



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



July 1-2, 2023

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



### HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Father, we think of our nation's independence. The ability that we have to worship you freely, openly, and without the threat of persecution. We ultimately thank you for bestowing that freedom on us as a nation. May we use that freedom to help lead others to true freedom that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus, our Lord. May we forever praise and honor Your name. Amen.**

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who came to help me pack, clean, unpack, and donated their time in getting the rectory prepared for our recent move. I could not have done this on my own. On behalf of the entire community a big THANK YOU. God bless you and this community always.

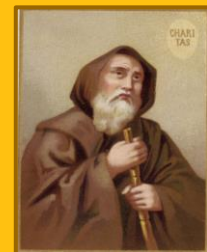
### NEW RECTORY AND CHURCH ADDRESS

As you may know, the rectory has moved to the new location. The address for the rectory/office will now be: 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA, 02745. We will have the same phone number and email address.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Take pains to refrain from sharp words. Pardon one another so that later on you will not remember the injury. The recollection of an injury is itself wrong. It adds to our anger, nurtures our sins and hates what is good. It is a rusty arrow and poison for the soul. It puts all virtue to flight."*

*Saint Francis of Paola*



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**OFFICE HOURS:** The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

## SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA



Francis was born at Paola, Italy and was educated at the Franciscan friary of San Marco there, and when fifteen became a hermit near Paola. In 1436, he and two companions began a community that is considered the foundation of the Minim Friars. He built a monastery where he had led his eremitical life some fifteen years later and set a Rule for his followers emphasizing penance, charity, and humility, and added to the three monastic vows, one of fasting and abstinence from meat; he also wrote a rule for tertiaries and nuns. He was credited with many miracles and had the gifts of prophesy and insight into men's hearts. The Order was approved by Pope Sixtus IV in 1474 with the name Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi (changed to Minim Friars in 1492). Francis established foundations in southern Italy and Sicily, and his fame was such that at the request of dying King Louis XI of France, Pope Sixtus II ordered him to France, as the King felt he could be cured by Francis. He was not, but was so comforted that Louis' son Charles VIII, became Francis' friend and endowed several monasteries for the Minims. Francis spent the rest of his life at the monastery of Plessis, France, which Charles built for him. Francis died there on April 2nd and was canonized in 1519. His feast day is April 2.

### CONFESSION

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

## SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

. This is a friendly reminder that Sodality dues for members were due in March. If you have not paid your annual dues of \$25.00, you can give it to George Saba, Fr. Vincent or place it in the collection basket in a marked enveloped for Sodality.

. The St. Joseph Sodality will be having a display table at the NAM Convention on July 6th, 7th, and 8th. We are planning a display that will include the history of the St. Joseph Sodality and what we do as a sodality. If you would like to help on any of those days, please see Jacques Barbour for more information.

. SAVE the date for the NAM Convention July 7 to July 9.

### OLOP COOKBOOKS

The Education Foundation is still selling our beautiful cookbooks. All the proceeds go to the foundation for scholarships for your youth. With our children graduating and moving on their own, this would be a beautiful gift and at the same time you would be helping our future children with their education. The cookbooks are \$25.00 each and you may order these cookbooks online or by calling the Church office. Thank you for your support.

## ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL - SAVE THE DATES

September may sound like a long time away but as we prepare for our Annual Lebanese Festival, it is never too early to begin preparations. The festival will be held on Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9, at our new property on Acushnet Avenue.

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out information and asking you to volunteer for what I expect will be a warm and exciting welcome to our new home. For this major fundraiser to be a success, your help is needed. I ask you in advance to think about how you can help make this festival a great success. Younger and older alike, your participation will make a great difference.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Natalya Sarkis, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Edmond Salameh, Ed Da Rocha, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.



## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, July 1, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Gregory X, Feast of Saint Junipero Serra).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Alfred LeBeau requested by Smitty and Lou Cabral. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anne Abraham requested by the Kenyon family. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 2, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady to Her Cousin, Elizabeth).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Sam Akeekie and Najebe Kazen (FM). May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Saba Mike Barckett and for the souls of Joseph and Mary Courry (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Saturday, July 8, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Pope Saint Procopius).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Michael J. David requested by Robert Macedo. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the souls in Purgatory requested by Sean, Marie and Keira McLaughlin. May all the souls in purgatory rest in peace.

**Sunday, July 9, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Pancras).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Alfred Le Beau and for the soul of Anne Abraham requested by Jano and Philip Baroody. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Karam Matta requested by family. May his soul rest in peace.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention requested by Annemarie Espindola. Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

The altar bread and wine for the month of July is offered for the living and deceased members of the Daher and David families requested by Mariam David and family.

## LECTORS FOR JULY

**Saturday, July 1,**

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, July 2,**

Ann Dupre /Jano Baroody

**Saturday, July 8,**

Annmarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, July 9,**

John Barbour /Halim Choubah

**Saturday, July 15,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Helen and Anna Higgins

**Sunday, July 16,**

Rana Choubah /Gaby Baroody

**Saturday, July 22,**

Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, July 23,**

Ann Dupre / Hiba Chdid

**Saturday, July 29,**

Smitty David

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, July 30,**

Mae Dickinson /Gaby Baroody

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson)

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 7/3-7/8/23

### Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Matthew 15: 1-9

### Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 12: 12-24

Matthew 15: 10-20

### Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 1: 25-13:12

Matthew 15: 21- 28

### Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 13: 13-25

Matthew 16: 1-4

### Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 13: 26-39

Matthew 16: 5-12

### Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 13: 44-52

John 3: 31-36

## WEEK OF JUNE 24-25, 2023

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 1,178.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>\$ 3300.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 155.00</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>\$ 28.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,741.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.**

SAVE THE DATE

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