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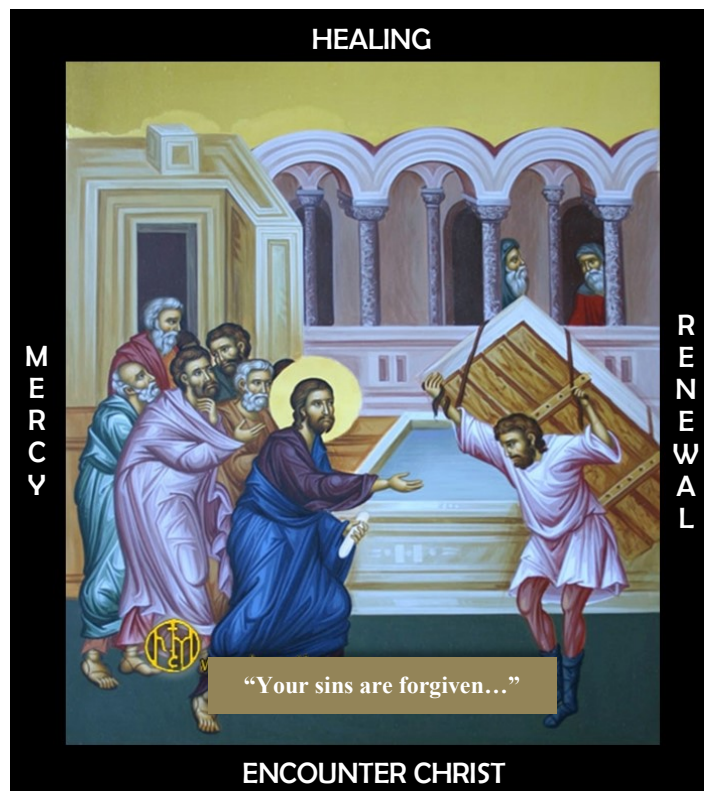
## CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

SUNDAY OF THE HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC - MARCH 11, 2018

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SEASON OF THE GREAT LENT

READING 1 Timothy 5:24-6:5 GOSPEL Mark 2:1-12



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Michael Magyar

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### WEEKEND LITURGIES AT BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

12500 NINETEEN MILE ROAD  
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Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION & PRAYERS

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

SAINT SHARBEL FAMILY PRAYERS

22nd Day of Every Month: Weekday  
Liturgy at 6:30 PM followed by Prayers 7 PM

See Bulletin for location

Sunday Following 11:30 am Liturgy

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH**

**BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

- 4:00 PM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Deacon John and Bobbi Sfire Family**, by Pastor
- 4:00 PM— **George Caleel 1 Year Remembrance**, by Wife, Rebecca and Family
- 4:00 PM— **Marie Thomas 4 Year Remembrance**, by Family
- 4:00 PM— **John Thomas 4 Year Remembrance**, by Family
- 4:00 PM— **Donald Joseph 10 Year Remembrance**, by Family
- 4:00 PM— **Angelina Besteni 24 Year Remembrance**, by Son-In-Law and Daughter, Dr. Paul G. and Linda Thomas
- 4:00 PM— **Louis P. Abraham 30 Year Remembrance**, by Wife, Adele, and Family, Paul, Louis, Ron and Kate
- 4:00 PM— **Victoria Asmar**, by Mary Medley and Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH**

**BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

- 9:30 AM— **Abraham and Sadie Salloum**, by Richard and Maria Salloum
- 9:30 AM— **Cecilia Marchesi and Family**, by Richard and Maria Salloum
- 9:30 AM— **Anthony Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family
- 9:30 AM— **Tracy Ann Thomas Birthday Remembrance**, by Parents, Mickey and Julie Thomas
- 9:30 AM— **Joseph and Helen Shaker**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Wahib Mashini 1 Year Remembrance**, by Wife, Theresa, and Children, Jennifer Haddad, Nicole Mashini, and Joseph Mashini
- 11:30 AM— **Hanna Fawaz 1 Year Remembrance and Mariam Fawaz 3 Year Remembrance**, by the Fawaz Family
- 11:30 AM— **Antoun Gemayel and Roland Gemayel 9 Year Remembrance**, by Chaouki Gemayel and Family
- 11:30 AM— **Tony and Mary Soyad**, by Joseph and Rosine Soyad
- 11:30 AM— **Akl Abi Ragi**, by Kabalan and Henriette Hawilo & Family
- 11:30 AM— **Deceased Members of the Crispin, Shaker and Abraham Families**, by Joe & Terry Shaker

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH**

**OFFICE CHAPEL**

- 9:30 AM— **Mike DeBruyn Special Intentions**, by Friends of Saint Sharbel

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH**

**ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH**

- 6:30 PM— **Parishioners and Benefactors**, by Pastor
- 7:00 PM— **Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH**

**BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

- 4:00 PM— **Paul Elias 40 Day Remembrance**, by Wife, Linda & Family
- 4:00 PM— **Dave and Doris Jacobs**, by Rosabelle Jacobs
- 4:00 PM— **Virgil Medley**, by Wife, Mary and Children
- 4:00 PM— **Louis Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH**

**BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

- 9:30 AM— **Michael B. Thomas and John B. Thomas Anniversary Remembrance**, by Mickey and Julie Thomas
- 9:30 AM— **Joseph and Helen Shaker**, by William and Sandy Haddad
- 9:30 AM— **Anthony Abraham**, by The Shaker Family
- 11:30 AM— **Salim Barkoudeh**, by MYO
- 11:30 AM— **George Chalhoub 6 Year Remembrance**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Henriette Chalhoub**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Antonio Malkoun**, by Family
- 11:30 AM— **Ron and Theresa Simon**, by Roger and Carol Abi-Ragi

**READERS FOR:**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH 4:00 PM**  
Janet Peters

**READERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH 9:30 AM**  
Katie Folk

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH 11:30 AM**

Sarah Ashkar - English  
Chuck Gemayel - Arabic

**READERS FOR:**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH 4:00 PM**  
Fred Elias

**READERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH 9:30 AM**  
Rita Nader

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH 11:30 AM**

Lisa Yacoub - English  
Sue Malkoun - Arabic

**FRIDAYS OF LENT**

Join the Saint Sharbel Parish Community for **STATIONS AND BENEDICTION OF THE HOLY CROSS** at 7:00 PM at St. Matthias Church each Friday of Lent. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. Various groups of our parish will lead the Stations.  
Friday, March 16th           Choir  
Friday, March 23rd         Ladies Altar Society

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & CONSTRUCTION NEWS**

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THE ST. SHARABEL BUILDING FUND. NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL AND EVERY DOLLAR HELPS!**



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**COLLECTION**

**March 4, 2018 - \$5,352.00**

*May God bless you in return for your generosity and support of your parish!*

**NAMING OPPORTUNITIES  
NEW CHURCH**

**AVAILABLE ITEMS**

**PROCESSIONAL CANDLESTICKS**

Donation: \$1700 each

**DONATED - 1**

Need: 3

**STANDING SANCTUARY LAMP**

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Need: 2

1

**ALTAR LINENS - Red**

Donation: \$1500 each set

Need: 2

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Need: 2

**ALTAR LINENS - Blue**

Donation: \$1500 each set

Need: 2

**ALTAR LINENS - Purple**

Donation: \$1500 each set

Need: 2

**ALTAR LINENS - Green**

Donation: \$1500 each set

Need: 2

**ALTAR SERVER ROBES**

Donation: \$125 each

Need: 14

**ELECTRONIC CHURCH SIGN**

Donation: \$25,000

Need: 1

**COLLECTION BASKETS**

Donation: \$150 each

Need: 4

**DONATED - 2**

**DONATED**

**HANGING WOOD CROSS WITH CORPUS**

**DONATED**

**TREE OF LIFE**

**DONATED**

**FLOWER STANDS**

**DONATED**

**CIBORIUM #2**

**DONATED**

**DONATED**

**HOLY WATER FONTS**

**DONATED - 4**

**MISSAL STAND**

**DONATED**

**ALTAR CRUCIFIX**

**DONATED**

**SANCTUARY BELLS**

**DONATED**

**INCENSE STAND**

**DONATED**

**INCENSE CENSER AND BOAT**

**DONATED**

**CHALICE #1**

**DONATED**

**CIBORIUM #1**

**DONATED**

**CHALICE #2**

**DONATED**

**INTINCTION SETS - 3**

**DONATED**

**CRUETS AND TRAY SETS - 2**

**DONATED**

**PROCESSIONAL CRUCIFIX**

**DONATED**

**ALTAR CANDLESTICKS #1**

**DONATED - 4**

**HOLY WATER POT AND SPRINKLER**

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**ALTAR LINENS - White**

**DONATED - 3**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**PALM SUNDAY – HOSANNA SUNDAY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018**

**Bemis Jr. High School**

4:00 PM Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Palms / Procession  
 Celebrant: Bishop A. Elias Zaidan

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018**

**Bemis Jr. High School**

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Palms / Procession  
 Celebrant: Bishop A. Elias Zaidan

**St. Matthias Church**

12:30 PM Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Palms / Procession  
 Celebrant: Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 29, 2018**

**Bemis Jr. High School**

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy and Washing of the Feet Ceremony  
 8:00 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and  
 Procession from Bemis to St. Matthias

**GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 30, 2018**

**Office Chapel**

11 AM Signing of the Chalice Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

**St. Matthias Church**

7 PM Service of the Death and Burial of Our Lord

**HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 31, 2018**

**Office Chapel**

11:00 AM Service of Forgiveness

**EASTER SATURDAY**

**EASTER VIGIL DIVINE LITURGY - MARCH 31, 2018**

**St. Matthias Church**

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy / Rite of Peace

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**EASTER SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY – APRIL 1, 2018**

**St. Matthias Church**

12 AM Midnight Divine Liturgy / Rite of Peace

**St. Matthias Church**

9:45 AM Divine Liturgy / Rite of Peace

**St. Matthias Church**

12:30 PM Divine Liturgy / Rite of Peace

**UPCOMING WEDDINGS**

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**APRIL 14, 2018**

**Joesef Anton and Francesca Giordano**  
 Holy Family Church

**MAY 26, 2018**

**Charbel Barrak and Rita Greige**  
 St. Maron Catholic Church

**JUNE 29, 2018**

**Steven El Aile and Rowa Matti**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

**AUGUST 8, 2018**

**Antoine Azar and Linda Sony**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

**AUGUST 11, 2018**

**Charbel Haouilou and Zena Ghanim Yousif**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

**AUGUST 18, 2018**

**Francis Poissant and Alexandra Makdisi**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

**AUGUST 18, 2018**

**Dani Fribourg and Amira Kassis**  
 St. Maron Catholic Church

**AUGUST 25, 2018**

**Anthony Taormina and Ashley Randolph**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

**David Kasha and Elizabeth Kaadou**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church [Fr. Tony Massad]

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2018**

**Jeffrey Kelley and Paige Backus**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

**OCTOBER 7, 2018**

**Naji Chidiac and Maha Zetouuna**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

**NOVEMBER 10, 2018**

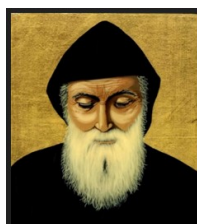
**Joseph Campbell and Gina Belcastro**  
 St. Sharbel Catholic Church

*Please keep these couples in your prayers as they  
 prepare for their Sacramental union in Christ!*

**EVENTS AROUND THE  
 COMMUNITY**

**ST. RAKFA ANNUAL BANQUET**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018**  
**REGENCY MANOR BANQUET CENTER**  
 For tickets, contact St. Rakfa Church  
 734-525-2828

**SAINT SHARBEL,  
 PRAY FOR US!**



**UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

- March 9 Mass at 6:30 PM at St. Matthias Church  
7 PM Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross
- March 18 LAS Meeting 10:30 AM
- March 18 Easter Bunny Visits REP Classes and  
after 11:30 AM Liturgy
- March 22-25 Bishop A. Elias Zaidan’s Annual Pastoral Visit
- March 23 Mass at 6:30 PM at St. Matthias Church  
7 PM Stations and Benediction of the Holy Cross  
With Bishop Zaidan
- March 30 MYO Carnation Sale - Good Friday
- March 31 Easter Egg Hunt at St. Matthias at 1 PM
- May 12 First Holy Communion 10:30 AM Mass at  
St. Sharbel Church
- July 22 Feast of Saint Sharbel
- September 15 St. Sharbel Church Gala at Palazzo Grande
- September 16 St. Sharbel New Church Dedication Ceremony and  
Liturgy at 10:30 AM with Patriarch Rahi
- November 11 Subdeacon Mike Magyar Ordination to the  
Diaconate 10:30 AM Liturgy with Bishop Zaidan

**LITURGICALLY SPEAKING**

**LENT: EXPLORING OUR TEMPTATIONS**, conclusion  
Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance, a season for reflection and taking stock of the patterns of sin in our lives. Lent is also a time of preparation. We journey through the desert for forty days to face our temptations and prepare our hearts for a new way of being. Through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we ready ourselves to celebrate God’s marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians. As we ponder this final temptation that Jesus endured in the wilderness, let us consider the ways our own ego can become a temptation to sin.

**The third temptation... EGO**

**THE THIRD TEMPTATION - EGO**  
Finally, the Gospel of Luke goes on to tell us that Jesus is brought to Jerusalem, made to stand on the parapet of the temple, and taunted to “throw himself down” to prove that He is the Son of God. Jesus tells the tempter that the Lord God is not to be put to the test. In other words, Jesus does not have to prove who He is or why He is on earth through miraculous shows of strength or dazzling deeds. He has no need to puff up His own ego. Jesus does not need fame. Throughout the Gospels, we read of Jesus’ healings; He even raises Lazarus from the dead! But in not one of these instances do we read that Jesus healed a single person out of pride or ego. He is simply carrying out His mission on earth — to fulfill the coming of the reign of God. Jesus approaches His many miracles with **great humility**. In Mk 5:24-34, a woman with a hemorrhage reaches out and touches His cloak and is healed immediately. The Gospel says that Jesus begins to look around for who touched His cloak “because He felt the power was drained out of Him.” When the woman comes forward, Jesus actually gives her the responsibility for her own healing. He says, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

**For reflection...**

- Am I overly concerned with how other people view me, longing for fame and recognition of my gifts and talents?
- Do I put myself and my own needs in front of others?
- Does my love of self get in the way of my love of God?

**PASTOR’S CORNER**

Dear Fellow Parishioners,  
Lent is a path which will lead us to the solemn celebration of the central mystery of faith, the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. We are preparing for the favorable time which the Church offers the faithful so that they may contemplate the work of salvation accomplished by our Lord on the Cross. The heavenly Father’s saving plan was completed in the free and total gift to us of the only begotten Son. “No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord” (John 10:18), Jesus declares, leaving no doubt that He decides to sacrifice His own life for the salvation of the world. In confirmation of so great a gift of love, the Redeemer goes on: “Greater love has no one than this that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). Lent, the providential time for conversion, helps us to contemplate this stupendous mystery of love. It is a return to the roots of our faith, so that by pondering the measureless gift of grace which is Redemption, we cannot fail to realize that all has been given to us by God’s loving initiative.

God has freely given us His Son: who has deserved or could ever deserve such a privilege? Saint Paul says: “All have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God, but they are justified by His grace as a gift” (Romans 3:23-24). In His infinite mercy God loved us, not permitting Himself to be blocked by the grievous state of separation to which man had been consigned by sin. He graciously stooped down to our weakness, and made it the cause of a new and still more wondrous outpouring of His love. The Church does not cease to proclaim this mystery of infinite goodness, exalting God’s free choice and His desire not to condemn man but to draw him back into communion with himself.

“You received without paying, give without pay.” May these words of the Gospel echo in our hearts on their penitential pilgrimage to Easter. May Lent, recalling the mystery of the Lord’s Death and Resurrection, lead us to marvel in their heart of hearts at the greatness of such a gift. Yes! We have received without pay. Is not our entire life marked by God’s kindness? The beginning of life and its marvelous development: this is a gift. And because it is gift, life can never be regarded as a possession or as private property. In the example of Christ offering Himself for us on Calvary, Lent helps us in a unique way to understand that life is redeemed in Him. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus renews our life and makes us sharers in the divine life which draws us into the intimate life of God and enables us to experience His love for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

**ANNUAL EPARCHIAL LENTEN APPEAL**

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal is taking place during Great Lent and is currently under way. Please return your response as soon as possible and not later than Easter.

**EASTER BUNNY**

Our Annual Children’s Easter Bunny visit will take place on Sunday, March 18th, 2018. Easter Bunny will visit the REP classrooms during class time, and will make a visit to all children immediately after the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass. All the children of the parish are cordially invited to attend and receive some Easter goodies from the Easter Bunny!

**REP NEWS**

**STUDENTS MAKING THEIR FIRST COMMUNION** need a Baptismal certificate on record at the church. If your child did not receive their baptism at St. Sharbel Church, please provide us with a copy of their certificate. Thank you!



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