



Saint Ann Catholic Church • Maronite Rite

A Catholic Parish of the Antiochian Syriac Maronite Church

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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 10:00 AM | Tuesdays – Saturdays: 7:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil Liturgy: 6:30 PM | Actual Feast Day: 7:30 AM

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 parish office 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 parish office 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 parish office no later than Wednesday.

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 parish office or sending an e-mail to schedule intentions.

Upcoming events – Mark your calendars

Feb 2 – Feast of St. Maron Luncheon & Massabki Award Celebration

Mar 3 – Ash Monday

Parish Vocations

Priesthood: Chorbishop Joe Kaddo, (Pastor of St. Anthony Fall River) **Religious Life**: Brother Paul HOOVER of the Most Holy Trinity Monastery

Candidate to subdiaconate: Richard THORNTON

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Parish Pastoral Council

As an advisory Board, this council meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month. – *President: Rosemary PATNODE*.

Daughters of St. Ann

This woman's organization meets on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at 6:30 PM. – *President: Patti THORNTON*.

St. Maron Men's Society

This men's organization meets on the 1st Sunday of each month after Mass. – *President: Al PATNODE*.

Junior MYO

The Junior MYO is a group of young people 10 years old and up. The Youth organization meets on the **last Sunday** of every month after 10 am Mass in the church. – *Coordinator: Carol SHUFELT*.

Religious Education

Religious Education is available for all children in 1st through 6th grades. Classes are scheduled for 1 Friday and 1 Saturday a month. – Coordinator: Sr Florence Joseph FLAHERTY, D.C.

St. Ann Liturgical Choir

Choir practice takes place the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. No special training is required. – *Director: Richard THORNTON*.

Family & Sanctity of Life Committee

The Purpose of this committee is to promote within our parish prayer, education, and action in the defense of all life. Meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass. – *Chairperson: Richard THORNTON*.

Liturgical & Spiritual Committee

Upcoming MEETINGS

| Sun | Feb 2 | St. Maron Men's Society |
|-----|--------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon | Feb 3 | Choir Practice at 6:30pm |
| Wed | Feb 5 | Parish Pastoral Council |
| Sun | Feb 9 | Family and Sanctity of Life Committee |
| Thu | Feb 20 | Daughters of St. Ann |



Altar Gifts for Jan 2014

In memory of Baby Rita Theresa RIZK.

Requested by Michel and Kathy Boutros

The Sanctuary Lamp burns continuously, reminding us of Christ, the eternal and everlasting light.

It is proper and fitting to offer our Sanctuary lamp in memory, to honor a loved one or for a special intention.

The 2014 Calendar is now available to register your intentions. These are scheduled on a first-come- first-served-basis to ensure an equal opportunity for everyone. Contact the office to arrange your memorial.

Divine Liturgy Intentions Season of the Glorious Epiphany Sun, Jan 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany St. Macarius the Egyptian, C

Jn 1:35-42 2 Cor 4:5-15

The Divine Liturgy intentions are in memory of:

- ▶ James CLOUGH (1st cousin of Karen Rezey) 40 Day Mass, requested by Michael & Karen Rezey
- For the souls of Sarkis Wadih FRANGIEH and his parents Wadih and Nahia el RAHIB and deceased members of the Frangieh and Karam families, requested by his son, Wadih & Rita Frangieh and family
- ▶ For the souls of Fannie and Dick TAMER and Richard TAMER requested, by Wadih & Rita Frangieh and family

For the blessing and special intentions of:

♦ Good health of Cancer patients, our sick & homebound

Ushers Joe Jabour, Richard Peters, Gerard

Golden, Jim Traa

Greeter Beverly Traa Michel Boutros Ar. Lector En. Lector Patricia Thornton Intercessions Mikayla Boutros

Weekly Schedule

Mon, Jan 20; St. Euthymius the Great, C

2 Cor 1:1-11 Jn 1:43-51

NO Divine Liturgy

Tue, Jan 21;

2 Cor 1:12-24 Lk 5:1-11

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wed, Jan 22; St. Timothy, Disciple of St. Paul, Ap 2 Cor 2:1-11 Mt 4:18-25

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Thu, Jan 23; Pope St. Sergius I, C

2 Cor 2:12-17 Mt 9:9-13

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Fri, Jan24; St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church, C

2 Cor 12:17-13:4 Mt 9:35-38

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sat, Jan 25; The Conversion of St. Paul, Ap 2 Cor 13:5-13 Mt 10:1-6

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Sun, Jan 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Gal 3:23-29 Jn 3:1-16

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Pope's Jan Prayer Intentions

Universal: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

Evangelization: That Christians diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Heal Your servants, who are sick, O Lord, and send them help and comfort from Your holy place.

Wadad FRANGIE, Chantelle BOUDIWAN, Jay MOONEY, Chas TANGREDI, Paul STAVIS, Foutine FRANGIE, Joyce & Christy FIRSTIUN, Juliann HALLAL, Donata CALDARONI, Alisa BURKE, Jamileh K-MOUAWAD, Caroline-Marjorie FIELDS, Della MAWAD, Katherine RIBUSTELLI, Marilyn MARVIN, Margaret McDonough; Pauline NAHAL, Sarah BRENENSTUHL, Thomas RILEY, Sr., Gail MOFFRE, Patti THORNTON

Requested prayers from the Book of prayers

• Please pray for the health and well being of Barbara Hakim.

January BIRTHDAYS

As they celebrate their birthdays this month, we hold up to

God the lives of:

4 Tori & Carol Shufelt 1 Sayed Frangie

12 Sarkis Frangieh 21 Lora Karrat

Elizabeth Ryan

22 Georgette Hannoush 23 John Merrifield Jr.

24 Elias Hannoush

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

Schedule of Coffee Hour Sponsors

Sign-up sheets are in the binder on the table in front of St. Ann in the main entrance of the church. Please consider sponsoring Sunday refreshments. Thank you.

Jan. 12 St. Maron's Men's Society

Jan. 19 Daughters of St. Ann and the Frangieh family

Jan. 26 AVAILABLE

2^{nd} Special Collections for Jan

1/05 Building Fund 1/12 Fuel & Heat

1/19 Snow Removal, Assessment/ Bishop Appeal

1/26 US Catholic Bishops Worldwide Charities

Your Gift to God for Jan. 5

Counted by Rosemary Patnode

| Weekly Offering | \$386.00 |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Building Fund | \$152.00 |
| Assessment / Bishop Appeal | \$30.00 |
| Epiphany | \$80.00 |
| Circumcision of our Lord | \$45.00 |
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TOTAL \$693.00

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.

Your Gift to God for Jan. 12

Counted by Ron Bagley, Rick Thornton

| Weekly Offering | \$713.00 |
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| Building Fund | \$105.00 |
| Fuel & Heat | \$213.00 |
| Assessment / Bishop Appeal | \$10.00 |
| World Day of Peace | \$15.00 |
| Epiphany | \$118.00 |
| Snow Removal | \$5.00 |
| US Catholic Bishops Worldwide Charities | \$5.00 |

TOTAL \$1,284.00

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Schedule for Collection Counters

| Jan 19 | Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney |
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| Jan 26 | Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley |
| Feb 2 | Rosemary Patnode, Georgette Hannoush |
| Feb 9 | Thomas Riley Sr. & Rolla Mooney |
| Feb 16 | Richard Thornton, Sr. & Ronald Bagley |
| Feb 23 | Rosemary Patnode, Georgette Hannoush |

Pope Francis via Twitter - @Pontifex

No elderly person should be like an "exile" in our families. The elderly are a treasure for our society.!

2014 Offertory Envelopes

As we approach the start of the coming year, I take a moment to remind and encourage all parishioners to obtain a box of weekly envelopes for the upcoming year 2014.

Those who currently do not use envelopes for our Sunday collection, please take a moment and think of the benefit you may have at the end of the year by claiming your donations to your church on your tax return.

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We welcome new parishioners into the envelope system as we ask the Lord to reward you for all you do and give to your spiritual Home.

If your name is not on a box & you would like a box for next year's use, and in order to keep your information up to date, please call the rectory at (518) 272-6073 or leave a note in the basket collection or via e-mail at stann1905@gmail.com for any change of address or other important information.

Thank You for your generosity during this past year.

Blessing of Homes during Epiphany

House Blessings are traditionally conducted in the weeks following Epiphany. Father George will visit your home, shop and/or your place of business, to sprinkle the Holy Water. If interested, please talk with Father George to schedule a visit..

Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

- 1. Arrive 5 minutes prior to mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy
- 2. Stay in Church until the final Blessing is given
- 3. Turn your cell phones to silent mode
- 4. Refrain from chewing gum, food or drinks, & long and loud personal conversations
- 5. Refrain from leaving pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration Words
- 6. Modest clothing is expected and appreciated

Religious Education

Classes resume on Friday, Jan. 24. Please note the following schedule and have children present with sufficient time to allow for class setup. Please keep our program in your prayers.

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| Friday | Jan 24 | 4:15 – 6 pm | | |
| Saturday | Feb 8 | 10:30am - 12:30pm | | |
| Friday | Feb 21 | 4:15 – 6 pm | | |
| Friday | Mar 7 | 4:15 - 6 pm | | |
| Friday | Mar 21 | 4:15 - 6 pm | | |

Exploring Scripture

Why Did Jesus "mean to pass by" his Disciples when He was walking on the water?

In Mark 6:45-52, we read the familiar story of Jesus walking on the water after having multiplied the loaves and fishes earlier that day. There is to our modern ears an odd turn of phrase that takes place about midway through the gospel. It says: About the fourth watch of the night, [Jesus] came toward them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them... (Mark 6:48)

This seems odd. Why would Jesus approach them walking

on the water, (astounding miracle that it is), and simply mean to pass on by?

The problem is, we think that it means that he will not stop, but will keep walking past them. But actually this is not what it means.

This expression of God "passing by" is common in the Theophanies of the Old Testament. For example, when Moses was up on the mountaintop, The text teaches us in Exodus, that he revealed himself to Moses by "passing by." The text says:

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen." (Exodus 33: 18-23)

Another example of this is in the appearance he made to Elijah who was hiding in a cave after his flight from Jezebel. At one point, God called him out of the cave so that he could "pass by" The text says,

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. (1 Kings 19:11-13)

Some other example of this "passing by are:

- When John the Baptist saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" (Jn 1:36)
- Now hearing a crowd going by, [the Blind Man] began to inquire what this was. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he called out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"... (Lk 18:37-38)

Hence, for Jesus to "pass by" is not for him to walk past us in hiding. Rather, it is just the opposite, it is for him to reveal himself to us and summon us to Faith. This is also the case in the Old Testament texts where God "passes by" not to hide, but reveal himself and summon us to faith.

Some may argue that these phrases should be translated differently so that we can better grasp their meaning. Why not just say "He came toward them to reveal himself to them"??

Perhaps there is some merit in this. But I would counter that more mileage is sometimes gained by the text causing us to ponder, and pray. Consider that in "decoding" this text we have looked at four other passages. Further, we have deepened our appreciation of what it means for God to "pass by."

What is easy, is not always what is best for us.

Msgr. Charles Pope

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Pope Francis Makes New Appointments in the Maronite Church

On Monday, January 13, the Holy Father erected a new apostolic exarchate for the Maronite faithful resident in Western and Central Africa, in ad Ibadan, Nigeria.



- appointed Rev. Simon Faddoul, president of Caritas-Lebanon, as the first apostolic exarch without episcopal title, and as apostolic visitor for the Maronite faithful resident in Southern Africa.
- appointed Bishop Georges Chihane, eparchal vicar of Cairo and Sudan of the Maronites, as apostolic vistor for the Maronite faithful resident in the countries of North Africa nost included in the eparchal territory..

Welcome to our Visitors!

Thank you for joining us today. We hope you will grace us with your presence again. Though not well known in the west, the Catholic Church is comprised of 22 Churches, 21 Eastern and 1 Western Church. The Eastern Catholic Churches refer to those that developed in the eastern half of the Roman Empire, including the communities that derived from them, and are in communion with Rome.

The Maronite faithful persevere in the faith of their ancestors, spiritually united with each other in the Church throughout the world. By a consistent Christian witness, animated by the beautiful theological and spiritual heritage which they have received, the Maronite Church contributes in a unique way to the ongoing renewal and upbuilding of the entire Catholic Church.

For additional information, you can visit the Catholic Encyclopedia or other online resource.

March for Life

US bishops announce 9 days of prayer January 18-26, 2014

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced "Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage" around January 21, the 41st anniversary Roe v. Wade-- the Supreme Court decision that struck down laws protecting unborn human life.

The U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities is asking Catholics to pray "for healing and conversion, for elected officials who support abortion and for all people whose lives have been forever changed by an abortion."

"The bishops recognize that prayer is the foundation of all our efforts on behalf of human life," said Tom

Grenchik, executive director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities.

"These nine days of focused prayer and sacrifice are a great opportunity for people across the nation to unite their voices in prayer to God. Through this prayer campaign, I hope that many will be blessed with a new spirit of faith and encouragement in their pro-life efforts."

4 Ways to Join

This year, you have more ways than ever to get involved! You can join by app, text or email. For more details on these options, visit this USCCB link: http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm

Blessed Margaret of Castello Patron Saint of the Unwanted



In our society, where medical testing can be done to assure that only children without defects are born, those who are born with handicaps are often regarded as "tragic" oversights. In this light, the "unwanted" of the world have a patron saint in a medieval woman who was born a crippled, blind and

hunchbacked dwarf.

Bl. Margaret of Castello was born in the fourteenth century in Metola, Italy to noble parents who wanted a son. When the news was brought to the new mother that her newborn daughter was a blind, hunchbacked dwarf, both parents were horrified. Little Margaret was kept in a secluded section of the family castle in the hopes that her existence would be kept secret. However, when she was about six years old, she accidentally made her presence known to a guest. Determined to keep her out of the public eye, her father had a room without a door built onto the side of the parish church and walled Margaret inside this room. Here she lived until she was sixteen, never being allowed to come out. Her food and other necessities were passed in to her through a window. Another window into the church allowed her to hear Mass and receive Holy Communion. The parish priest became a good friend, and took upon himself the duty to educate her. He was amazed at her docility and the depth of her spiritual wisdom.

When Margaret was sixteen years old, her parents heard of a shrine in Citta di Castello, Italy, where many sick people were cured. They made a pilgrimage to the shrine so that she could pray for healing. However,

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Margaret, open to the will of God, was not healed that day, or the next, so her parents callously abandoned her in the streets of the town and left for home, never to see her again. At the mercy of the passersby, Margaret had to beg her food and eventually sought shelter with some Dominican nuns.

Bl. Margaret lived a life of hope and faith, practicing heroic charity, though little was shown her in return. She came from a home where she was deprived, not because her parents had no wealth, but because they valued their material wealth and status more than their spiritual treasures.

How does Margaret's story apply to our times? Her parents wanted a boy, and if not a boy, at least a perfect girl. In the eyes of the world, she was useless, and what right do useless people have to live? Bl. Margaret helped innumerable others by her life and her good deeds, finding holiness by uniting her sufferings to Christ's. And now, some 700 years after her death, she teaches us valuable lessons by her very being.

Prayer for Reverence for Life

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life:

- ★ for the life in the womb, coming from Your creative power
- for the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise
- $f \Psi$ for the life of young people, hoping for a better world
- **▼** for the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility
- ★ for the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary,
may we always
say "YES" to Your gift.
May we defend it and promote it
from conception to its natural end.
And bring us at last, O Father,
to the fullness of eternal life
in Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen





Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Church 7142 Alaska Avenue N.W. Washington D.C. 20012

Maronite Vigil For Life & March For Life 2014

Join us as we pray, march and send a peaceful message to the world!!

ALL LIFE IS SACRED and WORTHY OF RESPECT !!!

The Office of Family and Sanctity of Life of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is pleased to host the first Maronite Vigil For Life on Tuesday January 21st, 2014 at Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Church in Washington DC.

All Maronite parishes are invited to join us for an evening of prayer, worship and fun. Please arrive around 5 pm. Our evening will include activities for the youth, dinner, Eucharistic Adoration, music, fellowship and movie.

For those who want to attend the Vigil For Life at the National Shrine at 6:30pm, you are welcome to join us before and after.

Bring your sleeping bags.

On Wednesday January 22_{nd}, we will have Maronite Divine Liturgy at 8:30am followed by breakfast, then we will meet at the Starbucks at the corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St. at 11:00am to join the March For Life.

Sponsored by
Office of Family and Sanctity of Life
Marise Frangie, FCP, Director
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sanctityoflife@live.com
Please RSVP with number of people attending by no later than Monday January 20th
Contact Joseph & Simona Hallal 540-815-2104 & 540-798-8450
jhallal@verizon.net

Free will donation of \$30 per person to cover the cost of the meals

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. In Loving Memory Of our parents In Loving Memory of In Memory Of In Memory Of Claramae and Joseph Joseph & Helen Rose, Father Paul, the deceased members of **KARAM** Mike, Joe, Peter RICE & HEALY YAMIN JABOUR KORKEMAZ **Families** Requested by Joe & Kathy JABOUR Requested by the KARAM Family In Memory Of For the living and In Loving Memory Of In Loving Memory of Walter J. & Mary GOLDEN deceased members of the deceased members & the deceased members of Michael-David Hannoush of the the GOLDEN & VOLKOMER TAMER & **JOSEPH-NACKLEY & Families PATNODE** Families by his grandparents, Elias & Georgette THORNTON Families In Memory Of In Memory Of In Loving Memory Of The Deceased Members of In Loving Memory of the deceased Solomon A. & **Donald & Edith** members of the the TALARICO & DEEP Patricia H. JABOUR **REZEY & NACKLEY, SEE &** (Joseph) Patnode & **Families CLOUGH Families** son, Vincent-Paul by their children & grandchildren In Loving Memory Of In Loving Memory of In Memory Of our grandparents In Memory Of Dot RILEY Francis & Marsha KADDO, Abraham & Mary Joseph-David & Jenny and the deceased members of the and Suleiman & Jamileh **Nackley and their RILEY, MANLEY & PETERSON REZEY & Nehme** FRANGIE deceased daughters **Families FRANGIE** Requested by the KADDO Family Requested by Tom RILEY, Sr. In Memory Of **Boulos, Georgette & Assaad ABDALLAH Nagieh & Simon FRANGIE** Requested by the ABDALLAH Family For Ad info, Call St. Ann's Church at: 1 (518) 272-6073

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