

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Eph 3:1-13
Gospel Reading: Mt 1:18-25

Gospel

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with Child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a Son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the Prophet: "Behold, the Virgin shall be with Child and bear a Son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the Angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named Him Jesus.

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

Sat, Dec 13 *St. Lucy, V. M*
Elizabeth M. Bateski
By: Mary Elizabeth Koch.....4:00 PM

Sun, Dec 14 *St. Nematallah El Hardini, C*
Repose of Emily, Mary & David Ash
By: John Ash Family.....10:00 AM

Mon, Dec 15 *St. Eleutherius and His Mother, M*
NO LITURGY

Tues, Dec 16 *Haggai the Prophet*
A thank you mass for Fr. Chuck & Marie
With Love St. Joseph Parishioners.....9:00 AM

Wed, Dec 17 *The 3 Young Men, Ananias, Azarias and Misael, C*
In Memory of Joseph A. Leo on his birthday
By: Betty Leo.....9:00 AM

Thurs, Dec 18 *Daniel the Prophet*
In Loving Memory of Diane Rose Stebick Reitz
w/Love: Pete/Norma Sawaya Family.....9:00 AM

Fri, Dec 19 *St. Athenodorus, M*
Michael Tillman
By: Mikki Sawaya.....9:00 AM

Sat, Dec 20 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, M*
John Simon
By: Souad Eade & Family.....4:00 PM

Sun, Dec 21 *St. Julian of Tarsus, M*
Repose of Grace Ash & Infant daughter Karen
By: John Ash Family.....10:00 AM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 14, 2025
Revelation To
Joseph



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



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 Oswaldowska & 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) • Maria Putzke (Breast Cancer)
- Kathy Baldwin • Missy (13yr old with Cancer)
- 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 • Mark Chew (Stroke – Friend of Mary Ellen Ash)
- Steve Mike (Prostate cancer- Brother of Fr. Anthony Salim)
- 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 12/1/25 - 12/14/25

Zemer & Snyder Families

By: Joann & Phil

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:	.....	\$989.00
Candles:	.....	\$29.00
Total Collected:	.....	\$1018.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	.....	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	.....	-\$1,382.00
Individual Donation:	.....	\$0.00
Second Collection:	.....	\$115.25
Fundraiser Income:	.....	\$0.00
YTD Deficit:	.....	\$32,127.93

Sunday Lector Schedule:

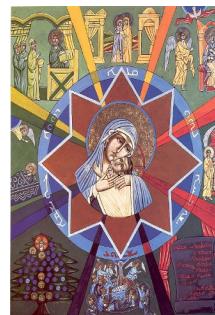
Dec 14, 2025	Jan 4, 2026
Mikki Cole	Paul Sawaya
Dec 21, 2025	Jan 11, 2026
Brandon LaValley	Mikki Cole
Dec 28, 2025	Jan 18, 2026
Lisa Zlockie	Paul Sawaya

Annual Food Drive

It is that time of year again for giving! Let's all do our best to contribute to our annual food drive for the local food pantry. This year we will extend our giving until **Sunday December 21, 2025.**

**Christmas Novena**

To prepare ourselves spiritually for the Birth-in-the-Flesh of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Maronite Church celebrates the Christmas Novena beginning **Monday, December 15th** until **Tuesday, December 23rd inclusive**. The Christmas Novena will take place each Weekday Evening at **6:30PM**. The Christmas Novena will take place **immediately following** the Weekend Divine Liturgies on **Saturday, December 20th** and **Sunday, December 21st**.



All Novena Services will be held in the Church!

Clear Your Calendars and Save the Day!!!

On **Sunday December 28, 2025** we will be celebrating Fr. Claude's service to St. Joseph's Church. We will have a farewell potluck brunch after 10:00 AM Liturgy.

Stay tuned for final details and we will have a sign up sheet for food items that will be used for the celebration.

ST. JOSEPH MARONITE CHURCH PRESENTS

International CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 12PM

ST. JOSEPH'S HALL | 1102 WALNUT ST. OLEAN, NY

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

- CHRISTMAS VILLAGE DISPLAYS
- FONTANINI NATIVITY SCENE
- HOT COCOA AND HOT CIDER*
- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- BAKE SALE AND FOOD*
- COOKIE DECORATING
- PHOTO BOOTH

SPECIAL TIMES

12:00: DOORS OPEN
1:00: A VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS
2:00: HOLIDAY AND DESSERT AUCTION*

*NOTE: ITEMS WITH * INDICATE PAID ACTIVITY*



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER



A time to share.

WHEN
Christmas Day, December 25, 2025
Home Delivery or Take-Out
10 am—12 noon

WHERE
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels
119 West Henley Street
Lower Basilica Dining Hall, South 1st Street Entrance

EMCatholic.org FOR INFO & DONATIONS

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER includes
Ham, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cup, Roll and Dessert

RESERVATIONS
For Home Delivery or Take-Out

RSVP Online:
EMCatholic.org

Or text delivery address & number of dinners to
716-790-3785

TO VOLUNTEER
or **DONATE** go to
EMCatholic.org
or

Make checks payable to
Basilica of St. Mary of the
Angels/Christmas Dinner