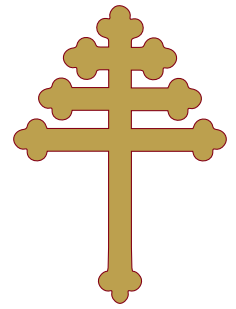




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A prayer to begin every day: *Good morning my good and my beloved Lord.*

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SAINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- 1 All Saints
- 2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
- 3 Sts. Akepsimas, Joseph and Aithalas, M
St. Martin de Porres, C
- 4 Sts. Vitalis and Agricola, M
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- 5 St. Asya the Righteous, C
- 6 St. Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, M
- 7 St. Hieron and His Companions, M

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20



The Apostle said: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the truth. Peace be with you.



THE RENEWAL AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH. Icon written by Father Abdo Badawi. Courtesy of St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church, Waterville, ME

The consecration of the Church is not simply a building made of stones; it is a community of people united in faith in our Beloved Lord Jesus Christ. The building is a sacred place where we gather to pray, celebrate the Eucharist, receive the sacraments, and encounter our God.

Father will pray the
ANAPHORA OF SAINT MARK
beginning on page 835

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Rosemarie Powell
Requested by Lynn Blake and Deacon Steven Marcus

Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Feast of All Saints

For the intentions of the Fatherhood Initiative
group at Family Strides

Monday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

For the repose of the souls of all deceased
members of St. Maron Parish

Saturday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m..

For the repose of the soul of Roy Dudley, MSW
Requested by Barney Marshall and Steven Marcus

For the repose of the soul of Marion T. Rooke
Requested by Renee and Steven Marcus

Sunday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m.

In memory of Michel and Zakeeya Noujaim
Requested by Hayat and Joack Comporesi and
Richard and Toni Noujaim

UPCOMING ST. MARON PARISH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES!

YOUTH CATECHISM CLASS

November 2 in the rectory from 6 to 7 p.m. The class is for young people ages 10 through 15 and designed to help them learn more about our beautiful Maronite faith. Classes will run monthly throughout the academic year. All are welcome.

UPCOMING MASSES FOR THE ELDERLY

Friday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Wolcott Hall.

Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 am. at Litchfield Woods.

ROSARY

November 7 after Mass. Join us on this First Saturday in November as Fr. Fadi leads us in the Rosary before our shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If the weather is bad, we will pray in the church.



VETERANS MASS ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 8

Veterans will be honored at both weekend Masses on November 7 and 8

THE ST. MARON HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

November 28 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



30+ talented artisans/vendors will be selling their beautiful work giving you a chance to get your shopping done early!

A gift wrap table will be available for your convenience.
Beverages + food service are available all day!
Easy access to the fair: There is an elevator available!



CHURCH SUPPORT

Weekend of October 24/25

Saturday Offering

1st Collection **\$400.00**

2nd Collection **\$222.00**

Sunday Offering

1st Collection **\$1,124.00**

2nd Collection **\$225.00**

Mail in: **\$160.00**

Annual Appeal: **\$2,180.00**

Bingo: **\$2,175.00**

Thank You!

The second collection on **November 8** is for the
MARONITE PATRIARCHAL CHARITIES

(All Proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our
Patriarch for his charitable works.)

COTHING DONATIONS NEEDED



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Winter is coming and we are once again collecting clothes from now through Christmas for our homeless friends. Please,

bring new or clean, washed clothing to the parish hall. FISHNWCT (Friends In Service to Humanity of NW Connecticut) will be distributing the items we collect to those who need it most.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HOST A GIFT WRAPPING TABLE AT

OUR NOVEMBER 26 CRAFT FAIR



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and are looking for donations of Christmas/holiday wrapping paper, tape, and bows. Gift wrapping supplies can be dropped off at the rectory or left in the church hall kitchen.

We are also looking for volunteers to do gift wrapping. Volunteers can text Helen Piechocki at 860.983.3933 or email her at helenpiechocki@gmail.com. Any period of time commitment would be helpful! Thank you!

QUOTES FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Do not be afraid to be saints.

-- St. Pope John Paul II

*To be saints is not a privilege for the few,
but a vocation for everyone.*

-- Pope Francis

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 9:1-12

Brothers and Sisters:

Even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. Praise be to God always!

Thank you to everyone who attended our special Saturday bingo last weekend. It was a wonderful success.

Special thanks to our volunteers for that day: Danata Jenkins, Larry Seymour, Holly Griswold, Mark Malley, Laura Lemieux, Lisa & Mike Soliani and Helen Piechocki.

Also many thanks to those who generously donated raffle items: Holly Griswold, Lois Seymour, Lisa & Mike Soliani, Mike Nejaime, Pascale & Carlos Nejaime, McKenzie Klug, Cindy Coarvey, Patty and Nick Zabarra, Helen Piechocki, Dr. Jorge Baujin and the Begeys of The Edison Grill.



The Pastor's Corner

SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

I invite everyone to join me as we reflect on these two questions.

- 1- Why not learn something new every day?
- 2- Why not pray for those who care for the sick?

Just a reminder that on November 1 we will have a speaker from the Fatherhood Initiative group at Family Strides give a short talk after Mass. This program is dedicated to serving all fathers and father figures as they develop and nurture positive relationships with their children.

I would also like to invite you to join me as I celebrate Mass on Friday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Wolcott Hall and on Saturday, November 7 at 10.30 am. at Litchfield Woods. As Saint Marin de Porres (feast day November 3) once said, *The greatest gift you can give someone is your time and attention.*

I wish you a blessed and beautiful week ahead.

Fr. Fadi

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OUR NOVEMBER PARISH PRAYER INTENTION IS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR CHILDREN IN TRAGIC ACCIDENTS

Lord Jesus, comfort all parents who have lost their children in tragic accidents. Give them strength in their sorrow, peace in their hearts, and hope in Your everlasting love. Welcome their children into Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

WISDOM FROM THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

*Be gentle with yourself and others,
for we are all fighting battles that others may not see.*

Don't wait for others to change the world. Start by changing yourself.

-- St. Martin de Porres, feast day November 3



Saturday Bingo on October 24.

Thank you again to all those who attended and those who volunteered or contributed in any way.



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