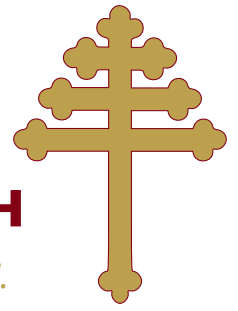




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Be sure to visit from time to time for National Maronite News, pictures of parish events and other announcements!

**NEW SUNDAY OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

[PAGE 386 IN THE BOOK OF OFFERING]

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26**

Adoration 4:00 p.m.; Liturgy at 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.; Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

**GOSPEL**

JOHN 20:26-31



Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of (his) disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



OUR LORD APPEARS TO THOMAS  
*The Maronite Icons: Modern Sacred Art.*  
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Our Gospel today is an invitation to build a new relationship with our beloved Lord. Saint John encourages everyone to accept this invitation.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS**

*Let nothing disturb you, nothing frightens you; all things are passing; God never changes. -- St. Teresa of Avila*

Father will pray the  
**ANAPHORA OF SAINT JOHN MARON**  
 beginning on page 897

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of John Ferguson  
Requested by Deacon Steven and Renee Marcus

For Abdul Massieh and Mary and Saad Yousif  
Requested by Elham and Nassib and family

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

For repose of the soul of  
Our Holy Father, Pope Francis  
and for healing for our Patriarch  
Mar Bechara Boutros Al Rahi

**Saturday, May 3 at 4:30 p.m.**

For the repose of the soul of Jemel Nejaime  
Requested by his sisters, Dulce, Lili and Jemeli

**Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

For repose of the soul of baby Benjamin Forrest  
and for peace and strength for his family  
Requested by Deacon Steve and Renee Marcus

**Saturday, May 10 at 4:30 p.m.**

Available

**Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.**

Available

## CHURCH SUPPORT

**Weekend of March April 19/20**

Saturday Offering:

1st Collection **\$878.00**

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Sunday Offering:

1st Collection **\$1213.00**

2nd Collection **\$376.00**

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*Thank You!*

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

On April 27, the second collection is for the  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

## BREWFEST 2025

**Brewfest 2025** takes place June 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at *Ski Sundown in New Hartford!* Tickets are already available and can be purchased on line at [litchfieldhillsbrewfest.com](http://litchfieldhillsbrewfest.com).

1. Sign-up sheets are now out for raffle baskets for the Brewfest. You can sign up for items you would like to donate. If you have any questions, please see Sub Deacon Mike.

2. We still need volunteers to help with the many jobs required in putting on this huge parish fundraiser. If you can help, please contact Judy Theeb, Patty Zabbar, Laura Lemieux or Helen Piechocki.



### IN MEMORIAM: POPE FRANCIS: MARCH 13, 2013 – APRIL 21, 2025

With deep sorrow and heartfelt reverence, we share the news of the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. As the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church, he served with humility, compassion,

and a deep commitment to mercy and justice. His pontificate inspired millions around the world, calling all of us to care for the poor, protect our common home, and live out the Gospel with courage and love.

We invite our parish family to join in prayer for the repose of his soul. May God, in His infinite mercy, welcome Pope Francis into eternal rest and grant comfort to the Church he so faithfully served.

Let us pray together:

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.



Please join us on  
Sunday, April 27  
at the 10:00 a.m Mass as our  
First Communion students  
Emma Orellana and  
Jack Zhunio  
receive the holy sacrament  
for the first time.

Patriarch Cardinal Mar Bechara Boutros Al Rahi suffered a hip fracture on Easter Sunday. He has undergone a successful operation to help with healing. Please keep our beloved Patriarch in your prayers..



## EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21

Therefore, since we know the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we are clearly apparent to God, and I hope we are also apparent to your consciousness. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast of us, so that you may have something to say to those who boast of external appearance rather than of the heart. For if we are out of our minds, it is for God; if we are rational, it is for you. For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. Praise be to God always.



Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



## The Pastor's Corner

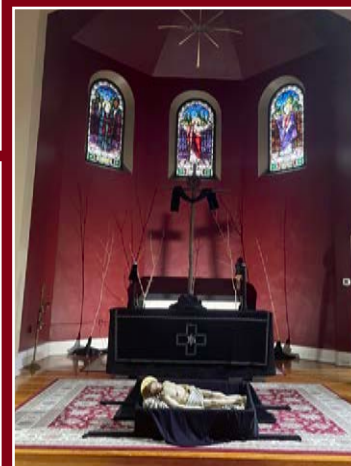
SHORT ARTICLES AND NOTES

My Dear Friends:

Passion Week was a blessed week and we would like to thank Bishop Gregory, Father Fador, all those that helped, and all of our parishioners who joined us for the beautiful liturgies. I will share below and to the left some of the photos of the week.

Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved Pope Francis. Everyone who dies needs our prayers, even a pope.

Fr. Fadi



Passion Week at St. Maron Church



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