

4, 5 February 2017 * Sunday of the Priests



St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

3 Appleton Street,
Waterville, ME 04901-6630
Office: Phone: 207-872-8515
E-Mail: stjoesinmaine@yahoo.com
Pastor: The Rev. Larry Jensen



Sunday of Priests

Subdeacon: Steve Crate 314- 2049

The Weekly Video of Our Sunday Liturgy can be found on our Web Site <http://www.sjmaronite.org>

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

St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

- 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.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb	Sacristan: Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
Teachers DRE: Lenore Boles, K-1 st Lenore Boles, 2 nd Jane Lee 3-5 th Shana Page,		
Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Mark Morin, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson	Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.	

Luke 12:42-48

“Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Even at this time in history, there are groups that openly seek and sell slaves. Both Christianity and Islam have used their Sacred Texts to justify slavery. Today only extremists would justify this openly. Even here in America there is a grave problem in human trafficking.

Jesus often uses parables. He creates a story in order to address the reality in which he finds us living. Whatever those circumstances are; He gives a message of how to find freedom, grace, confidence, meaning, and purpose.

For some, their reality is living in a situation where they are beaten and humiliated. Others live in the slavery of fear and anger which sometimes can be internalized or spill over in rage toward others.

The deeper we internalize the message that Jesus gives, we take ownership of the deepest forms of love for God, neighbor and self. The only slavery left is the all-consuming acts of virtue and loving compassion. What we ask of others is what we ask for ourselves, to find what is fulfilling, affirming, and

highly graced with joy that comes from believing in each person's dignity.

This gospel is about power; good power and abusive power. In this culture, at this time there is slavery. Jesus does make clear that all actions will be judged, and they will be judged based on the power we have over others and what we do with it.

Do you know what gifts he has given you? Do you know what God has called you to do? Have you allowed your behavior to reflect God being far from you or near?

When this gospel is chosen to be for "Sunday of the Priests", the image of the priest as being a chosen slave to give others all that is good from the Master to them. The priest is held high in his responsibility to serve others, and pass on to all that God wishes to give everyone. Many of our prayers point out that we are to inherit from God all He has, but to inherit it we have to know what are the requirements. In this particular Gospel; you better not be someone that abuses others. **Aboona**

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: **Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Mary Morneau, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

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

M'jadra Luncheon and Talent Show Sunday, February 26th 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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$1,283.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Feb. 11, 12 Fuel Collection

Liturgy: Sunday of the Priests

Pg. 147/148

Page numbers for the Prayers and Songs are on the back cover of the Bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 4 4:00 pm**
† **John Sleiman**
By Family in Paris
- Sun 5 10:00 am**
† **Giuliano Carpeggiani**
By Joseph & Sara Taddeo

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

- Mon 6 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation
- Tue 7 9:00 am
† **Marion Maroon**
By Scott Maroon
- Wed 8 9:00 am
† **Lester Giguere**
By Ann Giguere
St. Maron (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Thu 9 9:00 am
† **Theresa Casavant & John & Marietta Thomas**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
6:00 pm
† **Charles George**
By Janet George
- Fri 10 9:00 am
† **David Proulx**
By John & Jeanne Thomas
- Sat 11 4:00 pm**
† **Georges T. Abou Sleiman**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 12 10:00 am**
† **Georgette Veilleux**
By Larry & Paula Mitchell

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

February Food Pantry

Condiments Toilet Paper
Family sized items – soups, Ravioli
Juice in Plastic Containers

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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

February Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention

By Gerald Brouillard

St. Jude 7 Sanctuary Candle

For Social Intention of Josh & Emily Fournier

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

Altar Bread

For Special Intention of Aaron & Heather Rowden

By Joe & Lyn Rowden

Altar Wine

For Available

By

FUNDRAISER FOR CARITAS:

(Caritas is a Catholic Charity helping the refugees in Lebanon)

Lyn Rowden & Dot Guerette have put together a beautiful Valentine basket to raffle for Caritas, Lebanon. We will have it on display to sell tickets on the following Sundays, January 15, 22, 29 and February 5. The raffle will be called on Feb 5th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. ALL money goes to Caritas, Lebanon to help their volunteers assist with education and mental health services for refugees there.

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to, **the Lee Family**, for the loss of their beloved sister **Cathi**, and their beloved mother, **Theresa**, who passed away within two weeks of each other. We pray that the Lord God may grant her rest in His kingdom and consolation to her family and loved ones.

READERS SCHEDULE

Sunday of the Priests

1 Timothy 4:6-16	Luke 12:42-48
4 p.m. Feb 4	Lenore Boles
10 a.m. 5	Joe Rowden

Sunday of the Righteous and Just

Hebrews 12:18-24	Mathew 25:31-46
Feb 11	Lenore Boles
March 12	Lauraine Mansur

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 5	Super Bowl Breakfast after Liturgy
Tue 7	Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm
	• Parish Council Meetings will be in the Social Hall 1 st Tuesdays of the month.
Sun 12	Rosary Meeting 11:30/45 am
Sun 26	Cana Sunday – M'Jadra Luncheon 11:30
Mon 27	Ash Monday

Coffee Schedule

Feb 5	Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin
Feb 12	Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton
Feb 19	Alice Lachance & Jane Lee
Feb 26	Lauraine Mansur & Marie McMahon
Mar 5	April Mitchell & Paula Mitchell

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

We will be changing the way we schedule the Vocation Icon to allow more options. For now, we will schedule a person once a month or less often.

Aramaic/Syriac Bible

“Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest.” Matt. 9:38

Feb 4	Ann Giguere (Sat)
Feb 5	Jim & Mary Jo Hodgkin
Feb 12	Larry & Lisa Grard
Feb 18	Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)
Feb 19	David & Jane Lee
Feb 25	Audrey Yotides (Sat)
Feb 26	Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Mar 5	Pearley & Alice Lachance

Super Bowl Breakfast:

When: Feb.5, after Liturgy

Where: Church Hall

What: Pancake Breakfast (pancakes, coffee)

Price: \$5 per person

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, **no food or drinks in church**, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.