

# 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: 2 DEC / VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH / Habakkuk the Prophet

### 4:30 PM

- + Repose of **Richard Beshara** by Bruce & Karen Joseph
- + Repose of **Robert Mehanna** by Joseph & Marilyn Joseph

## SUN: 3 DEC / VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH / St. Francis Xavier

### 8:30 AM

- + Repose of **Helene D'Apolito** by John & Jennifer D'Apolito & Family
- + Repose of **Betty Joyce** by Frances Sarkis

### 11:00 AM

- + Repose of **Robin Hakimian** by Nick & Silva Ghossain
- + Repose of **Jim Borak** by Larry & Jo Ann Stephan

## MON: 4 DEC / St. Barbara NO LITURGY

## TUE: 5 DEC / St. Saba the Hermit - 8:30 AM NO LITURGY

## WED: 6 DEC / St. Nicholas - 7:00 PM

- + Repose of **Jane Vigorito** by Jim & Lynne Motosko

## THU: 7 DEC / St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church

### 8:30 AM

- + Repose of **Bill Burwig** by The Borak Family

### 7:00 PM / Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- + Repose of **Karimeh Rafidi** by Dr. Antoine & Sahar El-Hayek

## FRI: 8 DEC / Feast of The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) - 8:30 AM

- + Repose of **Fady Chamoun** by Akram Kassab

## SAT: 9 DEC / BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST / St. Francis of Paola

### 4:30 PM

- + Repose of **George & Agnes Galip** by Family
- + Repose of **Francis, Lena, Ronnie & Richard Marinelli** by Beverly Marinelli

## SUN: 10 DEC / BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST / Pope St. Miltiades

### 8:30 AM

- + Repose of **Nasef & Rose Thomas** by Family
- + Repose of **Nabeh J. & Frances E. Rouhana and Joseph N. Rouhana** by Family

### 11:00 AM

- + Repose of **Dr. Elias Saadi** by Dr. & Mrs. Mounir Awad
- + The Health of the **Joseph & Elizabeth Manser Family** by Liz Manser

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2 Sam 6:9-18; Eph 1:1-14;  
Lk 1:39-45



## Lectors - Dec. 2 & 3

### Saturday

**4:30 pm:** Patti Machuga/  
Chris Brocious

### Sunday

**8:30 am:** Vince Talley/  
Beverly Mike-Nard

**11:00 am:** Rose Sahyoun/  
Gr. 7-12

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Sam 1:9-11,19b-23; Gal 4:21-5:1;  
Lk 1:57-66



## Lectors - Dec. 9 & 10

### Saturday

**4:30 pm:** Madeline Clarke/  
Charles Zidian, Jr.

### Sunday

**8:30 am:** Mike Dohar/  
Brian Godsen

**11:00 am:** Linda Awad/  
Gr. 5-6

## Altar Servers - Dec. 9 & 10

**Sat - 4:30 pm** Volunteer

**Sun - 8:30 am** Joe

**11:00 am** Celine/Croix

## 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, Dec. 2 - 8:

Nafsa Joseph, Elizabeth A. Nassar,  
Mary George, Franjyeh Abdalla,  
Georgette Naffah, Michael Zenn,  
Joseph M. Dohar, John Rushwin,  
Basma Hesainy, Mary Mousie,  
Russell Saadey, Sr., Simon Zakaria,  
Assad (Issac) F. Naffah, Nazih Y. Saker,  
Bansut F. Abdalla, George Galip

God  
IS MY  
Strength

*Remember in your prayers -*

### SHUT-INS AT HOME:

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



### CONNECT TO LIVE STREAMS:

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stmaronyoungstown](https://www.facebook.com/stmaronyoungstown)



For emergencies,  
contact  
Fr. Tony Massad at (810) 691-7055



# VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

**DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2023**

## SANCTUARY CANDLES - DECEMBER

In Loving Memory of **Madlyne Crooks**  
by Michael & Georgia Dohar & Families

In Loving Memory of **Thomas M. & Mary Zachea Joseph** by  
Children of the Marzano, Joseph & Yargas  
Family, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

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

## ALTAR WINE - DECEMBER

In Loving Memory of **Rizzie D. & Genevieve Yazbek**  
by Amelia, Marian & Sarah Yazbek

## ALTAR BREAD - DECEMBER

In Loving Memory of **Tom & Rose Abeid & Charles Beshara**  
by Paulette Beshara & Family

## Happy Birthday!

Dec 3 Mounir El-Hayek, Anthony Koury, Tony Maroun  
Dec 4 Thomas Awaida, Sheena Dohar  
Dec 6 Linda Carano, Anne-Marie Luchansky  
Dec 7 Noah Krause  
Dec 8 Julie Palusak



Tickets are now available for our  
**St. Maron Parish Golden Jubilee Grande Banquet Gala** at:  
[maron50.square.site](http://maron50.square.site)  
or call the church office to order your tickets

**FOOD DRIVE** During this holiday season we are collecting non-perishable dry and canned goods and foods for those less fortunate in our community. Please place your food donations in the box in the foyer. Thank you!

Our **ANNUAL GIVING TREE** is up in the church foyer. Select your gift recipient tag, then drop off your wrapped gift with the tag attached at the church office anytime before Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!!** Join us for our Family New Years Eve Party on Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> in Antioch Hall! Liturgy will be at 8:00 pm with the party to follow. Main courses will be provided and we ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert. BYOB! Cost is only \$20 for adults, 18 & under are free. Please RSVP to the office 330-792-2371 and to purchase your tickets. We had a great time last year, so come celebrate the new year with us!!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** - To donate flowers in memory of loved ones, include \$15 per plant in your Christmas Flower envelope or in a plain envelope dropped in the collection basket or at the office. Please be sure to list your intentions. The names will be listed in a special insert in the parish Christmas bulletin.

Weekly Financial Report	11/26/23
Offertory Collection (58 envelopes used of 287)	\$2616.00
Christmas Flowers (7 envelopes)	\$295.00
Candles	\$111.00
Needy (2 envelopes)	\$30.00
Online Offerings (4)	\$275.00
<b>Thank you for your generous donations!</b>	

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**First Communion Parents Meeting** - Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:45 am MARK YOUR CALENDAR!  
**Knights Special Dinner Meeting** - Sun., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:30 pm  
**Silver Bullets Christmas Party** - Wed., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am  
**MYO Christmas Party** - Fri. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm  
**Children's Parish Christmas Party** - Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm  
**MYA Christmas Party** - Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm  
**New Years Eve Party** - Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, after 8:00 pm Liturgy

## Reminders:

No Bible Study this Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
No Liturgy Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation, Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Liturgies Thurs., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm and Fri., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am

We will begin our daily **CHRISTMAS NOVENA** on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Weekday novenas are at 7:00 pm, and weekend novenas will be after Saturday 4:30 liturgy and Sunday 11:00 am liturgy. Please join us!

**MYO CHRISTMAS KOLACHI BAKE SALE!** Get your orders in by Wed., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> for our delicious Kolachi rolls to serve at your holiday table or give as gifts! Your choice of Nut, Poppy Seed, or Apricot - all still only \$15 each! The rolls will be available for pickup after liturgies on Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in the foyer or call the office to place your order.

**SUPPORT VAIL'S VOICE** this holiday season! Purchase a \$10 raffle ticket for V's Trees at Home Carpet or at our church office to win one of the gorgeous trees & goodie packages! All funds raised benefit the Vail's Voice Foundation's mission to help pediatric patients with illnesses and hospital stays. Trees can be viewed at Home Carpet, 8479 Market Street in Boardman, or visit their Facebook page. Winners will be drawn December 15<sup>th</sup>.



## UPCOMING PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTIES

**SILVER BULLETS CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - Liturgy at 11:00 am and party to follow. Come enjoy a wonderful lunch with Santa and friends! Please RSVP to the church office (330-792-2371) by Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, as we need a count of guests.

**MYO CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> - Bring your friends and meet at the church at 6:00 pm!

**PARISH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!** Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm following the Christmas Pageant. Join us for the party, lunch, a visit with Santa, & gifts! Reservations are required by Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Reservation forms are in the foyer or call the office. Donation is \$20 per family. Call Linda Awad for information 330-559-4491. We are also accepting donations of gifts for prizes.



## Great Christmas Gift Idea!

Tickets for our Spring Wine Taste are now available, and we are offering Wine Taste Gift Certificates which would make a wonderful gift for family and friends this Christmas! Give them the gift of an amazing dinner and enjoyable evening! Tickets are available to purchase online at [www.tickettailor.com/events/saintmaronchurch](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/saintmaronchurch), where you can also select your table & seats. Gift Certificates are available in the office for your purchase, or call 330-792-2371.





Dear Parishioners,

We have been invited to enter into a year of Eucharistic Revival, and I would like to invite you to grow closer to Jesus alongside fellow parishioners through the Jesus and the Eucharist study. This study was specifically designed for the Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from individual bishops across the country. In the sessions we will have small group discussion to share the reality of our faith and experiences while diving deeper into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

This study will be a special time to grow in community within our parish as we walk this sacred year together, and we really desire you to join us. Please join us for 7 sessions, on Thursday evenings, once a month, from January to July. Each session will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in Antioch Hall.

January 11th, 2024  
February 15th, 2024  
March 14th, 2024  
April 11th, 2024  
May 16th, 2024  
June 13th, 2024  
July 11th, 2024

Hospitality will be provided, and we hope to see you there!

*Fr. Tony Massad*



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