

Sunday Readings

Epistle Reading: Gal 4:21-5:1

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:57-66

Gospel

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown His great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.” But they answered her, “There is no one among your relatives who has this name.”

So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name,” and all were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.

Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, “What, then, will this child be?” For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

This is the truth! Peace be with you!

Liturgy Intentions

Sat, Dec 6	<i>St. Nicholas (Zakkia). C</i> Mary Eade Bett By: Souade Eade & Family.....4:00 PM
Sun, Dec 7	<i>St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church. C</i> Repose of Joseph, Stephanie, and Jordan Ash By: John Ash Family.....10:00 PM The Immaculate Conception (Vigil) Parishioners of St. Joseph By: Fr. Claude.....6:30 PM
Mon, Dec 8	The Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Parishioners of St Joseph By: Fr. Claude9:00 AM
Tues, Dec 9	<i>St. Francis of Paola. C</i> Welcome Home Libby! With Love St. Joseph Parishioners.....9:00 AM
Wed, Dec 10	<i>Pope St. Miltiades (+314). C</i> In Loving Memory of Mary Eade Bett & Eade Families W/ Love Sawaya Families.....9:00 AM
Thurs, Dec 11	<i>St. Daniel the Stylite. C</i> Deceased Members of the Cole & Sawaya Families By: The Cole & Sawaya Families.....9:00 AM
Fri, Dec 12	<i>St. Spyridon the Wonderworker. C / Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA)</i> In Loving Memory of Margaret “Peggy” Ried With Love- Pete & Norma Sawaya Family9:00 AM
Sat, Dec 13	<i>St. Lucy, V. M</i> Elizabeth M. Bateski By: Mary Elizabeth Koch.....4:00 PM
Sun, Dec 14	<i>St. Nemtallah El Hardini. C</i> Repose of Emily, Mary & David Ash By: John Ash Family.....10:00 PM



Saint Joseph Maronite Church

December 7, 2025 Birth of John the Baptist



Divine Liturgy

Weekdays (Tuesday — Friday) 9:00 AM
Saturday4:00 PM
Sunday10:00 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) ♦ 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:	\$663.00
Candles:	\$41.00
Total Collected:	\$704.00
Approx. Needed Weekly:	\$2,400.00
Weekly Deficit:	-\$1,696.00
Individual Donation:	\$.00
Second Collection:	\$0.00
Fundraiser Income:	\$0.00
YTD Deficit:	\$30,861.18

Sunday Lector Schedule:

Dec 7, 2025	Dec 28, 2025
Paul Sawaya	Lisa Zlockie
Dec 14, 2025	Jan 4, 2026
Mikki Cole	Paul Sawaya
Dec 21, 2025	Jan 11, 2026
Brandon LaValley	Mikki Cole

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.*



Baked Goods and Auction Items Needed

For the upcoming Christmas Fair, we will need lots of baked goods, candy, fudge, breads, or whatever you would like to make for us. We can wrap everything at the hall, so don’t worry about fancy packaging.
We also need goods and services for the Auction.
The works days for wrapping and setup will be in the bulletin soon.

Thank you again and again!
Mikki

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

MARONITE CATHOLIC FAMILY

Christmas
TRADITIONS

DECEMBER 9 8 PM EST

Hosted by:
Eparchial Couples Ministry

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 4381 6155
Passcode: 865674
Zoom Link: <https://sur.li/ejaqldx>

Guest Speaker
James Salamy