

ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

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SUNDAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND JUST - JANUARY 31, 2021

READING Hebrews 12:18-24 GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46



"But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."

-1 Wisdom 2:23-3:9

PASTOR

CHORBISHOP ALFRED BADAWI

DEACON

MICHAEL MAGYAR

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

STACI SAKER

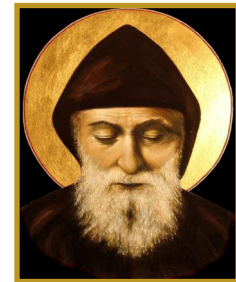
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DIVINE LITURGY

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

ROSARY

30 MINUTES BEFORE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASSES

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL
HEALING MASS & BENEDECTION

22nd Day of Every Month

6:30 PM (Fall / Winter)

SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

43888 HAYES ROAD

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MI 48038

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH

- 4:00 PM— John Jreige Special Intentions for Healing, by Toni & Sabat Abi Samra
- 4:00 PM— Joseph Deeby, by Delores Eggen
- 4:00 PM— Akram Karromi, by Toufic and Jeanette Soyad
- 4:00 PM— Jackie Cebulaskie, by Donna Deeby
- 4:00 PM— Matty Moroun, by Sister, Anne Moroun
- 4:00 PM— Joe Aesy 27 Year Remembrance, by his Children

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST

- 9:30 AM— John Jreige Special Intentions for Healing, by Toni & Sabat Abi Samra
- 9:30 AM— Daniel & Mary Daniel Wedding Anniversary Remembrance, by Family
- 9:30 AM— George Abraham Anniversary Remembrance, by Jesse Abraham and Family
- 9:30 AM— Michel Besteni Birthday Remembrance, by Daughter, Linda Thomas
- 9:30 AM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley
- 9:30 AM— Maroun Hakim, by Linda Thomas

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST

- 11:30 AM— John Jreige Special Intentions for Healing, by Toni & Sabat Abi Samra
- 11:30 AM— Bothers and Sisters in the Chaldean Community, by Pastor
- 11:30 AM— Joseph Chamoun Memorial Mass, by Aunt, Therese and Koshaya Sfeir and Family
- 11:30 AM— Martha Karborany Memorial Mass, by Dima Karborany
- 11:30 AM— Hanna Karborany and the Living and Deceased Members of the Karborany Family, by Dima Karborany
- 11:30 AM— Jennifer Hermiz Kappouta 2 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Malkoun and Chalhoub Families, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Izzat Anton Dadoush 1 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Tony & Mary Soyad, by Joe & Rosine Soyad and Family
- 11:30 AM— Owen Petrzelka, by Anthony and Lucy Shaker
- 11:30 AM— Sabah Kiezi, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Mikha Kiezi, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Madeleine Arsan, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Steven Herfy by Family
- 11:30 AM— Joseph Elias Sakr, by Family



CHAPEL CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of
 Marlene H. Francis
 by Husband, Fred Francis

SANCTUARY CANDLE

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY BURNS FOR:

In Loving Memory of
 Joseph Yasso
 by Wife, Nazira

INCENSE AND CHARCOAL

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

In Loving Memory of
 George & Henriette Chalhoub
 by Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 BLESSING OF HOLY CANDLES

- 6:30 PM— For an End to the Coronavirus, by Pastor
- 6:30 PM— For those who died due to the Coronavirus, by Pastor
- 6:30 PM— Protection of the Unborn, by Family of Saint Sharbel
- 6:30 PM— For an End to Abortion, by Family of Saint Sharbel

FEAST OF THE
 PRESENTATION
 OF THE LORD

February 2, 2021
 at
 6:30 PM

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

2021 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We hope you and your families are doing well in this Covid-19 pandemic. Even though a vaccination for this virus is underway, we all heard the news that the speed of manufacturing, shipping and administering the vaccine is way short of the initial plan. Barring any unseen future development plan, this will have an impact on our fundraising events for 2021.

Overall, we had a fairly successful 2020 fundraising events. The Raffle Ticket sales was a successful event, the Ads Book was extremely rewarding in revenue. The Giving Tuesday donations were very generous and exceeded our expectations. I want to personally thank all the people who have volunteered and contributed to these events. The entire parish is grateful for the work you have done in 2020.

Looking down the road for 2021, we see many businesses are deeply affected by the continuous lock down and opening restrictions. Our parishioners are worried about the Covid-19 impact on their well being and finances. We don't know yet if the mutation of the virus is going to hinder or affect the vaccine efficacy. Worldwide we notice and see increased restrictions on travels and extended local lock downs well into the Spring of this year.

For short term, we should focus on the liturgical prayers for the Lent Season, Holy Week and Easter while completing the construction of our rectory planned for end of March 2021.

For long term, we should wait until the end of April before we make any commitment for a 2021 Gala. It will be a very high risk if we make any commitment through a reservation or deposit for the 2021 Gala at the present time.

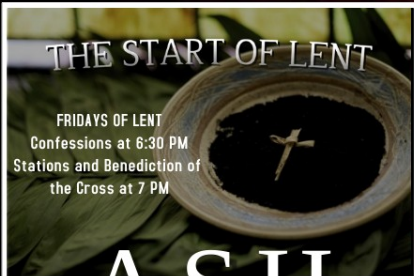
We will be monitoring the situation for the next three months and will seek your opinion and recommendation for our next steps in regard for future fundraising events. Stay healthy and safe.

Thank you and may God Bless you.

Board of Trustees

Finance Committee

St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church



THE START OF LENT

FRIDAYS OF LENT
Confessions at 6:30 PM
Stations and Benediction of
the Cross at 7 PM

ASH

MONDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2021

ST. SHARBEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
43888 HAYES RD., CLINTON TWP., MI

MASS WITH
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM



بداية زمن الصوم الكبير

اثنين الرماد

١٥ شباط (فبراير) ٢٠٢١

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UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- January 31 Sunday Mass Live Stream 11:30 AM
- Jan/Feb Super Bowl Fundraiser
- February 2 Presentation of the Lord 6:30 PM Mass with Blessing of Candles
- February 9 Feast of Saint Maron - Holy Day of Obligation Mass at 7 PM
- February 15 Ash Monday - Lent Begins
Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 9:00 AM + 12:00 PM + 7:00 PM
- February 19 Confessions at 6:30 PM / Stations & Benediction of the Cross 7 PM
- February 21 LAS Meeting 10:30 AM
- July 17/18 St. Sharbel Feast Day Weekend Church Festival

FEAST OF ST. MARON

Tuesday, February 9th is the Feast of Saint Maron, a Holy Day of Obligation for all Maronites, who must attend Mass on the Feast under pain of mortal sin. For the convenience of the parishioners, the Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM.

LITURGICALLY SPEAKING

Recently someone asked me if someone who is not a Catholic can go to heaven; what if a person is not a Christian, can they go to heaven. Certainly, as Catholics we believe that salvation comes through Jesus Christ. The Word made flesh, the Son of God, died for our sins so that we would not have to pay the price of death, but have eternal life. In this Gospel, we are provided a context in which to understand this teaching. Sometimes people are saved by someone they don't know; a stranger that happened to be there to pull them out of the water before they drowned; a quick thinking stranger who knew what to do when someone is choking or needed emergency care.

There are a variety of ways in which saving acts can be accomplished by an unnamed person. There are people who do not reject the actions of compassion and mercy. In this is the story here. There are people who know the story of Jesus, they believe in Him in an emotional and intellectual way but they may be actually rejecting the essence of who He is in this Gospel. The hungry, the naked, the imprisoned, the thirsty, those who need to be welcomed.

There are those who can't believe in Jesus because of the self-righteousness and hypocrisy of some professing Christians. They might be rigid fundamentalists who take the Scriptures literally, but when it comes to this parable, they place so many conditions that they are no longer seeing Jesus, but are blind, not able to see through their judgments. There is a danger in separating faith from works. One without the other is haphazard ideals or brittle laws. Leave it up to Jesus to sort through the complexity of humanness. He knows when He is hungry and thirsty and who responded.

SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

The Men's Club will be holding their annual Super Bowl Squares Fundraiser.
\$20 / Square
Please see Vito Fortuna to participate.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today the Maronite Church celebrates the Sunday of the Righteous and the Just. This is actually the traditional Maronite feast in honor of all the saints. Whereas the Latin Church celebrates the feast of All Saints on November 1st, the Maronite Church, following its ancient tradition dedicates this Sunday in their memory.

On this day, we call to mind all the men and women, children of the Church, who have followed the path of justice and righteousness. We remember the prophets, apostles and martyrs, the hermits, ascetics, men and women religious, as well as all Christians who have led holy lives. As our Liturgy so often reminds us, they are just in the sight of God because they have patterned their lives on Jesus Christ, the just One.

The saints are our models; their prayers and fasting have taught us to fight against sin and temptation and so gain the reward of righteousness. The saints are our intercessors; by their prayers we obtain the pardon of our sins and are strengthened in the Christian virtues. They were the salt of the earth and the light of the world, they call us to follow their path. Through their intercession may we one day merit eternal life with God.

LENT 2021

Lent this year will start on Monday, February 15th with Ash Monday. The Liturgy will be celebrated with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Every Friday during Lent, beginning February 19th through Friday, March 26th, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross at 7:00 PM in the Church. Friday, April 2nd is Friday of the Passion of the Lord.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (February 15, 2021) and all Fridays of Lent.

Ash Monday and Good Friday of the Crucifixion are also days of fasting. Fasting in the Maronite Church involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon.

May God bless our journey and His Word that longs to dwell with us!

Blessed Epiphany Season,
Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Schedule for Leading the Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent

- February 19th - the Ladies Altar Society
- February 26th - the Men's Club
- March 5th - Knights of Columbus
- March 12th - the MYO
- March 19th - the Choir
- March 26th - the Clergy/Volunteers
- April 2 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord





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