17, 18 September 2016 * First Sunday after Holy Cross



St. Joseph Maronite Gatholic Church

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Holy Cross

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

Subdeacon: Steve Crate 314-2049

"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-1st Lenore Boles, 2nd Jane Lee 3-5th Shana Page,

Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden,

Elizabeth Wilson Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality,

Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus.

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able."

Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your

servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I wish that I could say, I always know exactly what I am asking for, and that the answer would be yes. I am continuously rediscovering that I often don't know the full ramifications of what I ask for and thank God, the answer is sometimes no.

James and John wanted to sit next to Jesus to be close to the glory that is in Jesus. Jesus reminds them that glory is not sitting next to Jesus, but being close to Him by example, and that example is to be humble and not self-seeking. It is very hard for us to comprehend what fulfills us without thinking about position at a table, or title at a job, or something quite concrete that we know will impress others, but that is not fulfillment.

Our abilities, the fruits of hard work, good decisions, wise planning can provide us with concrete and impressive accomplishments; so there is nothing wrong with having many concrete blessings and positions. It is how we got there that matters. Did we cause divisions or peace? Did we hurt or heal others? Why would someone think that if they spent their life causing alienation between people and God that they would all of a sudden feel close to Jesus. Jesus directs our ambitions by making sure that we use all that we are and all that we have to be at the service of others. This is not to make it possible for a group of people to depend on hand outs, subsidies, and forms of welfare, but in a manner that builds confidence and dignity where a broken person is raised to the ability to also serve.

Jesus does not want us to "Lord it over others" because we are not sharing the goodness of the Lord, but acting out of a distorted need to control and manipulate. **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: Fr. Bill Clark, Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Lester Giguere, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Debbie Leary, Theresa Lee, 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.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,225.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

"When you pray rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart."

- John Bunyan

The St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church Endowment Fund is our commitment to the future.

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections: Oct. 8, 9 Fuel Collection
Oct. 15, 16 World Mission Sunda

Oct. 15, 16 World Mission Sunday Liturgy: 1st Sunday after Holy Cross Pg.606/8

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

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 17 4:00 pm

† Roy, Elaine & John Joseph By The Joseph Family

Sun 18 10:00 am

† Salem & Latifa Deeb

By Judie Lynn Nassar & Family

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

Mon 19 Father's day off for for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 20 9:00 am

† Reggie Michaud By Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Wed 21 14 9:00 am

† John M. Joseph By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 22 9:00 am

† Julie Freeze Flanagan By Dan & Pam Casavant

Fri 23 9:00 am

† Caroline Nale
By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 24 4:00 pm

† Ralph Cogswell By Michael & Cynthia Cogswell

Sun 25 10:00 am

† Reggie Michaud (40 day Liturgy) By Larry & Paula Mitchell

† John M. Joseph By His Family

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

September Food Pantry

Ravioli Stews

Jiffy mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

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

<u>September Devotions</u> St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Prinella Mitchell
By Lowell & Mary Hawes

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle

For Clarence Jensen

By The Family

Altar Bread Available Altar Wine

For John & Margaret Joseph & Family

By Rosanna Joseph

Join us for a EUCHARISTIC RETREAT

Sunday, September 18, 1pm – 5:30 pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Silver Street, Waterville Sponsored by the Lay Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament Fr. Anthony Scheuller, SSS, Provincial Superior of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, Cleveland, Ohio, will lead us in an afternoon of reflection and discussion that will strengthen our prayer lives and help us more faithfully to follow Jesus' call in our hearts. Please sign up in advance on sheets in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, or RSVP Nancy Epifano 861-9020.

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

- Robert Brault

READERS SCHEDULE

First Sunday after Holy Cross

2 Tim 2:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

September 17 Lila Hallowell 18 Joe Rowden

Second Sunday after Holy Cross

1 Cor. 15:19-34 Matthew 24:1-14

September 24 Lenore Boles 25 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sun 18 Registration for Religious Education After Liturgy.

Dates to remember: Christmas Bazaar Nov.5; Rosary Christmas Party, Dec. 11; Children's Christmas Party, Dec. 18.

Coffee Schedule

For the Summer: Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Sept 18 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque

Sept 25 Lenore Boles & Pam Casavant

Oct 2 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes

Oct 9 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

Oct 16 Cindy Elias & Mary Nader

Oct 23 Elaine Hoag & Mary Jo Hodgkin

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

Sep 10 Audrey Yotides (Sat)

Sep 11 Greg & Marianne Gillespie

Sep 17 Ann Giguere (Sat)

Sep 18 Larry & Lisa Grard

Sep 24 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)

Sep 25 Pearley & Alice Lachance

FUNDRAISER FOR CARITAS, LEBANON

We have teamed up with Yankee Candles for a fundraiser for Caritas, Lebanon to help with the terrible refugee crisis there. We are selling beautiful candles, holders, air fresheners, etc with 40% of the order totals going to Caritas. To order by catalog contact Dot Guerette or Lyn Rowden. We will have a table set up after Liturgy on Sundays, September 11 and 17th, or call 314-4730 to see our catalog. You may also order directly any time now until September 20, on www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and use group number 990098748.

to open their extensive site of scents, gifts, and more. Thank you.