

# ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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**PASTOR**  
**CHORBISHOP ALFRED BADAWI**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR**  
**FR. CHRISTOPHER NAHRA**

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**MICHAEL MAGYAR**

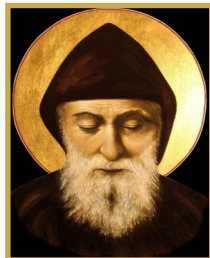
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## **DIVINE LITURGY**

**SATURDAY: 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**ROSARY: 30 MINUTES BEFORE**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY MASSES**

**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, SEPTEMBER 1ST**

9:30 AM— Living and Deceased Parishioners and Benefactors,  
by Clergy

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND**

- 4:00 PM— Vera Hakim Special Intention Healing, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by Clergy
- 4:00 PM— Sister Veronica (Sr. Ronnie) Brune, by Allan and Mary Brazier
- 4:00 PM— Daniel and Mary Daniel and the Living and Deceased Members of the Simon and Daniel Families, by their Children
- 4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Leonard Thomas Family, by Clergy
- 4:00 PM— Madeline Bolis, Glenn Ferris, and Dinna Sklar Birthday Remembrances, by the Family
- 4:00 PM— Jeanette Aesy 7 Year Remembrance, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Matty Moroun and Anne Moroun, by Family
- 4:00 PM— Michel Besteni 37 Year Remembrance, by Daughter, Linda Thomas
- 4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman, by Family

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD**

- 9:30 AM— Tom and Suzi Hatty 36 Year Wedding Anniversary, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Mary Saad 3 Year Remembrance, by Husband, Bill and Family
- 9:30 AM— Khoder Attecha Special Intentions, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by Clergy
- 9:30 AM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family
- 9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Delores Eggen

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD**

- 11:30 AM— Abdou and Samia Deban 30 Year Wedding Anniversary, by Family
- 11:30 AM— George and Majeda Nakhle 20 Year Wedding Anniversary, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Peter and Maria Harik 18 Year Wedding Anniversary, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Special Intention Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by Clergy
- 11:30 AM— Albert and Mona Badawi, by Joe and Rosine Soyad
- 11:30 AM— Dora Al-Ashkar, by Family
- 11:30 AM— Faraj Fajou 9 Year Remembrance, by Vera, Fadi, Vilda, and Francois and their Families



**UPCOMING WEDDINGS**

**ST. SHARBEL CHURCH  
UPCOMING WEDDINGS**

September 9, 2023  
Yousif Elia and Klimintine Trajchevska

Saturday, September 16, 2023  
Ghaleb Sweis and Randa Bakoss

Saturday, October 14, 2023  
Christopher Gully and Rochelle ElNachar

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
Aaron Meadors and Vivian Sweiss

**REP NEWS**

**CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY!**

**St. Sharbel Church Religious Education Program  
Classes begin NEXT Sunday, September 10th.**

Classes are held on Sundays  
at 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM,  
allowing children to attend Mass together  
with parents as a family  
at either 9:30 AM or 11:30 AM on Sunday.

**REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN TODAY!**

Registration forms can be found in the Lobby of the Church or on the Church website:  
[www.stsharbelmichigan.com](http://www.stsharbelmichigan.com)

For more information, please call Noha Agini, REP Director at 586-630-0002, ext. 7 or Mobile: 586-531-6030. Or you can email: [REP@saintsharbelmi.org](mailto:REP@saintsharbelmi.org).

Thank you!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH**  
NO LITURGY

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH**

9:30 AM— Wednesday Ladies Prayer Group, by Clergy

9:30 AM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by Parishioners & Clergy

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

6:00 PM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by the Badawi Family

6:00 PM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00 PM— Pregnant Mothers and Newly Born Babies in our Community,  
by Clergy

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

**CELEBRATION OF WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY**

4:00 PM— All Grandparents, Living and Deceased, by Clergy

4:00 PM— September 11th Tragedy Remembrance Living and Deceased Victims, by Clergy

4:00 PM— Vera Hakim Special Intention Healing, by Family

4:00 PM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by Clergy

4:00 PM— Ray and Mae Moses Remembrance, by their Family

4:00 PM— Living and Deceased Members of the Joyce Neumaier Family,  
by Clergy

4:00 PM— Matty Moroun and Anne Moroun, by Family

4:00 PM— Mary Medley, by Family

4:00 PM— Matthew Sami Daman, by Family

4:00 PM— Jim Saad, by Paul and Lena Kanan

4:00 PM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Paul and Lena Kanan

4:00 PM— Sgt. Bruce Watt, Det. P.D., by Paul & Lena Kanan

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

5:30 PM— Wedding Yousif Elia and Klimintine Trajchevska

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**CELEBRATION OF WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY**

9:30 AM— All Grandparents, Living and Deceased, by Clergy

9:30 AM— September 11th Tragedy Remembrance Living and Deceased Victims, by Clergy

9:30 AM— Khoder Attecha Special Intentions, by Family

9:30 AM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by Clergy

9:30 AM— Bernard Sefernack Memorial Mass, by Niece, Pat and George Helou

9:30 AM— Ray and Mae Moses Remembrance, by their Family

9:30 AM— John and Irene Matthews, by their Family

9:30 AM— Russell Ward 10 Year Remembrance, by Daughter and Son-In-Law, Pat and George Helou

9:30 AM— Joseph, Helen and Betty Shaker, by Family

9:30 AM— Mickey and Julia Thomas, by Richard & Nancy Magri

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**CELEBRATION OF WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY**

11:30 AM— All Grandparents, Living and Deceased, by Clergy

11:30 AM— September 11th Tragedy Remembrance Living and Deceased Victims, by Clergy

11:30 AM— Special Intention Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik, by Clergy

11:30 AM— Bobbi Sfire Special Intention Healing, by Clergy

11:30 AM— Fred Farris Memorial Mass, by Clergy

11:30 AM— Ray and Mae Moses Remembrance, by their Family

11:30 AM— President Bashir Pierre Gemayel 41 Year Anniversary Remembrance and all the Martyrs,  
by the Lebanese Forces Chapter of Michigan and the Kataeb Chapter of Michigan

11:30 AM— Mounir Habbouche, by the Badawi Family

**READERS**

**READERS FOR**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**  
4:00 PM - Allan Brazier

**READERS FOR:**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
9:30 AM - Ed O'Brien

**READERS FOR:**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
11:30 AM - Elsa Adam  
Maha Anbara

**READERS FOR**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**  
4:00 PM - Amanda Butler

**READERS FOR:**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
9:30 AM - Staci Saker

**READERS FOR:**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
11:30 AM - George Habbouche  
Toni Malouf



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**MARRIED IN CHRIST**

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
**David Hakim and Aline Jaquet**  
 who were married on  
 Saturday, August 19, 2023  
 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi.

*We pray that the Lord God may grant  
 this couple happiness and joy  
 in their lives together as husband and wife!*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to  
**Tom and Suzi Hatty**  
 as they celebrate their  
**36th Wedding Anniversary!**

Congratulations to  
**Abdou and Samia Deban**  
 as they celebrate their  
**30th Wedding Anniversary!**

Congratulations to  
**George and Majeda Nakhle**  
 as they celebrate their  
**20th Wedding Anniversary!**

Congratulations to  
**Peter and Maria Harik**  
 as they celebrate their  
**18th Wedding Anniversary!**

*May our Lord bless these couples as they continue  
 to provide witness to the love of God  
 by their commitment to each other  
 and their families!*

**THANK YOU!**

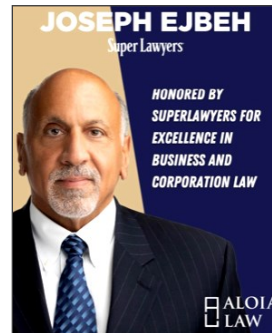
Thank you to our parishioner, Anthony Taormina, who donated the children's bounce house to our picnic last Sunday! It was a great addition and allowed for lots of fun for our children! God bless you and your family for your generosity!

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*God bless you, Joe, with continued success  
 as you honor God in your vocation as an attorney!*



**THANK YOU!**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
 August 19 & 20, 2023  
 Envelopes: \$5,800  
 Online: \$450.00  
 Total Collection: \$6,250.00

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
 August 26 & 27, 2023  
 Envelopes: \$7,533.00  
 Online: \$370.00  
 Total Collection: \$7,903.00

**With sincere gratitude and thanks for your faithful and loving support of our parish!**

**!!! TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!!**

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**SALAD SUPPER BINGO**  
 Wednesday, September 13th 2023

ADMISSION: \$15 PER PERSON  
No one under the age of 18 will be admitted

Doors will open at 3:45pm  
 \* Dinner will be at 5pm  
 \* The Games will start at 6:30pm  
 \* ALL SEATS will be RESERVED\*

Admission Ticket includes:  
 \* One Regular Bingo Book (\$5 Value)  
 \* Buffet Dinner  
 \* Coffee/Lemonade  
 \* Dessert

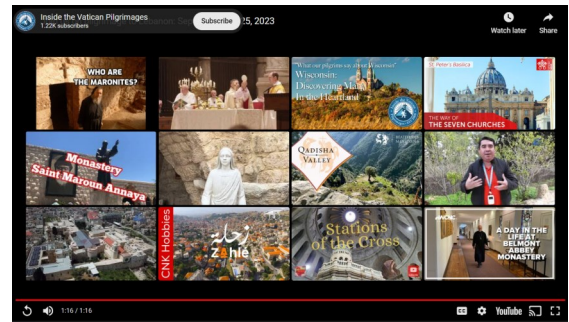
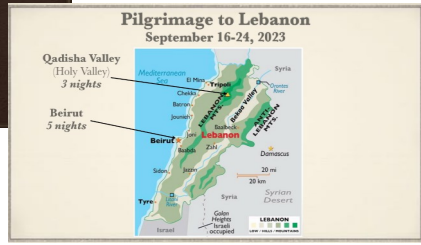
Additional Items for purchase:  
 \* Soft drinks and Bottled Water  
 \* Regular Bingo Books \$5 each  
 \* Special Bingo Games Book: \$5 each  
 \* Jackpot Games Sheet: \$2 each

Enjoy good food and the chance to WIN!

Contact Cindy Shaheen  
 - by Phone or TEXT 810-964-4777  
 - by Email: cksaheen@hotmail.com (be sure to put OLOL SSB in the subject line).  
 OR - by calling our Church Office: 810-733-1259

**!!! We Play for PRIZES !!!**

**PILGRIMAGE TO LEBANON!**



**SEPTEMBER 16-24, 2023**  
 We have a few seats left for this pilgrimage and will have another one next year!  
 Our non-profit, Urbi et Orbi Communications, the publisher of *Inside the Vatican* magazine, has a project, [Friends of Lebanon](#) and we work with Patriarch Rai and are in contact with Bishop Mansour in the United States. In fact, we just had a [livestream](#) with Bishop Mansour. Our non-profit works to bring awareness to the situation in Lebanon as well as to bring Short-Term Help and Long-Term Help to those in need. Also, we are good friends with Father Maged in Rome (now at a new post in Lebanon) as our pilgrims sometimes stay in Villa Serenella — the Maronite monastery in Rome.  
 Our pilgrimage business, Inside the Vatican pilgrimages, has brought pilgrims to Lebanon which is bringing hope to the people in Lebanon that we encounter along our way. We are offering a \$500 discount for those affiliated with the Family of St. Sharbel. So, anyone you send our way will receive this discount.  
 A short video on this pilgrimage: [https://youtu.be/QH\\_l2F1fq78](https://youtu.be/QH_l2F1fq78)  
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**ST. SHARBEL GALA**  
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All Expecting Couples  
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 Raheel Abbawi  
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 Nafee Aboo  
 David Ajbib  
 Baby Charbel Al-Jarawi  
 Sohaila Aljarbo  
 Claire Aouad  
 Salam Askar  
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 Jennifer Farrar  
 Pat Farrar  
 Stephanie Felgenauer  
 Dorothy Ferrara  
 Charbel Francis  
 Mary Frensch  
 Lamia Gabriel  
 Albert Gantos  
 Wala Gapy  
 Adrianna, Jaxson, and  
 Jameson Gorgis  
 Larry Glasgow  
 John Grzadzinski  
 David Habib  
 Ellie Hadid  
 Tammy Hakim  
 Cara Noelle Hahn-Harik  
 Blake Hamama  
 Duraid Hanna  
 Anthile Hermese  
 Judy Hindy  
 Sarah Hurmiz  
 Joseph Jacob  
 Edward & Suham John  
 Anthony Joseph  
 Dominic Joseph Juricic  
 Chukri Kadado  
 Lena Kanan

Leeno Kas-Mikha  
 Salvador Kassab  
 Tom Kiernicki  
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 Teresa Logan  
 Joseph Lopez  
 Fabiola Maduro  
 Michele Makhoul  
 Youssif Makhoul  
 Matthew  
 Ron McKellar  
 Sara Meyou  
 Edward Moffett  
 Cheryl Moultrie  
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 Ruby Salmen  
 Remone Salmen  
 Nadre Salmen  
 Frances Sam  
 Guy Sam  
 Boutros Saman  
 Anwar & Suham Seman  
 and Children  
 Alfred Shina  
 EddieSesi  
 Nazik Sesi  
 Saba Simon  
 Christian Charbel Slewah  
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 Maria Steinhebel  
 Issa Sweidan  
 John Sykes  
 Terry Thomas  
 Lexi Underwood  
 Bryan Walton  
 Samira Wanis  
 Jad Yacoub  
 Christina Yako  
 Ghazi Aziz Yaldo  
 Justin Yaldo and Family  
 Nazira Yasso  
 Kathy Yousif  
 Emmanuel Zaya  
 Anthony Zora



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER  
 BURNS FOR:**  
 Elias and Zina Bassil  
 and Family

**CHAPEL CANDLE**

**FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER  
 BURNS FOR:**  
 Elias and Zina Bassil  
 and Family

**INCENSE AND CHARCOAL**

**FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**  
 In Loving Memory of  
 George & Henriette Chalhoub  
 by Family

**BREAD AND WINE**

**FOR THE YEARS 2023 - 2026**  
 Living and Deceased Members of the  
 Michel and Fadia Nahed Family  
 In Loving Memory of  
 Judith Anne Jacobs  
 by Anthony Jacobs and Family



**UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

- Sep 8 Feast of the Birth of Blessed Mother -7 PM Mass
- Sep 10 Religious Education Classes Begin 10:30 AM
- Sep 10 Mass Live Streamed 11:30 AM
- Sep 13 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Vigil Mass -7 PM
- Sep 13 Ice Cream Social after Mass
- Sep 17 Catechetical Sunday - 9:30 AM Mass
- Sep 22 Healing Mass of St. Sharbel 7 PM
- Sep 23 St. Sharbel Annual Gala - Palazzo Grande

**DEACON MIKE REPORTS**

**GOD’S SPIRIT WAS AMONGST OUR PARISH PICNIC**

After our two Divine Liturgies last Sunday, parishioners and visitors came from far and near as volunteers with participants came together as one family in Christ!! There were many volunteers who worked tirelessly from young to old in age serving our faith filled community to have a great time eating delicious food in fellowship with family and friends. There were events for kids and activities for our youth outdoors in perfect weather in which we were Blessed with by God!

Generous donors provided the food that was grilled by a team of volunteers and servers who followed Christ’s example of serving others. People went out of their way to bring their own dishes to share. This was a day we can all look to see how God’s Spirit worked in our lives as we came to celebrate together as one community growing in faith and living by it as taught by Christ!!!!

We ask God to bless Chorbishop Alfred and Father Chris for their leadership role in this Parish Picnic making it such a happy occasion, bringing us closer as one family in Christ!!!

Deacon Mike

**MARONITE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**



**MARONITE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (MYP)**

We are happy to announce that we officially kicked off our Maronite Young Professionals here at St. Sharbel Parish. With over 20 young professionals, Fr. Chris and Lincoln and Elodie Henderson gathered with all of them at La Saj Restaurant for fellowship and discussion about their future role here at our parish! We are beyond excited for the young professionals who are both the present and future of our parish. Please continue to pray for them – may the Lord keep all the youth and young adults connected to Him and His Church!

**PASTOR’S CORNER**

Happy Labor Day Parishioners and Friends,  
On this first weekend of September, we celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday and the last Sunday of the season of the Pentecost.

This month of September we will encounter two great feasts that give us so much hope in life, The first is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the second is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

With all of you I am looking forward to the great weekend of September 23-24 when we will celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Dedication Anniversary of St. Sharbel Church in Clinton Township with our Gala and Masses of thanksgiving! We anticipate over 700 guests arriving from various cities across Michigan.. They will experience the joy of our hospitality and entertainments.

We thank you for your continuous support of St. Sharbel Church and invite you to consider purchasing your gala tickets and contributing to one of our annual Gala Sponsorship Ads. You can also take out a personal ad to give tribute to a loved one! This is a great opportunity to get exposure, prior to and throughout the event on all of our parish social media platforms, to remember loved ones, and to sustain your personal and business commitment to the community.

We are deeply grateful for your continuous generosity and support. We look forward to your GIFT of GIVING to St. Sharbel Gala and we will humbly continue to keep you in our prayers. Thank you and God bless you!

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi, Pastor

**ABOUNA CHRIS’ CORNER**

**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
REPENTANCE OF A SINFUL WOMAN**

Greetings St. Sharbel Parish Family,  
Hope everyone is doing well this weekend. I am currently writing to you from Lebanon where I am visiting my family for a couple of weeks.

This weekend we celebrate the **great gift of repentance**. **Repentance** is a very interesting word coming from the Latin *pentire* meaning rebuild, refill, reset, or rewrite. Repentance indicates a change in our direction after we have recognized the wrong we have committed. It is not only enough to be sorry for our wrongdoings and sins, but God calls us to change our ways, rewrite our future, and rebuild our foundations.

Repentance leads to growth and flourishing because it is an opportunity for us to begin anew – a fresh start. This is the attitude of the sinful woman in this weekend’s Gospel who continually wipes the feet of Jesus with her tears. She recognizes the great gift of forgiveness accessible to us only through our Lord Jesus Christ. What a blessing to have a God who does not count our wrongdoings but rather is looking to help us grow and **thrive!** And so, we too can experience this great forgiveness when we repent at the Sacrament of Confession. God is waiting for us there so that He can give us a new start where we can rebuild our foundations and rewrite the next chapter in our lives!

Blessed Labor Day Weekend to all! Thank you to all those who work tirelessly for their families and communities. May the Lord continue to reveal His great love for all of us!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Chris Nahra



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