

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading:**Heb 7: 11-19**

Gospel Reading: **Lk 2: 41-52**

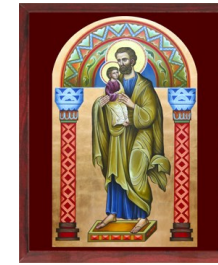
Gospel

Each year His parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover, and when He was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but His parents did not know it. Thinking that He was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for Him. After three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard Him were astounded at His understanding and His answers. When His parents saw Him, they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand what He said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

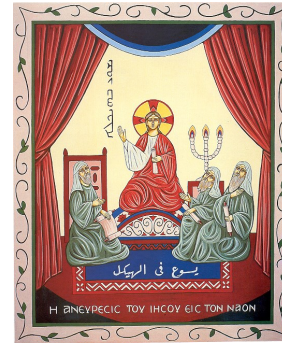
- Sat, Dec 30** *The Return from Egypt to Nazareth | St. Anysia, M*
Repose of Pete Smith
With love from the Peter & Norma Sawaya Family **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Dec 31** *Finding of Our Lord in the Temple | St. Zoticus, M*
Intentions for Laurie & Mike Losey
By: The Parishioners **10:00 AM**
Vigil of the Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)
Repose of the soul of Joan Schnitzer
By: The LaValley Family **4:00 PM**
- Mon, Jan 1** *The Circumcision of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation) | Sts. Basil & Gregory, Doctors of the Church, C*
Happy New Year to All
By: St. Joseph's Parishioners **10:00 AM**
- Tues, Jan 2** *Pope St. Silvester I (+335), C*
For Lian, Alleman & Duffy Families
By: The Peter & Norma Sawaya Family **9:00 AM**
- Wed, Jan 3** *Malachi the Prophet, C*
Repose of Gabby Kranock & Family
With love the Sawaya Family **9:00 AM**
- Thurs, Jan 4** *Pope St. Caius (+296), M | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (USA), C*
Repose of Shirley Mancuso
(mother of Fr. Dennis Mancuso)
By: Joe Hollister **9:00 AM**
- Fri, Jan 5** *St. Paul, the First Hermit, C | St. John Neumann (USA), C*
Repose of Grace Ash
By: Bob Ash **9:00 AM**
Vigil of the Glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)
For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph
By: Fr. Claude **6:30 PM**
- Sat, Jan 6** *Feast of the Glorious Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)*
For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph
By: Fr. Claude **10:00 AM**
Repose of Mike Luty
By: Theresa Hibye **4:00 PM**
- Sun, Jan 7** *Praises of St. John the Baptist, M*
Aaron Ash
By: Kathy Hamed **10:00 AM**



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 31, 2023

Finding in the Temple



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) 9:00 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Holy Days (unless otherwise specified) 6:30PM

Confession

30 Minutes before each liturgy or upon request

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Peace Be With You

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Please Pray for those who are Sick, in the Hospital, or Homebound:

- ◆ Vicky Eddy (The Pines)
- ◆ Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- ◆ Easton James & Brynn Isabel Hamed (Son & Daughter of Sara & Lindsey)
- ◆ Baby Luca Turco with heart complications
- ◆ Ron DaPolito (Recovery from surgery)
- ◆ Coradean "Deany" Simon (The Pines)
- ◆ Coradean "Corkey" Simon Deany's Mom (The Pines)
- ◆ William Olkosky (Brother-in-law of Kathy Covert & Cousin of Kathy Baldwin)
- ◆ Heidi Johnson (Niece of Mykal Karl)

Please let us know if anyone should be added to or removed from the prayer list.

Please Contact the Office if you would like a Pastoral Visit!

The Sanctuary Lamp

For the Weeks of 12/18-12/31/2023

Burns for Charlie, Christine & Steve Stimson

By: The Peter & Norma Sawaya Family

In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may see your charitable deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM / CHRISMATION (CONFIRMATION):

Please notify the Priest at least a month ahead for preparations.

CROWNING (MARRIAGE):

Contact the Priest at least 6 months ahead for preparations and necessary paperwork.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies:	\$1,188.00
Candles:.....	\$29.00
Total Collected:	\$1,217.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$3,250.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$2,033.00
Fundraiser Income	\$0.00
YTD Deficit	\$79,614.56

Sunday Lector Schedule:

December 31, 2023	January 21, 2024
Mykal Karl	Mikki Cole
January 7, 2024	January 28, 2023
Brandon LaValley	Paul Sawaya
January 14, 2024	February 4, 2023
Lisa Zlockie	Mykal Karl

Bless You All!

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas Cards and gifts to me. I am very grateful to each and everyone of you for the love that you have shown to me these three years that I have had the privilege to be your Pastor.

I pray that the Christ Child will bless you and your families with good health and success in the New Year.

Love you all,

Fr. Claude

Thank You!

On behalf of St. Joseph Church, I would like to thank the **Knights of Columbus, Olean Council 338** for their continuing support of the local Catholic Churches & ministers in the area. The Knights made a generous donation of **\$500.00** to St. Joseph Maronite Church.

Eucharistic Adoration:

This "First Friday", **January 5th, 2024**, St. Joseph Maronite Church will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 AM, concluding with Maronite Benediction, **following the 9:00 AM** Divine Liturgy in the Chapel.

We invite you to come and spend an hour with our Lord to pray for the spiritual and temporal welfare of St. Joseph Church.

"Could you not watch with Me for one hour?" (Mt 26:40)

New Year's & Epiphany Liturgical Schedule

Saturday Vigil (Saturday, Dec 30th):	4:00 PM
Finding in the Temple (Sunday, Dec 31st):	10:00 AM
New Year's Eve (Sunday, Dec 31st):	4:00 PM
New Year's Day (Monday, Jan 1st):	10:00 AM
Vigil of Epiphany (Friday, Jan 5th):	6:30 PM
Feast of Epiphany (Saturday, Jan 6th):	10:00 AM
Saturday Vigil (Saturday, Jan 6th):	4:00 PM
1st Sunday of Epiphany (Sunday, Jan 7th):	10:00 AM

The Spare Change Challenge is BACK!

Beginning **January 1st** put your spare change in the jar at the Church Entrance.

On **February 1st** the coins will be counted and matched by the Ash Family.

Thank you in advance for your donation!



I Shall Not Be Moved



Olean will celebrate the birthday of this great American leader on

Sunday, January 14th, 4 pm
First Presbyterian Church
212 Laurens Street

Performers will include:
 Dr. Bev Twitty and The Gospel Choraliers
 First Presbyterian Church Choir
 Stars for Christ
 William Clemons
 Ola Mae Gayton
 Master of Ceremonies: Jan Rhody

Please join us in this multi-cultural, interfaith expression of peace, hope and unity.
 A fellowship dinner will be held immediately following the event.
 All are welcome.