



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



July 12 - 13, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

CONTINUING CHURCH PROJECTS

In addition to our Capital Campaign to pay off the Diocese of Fall River, our Church grounds need two projects. The first is the paving of our parking lot. At this time, we are not in a financial position to have this area blacktopped in the way I would like. However, I have received quotes that would include jack hammering the old tar and disposing it, applying gravel, followed by an application of 4" Macadam. This is a composite of crushed stone to create a durable surface. It would be rolled out and made smooth. This project would encompass all the way up to the sidewalk entrance of the church parking lot. Later, when funds are available, we can then have the entire parking lot black topped and restriped. This project is estimated to cost \$18,000.00 and is my first priority as this is more of a safety issue than anything else.

The second project is to install the lawn sprinkler system. I have also received estimates on this project which range between \$18,000.00 to \$21,000.00. It is my hope that our Church grounds can be as beautiful as possible and something that makes each of us proud.

Once I can raise the funds for one or both projects, we will begin the work on them. It is my hope that we can accomplish this before the summer festival.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

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.



FEAST OF SAINT SHARBEL LITURGY AND BBQ

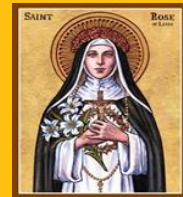
We will be celebrating the Feast of Saint Sharbel on Tuesday, July 22, at 7:00 PM. We will celebrate Divine Liturgy at the Saint Sharbel Shrine, weather permitting. Immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will have a traditional Lebanese BBQ dinner outside. Please mark your calendars. **I ask you to please RSVP to officeolop@gmail.com or call the office at 508-996-8934.**

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."

St. Rose of Lima



MATCHING GRANT FROM ANTHONY ABRAHAM FOUNDATION

Many thanks to all who have contributed towards this matching grant. We are getting much closer towards our goal. God bless this community.

Total Grant:	\$10,000.00
Total Matching:	\$ 7,600.00
Match Needed:	\$ 2,400.00



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.

SAINT SHARBEL BBQ PREP HELP

On Monday, July 21, we will be gathering to prepare food for the Feast of Saint Sharbel BBQ. We will begin preparations at 11:00 AM. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The items that need to be prepared are as follows:

- Chop parsley, tomatoes, and onions for tabouli.
- Skewer beef and chicken kabobs.
- Prep kafta.

We are also looking for donations for the following items:

- Vegetable tray and dip.
- Desserts.
- Fresh Fruit Platter.
- 4 cases of water.

If you would like to bring any of these items, please contact the Church office at:

officeolop@gmail.com
or call: 508-996-8934

Looking forward to celebrating this beautiful Feast of Saint Sharbel with all of you.

ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL UPDATE

Our annual Summer Festival will be held on Friday, September 12 and Saturday, September 13. This two-day festival is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Volunteers are vital to the success of this festival.

Sponsorships and flyers will be sent out in the next two weeks. I am asking everyone for help in promoting our sponsorships to friends and businesses. These sponsorships are tax deductible, and I will provide a letter for tax purposes.


We will also have two meetings for all volunteers. As we adjust ways to better serve our guests and be more productive in our execution of this event, these meetings will be vital in making this festival smooth and seamless.

As always, I thank you for your help, dedication, and zeal for OLOP. Every year our festival grows larger than the year before. This is a testament to the quality of our food, hospitality, and genuine kindness to everyone who supports us. God bless you, Our Lady of Purgatory, and God bless America.



PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LEBANON SHRINE

Msgr. James Root has invited anyone from our OLOP to join Saint Anthony of the Desert on their pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lebanon Shrine in North Jackson, Ohio. Please see the attached flyer for information and reservation details. Thank you, Msgr. Jim, for including us in this beautiful celebration.



**60TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO
BASILICA & NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON**

Travel Dates: August 13-16, 2025

Flight Information
Outbound JetBlue Flight 385 (nonstop, BOS to PIT) & Return JetBlue Flight 386 (nonstop, PIT to BOS)
Roundtrip Airfare: \$335.00 per passenger, which includes:
• Standard seat selection (extra legroom seats available at an additional cost)
• 2 checked bags and 1 personal item that fits under the seat (overhead bin usage is not allowed for groups)
You must provide at time of booking: Full Name (as it appears on your driver's license) & Date of Birth, as well as any accommodations needed for travel (i.e.: wheelchair assistance, etc.)

Hotel Information
Fairfield Inn & Suites Youngstown/Austintown: \$372.00 (plus tax) per room, which includes:
• 3-Night stay: Check-in Wednesday, August 13th / Check-out Saturday, August 16th
• 2 Double beds, with up to 4 occupants per room
• Free breakfast daily
Hotel Reservations must be made by calling the Hotel Front Desk at 1-330-505-2173 and using Room Block Code: "SAOTD"

Reservation Assistance
If you would like **Reservation Assistance**, please contact any of the following people:
• Evan Massoud: 774-644-7221 or evan.massoud@yahoo.com
• Sharon Andrews: 508-369-0882 or magicaltravelwithsharon@gmail.com
• Parish Office: 508-672-7653 or office@saotd-fr.org

BOOKING DEADLINE FOR BOTH AIRLINE & HOTEL: TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

Additional Information
Ground Transportation will be determined once we have a final count of travelers.
A full itinerary will be provided after booking closes.

Payment
Airfare:
• Check or cash may be dropped-off at the Parish Office during normal business hours or in the weekend collection basket in a separate envelope labeled "Shrine Pilgrimage".
• Please make checks payable to: "St. Anthony of the Desert" (memo line "Shrine Pilgrimage")
• Credit Card payment will also be accepted by either:
• Calling the Parish Office during normal business hours at: 508-672-7653
• Online at: <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/KABVJ4811ABEX/checkout/504CXBQM3ZLFNDBRPW5WNRN>
Hotel:
• A Credit Card will be needed to reserve your room. Payment will be processed directly by Hotel upon check-out.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 12, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Rufina and Secunda, Feast of Saint Susanna of Rome). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Patricia Anne Foscett Thomas requested by the family (40-Day Mass). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Anthony Cabral requested by Lou and Smitty Cabral. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, July 13, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Joel the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Mike and Christine Brunette requested by a friend. May their souls rest in peace.

Tuesday, July 15, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saints Cyriacus and Julitta, His Mother).

From 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday, July 16, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Christopher and Annie Briggs requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Thursday, July 17, @ 12:00 PM, (Feast of Saint Marina, Nun of Qannoubine). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Helen and Anthony Buaiz and their grandson Joseph Ribeiro requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Saturday, July 19, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Margaret of Antioch). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Peggy Sherman requested by Ida and Leo Farhat. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of George and Mary Saba requested by the family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, July 20, @ 10:30 AM, (Celebration of Saint Sharbel Feast, Feast of Elias the Prophet). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of George F. Thomas requested by the family. May his soul rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

This week the sanctuary candle burns for a special intention by Linda Hirst. 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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Dawn Marie Hogan, Michael Morad, David Matos, Gayla Matos, Genevieve Tayeh, Nayeli Nassif, Maria Baptista, Ligia Baptista, Sophie Correa, Stephen DaCosta, Kenneth Macedo, Muriel Moline, Patricia Farhat, Ghada Karam, Beverly Parlapiano, Michael Bruce, Debbie Freedenberg, Efrangieh Daou, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Theresa John, Angela Scorza-Anderson, 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.

LECTORS FOR JULY, 2025

Saturday, July 12,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna & Helen Higgins

Sunday, July 13,

Cayla Barbour / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, July 19,

Smitty Cabral

Intentions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, July 20,

Mae Dickinson / Hiba Chdid

Saturday, July 26,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Smitty Cabral

Sunday, July 27,

Rana Choubah / Elie Abou Kheir

(If you are unable to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 07/14-07/19/25

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 12: 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

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

WEEK OF JULY 5-6, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,171.00
Donations	\$ 130.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 27.00
Total	\$ 1,328.00

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.



Eid El Saydeh
Summer Festival - 2025
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 15 Skyview Dr, Lincoln, RI 02885
 Phone: (401) 722-1345
 office@stbasilthegreatchurch.com



Mitch Kaltsunas
Saturday

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, August 2nd
4:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Sunday, August 3rd
from noon to 7:00 pm



George Kentar
Sunday

DELICIOUS FOOD

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