

St. Anthony Maronite Church

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November
2011



Masses

Tues- Fri: 8:30am
Sat: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am
& 10:00am

Change of time: Daylight Saving Time ends

Please, note that the time will change on Sunday
November 6th at 12 a.m.
You need to set your clock an hour back.



Your Offerings to your Parish:

- Sunday September 25, 2011:
\$3,382.84
- Sunday October 2, 2011:
\$ 4,829.00
- Sunday October 9, 2011:
\$ 5,936.00

Second Collection for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities on December 4th

All the proceeds from this collection are sent directly to our
Patriarch in Lebanon for his charitable works



Church Etiquette

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

1. Arrive 5 minutes prior to mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy
2. Stay in Church until the final Blessing of the Mass is given
3. Turn your cell phones to silent mode
4. Refrain from chewing gum & personal conversations



Thanksgiving: Food Cards for the Poor

Our MYO teens are collecting food cards from local supermarkets to help feed needy families during the Holidays. Instead of asking for a lot of prepared or canned foods as in the past, your gift of a food card will help provide needy families with the flexibility to feed their children healthier foods like fresh vegetables, dairy, meats and even baby formula. If you would like to help our teens, please purchase a card at your local supermarket and drop the card with your offering into the basket on any Sunday. For more information please call Nancy Michael 203-798-1192



Readers

Nov 5 – Shay Miller
 Nov 12 – George Jabbour
 Nov. 19 – Phyllis Moses
 Nov. 26 – Kenneth Ackell

Nov 6 – Lauren Kilcourse
 Nov 13 – Randy Micheal
 Nov. 20 – Theresa Alhayek
 Nov. 27 – George Jabbour

First Reading

Heb 9:1-12
 Rom 4:13-25
 Gal 3:15-22
 Eph 1:1-14

Gospel

Mt 16:13-20
 Lk 1:1-25
 Lk 1:26-38
 Lk 1:39-45

November Upcoming Parish Events



1. **MYO** meeting every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall
2. **Parish council** meeting on Thursday November 3 at 7 pm in the Church Hall
3. **Ladies Guild** Meeting - On Tuesday, November 1 at 7 pm in the Church Hall... All are welcome
4. **AARP** Meeting on Thursday November 17th from 12 noon to 3 pm in the Church Hall
5. **Knights of Columbus** meeting on Tuesday November 10 & 24 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall
6. **Sunday School** On Sunday November 6, 13,20 at 9 am in the Church Hall
7. **Christmas Party** for the kids on Sunday December 18 after 10 am Mass in the Church hall
8. **Bazaar** at St Ann Church Danbury on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6 2011.

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go to Beverly (Habetz) Lahoud and her Husband Louis and family on the loss of her Mother ***Nellie Habetz*** who died on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Also, to Lou ***Armbruster***, Ann M. Curran and her husband, John of Waterbury and Michael J. Haddad, Sr. and his wife Delores of Danbury on the loss of his wife and their Mother ***Alice (Caram/Haddad) Armbruster*** who died at her home in Florida on Wednesday, September 28th. We pray that the Lord who has called his servant ***Nellie*** and ***Alice*** may welcome them into His kingdom and grant them peace and rest among the saints



Welcome Mgr Ignace Sadek

Msg. Ignace Sadek will reside in st. Anthony's rectory during the absence of fr. Jean Younes who will be visiting his family in Lebanon **November 14 to December 8, 2011**. If you need assistance from msg. Call 203-744-3372 or our sub-deacon, George Jabbour at 203-482-3569.

Check it out!

*You are all invited to go online
to
www.stanthonydanbury.com
To get all the information and
the activities of our Church*

Children's Christmas Play

Rehearsals will begin for the Children's Nativity Play on Saturday December 3 from 10 am to 11 am and Sunday December 4 from 11 am to 12 am in the Church. The play will be performed during our Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday December 24th at 5 pm. For more information please call Diane DeBonis 203-791-9874 or Donna Hart 203-794-9559.



Nativity Play

Club 50 News

The Club 50 drawings will take place on the last Sunday of every month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Again, we look forward to the continued support of the current members and look forward to the support of new members. All interested in Club 50 please contact your captain or Sandy Urban (203)743-1911. The captains are as follows: Pat Cypher, Elaine Lahoud, Palm Saba and Carole Pettibone.



Ladies Guild Christmas Dinner

The Ladies Guild Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at Chuck's Steak House at 6:00 P.M. The cost is \$25 per person and is all inclusive. All Ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Further details will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please call Jimmetta at 203-748-6808.

Is St. Anthony's in Your Will?

Please, treat your spiritual home of Saint Anthony as one of your children. This will help the legacy to continue on to future generations. The official legal bequest language for St. Anthony is: "I [your name], of [city, state, and zip], give, devise and bequeath to St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church, 17 Granville Ave Danbury, CT 06810, [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property for its unrestricted use and purpose]. A legacy gift is the ultimate expression of support for St. Anthony. Through your planned estate gift, you can touch the lives of others and enhance the community's ability to continue to serve.





Mass Intentions

TIME		BY WHOM
Nov. 5 (5 pm)	✦ Anna & Joseph Assad ✦ Mary & Albert Yameen & Julia Hajjar ✦ Sadella Jowdy	➤ by their Family ➤ by their Family ➤ by his Family
Nov. 6- (8am)	✦ Massade ,Essa, Youssef , Sejhan , Nayfa and Saida Jalbout	➤ by Fr Jean younes
Nov. 6- (10am)	✦ Harry Ramey (1st Anniversary) ✦ John Dekker ✦ Janet & Phillip Ramey	➤ by his wife & children ➤ by the family ➤ by their Children
Nov 12- (5pm)	✦ Nicholas Lahoud	➤ by the family
Nov. 13th--(8:am)	✦ Miled & Lebeiby Ellis and deceased members of the family	➤ By Helen Moses & family
Nov. 13th--(10:am)	✦ Lucy George ✦ Antoine Issa ✦ Yousef Mouawad ✦ Emil and Isabelle Kalil	➤ by her friends ➤ by his Children ➤ by his Daughter & Family ➤ by the family
Nov. 19- (5pm)	✦ George Najam ✦ Mitchell & Mary Ramey & son, Mitchell	➤ by his Son & Family ➤ by Donna Ramey
Nov. 20 - (8am)	✦ Intention available at this time	➤
Nov. 20 - (10am)	✦ Antoine & Claire Issa ✦ Joseph Simon ✦ Viola Dorr	➤ by their Children ➤ by his Family ➤ By Mrs. Jeanne Madkour & Yammine family
Nov.26 - (5 pm)	✦ Nick & Anna Owen ✦ James & Irene Rice	➤ by Veronica and Ronald Smith ➤ by Dr & Mrs Edward Kuczko
Nov. 27 -(8:am)	✦ John & Elinor Podesta	➤ by their daughter Jean Chory
Nov. 27 -(10:am)	✦ Julie Murad ✦ Joseph & Vincetta Shaheen ✦ Maurice Samaha ✦ Joseph Yamin ✦ Louise, Joseph Sr. & Josephine Stavola	➤ by her Husband and family ➤ by his Shaheen Nephews ➤ by the family ➤ by his wife & family ➤ by their Family

Gold Buying Fundraiser Result:

I am sure you are all wondering how we did on last weekend's "Gold Buying Fundraiser". Well, on Tuesday night, Bob stopped by and gave me a check for **\$ 3,500.00**. It was a lot more than I expected and it put a smile on my face. I would like to thank the 12 people who took part in this fundraiser. Some people have already come to me and said they were not able to make it last weekend. They wanted to know if we would ever do this again. I spoke to Bob and he said just to let him know when. He thoroughly enjoyed talking to everyone he dealt with. Once again, thank you to everyone.



Join the Order of Saint Sharbel

The order of Saint Sharbel is a national organization of people who have pledged their spiritual strength and financial support for the Seminary of Our Lady of Lebanon in W.D.C, seminarians and retired clergy of the Eparchy of Saint Maron and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon. This organization is comprised of two chapters which act under the leadership of the both Maronite Bishops of the USA. If you like to become a member please see father Jean Younes after Mass or Call the rectory at 203-744-3372.



The Lebanon American Club - Persons of the Year Awards & Dinner - Nov 17th

The Lebanon American Club proudly announces the awarding of the 1st Annual Persons of the year Award to Edward Jowdy, James Jowdy, Sr. Taffy Jowdy and Lila Shaker. These individuals will be honored at a dinner to be held on Thursday November 17th at 6PM at the Amber Room in Danbury. All are invited to attend to pay tribute to the honorees. For tickets (\$50 per person) please contact Tom Saadi at 203-797-1797, Gary Gonclaves at 203-570-3003 or Ghassan Najm at: 860-488-0074. To place and ad/greetings in the program book please contact Tom Saadi at 203-797-1797 or Niddal Khoury at: 203-796-0247. RSVP Deadline is Nov 3rd.

Masses Schedule for Christmas, New Year and Epiphany 2011-2012

- 1-**Christmas Eve Mass** on Saturday December 24th at **5 pm and 10 pm**
- 2-**Christmas Day Mass** on Sunday December 25th at **10 am** (*No Mass at 8 am*)
- 3-**New Year's Eve Mass** on Saturday December 31st at **5 pm**
- 4-**New Year's Day Mass** on Sunday January 1st at **10 am** (*No Mass at 8 am*)
- 5-**Epiphany Eve Mass** on Saturday January 7th at **5 pm**
- 6- **Epiphany Day Mass** on Sunday January 8th at **8 am & 10 am**

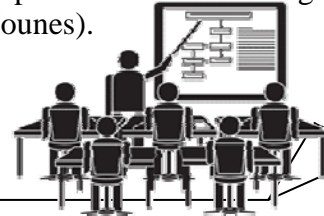


Awareness training sessions: Protecting God's Children for Adults

As you all know, VIRTUS certification is part of our Church life. It is designed to make aware parents and parishioners of any misconduct towards children.

For this reason, we are obligated to obtain a VIRTUS certification before volunteering or participating in any programs involving children under the age of 18 years. Such programs include: Religious Education, Altar Boys children Choirs, MYO, Passion Play etc... For those who still need certification you need to register for the awareness training: please go to <http://www.virtusonline.org> and select Registration. Then select Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, CT. You will be directed to the most current schedule of upcoming sessions in your area. All participants who attend this training will receive a card as proof of attendance. In Addition each volunteer is required to have successfully completed a criminal background check and signed a Commitment to Ethical Conduct (Contact Father JeanYounes).

Your volunteer time and talents will always be greatly appreciated.



Sunday school

I would like to remind the parents that our Religious Education Program began on September. For those who have not had the opportunity to register their children, please contact Mrs. Barbara **Stuart at 203-730-2960** and Mrs. Nancy **Michael at 203-798-1192**. This program will enrich our children with spirituality and understanding of our faith. I encourage all parents to please make sure that your children are enrolled and here on time every week. I find it only proper and important to those who received first Holy Communion last year to continue their spiritual education and growth.

*Class Times:

All classes begin at 9:00 and end at 9:45. Please be prompt in picking up your children. Many of our teachers go to 10:00 mass or have other commitments and need to leave right after class.

*Parties:

Our parties are open to all of the children in the church. This includes those who are not yet old enough to attend religion classes. We are looking for parents to take on the responsibility of planning the Halloween, Christmas and Easter parties. Please help out and take on one of these events. Thank you!





Religious Education Calendar 2011 - 2012

SEPTEMBER

CLASSES

DATE: 11, 18, 25

TIME: 9:00- 9:45



OCTOBER

CLASSES

DATE: 12, 16, 23

TIME: 9:00- 9:45

HALLOWEEN PARTY:

Date : 29

from : 6:00 to 7:30pm



NOVEMBER

CLASSES

DATE: 6, 13, 20

TIME: 9:00- 9:45



DECEMBER

CLASSES

DATE: 4, 11,

TIME: 9:00- 9:45

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Date : 18

TIME : 11:00-12:30

**CHRISTMAS PLAY &
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

Date : 24



JANUARY

CLASSES

DATE: 8, 22, 29

TIME: 9:00- 9:45



FEBRUARY

CLASSES

DATE: 5, 12, 26

TIME: 9:00- 9:45



MARCH

CLASSES

DATE: 4, 11, 18, 25

TIME: 9:00- 9:45



APRIL

EASTER EGG HUNT

DATE: 7

TIME: 6:00- 7:30

CLASS

DATE: 29

TIME: 9:00- 9:45



MAY

FIRST COMMUNION

DATE: 6

TIME: 10:00

