

OUR LADY OF MERCY

MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY

November 24th 2024



Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday - 2:30PM to 3:30PM

Sunday - 8:30AM to 9:30AM

By appointment

Divine Liturgy/Mass Schedule

Tuesday through Friday 9AM

in the Chapel.

Saturday - 4PM/Sunday - 10AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays - 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Fridays - 9:30am- 10:30am

Saturday - 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 – Consecration of the Church

Saturday November 23rd - Cecilia Manrique Ortiz req by Karol Garcia St. Sassine, Bishop of Cyzicus
Sunday November 24th - In memory of Patricia Thomas & the Thomas Family requested by Denise Thomas
Cecilia Manrique Ortiz (deceased) requested by Karol Garcia St. Catherine of Alexandria, M
Announcement to the Virgin Mary 2 Sam 7:8–10, 11b–12, 13b–17 Gal 3:15–22 Lk 1:26–38
Monday November 25th –Cecilia Manrique Ortiz (deceased) requested by Karol Garcia Pope St. Clement I (+97)
Tuesday November 26th – Cecilia Manrique Ortiz (deceased) St. Peter, Patriarch of Alexandria
Wednesday November 27th – Cecilia Manrique Ortiz requested by Karol Garcia St. James Intercissus,
Thursday November 28st – Cecilia Manrique Ortiz req by Karol Garcia St. Stephen the Younger
Friday November 29nd –Cecilia Manrique Ortiz(deceased) requested by Karol Garcia Sts. Saturninus and Sisinius,
Saturday November 30th – For the intention of David Lemelin (Birthday) St. Andrew, Ap
Sunday December 1st - For the intention of Joan Flammia Nahum the Prophet, C
Visitation of the Virgin to Elizabeth 2 Sam 6:9–15, 17, 18b Eph 1:1–14 Lk 1:39–45

Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 11/16-11/17

Saturday/Sunday collection - \$1338.00 Online Giving - \$252.68 **Total – \$ 1590.68**

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 the big red button 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)**

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will.

Gifts of the Heart

Consider spreading love by offering a Divine Liturgy or another item from the Gifts of the Heart for a loved one living or deceased. For more information, please contact Father Peter.

Bulletin Advertisements

Business owners, you may advertise your businesses in the Church bulletin that reaches over 200 persons. For more information, please contact Fr Peter.

Gifts of the Heart for the Month of November

Altar Bread and Wine in the chapel, Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp in the church and in the chapel - In Memory of Najat and Fares Melki requested by Sabine Melki Bassim
Altar Bread and Wine in the church - In Thanksgiving for God's blessings requested by Deacon Adonis ElAsmar
Adoration Candles in the Church – For the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

October 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income Collections on Sundays- **\$8676.5** Stipend, Donations, Candles, Gifts of the heart **\$80**
Fundraising Event Profit: \$18235 **Total Income - \$26992**

Ordinary Expenses Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Phone, Internet, Office Supplies, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Eparchial Appeal, Garbage pickup, past due expenses... **\$38,184.7**

Total Ordinary Income vs Expenses: -\$11193.2

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses:

The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal is 1,000 a month starting from January 2024.

The Church's monthly building Insurance is \$1764.00.

Thank you for your support and for maintaining the Church through your donation and the different activities we plan.

JOIN US FOR DAILY DIVINE LITURGY

As you can, please consider coming to the chapel to participate in Divine Liturgy Monday through Friday at 9AM. "Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain." St. John Vianney

JOIN US DAILY FOR ROSARY @8:30pm ZOOM MEETING ID: 82059131889 PASSCODE: prayer

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY EVENING STARTING 11/7/2024 **(5:30PM-6:30PM)**, **FRIDAY 9:30AM-10:30AM** SATURDAY **(2:00PM-3:45PM)** FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-39 YEARS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

On Saturday November 23rd for MYA friendsgiving. Please check the flyer for more information.

JOIN US ON IN 33 Days to Morning Glory A Do-It Yourself Retreat
Starting on Friday November 29th. Please check the flyer for more information.

JOIN US ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH FOR ADULTS GAME NIGHT.

Please check the flyer for more information and reserve your spot.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH FOR BREAKFAST AND PHOTO WITH SANTA

Please check the flyer for more information and make your reservations.

SOMETHING NEW IN OUR PARISH - 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. To register, please click [here](#).

REGISTER FOR OUR ARABIC CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY 2025 AND HELP US IN PROMOTING IT. Please check the flyer for more information

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY- DECEMBER 31ST. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. PLEASE CHECK THE LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS [ONLINE](#).

Come & See Retreat Weekend for Women, Dartmouth MA

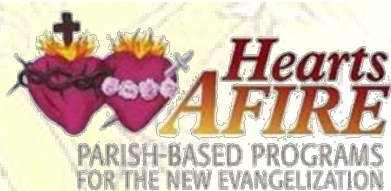
Fiat: "I am the servant of the Lord" — Luke 1:38

Is Jesus calling you to *Come and See*? Are you seeking to learn more about prayer, discerning God's voice and the gift of religious life.

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light located in Dartmouth MA, invite young adult women (ages 18-39) to prayerfully consider joining them for a Come & See Retreat Weekend, November 29 - December 1, 2024. The weekend is designed to give young adult women a glimpse into our prayer and communal life and to enjoy some adoration time with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord. To register visit maroniteservants.org.

Registration link for the Discernment Retreat Weekend can also be accessed [here](#).



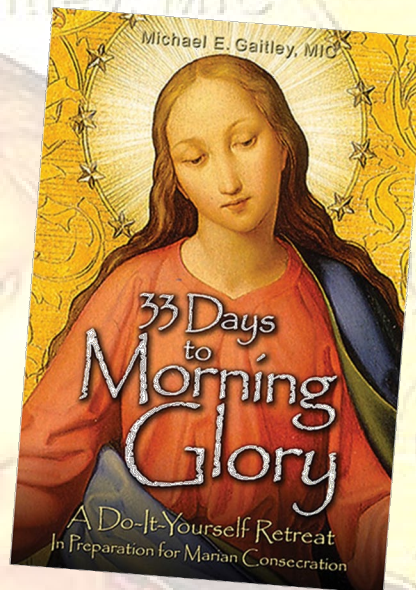


Father Peter, the new administrator at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Encourages all men & women to participate in

**33 Days to Morning Glory
A Do-It Yourself Retreat**

Starting on Friday November 29th & Consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary on January 1st 2025

The devotion, Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, has been practiced for centuries. It involves 33 days of preparatory devotions, with the Total Consecration made on the 34th day. As a community of faith, we want to start this consecration during the season of Announcements to consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary at the beginning of 2025 on January 1st the day we will celebrate Mother of God. As Jesus trusted in Mary, His Mother, completely without reservation, so does each of us, His disciples, choose to trust in Mary completely without reservation as we choose this holy pathway of consecration to her Son.

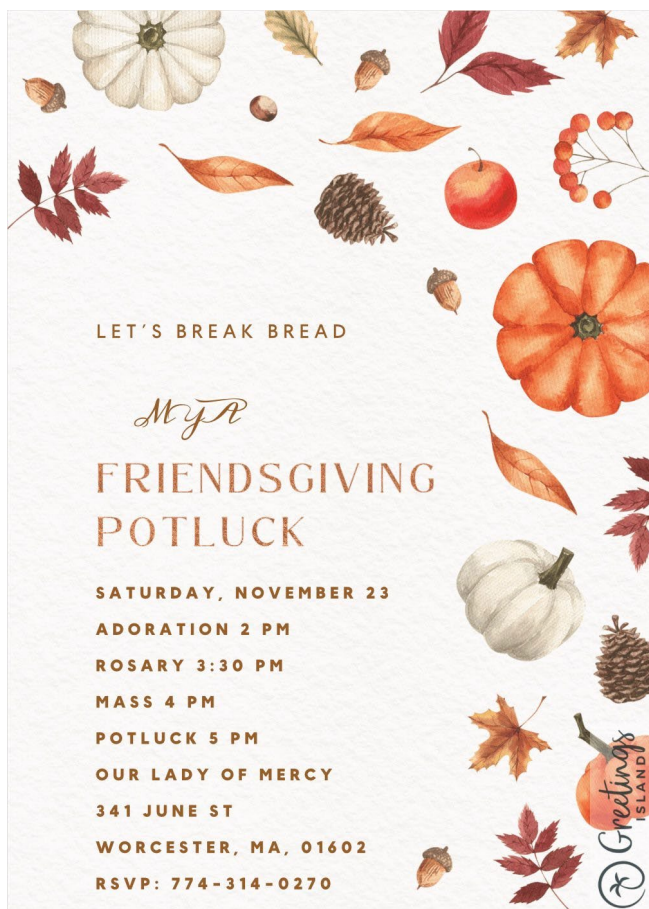


- Want to grow in holiness, but too busy? This do-it yourself retreat is easy-to-do and simple to practice; it will transform your life!
- Come learn what pope after pope has confirmed is the "surest, easiest, shortest, & most perfect means" to becoming a saint!
- Timing is perfect; the world needs more people consecrated to Our Lord through Our Lady.
- As we unite ourselves more deeply with Mary, we unite ourselves more perfectly with Jesus, her Son. Mary's greatest desire is to have each of us know, love, and serve her Son, Jesus Christ, with a true purity of heart, which she herself possessed through the grace of God the Father.
- Help spread sanctity, please join us!!
- There is limited number of booklets in the sacristy, please ask Father Peter for your copy or order it online.

"Take this retreat! Believe me, your life will never be the same."

- Johnette Benkovic, Founder and President of Women of Grace

"The most deadly poison of our times is indifference." ~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe



LET'S BREAK BREAD

Myra

**FRIENDSGIVING
POTLUCK**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
ADORATION 2 PM
ROSARY 3:30 PM
MASS 4 PM
POTLUCK 5 PM
OUR LADY OF MERCY
341 JUNE ST
WORCESTER, MA, 01602
RSVP: 774-314-0270

Greetings ISLAND



Game Night

**ADULT ONLY
EVENT**

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RAFFLE

**Saturday December 7th
@ 7:00 pm**

**\$35 PP INCLUDING
DINNER**

**RSVP to Carine El Hayek
508-981-0127
By December 1st**

CASH BAR



**\$15/Person
\$8 kids 10
& under**

Sunday December 15
11:30 am - 01:30 pm

**Breakfast & photo
with Santa**

For reservation: Rony Zoghby (774) 312-3447
Our Lady of Mercy church hall
341 June St, Worcester MA 01602



**Interested in
Learning Arabic?**

Our Lady of Mercy
is starting an Arabic
program for Kids and Adults
starting in January 2025

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لتعليم اللغة العربية للأطفال والكبار
ابتداءً من كانون الثاني 2025
للمزيد من المعلومات، التواصل مع:
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St. Therese *The Little Flower,*
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implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day
More and More.

(The above prayer, plus 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's, must be said on 5 successive days, before 11 a.m. On the 5th day, the 5th set of prayers having been completed, offer one more set — 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's, 5 Glory Be's.)

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Sunday of the Announcement to the Virgin Mary

The Letter Paul to the 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 and 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.

The Gospel according to Saint 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 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.

أحد بشارة العذراء

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل غلاطية 3: 15-22

بإخوتي، كَتَبْتُ أَقُول: إِنَّ الْوَصِيَّةَ، وَإِنْ كَانَتْ مِنْ إِنْسَانٍ، إِذَا أَقْرَأَتْ، لَا أَحَدٌ يُبْطِلُهَا أَوْ يَزِيدُ عَلَيْهَا. فَالْوَعْدُ قِيلَتْ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَلِنَسْلِهِ. وَمَا قِيلَتْ: «وَلِنَسَالِهِ»، كَأَنَّهُ لَكَثِيرِينَ، بَلْ «وَلِنَسْلِكَ»، كَأَنَّهُ لِوَاحِدٍ، وَهُوَ الْمَسِيحُ! فَأَقُولُ هَذَا: إِنَّ وَصِيَّةَ سَبَقَ اللَّهُ فَأَقْرَأَهَا، لَا تُلْغِيهَا شَرِيعَةٌ جَاءَتْ بَعْدَ أَرْبَعِ مِئَةٍ وَثَلَاثِينَ سَنَةً، فَتُبْطَلُ الْوَعْدُ. وَإِذَا كَانَ الْمِيرَاثُ مِنَ الشَّرِيعَةِ، فَهُوَ لَمْ يَعْذُ مِنَ الْوَعْدِ؛ وَالْحَالُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يُوْعِدُ أَنْعَمَ بِالْمِيرَاثِ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ. إِذَا فَلَمَّاذَا الشَّرِيعَةُ؟ إِنَّهَا أَضَيقتْ بِسَبَبِ الْمَعَاصِي، حَتَّى مَجَى النِّسْلُ الَّذِي جُعِلَ الْوَعْدُ لَهُ. وَقَدْ أَغْلَنَهَا مَلَائِكَةُ عَلَى يَدِ وَسِيطٍ، هُوَ مُوسَى. غَيْرَ أَنَّ الْوَاحِدَ لَا وَسِيطَ لَهُ، وَاللَّهُ وَاحِدٌ! إِذَا فَهَلْ تَكُونُ الشَّرِيعَةُ ضِدَّ وَوَعْدِ اللَّهِ؟ حَاشَا! فَلَوْ أُعْطِيتْ شَرِيعَةٌ قَادِرَةٌ أَنْ تُنْجِي، لَكَانَ التَّبَرُّرُ حَقًّا بِالشَّرِيعَةِ. وَلَكِنَّ الْكِتَابَ حَبَسَ الْكُلَّ تَحْتَ الْخَطِيئَةِ، لِكَيْمَّا بِالْإِيمَانِ يَبْسُورَ الْمَسِيحُ يُعْطَى الْوَعْدُ لِلَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 1: 26-38

وَفِي الشَّهْرِ السَّادِسِ (بَعْدَ بَشَارَةِ زَكَرِيَّا)، أُرْسِلَ الْمَلَكُ جِبْرَائِيلُ مِنَ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ فِي الْجَلِيلِ اسْمُهَا النَّاصِرَةُ، إِلَى عَذْرَاءٍ مَخْطُوبَةٍ لِرَجُلٍ مِنْ بَيْتِ دَاوُدَ اسْمُهُ يُوسُفُ، وَاسْمُ الْعَذْرَاءِ مَرْيَمَ. وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ الْمَلَكُ إِلَيْهَا قَالَ: «السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ، يَا مَمْلُوءَةٌ نِعْمَةً، أَلَرَّبُّ مَعَكَ!»! فَاضْطَرَبَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِكَلَامِهِ، وَأَخَذَتْ تَفَكَّرُ مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ هَذَا السَّلَامُ! فَقَالَ لَهَا الْمَلَكُ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا مَرْيَمَ، لِأَنَّكَ وَجَدْتَ نِعْمَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ. وَهَا أَنْتِ تَحْمِلِينَ، وَتَلِدِينَ ابْنًا، وَتُسَمِّيَنَّهُ يَسُوعَ. وَهُوَ يَكُونُ عَظِيمًا، وَأَبْنُ الْعَلِيِّ يُدْعَى، وَيُعْطِيهِ الرَّبُّ الْإِلَهَ عَرْشَ دَاوُدَ أَبِيهِ، فَيَمْلِكُ عَلَى بَيْتِ يَهُوּدَا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، وَلَا يَكُونُ لِمُلْكِهِ نِهَايَةٌ.»! فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمُ لِلْمَلَكِ: «كَيْفَ يَكُونُ هَذَا، وَأَنَا لَا أَعْرِفُ رَجُلًا؟» فَأَجَابَ الْمَلَكُ وَقَالَ لَهَا: «الْزُورُ الْقُدُّسُ يَحِلُّ عَلَيْكَ، وَفُذْرَةُ الْعَلِيِّ تُطَلَّلُكَ، وَلِذَلِكَ فَالْقُدُّوسُ الْمَوْلُودُ مِنْكَ يُدْعَى ابْنُ اللَّهِ! وَهَا إِنَّ الْيَصَابَاتِ نَسِيبَتِكَ، قَدْ حَمَلَتْ هِيَ أَيْضًا بَابْنٍ فِي شَيْخُوخَتِهَا. وَهَذَا هُوَ الشَّهْرُ السَّادِسُ لِنَتْلِكَ الَّتِي تُدْعَى عَاقِرًا، لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَلَى اللَّهِ أَمْرٌ مُسْتَحِيلٌ.»! فَقَالَتْ مَرْيَمَ: «هَا أَنَا أَمَةٌ الرَّبِّ، فَلْيَكُنْ لِي بِحَسَبِ قَوْلِكَ!»! وَأَنْصَرَفَ مِنْ عِنْدِهَا الْمَلَكُ.