

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND  
OF 30 & 31 JANUARY 2016**

- 1. Monday February 8th is Ash Monday, a day of total fast and abstinence. Holy Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM and at 6:30 PM, and ashes will be distributed at both Masses.**
- 2. Tuesday, February 9th is the Feast of Saint Maron, a Holy Day of Obligation for all Maronites, who must attend Mass on the Feast under pain of mortal sin. For the convenience of the parishioners, the Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM.**
- 3. Our Saint Maron's Day Dinner will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday evening, February 6<sup>th</sup> after the regular 4:30 PM Saturday evening Mass. The menu is traditional Lebanese cuisine home-made by the ladies of the parish. Admission is only \$15.00 for an adult; \$8.00 for a child aged 4 to 16 years; and free for children under 4 years. Tickets will be sold at the door.**
- 4. Lenten regulations are as follows: Abstinence from meat & meat products is observed on Ash Monday and all Fridays of Great Lent. Abstinence is binding on everyone over the age of 14 years. Fasting from food and drink (except water and medicine) is observed from Midnight until Noon on Ash Monday and Good Friday. Fasting is binding on everyone between the ages of 18 and 60 years. Those unable to fast due to ill health must perform other penances & works of charity; like attending daily Mass, etc.**
- 5. On the Fridays of Great Lent, the daily Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM, followed by the Stations/Benediction of the Cross.**
- 6. The Annual Bishop's Appeal takes place during Lent. Details will follow in a separate mailing.**
- 7. The Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM in the Parish Center.**
- 8. The Holy Name Society Play-Off Party was another great success thanks to the hard work of the Society members. Special thanks to HNS President John Mackarey, Subdeacon Cy Douaihy. Eddie Deeb, Albert Mackarey, Atty. Donald Ligorio and Mary Theresa Mackarey Fielding.**
- 9. The Holy Name Society \$5,000 Raffle was held at the HNS Play-off Party. The \$250 prize winners were: Max Peters; Jennifer Cawley Iorio; Jeff Brazil; and Jim Peters; and the \$4,000 Grand Prize winner was Dr. John G. Wandalowski Congratulations to all of them!**