



# SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH

*A Parish Family of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY*

## كنيسة مار أنطونيوس المارونية

December 31, 2017

31 كانون الأول 2017

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### OFFICE HOURS

M-TH: 9 AM - 4PM

Friday: Office is Closed

Saturdays: By Appointment

### LITURGIES

*Daily Liturgies:*

M & W: 9 AM

T & TH: 7 PM

*Weekend Liturgies:*

*Saturday*

Vigil Liturgy @ 4 PM

*Sunday Liturgies:*

8:30 AM - Arabic

9:30 AM - English

11:30 AM - English & Arabic

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Liturgy @ 7 PM

Feast Day @ 9 AM

### Sacraments of

#### Baptism & Confirmation

*1 month in advance with the Pastor*

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

*Couples should make arrangements six months prior to the wedding date*

#### Sacrament of

#### 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*

# Happy New Year!!! 2018



Let us *not*

become weary

in doing *good,*

for at the proper time  
we will reap a *harvest*

# IF WE DO NOT

*give up*

Galatians 6:9 [NIV]



**Facebook: Saint Anthony Maronite Church Lawrence, MA**



# Liturgies Intentions



Meet our staff:

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Parish Ministries

- ◆ Religious Education  
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- ◆ Publishing: Bulletin  
[bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:bulletin@stanthonylawrence.org)
- ◆ Choirs (English, Arabic & Syriac)
  - ◆ Kids Choir
  - ◆ Knights of the Altar
  - ◆ Knights of Mary
- ◆ Maronite Youth : MYO
- ◆ Maronite Young Adults  
(Coming Soon)
- ◆ Bereavement Ministry
- ◆ Cenacle of the Rosary  
(Thursdays @ 6PM)
- ◆ Cenacle of Divine Mercy  
(Sundays Before the Liturgies)
- ◆ Sacristan (s)

**The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple** **أحد وجود الرب في الهيكل**

Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	Private Intentions
Sunday, December 31	8:30AM	For: Private Intentions
	9:30AM	For:+ 40 Day Anniversary-Eileen Havey By Her children and Family
	11:30 AM	For:+ Martin de Arruda By Mr. & Mrs. Jamil Kamari and Family

**New Year's -2018** **عيد رأس السنة المجيدة**

Monday January 1st @ 5PM

For Good Health and Blessings  
of Parishioners by The Pastor

Tuesday, January 2 @ 7 PM	Private Intentions
Wednesday, January 3 @9AM	Private Intentions.
Thursday, January 4 @ 7PM	In Honor of Javier Estefan By the Pastor

**Feast of Epiphany**

**عيد الدنح المجيد**

Friday, January 5	7:00 PM	<b>Epiphany Vigil Liturgy</b> For the Good Health and Safety of Our Parishioners By the Pastor
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**1st Sunday of Epiphany** **الأحد الأول - الدنح المجيد**

Saturday, January 6	4:00 PM	For: + Dora Maria Pereira By Her Mother Dora and her sister Lisa
Sunday January 7	8:AM	For: + Elias & Mariam Khoder By Their Son Youssef Khoder and Family
	930AM	Private Intentions
	11:30 AM	For:+ 40 Day Anniversary-Fr. George Rahme By His brother Elie Rahme, his wife Kathleen and Children & By his Nephew John Merheb, his wife Sandra and Family.



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**Weekly offering envelopes for 2018** will be mailed to your home on a quarterly basis. You will receive envelopes every 3 months. For those who have signed up for online donations, you may disregard them or drop your empty envelope in the collection basket.

**Online Donation—Contribute to Our Parish Growth**

**Apply Online:** <http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

**Electronic Consent Form Or Print Form:**

Last Name		First Name	
Envelope #		Email	
Address		Phone	
City	State	Zip	
<b>Date of First Donation</b> _____ / _____ / _____ mm/dd/yyyy  Number of Donations: _____	<b>Donation Frequency</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Time <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Trimesterly <input type="checkbox"/> 1st and 15th <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly		<b>Fund to apply donation</b> _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$
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# PARISH MINISTRIES & NEWS

## Religious Education - Sunday School

Thank you !!! I would like to thank the children and their families that participated in The Knights of Columbus poster contest. The posters were picked up yesterday. The winners will be celebrated on December 31. Stay tuned for more details.

There will be **no CCD on December 31.**

Classes will resume in January.

From the entire staff of the CCD program, we would like to wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Susan Veilleux, [ccd@stanthonylawrence.org](mailto:ccd@stanthonylawrence.org)

## MYA - Save the Date

Christmas Gathering  
December 29th @ 7:30 PM

## KNIGHTS OF MARY SCHEDULE

All Events run from  
5PM - 7PM

After 4PM Liturgy

\*Dates are Subject to change\*

<b>2017- 2018</b>
January 6
January 20

Thursday January 4 @ 7:30PM



Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament

Bible Study  
everyone is welcome

Tuesday January 9th  
تعاود السهرات الأنجيلية نشاطها في 9 كانون الثاني

## Knights of Columbus Poster Contest Winners

All winners will be recognized and awarded at the 9:30AM Liturgy on Sunday, December 31st

### Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Winners:

Jason Demers & Gabrielle Abdelnour

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners:

Christien Abimoussa	Amelia Jesionowski
Laura Wazen	Christopher Azzi
3rd Grade CCD Class	Brady Ata
Maria Wazen	Rebecca Naamani

## THE KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

The Altar Servers will be meeting on **Saturday, January 6** at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church. If there are any questions of conflicts, please call Sub-Deacon Jim Demers at 978-685-8423.



## Rosary Group Every Wednesday @ 6PM

صلاة المسبحة الوردية: الأربعاء من كل أسبوع الساعة السادسة مساء

## Children's Choir



January 13th & 27th  
Practices will be held from  
5:00PM - 6:30PM

## Congrats on your Baptism!!!

We join with the parish family of Saint Anthony to offer our sincere congratulations to the family of Noah Kosseifi, who received the Blessed Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Our best wishes to the parents, grandparents and godparents. May Christ continue to bless this child whom we welcome into the flock.

## BE IN TOUCH!! STAY CONNECTED !!

Membership Registration:  
<http://stanthonylawrence.org/member-information-form/>  
Online Donation:  
<http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>  
Upcoming Events:  
<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/>  
Monthly Calendar:  
<http://stanthonylawrence.org/upcoming-events/calendar/>



December 23 & 24, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,875.00
Online Donations	\$75.00
Candles	\$ 187.00
Fuel	\$ 175.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas Pastor Charities	\$1,137.00
Christmas Offering	\$12,506.00
Christmas Flowers	\$65.00
Donations	\$6,000.00
New Year's Day	\$100.00
Christmas Bake Sale	\$20.00
<i>Total Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 23,095.00</i>

**Left Sanctuary Lamp**  
*In Loving Memory of Dennis Harb*  
*Offered by his cousins, The Ferguson Family.*

**Right Sanctuary Lamp**  
*In Loving Memory of Dennis Harb*  
*Offered by his cousins, The Ferguson Family.*

**Guidelines:**

**Baptismal Guidelines:** *(Check our Website)*  
 ♦ Guidelines & Registration Form

**Marriage Guidelines:** *(Check our Website)*  
 ♦ Guidelines & Check List Forms

**Banquet Hall Guidelines:**  
 ♦ Contract Form *(Check our Website)*  
 ♦ Banquet Hall Usage Donations:  
 1. \$500 (For 6 Hours)  
 2. \$250 For Registered & Active parishioners *(with contribution history)*  
 3. Security Deposit \$250 *(Returned after the event, if no Damages)*  
 4. Cleaning Donations: \$100

# ALTAR SERVERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	Jacob Godfrey Youssef Chahine
Sunday, December 31	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, December 31	9:30 AM	Anthony Hassan Mark Bejjani
Sunday, December 31 11:30 AM		Anthony Sadek, Charbel Merheb Charbel Yammine, Elie Daou

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday, January 6	4:00 PM	Elias Saab Sharbel Saab
Sunday, January 7	8:30 AM	Volunteers
Sunday, January 7	9:30 AM	Charbel Yammine Thomas Demers
Sunday, January 7 11:30 AM		Anthony Sadek, Charbel Merheb Charbel Sadek, Elias Azzi



## Lectors

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	Phyllis Thomas
Sunday, December 31	8:30 AM	Guita Bou Habib
Sunday, December 31	9:30 AM	Josephine McDougall
Sunday, December 31 11:30 AM		English: Michael Mouawad Arabic: Ajia Elia

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
Saturday, January 6	4:00 PM	Roy Rossi
Sunday, January 7	8:30 AM	Mona Hbaiter
Sunday, January 7	9:30 AM	Maria Nammour
Sunday, January 7 11:30 AM		English: Raghida Ramey Arabic: Claudine Raad

**DEAR GOD,  
I WANNA TAKE A  
MINUTE, NOT TO ASK  
FOR ANYTHING FROM  
YOU, BUT SIMPLY TO  
SAY THANK YOU,  
FOR ALL I HAVE.**

*As we conclude 2017, we take this opportunity to offer our gratitude to Almighty God for His abundant blessings bestowed on us throughout the year.*

*Our sincere thanks for our organizations and their members. We look forward to a prosperous and active 2018 under the continued guidance and leadership of our group directors and advisors.*

*We express our appreciation for the many volunteers and donors, who work so hard in keeping our Spiritual home and activities successful in all we do together.*

*May the Good Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones with good Health, love and joy in 2018!!!*

*Your presence is a blessing in this Parish. I pray that I may continue in my Pastoral Ministry to serve and guide this community.*

**SAINT ANTHONY MARONITE CHURCH**

**PRESENTS**

**VALENTINE PARTY**

**ST MARON CELEBRATION**

DATE:

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2018**

DOORS OPEN: 7PM

LOCATION:

**ST ANTHONY BANQUET HALL**



FEATURING:

**DORIS & ENSEMBLE**

FOR RESERVATION:

Wissam Merheb@

978.853.5145

Mounira Daher@

603.235.0801

TICKETS are available FOR SALE:

Adults \$50 (\$75 after January 15)

Students: \$30 (\$50 after January 15)

Dinner Included - Cash Bar Only

ONLINE RESERVATION—SPECIAL EVENT DONATION: <http://stanthonylawrence.org/donate-now/>

**Open House @ St. Joe's** Sunday, 1/28/18, noon-2:00 pm  
The St. Joseph Regional Catholic School in Salem invites you to their Open House for coffee and donuts **1/28/18 at noon**. We want to thank you for supporting and for praying for us. Tours of the school will be available. Our younger visitors are welcome to make a special winter craft with some of our students. Please come see the great things happening at St. Joe's. Questions? Contact [info@sjrcs.com](mailto:info@sjrcs.com) or 603-893-6811 x 19.



**POPE PRAYER  
INTENTIONS -January  
2018 Evangelization:  
Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom



*Thank you for your donations and Generosity towards the Pastor's Charities collection. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!*



**Maronite Calendars**  
*now available in the Church foyer*  
 Donation of \$5 per calendar

## **Christmas Poinsettias: In Honor / In Loving Memory of**

<b><u>Given By</u></b>	<b><u>In Memory Of</u></b>
Beverly & Bob Schiripo	Rose & Peter Lucchesi , Mary Shadeed, Stephanie & Fred Schiripo
Mrs. Theresa Solomon	Mr. Edmond J. Solomon - Mr. Fred & Mrs. Mary Faris - Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Emily Solomon & Mr. Phillip & Mrs. Rose Hatem
Amal Feghali	Raymond Feghali & Gebran Najem
Abou Raad Family	Nehme Abou Raad and Micheline Azzi
Christine Kattar	Thomas and Victoria Kattar- Frances (Kattar) Cocozza
Mabel Beshara	George Beshara Family
Roy & Donna Rossi	Joseph & Yvonne Ellis
Touma Family	Mel & Joe Touma - Shia & Sarah Touma
George & Mirna Abou Ezzi	In Memory of Antoine Abouezzi, Jeanette Lahoud Nasr, Fr. Robert Stacick, Mike and Marie Noel Nassar
Phyllis Thomas	John Thomas
Christine, Bill & Maddi Ryan	John Thomas
Michael G. Faris & Family	George & Elsie Faris
Tuffic, Venize & Rosine	Diane Hatem
Jason & Amanda Azzi	Said and Chafica Azzi, Joseph and Nancy Azzi, and Melhem Antar
Sami & Clara Atie	Selim & Afify Barakat /Jamal & Marie Atie Sleiman Bou Karam / Ana Casilda Pichardo
B. Spencer & Cecelia Hatem	Billy Hatem
James Hajj	Margaret Hajj (wife)
Elaine A. Ferris	Ferris Family & Ricci Family
Abdallah Children & Their Families	Albert H. & Anna R. Abdallah
J. Ganem	Fred J. Ganem
Roseanne Ganem	Fred J. Ganem
Victor C. Azzi	Mr. & Mrs. Kahlil S. Azzi / Mr. & Mrs. Elias Naffah
Tony & Hitaf Nammour	Romanos Nammour /Joseph Bou Sanayeh
Marie & Therese Jbeily	Elias Jbeily, Abou Fayssal Family, & Churfane Family

<b><u>Given By</u></b>	<b><u>In Honor Of</u></b>
John & Leslie Hassan	Fr. Joe Abisaad
Anonymous	The Family of Rev. Elie Mikhael
Beshara and Huguette Sfeir	Tia Sfeir by her loving Parents
Hugette Sfeir	For the good Health of all Cancer Patients at Saint Anthony
Jason & Amanda Azzi	Saadallah Azzi & Mariam Azzi
Elaine A. Ferris	Jennie & Toufie Ferris

if perfection had been attainable through the levitical priesthood for the people received the law under this priesthood what further need would there have been to speak of another priest arising according to the order of Melchizedek, rather than one according to the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. Now the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. It is even more obvious when another priest arises, resembling Melchizedek, one who has become a priest, not through a legal requirement concerning physical descent, but through the power of an indestructible life. For it is attested of him, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope, through which we approach God

يا إخواني، لو كَانَ الْكَمَالُ قَدْ تَحَقَّقَ بِالْكَهَنُوتِ الْلَّاهُوتِيِّ، وَهُوَ أَسَاسُ الشَّرِيعَةِ الَّتِي أُعْطِيَتْ لِلشَّعْبِ، فَأَيُّ حَاجَةٍ بَعْدُ إِلَى أَنْ يَفُومَ كَاهِنٌ آخَرُ عَلَى «رُثْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِقِ»، وَلَا يُقَالُ «عَلَى رُثْبَةِ هَارُونَ»؟ فَمَتَى تَغَيَّرَ الْكَهَنُوتُ، لَا بُدَّ مِنْ تَغْيِيرِ الشَّرِيعَةِ أَيْضًا. فَأَلَّذِي يُقَالُ هَذَا فِي سَأَلِهِ، أَيُّ الْمَسِيحِ، جَاءَ مِنْ سِبْطِ آخَرَ، لَمْ يَلْزَمْ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُ خِدْمَةَ الْمَذْبَحِ، وَمِنْ الْوَاضِحِ أَنَّ رَبَّنَا أَشْرَقَ مِنْ يَهُودَا، مِنْ سِبْطِ لَمْ يَصِفْهُ مُوسَى بِشَيْءٍ مِنَ الْكَهَنُوتِ. وَيَزِيدُ الْأَمْرَ وَضُوحًا أَنَّ الْكَاهِنَ الْآخَرَ الَّذِي يَفُومُ عَلَى مِثَالِ مَلَكِيصَادِقِ، لَمْ يَفُومْ وَفَقَ شَرِيعَةً وَصِيَّةً بَشَرِيَّةً، بَلْ وَفَقَ قُوَّةَ حَيَاةٍ لَا تَزُولُ. وَيُشْهَدُ لَهُ: «أَنْتَ كَاهِنٌ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، عَلَى رُثْبَةِ مَلَكِيصَادِقِ!». «وَهَكَذَا يَتِمُّ إِبْطَالُ وَصِيَّةِ الْكَهَنُوتِ السَّابِقَةِ، بِسَبَبِ ضَعْفِهَا وَعَدَمِ نَفْعِهَا، لِأَنَّ الشَّرِيعَةَ لَمْ تُبَلِّغْ شَيْئًا إِلَى الْكَمَالِ، وَيَتِمُّ أَيْضًا إِدْخَالُ رَجَاءٍ أَفْضَلِ، بِهِ نَقْتَرِبُ مِنَ اللَّهِ.

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor

كَانَ أَبُوآ يَسُوعَ يَذْهَبَانِ كُلَّ سَنَةٍ فِي عِيدِ الْفِصْحِ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ. وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ يَسُوعَ اثْنَتَيْ عَشْرَةَ سَنَةً، صَعِدُوا مَعًا كَمَا هِيَ الْعَادَةُ فِي الْعِيدِ. وَبَعْدَ انْقِضَاءِ أَيَّامِ الْعِيدِ، عَادَ الْأَبَوَانِ، وَبَقِيَ الصَّبِيُّ يَسُوعُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَهُمَا لَا يَدْرِيَانِ. وَإِذْ كَانَا يَطْلُبَانِ أَنَّهُ فِي الْقَافِلَةِ، سَارَا مَسِيرَةَ يَوْمٍ، ثُمَّ أَخَذَا يَطْلُبَانِهِ بَيْنَ الْأَقْرَابِ وَالْمَعَارِفِ. وَلَمْ يَجِدَاهُ، فَعَادَا إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ يَبْحَثَانِ عَنْهُ. وَبَعْدَ ثَلَاثَةِ أَيَّامٍ، وَجَدَاهُ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ جَالِسًا بَيْنَ الْعُلَمَاءِ، يَسْمَعُهُمْ وَيَسْأَلُهُمْ. وَكَانَ جَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَهُ مُنْذَهَلِينَ بِدِكَايِهِ وَأَجْوِبَتِهِ. وَلَمَّا رَأَهُ أَبُوَاهُ بُهْتًا، وَقَالَتْ لَهُ أُمُّهُ: «يَا ابْنِي، لِمَاذَا فَعَلْتَ بِنَا هَكَذَا؟ فَهِيَ أَنَا وَأَبُوكَ كُنَّا نَبْحَثُ عَنْكَ مُتَوَجِّعِينَ!». «فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «لِمَاذَا تَطْلُبَانِنِي؟ أَلَا تَعْلَمَانِ أَنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَكُونَ فِي مَا هُوَ لِأَبِي؟». «أَمَّا هُمَا فَلَمْ يَفْهَمَا الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي كَلَّمَهُمَا بِهِ. ثُمَّ نَزَلَ مَعَهُمَا، وَعَادَ إِلَى النَّاصِرَةِ، وَكَانَ خَاضِعًا لَهُمَا. وَكَانَتْ أُمُّهُ تَحْفَظُ كُلَّ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ فِي قَلْبِهَا. وَكَانَ يَسُوعُ يَنْمُو فِي الْحِكْمَةِ وَالْقَامَةِ وَالنَّعْمَةِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَالنَّاسِ.



**THE COURT JESTER'S NEW YEAR'S ADVICE** *By Ronald Rolheiser*

Make the new year a creative one: Write a poem every morning. How can you do that? Poet, William Stafford, has the answer: "Lower your standards!"



- Know this: A society which scorns excellence in plumbing because it is a humble activity and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water. So writes John Gardner.
- Are you planning to spend your summer vacation writing an academic article? Consider this: It is estimated that there are about 200,000 academic journals published in the English language and the average number of readers per article is five.
- A post-modern, biblical, recasting of Murphy's Law: In the house of irritation there are many rooms! Remember, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for an irritated person not to be a pain to be around.
- Since 1993, close to 200 lawsuits have been filed by USA prison inmates, defending on grounds of religion practices that range from masturbation to reggae music. In one case, in a Texan prison, an inmate claimed that his religion required that once a week he be served chateaubriand. Why isn't religion more popular?
- If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf. (Bob Hope)
- Past cultures believed in the other world, a reality beyond their own. We too believe in the other world, Hollywood.
- Careerist's credo for those in ecclesial or civil service:
  - Don't think.
  - If you think, don't speak.
  - If you think and speak, don't write.
  - If you think and speak and write, don't sign your name.
  - If you think and speak and write your name, don't be surprised. (*National Catholic Reporter*)
- Yes, moral relativism is all the fashion: A lot of people say that there aren't any "shoulds" in life, but here's something you **should** know: There are only three words in the English language that end with gry ... hungry, angry, and puggry!
- Having trouble defining God? Try Alfred North Whitehead's definition of the ineffable: God is the unconditioned actuality of conceptual feeling at the base of things; so that, by reason of this primordial actuality, there is an order in the relevance of eternal objects to the process of creation. His unity of conceptual operations is a free creative act, untrammled by reference to any particular course of things. It is deflected neither by love, nor by hatred, for what in fact comes to pass. The particularities of the actual world presuppose it; while it merely presupposes the general metaphysical character of creative advance, of which it is the primordial exemplification. The primordial nature of God is the acquirement by creativity of a primordial character. His conceptual actuality at once exemplifies and establishes the categorical conditions. The conceptual feelings, which compose his primordial nature, exemplify in their subjective forms their mutual sensitivity and their subjective unity of subjective aim. These subjective forms are valuations determining the relative relevance of eternal objects for each occasion of actuality.
- Strange anomalies. Therapy and prostitution: If you are lonely and nobody understands you and you feel like going crazy and you have some money left over that you don't need for food, you can buy somebody to love you, at \$100 per hour. But there are two different kinds of love you can buy; one is laudable, the other criminal, and the difference between them is laughable. Yet how exactly to explain that difference? Here's a PH.D thesis in phenomenology waiting to be written.
- Then there is the story of the Farmer who voted against Daylight Saving Time because he was afraid that the extra hour of sunlight each day might be too much for his crops to take!
- It is easier to behave yourself into a new way of feeling than to feel yourself into a new way of behaving. So have a good year