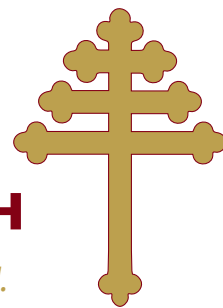




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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 19 St. Margaret of Antioch, V, M
- 20 Elias the Prophet
- 21 St. Simeon Salus and His Friend St. John, C
- 22 St. Mary Magdalene, C
- 23 St. Sharbel, C (actual feast)
- 24 St. Christina of Tyre, V, M
- 25 St. Anne, Mother of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary, C

THE CELEBRATION OF ST. SHARBEL

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SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

Rosary at 8:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:36-43



The Apostle Matthew writes: Then, dismissing the crowds, Jesus went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one,

and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of this kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."



BUCKWHEAT HARVEST - SUMMER, between 1868-1874,
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Jesus teaches that those who remain faithful to Him are the good seed and will shine in the Kingdom of the Father. Saint Sharbel lived as that good seed through prayer, humility, and complete trust in God.

Father will pray the
THE ANAPHORA OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
beginning on page 754

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Terry Kristofak, C.P.
Requested by Sub Deacon Mike and Deacon Steve

Sunday, July 19 at 9:00 a.m.

In memory of Edward A. Piechocki
Requested by his sons Matthew and Michael

In Memory of Elias George Rached Noujaim
Requested by his wife Afaf and his family

Thursday, July 23 at 5 p.m. Feast of St. Sharbel
Available

Saturday, July 25 at 4:30 p.m..

Available

Sunday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m.

For the repose of soul of Keith Thomas Lawson
Requested by Gary and Diane Flynn

In memory of Thomas E. Cahill, Sr.
Requested by the Piechocki family

MAASSER EL CHOUF REUNION

Please join us for the 94th Maasser El Chouf Annual Reunion
on **Sunday, August 2nd** at Maasser Park,
112 Rock Hall Road, Colebrook, CT.
Gates open at 9 am, rain or shine.

All are welcome!

We would love to see you as we come together for the 94th year
in celebration of our heritage and our families!

CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of June 20/21

Saturday Offering

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Sunday Offering

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Thank You!



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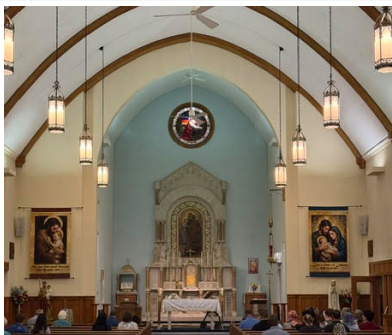
If you would like the Sanctuary Lamp to burn in memory of someone, please email the church office (office@saintmaronchurch.org) or speak with Fr. Fadi. There is only one sponsorship available each week and it will be published in the bulletin. The cost of the sponsorship is \$10

*The candle will burn for
the month of July
In memory of Edward A. Piechocki*

Attention Local Artisans!

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St. Maron Church is hosting a **CRAFT FAIR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28**. Vendor registration for artisans is now open and we are looking for talented, creative people to showcase their work. The cost is \$25 for a 6' table and 2 chairs. Don't wait to sign up as tables are sure to go fast! For more information contact Danata at (860) 940-5182 or danataj@yahoo.com



Subdeacon Mike and Lisa Soliani had the opportunity to attend Mass at Saint Joseph Maronite Church in Waterville, Maine recently. We met the pastor, Father Alexander Joseph, who knows Connecticut very well. He spent almost two years at Our Lady of Lebanon in Waterbury. We also met Subdeacon Stephen Crate and his wife, Allison.

St. Joseph's suffered a devastating flood from frozen pipes during the cold weather last December, which made the kitchen unusable. With repairs done, they will soon be using the Hall kitchen for the first time this year to make food for the upcoming ordination of Deacon Jean Mattar to the priesthood on July 25th at Our Lady of Purgatory Church in New Bedford.

I urge everyone to visit this lovely church the next time you are in Maine.

EPISTLE

ROMANS 8:28-39

Brothers and Sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Father Terence "Terry" Kristofak, C.P., a beloved Passionist priest at Holy Family Monastery in West Hartford, CT, and a close friend of Sub Deacon Mike Soliani, died unexpectedly on July 1, 2026, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born on February 7, 1941, in Hartford, CT, he professed vows as a Passionist on August 15, 1962, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1969.

In a world of distraction and division, Father Terry gave the gift of "attention" to all he met, especially to those on the margins of society. He brought a spirit of joy, compassion, and acceptance into every encounter, every homily, and every visit he had with those seeking wholeness and healing. He was sought after for spiritual direction by those in recovery programs, parishioners, religious sisters, and clergy from near and far. He was fond of saying, "When I see your faith, my faith is better," and "You never know what's going on in the heart of the person sitting next to you."

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Why not?

This is my new reflection on our life. *Why not* take a few seconds each day to reflect on the beauty of our life?

Why not make every day a grateful and blessed day?

Why not take a step toward a place where we can find serenity and peace?

It is a wonderful feeling to thank our Beloved and Good Lord for His abundant blessings and His constant presence in our lives.

Why not begin today?

Fr. Fadi

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THE NEW TESTAMENT: REVELATION

Chapter 20 teaches us that God is stronger than every evil power. In the end, Satan is defeated, and God judges the world with justice and mercy.

This chapter encourages us to stay faithful to Jesus every day, knowing that those who trust Him will share in His eternal life.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

A man who prays lives out the mystery of existence, and a man who does not pray scarcely exists.

Preserve the warmth of the family, because the warmth of the whole world cannot make up for it.

St. Sharbel, Feast day July 23

OUR PARISH PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS

A PRAYER FOR THE NURSES CARING FOR THE SICK

Lord God,

Bless the nurse who cares for the sick with love and patience.

Give her strength in her tired moments, wisdom in her decisions, and a gentle heart in all she does.

May she see Your face in every patient she serves, and may her hands become instruments of Your healing and peace.

Protect her from discouragement and bless her with joy in her service. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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