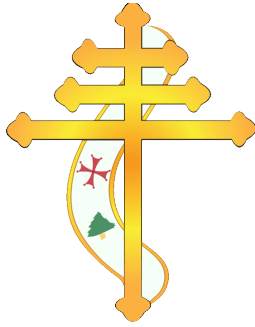


St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



Rev. Bassam M. Saade, D.Min, Pastor
Deacon Dr. Enzo V. Di Giacomo
Deacon Norman Hannoush

Parish Council: Russ Ellis, Fred Frangie (President), Paul Malkoon, Ellen Gianinni,
Laurie Schcrella Gurau, Donna Shibley (Secretary),
Ray Stevens (Vice President)

Trustees: Fred Frangie and Ray Stevens

Finance Committee: Fred Frangie, Ray Stevens, and Paul Malkoon

LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday - 12 noon. St. Anthony's Mass

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

12 noon & 6 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
and Saturday from 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

VENERATION OF ST. CHARBEL'S RELIC

Every 3rd Sunday of the month
from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office for information

MATRIMONY

Arrangements with the Pastor must be made
at least six months in advance

MARONITE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

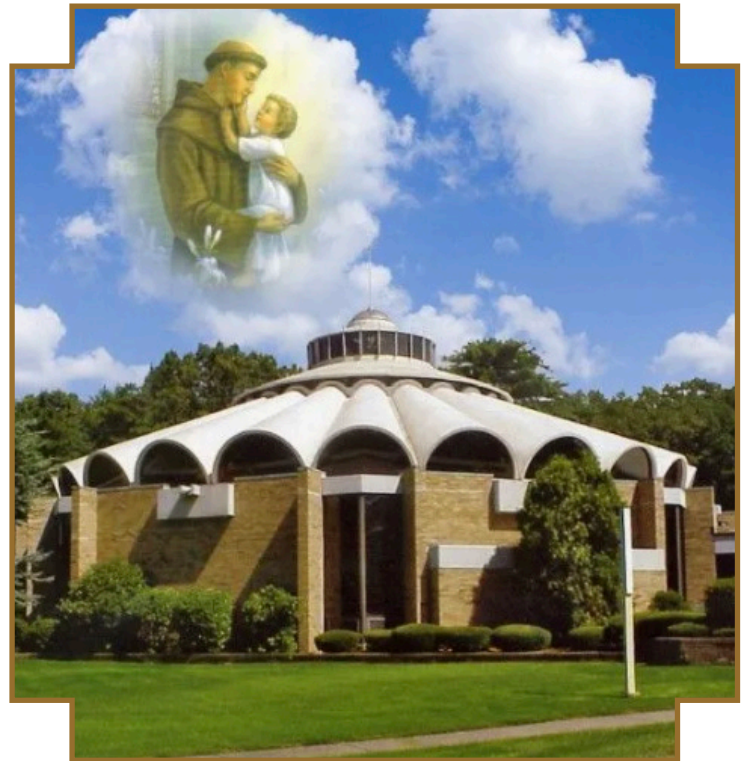
(Religious Education)
Begins in September

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 p.m. or
call to schedule a confession.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office at
413-732-0589.



NOVEMBER 2026

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"As a faith community we preserve the rich spiritual heritage of the Maronite Church, its liturgy, spirituality, Culture and Aramaic "Syriac" language of Christ. We share this mission of the Universal Catholic Church by being a caring and welcoming family, inviting all who are seeking closeness with God to share this rich heritage and traditions with us. All are welcome".

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the Opening of the Church's Year with the Feast of the Consecration of the Church, our reading is the familiar one from Matthew's Gospel where Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" after Peter's confession of faith he goes on "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." If you ask people what they mean by church many will answer in terms of buildings, others will speak of the hierarchically organized institution and yet others will refer to it as the people of God. The English word church has both Greek and German roots which mean "House of the lord." French and many other of the romantic languages use words based on the Latin "Ecclesia" which is almost identical to its Greek counterpart both of which mean literally "called out" or summoned. This idea is very close to the Hebrew q'hal or congregation. In Arabic it is, of course, al Kanisa which is related to the name of the Israeli parliament, the Knesset.

Church, therefore, means more than just the buildings or institution and so what do we mean by consecration? Consecration is a sign that the person or thing is specially dedicated and set apart for spiritual or religious purposes. Churches, altars, clergy and religious are all consecrated in special services signifying their dedication to a particular role or function in the Church; but in addition we are all consecrated in our baptism to carry on the work of Our Lord according to our gifts and opportunities. When we speak of the consecration of the Church, therefore, we are not primarily thinking about the bricks and mortar or even the institution but rather the communion of the faithful. This communion is formed when we answer "Yes" to God's invitation to believe in him and in Jesus Christ whom he sent to redeem the whole world and to establish this communion to carry on his mission in our time and place. Our Lord was baptized in the Jordan and anointed by the Holy Spirit as a sign to us that he was truly sent by the Father. We are baptized and anointed as a sign that we are members of the people of God, the communion of the faithful, and are sent by God to continue our Lord's work in our time. We do so not by dying as he did but by living as he taught and proclaiming his message of salvation by word and deed.

There is another implication of being consecrated. If something which has been consecrated is damaged we usually feel saddened. If it has been deliberately abused we will probably be outraged at the sacrilege. What applies to things undoubtedly applies to people also. We therefore have a duty to show respect, even reverence, to our fellow human beings and especially those who have been consecrated in baptism. This applies especially to the weak and infirm, to the vulnerable and unborn. You may wonder why it should apply to the unbaptized; after all they have not been consecrated to the Lord. Remember all human beings are made in the image and likeness of almighty God. They are loved and cherished by him and we, as the followers of his Son, must reflect that Father's love and respect also. To fail to do so is to fail to love the One who made them. Let us therefore ask God's strength to carry out our mission with zeal and fidelity and show love and forgiveness to all.

God Bless You, Fr. Bassam

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH THIS MONTH OF NOVEMBER

"A Prayer for Our Parish"

Gracious and Loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our Parish to fill us with love. Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter at home, at work, in our neighborhoods, and in our parish community. Work through us so that we can bring your truth to those who are searching for you. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognize and thank you for all the good things you have given us. Instill in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our financial resources.

Deepen our desire to follow your will and to do all things for your honor and glory.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Amen."

"To make Our Parish Better"

Keep your pastor, parish, staff, and fellow parishioners in your daily prayers. Saying a Rosary, spending time in adoration, fasting or offering up any suffering, annoyance or inconvenience you experience for the well-being of your parish will bring rewards not just for the parish but for you personally. You will begin to see yourself as spiritual support for all the good work being done in and through your parish. Pray also for the return of Catholics who have strayed from the practice of their faith, people raised with no faith, and people searching for meaning and purpose in life. No parish is perfect, and even the best parishes can improve. Imagine what would happen if every person in your parish did one thing to make the parish Better.

"Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap." Lk 6:38



SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2026

All Saints - November 1 • All Souls Remembrance - November 2

Maronite Patriarchal Charities - November 8 • Fuel and Energy - November 15

Parish Maintenance - November 22

LITURGY INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 2026

FOR THE SEASON OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 1 8:30 a.m.	+ Ray, Evelyn, Mary Anne, Mark, Michel & Louis Stevens RIP by the Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Wadad, Madeleine Najem, Rita Hannough Sayegh and Jean Ghossein RIP by the Sayegh and Ghossein Families + All Special intentions with the Intercession of all the Saints by Fr. Bassam
Monday, November 2 6:00 p.m.	ALL SOULS DAY & COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED + All Souls especially those names on the Altar
Tuesday, November 3 12:00 p.m.	+ Ghassam Saade - Happy Birthday by Family
Saturday, November 7 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, November 8 8:30 a.m.	RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH + Joe & Anna Stevens RIP by Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Patty, Joseph and Charles Bigras RIP by sister Ellen Giannini + Michel & Hilda Saade & Living and Deceased members of the Saade family by Fr. Bassam
Tuesday, November 10 12:00 p.m.	+ Peace in the World and Special Intentions by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, November 14 4:00 p.m.	+ Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, November 15 8:30 a.m.	ANNOUNCEMENT TO ZECHARIAH + Ray, Evelyn & Mark, Michel & Louise Stevens & Mary Ann Stevens Shamatta RIP by the Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Ziter S. Saloomey RIP (40 Day Mass) by wife Linda Saloomey & Family
Tuesday, November 17 12:00 p.m.	+ Mary, Patrick, Monica, and Michelle Dermakar, Special Intentions by Mary Dermakar + Deceased members of the Saade, Matta, Semaan and Samaha families by the Families
Saturday, November 21 4:00 p.m.	+ Louie Gozzi RIP by The Gozzi and Malkoon Families + Living and deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, November 22 8:30 a.m.	ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE VIRGIN MARY Happy Thanksgiving to All + Ray, Evelyn, Mark, Michel, Louis Stevens & Mary Anne Stevens RIP by the Stevens Family
10:30 a.m.	+ Mikayla Saadeh - Happy Birthday by Family + Ziter S. Saloomey RIP by Barbara Thomas
Tuesday, November 24 12:00 p.m.	+ Happy Thanksgiving & Special Intentions by Fr. Bassam
Saturday, November 28 4:00 p.m.	+ Living & deceased family of David Abbass by David Abbass
Sunday, November 29 8:30 a.m.	VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH + Michael Stevens on occasion of his Birthday RIP by the Stevens Family + Deceased members of the Kalill, George, Shibley, Ebbeling, Donnellan, Pagios, Perry, Plaezek, Moraski, Cochrane & Macchi Families by Msgr. David George
10:30 a.m.	+ Happy Thanksgiving by Fr. Bassam

MEMORIALS - NOVEMBER 2026



Altar Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of Paul F. and Claire Mooradd From Their Family - **November 2026 through July 2027**
Sanctuary Lamp for Knights of Columbus by The Knights of Columbus - **December 2026**
St. Anthony Candles in memory of my parents Michel and Hilda Saadé by Father Bassam and Family **November 2026**

50/50 RAFFLES

Our Monthly Raffles to Benefit our Church Maintenance. 100 tickets will be sold for \$10 each, \$500 will be awarded to the winner & the profit will benefit our Parish toward our maintenance and upkeep of our church property.



CONFESSIONS will be heard every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. as well as upon request.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Mass and Novena of St. Anthony - every Tuesday at noon.

- ✠ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 7th at 6 p.m.** in the church hall.
- ✠ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Dinner in the Church Hall on **Wednesday, November 2nd, from 5-7 p.m.**
- ✠ **COFFEE HOUR** – After mass everyone is welcome. We need volunteers and families to help or sponsor each Sunday coffee hour.
 May God Bless you and reward you for all your time, support and generosity.
- ✠ **SUNDAY HOSPITALITY** - Volunteers are needed to keep our Sunday Hospitality going, after both Masses. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.
- ✠ **1st Communion Classes** have already started. Please register your children as soon as possible. The Sacrament registration forms are available in the church lobby and at the Parish office. You must be a member of the parish to register. Thank you.

✠ **Please continue to send in your weekly offerings to the parish office as we count on you to meet our monthly bills.**
Thank you to all those who have continued to support our parish with their weekly envelopes and donations.
ONLINE GIVING – If you choose, you can now set up the parish as a regular payee with your bank or credit union!
 Just input the information : St. Anthony Maronite Church, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield, MA 01118 • (413) 732-0589

- ✠ **Women's Guild 2026 St. Anthony's Harvest Bazaar Festival – November 21st 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Vendor Tables are \$50.00 Please contact Kathy Alevras 413-478-8076 for Vendor Information and Registration. Huge raffles are available. Please contact Tanya Boulos for tickets - 413-885-2140. Come enjoy Mediterranean and American Food, as well as our unique Crafters and Vendors. Shop for early Holiday Gifts
- ✠ **St. Anthony's Annual Christmas Luncheon** - Save the Date. Join us on Sunday, December 13th. 12 Noon.
 More Information to follow.
- ✠ **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** - Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Mass - All Children in the parish are welcome to participate. Costume fitting and rehearsals will begin shortly. Thanks to all parents for bringing your children and making them part of the Christmas Pageant.
- ✠ **Christmas Flowers** - You can offer a Christmas Poinsettia to The Altar of the Lord in honor/remembrance of your loved ones, living or deceased. Suggested donation per plant, per name \$10. Thank you and God Bless You.
- ✠ **Christmas Masses** - If you would like your loved ones names placed on the altar for the Christmas Masses, please put their names in an envelope (indicate if they are living or deceased), and place the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or give it Fr. Bassam.

ALL SOULS DAY – NOVEMBER 2

If you would like to remember your deceased loved ones on All Souls Day, please place their names in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket with your donation or mail them to the parish. Their names will be put on the Altar on All Souls Day & throughout the following week.

For the Repose of the souls of Ray, Evelyn, Louis Stevens and Mary Anne Stevens Shamatta, Mark, Michel Stevens by the Stevens family.
 Wadad Sayegh, Madeleine Najem Sayegh, Rita Sayegh Hannoush by the Sayegh Family • Jean Ghossein by The Ghossein Family • Richard Thomas Sr. & Richard Thomas Jr. by Barbara Thomas • Louie Gozzi by The Gozzi & Malkoon Families

for the Repose of the Souls of: Michel & Hilda Saade, Naoum & Hada Saade, Toufic, Gharita & Elie, Emile, Hnaineh & Nadim, Saade, Georgette & Nehmat Saade. Nakhleh & Salma Matta, Mikhael, Jeanette & Najwa Khairallah, Semaan Semaan & Parents, Adel Samaha & Parents, Alma, Sarah, Moni, Rosalie, Mel & Eunice Bartoul, Evelyn Cavanaugh by their sons Joe & Al • Judith Barry by daughter Stephanie & Family
 Deacon Jack Manhire Fr. Stuart Gullan-Steel, Fr. Joseph David and All Deceased Priests.
 All our Parishioners who were buried from our churches and all the poor Souls in Purgatory

✠ **May their Souls Rest in Peace.** ✠

PARISH FINANCES - SEPTEMBER 2026

	PARISH	CEDARS
Income	\$7,528.00	\$9,110.00
Expenses	-17,318.58	-7,866.11
Profit/Loss	-\$9,790.58	1,243.89

Please we need your help and financial support to keep our Parish stable. Thank you for your Generosity.

BECOME A NAM MEMBER

NAM Registration – please consider becoming a NAM (National Apostolate of Maronite).
More info: <https://www.namnews.org>