

## First Holy Communion Class 2025

*Anna Abou Rjaili*

*Layla Boulos*

*Isabella Sophia Haddad*

*Melina Karavoulas*

*Maylee Melan*

*Rita Wadih Moussa*

*Theodore (Teddy) Netz*

*Camden Jonathan Santangelo*

All parishioners are invited to share in their joy on this happy occasion, Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

# SAVE the DATE



ORDINATION OF  
DEACON JOSEPH CHEBLI  
TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD  
MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 @ 10AM

Hotel Reservation By April 15  
Courtyard Somerset  
250 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ  
Group Code: JCCJCCA

## Save the Dates

### Lebanese Heritage Days

Saturday August 2, 2025 and  
Sunday August 3, 2025

## COMMUNION HOST & WINE

The Communion Host and Wine offering for April is donated for a special intention by an anonymous donor.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle for April is donated in loving memory of  
**AMIN NEHME**  
by Jackie Nehme & Family

## PASTOR CONTACT

In case of any needed pastoral assistance, we ask that only the family contact Fr. Kamil on his cell phone at 610-739-8586.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Saturday, April 19 - 5 & 11PM -	\$1,657.00
Sunday, April 20 -	\$1,520.00
Total -	\$3,177.00

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Join us as we travel to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster to see NOAH live on stage. Thursday, June 26th the cost per ticket is \$150.00.

It includes Transportation, Bus Driver Tip, Lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant and the Show. A \$50.00 deposit is required at time of registration.

To Reserve your seat please call Karen at Our Lady of Mercy Parish - Easton 610-252-7381 or register using the QR code.



OUR LADY OF LEBANON  
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Week 17 - Week 19 Email: [ololchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:ololchurch@yahoo.com) Website: [oleleaston.org](http://oleleaston.org) Apr 26 - May 11, 2025

## New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)



### The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John 20:26-31

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### CLERGY:

Fr. Kamil Al-Chouefati, Pastor

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Closed on Fridays.

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### LITURGIES:

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 10:00 AM  
Weekdays: 9:00 AM Tuesday - Friday  
Weekday Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM  
Confession will be available 30 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

HOLY NAME / ST. THERESA

## St. Joseph Bake Sale & Tricky Tray Raffle

Please drop off your baked goods  
donations before 10:00 AM



SUNDAY  
APRIL 27, 2025  
11:00 AM

**\*\*\*New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday\*\*\***

Saturday, April 26 - 5:00 PM - ANTHONY SYMLIA (Anniversary) by Children and Grandchildren

Sunday, April 27 - 10:00 AM - ASSAD & TERESE ROUHANA and BASSIL & RENEE BASSIL by the Family

**2ND COLLECTION -CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL-APRIL 26TH & 27TH**

*This Collection is used for missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years.*

Monday	Apr 28	7:00 PM	FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
Tuesday	Apr 29	9:00 AM	ANTHONY HANNI by Joumana Melhem & Family
Wednesday	Apr 30	9:00 AM	MICHAEL M. JABBOUR by the Hon. Judge & Mrs. Robert Ellwood
Thursday	May 1	9:00 AM	WAHEEB WEBBE by Sharon John
Friday	May 2	9:00 AM	QUEENIE JABBOUR by Greg & Jody Piagesi

**\*\*\*Our Lady of Lebanon\*\*\***

Saturday, May 3 - 5:00 PM - DR.ELIAS ISAAC AND DR. KATHRYN ISAAC (Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday, May 4 - 10:00 AM - FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS by Father Kamil

**2ND COLLECTION - NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON - MAY 3RD & 4TH**

All funds collected are sent from the Chancery directly to our shrine in North Jackson, Ohio

Tuesday	May 6	9:00 AM	HABOUK SHUMAR by Mr. & Mrs. William Joseph
Wednesday	May 7	9:00 AM	LILA HAYEK by Keene Jabbour & Son
Thursday	May 8	9:00 AM	DEACON JOHN HANNI by Mr. & Mrs. Saadeh Boulos & Family
Friday	May 9	9:00 AM	EVA FARHAT by Joe Jabeir

**\*\*\*4th Sunday of the Resurrection - Mother's Day\*\*\***

Saturday, May 10 - 5:00 PM - JOHN BOULOS (Anniversary) by the Family

Sunday, May 11-10:00 AM - FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED MOTHERS OF THE PARISH by Fr. Kamil

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**New Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday**  
*Jon 2:1b-3,4b,5,7-11/1 Cor15:12-26/Mk 16:1-8*

**Our Lady of Lebanon**  
*Job 42:1-6, 12/2 Tim 2:8-13/Lk24:13-35*

**4th Sunday of the Resurrection**  
*Gen 1:20-23/Heb 13:18-25/Jn 21:1-14*



Heavenly Father, we lift up the soul of Pope Francis, your humble servant, who has devoted his life to spreading your love, peace, and mercy. We ask that you grant him eternal rest in your heavenly kingdom, where light, joy, and peace reign. May his journey be embraced by your divine grace, and may his spirit find peace in your loving arms. We pray that

his legacy of compassion and service continues to inspire us all. Comfort those who mourn his passing, and strengthen us to carry forth the mission he so faithfully led. Amen.



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22 April 2025

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Cir. 25-32

Reverend and Dear Monsignors and Fathers, Deacons and Subdeacons, Brothers and Sisters;

Christ is Risen!

Certainly, we are profoundly saddened at the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. At the same time, we are in need of some liturgical and practical directives. Therefore, the first message below is statement from Bishop Gregory. That will be followed by the practical norms related to the death of the Pope.

**Message of Bishop Gregory Mansour**

*Our beloved Pope Francis "has returned to the home of the Father."*

*These words from Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlango of the Holy See, remind us of our beginning and our end. We begin our earthly lives with God, and we return to God.*

*They also remind us of our own pilgrimage on this earth, whereby all of us, as in the story of the Prodigal Son, have a loving Father to return to, who is ready to embrace us and welcome us with joy.*

*Pope Francis has shown the world the face of that Merciful Father by every word and gesture of his Pontificate. He has taught us that we are all welcome in the Father's house. May our Holy Father now enjoy that embrace of our Heavenly Father, and may he rest in peace.*

+ Gregory.

**Liturgical and Practical Guidelines**

The following two directives have been issued by the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission:

1. During the Mass, at the first Intercession in the Eucharistic Prayer, the name of the deceased Pope is not to be mentioned. Instead, the prayer begins with the mention of the Patriarch and the local Bishop, and the prayer continues as indicated in the liturgical text.
2. Before the final Intercession for the faithful departed, a special Intercession is to be inserted according to the following formula:

*O Lord, be merciful to Pope Francis. Reward him with those who do good, for his faithful and wise service to the Church and to all of humanity. Receive him into the dwellings of your heavenly Jerusalem. Grant him a place in your Fatherly house and the vision of your eternal happiness. We pray to you, O Lord.*

Bishop Gregory has asked that the following norms also be observed:

1. In the United States, it is customary in many places that upon the death of the Pope, a black drape (bunting) is placed above and around the main door of Catholic Churches. In view of the fact that the Great Feast of the Resurrection takes precedence over all other commemorations, and as we are further celebrating "Bright Week," it would not be appropriate to implement this custom.
2. A picture of Pope Francis may be placed in an appropriately prominent place in the church (not on the main altar). The picture may be draped in black, or adorned with flowers, or some other form of suitable devotion.
3. The traditional *Nine Days of Mourning* for Pope Francis will begin on the day of his funeral, Saturday, April 26, and end on Sunday May 4. During this time, you are asked to celebrate a Divine Liturgy in your parish, for the repose of his soul, preferably not on a Sunday. Again, because it is Easter Season, do not use black vestments. The Divine Liturgy to be used is the "Commemoration of the Priests" (Book of Offering p. 147).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chorbishop Michael G. Thomas, JCD  
Vicar General