Sunday, September 20th: Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross
40 Day Memorial Service for Marcelle Karam

Sunday, September 27th: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Year Memorial Service for Charles Slemon
Church School Luncheon following Liturgy

Sunday, October 4th: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Looking Ahead:
Wednesday, October 7th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Date Fingers
Saturday, October 10th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Sfeeha
Wednesday, October 14th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Kaik (Braided)
Friday, October 16th: 8pm-1am-Haffle at Parish Center
Saturday, October 17th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Nut Mamoul
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Wednesday, October 28th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Graybee
Friday, October 30th: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Trayed Baklava
Saturday, October 31st: 9:30am Ladies Cooking– Rolled & Date Baklava

Cemetery Plots
If you wish to purchase a cemetery plot at Walnut Hill Cemetery, the cost is $1,000. Please contact Ed Ayoub for more information or to purchase a plot.
**A Note Regarding Holy Communion:**
Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal. Confessions are heard by special appointment. The Eucharistic fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends with the receiving of Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Elie if you have any questions or for inquiries on how to become a full member of the Church.

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**Parish Council 2015:**
**President:** Joe Samra III (Fellowship)
**Vice-President:** Salwa Khoury (Ladies Society)
**Secretary:** Cindy Hayes
**Treasurer:** Fadia Kabak

**Council Members:** Charles Abosamra, Emad Amirhom, Edward Ayoub, Scott Barnes, Cory Dupont, Janice Hallal (Choir), Lorice Hallal, Steven Kilsey Jr., Holly Laziez, Jamie Mitri, Walid Nakhour, Elmer Stanley (Church School)

**Please feel free to contact Joe Samra III (401) 334-0310 / joesamra@gmail.com or any member of the Parish Council with any questions or concerns**
Coffee Hour Sponsorships

The Parish Council has decided to implement a new system to organize our coffee hours. There are two ways to handle this: when a couple, family, or an individual decides to sponsor the coffee hour, you may do it on your own which entails purchasing the pastry & juice, making the coffee, setting up the table, and cleaning up. The second option is to donate $ 75.00 to the church so that a Parish Council member will handle the coffee hour on your behalf.

Please make check to St. Mary Church for coffee sponsorship and earmark “Coffee Hour”.

If you would like to sponsor a coffee hour, please call the church office and speak with Sheryl.

** ALL Coffee hour’s will now be held at the Parish Center following Liturgy.**

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Sunday, September 20, 2015

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Tone: 7  Eothinon: 5

Troparion of the Resurrection: Tone 7
Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Tone 1
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

Troparion of St. Eustathios and his Family: Tone 4
(**Be quick to anticipate**) Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons’ strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Troparion of the Dormition: Tone 1
In giving birth, Thou didst keep Thy virginity and in thy repose, Thou didst not forsake the world, O Theotokos, for Thou art the mother of life, and Thou didst pass over into life; and through thy intercession from death Thou dost redeem our souls.

Kontakion of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Tone 4
(**Thou Who wast raised up**) Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.
The Epistle
Galatians 2:16-20

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance.
Verse: To You, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.
The reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel
Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Ladies Society News

Schedule for Bazaar Cooking:

Wednesday, October 7th: 9:30- Date Fingers
Saturday, October 10th: 9:30– Sfeeha
Wednesday, October 14th: 9:30– Kaik (Braided)
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~Thank you~

Thank you to all 35 Holy Grape Leaf Rollers! We rolled 6,000 leaves in less than 4 hours. Congratulations! Your continued commitment and help to our Beloved St. Mary’s is greatly appreciated! May God continue to Bless you and your Family!

Vision Building Workshop
October 18th

Are you interested in planning for the future of St. Mary's? Do you have concerns on how we will get there? Please be sure to save the date for a Parish Workshop on Sunday, October 18th directly following liturgy (a light lunch will be served). The workshop will be lead by Archdiocese professional Richard Robbat. If you recall, the council already began this future shaping process - we completed our mission and are excited to continue the process with the parish at large.
Attention All Teens
(12 years and older)

*** Come and join The St. Mary Teen SOYO Youth Group ***

Upcoming events:
- October is Youth Month
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Bazaar Booth

Contact Cory Dupont for more information.

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St. Mary Liturgical Choir

The St. Mary Liturgical Choir welcomes new members to join its Ministry of Sacred Music. Anyone interested in joining the choir (whatever their level of musical experience) are asked to contact the choir director Dawn Boukari @ (401) 465-8909 or email her: daboukari@gmail.com

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Fee schedule for the use of the Sanctuary for the following services:

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PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED FOR
GOOD HEALTH AND BLESSING OF:
April Gentes Robert
Kandalaft Family
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook

Nicholas, Leila and Emily Chowning
Charles & Angela Abosamra
Paul, Maureen & Mary Gurghigian
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

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PRAYERS ARE BEING OFFERED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
Fred Hashway Jr.
Offered by: Elaine Wilbur

Scott Bleasdale
Alexandra Jude Abdelahad
Offered by: George & Sandra Matook & Family

Ronald and Christopher Gauthier
Ethel Kilsey
Charles Slemon
Offered by: Elaine Gauthier

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40 Day Memorial Service

A 40 Day Memorial Service is being offered for the servant of God Marcelle Karam by Mr. & Mrs. Karim Karam & Family. A Memorial Coffee Hour is being held in her memory at the Parish Center following Liturgy.

May God grant her peace and may her memory be eternal

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ONLINE BULLETIN

The Bulletin is available online on our website at:
http://stmarypawtucket.org

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Bulletin Submissions

Please help us provide a quality weekly bulletin by submitting all prayer requests and announcements to the church office by Noon on Wednesdays. Any requests received after this time will be in the following week’s bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation.
25 Year Celebration

Please join us in honoring Robert (Bobby) Shwaery as he celebrates 25 years as an Alter Server for St. Mary Church.

Bobby started in 1990 as an Alter Server under the guidance of Fr. Timothy. Throughout his 25 years of serving the Lord, he served on the altar with Fr. Leonard, Fr. Isaac, and most recently with Fr. Elie.

As a special THANK YOU to Bobby, we will be having a celebration on Sunday, October 4th at the Parish Center following Liturgy in his honor.

A menu of hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, fruit, ice cream, coffee and deserts will be offered free of charge to all parishioners.

Please come join us in thanking Bobby for his continued dedication to our church!

The Bazaar Committee has started its preparations for the 2015 Bazaar to be held at the Parish Center November 6th, 7th, 8th. Your generous support and participation are needed to help ensure the success of this annual event for our church and community. Please contact the chair Charlotte Mitri (401) 651-9295.

The first Bazaar Committee meeting was held and we had a great turn-out. Thanks to all who attended! Everyone is busy preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year….so please consider helping—whether it be behind the scenes or front-line on the days of the bazaar…we need your help! Flyers are available. We need help with distributing flyers and yard signs—please contact Charlotte. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm in the church hall. EVERYONE is invited to attend. Please help make this years Bazaar a success!!!!

**The Bazaar Committee is looking for new items for the Penny Social table. Please give items to Charlotte or drop off at the Church Office.**

ANGEL RAFFLE

“Only 100 Tickets being sold!”

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!

First Prize: $2,500 * Second Prize: $1,500 * Third Prize: $1,000

Drawing will be held at the Bazaar on Friday, November 6th. Thank you for your support!