

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: ..... 1 Cor 3: 1-11  
Gospel Reading: ..... Lk 8: 1-15

Gospel

Afterward Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Accompanying Him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

When a large crowd gathered, with people from one town after another journeying to Him, He spoke in a Parable. “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” After saying this, He called out, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.”

Then His Disciples asked Him what the meaning of this Parable might be. He answered, “Knowledge of the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through Parables so that ‘they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.’

“This is the meaning of the Parable. The seed is the Word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the Word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the Word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.”

*This is the truth! Peace be with you!*

Liturgy Intentions

Sat, Aug 30	<i>Bl. Brother Estephan Ne'mee. C</i> Thank you Chorbishop Michael Kail With Love, St. Joseph’s Parish..... 4:00 PM
Sun, Aug 31	<i>St. Zakkia (Nicholas). C  </i> <i>St. Aegidius (Giles). C   St. Abda. M</i> Amy Bietros By: Liz & John Ash .....10:00 AM
Mon, Sep 1	<i>St. Simeon the Stylite. C</i> No Liturgy
Tues, Sep 2	<i>St. Mammas the Great. M</i> The Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension By: The Catholic Extension Society.....9:00 AM
Wed, Sep 3	<i>St. Theodore the Great. M</i> The Intentions & Donors of Catholic Extension By: The Catholic Extension Society.....9:00 AM
Thur, Sep 4	<i>St. Babylas, Patriarch of Antioch. M</i> Robert & Marge Lian Families By: Robert, Suzanne, Annette, Scott & Sherri Lian & Families.....9:00 AM
Fri, Sep 5	<i>St. Sharbel of Edessa and His Sister. M  </i> <i>St. Teresa of Calcutta. C</i> Repose of Grace Ash By: Bob Ash .....9:00 AM
Sat, Sep 6	<i>St. Michael the Archangel. An</i> In Honor of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, St. Peter & St. Paul By: The Sawaya & Cole Families ..... 4:00 PM
Sun, Sep 7	<i>St. Sozon. M</i> In Memory of Mitchell & Ida Sawaya By: Paul Sawaya & Family .....10:00 AM



Saint Joseph  
Maronite Church

Aug 31, 2025  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of Pentecost



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 Home-bound:

- Estella Wood (Mother-in-law of Kathy Covert & Aunt of Kathy Baldwin)
- Maria Oszwaldowska & Family (Special Intention)
- Easton James & Brynn Isabel Hamed (Son & Daughter of Sara & Lindsey)
- Mike Losey (Husband of Laurie Losey, suffered two strokes)
- Cynthia Crawford ♦ Phyllis Gayton
- Coradean “Deany” Simon (The Pines)
- Pat Tucker (The Pines)
- Kathy Baldwin
- Tom Freitag (Prayers for his left-side torn Rotator Cuff and Shoulder)
- William Tunberg (Relative of the Ash Family in CA)
- Libby Gustin (Recovery)
- Teresa Hibye
- Jan Mulgrew (sister of Jo Ann Snyder—Knee Replacement)
- James Snyder (On Heart Transplant list at Cleveland Clinic)
- Darlene Harrison (Friend of the Ash Family in CA)

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 8/25/2025-9/7/2025

Our Godchildren

By: David & Cherie LaValley

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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**  
Please notify the Priest if a family member is sick.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:**  
Thursdays at Noon

Weekly Collection

Weekend Liturgies: .....	\$796.00
Special Collection: .....	\$000.00
Candles: .....	\$22.00
Total Collected: .....	\$818.00
Approx. Needed Weekly: .....	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit: .....	-\$1,582.00
Fundraiser Income: .....	\$0.00
Individual Donation: .....	\$0.00
YTD Deficit: .....	\$15,274.03

Sunday Lector Schedule:

<b>August 31, 2025</b>	<b>Sept 21, 2025</b>
Brandon LaValley	Mikki Cole
<b>Sept 7, 2025</b>	<b>Sept 28, 2025</b>
Lisa Zlockie	Brandon LaValley
<b>Sept 14, 2025</b>	<b>Oct 5, 2025</b>
Paul Sawaya	Lisa Zlockie

St. Joseph’s Church



ST. JOSEPH’S HALL | 1102 WALNUT STREET | OLEAN, NY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 2PM-8PM

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE GERMAN COSTUME CONTEST?

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GERMAN-STYLE AND DOMESTIC BEER FOR SALE

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GERMAN AND AMERICAN

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Reverend and Dear Monsignors and Fathers:

We are all aware of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East, especially Gaza and the surrounding regions. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has reached out to request our support in providing much-needed aid. This appeal covers the affected areas of Gaza, the Holy Land, Lebanon and Syria.

We ask that you take up a special collection in your parish on the weekend of either **Sunday August 31<sup>st</sup>** or **September 7<sup>th</sup>** to assist in the relief efforts.

Please forward the collected funds to the **Chancery Office** at your earliest convenience so that we can promptly transmit the support to those in need.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ, I remain,

*Monsignor James A. Root*  
Monsignor James A. Root, Vicar General  
Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn

Please Note: The donated funds will be sent to **CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association)** and **CRS (Catholic Relief Services)**. Both organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently.

The situation across the Middle East cries out for the assistance of the Catholic community of the United States.