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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 10:30 AM Tuesdays – Fridays: 9:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | Actual Feast Day: 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: every Friday before Mass

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Mondays: office is closed. | Saturdays: by appointment.

LITURGICAL SERVICES

Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation

Please call the rectory for arrangements 3 weeks prior to the celebration of the Sacrament. Parents & Godparents should meet with the Pastor to schedule a date & arrange for proper parental preparation.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Confession can be heard before and after Liturgies or by appointment

Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)

For Weddings, 6 months advance notice is required in order that proper preparation may be made for the celebration of the Sacrament.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

If a family member is seriously ill at home or in a hospital, or they are unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home, please call the rectory to arrange for Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick with Holy oil.

The list is updated every Thursday; if you would like to add a name, please call the rectory no later than Wednesday.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday preceding the morning Liturgy for 15 minutes at 9:00 AM

Funerals

Please contact the Pastor as soon as possible after the death of a loved one.

Mass Intention Dedications

If you would like to have a mass dedicated, Mass cards are available for various intentions including memorials. Your voluntary gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted. Mass reservations should be made in advance.

You can request an announced or an unannounced Mass Intentions to be said for a living or deceased family member, friend or loved one by calling the rectory or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Pastoral Parish Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

President: Joe JABOUR.

Daughters of St. Ann

This women's organization meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

President: Eva ABDALLAH.

St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

President: David NICHOLAS.

Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. We are a Maronite youth organization based in the United States. This Youth's organization meets on the last Sunday of every month after 10.30 Am Mass in the church.

Coordinators: Patricia THORNTON & Lora KARRAT.

Religious Education

Religious Education is available for all children in 1st through 12th grades. Classes are scheduled for Wednesdays (from 4:30-5:30 PM).

Coordinator: Sister Florence Joseph FLAHERTY.

St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Director: Rick THORNTON.



Divine Liturgy Intentions

Sun, Nov 25 – Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Gal 3:15-22 Lk 1:26-38

In memory of:

Frank & Jessie GAZELEY, Adele HAZLOOM, John SKYPE, in honor of their dedication to St. Ann's, requested by Mr & Mrs THORNTON

For the blessing and special intentions of:

- Cancer patients and our sick and homebound
- ❖ Families & Businesses affected by Hurricane Sandy and volunteers who are assisting

Ushers: Michel BOUTROS /Al NAHAL

Arabic Lector: Michel BOUTROS
English Lector: Patricia THORNTON
Peace Bearers: Sofia & Dominic KARRAT

Mon. Nov 26:

Gal 3:1-6 Lk 11:27-32

Tues, Nov 27; St. James Intercisus, M

Gal 3:7-14 Mt 11:25-30

Wed. Nov 28:

Gal 3:23-29 Mt 13:54-58

No Liturgy

Thurs, Nov 29:

Gal 4:1-7 Mt 12:46-50

No Liturgy

*Fri, Nov 30; St. Andrew, Ap – St. Beshai, C*Gal 4:8-12

Jn 6:40-44

No Liturgy

Sat, Dec 1;

Gal 4:13-20 Lk 10:21-24

Sun, Dec 2 – Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth

Eph 1:1-14 Lk 1:39-45

Ushers: Michel BOUTROS /Al NAHAL

Arabic Lector: Nabih KORKEMAZ English Lector: Wadad FRANGIE

Peace Bearers: Davia & Catalina BOUTROS

Pope Benedict's Nov. Prayer Intentions

General intentions: That bishops, priests, and all ministers of the Gospel may bear the courageous witness of fidelity to the crucified and risen Lord.

Mission intentions: That the pilgrim Church on earth may shine as a light to the nations.

Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Wadad FRANGIE, Chantelle BOUDIWAN, Jay MOONEY, Chas TANGREDI, Paul STAVIS, Foutine FRANGIE, Audrey DOWALIBY-FINSON, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Mary GOLDEN, Jamileh MAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Evelyn HAKIM, Valerie HAKIM-LEON, Marilyn MARVIN, Pietro BERGONZELLI

Altar Gifts for Nov

Altar Bread - in memory of Henry P. NAHAL, our beloved father

Altar Wine - for the intentions of the NAHAL, POWETEK & ABDA Families

Sanctuary Lamp - in memory of the deceased members NAHAL, POWETEK & ABDA Families

Requested by Albert & Pauline NAHAL

November BIRTHDAYS

As they celebrate their birthdays this month, we hold up to God the lives of:

Nov 01 Lena JOSEPH Michael RYAN

Nov 2 Nov 4

Rita FRANGIEH Rebekah HANNOUSH

Nov 11 Nov 15

Robert RAHAL Sr. Florence FLAHERTY

Nov 22 Nov 27

Zena EID Gwendolyn KORKEMAZ

We ask that many blessings be theirs in the coming year.

Schedule of Coffee Hour Sponsors

Nov 25 Thornton Family Dec 2 & 9 No coffee hour

Parish Gratitude

Now that the fall and winter months and cold are upon us, we must not forget to express our gratitude to Karen and Mike Rezey for the beautiful flowers that have been planted outside the Church and Rectory. From the Spring until now, they planted and nurtured these gardens, and truly made our properties assets to the neighborhoods.

2nd Collections for Nov

11/11 Fuel & Heat

11/18 Assessment / Bishop's Appeal

11/25 Charity Christmas Offering

11/29 Thanksgiving

CRAFT SALE

The Daughters of St. Ann will be hosting craft tables on: November 24, 2012 from 9-3 at the Elks in Watervliet. Also, mark your calendars and come out to support the Daughters.

Mass Collection for Nov. 15

Weekly Collection	\$972.00
Fuel & Heat	\$8.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$208.00
World Day of Peace	\$8.00
Thanksgiving	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$1226.00

Thank You for your generosity and continued commitment to your parish! Please consider increasing your weekly donation, and don't forget to make up the Sundays you are absent. We are counting on your efforts.

Reminder of Ongoing Fundraisers

Please bring in:

- ✓ Unwanted cellphones for credit.
- ✓ Empty plastic bottles and cans for recycling.

Hafli Proceeds

Income: from the sale of tickets, donations, raffle, food, CDs and religious articles: \$19,704 **Expenses**

Entertainment, hall and wait staff ...\$ 4,690 Net Profit \$15,014

Religious Education - November

Friday, November 30th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Annual Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be held in our new hall on December 16, 2012, immediately following Liturgy. It will be a covered dish style lunch. A signup sheet will be at the rear of the church to sign up. We are asking the children to bring a toy/gift of no more than a \$10 value to give to a needy child. Santa will be joining us with a small gift to pass along to each child that visits. This is an opportunity to teach our youth the gift of giving. Call Eva (518) 281-6785 or Patti (518) 364-2645 if you need more detail.

Nativity Seedlings

If you are planning to participate in the middleeastern tradition of planting seedlings, it is important that they be planted 5 weeks before Christmas.

Parish Council Election

The ballots for the election of the 2013 St. Ann Parish Council members were counted Monday evening by Fr. Georges, Rick Thornton and Karen Rezey. A total of 59 ballots were collected for consideration. 1 ballot was left blank and 1 ballot were voided because more than 3 nominees were selected.

Nov. 25, 2012

The 3 nominees who received the larges number of votes are: Michel Boutros, Patricia Thornton and Rosemary Patnode. As per church by-laws, Fr. Georges has appointed 2 additional members to the council. These appointees are: Joe Jabour and Betty Karrat.

Congratulations to our new Council Members and a specal thank you to all the nominees for their support to the parish.

Mark your Calendars!

As we prepare for the relocation of our parish from Troy to Watervliet, there will be weekly events to ensure everything progresses smoothly and in reverence. Please note the following calendar of events for next weekend. More information will be published in next week's bulletin.

Friday Nov. 30	Troy
1pm & 6 pm	Preparation for move

Saturday Dec. 1	Watervliet	
9 am – 1 pm	Clean Watervliet Church	
1 pm	Setup tables for the procession	

Sunday, Dec. 2	Troy & Watervliet
9 -10:30 am	Church open for photos
10:30 am	Final Liturgy
11:45 am	Procession*
12:30 pm	Arrival in Watervliet &
	Welcoming Ceremony
1 pm	Social with light refreshments

The procession from Troy to Watervliet will travel up 4th St, left on Congress St and across the Congress St. bridge.

YEAR OF FAITH

Is It Natural to Desire God?

To outsiders, religious people can seem like entirely different kinds of people – a bit strange sometimes, fanatics to some, archaic at times, and a bit superstitious.

This is all to say that, to some people, religious beliefs are thought to work like emotions. That is, sometimes you get sad, and sometimes you don't. Some days you feel this way, and some days you feel that way. Some people are happy, and others aren't. They conclude: some people believe in God – this god or that god – and others don't. There are all sorts of opinions and all sorts of people.

However, the answer to today's "Are You Smarter than a Fifth-Grader?" question clarifies the true nature of the desire that human beings have for God.

The reality is that all human beings have a natural desire for God. The desire in our hearts for God does not come from any mere or passing conversation we might have with our friends, nor does this desire for God well up in our hearts principally from an inspiring book we've just read, or from a movie. The desire that human



beings can and do have for God is not like an emotion – it's not a fleeting sensibility that some have and others don't. The desire for God is written into our very nature as human beings. Every single person has it.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has this to say: "The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for"(CCC 27).

If we are honest with ourselves, we recognize that there is a hunger for the Truth deep in our hearts. It is not just in some of us; it is deep in the heart of every human being. It is our desire for the infinite, the perfect, and for Love itself. We desire to experience the fullness to which we are called, but this fullness can only be fulfilled in God.

The Second Vatican Council said it this way: "The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator." (Gaudium et Spes, no. 19)

Love allows us to reach from the confines of our own limitations and connects us to its very source, who is God Himself.

Saint Augustine said it best: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O Lord." an additional gift: the ability to give all of it back to Him in love.

LEARN MORE: CCC 121: 355-361

Year of Faith Web Site: http://www.annusfidei.va/
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If there is a particular FAITH question that you would like answered, please let us know!

The Season of Announcements Announcement to Mary

The Second Sunday of the Season of Announcements commemorates the announcement to Mary that she is to be the mother of God. The feast actually recalls two aspects of the same salvific mystery: the incarnation of the divine Word and the motherhood of Mary. For this reason, the feast was given different names according to the aspect which was being emphasized. With time, the Incarnation of the Son of God was stressed on the Feast of the Birth of our Lord and today's feast became a Marian feast.



This great announcement to Mary, the fulfillment of the promises of the prophets, took place in the humble home of Mary in Nazareth. At the time, Mary was probably between fourteen and sixteen. Again it was Gabriel, the messenger of the end times, who brought the wonderful message to the young

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In many ways, the announcement to Mary can be compared to the announcement to Zechariah. Both apparitions took place during the day and both Zechariah and Mary were to be found at prayer. Mary, the Queen, is speaking with her Lord in her own home. It was necessary for Zechariah to go to the Temple and encounter the Lord in the holy of holies. When the angel appeared to Zechariah, he was described as "standing". During the announcement to Mary, the angel greets her with signs of respect, gives her the good news and departs. He is not described as "standing". The angel himself praises Mary, "You have found favor with God."

In the name of all of humanity, Mary consented to be the instrument through which salvation was to be brought into the world. One recalls Eve, who consented to bring darkness and sin into the world. With Mary, the New Eve, salvation history is at a turning point. She is to be the "Mother of the Light."

Parish Council Minutes – Session #25

Date: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 - 6.30 P.M.

Present: Joe Jabour, Eva Abdallah, Patti Thornton, Abouna George, Rick Thornton, Jim Traa, Georgette Hannoush, Henry Nahal, Rosemary Patnode.

Absent: David Nicholas, Nabih Korkemaz, Michel Boutros, Sr. Florence Flaherty and Wadad Frangie

- ✓ Meeting started at 6:40 with an Opening prayer
- ✓ Review of minutes of last meeting-all had agreed but Rick Thornton noted that a "typo" was done on page 2, Pastoral Projects 1 transforming altar and not alter.

I. PARISH COUNCIL, LAY ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

- 1. **Daughters of St. Ann** Election of new officers for year 2013. President elect was Patti Thornton but she did not accept. Next runner up was Eva Abdallah and she has accepted. Karen Rezey was elected as Vice President, Rosemary Patnode was elected Secretary and Georgette Hannoush was elected as Treasurer. Daughters have a craft table set up for 10/20/2012 at the senior center in Watervliet and next bake sale to be 10/14/2012.
- 2. St. Maron Men's Society Election of new officers for year 2013 / Vegas Night / 50/50 raffles. Men had their election and Al Nahal was elected as President, Al Patnode was elected Vice President, Bob Stolar was elected Secretary and Michel Boutros was elected as Treasurer. Vegas night is up and running. The daughters have order 12/12 cut pizza's to sell @ \$2.00 a slice. Rick Thornton has asked that someone from the daughters be available at Vegas night to help with the money counting. Patti, Georgette, Karen and Lynn are a definite that will be at Vegas night.
- 3. October Raffle in the process of the final count and hoping for a larger profit than last year.

- 4. **Faith Formation Committee: Religious Education Program** Starting next Wednesday (10/11/12) in the Rectory and will be moved into the rectory once the hall has been completed.
- 5. **Building & Maintenance Committee last news** / **Troy Facility** (**new phase**). Most of painting upstairs is done, working on the doors and the hall. The pews have been done once and the by middle of next week the painting should be done. Organ is coming in next week. 3rd week of October the organ will be put together at the back of the altar. Final repair and lift is being done on the elevator and the plumbing is being finalized. Once those items are done, the City will be called for an inspection and a CO. Should have a CO by early November. Lots of cleaning still needs to be done from the sanding of the walls, floors and pews. Sr. Florence has sent in an application for a volunteer crew from Siena College to come to the new church and clean/organize.
 - Many Thanks to Henry Nahal for ALL that he has done with the amount of money that was available and what an old building has to offer.
- 6. Watervliet Church Dedication Committee-(Rosemary Patnode and Rick Thornton). This committee meets every week to organize and bring this event together.
 - i. Closure of old church: A procession from the Troy church will take place. Driving from one location to another and specific items will be handled/moved by parishioners.
 - ii. The first mass in the new Church: immediately after mass the Christmas Party will be held and organized by the Daughters of St. Ann.
 - iii. **Date for the dedication** May 17, 18th and 19th, 2012. Hilton has been chosen as the luncheon for Saturday May 18, 2012. Details for the rest of the weekend to follow from the committee.
- 7. **2013 Election Committee for Council members: November 18, 2012 Election/Karen Rezey and Rick Thornton to organize.** Staying under the existing rules until the new by-laws are finalized. No restrictions on how many years one can be president etc. October 21st and October 28th to gather nominees and elections to be done on November 18, 2012.

II. PASTORAL PROJECTS

- 8. New Letterhead & new Logo for the parish/St. Ann to be the new logo on all items. Council members were all in agreement on a St. Ann logo.
- 9. Icons for Watervliet Church-information to come at a later date.
- 10. **Missal Book** book has been prepared. It's about 1700 pages at a cost of \$25 a book. Henry Nahal to discuss options with the Bishop on having a book sent to us and possible electronically or other ways to get book without ordering 200+books.
- 11. Canonization Day of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (October 21, 2012): Mass of Thanksgiving at 2 p.m. in the Coliseum
- 12. Parish Directory Life Touch: run by Patricia THORNTON and other assistants. This is at a no cost to us. Life Touch will make their money by hoping that the pictures taken of the families will be purchased by the families.
 - ✓ Planning meeting Nov 13, 2012 @6:00 (Please have 3-5 volunteers)
 - ✓ Photography Jan 18-19, 2013

III. FUNDRAISER PROJECTS

- 13. **Catholic Extension Grant** last news/hoping Vegas night will bring in money towards to the grant. The daughters are almost at their goal and hoping the Hafli will generate the rest.
- 14. November 10, 2012 Hafli

IV. PLANNING AND ORGANIZING

15. Parish Activities - Year 2012: review of October, November, December

V. ADMINSTRATIVE MATTERS

- 16. **Next meeting-**November 7, 2012 6:30 at the Rectory.
- 17. **Any other business-**Henry Nahal applied for a non for profit application for mailings and we were approved. Bulletins, mailings etc. can be sent.
- 18. **Counting Money Team:** Georgette Hannoush had suggested that the money counting be done on a rotation purpose. Abouna and council members agreed and Abouna will be working with Rick Thornton to come up small groups to use as a rotation. Rick Thornton has been using the rules of the Bishop/Diocese and will train all those involved.
- 19. **Website** Henry James Nahal to start working on it again. The Hafli will be added to the website and a paypal will be started so people may purchase tickets and pay with credit cards. It will also have a donating area for people to set up donating to the church and automatic withdrawal.

Meeting ended at 8:30 with a closing prayer. Motioned to adjourn by Henry Nahal and 2nd by Georgette Hannoush.

✓ Concluding prayer

Submitted by Eva ABDALLAH

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. *Amen*

In Memory Of	In Loving Memory of	In Memory Of
Joseph & Helen	Rose, Father Paul,	the deceased members of
YAMIN JABOUR	Mike, Joe, Peter	RICE & HEALY Families
Requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR	KORKEMAZ	
In Loving Memory Of	In Memory Of	For the living and
Walter J. GOLDEN	deceased members of the TAMER & THORNTON	deceased members of the
& the deceased members of the GOLDEN & VOLKOMER Families	Families	JOSEPH-NACKLEY &
GOLDEN & VOLKOWER Tallines	railliles	PATNODE Families
	In Loving Memory Of the deceased members of the REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE	
	& CLOUGH Families	
In Memory Of	In Memory Of The Deceased Members	In Loving Memory Of Dot RILEY
David & Jenny REZEY	of the TALARICO & DEEP	and the deceased members of
& Nehme FRANGIE	Families	the RILEY, MANLEY &
		PETERSON Families Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr.
In Memory Of	In Memory Of our grandparents	In Loving
□ Boulos, Georgette &	grandparents Francis & Marsha	Memory Of our Mother
Assaad ABDALLAH	KADDO, and Suleiman &	Clara Mae KARAM
Nagieh & Simon FRANGIE	Jamileh FRANGIE	D
Requested by the ABDALLAH Family	Jailliell FRANGIE	Requested by the KARAM Family
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