

Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church

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Weekend Liturgy: Sunday 12:30 PM

Location 4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd, Waxhaw, NC 28173

Daily Liturgy: At 2951 Brookridge Lane, Charlotte, NC 28211

Monday 6:30 PM (St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena)

Wednesday 6:30 PM (St Rafka Liturgy & Novena)

Thursday & Friday 10:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday @ 11 AM

16th Sunday of Pentecost

September 6th, 2026

Romans 8:18-27 Luke 18:9-14

PARISH MISSION

The Mission of Saint Stephen Maronite Catholic Church, is to be anchored in the Lord Jesus Christ & the Teachings of the Catholic Church. United in Love & Faith, We Welcome with Open Arms and Hearts all Our Brothers and Sisters to join Our Family, God's Family.

BAPTISM & CHRISMATIONS: Please contact Fr. Rodolph for the proper preparation.

MARRIAGES: Preparations are needed at least 6 (six) months in advance.

CONFESSIONS: Available before and after the Divine Liturgy and anytime upon request.

SICK CALLS: If someone is sick, hospitalized, homebound or in a Nursing Home, please contact Fr. Rodolph to let him know.

MASS INTENTIONS : Call (704) 412-1016 or email:

saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com

NEW COMMERS: Welcome to your family. Please make yourself at home. When you are with us , you are not a guest, you are one of us.



Two went up to the temple to pray; a Pharisee and a tax collector.

1- "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity"

2- "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

2nd Collection Sept. 6th

Catholic University of America & Maronite Seminary

%25 of this Collection is for academic scholarships at CUA,

%75 is for Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary in D.C.



To Offer the Mass for your loved ones
(Living or Deceased) email:
saintstephenmaronitechurch@gmail.com
Or call: **(704) 412-1016**

Sun. 9.6.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** For St Stephen Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors

Mon. 9.7.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Wed. 9.9.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena**

Thu. 9.10.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena**

Fri. 9.11.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

Sun. 9.13.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** **Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Thanksgiving for the 30th Anniversary of Fr Rodolph Wakim Priestly Ordination

Collection 8/30/2026

Church Collection	540.00
Online Weekly	\$80.00
Online Monthly	\$0.00
Total	\$620.00
Donation	\$85.00

May God bless you for your Generosity

Annual Budget (\$7,500 X 12 Months) **\$90,000.00**

Weekly Budget (90,000 ÷ 52 weeks) **\$1,730.00**

Last week's Income \$620.00

Collected to Date \$32,119.00

Donations \$660.00

Total Income \$32,779.00

Needed to meet Budget: \$57,221.00

Church Attendance:

Sunday 8/30/2026: 60 People



Sign up for online giving.

It is easy. Set it up once and you don't have to worry about it again!

Please keep in your Prayers:

Deacon Frank Enderle, Mary Shaheen
and Aleena Tashjian.

Please let Fr Rodolph know of anyone who is sick, undergoing surgery, homebound or in Nursing Home so that we can all pray for them. Fr. Rodolph would bring them Holy Communion and/or give them the anointing of the Sick.
Please Call Fr Rodolph: **704-412-1016**

16th Sunday of Pentecost

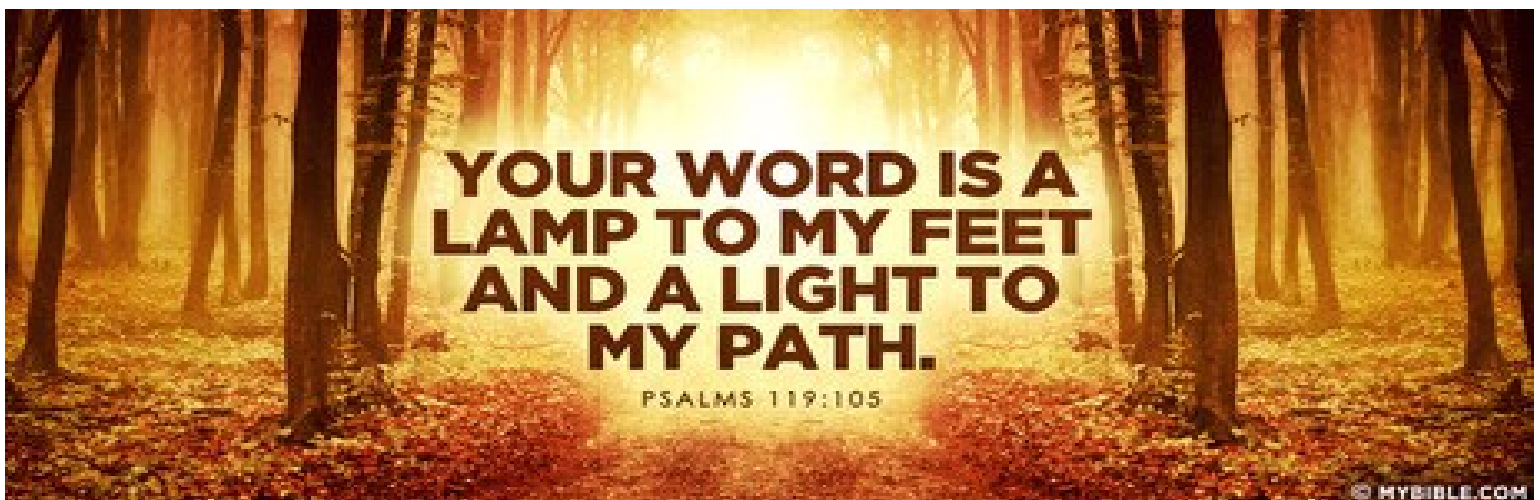


Romans 8:18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that sees for itself is not hope. For who hopes for what one sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait with endurance. In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Luke 18:9-14

He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



Parish News

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Festival Dabke Dance Groups

We have two Dabke dance groups.

They have been practicing and preparing to perform at our Festival:

- 1- Children (up to 13 years old)
- 2- Youth and Adults

If you or your children would like to participate in the future,
please let Rita, Monica, or Claudia know after Mass.

First Communion Registration

Registration for First Communion is now open.

Sign-up Sheet is available in the vestibule

If your child is eligible or you would like more information,
please see Fr Rodolph after Mass.

Hospitality Sign up

Sep. 6: _____

Sep. 13: **Fr Rodolph 30th Anniversary**

Sep. 20: _____

Sep. 27: _____

Oct. 4: _____

Oct. 11: _____

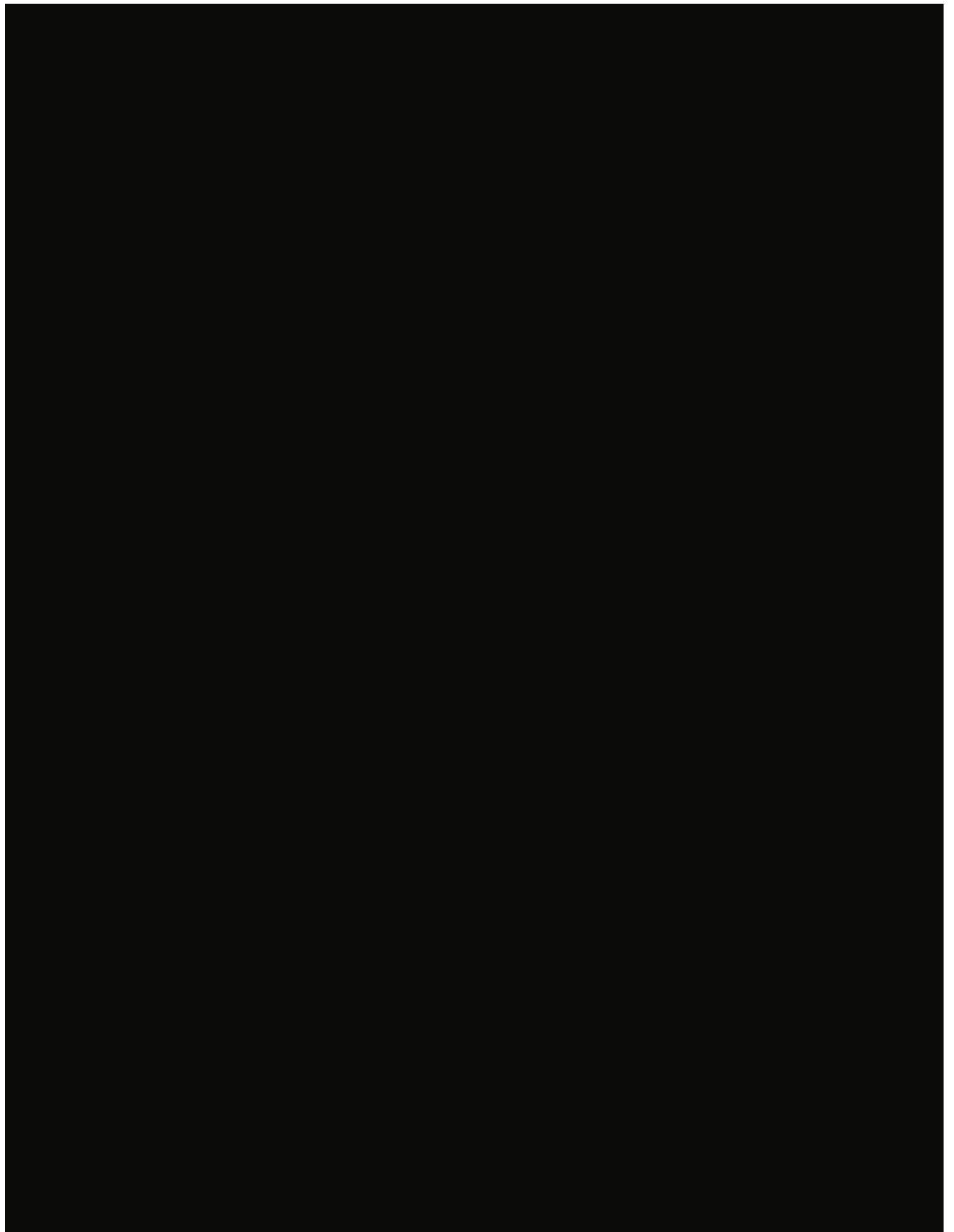
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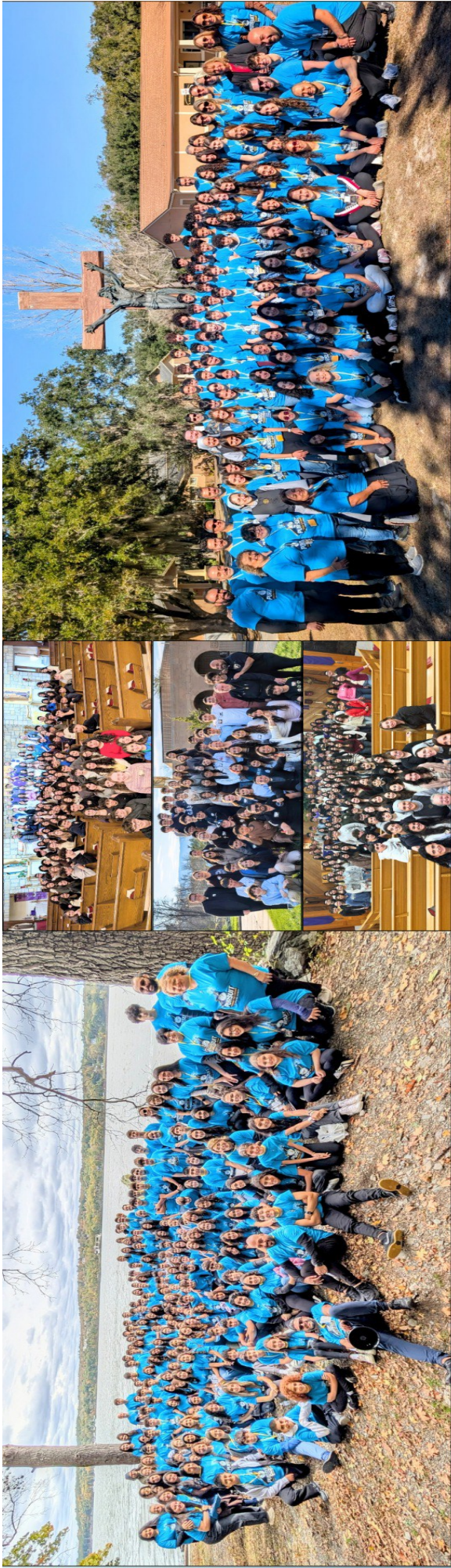
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***** Thank You *****

Sign up Sheet is on the table in the Lobby.

+++ May God bless you for your generosity and support +++





NEW ENGLAND

26
SEP
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
St. Anthony Church
Lawrence, MA

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

27
FEB
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Springfield, MA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

10-12
OCT
2026

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Pontiac
Copake, NY

7
NOV
2026

**YOUTH LEADER
ENRICHMENT DAY**
(TBD)

6
MAR
2027

**LENTE
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady Star of the East
Pleasantville, NJ

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

MID-ATLANTIC

5
DEC
2026

**CHRISTMAS
DAY RETREAT**
Our Lady of Victory
Pittsburgh, PA

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)

SOUTH

19-21
FEB
2027

**REGIONAL
WEEKEND RETREAT**
Camp Weed
Live Oak, FL

16-18
APR
2027

**EASTER
RETREAT**
St. Anthony Church
Glenn Allen, VA

22-27
JUN
2027

**NATIONAL
MYO CONFERENCE**
(TBD)



**2026 & 2027
EPARCHIAL EVENTS**



CELEBRATING
50 Years



OF THE
**CREIGHTON MODEL
FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM**

A MILESTONE IN WOMEN'S HEALTH, AUTHENTIC REPRODUCTIVE CARE



**EMPOWERING
WOMEN AND
COUPLES**



**EVIDENCE-BASED,
EFFECTIVE, AND
RESPECTFUL OF FERTILITY**



**MORALLY
ACCEPTABLE AND
HOLISTIC CARE**



**OFFERING TRUE SOLUTIONS
FOR SERIOUS PROBLEMS
INCLUDING MISCARRIAGES,
INFERTILITY, PMS, ETC**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**JANET SMITH, PhD
VIA ZOOM**



*Come to be inspired,
encouraged and equipped to
support women and couples
in a natural holistic and
faithful way.*

FERTILITYCARE PROFESSIONALS



**DR. PAUL CARPENTIER
MD, CFCMC**



**DR. SHIRLEY GONZALEZ
MD, CFCP, CFCMC,
ABOM DIPLOMATE**



**DR. DAMIAN OLSEN
MD, CFCMC**



**KATHY RIVET
BS, CFCP, CFCE**



**SATURDAY 9AM -4PM
NOVEMBER 14, 2026**



**OUR LADY OF MERCY
341 JUNE ST
WORCESTER MA 01602**



**MORE INFORMATION AND ONLINE
REGISTRATION ARE AVAILABLE HERE
WWW.CEDAROFLEBANONFCC.COM**

