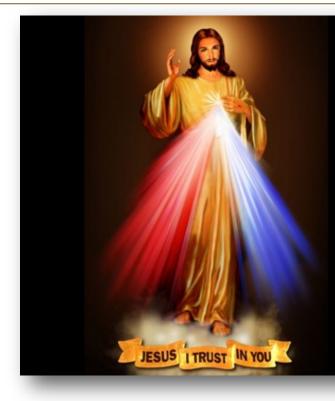
# ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# NEW SUNDAY – APRIL 7, 2024

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 

READING 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11 - 21 GOSPEL JOHN 20:26 - 31



# Divine Mercy Sunday

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

PASTOR CHORBISHOP ALFRED BADAWI

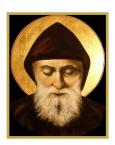
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DIVINE LITURGY SATURDAY: 4:00 PM SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Rosary: 30 minutes before saturday & sunday masses

WEEKDAY LITURGIES SEE INSIDE OF BULLETIN FOR SCHEDULE

**CONFESSIONS: BY APPOINTMENT** 

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION 1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING MASS & BENEDICTION 22nd Day of Every Month \*7:00 PM (April - October) 6:30 PM (November - March)

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH 43888 Hayes Road Clinton Township, MI 48038

# MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH 9:30 AM— Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH 2:00 PM— Baptism George Samuel Ghanem

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

### **3:30 PM— NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY**

- 4:00 PM— Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners
- 4:00 PM— Donald Paul 40 Day Remembrance, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Matty Moroun and his sister, Anne Moroun, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman, by Family

**4:00 PM— Owen Petrzelka Easter Remembrance,** by Grandparents, Anthony and Lucy Shaker

- **4:00 PM— Albert and Mona Badawi Easter Remembrance**, by Ed and Isabelle Thomas
- **4:00 PM— Dr. Paul Thomas 6 Year Remembrance,** by Wife, Linda Thomas and Children
- 4:00 PM— Pete and Josephine Saigh, by Linda Thomas

4:00 PM— Rudy Ferrara 10 Year Remembrance, by Kristin Staroscik & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
- 9:30 AM— Patricia Farrar 40 Day Remembrance, by
- 9:30 AM- Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners
- 9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Emad and Rana Tobia Family, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Gabriel P. Migala, by the Asmar and Anderson Family
- 9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas Easter Remembrance, by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— George and Mary Ann Sassin, by Joseph Campbell II
- 9:30 AM— Thomas and Alice Katra, by Madeleine Katra and Family
- 9:30 AM— Samir Katra, by Madeleine Katra and Family
- 9:30 AM— Cecelia John, by Niece, Mary Ostrowski

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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11:00 AM- NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY
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- 11:30 AM— Special Intention Cara Noele Hahn -Harik, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners

# 11:30 AM— Dunia Hattar 6 Month Remembrance, by Issa and Maysoon Sweidan and Family

- 11:30 AM— Wahib Mashini 7 Year Remembrance, by Wife, Teresa and Children, Nicole, Wahib, Jr., and Jennifer and their Families
- 11:30 AM— Walid, Wajih and Wafik Mashini, by their Brothers and Sisters and their Families
- 11:30 AM— Sultan Hattar 14 Year Remembrance, by Issa and Maysoon Sweidan and Family
- 11:30 AM- Issa and Jamila, by Issa and Maysoon Sweidan and Family
- 11:30 AM— Antoine & Evonne Chammami Easter Remembrance, by Family
- **11:30 AM Youssef Elias Aouad and Almaza Youssef Awad**, by Daughter, May Youssef Awad
- 11:30 AM— Simon Youssef Aouad, by Sister, May Youssef Awad
- 11:30 AM— Hamid Youssef Aouad, by Sister, May Youssef Awad
- 11:30 AM— Joseph Shaker, Sr. 18 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Thomas and Alice Katra, by Madeleine Katra and Family
- 11:30 AM— Samir Katra, by Madeleine Katra and Family
- 11:30 AM— Deceased Members of the Isaac Badawi Family, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Wadih and Ghani Jarbouh and the Living and Deceased Members of the Jarbouh and Hanna Family, by Souham Jarbouh

#### READERS

READERS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 6 4:00 PM - Fred Elias

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, APRIL 7 9:30 AM - Susan Forest

READERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 7 11:30 AM - Evonna Karam May Awad

READERS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 13 4:00 PM - Gwen Rashid

READERS FOR: SUNDAY, APRIL 14 9:30 AM - John Tobia

READERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14 11:30 AM - Maria Harik Peter Harik

#### **REMINDER!**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** Our Religious Education Program classes resume today, Sunday, April 7th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The First Holy Communion 2024 will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the 10:30 AM Mass. Thirty nine (39) of our children will make their First Holy Communion this year.

#### MAY CROWNING

May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2024 with the participation of the First Holy Communicants.

Any member of the Ladies Altar Society of St. Sharbel who would like to participate in the May Crowning can contact Char.

All girls 8 years of age and older may participate, and will be asked to wear a white dress of any kind.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH	
12:00 PM— Albert and Mona Badawi, b	by Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH 9:30 AM— Jenaette Aesy Birthday Remembrance, by Family 9:30 AM— Christine Accomando, by Donna Deeby

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH 12:00 PM— Joseph Shaker, Sr. Anniversary Remembrance, by Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH 9:30 AM— Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH 12:00 PM— Baptism Evelyn Kate Lohan

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

2:00 PM— Wedding Daniel Pardisi and Maria Haddad

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH

- 4:00 PM— Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners
- **4:00 PM** Living and Deceased Members of the Shaker Family, by the Badawi Family
- 4:00 PM-Matty Moroun and his sister, Anne Moroun, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman, by Family

# SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

- 9:30 AM— Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners
- 9:30 AM- Philip Ranno, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Cecelia John, by Niece, Mary Ostrowski

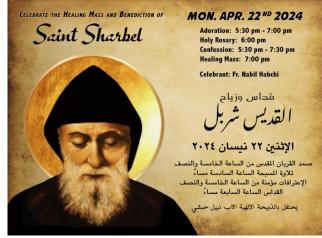
9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas Easter Remembrance, by Assaad and Mary Nassar

- 9:30 AM— George and Mary Ann Sassin, by Joseph Campbell II
- 9:30 AM— Albert and Mona Badawi, by Louise Carson

9:30 AM- Living and Decased Members of the Imad and Rana Tobia Family, by Family

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

- 11:30 AM- Special Intention Cara Noele Hahn -Harik, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Easter Flower Memorials, by Parishioners
- 11:30 AM— Georgette El-Kassouf Memorial Mass,
- by the Maronite Youth Organization and their Families 11:30 AM— Hana Nasoori and Alsin William, by Daughter,
- Yasamin Joseph
- **11:30 AM** Living and Deceased Members of the Itab Jojou Family, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of Raif and Hanane Harik Family, by Family



# THANK YOU!

WEEKLY COLLECTION March 23 & 24, 2024 Envelopes: \$12,039 Online: \$635.00 Total Collection: \$12,674.00

March 30 & 31, 2024 Envelopes: \$16,801.00 Online: \$910.00 Total Collection: \$17,711.00

2024 EPARCHIAL APPEAL Goal: \$16,000 Collected to Date: \$10,455.00

With sincere gratitude and thanks for your faithful and loving support!





# **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL BURNS FOR: Special Intentions Sam and Kathy Taormina

# CHAPEL CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL BURNS FOR: Elias and Zina Bassil

# **INCENSE AND CHARCOAL**

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL In Loving Memory of George & Henriette Chalhoub

# **BREAD AND WINE**

FOR THE YEARS 2024 - 2026 Living and Deceased Members of the Michel and Fadia Nahed Family

Living and Deceased Members of the Elias and Zina Bassil Family

FOR THE YEAR 2023 - 2024 In Loving Memory of Judith Anne Jacobs

# SAVE THE DATE!

ST. RAFKA CHURCH ANNUAL BANQUET CELEBRATING 10TH DEDICATION ANNIERSARY SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 For tickets, call St. Rafka Church Office.

# CAREGIVER NEEDED

For tickets, call 586.260.2036

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#### CAREGIVER NEEDED

Looking for an Arabic speaking (Lebanese dialect a plus!) overnight caregiver in Shelby Township home for adult. For more information, please call (267) 312-9645

## EASTER FLOWERS DEDICATED BY

#### **IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Dolly Aad & Family Majed & Laure Aad and Deceased Family Members Mr. & Mrs. Edward Abboud The Edward & Marie Abboud Family Georgia Andary Deceased Members of the Andary and Eissa Families Jimmy & Kitty Tamer Anonymous Paul J. Asmar Asmar Family Youssef Elias Aouad & Almaza Youssef Awad May Awad Simon Youssef Aouad Hamid Youssef Aouad Albert & Mona Badawi Badawi Family Elias and Zina Bassil The Bagosly Family The Bassil Family Dan & Christiane Bousho Edmund Bousho Rebecca Bousho David Bousho Ray Chaptini Jacques & Patricia Chaptini Sam Molinaro Naji Chidiac Khalil Chidiac Yola Chidiac Marilyn Daniels Michael & Sheffia Thomas DeBruyn Children & Grandchildren Michael F. DeBruyn Thomas & Rose Doyle Rose Marie Doyle Thomas Doyle Ross & Elizabeth Raona Blaise Raona Peter & Theresa Summers Youssif Elia Elia Family Linda Elias and Family Paul Elias Ghazi Family Ghazi Elia Ghazi Steve & Jeanette Haroun Haroun Family Mrs. Farah & Children Khalil Farah George and Helene Felgenauer Mickey & Julie Thomas and Family Tracy Ann Thomas Vito and Char Fortuna Alessandro and Concetta Fortuna Caterina Byszko Marcello Pozzi Chuck & Jano Gemayel & Family Ramez & Josephine Harb Chuck & Jano Gemayel & Family Antoun & Roland Gemayel The Ghareeba Family Hanna Ghareeba Adeeba Yousif

Nelly Ghatas

Marta & George Ghattas

#### EASTER FLOWERS DEDICATED BY **IN LOVING MEMORY OF** Hakim Family Maroun Hakiim Hakim Grandchildren Simon & Philomena Hakim and Deceased Family Members Rose Ann Jacobs & Paul Nagurka Cathie Nagurka Michael Jacobs Karen Johns and Family Peter Johns, Jr. Nawal Karromi Akram Karromi Joe & Margaret Saad Jim & Rosemary Kautz Shirley A. Saad Oscar C. Saad John A. Veith James W. Kautz Isabel Marie El-Haje Mr. & Mrs. Tom Maliskey, Jr. Sanaa El-HoKayen Thomas & Pamela Maliskey Salwa Mondalek Georges Mandalek Marcelle Nasr Bassam Nasr Don & Liz Rabine Claire Elizabeth Rabine Madeline Louise Rabine Nayef & Mary Ejbeh-Agby Philip Agby Thanksgiving for Chorbishop Alfred Badawi Thanksgiving for Fr. Chris Nahra Thanksgiving for Deacon Mike Magyar Dr. Mike and Tracy Saba Deceased members of the Saba and Harb Families Deceased members of the Doueiry and Nasr Families In prayer for all the Souls in Purgatory In prayer for the Protection for the Unborn In Thanksgiving for our thriving Youth & Young Adults in our Community Salomon Grandchildren Abraham & Helen Salomon and Deceased Family Members Koshaya Sfeir Therese Sfeir Mansour & Virginie Sfeir Daher Chamoun and Family Nadia Tannous Sweidan Family Living & Deceased Members of the Issa & Maysoon Sweidan Family Sam and Kathy Taormina The Joseph and Taormina Families Deceased Members of the Mike & Mary Thomas Mr. & Mrs. Edward Thomas Family Deceased Members of the John & Susan Daniel Family Linda Thomas Naif & Susan Thomas Angelina & Michel Besteni Dr. Paul G. Thomas Nazira Yasso Joseph Yasso Toni Hakim

# **UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

Feb 11-Apr	15 Bishop's Eparchial Appeal
Apr 7	Divine Mercy Sunday
Apr 7	Mass Livestreamed 11:30 AM
Apr 9	Festival Meeting 6:30 PM
Apr 12	Men's Game Night 7 PM - 12 AM
Apr 21	LAS Meeting 10:30 AM
Apr 22	Healing Mass of Saint Sharbel 7 PM
May 4	First Holy Communion Mass 10:30 AM
May 5	May Crowning
May 11	Mother's Day Luncheon 12 PM - 3 PM
July 1-7	NAM Convention
July 18-21	Feast of Saint Sharbel & Relics
	15 Annual Raffle Fundraiser
Aug 24/25	St. Sharbel Church Food Festival
Oct 5/6	LAS Bake Sale
Dec 7	Annual Christmas Luncheon
Dec 14	Christmas Concert 7 PM

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to Danny and Alex Maassarani on the recent birth of their new son, Roman Maassarani!

May God bless this family with His abundant graces!

#### LITURGICALLY SPEAKING

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. In the 1930s, Jesus appeared to a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. As Jesus continued to appear to St. Faustina, she recorded His messages in her *Diary*. On one such occasion, Jesus said to St. Faustina,

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners."

(*Diary*, no. 699)

When recalling our sins, we may feel discouraged or fearful of approaching God; however, we can cling to the truth that Christ's Passion on the Cross did not end in death, but in the joy of the Resurrection. The miracle of Easter gives us the courage to face our sins, confess our mistakes, and then humbly receive God's forgiveness and accept the joy that comes with new life in Christ. In His infinite love for us, God desires nothing more than to wash away our sins and offer us His mercy. He has a prepared place in His merciful heart for each of us, and no sin is bigger than His power to forgive.

No matter how we have fallen, the Resurrection of Christ is an assurance of *hope*. Christ's mercy is constantly available to us, if only we reach out to Him in faith and confidence through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words Christ revealed to St. Faustina, He also speaks to us:

"Lay your head on my shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you."

(Diary, no. 498)

#### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Happy and Holy Easter Season to all! The Lord is truly Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia!!

You all know how strongly I feel about the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season. It was remarkable to see how many of the faithful did approach the confessional room or the chapel this Lenten season! And, while I prefer to keep my writings to you fresh, on occasion there is no need to reinvent the wheel.

I may sound like a broken record, but I want to thank the music directors of the parish for their outstanding work during Holy Week and Easter. (Aziz Charabati and Kristin and Ray Staroscik. They have diligently rehearsed and added both new music and harmonies to familiar melodies. It is easy to take for granted the work that goes into preparing for these special liturgies. I can confidently say that we have one of the best choirs in the Eparchy. The choir is flexible and bilingual which is not an easy fete. My deepest thanks go to our faithful organist Rita Yammine, Christiane Bushou, Ryan Costa, Jessy Srour - organist, Andrew Nakhle, Fadi Sweiss Ouud, Mario Helou - violin. They work together with a talented group of men and women, young and old, to lead us in sung prayer. I am eternally grateful! Keep up the good work for the Lord!

I also want to thank Reverend Fr. Chris, Fr. Roger, Fr. Nabil and Deacon Mike for their great assistance in celebrating the liturgies, hearing confessions and assisting with all of our prayer services this past month.

Lastly, I want to thank all who have given us so much help: the Ladies Altar Society, the Liturgical Committee, the Men's Club, our Ushers, the IT Team: Rami, Elie Bassil, and Salim Sassine, the Money Counters, the Church Office staff, the Religious Education staff, the Coffee Hour team, Gift Shop team, Finance Committee, NAM Committee, Events Committee, Festival Committee, and our MYO/MYA Advisors. Last but not least, I am very grateful to Najee, Boutros, Wahib and Fadi for building our impressive Tomb. My thanks and gratitude for your support and commitments.

#### ST. SHARBEL CHURCH FOOD FESTIVAL 2024

The April meeting of the 2024 St. Sharbel Food Festival will take place on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 PM in Conference Room A.

#### **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

The Annual Bishop's Appeal is extended to April 15, 2024. Please make every effort to return your donation as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. We have to send in our appeal donations to the Chancery by April 15. Our parish goal is \$16,000.00. We have received thus far 10,455.00.Your gift will be used to enrich and improve the lives of others and reveal to them the compassion of Christ.

#### 2024 NAM CONVENTION

As Maronite Catholics, and members of St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church, it is a great honor for us to be hosting the 59th Annual NAM Convention! Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of this historic event by volunteering to help out and by attending the convention! For questions, please contact Rosemary Kautz at 586.212.7331.

Have a blessed Easter Season. May the joy of the Resurrection be yours!

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor



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