Week 4 - 6      Email: [abouna@ololeaston.org](mailto:abouna@ololeaston.org)      Website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org)      Jan 21 - Feb 5, 2017

**Season of Epiphany**  
**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**



**CLERGY**  
Father Simon El Hajj, Pastor  
Deacon Anthony Koury  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday through Thursday  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
*No office hours or Liturgy on Fridays.*  
**LITURGY:**  
Saturdays: 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 10:00 AM and 12 Noon

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**The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ  
according to Saint John 3:1-16**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

2ND COLLECTION - U.S. CATHOLIC BISHOPS WORLDWIDE CHARITIES, JANUARY 22ND

WEEKEND of Jan 21 - Jan 22 \*\*\*Third Sunday after Epiphany\*\*\*

Saturday, Jan 21 - 5:00 PM - CANONE ANTHONY by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hanni & Family  
Sunday, Jan 22 - 10:00 AM - DIMITRA GIAMCOUMOPOULOS ACHI by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Giamcoumopoulos & Family.  
Sunday, Jan 22 - 12 Noon - Available

Monday	Jan 23	6:00 PM	EDWARD JOSEPH by Tara Symia Simonetta & Family
Tuesday	Jan 24	6:00 PM	MARY SIMON by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Richardson & Family
Wednesday	Jan 25	6:00 PM	SAM SAAD by Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Jabbour & Family
Thursday	Jan 26	6:00 PM	NAOMI STAHL by Mr. & Mrs. George Baurkot & Family

WEEKEND of Jan 28 - Jan 29 \*\*\*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany\*\*\*

Saturday, Jan 28 - 5:00 PM - HABIB NEHME (40 Day Mass) by the Family  
Sunday, Jan 29- 10:00 AM - LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING BY CHORBISHOP FRANCIS DOUMIT - Lunch will follow  
DECEASED PRIESTS OF KFARSGHAB, LEBANON, DECEASED MEMBERS OF SHEIK ESTEPHEN FAMILY & ALL THE DECEASED WHO HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR THEM by a Friend.  
Sunday, Jan 29 - 12 Noon - Available

Monday	Jan 30	6:00 PM	JOHN SHAHEEN by Mr. & Mrs. John Melhem & Family
Tuesday	Jan 31	6:00 PM	JAMEL DERAYMOND by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph & Family
Wednesday	Feb 1	6:00 PM	EDWARD GEOSITS by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buesing & Family
Thursday	Feb 2	6:00 PM	NICK CIAMBRONE by Sanna Baurkot

WEEKEND of Feb 4 - Feb 5 \*\*\*Sunday of the Priests\*\*\*

Saturday, Feb 4 - 5:00 PM - ALL THE DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH by the St. Theresa Sodality  
Sunday, Feb 5 - 10:00 AM - SEMAAN (SIMON) TANOUS FARHAT by Barbara Melhem & Family  
Coffee hour to follow  
Sunday, Feb 5 - 12 Noon - Available

LECTORS	
Saturday, Jan 21	Family
Sunday, Jan 22	Family
Saturday, Jan 28	Family
Sunday, Jan 29	Family
Saturday, Feb 4	TBD
Sunday, Feb 5	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS	
3rd Sunday after Epiphany <i>Gal 3:23-29 / JN 3:1-16</i>	
4th Sunday after Epiphany <i>Rom 7:1-6 / JN 4:5-7, 9-26</i>	
Sunday of the Priests <i>1 Tim 4:6-16 / Lk 12:42-48</i>	

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
ANNUAL FAMILY  
BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The Holy Name’s annual breakfast fundraiser  
will be held on  
Sunday, January 22, 2017 after 10:00 AM Liturgy.

\$20.00 per Household  
\$5.00 for individuals ages 12 and over  
\$3.00 for children ages 5 to 12  
Free for kids under 5 years old.

Tickets will be available after weekend masses  
or by contacting a HNS member. Please try and  
purchase your tickets prior to the event so that  
an ample supply of food is available.

Thank you in advance for your support!



PIONEERS OF MARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017 AT 11:00 AM

The Pioneers of Mary will hold a fundraising Bake Sale,  
on Sunday, February 12, 2017 beginning at 11:00 AM  
in our church hall. The money raised will help fund their  
activities throughout the year. Please support our  
youth, they are the future of our church!

AWAMAT & Z’ATHAR PROCEEDS

Thank you to everyone who helped, donated or  
purchased at our annual Awamat sale.

We raised \$1,301.00

for Catholic School Education



Monsignor Sami Hayek would like to warmly thank the members of our church who continue to generously support the **Young Girl of Lebanon Institute**. The institute teaches youth the humanitarian principles and Christian virtues so that they would preserve their dignity and protect their purity and morality The primary, intermediate and secondary academic schools includes 1200 students from approximately 30 villages belonging to the neighboring region, the population of which reaches 30 thousand. The establishment receives around 100 boarding girls mostly categorized as orphans, needy, and difficult cases coming from the four corners of the country. Monsignor Sami is committed to helping these underprivileged youth and is grateful that his former parishioners continue to think of him by assisting those who are poor.

Save the Dates

SPINACH PIE SALE.....MARCH 3, 2017  
ST. JOSEPH’S BAKE SALE..... MARCH 19, 2017  
HOLY NAME MEATLESS DINNER.....MARCH 31, 2017  
ANNUAL SPRING HAFLI .....APRIL 29, 2017  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.....MAY 7, 2017



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Jan 24	Rosie Canone, Marta Gabriel	Sharon John
Jan 31	John Isaac	Caroline Dergham
Feb 7	Pete Melan	Noelle Richardson. Naomi Shiner