

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 13 - 14, 2014

- 1. The 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve is traditionally the Children's Mass. All the children of the parish are invited to attend and sit as a group for this special liturgy. The children will serve as the lectors for the Mass, carry the gifts in the Offertory Procession and bring the sign of peace to the congregation, as well as sing a special Christmas Carol to the Baby Jesus. Parents are encouraged to attend this Christmas Eve Mass with their children.**
- 2. Thanks to everyone who help make the Sodality Christmas Party last Sunday at the City Café such a joyous and enjoyable event. Special thanks to event chair Ann Abbot Bryant, Prefect Anne Hazzouri McAndrew, Vice-Prefect Marguerite Hazzouri Rade and Maria Deeb Ligorio.**
- 3. Please return your gifts for the Giving Tree as soon as possible and place them under or around the tree in the rear of the Church.**
- 4. The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be next Sunday, December 21st at 12:30 PM in the Church Hall. The party is sponsored by Jim and Mary Ellen Nasser in memory of James and Eleanore Peters Nasser; and all the children of the parish are cordially invited to enjoy this party and meet Santa Claus.**
- 5. The Holy Name Society Father/Son/Friend Christmas Party will be next Sunday, December 21st from 5:00 to 8:00 at the City Café. Traditional Lebanese buffet will be served. Admission is \$25.00 per person. Please let Cy Douaihy or Doumiet Saadi know that you are coming so we can prepare enough food.**
- 6. The annual Holy Name Society NFL Play-Off Party will be held in our Church Hall on Sunday, January 18th, 2015 beginning at 3:00 PM. Details to follow, but keep the date open for a great time.**
- 7. The Holy Name Society's famous \$5,000 Raffle is now underway. Only 200-tickets are available. There are \$250 Prizes for the 1st, 50th, 100th and 150th tickets drawn, and a grand prize of \$4,000 for the last ticket. Tickets are \$50 each and include admission to the Play-Off Party. See John Mackarey, Albert Mackarey, Cy Douaihy or Father Francis for tickets.**
- 8. Our parish now offers electronic giving. To make a donation or set up regular parish offerings, go to the parish website: www.saintannmaronite.com and click on the "Donate" button. It's an easy way for busy parishioners to regularly support the parish even if they can't always make it to church to drop in their offering envelope.**
- 9. The Parish Bulletin of December 22nd will be the last bulletin which will be mailed out to parishioners. Starting in 2015, the Bulletin will be sent out only by email and posted on the parish website. Hard copies will be available to take after all weekend Masses. Anyone not already receiving the parish bulletin by email should provide an email address to the Church Office before the end of the year.**