

**OUR LADY OF MERCY
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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12th Sunday of Pentecost/August 24th, 2025



Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Sunday – 8:30am to 9:30am

& By appointment

Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 9am
in the Chapel.

Saturday – 4pm/Sunday – 10am

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturdays – 2pm to 3:45pm

First Saturday Devotion

Every 1st Saturday

2:00pm – Eucharistic Exposition

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10pm Holy Rosary

4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Baptism and Chrismation

Contact the priest at least
three (3) months prior to the
requested date.

Matrimony /Crowning

Contact the priest at least
one (1) year prior to
requested date.

If you are new to the parish, please know that you are dearly loved and welcomed to be a member of our community of faith. To ensure receiving communication from the parish as a parishioner, please see the priest or one of the ushers.

“YOU ARE PRECIOUS AND HONORED IN MY SIGHT AND I LOVE YOU” ISAIAH 43:4

Divine Liturgy Intentions – 12th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday August 23rd @ 4:00 PM – In memory of Bassam Ghosen

12th Sunday of Pentecost August 24th @ 10:00 AM – In thanksgiving for Sophie Hallal and the success of K4J camp

Ephesians 3:1--13; Matthew 15:21-28

Monday August 25th @9:00 AM- For the intention of Sophie Hallal and the success of K4J camp

Tuesday August 26th @9:00 AM- In thanksgiving for Sophie Hallal and the success of K4J camp

Wednesday August 27th @9:00 AM – For the intention of Samira Zajjour(90th B-Day)

Thursday August 28st @ 9:00 AM– In thanksgiving for Sophie Hallal and the success of K4J camp r

Friday August 29th @ 9:00 AM - In thanksgiving for Sophie Hallal and the success of K4J camp

Saturday August 30th @ 4:00 PM – In thanksgiving for Sophie Hallal and the success of K4J camp

13th Sunday Pentecost Sunday August 31st @ 10:00 AM -

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 08/11/2025-08/17/2025

Saturday/Sunday 08/17 collection - \$1390.00; **Online Giving** - \$188.11; **Total –\$1578.11**

Donation from donors:\$700.00

Thank you for your continuous support of our parish and its many needs. May God bless your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy. To make a tax-deductible online offering especially when you are not here, please go [to our Church's website](#) and scroll down to donate.

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance” (Colossians 3:23-24) and remember that “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Marriage Banns: I publish the banns of marriage between Charbel Younis of this Parish and Danielle Brouillette. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is for the first time of asking.

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

Check flyer for our first one-Day Festival on Sunday September 28, save the date and help us to spread the word..

Check flyers for other festivals in the area and let's support them.

Check flyer for Mother Daughter of age 9-13 Tea Event on September 13, 2025.

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of August

Altar Candles in the church - In memory of Louis Iovieno offered by Louise Iovieno & Family.

Altar Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration candles in the Church, Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel – For the intentions of the Zajjour Family especially Samira on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Promoting Vocations - The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. **See Fr. Peter for more information.**

Wisdom of the saints – “LET US REMEMBER THAT LOVE LIVES THROUGH SACRIFICE AND IS NOURISHED BY GIVING.” Saint Maximilian Marv Kolbe

Church Dress Code

Please Dress Modestly. Modesty is a Christian virtue that refers to dressing and acting in a way that shows reverence for God. Please, dress your best when you come to Church. It is a holy ground and we should dress modestly in respect for God's house. **Ask yourself this question and be honest. How should you dress in the house of the King of Kings? If you went to Buckingham Palace or the White House, what would you wear? Why should you dress with any less respect for the only King that matters?**

Please, if possible no shorts, sleeveless dresses, miniskirts or T-shirts, tight dresses or tight skirts, short dresses or skirts (knee length skirts and dresses are acceptable)

Thank you for your consideration to this friendly reminder.

الثياب المحتشمة

لطفاً الرجاء ارتداء الثياب المحتشمة في بيت الله.

يرجى عدم ارتداء "الشورت" او التنانير القصيرة , او الثياب بلا اكمام.

مع الف شكر!

Mass etiquette from St John Bosco **(compiled by Fr Augustine Opara Ikechukwu)**

- 1. Try to be early to Mass always. A few minutes spent in before Mass can open your soul to wonderful graces**
 2. When you enter or leave the church, take holy water and sign yourself with the sign of the cross.
 3. Always genuflect (or bow according to our Maronite tradition) when you enter or leave your seat. This is an act of adoration to Almighty God, present in the tabernacle. Take time to genuflect reverently, facing the altar and saying "My Lord and My God" as your right knee touches the floor
 - 4. Please refrain from talking in church unless absolutely necessary. Talk only to Jesus - it is Him you have come to visit. Don't talk as you leave either. Some people may still be praying.**
 5. Listen to the homily it is from God which could bear much fruit for you.
 6. Don't start to leave the church until the priest has returned to the sacristy. Stay to thank God for the graces you received from Him in the Mass.
- Every day we take a step closer to Heaven. Every act should be for the greater glory of God and every morning we should renew our resolve to work for the salvation of souls.



2025 Jubilee Year of “Pilgrims of Hope”

The Jubilee Year is a time of grace, mercy, and renewal.

It is a time to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ, to draw closer to him in every way, and to let the Holy Spirit transform us into faithful disciples. Live in the Hope of Christ and be a shining hope for others.

Please share with your friends that our parish is designated as a Pilgrimage Site for this year until January 6, 2026.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html>

Holy Door

The practice was reestablished in the year 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII. Issued a bill of indulgence proclaiming that Christians who confessed their sins, received the Eucharist, and made a pilgrimage to Rome could receive a plenary indulgence — a grace granted by the Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. Let us rejoice, our Parish is designated as a pilgrimage site.

To live the Holy Year fully and fruitfully, the faithful are encouraged to embrace the following:

1. Prayer: Personal and communal, frequent participation in the Holy Eucharist and Mystery of Reconciliation
2. Pilgrimage and Indulgences: Visit a pilgrimage site, meet the requirements for plenary indulgency and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
3. Acts of Charity and Mercy: Practice other corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html>



To create the Culture of Life in our society

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.

I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!

My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

How precious to me are your designs, O God. Psalms 139:13-17

Beliefs about the sanctity of life lie at the heart of all the ethical debates on embryo experiments, abortion and euthanasia. Learn what you can about what is being done to protect life and create a Culture of Life in Minnesota.

May is often referred to as the Month of Mary. It's a time when Catholics, and many others, are encouraged to pay special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayers, devotions, and reflection on her life and role in salvation history. It is the perfect time to focus your actions on promoting this Culture of Life.

For more information, check out these websites:

Prolife Action Ministries www.plam.org/events (40 Days for Life, Prayers at local abortion sites.)

Prolife Across America www.prolifeacrossamerica.org (The billboard people and crisis resources information)

Familiarize yourself with Lila Rose and Abby Johnson

Ahlan wa Sahlan!

 **Saint Theresa**
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Saturday, September 13, 2025 12:00PM - 11:00PM

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 *Mitchel Katsounas*
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 *Tarek Abdelhak*



Money Raffles Prizes
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Drawing
Saturday, September 13, 2025
10:30PM

NO OUTSIDE FOOD, DRINK OR HOOKAH
4254 Acushnet Ave, New Bedford, MA 02745

Saint George Maronite Catholic Church
1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI

Annual LEBANESE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 19	2:00PM - 12:00AM
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 20	2:00PM - 12:00AM
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 21	12:00PM - 7:00 PM

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St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox Church's Annu MEDITERRANEAN

Festival



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"The Prince"
Marwan Zgheib
Saturday
Night



Legendary
Chris Hawat
Sunday
Afternoon



August
22, 23 & 24, 2025

Friday: 5 PM - 11PM
Saturday: 12 PM - 12AM
Sunday: 1 PM - 9PM

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help
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256 Hamilton St., Worcester

Middle Eastern Picnic September 7, 2025 12-6pm



MENU

Chicken Shawarma
Kibbeh
Chicken Kabobs
Beef Kabobs
Stuffed Grape Leaves
Tabbouli
Hummus
Pastries
And more ...

ENTERTAINMENT
Mitch Kaltsunas Band
Dancing
Bouncy House
Kids' Activities
And more ...

RAFFLES



Middle Eastern
Food & Desserts



SAJ



Raffle
Prizes



Ice Cream



Cotton Candy

Sunday September 28 2025
11:30 am - 06:00 pm
(Rain or Shine)

Middle Eastern Festival



DJ CEDRÓPHOENIX

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<https://ourladyofmercymarionite.org/>

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Hookah



Bounce
House



Cash
Bar



Pop Corn



Face Painting

Mother Daughter Tea

Light
Refreshments



Presentations

Fellowship

Celebrating together as Daughters of God. Exploring God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's holy plan for growing into womanhood.

Mother and Daughter ages 9-13 are invited

Register and learn more at cedaroflebanonfcc.com

Our Lady of Mercy
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\$15/participant

Saturday September 13 , 2025
9:30am -12:00pm



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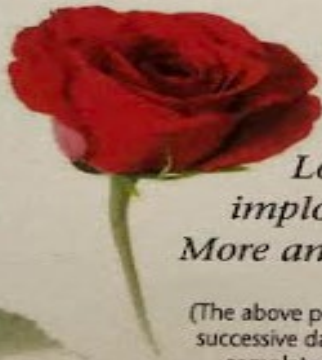
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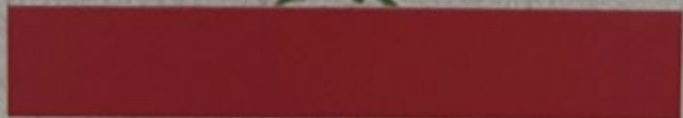
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Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Letter to the Ephesians 3:1-13.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

الأحد الثاني عشر من زمن العنصرة

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل أفسس 3:1-13

يَا إِخْوَتِي، أَنَا بُولُسُ، أَسِيرُ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأُمَّمُ... إِنْ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بِوَحْيٍ أَطْلَعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلُ، حِينَئِذٍ يُفَكِّكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تَدْرِكُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْغَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُغْلِنَ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأُمَّمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَاسِطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةٍ نِعْمَةٍ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبَتْ لِي بِفِعْلٍ قُدْرَتِهِ؛

لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرُ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبَتْ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنْ أُبَشِّرَ الْأُمَّمَ بِغَنَى الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَقْصَى، وَأَنْ أَوْضِحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكَيْ تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، أَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةِ، بِحَسَبِ قَصْدِهِ الْأَزَلِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبِّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيُّ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضَعُفَ عَزِيمَتُكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الضَّيِّقَاتِ الَّتِي أَعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ. إِنَّهَا مَجْدٌ لَكُمْ!

إنجيل القديس متى 28:15-21

إِنْصَرَفَ يَسُوعُ إِلَى نَوَاجِي صُورَ وَصَيْدَا، وَإِذَا بِأَمْرَأَةٍ كَنْعَانِيَّةٍ مِنْ تِلْكَ النَّوَاجِي خَرَجَتْ تَصْرُخُ وَتَقُولُ: «إِرْحَمْنِي، يَا رَبِّ، يَا أَبْنَى دَاوُدَ! إِنْ أَبْنَيْتَ بِهَا شَيْطَانٌ يُعَذِّبُهَا جَدًّا.» فَلَمْ يُجِبْهَا بِكَلِمَةٍ. وَدَنَا تَلَامِيذُهُ فَأَخَذُوا يَتَوَسَّلُونَ إِلَيْهِ قَائِلِينَ: «إِصْرِفْهَا، فَإِنَّهَا تَصْرُخُ فِي إِثْرِنَا.» فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: «لَمْ أُرْسَلْ إِلَّا إِلَى الْخِزَافِ الضَّالَّةِ مِنْ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلِ.»

أَمَّا هِيَ فَاتَتْ وَسَجَدَتْ لَهُ وَقَالَتْ: «سَاعِدْنِي، يَا رَبِّ.» فَأَجَابَ وَقَالَ: «لَا يَحْسُنُ أَنْ يُؤْخَذَ خُبْرُ الْبَنِينَ، وَيُلْقَى إِلَى جِرَاءِ الْكِلَابِ.» فَقَالَتْ: «نَعَمْ، يَا رَبِّ! وَجِزَاءُ الْكِلَابِ أَيْضًا تَأْكُلُ مِنَ الْفُتَاتِ الْمَتَسَاكِطِ عَنْ مَائِدَةِ أَرْبَابِهَا.» حِينَئِذٍ أَجَابَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «أَيُّهَا الْمَرْأَةُ، عَظِيمٌ إِيْمَانُكَ! فَلْيَكُنْ لَكَ كَمَا تُرِيدِينَ.» وَمِنْ تِلْكَ السَّاعَةِ شَفِيَتْ ابْنَتُهَا