



Mass Intentions

Intentions For This Weekend

Saturday – February 11th

In Memory of Annie Costa
Requested by Sophie Correa

Sunday – February 12th

In Mem. of Anna Thomas and Mary and Dib Hardin
Requested by Norma and Joe Thomas

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday – In Memory of Michael S. David

Wednesday – In Memory of Nancy David

Thursday – In Memory of George David

Friday – In Memory of Rose David

Intentions For Next Weekend

Saturday – February 18th

In Memory of Joseph and Mary Barckett
Requested by Joe Barckett

Sunday – February 19th

In Memory of John and Theresa Saba
Requested by Janet and Ray Charron

Stewardship – A Way of Life

Budget Amount Needed Weekly	\$1,500.00
Received:	
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,421.00
Devotions	\$ 22.00
Total Collection	\$1,443.00

“Don’t give until it hurts; rather, give until you feel good!” Please remember, no one takes your place when you are not here!

FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

At Home: Leo Roderick, Naja Moujabber and Eugene Daher.

In Nursing Homes: Helen Pittsley, Sophie Moujabber, Bea Howe, Sophie Daher, Janet Charron, Cecilia Attallah, Edward Baroody and Dolores Trudeau.

In Assisted Living: Mary Sadeck and Ann David.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 4th – St. Joseph Sodality meets at 9:45.

Lectors

- Feb. 11th Carol Maslanka (1Thes. 5: 1-11)
- Feb. 12th Mae Dickinson and Elie Boukheir
- Feb. 18th Subdeacon Joe (Romans 14: 14-23)
- Feb. 19th Hiba Chedid and Joumana Chedid
- Feb. 25th Carol Maslanka (Romans 14: 14-23)
- Feb. 26th Sam Thomas and Zakhia Chedid
- March 3rd Subdeacon Joe (2Cor. 7: 4-11)
- March 4th David Thomas and Elie Boukheir
- March 10th Carol Maslanka (2Cor. 13: 5-13)
- March 11th Joan Thomas-Mello and Gaby Baroody
- March 17th Subdeacon Joe (1Tim. 5:24 – 6:5))
- March 18th Ann Dupre and Hiba Chedid

PRAYER ZONE



Please, be mindful of those who want to use our Church for prayer. We should all be friendly; but, we can be friendly with a smile, a nod, a quiet how are you, or a hug. Let us do our best to encourage one another to use our Church for prayer. We may all greet one another and share fellowship following the Liturgy.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard one half hour before the scheduled Liturgies or by appointment.

PRAYER CHAIN

If there is someone you know who is in need of special prayers, please speak with Subdeacon Joe or Carol Maslanka at (508) 984-7025 and the petitioner’s name(s) will be added to our prayer chain. Prayers are needed, heard and answered!

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Congratulations to Fadi Bark, Krystal and Leslie Moujabber, Joseph Higgins. Eddie Tibbals, Hiba Chedid, Joe Thomas, Nashwan Habboosh and Michael Mello who are celebrating a birthday this month!

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I pray for who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

30 CLUB NEWS

Our winner this week was Fernanda Thomas.

FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED

Please continue to donate non-perishable food for those in need. This is just one way we can make a difference in our community. Or, Fr. Jack will accept monetary donations and shop for you.

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

The Altar Bread, Wine, Candles and Incense for the month of February are offered in loving memory of John Lalor as requested by the Family.

“SOUPER” BOWL OF CARING

Last weekend, thanks to your generosity, we raised \$155.00 to help the Food Pantry at St. Lawrence Church!

ST. JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

For all members, it is time to pay your \$10.00 membership dues. Please see Fr. Jack, Deacon Jean, or they may be placed in an envelope marked Sodality Dues. Muchas Gracias!

ST. MARON'S HAFLI

Our St. Maron Hafli will be held on Saturday, **March 10, 2012** at Whites of Westport. Our committee has been planning a great evening. The will be a wonderful buffet, which is sure to delight our palettes And, this year, there will be a Silent Auction with some many items on which to bid. Tickets are: Adults - \$45.00, Children under twelve - \$20.00. Please, let's get the word out to all your friends so that we may host a very successful evening.

PARTNERS IN HOPE

For those who would like to help the children who are being cared for at St. Jude Children's Hospital, your donation of \$20.00 will help pay for the special care they need. For more information, please speak with Mae Dickinson or Fr. Jack.

ASH MONDAY LITURGIES

Ashes will be imposed at the 12:00 Noon Liturgy and at 7:00 p.m. on February 20th. Come and be a part of your parish family and let us begin a Holy Lent together as a family of faith.

LENT – A FEW THOUGHTS

For Maronites, Lent begins next Sunday and lasts fifty days. It is during this holy time of year that we are invited to begin a period of prayer, penance and spiritual endeavors in preparation to celebrate Easter. Observing Lenten rituals and practices is important as we are invited to renew our baptismal covenant and remove from our lives those imperfections and failings that prevent us from living out that covenant. Simply stated, it is a time to grow in virtue. How? Well, we are invited to prayerfully discern one's sins and endeavor to develop a virtue, which is contrary to those sins. For example, a lack of respect is often a problem with many; therefore, we should learn and develop the virtue of charity. If it were anger, then practice silence. Of course, this takes time and I advise gradual progress for longer lasting results. Another valuable way to develop our spiritual lives is the redemptive approach – giving up something. I suggest that the tried and true is good, but how about pairing that with a charitable activity or taking something on? For instance: if you give up chocolate or candy, then also pray for someone who is in need of prayers, or perform an act of kindness to someone in need. Taking on is greater than simply giving up.

THE FINGER PRAYERS

You begin the prayers on the thumb – because it is nearest to your heart. On the thumb you pray for those closest to you.

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and priests.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry. These people help shape our nation.

The next finger is the ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact this is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers nights and day.

Lastly, comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all. This is where you should place yourself in relation to God and others. Your little finger is to remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you fear death, you cannot live.

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