

**OUR LADY OF MERCY  
MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost/August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pentecost** Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 AM – In Memory of Sisseen Jarrouj(40 days Divine Liturgy) Requested by his family

**1Cor 3:1--11; Luke 8:1-15**

Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> @7:30 AM not 9:00AM- For the intentions of Tonya Brownell and her family

Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>@9:00 AM- For the intentions of Badwi Frangie (his birthday)

Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> @9:00 AM – For the intentions of Dalena Le

Thursday September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM– For the intentions of Yaretzi Melendez

Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM - For the living and deceased members of the Abi Habib Family

Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM – In Memory of my brother Badoui Frangie(44 years anniversary)

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pentecost** Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM -

### **Stewardship of God's Blessings for the Week of 08/18/2025-08/24/2025**

Saturday/Sunday 08/24 collection - \$646.00; **Online Giving** - \$238.61; **Total –\$884.61**

**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 third 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 9-15 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 all the sick people

**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.**

**Scripture Verse for the week - PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE YOU. I DO NOT GIVE TO YOU AS THE WORLD GIVES. DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED AND DO NOT BE AFRAID.**

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



**ARE YOU A PARENT WITH YOUNG CHILDREN?**

**DO YOU DESIRE A WAY TO LIVE YOUR FAITH IN YOUR DAILY LIFE?**

**DO YOU DESIRE FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER PARENTS WHO ARE IN THE SAME STATE OF LIFE?**

**DO YOU HAVE LITTLE TIME TO DEVOTE TO READING?**

**First Fruits is for you!**

**This new program is designed for parents of children up to age 7. Once a month, parents gather in small groups for a 2-hour meeting. Each month the parents are given a Guiding Principle, which is explained in video and audio stories. Parents then receive simple activities to share in the family until the next meeting. No outside reading required.**

**For more information, join us for an introductory meeting/dinner on Saturday September 20 at 6 pm and register to this meeting by contacting Simona Hallal at 540 798 8450**

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### 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

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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.





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**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025  
 SUNDAY 12-5 PM**

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## 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**

## Our Lady Of Purgatory Church

# Lebanese Festival

Food . Bar . Live Music . Saji . Raffles . Dancing . Hookah .

Friday, September 12, 2025  
 5:00PM - 11:00PM

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
 12:00PM - 11:00PM

**Live Entertainment**  
 Mitchel Kaltsunas  
 With Bashir El-Khoury Band  
 Tarek Abdelhak




Money Raffles Prizes  
 \$1,000 - \$500 - \$200  
 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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**FREE ADMISSION & PARKING**

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

# Middle Eastern Festival



Middle Eastern Food & Desserts



SAJ

Raffle Prizes



Ice Cream



Cotton Candy



Hookah



Bounce House

Cash Bar



Pop Corn



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SATURDAY OCTOBER 4, 2025 | 5:30PM - 9:00PM

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All proceeds will assist the Sisters to continue their mission and outreach in the community.

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You Are Invited To

# Mother Daughter Tea

Join us for a morning of bonding over tea, refreshments, crafts sessions on your feminine identity and more!

**SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 13 9:30-12:00PM**

**AGES 9-15**  
**\$15 per Participant**

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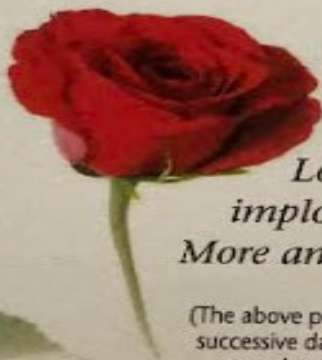
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**St. Therese** *The Little Flower,*  
*Please pick me a Rose from the Heavenly*  
*Garden and send it to me with a Message of*  
*Love. Ask God to grant me the Favor I Thee*  
*implore and tell Him I will Love Him each day*  
*More and More.*

(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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### Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

#### First Letter to the Corinthians 3: 1-11.

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

#### The Gospel according to Saint Luke 8: 1-15.

Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: 'A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.'

As he said this, he called out, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that "looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand." 'Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

الأحد الثالث عشر من زمن العنصرة  
رسالة القديس بولس الأولى إلى أهل كورنثس 3: 1-11.  
يا إخوتي، أنا، لم أستطع أن أكلّمكم كأنايس روحانيين بل كأنايس جسديين، كأطفال في المسيح.  
قد غذوّتكم بالحليب لا بالطعام، لأنكم لم تكونوا بعد قادرين، ولا حتى الآن أنتم قادرون.  
فأنتم لا تزالون أناساً جسديين: فما دام بينكم حسدٌ وخصام، أفلا تكونون جسديين، وسلوكاً جسدياً تسلكون؟

فإذا كان أحدكم يقول: أنا لبولس! وآخر: أنا لأبولس! أفلا تكونون جسديين؟ فما هو أبولس؟ وما هو بولس؟ هما خادمان آمنتم على أيديهما، على قدر ما أعطى الرب كلًّا منهما.

أنا غرسْتُ، وأبولس سقى، ولكن الله هو الذي كان يُنمي.

فلا الغارس بشيء ولا السّاقى، بل الله الذي يُنمي!

لكن الغارس والسّاقى واحد، وكلُّ منهما يأخذ أجره على قدر تعبِه.

فنحن مُعاونان لله، وأنتم حفّ الله وبنّاء الله.

وأنا بنعمة الله التي وهبت لي، وضعت الأساس كبنّاء حكيم، لكن آخر يبني عليه:

فلينظر كل واحد كيف يبني عليه!  
فما من أحد يمكنه أن يضع أساساً آخر غير الأساس الموضوع، وهو يسوع المسيح.

إنجيل القديس لوقا 8: 1-15:

أخذ يسوع يطوف المدن والقرى، يُنادي ويُبشّر بملكوت الله، ومعه الاثنا عشر،

وبعض النساء اللواتي شفاهن من أرواح شرييرة وأمراض، هن: مريم المذعّوة

بالمجدلّية، التي كان قد خرج منها سبعة شياطين، وحنّة امرأة خوزى وكيل هيرودس،

وسوسنة، وغيرهن كثيرات كنّ يبنّذن من أموالهن في خدمتهن.

ولما اختشد جمع كثير، وأقبل الناس إليه من كل مدينة، خاطبهم بمثل

خرج الرّارع ليزرع زرعُه. وفيما هو يزرع، وقع بعض الحب على جانب الطريق، «

فداسته الأقدام، وأكلته طيور السماء.

ووقع بعضه الآخر على الصخرة، وما إن نبت حتى يبس، لأنه لم يكن له رطوبة

ووقع بعضه الآخر في وسط الشوك، ونبت الشوك معه فخنقه

ووقع بعضه الآخر في الأرض الصالحة، ونبت فأثمر مئة ضعف. قال يسوع هذا،

«...! ونادى: «من له أذنان سامعتان فليسمع»

«...وسأله تلاميذه: «ما ثراه يعني هذا المثل؟»

فقال: «قد أعطيت لكم أنتم أن تعرفوا أسرار ملكوت الله. أمّا الباقون فأكلهم بالأمثال،

لكي ينظروا فلا يبصروا، ويسمعوا فلا يفهموا وهذا هو معنى المثل: الرّرع هو كلمة

الله والذين على جانب الطريق هم الذين يسمعون، ثم يأتي إبليس فينتزع الكلمة من

قلوبهم، لئلا يؤمنوا فيخلصوا والذين على الصخرة هم الذين يسمعون الكلمة ويقبلونها

بفرح؛ هؤلاء لا أصل لهم، فهم يؤمنون إلى حين، وفي وقت التجربة يتراجعون والذي

وقع في الشوك هم الذين يسمعون ويمضون، فتخطفهم الهوم والغنى وملذات الحياة،

فلا ينضج لهم ثمر أما الذي وقع في الأرض الجيدة فهم الذين يسمعون الكلمة بقلب جيد

صالح فيحفظونها، ويتبنون فيثمرون