

ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE - DECEMBER 30, 2018

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READING Hebrews 7:11-19 GOSPEL Luke 2:41-52

Wishing you a glorious and blessed New Year!



LITURGIES CELEBRATED AT

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Clinton Township, MI 48038

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PASTOR

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

DEACON

Michael Magyar

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Dianne Bartolomeo

DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION & PRAYERS

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING PRAYERS

22nd Day of Every Month

Liturgy and Benediction 7 PM

CONFESSIONS

Available Before Weekend Liturgies

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

- 4:00 PM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor
 4:00 PM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Medley Family**, by Mary Medley
 4:00 PM— **James Lertola, Jr. 1 Year Remembrance**, by Mother, Georgia Andary and Family
 4:00 PM— **Joe Day 17 Year Remembrance**, by Family
 4:00 PM— **Louis & Adale Daye**, by Family
 4:00 PM— **Helen Bochenek 2 Year Remembrance**, by Paul & Emma Bochenek

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

- 9:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor
 9:30 AM— **Dr. Paul G. Thomas**, by Grace Ross
 9:30 AM— **Michael Joseph**, by Mary Medley and Family

 11:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor
 11:30 AM— **Khalil Chidiac**, by Naji & Dr. Maha Chidiac
 11:30 AM— **Joseph & Helen Shaker**, by Issam & Cathy Awad

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

- NEW YEAR VIGIL**
 4:00 PM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

- NEW YEAR VIGIL**
 7:00 PM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

- SOLEMNITY OF MARY**
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
 10:30 AM— **Parishioners, Friends & Benefactors of St. Sharbel**, by Pastor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

- 9:30 AM— **Betty Shaker 4 Year Remembrance**, by Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD

- 9:30 AM— **Betty Shaker 4 Year Remembrance**, by Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH

- FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
 4:00 PM— **Children Born in 2018 in our Parish**, by Pastor
 4:00 PM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor
 4:00 PM— **Betty Shaker 4 Year Remembrance**, by Family
 4:00 PM— **Paul Elias**, by Jerry Elias
 4:00 PM— **Joseph Francis Anniversary Remembrance**, by Grandchildren
 4:00 PM— **Daniel & Mary Daniel and Deceased Members of the Simon and Daniel Families**, by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

- FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**
 9:30 AM— **Children Born in 2018 in our Parish**, by Pastor
 9:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor
 9:30 AM— **Betty Shaker 4 Year Remembrance**, by Family

 11:30 AM— **Children Born in 2018 in our Parish**, by Pastor
 11:30 AM— **Nazira Yasso Special Intentions Good Health**, by Zina Bassil
 11:30 AM— Christmas Flowers Memorial Intentions, by Pastor
 11:30 AM— **Betty Shaker 4 Year Remembrance**, by Family
 11:30 AM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Joseph and Medley Families**, by Pastor

READERS FOR:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH 4:00 PM
 Dee Boulus

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH 9:30 AM
 Ann Marie Ferris

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH 11:30 AM
 Dr. Maha Chidiac - English
 Naji Chidiac - Arabic

READERS FOR:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST 4:00 PM
NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASS
 John Cafagna

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST 7:00 PM
NEW YEAR'S VIGIL MASS
 Melody Deban- English
 Samia Deban - Arabic

READERS FOR:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST 10:30 AM
NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Volunteer

READERS FOR:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH 4:00 PM
 Janet Peters

READERS FOR:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH 9:30 AM
 Mariam Tobia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH 11:30 AM
 Sara Ashkar- English
 George Fares - Arabic

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 18, 2018

Envelopes: \$6,018.00

Online: \$40.00

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday, January 5/6. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please feel free to bring with you to Mass bottles of water for the blessing. We will have holy bottles available as well.

SANCTUARY CANDLE**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER BURNS FOR:**

The Deceased Members of the
Paul & Lena Filiccia & Kanan Families
May their souls rest in peace!

CHAPEL CANDLE**FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER BURNS FOR:**

The Benefactors of
St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

SPONSOR A CANDLE

The scheduling of Masses and Sanctuary and Chapel Votive Candles are now open for 2019.

To request a Mass date or to sponsor a Sanctuary or Chapel Votive Candle in 2019, please telephone the Church Office at (586) 630-0002 or email the parish office at :

stsharbelmichigan@gmail.com.

\$25.00 donation per month is suggested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**SAVE THE DATE!**

You are cordially invited to
the Solemn Celebration of
The Divine Liturgy
Celebrated by

His Beatitude Mar Bechara Peter Rai
Patriarch of Antioch and All the East
on

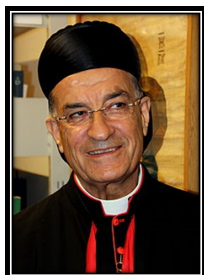
Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00 PM at

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church
43888 Hayes Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

First Class Relics of Saint Sharbel will be present!

Reception following
St. Sharbel Church Banquet Hall

**SCHEDULE OF FIRST-CLASS RELICS****SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLOUF****TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019**

12 PM Veneration of Relics
Prayers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
throughout the afternoon
6 PM Mass with Patriarch Rai
8 PM Close

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

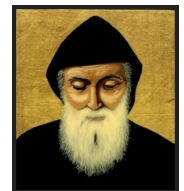
9 AM Mass
Morning Prayers of Saint Sharbel
Veneration of Relics
Prayers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
throughout the afternoon
6 PM Mass
8 PM Close

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

10 AM Morning Prayers of Saint Sharbel
Veneration of Relics
Prayers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
throughout the afternoon
4 PM Mass
6 PM Healing Mass
8 PM Close

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

9:30 AM Mass
11:30 AM Mass
Veneration of Relics
Prayers and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
throughout the afternoon
6 PM Healing Mass
8 PM Close



Saint Sharbel, pray for us!

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- December 31 New Year's Eve Party/Family Night at St. Sharbel Parish Hall
 January 6 REP Classes Resume
 January 7-11 Annual Clergy Retreat
 January 13 Haircutting Ceremony Babies Born in 2018
 January 22 Patriarch Rai Pastoral Visit with Relics

END OF YEAR STATUS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

END OF THE YEAR 2018 STATUS

Dear St Sharbel Parishioners,

As we get closer to the end of the 2018 calendar year, I would like to take a moment and reflect back to what has been a great phenomenal year for our Parish.

We completed the construction of our beautiful, humble spiritual home on time and under budget. We secured a \$1.9M loan for 20 years to pay the balance of the construction cost of our project. Bishop Zaidan presided over the Dedication of our Church in a joyful and rich cultural tradition with over one thousand parishioners and supportive friends in attendance. We had a very successful Gala with over 800 people attending and celebrating together the dedication of our new Church. The Gala generated about \$92K to support the Church and our Capital Campaign. We had a very successful Giving Tuesday Campaign that generated \$78,366 to support our Capital Campaign which has exceeded \$3.3M in cash and pledges for the past two years. Our current monthly mortgage payment is \$12,349.71 and our loan balance at the end of 2018 is \$1,878,064.20.

We could not have achieved all these accomplishments without the leadership of Chorbishop Badawi and the countless number of volunteers who have put tremendous effort and time in to support all these events. However, we all know our journey is not over; our future will depend on the planning and the actions we plan and execute today.

We have vibrant and energetic youth groups that we should empower and encourage to take responsibilities in our future planning. We have to envision what we want our Parish to look like - spiritually, culturally, socially, and financially - 10 to 15 years into the future. This will require participation, responsibility and accountability by all of us regardless of age and gender.

You heard me say it once, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go farther, go together". If we believe it, we can achieve it. I am very proud to be a member of the St Sharbel family that is defined by not only the love and adoration we have to our Lord and our Patron Saint, but also by the respect, care, kindness, generosity, sacrifices, compassion, forgiveness, and unselfishness we have toward each other. I have great faith in our community and I look forward to a greater and more successful 2019 year.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe, Joyful, Successful, and Prosperous New Year.

God bless you and my love to all of you.

Rachid El Aile

Capital Campaign Chairman

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I would like to wish you and your families a blessed and Happy New Year filled with all the joy, peace, and love. Today in the Church we celebrate the New Year with World Day of Prayer for Peace. Every Catholic Church throughout the world offers this particular day with this intention. As we celebrate the Birth of our Lord and the New Year we have so much to be thankful for.

We all need to do our part to work for peace in the world. We need to be willing to work for this through dialogue and understanding. We must promote mutual love and respect at all costs, not by war and destruction, but by respecting one's beliefs, backgrounds, ethnicity, and humanity.

We do this on this day of Prayer for World Peace and we must continue this every day of the year. My prayer is that people around the world will see us as a beacon of hope, of charity, of peace; the same beacon that Jesus Christ showed the world when He came to reveal God to us. I cannot think of a better quote for us to reflect on than the beautiful message from St. Francis of Assisi:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy." St. Francis

GOD BLESS YOU AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all of you who participated in every capacity during the Season of our Lord's birth. From decorating, cleaning, planning for the Christmas party, singing, altar serving, helping those less fortunate in our area and throughout the world, for your warm wishes and acts of kindness extended to me and Deacon Mike, I thank you all. We see the goodness in our humble parish all year long and I am so blessed to be a part of this family. I wish each and every one of you a very blessed, peace filled New Year filled with the love of Christ in your families, in your homes, and in your hearts.

God bless you with a safe and glorious New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

WITH GRATITUDE!

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual St. Sharbel Children's Christmas Party was enjoyed by about over 125 children of the parish, along with their parents and other members of the parish. Each child received a gift from the parish and got to meet Santa Claus. Special thanks to Fadi and Lisa Yacoub and Marwan and Gina Awad who organized the event. Also thank you to our special guest, Santa Claus [aka Danny Kourieh.]

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party Luncheon hosted by the Ladies Altar Society was enjoyed by 128 guests who feasted on a traditional Lebanese buffet prepared and donated by La Saj Lebanese Bistro. We enjoyed Christmas cookies, raffles, and Christmas Carols by Kristin. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to all of the members of the LAS who gave of their time in making our hall look so beautiful and created a wonderful Christmas Party!

ADVENT RETREAT

This past Saturday about 65 adults and youth attended an Advent Retreat with **Deacon John and Bobbi Sfire** to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Christ. We are so grateful to them, the music ministers, Christiane Bousho and Amanda Abi Samra, for helping to create a beautiful atmosphere to really encounter the gift of love of Jesus, through Adoration and this Christmas! We look forward to being with you this coming Lent! God bless you!

2018 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Mr. and Mrs. Farid Alam

Mr. and Mrs. Raja Ashkar

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baca

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Bassil

Elias & Antoinette Batayeh

Mrs. Evelyn Begin

Ms. Dee Boulus

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bousho

Mrs. Ann Cafagna

Mr. and Mrs. John Cafagna

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Calcaterra

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Chaptini

Mrs. Marilyn Daniels

Ms. Rose Marie Doyle

Mr. and Mrs. Elie Eid

Linda Elias and Family

Mrs. Helen Faraj

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferris

Mr. and Mrs. Vito Fortuna

Mr. Frederick Francis

Mr. and Mrs. Chaouki Gemayel

Maroun & Lidwina Hakim

Hakim Grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hatty

Mr. and Mrs. Laba Hellow

Mrs. Christine Herbert

Ms. Dixie Hunrath

Mr. Anthony B. Joseph

Mr. and Mrs. James Kautz

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kwasneski

Ms. Helene Latiff

Deacon Michael Magyar

Dr. Roland and Mrs. Valerie Menassa

Mr. and Mrs. Roman Millett

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moubarak

Mr. and Mrs. Michel Moubarak

Ms. Lucy Mourad

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nader

Mr. Paul Nagurka and Rose Ann Jacobs

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nabra

Mr. and Mrs. Elie Nemer

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pich

Salomon Grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. Koshaya Sfeir

Mrs. Fredericka Smith

Fadi & Jessy Srour

Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Taormina

Ms. Donna Theodore

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thomas

Mrs. Linda Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Thomas

Ms. Denise Werner

Mrs. Nazira Yasso

In Memory of Bassil and Bagolsy Families

In Memory of Mitha Batayeh and Miriam Marzouq

In Memory of Lawanda and Nelson Davey, Peter L. Begin

In Memory of William M. Boulus, Sr.

In Memory of Edmund Bousho, Rebecca Bousho and David Bousho

For Living and Deceased Members of Chaptini and Molinaro Families

In Memory of Michael and Sheffia Thomas

In Memory of Thomas Doyle and Rose Doyle

In Memory of Paul Elias

In Memory of Frank & Madeline Bolis, Joseph & Glen Ferris

In Memory of Alessandro and Concetta Fortuna, Marcello Pozzi & Caterina Byszko

In Memory of Marlene Francis

In Memory of Antoun Gemayel, Ramez Harb, Rohan Gemayel

In Memory of Simon & Philomena Hakim and Deceased Family Members

In Memory of Thomas Hatty, John Marsh, Bill York

In Memory of Donald Herbert and Peter, Edna and Jerome Migala

In Memory of Hunrath and Bell Families

In Memory of Shirley A. Saad, Joseph G. and Margaret J. Saad, James W. Kautz

In Memory of John Abdalla

In Memory of Jennie and Anthony Latiff, Jr.

In Memory of Lorraine Magyar, Janek Filipowicz, Barb Magyar, Theresa Tatum

In Memory of Youssef Menassa, Sied Tamer, Mary Tamer, Sherry Tamer, Anthony Tamer

In Memory of Jackson Carnago, Nassif Youssef Moubarak,

Khaw & Family, Moubarak Family, Zbeidy Family

In Memory of Khalil Yammine and Nassif Moubarak

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony P. Nader, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Pietrantoni, Avery Chandler

In Memory of Anna Nabra

In Memory of Georges Nemer, Mary Nemer, and Nassif Moubarak

In Memory of Abraham & Helen

Salomon and Deceased Family

Members

In Memory of Mansouh and Virginie Sfeir and Daher and Julia Chamoun

In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Francis

In Memory of Tom and Bea Joseph Family

In Memory of William and Marie Hellow

In Memory of Albert Hellow, George Hellow, Armand Theodore

In Memory of Dr. Paul G. Thomas, Michel & Angelina Bestini, Naif & Susan Thomas,

In Memory of Tracy Ann Thomas

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Werner;

In Memory of Mark Werner

In Memory of Joseph Yasso



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