

THE PARISH OF Saint Maron

LITURGIES

Weekdays

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday following with Holy Hour
- No Liturgy on Mondays (Except Holy Days)
- Fridays at noon; no liturgies on legal holidays

Weekends

- Saturday evening at 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSION

Every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. • Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 30 mins. before Liturgy, or by appointment

COMMUNION CALLS FOR SHUT-INS

Conducted weekly. Please contact the Parish office
to arrange for special visits.

HOSPITAL CALLS

If someone is in the hospital, please call the Parish office.

Maronite Center: 330-792-7671

Antonine Sisters: 330-538-2567

Adult Daycare: 330-538-9822

Music Director: Micky Hafely 330-272-7557

Pastor: Rev. Tony Massad

Deacon: William George

Subdeacons: James Essad, Albert Dohar

Director of Religious Education:

Sr. Samia Abou-Shakra

PRAYER LINE

Please call the office with names of family and friends in
need of our prayers.

MYSTERIES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION)

Arrangements for these Mysteries must be preceded by
instructional classes for parents and sponsors.
(One sponsor must be an active Catholic and both
sponsors must be 18 years or older.) It is desirable that
classes be taken when a couple learns of pregnancy.
Sponsorship forms are required for sponsors. Contact
Fr. Tony Massad for instructions.

MARRIAGES

The couple themselves should contact the Parish office
at least **six months** in advance.

FUNERAL LITURGY AND PRAYER SERVICES

Have the funeral director contact the Parish Office directly.
Pastor must be consulted to set times for Prayer Service
and Funeral Liturgies. The regular Parish Liturgy will be
cancelled on the day of the funeral, on weekdays only.

MARONITE CATHOLIC FORMATION (MCF)

From September to May

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DIVINE LITURGIES



We pray the Rosary in church every Saturday at 4:10 pm and before weekday liturgies at 8:10 am on Tuesday and Thursday and at 11:40 am on Friday.
We also pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the church and on Facebook.

SAT: 19 AUG / 13th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST / St. Luke of Baalbek

4:30 PM

+ 40-Day Liturgy for **Uncle Willie Michael** by Family
+ Repose of **Alice Ellis** by Aggie's Children

SUN: 20 AUG / 13th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST / St. Bernard, Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM

+ 40-Day Liturgy for **Thomas Rohan** by Family

11:00 AM

+ Repose of **Terry Khoury** by Husband Antoine Khoury
+ Repose of **Alex, Bessie & Joseph Hayek** by the Alex Hayek Family
+ Repose of **Joseph & Florence Sosnowski and Edward & Carmella Farris**
by John & Laurie Farris & Family

MON: 21 AUG / Samuel the Prophet
NO LITURGY

TUE: 22 AUG / St. Symphorian - 8:30 AM

+ Repose of **The Holy Souls in Purgatory** by John Abbas, Jr.

WED: 23 AUG / St. Isaac of Nineveh - 7:00 PM

+ Repose of **Thomas Dohar** by George & PeeWee Spencer

THU: 24 AUG / St. Eutyches of Sebastia - 8:30 AM

+ Repose of **Dr. Elias Saadi** by Aleda Bukovinsky

FRI: 25 AUG / St. Titus, One of the 72 Disciples - 12:00 PM

+ Repose of **Vincent Morgione** by William & Janice Alexander

SAT: 26 AUG / 14th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST / Pope St. Zephyrinus

4:30 PM

+ Repose of **James & Ann Julian** by Mike & Georgia Dohar
+ Repose of **Elias Yazbek** by Family
+ Repose of **Deceased Members of the Ladas Family** by Charles & Donna Zidian, Jr. & Families

SUN: 27 AUG / 14th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST / St. Biyameen the Hermit

8:30 AM

+ Repose of **David Alexander** by Fran Sarkis

11:00 AM

+ Repose of **Frances Pascarella** by Betty Garono
+ Repose of **George Nakley** by Ziad & Nina Abi Ghanem & Family

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Gen 2:8-10,15-17; 1 Cor 3:1-11:
Lk 8:1-15

Lectors - Aug. 19 & 20

Saturday

4:30 pm: Carol Essad/
Patti Machuga

Sunday

8:30 am: Anne-Marie Luchansky/
Vince Talley

11:00 am: Rose Sahyoun/
Jaclene Feghali



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deut 6:4-9; 1 Thes 2:1-13:
Lk 10:38-42

Lectors - Aug. 26 & 27

Saturday

4:30 pm: Christopher Brocius/
Charles Zidian, Jr.

Sunday

8:30 am: Jean Estephan/
Beverly Mike-Nard

11:00 am: Cybelle Feghali/
Linda Awad



Altar Servers - Aug 26 & 27

Sat - 4:30 pm Volunteer

Sun - 8:30 am Ryan

11:00 am Anthony / James

Ushers:

Sat: Michael Essad, Bill Alexander,
Buddy Rezek and volunteers, please

Sun: John Farris and Volunteers, please



Please pray for -

the following people who have died
in the past years, Aug. 19 - 25:

James Carson, Elmer Thomas,
Albert Featsent, Mildred Hayek,
Tom Joseph, Sadie Simon,
Helen Cononico, Bassil Estephan,
Stephen M. Kalna, John Dohar,
Alex K. Hayek, Alfred E. Yazbek,
Faye Clouse, Margaret Zagorsky,
Louise Alexander

Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.



Remember in your prayers -

SHUT-INS AT HOME:

Frank Santisi, Jr., Marie Eckenrode,
Ida Michael, Vail Rohan,
John Abbas, Jr., Liz Manser, Florence Vitullo



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Website: <https://www.stmaronyoungstown.org>

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For emergencies,
contact

Fr. Tony Massad at (810) 691-7055

13TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SANCTUARY CANDLES - AUGUST

In Loving Memory of **John & Fran Dohar** by Mike & Georgia Dohar and Families

In Loving Memory of **Vincent L. Marzano Sr. & Vincent L. Marzano Jr.** by wife & mother Yvonne, brothers Joe (Dawn) and Brad (Beth) and Families

In Loving Memory of **Hassane El Khoury** by Nina Hanna

ALTAR WINE - AUGUST

In Loving Memory of **Joseph Hanna** by Nina Hanna

ALTAR BREAD - AUGUST

In Loving Memory of **John & Anna Stephens** by Nina Hanna

Happy Birthday!

- Aug 19 Joseph Azar
- Aug 20 Michael Manser
- Aug 21 Sergio Gonzalez
- Aug 22 Jaclene Feghali, Marian Welcsh
- Aug 23 Cathy George, Chuck Guerrieri
- Aug 24 Matthew Hallett
- Aug 25 Janice Alexander



Happy Anniversary!

- Aug 22 Joseph & Joanne Simon - 25 years
- Aug 23 Robert & Justine Truslow - 14 years
- Aug 24 Joseph & Laurece Chahine - 32 years
- Robert & Marie Eckenrode - 59 years
- Aug 25 Louis & Chloe Irizarry - 5 years



LECTORS NEEDED PLEASE! Helping to proclaim the word of God to the parish by reading at our liturgies is a wonderful and easy way to share of your talents & give to our community and the Lord. We are in need of lectors, and ask that anyone who is willing to read please contact the church office and let us know for which mass you are available.



Thank you!

St. Maron Church, 7800 Brookside Road in Independence, Ohio is holding their **Middle Eastern Food Festival** on Sat., Aug. 19th from 12-10 pm, and Sun., Aug. 20th from 12-7 pm. They will have food, drinks, music, & entertainment. For more information you may go to www.stmaronfestival.com

We are in need of a handyman/maintenance/set-up person to work at Antioch hall, the rec area & church. This is an ideal position for either a college student or an active retiree, as the days and hours are very flexible. Part time weekdays (approx. 15 hours per week), plus occasional weekends during rental events. Please tell anyone you know who may be interested. Call the church office at 330-792-2371.



Weekly Financial Report	8/13/23
Offertory Collection (76 envelopes used of 288)	\$4561.00
Assumption (8 envelopes)	\$191.00
Candles	\$106.00
Needy (3 envelopes)	\$65.00
Online Offerings (6)	\$275.00
Thank you for your generous donations!	

AUGUST 19 & 20, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Parish Picnic** - Sun., Aug. 20th, after 11:00 am liturgy
- Maronite Immigration Presentation** - Fri., Aug. 25th, 7:00 pm



Remember to join us for our **Back-To-School Parish Picnic** this Sunday, Aug. 20th, at the Recreation Pavilion after 11:00 Liturgy! We will be providing the main course, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring your games and swimsuits!



MARONITE IMMIGRATION AND IDENTITY



A presentation with
Fr. Jean-Maroun Helou

Friday, August 25th - 7:00 pm, in Antioch Hall

Join us as we enjoy an informational evening and discussion sharing wine and hors d'oeuvres

FESTIVAL ROAD TRIPS!

A group of about 30 parishioners recently traveled to Columbus to visit Fr. Jacques at his new parish, attend mass there, and enjoy their church festival. Everyone had a wonderful time, and Fr. Jacques sends his best regards to all at St. Maron Parish!

We are also getting a group together to go to Pittsburgh to support the parish festival at Chorbishop Kail's church, Our Lady of Victory, on Saturday, Sept. 9th. We can meet at our church parking lot and carpool or caravan, then drive there to attend the 4:00 liturgy, followed by the festival. If you prefer to drive directly to Our Lady of Victory Parish yourself, the address is 1000 Tropical Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. If you are planning to join us, please sign up on the form in the foyer.



MCF & ARABIC CLASSES REGISTRATION

Maronite Christian Formation Classes (MCF) will begin Sunday, Sept. 24th between the 8:30 am & 11:00 am liturgies. Please register your children for the upcoming year, allowing them the opportunity to grow in their faith and to build lasting friendships in our Maronite community. Children must also attend MCF in order to qualify for Catholic school tuition allowances.

Arabic Classes will begin Sat., Oct. 7th. We do need a count of the number of people attending, so please register as soon as possible. Registration for both MCF & Arabic Classes are available at this link:

<http://tiny.cc/MaronMCF>

Reg. Deadline Sept. 3rd



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WORLD YOUTH DAY – LISBON PORTUGAL

“God is calling you by name,” was the opening message by Pope Francis to over 1 million youth gathered for the 16th World Youth Day (WYD) which took place in Lisbon, Portugal August 1st through the 6th. World Youth Day invites Catholic youth the world over to come and share their faith with each other and to collectively worship God. World Youth Day is like an enormous youth retreat that helps to invigorate the faith and life of not only the youth around the world, but adults, young and old alike who attend. The whole week is a time of joy, faith, fun, and really an opportunity of a lifetime to gather with so many of God’s people who are all there for the same reason, to share in their worship of God and to unite as the people of God. The atmosphere is palpable, the residents of Lisbon made us feel so welcome, they cheer as pilgrims walk by, the pilgrims themselves all have a spirit of openness and intrigue, wanting to share about their culture and learn about others all under the umbrella of a common faith and belief that animates their interactions. We love Jesus, we are part of the Catholic Church and the joy of Christ is to be shared, and that sentiment and feeling is shared in almost every moment of World Youth Day.

The theme of this World Youth Day was “Mary arose and went with haste...” (Luke 1:39). This passage is in reference to the Blessed Mother, upon hearing that her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant with child, immediately arose to accompany and help her in this time. This theme was shared to the WYD participants in every talk and prayer to remind them that we too are to go with haste when sharing the Gospel. We too are to go with haste when we know one is in need and that we have been called by God to do the same and that we should not be afraid to do that. This theme was developed and shared throughout the week in the different catechesis presentations, the homilies at the Masses, and throughout different events to help the participants understand Mary is a role model of faith for us and in her actions she truly lived the Gospel commands. God invites us to do the same and in doing so we share Jesus with the world and also give the world what it desperately needs, the help and hope of Jesus Christ.

	Our group at Fatima		Attending morning catechesis
	Dancing Dabke!		<u>Opening Mass</u> People were shoulder to shoulder all the way to the blue structure in the center of the picture; that is where the altar was set up.

The group of Maronite young adults who went representing the Maronite Church in the US were from Michigan, Illinois, Texas, Massachusetts, Florida, Virginia, California, Iowa, North Carolina, and we also had a young adult join us who lives in Dubai. We were 39 pilgrims in total, many of us meeting for the first time on Sunday, July 30th, and became fast friends. We journeyed together on Monday, July 31st to Fatima, to visit Our Lady of Fatima and to see the place of the apparition of our Blessed Mother to the three shepherd children, Lucy, Jacinta, and Francisco. The shrine and church are magnificent and one can feel the sanctity and Spirit of God in this holy place. We were able to visit the church and pray together, light candles, and share with the many thousands of pilgrims from around the world who were visiting there as well. It was definitely a highlight of our pilgrimage. On Tuesday, August 1st, the only official event was the opening Mass in the evening at 7 pm and as we all had a “free day” many of us went sightseeing, took advantage of the many events throughout the city that were

sponsored by WYD like religious concerts, different spiritual talks by world renowned speakers, visited the different booths and festival events around the city with the WYD theme. No matter where we went there were pilgrims from all over the world that were friendly and inviting and we struck up conversations with many people as we walked to the different events. The sharing and learning about others continued throughout the week and was such a beautiful aspect to enhance our experience. In the evening, the opening Mass took place outdoors and we celebrated with almost 1 million of our new closest friends! It is amazing to be celebrating Mass with so many people and the clamor of the crowd is always part of the experience, but there is nothing like experiencing the silence that comes over the crowd when the words of consecration are prayed and then praying the Lord's Prayer all together – it was powerful!

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, there were a series of catechesis events called the "Rise Up Encounter." These are catechesis events hosted in the morning in different places and parks throughout the city in different languages, inviting the youth to attend and to deepen and grow in their faith. For example, many of our group went to one of the English catechesis programs where we sang, prayed, heard testimonies and presentations, and concluded with Mass. That program would begin at 9:30 am and end with Mass concluding at 12:30 pm. We were with pilgrims from Australia, USA, South Africa, England, and other English-speaking countries or pilgrims who wanted to hear the catechesis in English. Some of our group attended the Arabic speaking catechesis events, which had the same format but were presented in the Arabic language. There were Catholics from Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, UAE, Egypt, Palestine, and other Arabic speaking countries. One of the highlights for all of us were meeting Maronites and other Eastern Catholics from all over the world. Australia brought many Maronites and so did Lebanon, and we met Chaldeans from Iraq, Sweden, and the USA. Also, a fun note to share is that everywhere we went, any opportunity we had, we danced dabke!

The Pope's first event with the pilgrims was a prayer service and welcome message on Thursday night where we prayed and heard the Pope's message of encouraging our youth to know that God has called us by name and we are the community of the called, and that God knows us intimately and loves us. On Friday evening we prayed the Way of the Cross with Pope Francis and to be a part of that prayer with so many people who were there praying and recalling the stations of the Cross and what our Lord has done for us was so powerful. Standing shoulder to shoulder with people from different cultures, languages, and walks of life, yet all of us in solidarity praying the Way of the Cross adoring our Lord was an unforgettable experience.

On Saturday we prepared our bags and, in the afternoon, began the pilgrim walk from our hotel to the park where we would camp out all night and wake up in the morning to celebrate the final Mass together. The walk took close to 3.5 hours and we walked from one side of Lisbon to the other, encountering many pilgrims and people along the way. Residents waved and cheered, honking their horns and encouraging us as we walked and as we drew closer to the park, and we joined many other pilgrims who were on their journey as well. We arrived and celebrated the Evening vigil prayer service with the Pope and after that took the opportunity to go and talk with the other pilgrims who were there. Some people relaxed after a long walk and other youth would gather in a giant group and sing different hymns and songs and dance (this happened until 1 am in some places!). The conclusion was the Sunday morning Mass that had an attendance of over 1.5 million people throughout the park; it was amazing and almost unbelievable. Being with so many people and praying and receiving the Eucharist together, the presence of the Holy Spirit was invigorating. The whole experience reignites one's faith to see the Church alive and vibrant with the youth and adults present. There really is no other event that is more inspiring and brings such joy.

A WYD tradition is to take items from your home country to trade with pilgrims you meet during the pilgrimage and that we did. A bracelet, a keychain, stickers, coins, and other trinkets are exchanged after a conversation of sharing and learning. We all came home with not only new items from friends we met along the way but with memories that will last a lifetime. We brought back with us a new appreciation for our faith, meeting people from all over the world, especially inspired by those who came from countries in which they are persecuted for their faith, and knowing that our Church is alive and well and there is a generation coming after us who will carry the Gospel and helps its light shine throughout the World.

Fr. Tony

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