



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



July 15-16, 2023

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER EID AL SAIDE

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother (Eid al Saide) Divine Liturgy will be held on Monday evening, August 14, at 7:00 PM, at 4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA, 02745. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will have a BBQ in honor of our Blessed Mother. More details will be available next week. I ask anyone who is attending to send me a message so that we may prepare enough food for everyone. May our Blessed Mother continue to lead us to her Son and may all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH

Bishop Gregory will be dedicating the new church on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2023. He will be with us for the entire weekend as we begin our new journey of faith at our new home. More details will be forthcoming regarding the services and festivities for the weekend. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for this beautiful celebration.

WELCOME BABY THERESE BARBOUR

Congratulations to the new parents Joshua and Rafka Barbour on the arrival of their beautiful baby Therese Barbour. We also congratulate her grandparents Jacques and Amal Barbour, Peirre and Saide Hage, great grandparents Tony and Elaine Barbour, and the aunts and uncles of the Barbour and Hage families. May Almighty God bless Therese and keep her in His loving arms. Mabrook!!

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT

I am happy to announce the engagement of Jacob Barbour and Jillian Faria. On behalf of the entire community of Our Lady of Purgatory, we wish you all the blessings and graces as you prepare for your special sacrament.

We also congratulate Jacob's parents Jacques and Amal Barbour, brother Joshua and Rafka Barbour, grandparents Tony and Elaine Barbour as well as Jillian's family. God bless all of you. Mabrook!!!!

RESTORATION AND UPDATING OF THE AMERICAN LEBANESE VETERANS' PLAQUES

We are in the process of restoring and updating the two plaques that commemorate the deceased American Lebanese Veterans who were parishioners of Our Lady of Purgatory Church. If you have knowledge of someone that has passed away and fits the following criteria:

- OLOP Parishioner
- Served in any of the US Armed Forces

Please email or contact either Olivia Smitty Cabral or Lorraine David with the deceased member's first and last names, middle initial (if used), as well as the date of their death. In order to verify that there are no missing names from previous years, we would like to go back to 1997 as the starting year for this update.

*All names must be submitted by September 30, 2023, to have these plaques ready for Veterans Day.

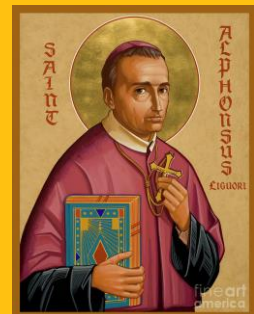
Olivia Smitty Cabral	oliviasmitty88@gmail.com	508-961-8599
Lorraine David	lorraineadavid@msn.com	508-965-8824

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

“When we have to reply to anyone who has insulted us, we should be careful to do it always with meekness. A soft answer extinguishes the fire of wrath. If we feel ourselves angry, it is better for us to be silent, because we should speak amiss; when we become tranquil, we shall see that all our words were culpable.”
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church



Fr. Vincent Farhat, Pastor | Rev. Mr. Jean Mattar, Deacon

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

**DINNER DANCE BENEFIT
FOR
FR. TANIOS ABI-RAMIA**



The Hardin Family Society invites you to a Dinner Dance on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the OLOP Parish Center, 4254 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, for the benefit of Fr. Tanios Abi-Ramia.

Fr. Tanios is the Pastor Emeritus of the Our Lady of the Sheer, St. Sophia, St Doumit, St George, St Saba, St Thérèse, and St Michael in Ehmej, Lebanon. Fr. Tanios has been dealing with some physical challenges for the past two years. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 pm, and Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm followed by Dancing until 11:00 pm. Suggested Donation is \$40.00. For information or tickets, please contact:

Deacon Jean Mattar at (508) 763-4351 or Matthew Thomas at (774) 930-2936.

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR
HELP AND HARD WORK**

I'd like to thank all those who came out on Wednesday night to help prepare the new church hall. On behalf of the entire community, your help and dedication are very much appreciated. You have helped make this transition and upcoming special events possible. God bless all of you.

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.

CONFESSION

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

**SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY
NEWS**

Periodically we will be publishing news and coming events from the St. Joseph Sodality. The Sodality is the oldest organization in the Parish, having been founded in 1918. Through their devotion to St. Joseph, Sodality Members seek to emulate the life and faith of St. Joseph, and by doing so, hope to achieve eternal happiness as he did. The Sodality encourages you to consider becoming a member.

. 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.

**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.

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Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

Lebanese Festival

**Friday, September 8,
2023**

5:00PM – 11:00PM

Live Entertainment

*Mitchel
Kaltsunas
(Friday)*

Et



*Rami
Badr
(Saturday)*

**Saturday, September 9,
2023**

12:00PM – 11:00PM



Money Raffles Prizes

\$1,000 - \$500 - \$200

Drawing

Saturday, September 9, 2023

10:30PM

4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 15, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Cyriacus and Julitta, His Mother). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anne Abraham requested by Mariam David and family. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 16, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George F. Thomas requested by family. May his soul rest in peace. 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.

Saturday, July 22, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, Feast of Saint Nohra). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary C. Saba requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 23, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Sharbel). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Eberianos, Judith and Anne Abraham requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of the deceased members of Victoria Lahoud family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

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.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention requested by Joann David. 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.

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.

LECTORS FOR JULY

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 7/17-7/22/23

Monday:

Acts of the Apostles 15:36-16:1-3,6-10

Luke 11: 1-4

Tuesday:

Acts of the Apostles 16: 11-23

Luke 11: 5-8

Wednesday:

Acts of the Apostles 16: 25-34

Luke 11: 9-13

Thursday:

Acts of the Apostles 17: 1-12

Luke 11: 14-23

Friday:

Acts of the Apostles 17: 16-20,22-24,30-34

Luke 11: 24-26

Saturday:

Acts of the Apostles 15: 22-30

Luke 11: 27-32

WEEK OF JULY

8-9, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 634.00
Candles	\$ 29.00
Total	\$ 663.00

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

OCTOBER 5, 2023



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