

# ST. SHARBEL MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

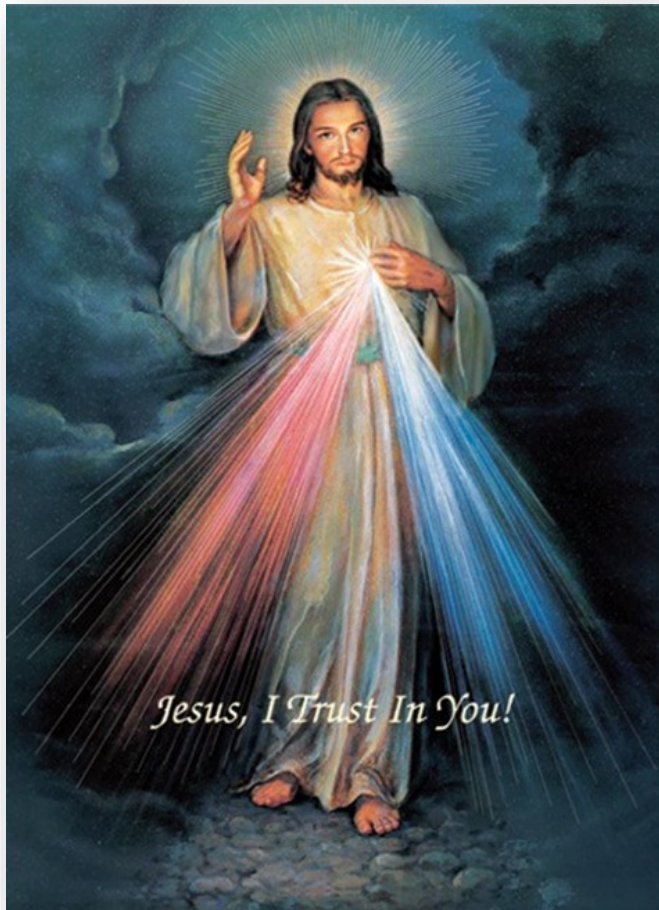
## CLINTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

NEW SUNDAY - الأحد الجديد

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 8, 2018

أحد الرحمة الألهية

READING 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 GOSPEL John 20:26-31



### DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*

*“On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”*

Diary of Saint Faustina 699

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Michael Magyar

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Dianne Bartolomeo

### WEEKEND LITURGIES AT BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

12500 NINETEEN MILE ROAD  
[JUST WEST OF SCHOENHERR]  
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48313

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION & PRAYERS

1st Saturday: 3:30 PM

SAINT SHARBEL FAMILY PRAYERS

22nd Day of Every Month: Weekday

Liturgy at 6:30 PM followed by Prayers 7 PM

See Bulletin for location

Sunday Following 11:30 am Liturgy

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH**  
**BEMIS JR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
 3:45 PM— NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH**  
**BEMIS JR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
 4:00 PM— **In Thanksgiving for the Easter Flower Donors** , by Pastor  
 4:00 PM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Deacon John and Bobbi Sfire Family**, by Pastor  
 4:00 PM— **Daniel and Mary Daniel and the Deceased Members of the Daniel Family and the Simon Family**, by Children  
 4:00 PM— **Paul Elias**, by Jerry and Faye Elias and Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
**BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
 9:15 AM— NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY  
 9:30 AM— **In Thanksgiving for the Easter Flower Donors** , by Pastor  
 9:30 AM— **Thomas Carson Birthday Remembrance**, by Family  
 9:30 AM— **Joseph and Helen Shaker**, by Family

11:15 AM— NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY  
 11:30 AM— **In Thanksgiving for the Easter Flower Donors** , by Pastor  
 11:30 AM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Kozhaya and Therese Sfire and the Nadia Chamoun Families**, by Pastor  
 11:30 AM— **Habib and Wadea Ghafari**, by the Ghaphery Family (Wheeling, WV)  
 11:30 AM— **Sanaa Al Hokayem 2 Year Remembrance**, by Sister, Lolita Maliskey and Family  
 11:30 AM— **Sultan Hattar 9 Year Remembrance**, by Family  
 11:30 AM— **Jamilha and Issa Hattar**, by Family  
 11:30 AM— **Raja and Sabha Sweidan**, by Family

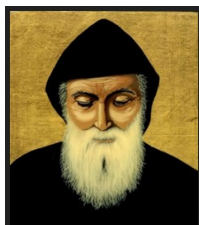
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH**  
 NO MASS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH**  
**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
 1:30 PM— **Wedding Joesef Anton and Francesca Giordano**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH**  
**BEMIS JR. HIGH SCHOOL**  
 4:00 PM— **Jerry and Faye Elias 60th Wedding Anniversary**  
 4:00 PM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Medley Family**, by Mary Medley  
 4:00 PM— **Living and Deceased Members of the Michael and Catherine Joseph Family**, by Mary Medley  
 4:00 PM— **Msgr. Ignatius Sadek 3 Year Remembrance**, by Friends of Saint Sharbel  
 4:00 PM— **Julia Hunrath**, by Daughter, Dixie Hunrath

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH**  
**BEMIS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
 9:30 AM— **Abraham John Family**, by Cecelia John  
 9:30 AM— **Betty Shaker**, by Family  
 9:30 AM— **Isaac, Masri, Mariam, Labib Badawi**, by Pastor

11:30 AM— **Moubarak Elias Yammine**, by Pastor  
 11:30 AM— **Joseph and Helen Shaker**, by Family  
 11:30 AM— **Annie Shehade**, by Family



**READERS FOR:**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH 4:00 PM**  
 Janet Peters

**READERS FOR:**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH 9:30 AM**  
 Anne Marie Lutfy

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH 11:30 AM**  
 Reema Sweidan - English  
 Maysoun Sweidan- Arabic

**READERS FOR:**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH 4:00 PM**  
 Dixie Hunrath

**READERS FOR:**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH 9:30 AM**  
 Mariam Tobia

**SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH 11:30 AM**  
 Maria Nicholas - English  
 Claudette Nicholas- Arabic

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to  
**Brandon and Deborah Hackstock**  
 on the birth  
 of their new daughter,  
**Vivian Barbara Hackstock**  
 and to the proud Grandparents,  
**Michael and Barbara DeBruyn!**

May our Lord bless you and your family  
 with good health and happiness!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY 103!**

Congratulations and the happiest  
 of birthday blessings to  
**Zina Elias**  
 on the celebration of her 103rd birthday!  
 May our Lord bless you and your family  
 with good health and happiness!

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**March 29 - April 1, 2018**  
**\$12,326.00**  
*May God bless you in return for your generosity  
 and support of your parish!*

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### AVAILABLE ITEMS

#### LITURGICAL VESTMENTS

Donation: \$1000

**DONATED - 5**

Need: 1

#### ALTAR LINENS - Red

Donation: \$1500 each set

Need: 1

**DONATED - 1**

#### ALTAR LINENS - Gold

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Need: 2

#### ALTAR LINENS - Blue

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Need: 2

#### ALTAR LINENS - Purple

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Need: 2

#### ALTAR LINENS - Green

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Need: 2

#### ELECTRONIC CHURCH SIGN

Donation: \$25,000

Need: 1

### DONATED

#### CLASSROOM FURNITURE

**DONATED**

#### PROCESSIONAL CANDLESTICKS

**DONATED - 4**

#### COLLECTION BASKETS

**DONATED - 6**

#### FLOWER STANDS

**DONATED**

#### CIBORIUM #2

**DONATED**

#### ALTAR CANDLESTICKS #2

**DONATED - 2**

#### STANDING SANCTUARY LAMP

Donation: \$3500

**DONATED**

#### ALTAR SERVER ROBES

**DONATED - 14**

#### TREE OF LIFE

**DONATED**

#### HANGING WOOD CROSS WITH CORPUS

**DONATED**

### DONATED

#### HOLY WATER FONTS

**DONATED - 4**

#### MISSAL STAND

**DONATED**

#### ALTAR CRUCIFIX

**DONATED**

#### SANCTUARY BELLS

**DONATED**

#### INCENSE STAND

**DONATED**

#### INCENSE CENSER AND BOAT

**DONATED**

#### CHALICE #1

**DONATED**

#### CIBORIUM #1

**DONATED**

#### CHALICE #2

**DONATED**

#### INTINCTION SETS - 3

**DONATED**

#### CRUETS AND TRAY SETS - 2

**DONATED**

#### PROCESSIONAL CRUCIFIX

**DONATED**

#### ALTAR CANDLESTICKS #1

**DONATED - 4**

#### HOLY WATER POT AND SPRINKLER

**DONATED**

#### FUNERAL PALL

**DONATED**

#### CHURCH PEW

**DONATED - 46**

#### BIBLE COVER

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#### PIANO

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#### CHURCH ORGAN

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#### CHAPEL TABERNACLE

**DONATED**

#### ALTAR LINENS - White

**DONATED - 3**

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

**In Loving Memory of...**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Mr. and Mrs. Raja Ashkar               |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bacha             | George and Maryann Sassin<br>Michael and Beverly Bacha   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bousho             | Edmund Bousho<br>Rebecca Bousho<br>David Bousho  |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Cafagna              |  |
| Mrs. John A. Cafagna                   |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Calcaterra         |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Chaptini          |  |
| Mrs. Marilyn Daniels                   | Michael and Sheffia Thomas   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Abdou Deban               |  |
| Mrs. Linda Elias                       | Paul Elias<br>Elias and Fremont Families   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Elie Eid                  |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Maroun Hakim              |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hatty              | Thomas and Shiela Hatty<br>John Marsh<br>Bill York   |
| Mrs. Christine Herbert                 | Peter and Edna Migala and Family   |
| Ms. Dixie Hunrath                      | Herbert and Julia Hunrath and Family   |
| Mr. Anthony B. Joseph                  |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Akram Karromi             |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kelof             | Surckees and Mary Michael<br>Michael<br>Selma Farrah   |
| Mrs. Christine Khalil                  |  |
| Subdeacon Mike Magyar                  |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Tom Maliskey, Jr.         |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moubarak           | Jackson Noah Carnago<br>Roland Moubarak<br>Tannous and Mariam Khawand<br>Youssef & Francis & Raheel Moubarak |
| Mr. and Mrs. Michel Moubarak           | Khalil Yammine<br>Nassif Moubarak  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Nassif Moubarak           | Nassif Youssef Moubarak<br>Deeb and Amalia and Marie Zbeidy  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nader             | Mr. and Mrs. Anthony P. Nader, Sr.<br>Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Pietrantonio<br>Avery Chandler                    |
| Ms. Rose Ann Jacobs & Mr. Paul Nagurka |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Michel Nahed              |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Elie Nemer                | Georges and Mary Nemer   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Elie Nicolas              |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Koshaya Sfeir             |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Toufic Soyad              | Tony and Mary Soyad<br>Niely Family  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Fadi Srour                |  |
| Mrs. Nadia Tannous                     |  |
| Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Thomas              | Tracy Ann Thomas   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Emad Tobia                | Hanna Tobia<br>Sonia Skaf  |
| Mrs. Nazira Yasso                      | Joseph Yasso   |

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Claire Aouad**  
**Evelyn Begin**  
**Joe Briere**  
**Noe Buenrostro**  
**Steve Burton**  
**Chuck Callatwart**  
**Stefanie Clark**  
**Tim Cowper**  
**Diana Cromie**  
**Alma Dadoush**  
**Michael DeBruyn**  
**Joanne Deramo**  
**Patrick Doyle**  
**Delores Eggen**  
**Faye Elias**  
**Zina Elias**  
**Keri Faircloth**  
**Therese Farrar**  
**Fred Francis**  
**Albert Gantos**  
**Marie Gantos**  
**Delores Hejjawi**  
**Dylan Hett**  
**Judy Hindy**  
**Joseph Jacob**  
**Edward & Suham John**  
**Najat Kalil**  
**Sylvia Kaltz**  
**Lena Kanan**  
**Jordan Koehler**  
**Janice Kroll**  
**Agnes Langschieid**  
**Helene Latiff**  
**Ronald Latouf**  
**Teresa Logan**  
**Matthew Lomasney**  
**Maureen McCarthy**  
**Isabella McMath**  
**Edward Moffett**  
**Cheryl Moultrie**  
**Raymond Nicholas**  
**Tony Nofar**  
**Carmen Pozzi**  
**Joel Rivera**  
**Jason Schrader**  
**Maria S.**  
**Deacon John Sfire**  
**Noah Shefke**  
**Ashley Smith**  
**Dr. Paul Thomas**  
**Terry Thomas**  
**Dave Vermillion**  
**Chris Walczy**  
**Jad Yacoub**  
**Christina Yako**  
**Zachary**

## UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

- April 11 Church Dedication Volunteer Meeting 7 PM Office  
 April 22 LAS Meeting 10:30 AM  
 May 12 First Holy Communion 10:30 AM Mass at  
 St. Sharbel Church  
 July 22 Feast of Saint Sharbel  
 September 15 St. Sharbel Church Gala at Palazzo Grande  
 September 16 St. Sharbel New Church Dedication Ceremony and  
 Liturgy at 10:30 AM with Patriarch Rahi  
 November 11 Subdeacon Mike Magyar Deaconate Ordination

## LITURGICALLY SPEAKING

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

WHAT ARE THE ORIGINS OF THIS GREAT SOLEMNITY?  
A HISTORY OF MERCY

Christ's entire life can be seen as a testimony to the mercy of God. Salvation history is rich with evidence of this truth. Although the reality of God's great compassion is unmistakably established and confirmed in the history of the Old Testament, it is the coming of His Son that gives the world the actual incarnation of this love and mercy. Pope John Paul's encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia* ("Rich in Mercy"), observes: "Christ confers on the whole of the Old Testament tradition about God's mercy a definitive meaning. Not only does he speak of it ... but above all he himself makes it incarnate and personifies it. He himself, in a certain sense, is mercy".

## JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

Simply speaking, then, the "Divine Mercy" is another name for the revelation of this magnificent love of God, which culminates in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Christians have long known and praised this abundant mercy. In this sense, devotion to the Divine Mercy is not new.

On Feb. 22, 1931, Jesus first appeared to Sister Mary Faustina Kowalska, a young Polish cloistered nun of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. He was clothed in a white robe, with two rays of light emanating from His heart - one red and one white, representing the blood and water that came forth from His pierced side at His crucifixion. He requested that this image be painted with the signature, "Jesus, I trust in You," and promised that even the most hardened sinners who would revere this image would be saved.

Our Lord told Sister Faustina of His great desire that the first Sunday after Easter be dedicated as the "Feast of Mercy," and that this image of His mercy be known and venerated by the whole world. Our Lord appeared to Sister Faustina (whom He called His "apostle of mercy) many other times over the course of several years, each time speaking of His great mercy for all souls. "Mankind will not have peace," He said, "until it turns with trust to My mercy. ... Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God."

## THE FEAST OF MERCY

On April 30, 2000, the first Sunday following Easter, Pope John Paul both canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska and declared in his homily that the "Second Sunday of Easter ... from now on throughout the world will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday.'" It is important to understand that this is not a new feast day in the Church. The feast of Divine Mercy is a continuation of the celebration of Easter; it is, as Pope John Paul once said, Christ's "Easter gift" to the world.

## "FROM THE HEART OF CHRIST CRUCIFIED"

The Feast of Divine Mercy is not only a beautiful reminder of the love of God, but also a challenge to a deeper understanding of who He is, and who we are in relation to Him. At the Mass for Faustina's canonization, Pope John Paul prayed for her intercession.

Let us join him in this prayer:

"Divine Mercy reaches human beings from the Heart of Christ crucified. ... Today, fixing our gaze with you on the face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: 'Jesus, I trust in You!'"

Lydia M. Borja, The Catholic Answer

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Once again we had the opportunity to walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary as people chosen by God, in which He gave Himself as a sacrifice so we might have eternal life.

Our Easter Triduum and Sunday liturgies were very powerful and prayerful celebrations. All of our Lenten experiences led right into the liturgies of the shortest season of the church year, the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday evening).

Thank you to the 12 apostles who were chosen for the Washing of the Feet Ceremony at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. As I took my turn holding our Cross that was venerated during Friday evening service of the Burial of the Lord, I was struck by the wide variety of people who approached the Cross to venerate it.

There were men and women, elderly assisted by canes and walkers, entire families, widows and widowers, young parents with small children, young adults, choir members, college students home for the holy days, teens, Holy Communion students, children of all ages, and more. I was reminded of Father Francisco's comments during the Fridays of Lent Services that we are a very diverse parish community. Seeing all of this diversity was incredible! Yet we are all united by our common faith that has brought us to church on Good Friday evening.

The Saturday evening Easter Vigil has always been an incredible experience for me, and this year was no exception. We had a full house in our church (St. Matthias) for this highest celebration in our church year.

I truly believe our choir reached a new high in leading us in prayer throughout this Holy Season! Our Easter Sunday Masses brought everything to a great conclusion – and a good beginning of the Easter Season.

I want to say an additional word of thanks to all of you for your flexibility and cooperation with our efforts to welcome our visitors over the past two weekends. We estimated that we served approximately close to 1,500 persons for our Easter Sunday Masses.

Also, a special thanks to Lisa Yaccoub and Carole Abboud for their hard work in putting together the Easter Egg Hunt and Party for our children! A great time was had by all who attended!

We spent 40 days fasting in preparation for the feast of Easter. Now we are called to spend 50 days feasting in celebration. Let's maintain our initial enthusiasm throughout all of the days of this season.

May God continue to bless us with everything that we need, and more!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Chorbishop Alfred Badawi

## CAMPAIGN PLANNING STUDY

## LAST CHANCE TO RESPOND

There are only a few days left to participate in the Eparchy planning study survey. If you have not done so already please return your survey to the parish office or directly to the Eparchy. You may also complete the survey online and read more about the proposed plans by going to [steiargroup.com/survey](http://steiargroup.com/survey), clicking on Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles and entering the password: Lebanon. The survey closes April 18, 2018.

Bishop A. Elias Zaidan would like to thank everyone who has already participated in the study. Your thoughts are extremely valuable to him during this planning process. If you have not yet responded to a survey, you are encouraged to do so. Your input will help the diocese make an informed decision regarding the long-range plans for the Eparchy.



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