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Saint Maron Maronite Catholic Church

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

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Saints for this Week

22 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of Our Lady, the Virgin Mary
23 St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus, M
24 St. Catherine of Alexandria, M
25 Pope St. Clement I (+97), M
26 St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria, M
27 St. James Intercisus, M
28 St. Stephen the Younger, M

SEASON OF THE GLORIOUS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY

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Saturday, November 21, 2026
Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 22, 2026
Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be



The Annunciation
The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.
Dar Sader Publishers: Beirut 1999.
Via Maronite Heritage.com/icons

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Saint Mary teaches us that faith is not having all the answers. Faith is trusting our Lord who calls us. Like Saint Mary, we may not understand everything God asks of us, but we can always trust His promises.

Father will pray the
Anaphora of Saint Peter
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m.
In honor of Sub Deacon Mike and Lisa Soliani's 40th Wedding Anniversary.
May God continue to bless them.
Requested by the Parish Community of St. Maron

Sunday, November 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Marriage blessings for Michael and Marcella
Requested by their father

Saturday, November 28 at 4:30 p.m.
Available

Sunday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m.
Available

Walking to Bethlehem:We are in the *Season of Announcements* in which we prepare for the birth of our Lord. For the six Sundays before Christmas we hear the stories of the people most closely concerned with Jesus' birth.

November 15 *The Announcement to Zechariah*
November 22 The Announcement to the Virgin Mary
November 29 *The Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth*
December 6 *The Birth of John the Baptist*
December 13 *The Revelation to Joseph*
December 20 *Genealogy Sunday*

Upcoming St. Maron Parish Events & Opportunities!



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!

Gift wrapping supplies for our November 28 Craft Fair: we could use any and all 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. Thank you for your help.

Christmas Flowers
The Christmas flowers which will decorate our altar in honor of Jesus' birth are paid for through your donations. If you would like to make a contribution towards our Christmas flowers, please make your donation no later than Sunday, December 6th. We will produce a program, as we have done in previous years, recognizing all those who donated and all the loved ones remembered with your donations. Fr. Fady will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of the souls remembered this way. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Theeb.

Cothing Donations Needed
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.

Church Support

Weekend of November 14/November 15
Saturday Offering
1st Collection **$531.00**
2nd Collection **$270.00**
Sunday Offering
1st Collection **$440.00**
2nd Collection **$323.00**
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Thank You!



Father William J. (Bill) Considine, S.M.M., a Montfort Missionary serving for 20 years at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield, died on November 13th of complications from heart disease. Fr. Bill was born on February 19, 1947, in New York City. He was the son of Joseph and Eileen Considine. He is survived by his brother, Father Matthew Considine, S.M.M. He was pre-deceased by his younger brother John.

The quiet awakening of Fr. Bill's Montfortian vocation happened when he was a student at Mater Christi High School, during a school retreat, when he encountered *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis de Montfort. The Montfortian charism, with its emphasis on total consecration and missionary discipleship, resonated deeply. He then entered the Novitiate of the Montfort Missionaries in Hartford City, Indiana. His formation continued at St. Louis University where he earned undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Ordained in 1973, Fr. Considine served in parish ministry for two years, and then was called to serve as novice master in Washinton, D.C., where he continued as formation director for Montfortian seminarians.

His election as Superior General of the Montfort Missionaries in 1993 marked a new phase, one that expanded his horizon from the local to the global. Leading an international congregation was a task that demanded not only administrative skill and much travel, but also cultural sensitivity, theological depth, and spiritual rootedness.

After serving as Superior General for twelve years, he returned to the United States, and he continued his mission at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in

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Epistle

Galatians 3:15-22

I give an example from daily life: once a person's will has been ratified, no one adds to it or annuls it. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many; but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ. My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. For if the inheritance comes from the law, it no longer comes from the promise; but God granted it to Abraham through the promise. Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring would come to whom the promise had been made; and it was ordained through angels by a mediator. Now a mediator involves more than one party; but God is one. Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Praise be to God always!

Gospel

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holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 remember every day that every baby is a miracle of God's love?

2- Why not teach our children to pray before they learn many other things?

I wish you a blessed week ahead and a very Happy Thanksgiving, as we thank our Lord for the beauty and goodness of our families, our church and this nation.

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.



Tom and Joanna Moore from the Annie C. Courtney Foundation in Waterbury visited St. Maron's last Sunday. Tom spoke about the over 3500 children and teens who are in need of foster care in the state of Connecticut. There are over 65 children who need help in Torrington alone. If you have any questions or want to help in any way, please see Father Fadi.

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Litchfield, where he served as a mentor and a spiritual guide to many. He was an active member of the recovery community in Litchfield County.

What emerges most clearly from his story is not a list of achievements, but a pattern of response. Time and again, he was invited into roles he had not planned for and he always said yes with quiet courage. Perhaps this is the most enduring lesson of his life: that fidelity, lived patiently and generously, becomes its own form of mission.

A wake will be held on Sunday, November 22, from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Grotto Chapel at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield (50 Montfort Road, Litchfield, CT 06759). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, November 23, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Litchfield (49 South Street, Litchfield CT 06759). Fr. Bill's remains will be interred with the early Montfort Missionaries to Long Island, NY, at a later date. The Montfort Community asks that no flowers be sent. Prayers and donations to the missions of the Montfort Missionaries in memory of Fr. Bill would be appreciated.

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



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