

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

15th Sunday of Pentecost
August 30, 2026
1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Luke 7:36-50

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.

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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 Washington.



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

Sun. 8.30.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** For Peace In Lebanon, In the Region & the World

Mon. 8.31.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Wed. 9.2.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena**

Thu. 9.3.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena**

Fri. 9.4.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

Sun. 9.6.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**

Collection 8/23/2026

Church Collection	492.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Online Monthly	\$0.00
Total	\$722.00

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 **\$722.00**

Collected to Date **\$31,499.00**

Donations **\$575.00**

Total Income **\$32,074.00**

Needed to meet Budget: \$57,926.00

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**

Church Attendance:

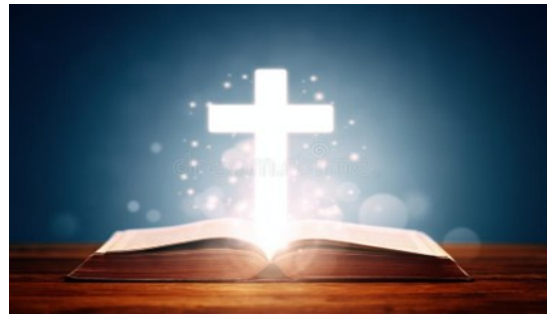
Sunday 8/23/2026: 65 People



Sign up for online giving.

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

15th Sunday of Pentecost

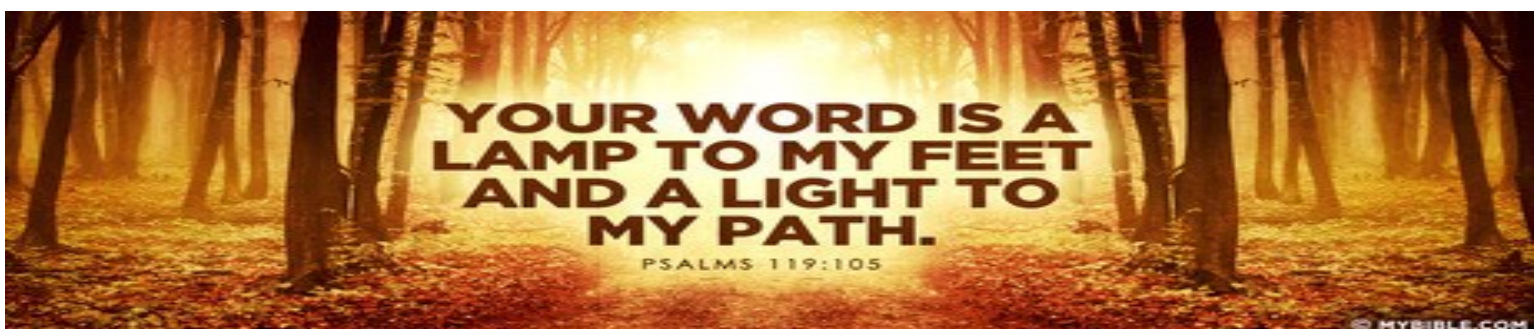


1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the holy Spirit and [with] much conviction. You know what sort of people we were [among] you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and [in] Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from [the] dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Luke 7:36-50

A Pharisee invited him to dine with him, and he entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. Now there was a sinful woman in the city who learned that he was at table in the house of the Pharisee. Bringing an alabaster flask of ointment, she stood behind him at his feet weeping and began to bathe his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the ointment. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." Jesus said to him in reply, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred days' wages and the other owed fifty. Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both. Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." He said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The others at table said to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



Parish News

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Festival Dabke Dance Groups

As we prepare for our September Festival, we are forming two Dabke dance groups:

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

If you or your children would like to participate,
please let Rita, Monica, or Claudia know after Mass.
Rehearsals will begin soon, and we'd love to have you join us!

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

Aug. 30: _____

Sep. 6: _____

Sep. 13: **Del Pozo Family**

Sep. 20: _____

Sep. 27: _____

Oct. 4: _____

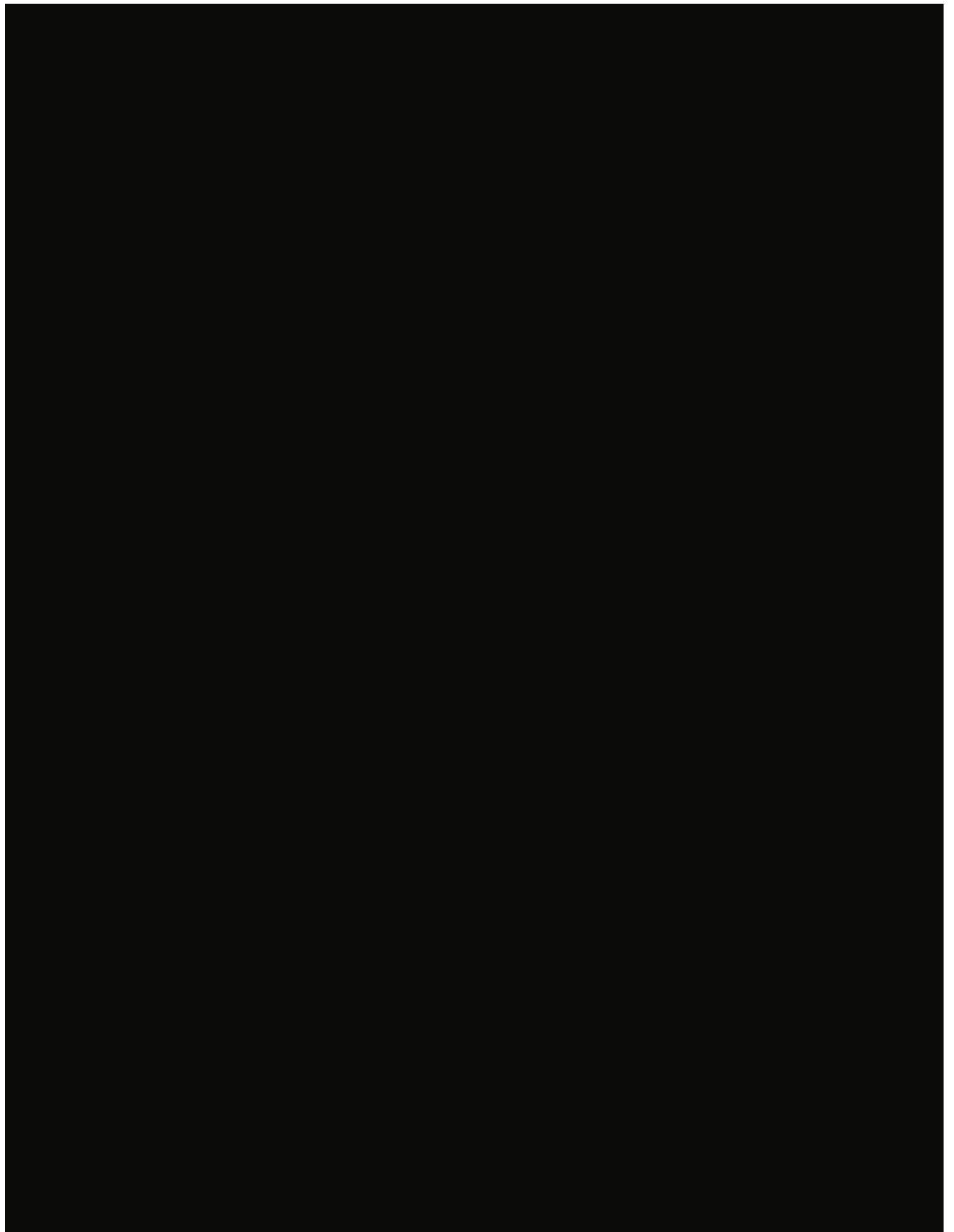
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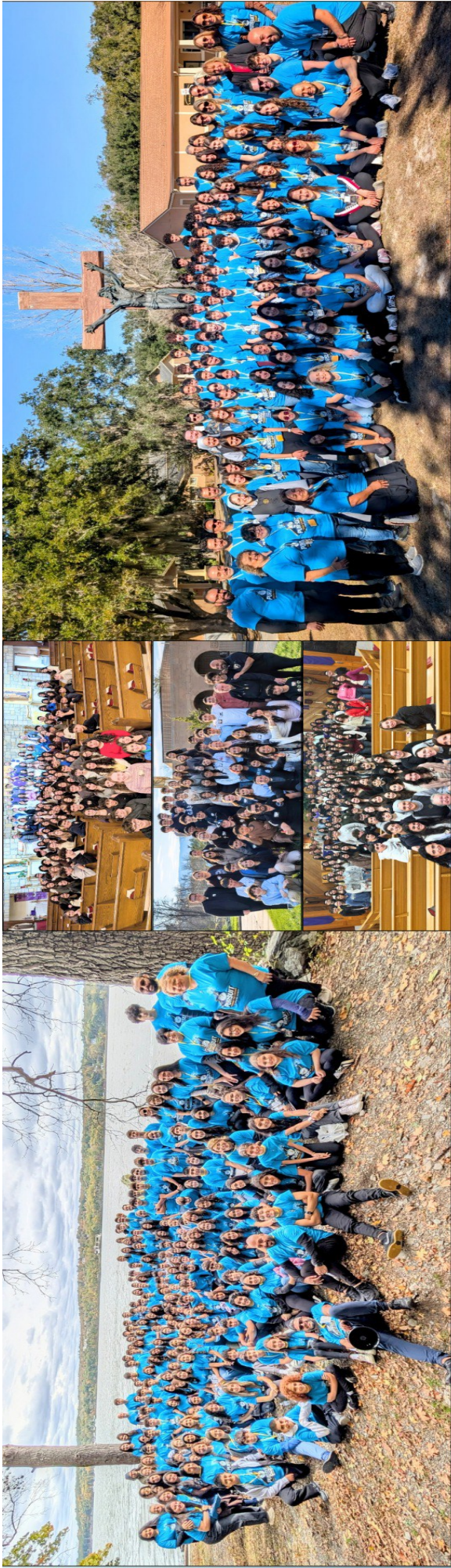
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***** Thank You *****

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



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50 Years

OF THE

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WOMEN AND
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ACCEPTABLE AND
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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

