



Mass Intentions

Intentions For This 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

Weekday Liturgies

Monday – in Memory of George and Nancy David

Tuesday – In Memory of Michael S. David

Wednesday – Mem. of Raymond E. DaRocha, Sr.

Thursday – In Memory of Ginny Mammi

Friday – In Memory of Rose David

Intentions For Next Weekend

Saturday – February 25th

In Memory of John Coury
Requested by The Peter and Rego Families

Sunday – February 26th

In Memory of Ghanem Ghanem (40 Day Memorial)
Requested by The Family

Stewardship – A Way of Life

Budget Amount Needed Weekly	\$1,500.00
Received:	
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,001.00
Devotions	\$ 32.00
Total Collection	\$1,033.00

“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. 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
- March 24th Carol Maslanka (2Cor. 10: 1-7)
- March 25th Mae Dickinson and Elie Boukheir

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, Michael Mello and Joe Nader 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 Dan Higgins.

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.

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. There will be a wonderful buffet, entertainment and a Silent Auction. Tickets are: Adults - \$45.00, Children under twelve - \$20.00.

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.

NEWS FROM THE NUNS

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light would like to invite you to visit their new Convent on Sunday, March 4th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This will give everyone a chance to see their newly renovated home, visit the Chapel and have some goodies, too!

MORE NEWS FROM THE NUNS

Beginning with Great Lent, the Convent will open its doors for those who would like to spend some time in quiet prayer. For more information, please speak with Sr. Marla Marie.

ASH MONDAY LITURGIES

Ashes will be imposed at the 12:00 Noon Liturgy and at 7:00 p.m. on February 20th.

THE ASHES WE RECEIVE

The ashes we receive are an annual reminder of the passing of time and our constant need of repentance. The ashes were made from burning palms from the previous Hosanna Sunday. We waived palms in praise of Christ at the beginning of Holy Week, and now we must humbly call to mind that we have failed Him many times since then. Centuries ago, it was the custom at the beginning of Lent to sprinkle ashes on public sinners as they came to the church to repent and ask forgiveness. Today, we acknowledge publicly that we all are sinners and we are in need of repentance. Displaying ashes on our foreheads is a sign of our willingness to seek forgiveness and do penance for our sins. The traditional words used as the ashes are imposed provide a timely reflection: "Remember that thou art but dust and unto dust thou shalt return."

LENT

For Maronites, Lent begins this Sunday. It is during this 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.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

A true smile occurs when the mouth and the heart are coordinated.

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