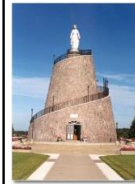




EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON  
CANADA



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**Bingo Committee:** Abdallah Khalifeh

**Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



**MASSES AND CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday: 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM.

English Mass, Sunday: 5:00 PM.

Daily Mass: 6:00 PM.

Daily dedication Prayers: 5:30 PM.

Tuesday: Rosary & Litany: 5:30 PM.

Wednesday: Our Lady's Confraternity: 5:00 PM.

Thursday: Adoration: 5:00 PM.

First Sunday of each month: Youth English  
Mass at 5:00 pm

**CONFESSIONS:**

15 Minutes before daily Mass at 5:45 PM.

**SICK/SHUT-IN VISIT:**

Please call 519-322-2282

**BAPTISMS:**

Call the Church Office at least one month  
prior to Baptism date.

**MARRIAGES:**

Please contact the Parish Priest a  
minimum of six months in advance of  
the desired date of marriage.

**Our Parish Mission Statement**

*The Faith Community of Saint Anthony's Parish,  
Leamington, open to the Spirit as disciples of  
Jesus Christ, envision our mission as proclaiming,  
witnessing and celebrating the Kingdom of God  
and keeping alive the Maronite Tradition among  
us through SERVICE, HEALING and  
RECONCILING LOVE.*

St. Anthony's is a Registered, Charitable,  
non-profit organization.

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Gospel: John 2: 1-11**

**Reading: Romans 14: 14-23**

As we enter the Great Lent season, our souls try to meet the Creator; the Church celebrates the Wedding at Cana. Jesus gives this human event a holy touch by sharing the joy and sadness of the people. He answers their supplications by resolving their problems. When the wine ran out at the wedding, Jesus transforms the water into wine. While Mother Mary relays to her Son the needs of the humanity, she fully recognizes His eternal power. Jesus proclaims her the "Lady of the New Testament" and "Mother of the Church". By understanding His logic and will, Mary tells the servants: "Do whatever He tells you." This miracle signifies the new rich wine of the Gospel and it points to the "wine of the new covenant" and the "bread of life" which Jesus provides for His disciples in the Last Supper. Jesus transforms us, during Lent, into a new human beings taking off the old and wearing the new, as we offer Him our needs and emptiness to be fulfilled with His eternal love and mercy.

***First Sunday of the Great Lent / Wedding at Cana***

**أحد مدخل الصوم، عرس قانا الجليل**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**٢٦ شباط ٢٠١٧**

View our weekly bulletin online at: [www.stanthonyparish.com](http://www.stanthonyparish.com)

Designed and maintained by Acev Gaspard

# Parish Information

**Thank you:** Msgr. Charles would like to cordially thank the parishioners and friends for their generous donations towards the New Saint Anthony's Church, Leamington.

EACH FAMILY IS KINDLY INVITED TO MAKE A YEARLY DONATION IN ORDER TO BUILD THE NEW CHURCH.

Every Sunday we share in the Bulletin the last 12 donations:

- 1- Shaban Dental Centre (Windsor): \$ 250.00
- 2- In Memory of Warde Tannous: \$ 500.00
- 3- In Memory of Joe B. Najem: \$ 161.00
- 4- Bakhos & Marlene Hanna (London): \$ 1,000.00
- 5- Jennifer Thomas Law Firm: \$ 1,000.00
- 6- Anonymous: \$ 700.00
- 7- Taylor Clark (purchased Picture) offered by Tony Touma: \$ 250.00
- 8- Doctor Antoine Sassine: \$ 1,000.00
- 9- SAJ Luncheon (Feast of St. Anthony): \$ 1,500.10
- 10- In Memory of Salime Kantati: \$ 40.00
- 11- In Memory of Joe Hanna Youssef: \$ 865.00
- 12- In Memory of Hanna El Zouki (London): \$ 250.00

**TOTAL: \$ 395,285.79**

**THANK YOU:** We have received the envelopes from the funeral of Joe Hanna Youssef. The donations to Saint Anthony's building Fund are \$ 865.00 and Mass donations are \$ 540.00. Thank you to his family and May God Rest his Soul in Peace and grant consolation to his family and relatives.

**KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS:** Today, Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 11:00 AM Mass, we will be joined by the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and other Knights of Columbus Members of our region. After mass, everyone is invited to join them in a celebration in Church Hall. All are welcome.

**LENT SEASON:** This year, Ash Monday is tomorrow, February 27, 2017, therefore Good Friday falls on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and Easter Sunday is April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Both, Catholic and Orthodox Churches celebrate at same time this year. Stations of the Holy Cross, every Friday at 5:30 PM and Veneration of the Holy Cross after 6:00 PM Mass

**FRIDAY LENT COLLECTION:** During Lent Season, the Friday Collection during mass will be for Families in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**YOUTH ENGLISH MASS:** Every First Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM, the Youth Groups of Saint Anthony's & the first communicants will be conducting and participating in the Mass. Next Mass, Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017.

## UPCOMING MEMORIAL MASSES

INTENTION	DATE	TIME
1- Hanne Zakaria (6 Month Mem. Mass)	March 5, 2017	11:00 AM
2- Najla Jitani (1 Year Memorial Mass)	March 19, 2017	9:30 AM
3- Salime Kantati (40 Day Memorial Mass)	March 19, 2017	11:00 AM
4- Paul Raheb (1 Year Memorial Mass)	March 26, 2017	11:00 AM

## NEXT SAJ LUNCHEONS

1-	Saint Anthony of Padua	Sunday June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	SAJ and FALAFEL Luncheon
2-	First Sunday after Festival	Sunday August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2017	SAJ and FALAFEL Luncheon
3-	Jesus the King	Sunday October 29, 2017	SAJ and Falafel Luncheon
4-	Saint Anthony the Great	Sunday January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	SAJ and FALAFEL Luncheon

All proceeds will go to the New Saint Anthony's Church

## Last Week's Collection

67 Envelopes	\$	862.00
Loose	\$	170.00
Candles	\$	208.00
First Communion x 2	\$	300.00

**Total:** \$ 1,540.00

## Income of the Shrine - January 2017

Canadian	\$	1,197.00
US	\$	264.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,461.00</b>

## MONTHLY AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL

Eleven Parishioners are donating to date.

1- \$ 50	2- \$ 35	3- \$ 15	4- \$ 30	5- \$ 50	TOTAL
6- \$ 25	7- \$ 30	8- \$ 100	9- \$ 25	10- \$ 50	
11- \$ 25					\$ 435.00

**MONTHLY AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL:** To date we have 11 families donating through monthly withdrawal. For your convenience, automatic withdrawal forms are available at church office.

**THANK YOU:** Father Charles would like to Thank Marie G. Obeid, Foule Tannous and Chehade Abdul Massih for painting the Tabernacle. God Bless you and your families.

**THANK YOU:** Father Charles would like to Thank Charlie Challita Saad for donating \$ 500.00 towards New Projector and for helping church purchase and set up of it. May God Bless him and his family.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Every First Friday of each month. Next meeting will take place on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM. For information, contact Noel Tawil.

**MEETING:** Next Pastoral Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**FIRST COMMUNION:** This year's First Communion practices are every Tuesday from 4:30 until 6:00 PM. Mrs. Jihane Mouawad is preparing our 12 children for their First Holy Communion. First Communion ceremony is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Saint Anthony's Church. Registration still available for 2017 Communion. May God bless them all.

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT:** Priests of The Eparchy of Saint Maroun, Canada will be having a Spiritual Retreat from Monday April 24 to Saturday April 29, 2017. All Priests from our area will be attending.

**YOUTH CONVENTION:** This year's Youth Convention will take place May 19 - 21, 2017 in Halifax. There will be a gathering of Youth from all Maronite parishes in Canada. Every youth, 19 years of age and over can attend. Cost of trip is approximately \$ 400.00. Saint Anthony's Church will be financially assisting the youth for this trip. For more information, contact Vicki Tawil @ 519 566 9335 or Jihane Mouawad @ 519 995 5442.

**2017 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** The Offertory Envelopes for the year 2017 are available at the Church Entrance. If you are unable to locate your envelopes or if you would like to request new envelopes, please contact the office at 519-322-2282. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**Saint Anthony's Maronite Parish  
Masses & Celebrations during the week**



**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

***First Sunday of the Great Lent, Wedding at Cana  
أحد مدخل الصوم، عرس قانا الجليل***

- 9:30 AM – Mass for Denise Jacobs (Family)
- 11:00 AM – Mass for the Intention of the Knights of Columbus
- 5:00 PM – ENGLISH Mass  
*BLESSING OF THE ASHES / رتبة تبريك الرماد*

**Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

***ASH MONDAY / إثنين الرماد***

- 5:30 PM – Prayers
- 6:00 PM – Mass for all Parishoners  
*BLESSING OF THE ASHES / رتبة تبريك الرماد*

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

***Cora & Marana (Disciples of Saint Maroun +445)***

- 5:30 PM – Rosary, Litany & Ya Omm Allah
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Bakhos Iskander Georges and Deceased Family Members (Theresa Boutros)  
And for Theresa Georges (Antonios Raheb)

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

***Saint David (+601)***

- 5:00 PM – Prayers of our Lady's Confraternity
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Wadih Nohra & Wife, and for Badiha Nohra & Husband (Saidie Jraige)  
And for Boula Raheb (Saidie Jraige)

**Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

***Saint John Maron (+707) مار يوحنا مارون***

***Saint Charles (+1127) القديس شارل***

- 5:00 PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
*ساعة سجود أمام القربان المقدس*
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Hanna Nehmetallah, Nagib Nehmetallah & Wife Madam & Daughter Hinid & Deceased Family Members (Family)  
And for Fouzi Sleiman (Mr. Wissam Aoun)

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**

***Saint Thomas Aquinas (+1274) / مار توما الأكويني اللاهوتي***

- 5:30 PM – STATIONS & VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
- 6:00 PM – Mass for Max and Hinid Tannous (Family)  
And for Youssef Kablan (Mrs. Mahbouba Aziz)

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Arabic School

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

***Second Sunday of the Great Lent,***

***The Healing of the Leper***

***الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم، شفاء الأبرص***

- 9:30 AM – Mass for Boula Tannous (Family)
- 11:00 AM – Mass for Hanne Zakaria (6 Months) & Husband Tannous Zakaria (Laura Joseph & Family)
- 5:00 PM – YOUTH ENGLISH MASS for the intention of The Youth

**First Sunday of the Great Lent,**

**Wedding at Cana**

**أحد مدخل الصوم، عرس قانا الجليل**

في بداية الصوم المبارك، فيما تسعى النفس لترتفع أكثر فأكثر لتلتقي وجه الله خالقها تضعنا الكنيسة في أحد عرس قانا الجليل، في عرس ليس كسائر الأعراس. الرب يسوع يُدعى للمشاركة والفرح، ومشاركته تُضفي على هذا الحدث البشري بُعداً مسيحانياً. لقد تجاوب مع تطلّعات الناس وأعطى الحلول لمشاكلهم. فيما نفذ الخمر في العرس، نرى يسوع بقدرته الهائلة يملأ الفراغ ويكمل النقائص. فيما تنقل مريم حاجات المدعوين إلى ابنها، إيماناً منها بقدرته الإلهية، يُقابلها هو بإعلانها امرأة العهد الجديد، أم الكنيسة. إنصاعت مريم لمخطط ابنها ودخلت في سرّه الخلاصي وتديبره القدائي. فبعد أن عرضت حاجة أهل العرس إلى الخمر، فهتت منطق ابنها وإرادته: "إفعلوا ما يقوله لكم." نحن أمام حدث تحوّل من العهد القديم إلى العهد الجديد. تحوّل الخمرة إلى الدم والخبز إلى جسد الرب، كما في العشاء السريّ مع الرسل. يُحوّلنا يسوع في هذا الصوم أبناء جدداً نخلع إنساننا القديم لنلبس الجديد إذ نقدّم له نقائصنا وفراغنا ليملأها ويكملها بخمرة حيّه الجانيّة.



**Next Sunday:**

**Second Sunday of the Great Lent**

**The Healing of the Leper**

**الأحد الثاني من زمن الصوم، شفاء الأبرص**

**Readings: Romans 6: 12-23**

**Gospel: Mark 1: 35-45**