



# Our Lady of Purgatory

## Maronite Catholic Church



May 11-12, 2024

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

A mother is she who can  
take the place of all  
others but whose place  
no one else can take.

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*



#### HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY

On this special day for Mother's, I would like to wish all of you a blessed and joyful day. As the gospel reading says, "Love one another as I have loved you", today we give thanks and gratitude for the love of our mother's and all the women in our lives. The nurturing love that comes from their hearts brings us closer to the New Commandment that Jesus requires of us. Their love has no boundaries, and it is not conditional. It is a love that protects and nurtures the way God created them from the beginning.

**"Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for he who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Blessed be you, my God, for having created me."** *Saint Clare of Assisi.*

Blessed be you, my God, for your gift of the women in our lives. Without their presence our road would be more difficult and our understanding of pure love less visible. To all mothers and women in our lives, both living and deceased, we thank you. We ask Almighty God to bless and keep you in His loving arms and to continue to teach us pure love that will lead us to holiness and peace. Happy Mother's Day.

#### MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

The Education Foundation is sponsoring a Mother's Day Raffle. You can enjoy a \$200.00 gift certificate to M Aesthetics Spa. All the proceeds will benefit the Education Foundation Scholarship program. This will allow this foundation to continue to offer scholarships to our high school seniors and undergraduate college students to help with their education. Please support these efforts. God bless.

#### WEEKLY LITURGIES AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Daily Liturgies and Eucharistic Adoration will be cancelled for this coming week of May 13-17. They will resume the following week beginning May 20. Thank you for your understanding.

#### WELCOME

#### MSGR. JOHN OLIVEIRA

We welcome Msgr. John to our parish as he will be celebrating Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 18. He is no stranger to our community and has offered his assistance to our parish. Thank you Msgr. John and please know you are always welcome to our humble community.

#### MYO GATHERING

We will have another MYO gathering on Saturday, May 11, at 6:00 PM in the Church Hall. All youth are highly encouraged to participate. We will have a talk, icebreakers, dinner, and games for our youth. Please mark your calendars.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!"*  
**Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta**



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

## SAINT SHARBEL SHRINE

As you can see from the outside, progress is being made to welcome the Saint Sharbel Shrine to Our Lady of Purgatory. Again, I thank Milad Maalouf for clearing the trees and boulders from the backyard so that the beautiful plans can begin to be executed. The final plans have been drawn up thanks to Halim Choubah and the beautiful carved statue and fence have been ordered from Lebanon thanks to Elie and Misha Aboukheir. This is a very exciting time for our parish as we begin our new journey of faith. May Almighty God, through the intercession of Our Lady, continue to bless this community and her families.

## SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, the Sodality will be sponsoring a gourmet breakfast at the Church Hall as a fundraiser for the St. Joseph Sodality. This is open to everyone in the parish. The Tickets are \$20 each for adults and \$10 for children under 10. You can see any members of the board for tickets or contact the church office.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Stephen Dacosta, Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed Da Rocha, and Edmond Salameh. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for my daughter by Amal Baroody. 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.

## WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of May is offered for Anthony and Margerite Thomas requested by Family.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

This time of the year is extra special as our children receive their First Communion. With the help of the Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light, Amina David Camacho, Nailah Gabriel, and Marianne Hojeily, received their First Communion last weekend. May God bless them always.



*You are cordially invited to our Pentecost Taizé  
in the Upper Room*



*If you were there, what would you hear?*

*What would you do?*

*St. John Neumann's Parish  
157 Middleboro Road, E. Freetown, MA 02717  
May 19, 2024 7 p.m.  
Reception afterwards*

## LITURGY INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Pontius).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Roufael and Shoushlia Gabriel and the deceased members of their family requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Peter and Raja Bou Eassey requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus).** Liturgy is being offered for All Mothers living and deceased.

**Monday, May 13, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Fatima).** Maronite Sisters of Christ the Light convent. **NO LITURGY.**

**Tuesday, May 14, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saints Boniface and Algae, and Their Companions).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Wednesday, May 15, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Our Lady of Harvest).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Thursday, May 16, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of Saint Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople).** **NO LITURGY.**

**Saturday, May 18, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Theodotos and the 7 Martyrs).** Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph and Marie Kenyon requested by Family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Olivia and Harold Smith and Alfred LeBeau requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May their souls rest in peace.

**Sunday, May 19, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Philoterus, Feast of Saint Cyriaca and Her Companions).** Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Semaan Semaan requested by family (40-Day Mass). May his soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony and Margerit Abraham Thomas requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Shirley Azar Roy requested by family. May her soul rest in peace.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:

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

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:


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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# Celebration of Life

## 40th Day Mass

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**Semaan Semaan**  
June 2nd, 1949 - March 31, 2024



SUNDAY, May 19th, 2024  
at 10:30 A.M.,  
Our Lady of Purgatory Church  
4254 Acushnet Avenue  
New Bedford, Mass. 02745  
Followed by a Luncheon  
at the Parish's Hall.

All are welcome. Please bring your favorite stories,  
memories and photos to share.

## LECTORS FOR MAY

**Saturday, May 11,**

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

**Sunday, May 12,**

Halim Choubah / Joumana Chedid

**Saturday, May 18,**

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

**Sunday, May 19,**

Mae Dickinson / Jano Barooddy

**Saturday, May 25,**

Eric Tavares

Intercessions: Annemarie Espindola

**Sunday, May 26,**

Ann Dupre / Elie AbouKheir

## WEEK OF May 04-05, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,094.00
Second Collection	\$ 275.00
Memorial donation	\$ 800.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 76.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,255.00</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.**

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