



# SAINT MARON MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Third Week of Pentecost: The spirit teaches June 03, 2018



### Office hours

Please call the church office  
**860-489 9015**  
All visits to office by  
**appointment only.**

### Sacraments:

**Baptism and Confirmation:** Please contact the priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

**Reconciliation:** Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

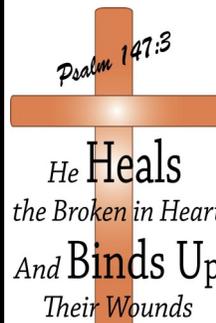
### **John 14:21-27**

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, "Master, (then) what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. **The Advocate, the holy Spirit** that the Father will send in my name--**he will teach you everything and remind you of all that (I) told you.** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

"THE HOLY SPIRIT...  
WILL TEACH YOU ALL  
THINGS."



JOHN 14:26



**Please let us know if any parishioner is sick or shut-in**  
We would love to *visit you* and *bring you communion* or administer the *sacrament of the anointing* of the sick to you and to your loved ones.

YIELDING  
TO THE  
*holy spirit*

**Father Tony Saab**

Pastor  
860-725-2924

**Steven P. Marcus**

**David Leard**  
Deacons

Subdeacon  
**Paul Comeau**

**Organists**

**Melanie Libby**, Sunday 10:00 am  
**Michael Nejaime**, Saturday 4:30 pm

**Office Assistant: Kathleen Perrotti**

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday at 4:30PM  
Sunday at 10:00AM

**Bingo**

Mondays and Fridays, Starting at 5:00 pm

**Pastoral Council moderator**

Mike Soliani

**Fundraising Committee Chairperson**

Jack Leifert

**Daughters of Lebanon: Adla Keywan**

**Finance Committee**

**Friendship Circle**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Bingo Volunteer team**

**Liturgical Intentions**

6/2	Private intentions
6/3	Private intentions
6/9	Marian Theeb, requested by Dulce Nader and family.
6/10	Private intentions
6/16	Mounira Nejaime, requested by Lito and Nelly Nejaime and family
6/17	Private intentions
6/23	Private intentions
6/24	Private intentions
6/30	Marian Theeb, requested by Lola and Adla Keywan
7/1	Birthday remembrance for Charlie Nader, Requested by his wife Dulce and family
7/7	Private intentions

Deacon Steve  
and Fr. Tony will be away from  
June 2-June 12.

**For parish emergencies, please contact  
Fr. John or Fr. Carlos at  
860-482 4433**

**Back  
Soon!**

Please keep us in your  
prayers as we keep you  
in ours.

**Sanctifying**

**Gifts**



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**Upcoming Special collections**

**June 3:**

Catholic Communication Campaign

**June 24:** Holy Father's

Collection (Peter's Pence)

**Attention, all Cake bakers!**

Sue Bakunis makes up a schedule for a few months at a time for baked goods to be sold at our Bingo nights. And at this time, your help is needed for this important task.



The requirements are simple-just a basic 13 x 9 inch cake or two pies. The aim is to have 12 pieces to sell. Sue needs to sign two bakers for each bingo night. The need is critical.

Please call Sue at 860-307-0792 if you can help.

Bingo is a most important source of income for the Parish, and your help is needed. Thank you and God bless.

Kathleen Perrotti

From our new deacon David,

**Survey** regarding possible additional church services.

I am interested in whether there are any additional services we can provide you here at Saint Maron's. I would like to take a poll to determine what other services you would like to see. Since we are a small parish, we can probably only provide one or two new services, so please limit your choices to one or two that you would likely participate in.

ADDITIONAL *services*

Please fill out the survey, which is an insert in this bulletin, and leave it in the back of the church in the large envelope. I will run this survey for the next couple weeks, so please fill it out only once. Thank you for your feedback.

**Deacon David Leard**

### **Saints Peter and Paul's Story (Feast June 29)**

**St. Peter:** The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John, he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.



And to Peter only did Jesus said, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (*Matthew 16:17b-19*).

But the Gospels prove their own trustworthiness by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus.

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (see *Matthew 19:27*). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (*Matthew 16:23b*).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus' ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep (*John 21:15-17*).

**St. Paul.** If the most well-known preacher today suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.

Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise.

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