



## ST. JOSEPH'S HAFLI

Our Sister Parish, Saint George Maronite Catholic Church of Cranston, Rhode Island is celebrating its

**70th Annual Saint Joseph Hafli  
on Saturday, March 16, 2019.**

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



## CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of  
**VALERIE SAAD**

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



## ST THERESA SODALITY MEETING

The next St. Theresa Sodality meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 6th at 6:15 PM in the church hall.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, Jan 26, 2019	-	\$374
Sunday, Jan 27, 2019	-	\$1,347
<b>Total Collection</b>		<b>\$1,721</b>

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of emergency please contact Father Youssef directly on his cell phone (412-583-5702). Do not leave a message on the rectory phone.

<b>2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL</b>
Michael Karam, President
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<b>MYA</b>	Jennie Melhem
<b>MYO/PIONEERS</b>	Victor Karam

<p><b>CONFESSIONS:</b></p> <p>Sunday: 9:30 am to 9:50 am (before mass) Saturday: 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm (before mass) Also Available by Appointment</p>	<p><b>BAPTISMS:</b></p> <p>Please Call The Parish Rectory (non-parishioners sponsors must provide a certificate from their Catholic church)</p>
<p><b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS</b></p> <p>October through May -Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm</p>	<p><b>MARRIAGES:</b></p> <p>Please Notify The Pastor At Least 6 Months Ahead of Time</p>



## Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Week 5 - Week 7    Email: [abouna@ololeaston.org](mailto:abouna@ololeaston.org)    website: [ololeaston.org](http://ololeaston.org)    Feb 2 - Feb 17 2019

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



### The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 4:5-7, 9-26

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'

The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

### CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati, Administrator  
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 Feb 2 - Feb 3**

**\*\*\*4th Sunday after Epiphany\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb 2 - 5:00 PM -** LORRAINE BOULOS by Dr. & Mrs. George Nassoor  
**Sunday, Feb 3 - 10:00 AM -** KARIM, SUSAN & SON, PAUL MICHAEL (Anniversary) by Mr. & Mrs. Saadeh Boulos & Family. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Feb 5	6:00 PM	JOANNA JOSEPH by Mike & Donna Tone Merring
Wednesday	Feb 6	9:00 AM	MICHAEL JABBOUR by Mr. & Mrs. John Pokrivchak
Thursday	Feb 7	9:00 AM	MAUREEN GEOSITS by Mr. & Mrs. Badwi Jacob
Friday	Feb 8	7:00 PM	ST MARON FEASTDAY - VIGIL MASS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION GEORGE KOORIE by Emil Anthony & Family

**WEEKEND of Feb 9 - Feb 10**

**\*\*\*Sunday of the Priests\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb 9 - 5:00 PM -** ST MARON FEASTDAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
GEORGETTE CIAMBRONE (Anniversary) by the Family  
**Sunday, Feb 10 - 10:00 AM -** FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH by the St. Theresa Sodality. Coffee hour to follow.

Tuesday	Feb 12	6:00 PM	MARY JABBOUR by Bob & Evelyn Hanni
Wednesday	Feb 13	9:00 AM	DONNA JABEIR by Joe & Suzanne Jabbour
Thursday	Feb 14	9:00 AM	ELIAS SYMIA by Sharon John & Family
Friday	Feb 15	9:00 AM	JOSEPH MELHEM by John J. Melhem

**WEEKEND of Feb 16 - Feb 17**

**\*\*\*Sunday of the Righteous and Just\*\*\***

**Saturday, Feb 16 - 5:00 PM -** PETER & LILLIAN KARAM by the Family  
**Sunday, Feb 17 - 10:00 AM -** 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. Coffee hour to follow.

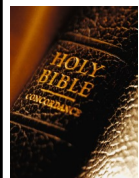


BINGO	FLOOR - 7:00 PM START TIME	KITCHEN - 5:30 PM START TIME
Feb 5	Mike Boulos	Noelle Richardson
Feb 12	Evelyn Hanni	Norma Bassil

**LECTORS**

Saturday, Feb 2	Family
Sunday, Feb 3	Family
Saturday, Feb 9	Family
Sunday, Feb 10	St. Theresa Sodality
Saturday, Feb 16	Family
Sunday, Feb 17	TBD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**



**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
*Rom 7:1-6 / Jn 4:5-7, 9-26*  
**Sunday of the Priests**  
*1 Tim 4:6-16 / Lk 12:42-48*  
**Sunday of the Righteous & Just**  
*Heb 12:18-24 / Mt 25:31-46*



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 Circ No. 19.02

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The recent New York State Bill promoting abortion through the last trimester of pregnancy is a very sad reality. Sometimes we can only respond by prayer (and fasting).

Recently, the Eparchy gathered in Washington, DC to join the March for Life. We prayed with our feet and filmed this video. The photo is below and the link is here <https://youtu.be/FhcmYQdzonc>

But more is needed, and for this reason I echo the sentiments of the New York Bishops who have been courageous defenders of life here in the State and who have been clear that "the primary purpose of this legislation is to expand late term abortion". Professor Robby George, who after seeing the standing ovation given in the New York State Senate wrote that he was "physically ill" to see the applause for something so inhumane, and how we as a nation became so indifferent to the child in the womb and to her mother.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the enemy of life is not people who disagree with us, the enemy is a certain way of thinking that promotes the rights of some and callously disregards the rights of others, namely the innocent child in the womb. Unfortunately, all of this passes under the false guise of science and/or progress. True science proves that life begins at conception. Please see the link <https://youtu.be/WH9ZJu4wRUE>

May God spare us from such thinking and help us promote and defend life courageously. May God restore us to be a nation of just laws and respect for life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Gregory

+Gregory John Mansour

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**UPCOMING DATES**

ST. MARON FEASTDAY.....Saturday, February 9th  
 ASH MONDAY .....Monday, March 4th  
 SPINACH PIE SALE.....Saturday, March 10th  
 ST. JOSEPH BAKE SALE.....Sunday, March 17th  
 HOLY NAME MEATLESS DINNER.....Friday, April 5th  
 MONK SOUP SALE.....Friday, April 19th  
 EASTER SUNAY.....Sunday, April 21st  
 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.....Sunday, May 5th  
 HOLY NAME GOLF OUTING.....Sunday, May 19th  
 LEBANESE HERITAGE DAYS.....August 3rd & 4th

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

The Holy Name's annual breakfast fundraiser will be held on

**(Date Change) Sunday, February 10, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Tickets: \$5 a person**

**Free: for kids under 3 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!



**"REJOICE & BE GLAD"**



JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2019

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Our Lady Star of the East | 25 W. Black Horse Pk  
 Pleasantville, NJ 08232



**MYO/MYA REGIONAL RETREAT DAY**

Teens (ages 12-18) & Young Adults (ages 19-35) from our Maronite parishes in NY, NJ, CT, and PA are all invited to join us for this spiritual day!

**Retreat Activities Include:**

- Confession
- Meals and snacks
- Icebreakers and games
- Presentations & group discussions
- Get to know MYO/MYA from other parishes
- Adoration of the Blessed Mysteries & Divine Liturgy

To register, contact: Camellia Nammour at (201) 906-6485

\$25 donation per person