

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

14th Sunday of Pentecost

August 23, 2026

1Thessalonians 2:1-13 Luke 10:38-42

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. 8.23.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd** **Blessing for the New School Year**
And For the Souls of Marie Badran, Souad Ghaoui & Siham Osta

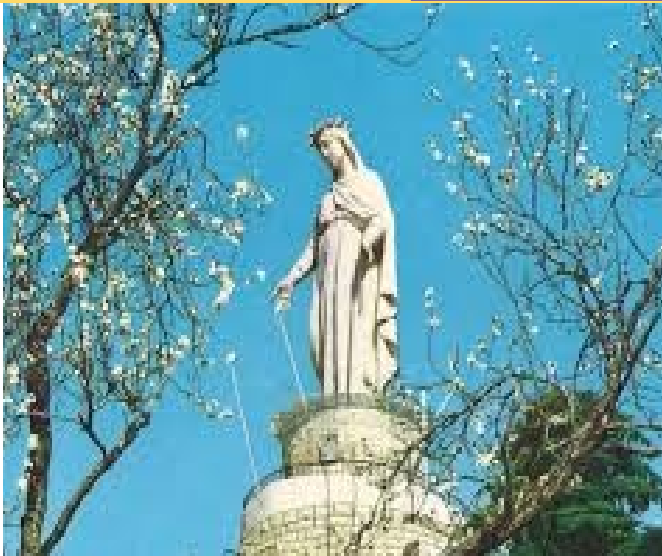
Mon. 8.24.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St Sharbel Liturgy & Novena**

Wed. 8.26.26 @ 6:30PM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **St. Rafka Liturgy & Novena**

Thu. 8.27.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln** **Liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary**

Fri. 8.28.26 @ 10:00AM **2951 Brookridge Ln**

Sun. 8.30.2026 @ 12:30PM **4116 Waxhaw-Marvin Rd**



Collection 8/16/2026

Church Collection	1,531.00
Online Weekly	\$80.00
Online Monthly	\$400.00
Total	\$2,011.00
Donation	\$100.00

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

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

Last week's Income **\$2,011.00**

Collected to Date **\$30,777.00**

Donations **\$575.00**

Total Income **\$31,352.00**

Needed to meet Budget: \$58,648.00

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:

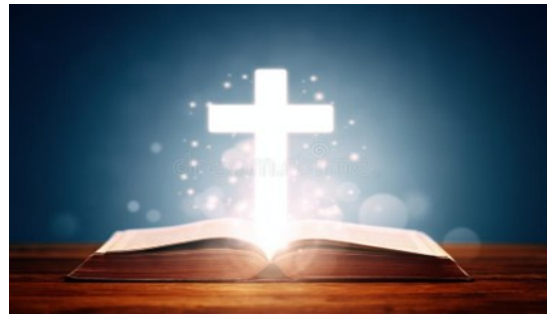
Sunday 8/16/2026: 64 People



Sign up for online giving.

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

14th Sunday of Pentecost

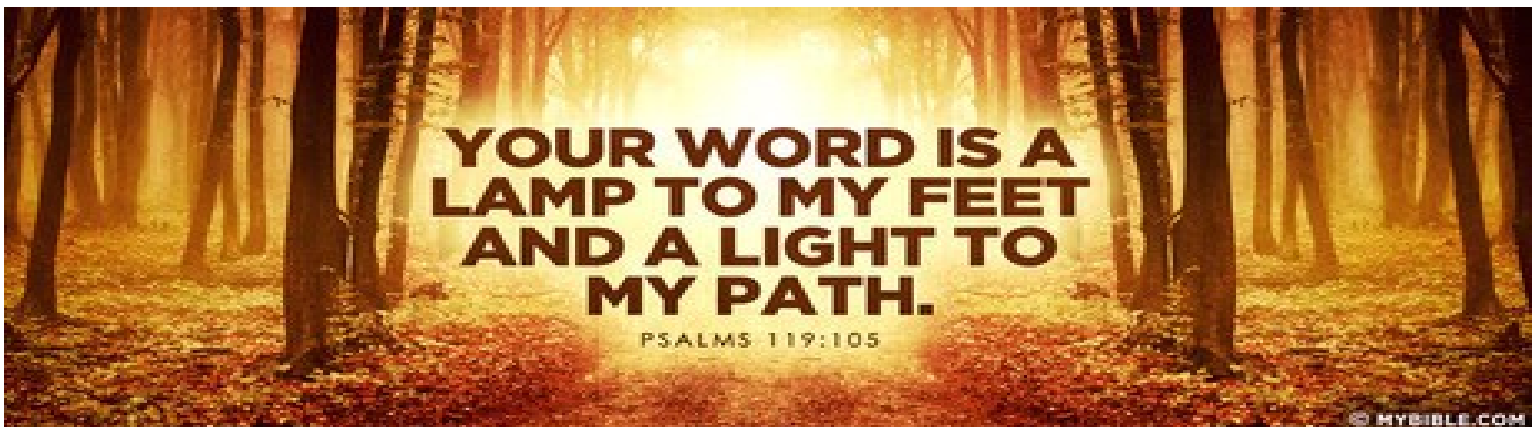


1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

For you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our reception among you was not without effect. Rather, after we had suffered and been insolently treated, as you know, in Philippi, we drew courage through our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle. Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives, nor did it work through deception. But as we were judged worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel, that is how we speak, not as trying to please human beings, but rather God, who judges our hearts. Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know, or with a pretext for greed—God is witness—nor did we seek praise from human beings, either from you or from others, although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers. As you know, we treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you and insisting that you conduct yourselves as worthy of the God who calls you into his kingdom and glory. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Luke 10 :38-42

As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary [who] sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”



Parish News

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, DC

Back-to-School Mass – Sunday, August 23 @12:30pm

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.

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. 23: Liliane & Elie Richa

Aug. 30: _____

Sep. 6: _____

Sep. 13: _____

Sep. 20: _____

Sep. 27: _____

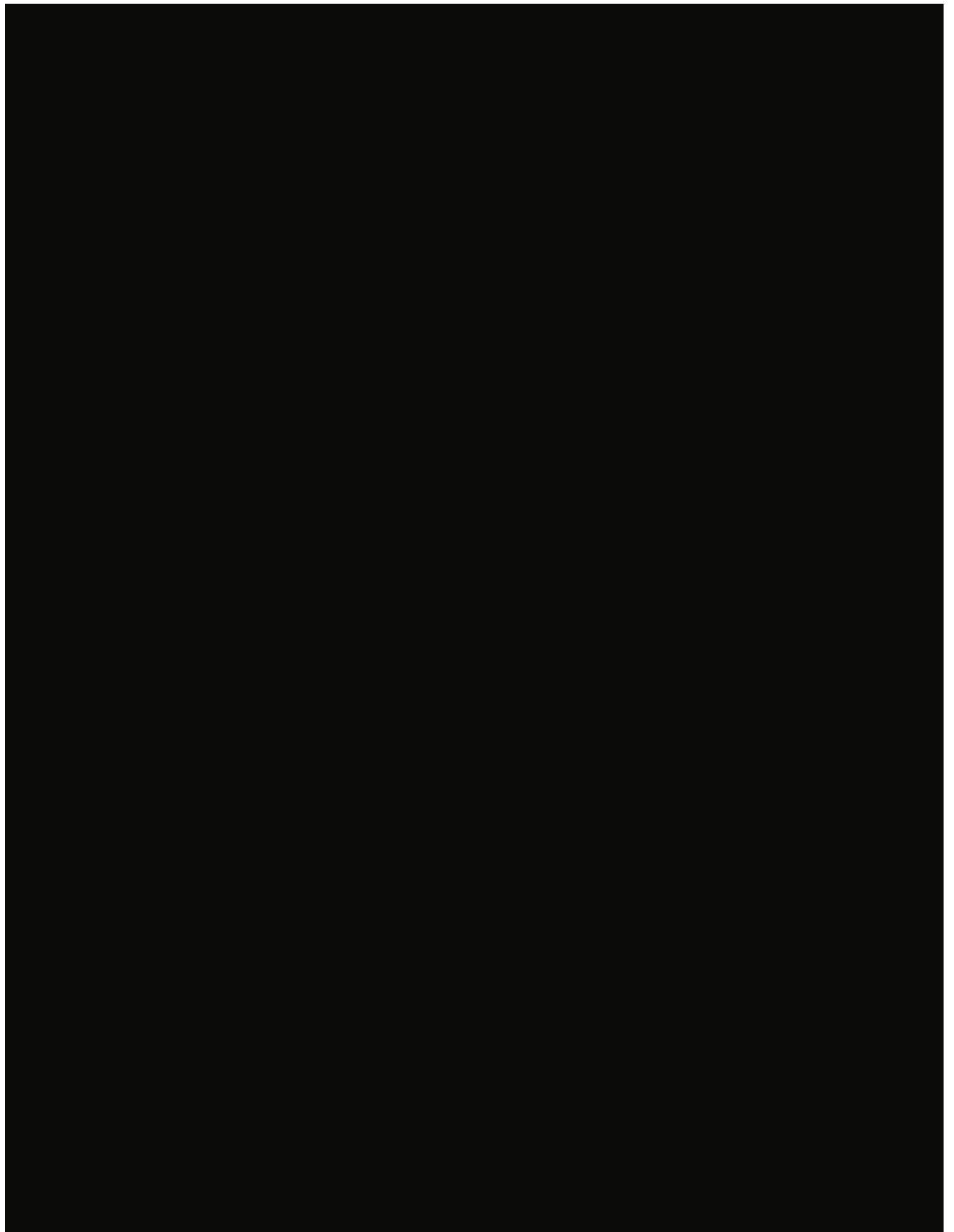
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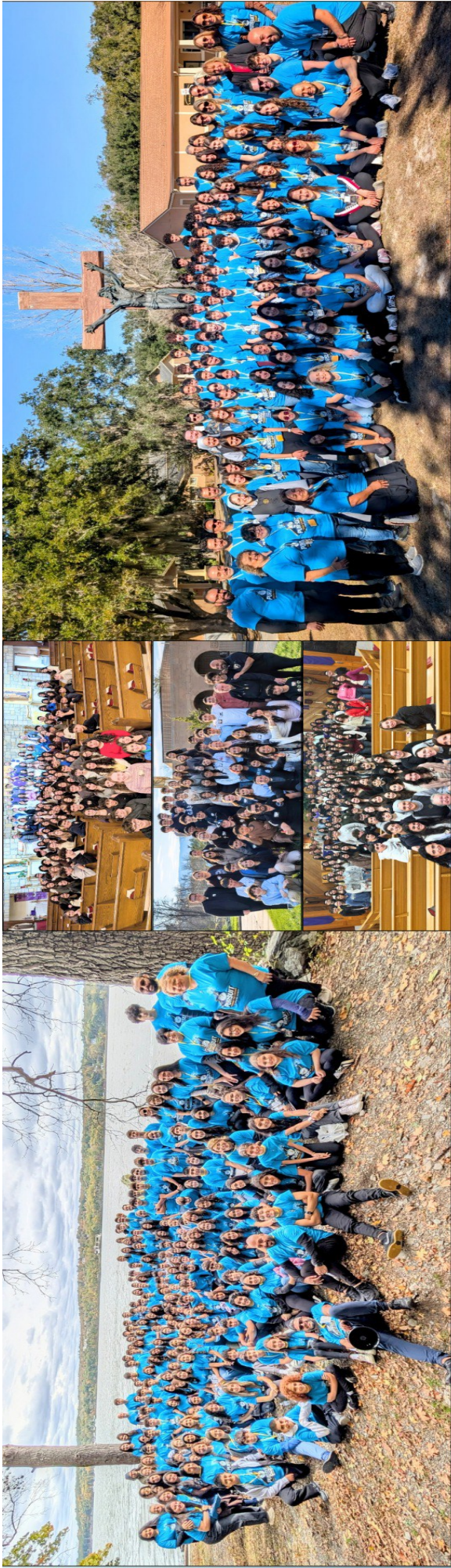
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***** Thank You *****

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**



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

Director, Cedar of Lebanon FertilityCare™ Center

Natural Family Planning Coordinator, Eparchy of St. Maron

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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**

