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A TIME OF MERCY AND GRACE

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The Healing of the Blind Man

أحد شفاء الأعمى

St Anthony Maronite Church
كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: 9 AM—2 PM

Saturdays: By Appointment

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Sub-Deacon James T. Demers

PARISH

MISSION STATEMENT

You are welcomed and loved by St Anthony Community. We are transformed through prayer, acts of love, forgiveness, service and stewardship.

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Daily Liturgies

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

Weekend Liturgies:

Saturday: 4 PM Vigil

Sunday Liturgies:

8:15 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

Holy days of obligation

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism & Confirmation

1 month in advance with the Pastor

Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date

Reconciliation

One hour Before Thursday & Saturday Liturgies, or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the Rectory if a member of your family is ill, hospitalized, or unable to come to Church and would like to receive communion at home

Please refer to our website for more Sacrament Celebrations Guidelines

PARISH SECRETARY

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PARISH MINISTRIES

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Publishing: Bulletin

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Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)

Kids Choir

Knights of the Altar

Maronite Young Adults

Bereavement Ministry

Cenacle of the Rosary

(Tuesdays @ 6PM before Liturgy)

Cenacle of Divine Mercy

(Sundays Before the Liturgies)

“Sacristan (s)

RESOURCES

AVAILABLE ONLINE

www.stanthonylawrence.org

Membership Registration

Under Welcome

Baptism & Confirmation:

Guidelines & Registration

Under Sacraments –Baptism

Sacrament of Marriage:

Guidelines, Foccus & Pre-Cana

Under Sacraments-Marriage

Banquet Hall Guidelines:

Contract Form & Donations

Under Events

Burial Guidelines:

Charges, Fees & Lot Sales

Under Cemetery

Sunday of the Blind Man

أحد الأعمى

Saturday, April 6 @ 4:00 PM

For: +Peter Abdunour, By Maria Domingues.

Sunday, April 7 @ 8:15 AM

For: +Eugene Veilleux, By Sub-Deacon James Demers.

Sunday, April 7 @ 9:30 AM

For: +Roy Bistany, By his family.

Sunday, April 7 @ 11:30 AM

For: +Elias Owaida, By his son, Robert Owaida, and Family.

Week of The Blind Man

أسبوع شفاء الأعمى

Monday, April 8 @ 9 AM - 2nd Council of Nicaea

For: Special Intentions, By Lola Abou Khalil.

Tuesday, April 9 @ 7 PM

For: +Sandra Morin, By Rita Bejjani.

Wednesday, April 10 @ 9 AM

For: In Honor of Charbel and Marita Merheb, (Birthday).

Thursday, April 11 @ 7 PM

For: +Special Intentions.

Friday, April 12 @ 7 PM – Stations of the Cross

Hosanna Sunday

أحد أشعائين

**All Palm Weekend Liturgies Intentions will be offered in
For: In Honor of Our Children at St Anthony Church**

Saturday, April 13

@ 4:00 PM -No Procession

Sunday, April 14:

@ 8:15 AM—No Procession

@ 9:30 AM

@ 11:30 AM - Main Sanctuary (Church)

@ 11:40 AM - Church Hall

Followed by Procession (Weather Permitting)

UPDATES TO OUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Newly graduated professional parishioners will be assigned to a new-household with new contribution envelopes. Please Provide any updated contact information whether phone, email or address...

Easter Flowers

St Anthony's Church invites you to decorate the sanctuary at St Anthony **"In Honor" or "In Memory" of special loved ones.**

Please complete this form and either place it in the offering plate, hand in at the rectory, or mail it to the church, along with your payment of \$15.00 per plant. **The deadline to order is Monday, April 12**

Given By:

In honor of:

In loving memory of:

Bake Sale!

*Knaffeh, Sanbousek, Ghraybeh
Maamoul (Dates, Walnuts & Pistachio)*

Palm Sunday Weekend

April 13th and 14th

*Be sure to stop by Saturday and Sunday
follow each of the liturgies and sweeten
your palate with all the delicious*

home-made Easter pastries offered!!!

**Proceeds To Help Our MYA Group
attending NAM Convention**



Sunday, April 14th

8:15 AM - Hosanna Sunday

9:30 AM - Hosanna Sunday

11:30 AM - Palm main Sanctuary

11:40 AM - Palm Liturgy - Parish Hall

Monday, April 15th

7 PM - Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday, April 16th

7 PM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, April 17th

7 PM - Right of the Lamp

Anointing with Holy Oil

Thursday, April 18th

7 PM - Thursday of the Mysteries

Washing of the Feet

Good Friday, April 19th

12 NOON - Signing of Chalice Liturgy

4 PM - Adoration of the Cross

5 PM - Via Crucis -Way of the Cross

7 PM - Adoration of the Cross

Easter Vigil, April 20th

4PM - Easter Vigil Liturgy

11:59 PM - Easter Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 21st

9:30 AM - Easter Liturgy

11:30 AM - Easter Liturgy

The Way of The Cross - Good Friday



Friday April 19TH @ 5:00 PM

**Starting at St Joseph Church
(241 Hampshire St)**

**Ending at St Anthony's Church
(145 Amesbury St)**

PARISH

MINISTRIES , ORGANIZATIONS & NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Susan Veilleux ccd@stanthonylawrence.org

Please return your rice bowls this weekend. Thank you in advance for any contribution on behalf of your family. You may send the bowls with your children on Sunday morning.

Thank you to the families that have already registered for Religious Education next fall. **Registrations will be open for a few more weeks.** Please send us your form at your earliest convenience.

April 7 is a regular class for Religious Education.

There will be no Religious Education on Sunday, April 14, or Sunday, April 21, for Palm Sunday and Easter. Please note we will resume Religious Ed on Sunday, April 29, and our final class will be on Sunday, May 5

If you have a child, you are anticipating making First Communion, in May of 2020 at St Anthony Church, please be aware that our guidelines for Communion appear on the website. *Children must complete Grade 1 Religious Education through St Anthony Church or be enrolled in Catholic School for Grade 1, in order to be eligible to make First Communion at St Anthony Church.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

****SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES****

- ⇒ **Friday, May 17th @ 5:30 PM**
First Communion Practice, with Parents
 - ⇒ **Saturday, May 18th @ 10:30 AM**
First Communion, celebration & Liturgy
- First Communion Documents Required:**
- 1) *Child Baptismal certificates*
 - 2) *\$25.00 donation per child: reception for the children after the 1st Communion Liturgy.*

DAUGHTERS OF SAINT ANTHONY

Elaine Ferris

Meeting: Monday, April 8 @ 12 Noon
In the Church Hall



MARONITE YOUTH - MYO

Gloria Azzi

myo@stanthonylawrence.org

Upcoming Events:

~**Friday, April 12, 2019: Faith Formation**
5:30pm-8:00pm

~**Friday, April 26, 2019: Faith Formation**
5:30pm-8:00pm

Please be sure to check our Facebook page for schedule updates and changes.



KNIGHTS OF MARY

Marie Charabati

kom@stanthonylawrence.org

◇ April 6 (Regular Session)

All sessions are 5:30pm to 7pm
unless otherwise noted.

ARABIC SCHOOL - Hitaf Nammour

Classes: Every Saturday @ 10 AM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Elias P. Azzi

Next Meeting: April 9th @ 7 PM

DABKE TROUPE - Carla Khoder

stanthonydabketroupe@gmail.com

The dabke troupe is open to all ages between 8 and 18. The practice schedule is to be determined. The registration form can be found in the foyer. Completed forms may be placed in the church collection or mailed to the rectory. *Keep in mind, membership availability is limited.*



KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

Sub-Deacon James Demers

Monthly Meeting: Saturday, April 13th



MARONITE YOUNG ADULTS

Sahar E. Ata

mya@stanthonylawrence.org

Our Young Adults organization is open for all college students between the ages of 18 and 25. We grow in our spirituality and maintain a bond of friendship

PARISH

SPIRITUAL FORMATION



"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"
Joshua 24:15

**Mrs Hitaf Nammour & Children
 Elias, Maria & Raymond**

Cordially invite you to the ordination of

Antoine Nammour
to the order of
Subdeacon

By the laying of hand of
Chorbishop John Faris

@
St Anthony Maronite Church
 145 Amesbury Street, Lawrence MA 01841

Saturday May 4th 2019 @ 4PM Liturgy
 Reception & Dinner to Follow - Parish Hall

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament
Thursday April 11



@ 7:30 PM

**MATTHEW:
 THE KING & HIS KINGDOM**

Holy Adult Mind
 Follow Soul Faith Spirit Believe
 Heart Catholic Formation Understand Relationship
 Love of God

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday

April 10 @ 10:30 AM English Session

April 10 @ 7 PM Arabic Session



FAMILY OF ST SHARBEL

Thurs., April 11

عائلة مار شربل: الخميس 11 نيسان

TITHES & OFFERINGS

March 31

Sunday Collection (Online)	\$4,430.50
Candles	\$128.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,257.00
Easter Offering For Pastor	\$30.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$1,870.00
Fuel	\$65.00
Donations (In Memory of, etc..)	\$350.00
Total Deposit	\$8,130.50

2019 EPARCHIAL CHARITIES APPEAL

The Amount collected for the Bishop Appeal as of April 2, 2019 : **\$5090.00**
 Our Parish dues to be forwarded to the Eparchy is **\$7,500.**
 The Parish is short of **\$2410.00**
 We thank you in advance for your attention towards this matter.
 Your generosity towards this year's Annual Eparchial Appeal is heartily appreciated

Helping for the Spiritual Growth & Prosperity of Our Parish !

Contribute to Our Parish Growth. Apply Online: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

WHAT WE HAVEN'T GOT RIGHT ABOUT SEX *By Ronald Rolheiser*

Several years ago, in the question and answer period after a public lecture, a rather disgruntled young man asked me a question that carried with it a bit of attitude: "You seem to write a lot about sex," he said, "do you have a particular problem with it?" My lecture had been on God's mercy and had never mentioned sex so his question obviously had its own agenda. My answer: "I write 52 columns a year and have been doing that for over 30 years. On average, I write one column on sex every second year, so that means I write on sex, on average, every 104 times I write. That's slightly less than 1% of the time. Do you think that's excessive?"

I highlight this exchange because I'm quite conscious that whenever a vowed celibate writes about sex this will be problematic for some, on both sides of the ideological spectrum. Be that as it may, by referring here to two insightful quotes by Gary Gutting, I want to suggest that our culture would do well to courageously examine its views on sex to see where our current ethos regarding sex might be not serving us well. Here are the quotes:

Writing in an issue of *Commonweal* (September 23, 2016), Gutting says: "We do, however, need an ethics of sexuality, and the starting point should be the realization that sex is not 'fun'. That is, it's not an enjoyable activity that we can safely detach from things that really matter. Sex isn't like telling a joke, drinking good wine, or watching a basketball game. It's not just that sex is more intense; it also taps emotional and moral depths that ordinary pleasures don't. Core human values such as love, respect, and self-identity are always in play. 'Casual sex' is a dangerous illusion. Sex is a problem for us mainly because we conflate it with fun."

Two years later, in another issue of *Commonweal* (March 19, 2018), commenting on the moral outrage that sparked the #MeToo movement, he writes: "Our outrage may seem anomalous, particularly in the Hollywood context, because the entertainment industry – along with advertising, the self-help industry, and the 'enlightened' intellectual – is a primary source of the widely accepted idea that sex should be liberated from the seriousness of moral strictures and recognized as just another way that modern people can enjoy themselves. ... I'm not a cynic, but I do think it's worth reflecting on the tension between moral outrage over sexual harassment and the ethics of liberated sexuality. The core problem is that this ethics endorses the idea that sex should typically be just another way of having fun. ... This ethics is open of course to the idea that sex can also be an expression of deep, committed, monogamous intimacy, but it still sees no problem with sex that begins and ends as just fun."

Can sex begin and end as just fun? Many within our culture today would say yes. It seems this is what we have evolved to.

In the short space of a half century we've witnessed a number of paradigm shifts in how our culture values sex morally. Until the 1950s, our dominant sexual ethos tied sex to both marriage and having children. Sex was considered moral when it was shared inside of a marriage and was open to conception. The 1960s excised the part about sex being tied to having children as birth control became acceptable within the culture. But sex still needed to be within a marriage. Pre-marital and extra-marital sex, though prevalent, were still not seen as morally acceptable.

The 70s and 80s changed that. Our culture came to accept sex outside of marriage, providing it was consensual and loving. Sex, in effect, became an extension of dating. Today's generation was born and raised inside that ethos. Finally the 1990s and the new millennium brought still a more radical shift, namely, "hook-up" sex, sex where soul, emotion, and commitment, are deliberately excluded from the relationship. For many people today, sex can be understood as purely recreational – and still moral – purely for fun.

What's to be said about this? Can sex be purely for fun? My answer is the same as Gutting's. Sex purely for fun doesn't work because, try as might, we cannot extricate sex from soul.

In the end, sex just for fun is not fun – except in fantasy, in ideology divorced from reality, and in naive novels and movies. For the sensitive, it invariably brings heartache, and to the insensitive it invariably brings hard-heartedness. To everyone it brings sexual exploitation. Most seriously, it leads to a certain loss of soul. When soulfulness is not given its rightful place within sexuality, worse still when it is deliberately excluded, we end up selling ourselves short, not properly honoring ourselves or others, and at the end of the day this results in neither happiness within ourselves nor proper respect of others.

Soul is a commodity worth protecting, particularly in sex.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST ANTHONY'S COUNCIL 16204
PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL**

Spring To Life Hafla

APRIL 27, 2019

St. Anthony's Maronite Church
145 Amesbury St.
Lawrence, MA 01841

Adults \$40
Kids (under 12) \$20

Dinner & Entertainment

FEATURING

Andre Abraham

WITH MAESTRO BACHIR
AND DEEJAY RIKON

Doors open at 7pm

Cash Bar & Raffles

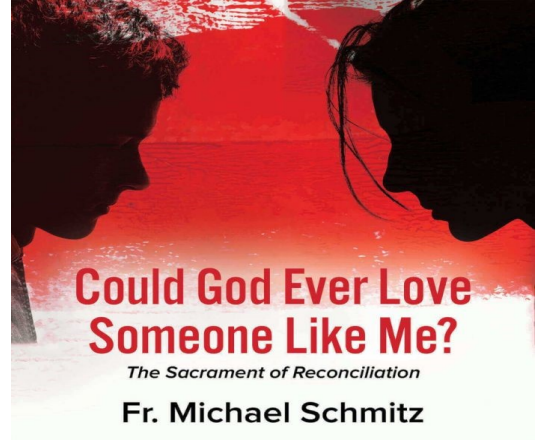


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Enrich Your Lenten Journey!



Fr. Mike Schmitz, one of the leading presenters in the Church today, speaks powerfully about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He makes clear the truth that Christ deeply loves and wants to encounter each of us as we are, with all our imperfections. Fr. Mike debunks the lies we often believe about not being good enough to approach Jesus, and he draws upon Scripture to explain rationally why we go to priests to encounter God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession.

2019-2020

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are now available for the DCG Scholarships for incoming CCHS Freshman, 2019-2020, school year. If you have been accepted into CCHS and you are a parishioner of Saint Anthony's, to download the scholarship application, please visit www.dcgfoundation.com.

****Applications are due April 15th****

GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE

The Annual DCG Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 24, 2019. Proceeds from this event are to benefit St Anthony's Scholarship fund. To download your application, visit their website or contact Ken @ 508-633-0704

NAM General Application for Scholarships

For MYO and High Schoolers: Range between \$1000 and \$2000 payable for 2 years.

For Colleges and Universities:

- ~USEK Scholarship: Available for college students; Summer 2020.
- ~NDU Scholarship: Available for college students; Spring/Fall 202

For more information and applications, visit www.namnews.org, namscholarships@gmail.com or call Nam @ 330-212-9207.

****Applications are due May 17th****

READINGS

*Sunday of the Healing of the Blind Man***2 Corinthians 10:1-7**

Brothers and Sisters: I myself, Paul, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold towards you when I am away! I ask that when I am present I need not show boldness by daring to oppose those who think we are acting according to human standards. Indeed, we live as human beings, but we do not wage war according to human standards; for the weapons of our warfare are not merely human, but they have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ. We are ready to punish every disobedience when your obedience is complete. Look at what is before your eyes. If you are confident that you belong to Christ, remind yourself of this, that just as you belong to Christ, so also do we.

Praise be to God always!

Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark 10:46-52

The Lord Jesus says: 'They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way' ***This is the truth. Peace be with you.***

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 6 - 4:00 PM

Elias Saab Sharbel Saab

Sunday, April 7 - 8:15 AM Volunteers

Sunday, April 7 - 9:30 AM

Jason Demers Ryan Naamani

Sunday, April 7 - 11:30 AM

*Anthony Chaya Christopher Bou Saada
Ryan El Khoury Sebastian Ramey*

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, April 13 - 4:00 PM

Elias Saab Sharbel Saab

Sunday, April 14 - 8:15 AM Volunteers

Sunday, April 14 - 9:30 AM

George Hbaiter Joseph Safi

Sunday, April 14 - 11:30 AM (Church)

*Anthony Sadek Charbel Sadek
Geryes Geha Giorgio Abounasr*

Sunday, April 14 - 11:40 AM (Church Hall)
Volunteers

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Proclaiming the Word of God?

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LECTORS

Saturday, April 6 - 4:00 PM Lisa Abdallah

Sunday, April 7 - 8:15 AM Maroun Nassar

Sunday, April 7 - 9:30 AM Elaine Ferris

Sunday, April 7 - 11:30 AM

English: George Saab Arabic: Ajia Elia

LECTORS

Saturday, April 13 - 4:00 PM Roy Rossi

Sunday, April 14 - 8:15 AM Hitaf Nammour

Sunday, April 14 - 9:30 AM Rachel Haydar

Sunday, April 14 - 11:30 AM

English: Anthony Merheb

Sunday, April 14 - 11:40 AM - Church Hall

English: Marie Charabati Arabic: Sleiman Ramy

أحد شفاء الأعمى

القرارات

رسالة القديس بولس الثانية إلى أهل كورنتس 7:1-10

يا إخوتي، أنا بولس نفسي أناشدكم بوداعة المسيح وحلمه، أنا المتواضع بينكم عندما أكون حاضراً، والجريء عليكم عندما أكون غائباً. وأرجو ألا أجبر عند حضورى أن أكون جريئاً، بالثقة التي لي بكم، والتي أنوي أن أجروها بها على الذين يحسبون أننا نسلك كأنا جسديين. أجل، إننا نحيا في الجسد، ولكننا لا نحارب كأنا جسديين؛ لأن أسلحة جهادنا ليست جسدية، بل هي قادرة بالله على هدم الحصون المنيعه؛ فإننا نهدم الأفكار الخاطئة، وكل شموخ يرتفع ضد معرفة الله، ونأسر كل فكر لإطاعة المسيح. ونحن مستعدون أن نعاقب كل عصيان، متى كملت طاعتكم. إنكم تحكمون على المظاهر! إن كان أحد واثقاً بنفسه أنه للمسيح، فليفكر في نفسه أنه كما هو للمسيح كذلك نحن أيضاً.

إنجيل القديس مرقس 10:46-52

ينما يسوع خارج من أريحا، هو وتلاميذه وجمع غفير، كان برطيما، أي ابن طيما، وهو شحاذ أعمى، جالساً على جانب الطريق. فلما سمع أنه يسوع الناصري، بدأ يصرخ ويقول: «يا يسوع ابن داود أرحمني!». «فانتهره أناس كثيرون ليسكت، إلا أنه كان يزداد صرخاً: «يا ابن داود أرحمني!». فوقف يسوع وقال: «أدعوه!». «فدعوا الأعمى قائلين له: «ثق وأنهض! إنه يدعوك». فطرح الأعمى رداءه، ووثب وجاء إلى يسوع. فقال له يسوع: «ماذا تريد أن أصنع لك؟». «قال له الأعمى: «رأبوني، أن أبصر!». «فقال له يسوع: «إذهب! إيمانك خلصك». وللوقت عاد يبصر. وراح يتبع يسوع في الطريق.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Right Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of Janet Maroun,
Offered by her children, grandchildren,
sisters and brothers.

Left Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp will burn
In Loving Memory of Janet Maroun,
Offered by her children, grandchildren,
sisters and brothers.

Pope Prayer Intentions - April 2019

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES BY PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON OUR TREE OF LIFE

BRASS ALUMINUM PLAQUES SIZES:

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3" X 6" = \$150

4" X 8" = \$250

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by email @ rectory@stanthonylawrence.org