

# 17, 18 January, 2015 \* Second Sunday After Epiphany



## St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”

Pope John XXIII

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., \* Sunday 10:00 a.m. \* Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel  
The Miraculous Medal and the St Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

\*Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.  
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

<b>Choir Director:</b> Fefa Deeb	<b>Sacristans:</b> Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale	<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Paula Mitchell
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>DRE:</b> 3-5 <sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles, K-1 <sup>st</sup> Rosanna Joseph, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee	
<b>Parish Council:</b>	Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson	
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus	

### John 1:35-42

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Reflection from previous years.

### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The more we understand what we are looking for, the more convinced we become that Jesus is the one to follow. The two disciples heard something that held their attention; they wanted to follow Him to

find out more about the man called the Lamb of God. Jesus teaches us many profound truths and these truths will set us free.

Did you know that the word personal doesn’t show up in the New Testament? When someone asks you if you have accepted Jesus as your “personal” Lord and Savior, this is not a Bible phrase. Jesus did not start “personal” units of believers, but believers united in one faith, His church, the Mystical Body of Christ. Not personal individual pieces, but one Body. Jesus calls all of us through one another. Each one of us increases or decreases the ability for others to hear the call of Jesus.

The first thing we hear is that He takes away the sins of the world. To the degree we would like to have sin taken away from our self and others, is the degree we recognize Him as someone worth following.

To use the word “personal” is not wrong; our relationship with Jesus Christ is a relationship of intimacy and one that is person to person. It just needs to be understood in the right context. Jesus is known as a person, and what is true about Him is not according to our personal understanding, but to an acceptance of His revelation to us.

We do not want others to believe false things about us, especially if it means conflict and division among friends. It is our sins that cause the conflict and tension between each other, and tension is not supposed to be the motivation to come up with "new" things to believe. Often it is a call to deepen our understanding and search out how God is calling us to greater holiness. **Aboona**

### January Food Pantry

Ravioli                      Condiments  
Toilet paper                Stews

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

### MYO SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST

The Super Bowl Breakfast is Sunday **February 1 at 11:00 am**. We will have breakfast (scrambled eggs OR pancakes, home fries, bacon OR sausage, toast, beverage). Adults: \$4.00, 10 & Under: \$2.00, Under 5: Free. Tickets may be purchased after liturgy or at the door. The Super Bowl "lottery" will also be coming up. Please see David Lee for details.

### M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM**

A great Lenten meal and free entertainment.

**Menu:** Salad, yogurt, olives, Lebanese Bread, M'jadra (Lentils), Macaroni & Cheese, and dessert.

If you attended the Talent show in the past, then you already know how much fun it is to participate in this yearly event. From the singing of the 10 days of "Lent" using Lebanese words for foods, Aboona playing his accordion, and the sharing of other talents by young and less young alike makes for an enjoyable time to be together.

Share with your community of faith your song or dance, or maybe as a musician or magician or entertainer. Come and be entertained and have a great meal too. See Marie Deeb to add your name to the list of distinguished entertainers.

**St. Joseph Dance and Silent Auction:** to be held on Friday, March 13 at the Waterville Elks Club. DJ David Lee will provide the music for this fun filled evening. Mark your calendars, dust off your dancing shoes and join us for the evening. More information to come.

### Liturgy Helps:

**Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Jan 25 Bishop's World Wide Charity

**Liturgy: Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Entrance chant: Pg.108, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of Saint Sixtus: Pg. 856

The Song number and page is on the back of the bulletin.

### Liturgy Intentions

**Sat 17 4:00 p.m.**

† **Gerry Joseph**

By Sheila Bonenfant

**Sun 18 10:00 a.m.**

† **Douglas Day**

By The Day Family

**No Weekday Liturgy this week \***

**Sat 24 4:00 p.m.**

† **Bernie Thomas**

By The Family

**Sun 25 10:00 a.m.**

† **Rev. Paul Coury**

By Eric Peters

**Liturgy Codes:** †= Faithful Departed, SI=Special Intention, BD=Birthday, AV.=Anniversary, H=Health.

\* At the retreat the Bishop and Priests celebrate together daily the Liturgy. My individual intention for the time away will be **for Jeannette Sleiman**, by John Sleiman.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

#### OF THE PARISH

*Heal Your servants, who are sick,*

*O Lord, and send them help*

*And comfort from Your holy place.*

Those who seek our prayers: **Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Theresa Lee, Dr. Ronnie Marrache, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

### Fuel Budget for the 2014 – 2015 Winter:

<b>Fuel Budget</b>	\$20,000.00
Collected last week	\$695.00
Collected previously	\$1,499.00
Total yet to collect	\$(17,806.00)

**January Devotions** - Sanctuary Candles

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**Peter Joseph**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Peter Joseph**

By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

**Altar Bread:**

**Bernie Thomas**

By The Family

**Altar Wine:**

**Available**

By

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,455.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions when you are unable to attend, our monthly bills still continue to arrive every month.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

**See someone new?** Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

**2015 Calendars**

The Calendars were ordered, the shipment was lost somewhere unknown. We are hoping they will show up soon.

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**2nd Sunday After Epiphany**

2 Corinthians 4:5-15      John 1:35-42

4 p.m. Jan      17      Lenore Boles

10 a.m.      18      Joe Rowden

**Sunday of the Priests**

1 Timothy 4:6-16      Luke 12:42-48

4 p.m. Jan      24      Lila Hallowell

10 a.m.      25      Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

Fri      23      Aboona returns

**EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

Sun      1      Religious Education

Super Bowl Breakfast

Wed      4      Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Sun      8      Rosary Sodality Meeting

Sat      14      Bishop's Pastoral Visit

Sat      14      Knight's Turkey Supper 5:00-6:30 pm

Sun      15      40 Day Liturgy for Deacon Peter and  
Bertha Jensen

Sun      15      M'Jadara Luncheon/Talent Show 11:30

Mon      16      12 Noon Service - Ash Monday

Fri      20      Haddock Chowder Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

**Coffee Schedule**

We will continue to serve muffins at the coffee hour - thanks to Larry Mitchell and Gareth Belton

Jan 18: Dale Sturtevant & Susan Webber

Jan 25: Elizabeth Wilson & Shana Page

Feb 1: MYO Super Bowl Breakfast

Feb 8: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015**

2/1, 3/1, 4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

**Use of the Hall – Guidelines are posted.**

We really have a beautiful hall and because it is used more often now, there needs to be more attention to its proper use and care. Sometimes there is a request to use the hall, and without guidelines, it is not always clear what is expected of the group after they are done using the hall. Guidelines will be made available in the hall.

When anyone asks to use the hall, it is expected they will take responsibility to be sure it is clean after each use. We do not have a staff to do this for you.

**Thank You!**

Thank you every one for the many Christmas cards and gifts. Also for the many cards of condolences for the "going home to be with the Lord" for my Mother. Your prayers were very appreciated.