

Saint Joseph's Bake Sale

The St. Theresa Sodality's annual bake sale is tentatively scheduled for **Palm Sunday, April 5th** in the church hall following the 10:00 AM Liturgy.

An **iPad** will be raffled off at the bake sale. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Also to be raffled is a painting by Fr. Youssef, a St. Joseph Statue and several gift baskets. Please contact St. Theresa Sodality members for raffle tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support!

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL SCHOOL

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR IS UNDERWAY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. JOSEPH BAKE SALE	Sunday, April 5th
MONK SOUP SALE	Friday, April 10th
EASTER SUNDAY	Sunday, April 12th
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON	Saturday, May 2nd
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Sunday, May 3rd
HOLY NAME GOLF OUTING	Sunday, May 31st
LEBANESE HERITAGE DAYS	August 1st & 2nd

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, March 14, 2020	-	\$181.00
Sunday, March 15, 2020	-	\$355.00
Total Collection	-	\$636.00



ST. THERESA SODALITY MEETING

Due to the restrictions placed on movement and activities, we are canceling this month's meeting. We will keep you updated of any changes. St. Theresa pray for us.

The Holy Name Society

ANNUAL MEATLESS DINNER

Friday, March 27, 2020
OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH HALL
4TH & FERRY ST. EASTON, PA

12 Noon to 6:00 PM

Menu - \$6.00 per person

Fish & Chips

Baked Chicken

Salads

Soft Drinks

Ice Cream

Whole Pizza - \$20

(Must be pre-ordered)



Tickets will be available after each Liturgy or by contacting any member

THANK YOU...

...TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED,
PURCHASED OR VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE
OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
SPINACH PIE FUNDRAISER
A GREAT SUCCESS.

**WE RAISED \$2,761.08 AFTER
EXPENSES. MAY GOD REWARD YOUR
UNFAILING GENEROSITY**

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In case of **emergency** please contact
Fr. Youssef directly on his cell phone
(412-583-5702).

Do not leave a message on the rectory phone.



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Mar 21 - Apr 5, 2020

Healing of the Paralytic



The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 2:1-12

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'

At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins' he said to the paralytic 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

CLERGY

Fr. Youssef Keikati, Administrator
Deacon Anthony Koury
Deacon Adib Salameh

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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Annual Lenten Appeal

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. The church will have to pay the balance in the event that adequate funds are not raised. Collection ends Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

WEEKEND of Mar 21 - Mar 22*****Healing of the Paralytic*****

Saturday, Mar 21- 5:00 PM - CATHERINE MELAN (100th Birthday Remembrance) by the Family.

Sunday, Mar 22 - 10:00 AM - MITCH (10th Anniversary) & JOAN DANIEL (1st Anniversary) by the Family.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we will not be scheduling weekday Mass intentions for the next several weeks . We will still have Mass at the regular times, however we do not want anyone to feel pressured or disappointed they can’t attend Mass for their loved ones.

Tuesday Mass will change to 9:00 AM until further notice.

Tuesday	Mar 24	NO LITURGY	NO LITURGY
Wednesday	Mar 25	NO LITURGY	NO LITURGY
Thursday	Mar 26	NO LITURGY	NO LITURGY
Friday	Mar 27	9:00 AM	LITURGY
		7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

WEEKEND of Mar 28 - 29*****Healing of the Blind Man*****

Saturday, Mar 28 - 5:00 PM - JOSEPH MELHEM, SR. (25th Anniversary) by the Family.

Sunday, Mar 29 - 10:00 AM - JOHN CHURCHILL by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Melan & Family.

Tuesday	Mar 31	9:00 AM	LITURGY
Wednesday	Apr 1	9:00 AM	LITURGY
Thursday	Apr 2	9:00 AM	LITURGY
Friday	Apr 3	9:00 AM	LITURGY
		7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION

WEEKEND of Apr 4 - 5*****Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)****

Saturday, Apr 4 - 5:00 PM - FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL PARISHIONERS by Fr. Youssef

Sunday, Apr 5- 10:00 AM - FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH by Fr. Youssef


EPARCHIAL CHARITIES APPEAL - FEBRUARY 24TH THROUGH APRIL 12TH, 2020


SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Hosanna Sunday
Phil 1: 1-13 / Jn 12:12-22





BINGO

VOLUNTEERS

FLOOR	KITCHEN
7:00 PM START TIME	5:30 PM START TIME
March 24	Canceled
March 31	To be determined

2020 EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE		
HOSANNA SUNDAY, APRIL 5	10:00 AM	Blessing of the Palms with procession to follow.
MONDAY, APRIL 6	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy followed by Benediction of the Cross
TUESDAY, APRIL 7	7:00 PM	Divine Liturgy followed by Benediction of the Cross
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8	7:00 PM	<u>Rite of the Lamp Liturgy:</u> For the Sick in the parish. Liturgy with the Rite of Blessing of the oil and anointing of all those who are present in the church. اربعاء ايوب : قداس ورتبة القنديل - تبريك الزيت والمسحة للحاضرين
THURSDAY OF THE MYSTERIES THURSDAY, APRIL 9	7:00 PM	<u>Washing of the Feet & Divine Liturgy</u> خميس الأسرار - قداس ورتبة الغسل
		Divine Liturgy followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30PM. يلي القداس والرتبة سجود متواصل أمام القربان حتى الساعة الثانية عشرة ليلا
GREAT FRIDAY OF THE CRUCIFIXATION FRIDAY, APRIL 10	9:00 AM	Great Friday of the Crucifixion - Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice
	3:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Good Friday Service - Burial Service / Procession الجمعة العظيمة -رتبة الصלב والدفن والزياح - يلي الزياح تقبيل الصليب المقدس
SAT., APRIL 11, CONFESSIONS	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions- Fr. Luigi Palmeri - English / Fr. Youssef - Arabic
GREAT SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT	5:00 PM & 11:00 PM	Easter Divine Liturgy
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12 THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION	10:00 AM	Easter Divine Liturgy

LETTER FROM BISHOP GREGORY

Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Religious Men and Women, and Lay Faithful:

These days of the Coronavirus have been most difficult. We look to God and to modern science to help us in our great need. The Center for Disease Control has recommended that gatherings of more than 50 are to be avoided for the next 8 weeks. Some states have prohibited such gatherings by law, giving regulations on the numbers of people gathered. This gives us deep pause to reflect on what our 45 parishes ought to do as we look for a way forward in this new reality.

I ask that we do not cancel the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and continue to offer it daily. In this time of crisis, we need the Divine Liturgy now more than ever. If possible, I encourage our priests to live stream the Divine Liturgy to our faithful who wish to make a spiritual communion (see prayer below). During this time of crisis, the faithful are not obliged to attend the Divine Liturgy on Sunday. They are free to come to Liturgy, but are not required to do so.

On Sundays, if the size of the congregation exceeds the limitation imposed by the civil authorities, I ask the priests to observe all laws as best as possible with pastoral prudence, and to be creative in distancing the faithful if necessary. Times for the Sacrament of Penance and Friday Lenten devotions need not be cancelled, but social gatherings should be cancelled at this time.

Let us redouble our efforts to care for one another in creative ways, as Pope Francis has urged us. In times like this God can bring out the best in us, and we can rise to the call of service. I am asking priests to keep the doors of their Church open to those who desire to come and pray, and to be available to the sick, especially to offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Saint Jean-Marie Vianney once said “when we feel the love of God growing cold, let us instantly make a Spiritual Communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God.”

Below is a prayer composed to help us live in communion with one another during this time of social distancing. I invite you to pray this prayer when you feel the need to be in deeper communion with God and others, and to be of service to those who are most in need.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

May the prayers, Our Lady, and the hosts of heaven be with us.

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