

# ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

## CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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READING 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

### THE NATIVITY OF MARY

READING 2 Corinthians 1:4-6 GOSPEL Luke 8:16-21



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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)

## SAINT SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

43888 Hayes Road  
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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

3:30 PM— FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION AND PRAYERS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

4:00 PM— Jeanette Aesy 3 Year Remembrance, by Family  
 4:00 PM— Joe Aesy 25 Year Remembrance, by Family  
 4:00 PM— Virgil Medley, by Wife, Mary and Children  
 4:00 PM— Anthony Abraham, by Pastor  
 4:00 PM— Daniel & Mary Daniel and the Deceased Members of the Simon and Daniel Families, by Children

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

**BIRTHDAY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9:30 AM— All Annunciation Reunion Mass  
 9:30 AM— Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by Pastor  
 9:30 AM— Victims of the 9/11 Tragedy, by Pastor  
 9:30 AM— First Responders, Police, Fire Fighters, Public Safety, Emergency Medical and Health Care Providers, by Pastor  
 9:30 AM— Louis Joseph, by Mary Medley and Family  
  
 11:30 AM— Victims of the 9/11 Tragedy, by Pastor  
 11:30 AM— First Responders, Police, Fire Fighters, Public Safety, Emergency Medical and Health Care Providers, by Pastor  
 11:30 AM— Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by Pastor  
 11:30 AM— Special Intentions, by the Shaker Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH**

9:30 AM— Special Remembrance of Victims of 9/11 Tragedy, by Pastor  
 9:30 AM— Jackie Haddad, by the Shaker Family

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

NO LITURGY

**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  
  
 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

**READERS FOR:**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 4:00 PM**  
 Amanda Butler

**READERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH 9:30 AM**  
 Courtney Kautz

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH 11:30 AM**  
 Joumana Kayrouz - English  
 Maysoon Sweidan - Arabic

**READERS FOR:**

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

**READERS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 9:30 AM**  
 Nansi Magri

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

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**August 31 & September 1, 2019**

**Envelopes: \$5,656.00**

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

**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 \$1,684,102.45. 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 6 **First Friday Devotion and Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Mass 9:30 AM Adoration until 3 PM**
- September 7 **First Saturday Devotion 3:30 PM**
- September 8 **Raymond Nader Testimony 9:30 & 11:30 AM Mass**
- 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**
- 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!

## MARRIED IN CHRIST

Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
**James and Christine Lovell**  
 who were married  
 by Chorbishop Alfred Badawi  
 on Sunday, September 1, 2019.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

The devotion on First Friday after the Holy Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on Fridays as of September 6th. I encourage you all to take advantage and to participate in the First Friday devotion and make it a regular part of your monthly devotions as well as First Saturday devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will also take place after the 9:30 am Holy Mass on the First Friday of every month until 3 PM. I encourage you to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during that time.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Religious Education Classes begin next Sunday, September 15, 2019. Please register your child (ren) today. Thank you!

## WEEKLY ROSARY

Come pray with us on the weekends before Mass in the Church on Saturday at 3:30 PM and on Sunday at 9 AM and 11 AM before Mass. With the prayers of the Holy Rosary, we will ask Our Lady to intercede for our Holy Father's special intention of the month, as well as for our own intentions, and for world peace without the threat of terrorism or wars. If there is a special intention that you would like to have remembered during the weekly Rosary, please come to the Rosary to add your intention.

## GALA SPONSORSHIPS

On behalf of the Gala Committee, I am asking all parishioners to do their best to help obtain sponsorships for this year's Gala. All ads will be published in a commemorative Ad Book to help the parish with the 2019-2020 Capital Campaign. All proceeds of the commemorative Ad book will go toward the Building Fund and other pastoral ministries. Please consider placing an Ad on behalf of our community. We are hoping for your support. Thank you!

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

A word from Pope Francis ~ "Christ's cross, embraced with love, never leads to sadness, but to joy, to the joy of having been saved and of doing a little of what he did on the day of his death."

On this second Sunday of the month of September, our Church calendar celebrates the 14th Sunday and the last Sunday of the Pentecost Season.

Now that we are past the Labor Day holiday, we welcome back all those who have spent the summer weekends away. 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.

I suspect that we all remember, and will probably always remember, exactly where we were and what we were doing on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Wednesday we observe the 18th anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks on our country.

It is very appropriate that we honor our local first responder heroes as we commemorate the 9/11 anniversary on Sunday, September 8 at both Masses.

Thank you to all police, fire fighters, Sheriff's deputies, Emergency Medical Technicians and rescue workers who will join with us today. We thank you for your service and ask God's continued blessings upon you and those who were unable to be with us today. And thank you to our Knights of Columbus Council for introducing this "tradition" in our community.

It is wonderful to see so much activity all around us. The summer with its slower pace is clearly gone. It is good to be in such an alive and exciting time of year.

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 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!

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!

# THIS SUNDAY!

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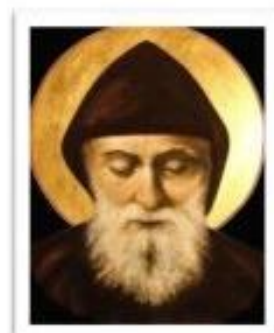
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