

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: President

Samuel Elias

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Rosie Touma : Secretary

Mary Sue Tumminello

2017 STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Nehme Nehme, President

Martha Badway

Owtil J. Koury

Marta Gabriel

Maynard Melhem

Joseph Moussa



St. Theresa Sodality Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2nd at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

Holy Name Society Meeting

The next Holy Name Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Plans for the annual meatless dinner will be finalized.

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.

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

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

BAPTISMS:

Please Call The Parish Rectory
(non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)

MARRIAGES:

Please Notify The Pastor
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time



Week 8 - 10

Email: abouna@ololeaston.org

Website: ololeaston.org

Feb 25 - Mar 12, 2017

Season of Great Lent

Sunday of Entrance into Lent/Miracle at Cana in Galilee



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee,

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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Annual Lenten Appeal

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn is now taking place. The Bishop relies upon you to help him serve our Maronite parishes, open new missions, train our future Maronite priests, and support our retired priests.

We have been asked to contribute \$6,500 as a parish. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal at a level which is meaningful for them, and to be as generous as possible. An envelope is included in your weekly offering packet for your convenience. Our church will have to pay the balance in the event that adequate funds are not raised. The Appeal ends Easter Sunday, March 27th. Please give what God has put in your heart to give.

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND of Feb 25-Feb 26 *Sunday of the Entrance into Lent/Miracle at Cana in Galilee*****

Saturday, Feb 25 - 5:00 PM - MARY SIMON by Deacon & Mrs. Anthony Koury

Sunday, Feb 26 - 10:00 AM - KAMIL MELHEM by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Elias. Coffee hour to follow.

Sunday, Feb 26 - 12 Noon - Available

ASH MONDAY			
Monday	Feb 27	10:00 AM	CATHERINE SHAHEEN by John & April Shaheen
		7:00 PM	MICHAEL JABBOUR by James Jowdy
Tuesday	Feb 28	6:00 PM	EVA OLIVER by Marlene Bedway
Wednesday	Mar 1	6:00 PM	MARIE HANNI by Mary Judith Chaponis
Thursday	Mar 2	7:00 PM	ST. JOHN MARON, CONFESSOR EDWARD JOSEPH by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moussa
Friday	Mar 3	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEEKEND of Mar 4 -Mar 5 ** 2nd Sunday of Lent - Healing of the Leper******

Saturday, Mar 4 - 5:00 PM - CANONE ANTHONY by The Hon. Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood

Sunday, Mar 5 - 10:00 AM - BUDWI BADIH CONSTANTINE by Maroun & Amal Maroun & Family.
Coffee hour to follow.

Sunday, Mar 5 - 12 Noon - Available

Monday	Mar 6	6:00 PM	JAMEL DERAYMOND by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buesing & Family
Tuesday	Mar 7	6:00 PM	JOHN SHAHEEN by Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Jabbour & Family
Wednesday	Mar 8	6:00 PM	ELFRIEDA PERGOSKY by Folee Glosser
Thursday	Mar 9	6:00 PM	DIMITRA GIACOUPOPOULOS ACHI by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Piagesi & Family
Friday	Mar 10	7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEEKEND of Mar 11- Mar 12 ** 3rd Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Hemorrhaging Woman******

Saturday, Mar 11 - 5:00 PM - Available

Sunday, Mar 12 - 10:00 AM - KARIM & SUSAN MICHAEL AND SON PAUL (Birthday Remembrances)
by Mr. & Mrs. Saadeh Boulos & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Sunday, Mar 12 - 12 Noon - Available

Banns of Marriage - 2nd Banns of marriage is announced for Owtil Koury and Samantha Santiago. If anyone has a reason why this couple should not be united in Holy Matrimony speak now, only to the Pastor, or forever hold your peace.

LECTORS

Saturday, Feb 25	Jane Karam
Sunday, Feb 26	Family
Saturday, Mar 4	Family
Sunday, Mar 5	Family
Saturday, Mar 11	TBD
Sunday, Mar 12	Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday of Great Lent: Wedding at Cana
Romans 14:14-23 / John 2: 1-11

2nd Sunday: Healing of the Leper
Romans 6:12-23 / Mark 1:35-45

3rd Sunday: Hemorrhaging Woman
2 Cor 7:4-11 / Lk 8:40-56



Lenten Guidelines

Fasting: All the faithful who are physically capable are to fast everyday during Lent. Fasting involves no eating and drinking at all, (except water and medicine) **from 12 Midnight until 12 Noon**. We urge those who are not capable to make a good effort on Ash Monday and all Fridays during Lent.

Abstinence: No meat throughout Lent. We encourage you to at least abstain on Ash Monday and all Fridays in Lent

SPINACH PIE SALE

TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

WHERE: CHURCH HALL

COST: \$4.00 EACH

PICK UP TIME: FRIDAY-BETWEEN 3:30 & 6:30 PM

DEADLINE TO ORDER: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

TO PLACE ORDER CALL:

CHEFFIE KOURY AT 610-905-8894

MINERVA JACOB AT 610-653-7640

NORMA BASSIL AT 610-746-6658

**VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP ON THURSDAY,
MARCH 2ND, BEGINNING AT 2:00 PM AND FRIDAY,
MARCH 3RD, BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Saint Joseph's Bake Sale

The St. Theresa Sodality's annual bake sale will be held on **Sunday, March 19th**, in the church hall, following the 10:00 AM

Liturgy and procession with the icon of

St. Joseph. We will be raffling a **58" Samsung LED**

Smart TV, in addition to other prizes. Sodality members will be selling raffle tickets after each weekend Mass.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY'S
ANNUAL MEATLESS DINNER

Friday, March 31, 2017

Details will be published in future bulletins.



Parish Lenten Dinner for the Needy - April 7, 2017

A Lenten dinner will be hosted for the areas needy on Friday, April 7, 2017 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. This is an inaugural event and arrangements will be made to serve a traditional Lenten meatless dinner to 400 of the areas needy. A meeting will be held on March 19 during the St. Joseph Day Bake Sale to finalize preparations, including registering volunteers and accept donations. Please contact the parish office or any member of the Outreach team - Michael Karam, Sam Elias, or Peter Melan for additional information.

68th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli



Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Catholic Church of Cranston, Rhode Island is celebrating its 68th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli on Saturday, March 18, 2017. As part of its celebration it is holding a \$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The raffle ticket cost \$100 per ticket and "one lucky winner" need not be present at the event. If you are interested in supporting this annual event you may purchase a raffle ticket by contacting Rosann Constantine in person or by telephone at 610-253-2269.



BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Feb 28	Elaine Koury	Minerva Jacob