

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

13th Sunday of Pentecost

Assumption of the Virgin Mary
(Aug. 15)

August 16, 2026

Romans 12:9-15 Luke 1:46-55

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.





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

Sun. 8.16.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** **Celebrating the Assumption of Virgin Mary**

Mon. 8.17.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena**

Wed. 8.19.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena**

Thu. 8.20.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

Fri. 8.21.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Sun. 8.23.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** **Blessing for the New School Year**

Collection 8/9/2026

Church Collection	1,466.00
Online Weekly	\$230.00
Online Monthly	\$310.00
Total	\$2,006.00

+ Thank you +

Church Attendance:

Sunday 8/9/2026: 49 People

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

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

Last week's Income **\$2,006.00**

Collected to Date **\$28,766.00**

Donations **\$475.00**

Total Income **\$29,241.00**

Needed to meet Budget: \$60,759.00

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**

Sign up for online giving.

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



Sunday's Readings

Assumption of the Virgin Mary **(Aug. 15)**

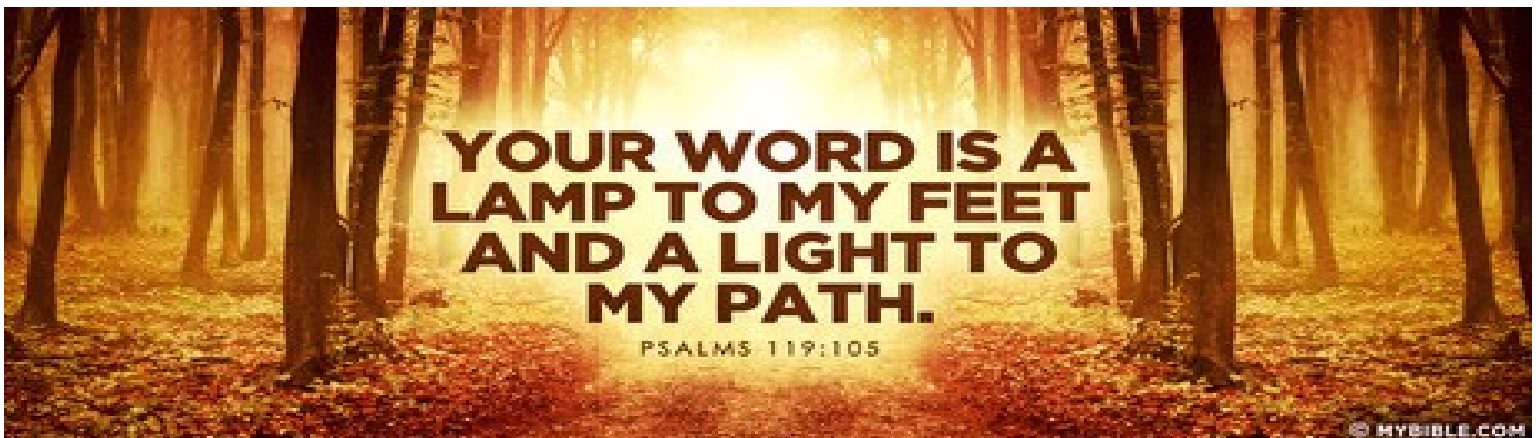


Romans 12:9–15:

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Luke 1:46–55:

And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate, he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”



Parish News

Back-to-School Mass – Sunday, August 23

Please mark your calendars for our Back-to-School Mass on Sunday, August 23 (1230pm).

We warmly invite all students, teachers, school staff, and families to join us for this special celebration and blessing for the new school year.

Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks, school supplies, and any other school materials to be blessed during Mass. Please help us spread the word by inviting your family and friends. We look forward to celebrating with everyone.

School Supply Blessing Bags

Next Sunday we will be offering our Back-to-School Blessing Bags for \$20 each. Each bag includes school supplies and will be blessed for the new school year.

We accept cash or credit card. Please stop by and see Rita, Monica, or Claudia after Mass in the lobby. If you would like to reserve additional bags for the August 23 Back-to-School Mass, please let us know. All proceeds will go towards our church building fund.

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. 16: Bertine & Joseph Francis

Aug. 23: _____

Aug. 30: _____

Sep. 6: _____

Sep. 13: _____

Sep. 20: _____

Sep. 27: _____

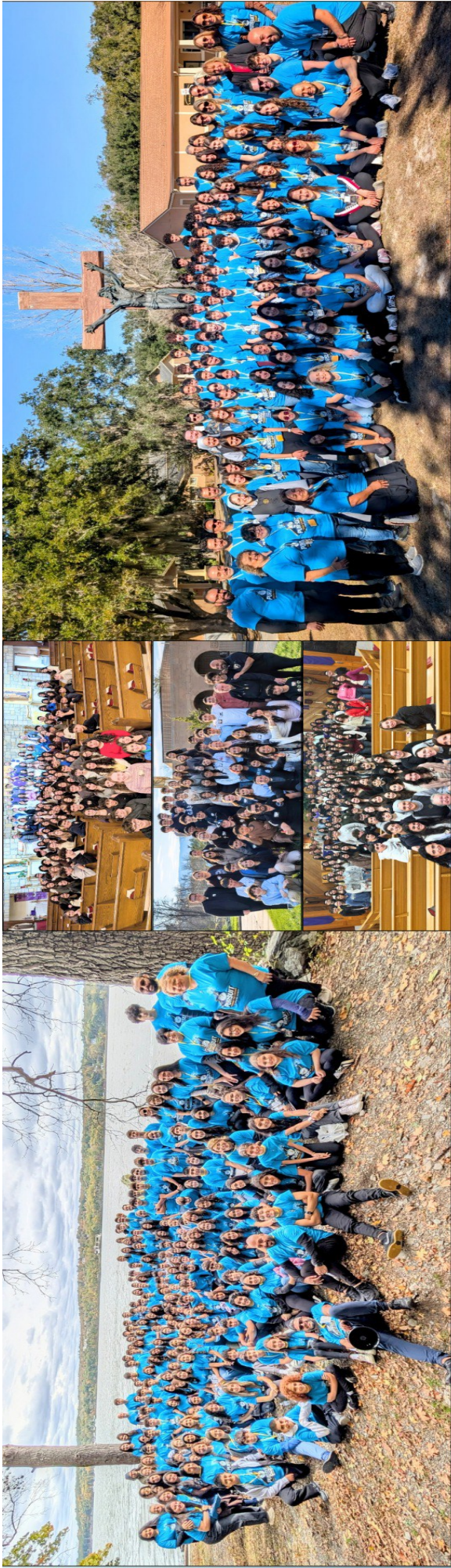
Oct. 4: _____

***** 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

LENTEN
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

LENTEN
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



16 July 2026



PRESS RELEASE

Celebrating 50 Years of the Creighton Model

FertilityCare™ System in Worcester, MA

Cedar of Lebanon FertilityCare™ Center in collaboration with the Office of Family and Sanctity of Life for the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn is proud to host a special conference celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Catholic Church in Worcester, Massachusetts.

This one-day event will bring together healthcare and FertilityCare™ professionals, clergy, educators, students, couples, and community members to celebrate five decades of excellence in family planning, women's health and authentic reproductive care. The conference will feature nationally recognized speakers, educational sessions, and networking opportunities that promote authentic reproductive healthcare, strengthen families, and uphold the dignity of every human person.

For conference details and registration, visit our website.

Marise Frangie

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Natural Family Planning Coordinator, Eparchy of St. Maron

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CELEBRATING
50 Years



OF THE
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FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM**

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WOMEN AND
COUPLES**



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



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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**

