

**Lebanese Parliamentary Vote for US-based Citizens**

All Lebanese citizens living in the United States must register with their embassy or consulates and fill a special electoral form if they wish to vote in the next parliamentary elections in 2013. The deadline for registration is December 31, 2012. Please go to the Lebanese Consulate in NY website at: [www.lebconsny.org](http://www.lebconsny.org) for more information and to download the electoral form.

**Join the Order of Saint Sharbel**

The order of Saint Sharbel is a national organization of people who have pledged their spiritual strength and financial support for the Seminary of Our Lady of Lebanon in Washington D.C, seminarians and retired clergy of the Eparchy of Saint Maron and the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon. To become a member please see Father Naji Kiwan.

**Pray for Our Sick**

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and homebound of our parish family.

**Requesting a divine liturgy (Mass for the living and the deceased)**

Masses are offered for the living or departed as a mean of help to their souls. If possible, Masses are scheduled on the date you request, otherwise the nearest date that is open. People usually give a free-will offering called "stipend" that goes to the priest's charity. Please contact Father Naji Kiwan to schedule a mass for your living or departed. May the Lord grant rest to your faithful departed and protect your living.

**Church Etiquette**

Please observe the following etiquette while attending mass:

- Arrive 5 minutes prior to mass to prepare yourself for the Divine Liturgy
- Stay in Church until the Mass final Blessing is given
- Turn your cell phones to silent mode
- Refrain from chewing gum & personal conversations

**Check it Out!**

You are all invited to go online to [www.wmcm.org](http://www.wmcm.org) to see the schedule of our Masses, Religious education and Parish Council meetings and our Mission Information.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Ushers Organization</u></b></p> <p>The Usher is the first person who worshipers meet when they arrive at Church. He has the opportunity and responsibility to represent the rest of the assembly in offering hospitality.</p> <p>I urge every man in our mission to join the Ushers Organization for future help during our masses. Please contact:                  Roger Nassar: <a href="mailto:fadia_roger@yahoo.com">fadia_roger@yahoo.com</a>                  Antoine Najjar: <a href="mailto:antnajjar@yahoo.com">antnajjar@yahoo.com</a>                  George AbiNakad: <a href="mailto:gnakad@gmail.com">gnakad@gmail.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Altar Boys</u></b></p> <p>We are seeking to recruit children &amp; young teenagers to serve as altar boys. The only requirement is the completion of First Communion. Please don't be shy to approach us. We want all of you to exchange turns and experience the beautiful service that the priest and his altar boys offer to others. Please contact Ghassan Antonios: <a href="mailto:myrnagas@dm.net.lb">myrnagas@dm.net.lb</a> or Roger Abi-Habib: <a href="mailto:roger@skoolit.com">roger@skoolit.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Choir</u></b></p> <p>We want to open your hearts and minds with traditional hymns sung by our choir. We are looking for men and women that want to enlighten our church with beautiful voices. Please contact Diana Fadel: <a href="mailto:Diana_ziad@yahoo.com">Diana_ziad@yahoo.com</a></p>
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**Blessed John Paul II Church  
A Maronite Catholic Mission**



January 8th: Feast of the Glorious Epiphany

Sunday January 8, 2012

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**Mass Schedule:**

*The Sisters  
of the Divine  
Compassion  
@ Good Counsel  
Campus*

52 N. Broadway  
White Plains, NY

• **Every Sunday  
at 10AM**

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<b>Eparchial Bishop</b> <i>Gregory John Mansour</i>	<b>Vicar General</b> <i>Msgr Michael Thomas</i>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism / Confirmation)</b></p> <p>Parents &amp; Godparents should meet with the pastor 4 weeks before the baptism to make arrangements, which include parental instruction</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)</b></p> <p>Contact the pastor 6 months prior to any wedding date</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)</b></p> <p>Before and after Liturgies, or by appointment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anointing of the Sick</b></p> <p>Please notify the Pastor for hospital visitation and communion</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Parishioners</b></p> <p>Welcome to Blessed John Paul II Maronite Catholic Mission. Please notify the pastor for registration or address and phone change by visiting our website.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Members of the Mission</b></p> <p>All members are expected to serve their Mission according to their offerings of time, talent, and money.</p>
<p><b><u>Welcome to Westchester</u></b></p> <p>We, at Blessed John Paul II Church, a Maronite Catholic Mission, welcome everyone to join us in worship as we give thanks for the gift of faith. Our Mission is an Eastern Rite Catholic Church located at 52 North Broadway White Plains, NY. Our Divine Liturgies are celebrated in both English and Arabic. We have been a "home away from home" for many families that immigrated from Lebanon and the Middle East. According to Mother Teresa, love is a fruit always in season. Let us more and more insist on raising funds of love, kindness, understanding, and peace.</p>	

**The Voice of Liturgy:**

- January 8th: FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY

First Reading: Titus 2:11-3:7	Transformation of Life
Gospel : Luke 3:15-22	The Baptism of Jesus

- January 15th: SUNDAY OF THE REVELATION OF CHRIST'S MYSTERY TO THE APOSTLES

First Reading: 2Corinthians 4:5-15	The Paradox of the Ministry
Gospel : John 1:35-42	First Disciples

**Thank You to All Parishioners from Father Naji**

“Dear Parishioners, I hope you had a great Christmas with your family and friends. I thank you for Christmas cards and Gifts you sent me and donated from your hearts, as a pledge of your love for me. I assure you of my sincere gratitude, thanks and love for you as well. I would like to thank you for being there for me and for being active members in our Church and Community. I wish you a Blessed New Year 2012 full of love and happiness in Christ Jesus. I pray to the Lord to pour upon you his blessings. May the Lord of peace be with you”.

Sincerely yours  
Father Naji J. Kiwan

**Christmas Eve Celebrations—Thank You**

Thank you for the children, parents and the teachers of the Heritage Program for a beautiful Christmas Pageant. Also, a big thank you to the Choir and all the members for the special Preparation of Christmas Eve.

**New Advisory Council—Call for New Members!!**

We will soon be renewing our Parish Councils. Anyone interested in serving the parish and the community as a Parish Council Member, should talk to Father Naji as soon as possible.

**Mission Councils' Meeting with Bishop Gregory Mansour- Wed. Jan. 18, 2012**

Bishop Gregory Mansour will attend our next joint Mission Councils' meeting on Wednesday January 18th, 2012 at 8:00 pm, in the Hall of the Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Visit of Bishop Stephen Hector Doueih on Sunday February 5, 2012**

We are extremely happy that Bishop Doueih will visit our Parish and celebrate Mass with us on the Sunday before St Maron's Feast (Feb. 5, 2012). We hope all the parishioners will come to welcome Bishop Doueih who supported our Mission since its very early days.

**Special Mass on the Feast of Saint Maron - Thursday February 9, 2012 at 7 pm**

For the first time in the History of our Mission we will celebrate a special on the Feast Day of St Maron Thursday February 9th at 7:00 pm

**Save the date for Casino Night—Saturday February 18, 2012**

Please reserve the date of our annual Casino Night. Look for more information soon.

**2012 Mission Calendar and Extended Coffee Hour**

We have emailed a monthly 2012 calendar earlier this week. We plan to have a monthly extended coffee hour with families assigned to prepare it. Please note the month to which your family has been assigned and let us know if you have any conflict.

**Financial Report as of December 31st, 2011****Inflow:**

Christmas Party/Raffle/	\$13,054.00
Fair Income	
Mass Collections	\$ 7,292.00
2nd Collections to be	# 3,308.00
forwarded	
Community Concert In-	\$ 400.00
come	
Arabic/Heritage School	\$ 75.00
<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>\$24,129.00</b>

**Operating Bank Accounts Balance**

Checking	\$ 7,292.00
Money Market Check Access	\$ 79,051.00
CMRI Promo	\$ 91,694.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$178,037.00</b>

**Outflow:**

Salary	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance & Medical	\$ 1,050.00
Retirement & Disability	\$ 550.00
Car & Travel	\$ 676.00
Housing	\$ 1,111.00
Table Expense	\$ 600.00
Church & Facilities Rent	\$ 4,300.00
Christmas Party/Raffle/	\$ 950.00
Fair Expenses	
Postage & Shipping	\$ 220.00
Office Supplies & Software	\$ 1,180.00
Misc	\$ 452.00
2nd Collection forwarded	\$ 3,308.00
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>\$15,897.00</b>

**Mission Update Letter (correction)**

**Please note that there was an unfortunate error in our Mission update letter sent to all our parishioners (by mail and email) few weeks ago. The amount of funds available (as of Nov 30, 2011) in our Building Fund is \$702,384 and not \$547,384 as reported erroneously in the letter.**

**End of Year Thank You**

As the year 2011 has come to an end, it is very important for us to thank everyone who has helped our parish community continue to grow and prosper throughout the activities that are held during the whole year. WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO:

The Officers and Members of the Advisory Council  
 The Officers and Members of the Stewardship Committee  
 The Officers and Members of the Fundraising Committee  
 The Officers and Members of the Hospitality Committee  
 The Officers and Members of the Strategy Committee  
 The Officers and Members of the Choir, Ushers, Lectors & Altar Servers  
 The Heritage Program Teachers and Volunteers  
 The MYO and Junior MYO Youth Groups: Officers, Members, Advisors and Assistants  
 The MYA Youth Group, Officers and members  
 The Families and Volunteers for the Church Breakfasts and Extended Coffee Hours  
 ALL the volunteers and Sponsors who made our events successful

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity to our Parish. We assure you of the continuity of our prayers for you and your families. We wish you a Blessed, Happy and Prosperous New Year 2012.