

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
23 & 24 DECEMBER 2017**

- 1. The Christmas Novena runs through Sunday, December 24th. The Novena will be prayed after the weekend Masses on December 23rd and 24th. The novena is the traditional Maronite preparation for Christmas.**
- 2. The Maronite Chancery has notified all parishes that there is an obligation to attend two Masses on the weekends of Sunday December 24th and Monday December 25th; Sunday December 31st and Monday January 1st; and Saturday January 6th and Sunday January 7th. The Feasts of Christmas, The Circumcision and The Epiphany are Holy Days of Obligation; the Sunday obligation and the Holy Day obligation must each be fulfilled separately and cannot be combined.**
- 3. The Annual Children's Christmas Party was enjoyed by about ten children of the parish, their parents and other members of the parish. Each child received a gift from the parish and got to meet Santa Claus. Special thanks to Maria Mackarey who organized the event.**
- 4. The Holy Name Society Father/Son/Friend Christmas Party was enjoyed by twenty-five persons who feasted on a traditional Lebanese buffet prepared by Juliette Saadi and Doumlet Saadi of The New Café. Special thanks to Subdeacon Cy Douaihy for organizing the event.**
- 5. The Sodality's Holiday Food Drive to benefit Saint Patrick's Food Pantry is coming to an end. A container for donations of canned and dry food is located in front of the Cry Room window. If you are planning to donate, please do so as soon as possible.**
- 6. Thanks to everyone who gave to the Giving Tree. Because of your generosity, thirty-five under-privileged children will receive gifts this Christmas.**
- 7. Religious Education classes are CANCELLED on Saturday, December 23rd, and will resume on Saturday December 30th.**