



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Saint Sharbel, Pray for Us!

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September 2nd, 2018

16th Sunday of Pentecost

Prayer, the Fruit of the Word



Next Sunday

17th Sunday of Pentecost

Rom 13:8-14 (Love Fulfills the Law)

Lk 10:25-37 (The Greatest Commandment/The Parable of the Good Samaritan)

Liturgy Intentions

Sunday, September 2nd, 10:30 am

Ghassan Bekahi

Monday, September 3rd

Available

Tuesday, September 4th

Available

Wednesday, September 5th

Available

Thursday, September 6th

Available

Friday, September 7th

Available

Saturday, September 8th

Available

Sunday, September 9th

Linda Barnett

Adoration/Exposition every Sunday at 9:30 am before the morning Liturgy.

Confession every Sunday at 9:45 am before the morning Liturgy.

Also join us to pray the Rosary on Sundays at 10:00 am before the Liturgy begins.

Your Gifts To God

Offering Report for August 19th -25th

Online.....\$1,015.00

Collection.....\$2,672.87

Weekly Total.....\$3,687.87

YTD Total.....\$61,202.94

YTD Goal.....\$62,800.00

YTD Difference.....**-\$1,597.06**

Altar Sponsorship

Sunday, September 2nd

Available

Sunday, September 9th

Available

Parish Council

+Bruce Ashford
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+Deacon Tony

+Deacon Wadih

+Finance Committee

Parish Events

Altar Sponsorship

We are in need of families or individuals to sponsor the altar. Sponsorship helps with altar bread, communion wine, candles for the celebration of the Holy Offering of the Mass. Your gift will be acknowledged on the website calendar and published in the bulletin. Here are a few points:

- Contact Ann Marentette to schedule **Altar Sponsorships**. Her email is : abmarentette@gmail.com
- Your gift is a love offering, with the minimum gift being \$30. (Somewhere between \$50-60 is my guess about the breakeven point for us,) Again, there is no set amount, everyone has different means, so offer what you will.
- You can make your offering on the website, or you can put a check in collection plate, just note on the check or envelope what it is for (Altar Support).
- The big Sundays are Easter and Christmas, but also Mother's Day, and Feast Days (i.e., St Sharbel Feast, Epiphany, Holy Cross, Immaculate Conception, etc). Those are available on **first come first served basis**. Obviously we spend more on flowers those days, so you could bear that in mind in considering your offering for that week's sponsorship.
- If you want to actually have a florist do the flowers for a big weekend, work with Ann to coordinate that.
- Just like Mass Intentions, there might be weeks where no one signs up. I would be ideal for people to sign up for every Sunday, but we are inviting you to take the initiative to sign up.

Community Events

NFP Class Series

When: September 4th, 18th and October 4th from 7-9pm

Where: Northwest Family Services, 6200 SE King Rd., Portland, OR 97222

Contact: Lauren Fuller- lfuller@nwfs.org

Northwest Family Services is pleased to offer their Fall 2018 series for learning Natural Family Planning through their SymptoPro Fertility Education program. The Sympto-Thermal method of NFP is scientifically based and can be up to 99% effective when learned and applied under the guidance of an instructor. NFP can be used to avoid pregnancy, achieve pregnancy, or to understand cycle health! One-time class fee of \$110 includes 6 months of comprehensive support. To register visit: www.symptopro.org or contact Lauren Fuller at lfuller@nwfs.org.

Note From Abouna

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our parish has as our patron, St. Sharbel, who was known during his life and after death as a saint, mystic, and a great miracle-worker. It was his belief that the family carries the torch of light and passes it from one generation to another so the world remain lit by the light of the Lord. It was Christ Himself, Who revealed his Divine Light on Mount Tabor and dispelled the darkness of ignorance in Peter, James, and John. It was Christ, with His Light that dispelled the darkness of sin and death through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection when His Light beamed out of the Tomb at midnight. It is that Light of Christ that illuminates the Church throughout the ages.

As you have undoubtedly seen in the grand jury report from the state of Pennsylvania and the revelations contained in the testimony of His Grace, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio Emeritus to the United States, the Church is beset by darkness. The failings of priests, bishops, and even popes to answer for the abominable crimes of abuse perpetrated by the Church's clergy throughout the years can shake a faithful Christian to his core. As a parish priest it breaks my heart to see such darkness hovering over the beautiful bride that is the Holy Church.

But, despite such darkness, we must place our trust and devotion in St. Sharbel, to intercede on behalf of the Church to the Lord to purify His Church with the burning Light of His Divinity. We pray to St. Sharbel, that he would inspire the hearts of bishops, priests, and laity throughout the world to demand a full account of what took place, what was known, and what was done to protect those most vulnerable amongst God's children and servants. Pray for our Church, that despite the failings of some of her shepherds, the Light of Christ may continue to radiate throughout the world and bring peace and salvation to souls.

Abouna Chris



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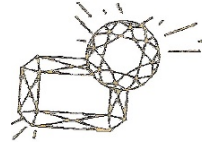
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