

# KNIGHTS OF MARY



The Knights of Mary (grades 1-6) will be meeting on Friday, March 16th, from 5 - 7 PM in the church hall. Kids will learn about a religious topic, make crafts, play games, and have a small snack.

This program is for 1st through 6th grade children. Help us grow your children's spirituality by encouraging your child to attend.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Pastoral council will meet next Sunday, March 11th at 7:00 PM in the church hall.



## ST. THERESA SODALITY MEETING

The next Sodality meeting will take place Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the church hall. Call 610-905-6209 if you are in need of transportation.

## DESIGNER HANDBAG BINGO

MARCH 24, 2018



**\$25 ADVANCE TICKETS  
\$30 AT THE DOOR  
DOORS OPEN AT 12PM  
BINGO BEGINS AT 1PM  
BRING A CANNED GOOD,  
GET A FREE BINGO DAUBER**

**DON'T WAIT TO RESERVE YOUR TICKETS  
SEATING IS LIMITED  
HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
17 N CONVENT AVENUE, NAZARETH, PA 18064**

**For information please email:  
hfshandbagbingo@gmail.com  
Make check payable to: HFHSA  
Tickets will be sent when payment is received. Payment is due with  
ticket reservation. Food & refreshments, 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets  
will also be available for purchase.**

## Weekly Collection

Saturday, 2-24-2018 - \$391.00  
Sunday, 2-25-2018 - \$1,490.00  
Total weekly collection - \$1,881.00

BINGO COMMITTEE	Eva Farhat, Patty Boulous, Anthony Koury, Jr.
ST. THERESA SODALITY	Rosie Canone
FINANCIAL AUDITOR	Ferris Koorie
HOLY NAME SOCIETY	Leonard Symia
HERITAGE DAY CHAIRPERSON	Steve Koorie
PARISH ORGANIST	Patty Boulous
MYO/PIONEERS	Arthur Jacob

## 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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

October through May -Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

## BAPTISMS:

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

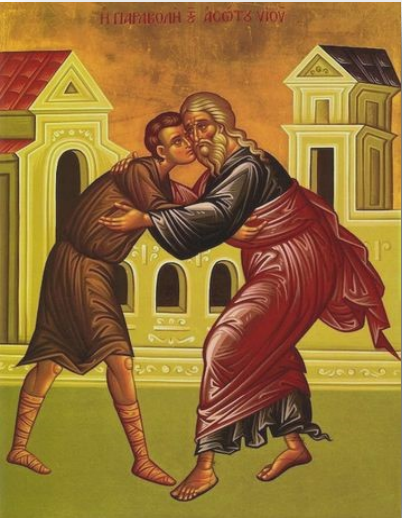
## MARRIAGES:

*Please Notify The Pastor*  
At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time



Week 10 - Week 12 Email: [abouna@ololeaston.org](mailto:abouna@ololeaston.org) website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org) Mar 4 - Mar 18, 2018

# Parable of the Prodigal Son



## The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke 15:11-32

The Lord Jesus says: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'

So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!"

Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

## 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 on Fridays.

## LITURGY:

Saturdays: 5:00 PM  
Sundays: 10:00 AM

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WEEKEND of Mar 3 - Mar 4

\*\*\* **PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON** \*\*\*

Saturday, Mar 3 - 5:00 PM

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ROSE SYMIA (Birthday Remembrance) by Children & Grandchildren.

Sunday, Mar 4 - 10:00 AM

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KARIM, SUSAN & PAUL MICHAEL by Mr. & Mrs. Saadeh Boulos. Coffee hour to

*Father Simon will be away beginning Monday, February 26th through Wednesday, March 7th.  
Fr. will be teaching continuing education classes to the Diocesan seminarians.  
There will be no daily Mass, however Stations of the Cross will take place as scheduled.  
Please contact Deacon Anthony at 610-653-6294 in case of emergency.*

Tuesday	Mar 6		NO MASS
Wednesday	Mar 7		NO MASS
Thursday	Mar 8	9:00 AM	MARY JABBOUR by The St. Theresa Sodality
Friday	Mar 9	9:00 AM	YOUSSEF & GHOSOUN MAROUN by Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob
		7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION -

WEEKEND of Mar 10 - Mar 11

\*\*\* **HEALING OF THE LEPER** \*\*\*

Saturday, Mar 10 - 5:00 PM

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MARION COCCIA (40 Day Mass) by the Family

Sunday, Mar 11 - 10:00 AM

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FAHIM & JEANETTE ELIAS , SON, MITCH DANIEL AND DAUGHTER, HUGUETTE MOUSSA by the Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Mar 13	6:00 PM	ELIAS SYMIA by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph & Family
Wednesday	Mar 14	9:00 AM	MARIE HANNI by Mary Judith Chaponis
Thursday	Mar 15	9:00 AM	JOSEPH MELHEM by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie & Anthony Koury, Jr.
Friday	Mar 16	9:00 AM	CATHERINE SHAHEEN by Karen Colten
		7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION

WEEKEND of Mar 17 - Mar 18

\*\*\* **HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN** \*\*\*

Saturday, Mar 17 - 5:00 PM

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EVA OLIVER by the Family

Sunday, Mar 18 - 10:00 AM

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NASSIM, ROUTULLAH AND ELIAS ELIAS by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Elias & Family.


**Bingo volunteers are needed! Please contact Fr. Simon if you are able to help**

	BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
	Mar 6	Mike Boulos	Sharon John
	Mar 13	Elias Chadd, John Isaac	Jenny Vaccaro

LECTORS

Saturday, Mar 3	Family
Sunday, Mar 4	Family
Saturday, Mar 10	Family
Sunday, Mar 11	Family
Saturday, Mar 17	Family
Sunday, Mar 18	Family


SCRIPTURE READINGS



*Parable of the Prodigal Son*  
**2 Cor 13:5-13 / Lk 15:11-32**

*Healing of the Paralytic*  
**1 Tim 5:24-6:5 / Mk 2:1-12**

*Healing of the Blind Man*  
**2 Cor 10:1-7 / Mk 10:46-52**



**Saint Joseph’s Bake Sale**

The St. Theresa Sodality’s annual bake sale will be held on **Sunday, March 18th**, in the church hall, following the 10:00 AM Liturgy .

A **55” Insignia Roku TV 4K Ultra HD LED TV** will be raffled off at the bake sale. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Sodality members will be selling raffle tickets after weekend liturgies.

Thank you in advance for your support!



**Annual Lenten Appeal**

The Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of St. Maron Brooklyn is now taking place. The Bishop relies upon 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. The church will have to pay the balance In the event that adequate funds are not raised. Collection ends Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.

**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 physically capable to make an effort on Ash Monday and Good Friday.

**Abstinence** - No meat or dairy food throughout Lent. We encourage you to at least abstain on Ash Monday and Fridays during Lent.

**Save the Dates**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION-----May 6th

41ST ANNUAL LEBANESE HERITAGE DAY-----August 4th & 5th

**Parish Lenten Dinner for the Needy**  
**March 23, 2018**

A Lenten dinner will be hosted for the areas needy on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. Arrangements will be made to serve a traditional Lenten meatless dinner to 150 of the areas needy. A meeting will be held on March18th during the St. Joseph Day Bake Sale to finalize preparations, including registering volunteers and accepting donations. Please contact the parish office or any member of the Outreach team – Rosie Canone, Elias Chadd, or Michael Koury Jr. for more information.



Menu

White Macaroni  
Mujadara,  
Fish Sticks/Tartar Sauce  
Tossed Salad  
Coffee/Dessert/Water

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**



The 1st Banns of marriage is announced for Taan Succar and Jacqueline Akkaoui. 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.

**MONK’S SOUP SALE**



The annual Monk’s Soup sale will take place on Friday, March 30, 2018 beginning at 11:00 AM in the church hall. Please bring your own container for take-out orders. Volunteers are needed beginning at 7:00 AM.



**Easter Egg Hunt**

The children’s Easter egg hunt will take place on **Saturday, March 31st**, at Notre Dame High School. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.