

# ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

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READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 GOSPEL John 12:20-32

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



*One Year Anniversary*

*Dedication of St. Sharbel Church*

*Clinton Township, Michigan*

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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 FRIDAY DEVOTION

1st Friday: 9:30 AM MASS

Eucharistic Adoration following until 3 PM

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL

HEALING PRAYERS

22nd Day of Every Month

Liturgy and Benediction 7 PM (Summer Schedule)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

1:00 PM— Baptism Yazin Zuhair Sharbel Khishola

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH**

4:00 PM— Naif Thomas and Dr. Paul G. Thomas Remembrance, by Daughter-In-Law & Wife, Linda Thomas

4:00 PM— George Antoon, by the Shaker Family

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

9:30 AM— Religious Education Staff and Students, by Pastor

9:30 AM— Anna Nahra Anniversary Remembrance, by Family

9:30 AM— Sarkis Nahra, by Family

9:30 AM— Joseph Isaac and Daughters, Helen and Madeline, by Louise Carson

9:30 AM— Saad Ghali Birthday Remembrance, by Wife and Children

11:30 AM— Marty & Kathleen Joseph 50th Wedding Anniversary, by Family

11:30 AM— Bashir Pierre Gemayel (President) 37 Year Remembrance, by the Kataeb and the Lebanese Forces Chapter of MI

11:30 AM— Lebanese Martyrs, by the Kataeb and the Lebanese Forces Chapter of MI

11:30 AM— Mary Amja and Zouhair Amja, by Family

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

6:00 PM— Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers, by Pastor

6:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members and Families of the Knights of Columbus, by Pastor

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Members of the Joseph and Medley Families, by Pastor

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**

9:30 AM— Special Intentions, by the Shaker Family

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**

9:30 AM— Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Sharbel, by Pastor

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**

4:00 PM— Anthony Tamer 7 Year Remembrance, by Sister, Valerie Tamer Menassa and Family

4:00 PM— Kamil & Catherine Jacobs, by Rosabelle Jacobs

4:00 PM— Special Intentions, by the Shaker Family

4:00 PM— Michael Joseph, by Mary Medley and Family

4:00 PM— Tony Elias 42 Year Remembrance, by Linda and Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST**

5:00 PM— Baptism Mark Joe Harb

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**

9:30 AM— Joseph L. Johns, Sr. Memorial Mass, by Family

9:30 AM— Backos Joseph, by Mary Medley and Family

9:30 AM— Genevieve Abraham, by Pastor

11:30 AM— Moubarak and Mary Yammine, by Elias and Khouloud Yammine

11:30 AM— Subhi Matti, Antwan and Kamilia Anton, by Family

11:30 AM— Ron and Theresa Simon, by Kabalan & Henriette Hawilo

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**

3:00 PM— Baptism Tony Sharbel Harb and Johnny Maroun Harb

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND**

**FAMILY OF SAINT SHARBEL HEALING MASS AND DEVOTION**

7:00 PM— Sick, Suffering, Homebound and Hospitalized, by Pastor

**READERS FOR:**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 4:00 PM**  
Allan Brazier

**READERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 9:30 AM**  
Ed O'Brien

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 11:30 AM**  
Rebecca Joseph - English  
Tony Malouf - Arabic

**READERS FOR:**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST 4:00 PM**  
Paul Bochenek

**READERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND 9:30 AM**  
Nansi Magri

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND 11:30 AM**  
Khouloud Yammine - English  
Elias Yammine- Arabic

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**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.

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

In Loving Memory of

Deceased Members of the Bojalad and Abood Families

by Douglas & Elizabeth Abood

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

Special Intentions

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
OFFICER INSTALLATION MASS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

**6 PM Liturgy**

**followed by Installation of Officers**

**Reception to follow for all families and friends!**

**Make plans to attend!**

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Dear Parishioners and Supporters of St. Sharbel Parish,

I hope you are enjoying this Summer season! One year ago this month we took out a loan to support the payment of the construction of our beautiful spiritual home of St. Sharbel Church. The original loan was in the amount of \$1.9M. As of this month, our loan status is \$1,671,752.74. We could not have done this without the generosity of our benefactors, your pledges, along with your support and sacrifices.

During the last three years we were able to raise about \$3.6M through your pledges, gifts and donations. This money was all used to support the construction and lower our future financial obligation. As you know our plan was to build the Church, temporary Church Offices, Church Hall and Religious Education Classrooms in Phase One, and build the Rectory (Priest House) and permanent Church Offices in Phase Two.

I would like to give you an update of our Phase Two Construction. After a long state/county and city approval process, on August 12, 2019 the City of Clinton Township approved the site construction plans for the Rectory and Church Offices. The next step is for the architect to complete the construction drawings, which will take two to three weeks, submit them to the City for approval, and provide them to the contractor for the final construction cost estimate. Based on the architect's completion date, and the contractor's cost and timing, we will decide when the construction will start. Chorbishop Alfred and I are trying not to take out any additional loan to support the Phase Two construction even if it means to build the Rectory first and then the Church Offices later after we have the funds to complete it.

As I said it before, Phase Two Construction is funded separately from the Church fund. Once it is complete, our spiritual home complex will be one of the largest and most beautiful Maronite Church complexes outside of Lebanon. This a testament of our love, adoration, reverence, and devotion we have to our Patron Saint and the trust in his family in Michigan. It is about how we act, respond, and react that shows who we are. The next few months, we have a couple of fundraising events: our Gala on the 19th of October, and Giving Tuesday on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. These two events are great opportunities to raise money to lower our future financial obligation and I hope you will support them.

I conclude these words with the famous saying.

**"Together we rise, together we fall,  
together we are winners, and winners take all."**

God Bless you and may Saint Sharbel lighten up your days with hope, peace and love.

Rachid El Aile

Capital Campaign Coordinator



## UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- September 15 LAS Meeting 10:30 AM  
 September 16 K of C Mass 6 PM with Installation of Officers  
 September 22 Family of St. Sharbel Healing Mass & Devotion 7 PM  
 September 26 Alzheimer's Presentation 6:30 PM  
 October 1 Adult Christian Study 7 PM Conference Room A  
 October 19 St. Sharbel Gala at Andiamo  
 October 25 Trunk or Treat Party  
 November 9-10 LAS Bake Sale  
 November 24 Lebanon Day Celebration 12:30 PM  
 December 3 Giving Tuesday  
 December 11 Annual Christmas Luncheon 12 PM  
 December 15 Children's Christmas Party  
 December 31 Annual New Year's Eve Party

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to  
**Marty & Kathleen Joseph**  
 as they celebrate their  
**50th Wedding Anniversary!**

*May our Lord bless you as you continue  
 to provide witness to the love of God  
 by your commitment to each other and to your family!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

As we bring a very special year to its conclusion, I wish you all a happy anniversary of the dedication of our Church! As we have been renewed by 365 days of prayer, fellowship and commitment before God and St. Sharbel, the Patron of our Parish-Community, we look forward to a second year filled with joy, unity, peace, loving charity and prosperity.

## PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH

Let us pray:

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the first year anniversary of the dedication of St. Sharbel Church. We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with the joy and peace forever. Amen

Let us celebrate a grand feast, from the greatest to the least. Let us rejoice, on this happy day the special day our church was born. God bless those who planted the seed, and those who will continue to flourish like the cedar of Lebanon. Amen.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross— our last Sunday in the season of summer. Autumn officially begins next Sunday, September 22nd. A season filled with tremendous beauty awaits us.

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday, September 15, 2019. The 2019 theme will be "Stay With Us." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry with a special blessing.

**Catechetical Sunday** is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

## END OF SUMMER

We are very happy to welcome you back home. If your summer Mass attendance took a vacation during the summer months, we are also glad to have you back with us. Autumn and the start of the school year are a good time to recommit ourselves to faithfully joining our parish community for Mass each weekend.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

St. Sharbel Religious Education Classes begin (10:30 AM) today Sunday, September 15, 2019. Let us keep our children and catechists in our prayers.

You remain in my prayers! Please keep me in yours.

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**The 8th Annual Leonard Thomas Scholarship** is available to registered, active parishioners at St. Sharbel Church. You must be a student attending a Catholic high school, or in college.

Submit a letter of application stating which catholic school or college you are attending, grade or level, and your reason (s), for choosing a Catholic school/university, and your parents' names to the Parish Office no later than **September 15, 2019**. Thank you!

Michigan Center for Contextual Factors in  
Alzheimer's Disease  
presents:



## How to reduce the risk of Alzheimer's Disease

**Thursday, September 26, 2019  
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church**  
Location: 43888 Hayes, Clinton Twp, MI 48038

**FREE & OPEN TO ALL**

**DINNER CATERED BY LA SAJ**

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Kristine Ajrouch, Ph.D.  
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Call Us at 734.763.4993 for inquiries  
 We encourage (but do not require) RSVP  
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN STUDY  
& SPIRITUAL RENEWAL  
“DISCOVER THE RICHNESS OF THE MASS”  
All Are Invited!**

Do you find the Mass routine and boring?  
Would you like to experience joy and excitement at Mass?

**I invite you to come and journey with me  
on Tuesday evenings as we discover  
the richness of the Mass.**

Together let's unfold the hidden treasures  
as we explore the most powerful prayer that exists.

Join me, Chorbishop Alfred Badawi,  
on Tuesday evenings  
beginning October 1st from  
7 - 8 PM in Conference Room A.

Bring your Bible and be prepared to be  
transformed in your understanding  
of this incredible Sacrament!

*St. Sharbel Catholic Church*  
*Annual Gala*  
*"A Night in Paris"*  
*Saturday, October 19, 2019*  
*6pm*  
*at*  
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