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Sunday of the Prodigal Son 8 March 2026



SUNDAY READINGS

EPISTLE - 1 Cor 13:5-13

It is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL - Luke 15:11-32

A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, "Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me." So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, "How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son." But his father ordered his servants, "Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found." Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, "Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound." He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf." He said to him, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

PARISH LIFE

Safro (Morning Prayer)

Monday—Friday - 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday —9:30am - 10:30am

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 9:30am - 10:15am
and by appointment

Mystery of Crowning

Contact the pastor 6 months
in advance

Baptism and Chrismation

Make arrangements as soon
after birth as possible

Parish Calendar. Please see stanthonymaronitechurch.org for the parish calendar.

Liturgical Hours. Monday through Saturday 9:00am daily Divine Liturgy in the chapel.

Sunday 8:30am and 11am Divine Liturgies. Summer Hours: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10 am

First Saturday of the Month. Marian devotions at 9:30am.

St. Sharbel Devotions. Third Sunday of the month at 11:00am Divine Liturgy

POINTS OF INTEREST

Reminder for Next Saturday Night! Turn your clocks forward for Daylight Saving Time!

No Daily Liturgies. Because of the Priests' Retreat, there will be no morning Divine Liturgies from Monday, 9 March, through Friday, 13 March.

Lifeguards. If you are interested in lifeguarding at the pool during the summer, please contact Father John this week.

Stations and Benediction of the Cross. Join us each Friday of Lent at 6:30 pm. Confessions are available as well.

Young Adult Bible Studies. Bible Studies for young men and young women are every Tuesday, 6-7 pm in the hall. Fellowship is continued by going out to dinner after the sessions (optional).

Girls Club. All girls in grades 3rd-6th are invited to join the new Girls Club. Meet us on Sunday, March 8, from 12:15 pm- 1:15 pm in the club room. This month, we will be making bracelets to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

St. Maron's Feast Day Dinner, 15 March. Join us at 12:30 pm for dinner and talent! Adult tickets are \$12, and children 12 and under are \$7.

Knights of Columbus Council 395 is having a Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday, 14 March from 11 am to 1 pm at St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church. The Brunswick Stew will be prepared fresh by members of our Council and will be made from an old family recipe that is delicious! Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the Sisters of Saint Joseph Monastery in Jrabta, Lebanon (<https://www.rafqa.com/>). The K-Cettes will be selling cornbread and cookies. See the flier below. Volunteer to help at: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945ACA72DA7F49-62368445-brunswick#/
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Festival Cooking. Cooking for the 41st Annual Food Festival is on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Thursday cooking begins at 4 pm to 8 pm. Please come for whatever time you can give us. Every little bit helps. There are jobs for everyone.

Festival Dancing. Because the Festival dates have been moved to September, we are pausing Festival dancing. We are coming up with a plan to restart in the summer. Stay tuned for more information!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, 8 March at 9:30 am. MCF Preschool - Eighth Grades

Sunday, 8 March at 12 noon. Girls Club Meeting in the club room

Tuesday, 10 March from 9:30 to 3:00 pm. Festival Cooking

Tuesday, 10 March at 6 pm. Young Men's and Young Women's Bible Studies

Thursday, 12 March, from 4 to 8 pm. Festival Cooking

Friday, 13 March at 6:30 pm. Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Saturday, 14 March from 11 to 1 pm. Brunswick Stew Sale to benefit the Sisters of St. Joseph Monastery in Lebanon.

Sunday, 15 March at 9:30 am. MCF All Students

Sunday, 15 March at 12:30 pm. St. Maron's Feast Day Dinner

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, 8 March Parable of the Prodigal Son, St. Frances of Rome

8:30 am

In memory of Victor Shaheen, requested by his Family

For the intention of Kingston Lewter, requested by Janna Lewter

In memory of Jamal Lewter, requested by Janna Lewter

11:00 am

In memory of Theresa Nadder Carroll, requested by Teresa and John Nadder

Monday, 9 March The Forty Martyrs

No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, 10 March St. Auxentius

No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, 11 March St. Sophronius, Bishop of Jerusalem

No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, 12 March Pope St. Gregory the Great

No Divine Liturgy

Friday, 13 March St. Theophanes the Chronicler

No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, 14 March St. Euphrasia

Sunday, 15 March Healing of the Paralytic, St. Benedict

8:30 am

For the living and deceased members of the Saad Family

In memory of Ann Trexler, requested by Joe and Gloria Nadder

11:00 am

In memory of Barbara Simon Joseph, requested by Regina Shaar Loehr

In memory of Eleanor Washburn (3rd anniversary), requested by the Dailey Family

LENTEN OBSERVANCES – 2026

The Most Reverend Bishops Gregory J. Mansour and A. Elias Zaidan have issued the following Lenten guidelines for the Maronites of the United States.

Fasting and Abstinence

- All Maronites who are physically capable are to abstain from meat on Ash Monday (16 February 2026) and on all Fridays of Lent.
- Ash Monday (16 February 2026) and Great Friday of the Crucifixion (3 April 2026) are days of fasting.
- Fasting consists of eating and drinking nothing (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon; after noon, normal meals may be taken without meat.

Distribution of Ashes

- Ashes are blessed and distributed on Ash Monday (16 February 2026) during the Divine Liturgy.
- This may not take place on the vigil of Ash Monday (Cana Sunday).
- Ashes blessed on Ash Monday may be given to members of the Latin Church on Ash Wednesday; ashes are not blessed again.

Lenten Services

- Benediction with the Cross is celebrated every Friday of Lent, except on Great Friday (3 April 2026).
- This service may be preceded by Ramsho, Stations of the Cross, or the Divine Liturgy.
- Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament does not take place on Fridays of Lent.

Traditional Fasting Discipline

Clergy, religious, and laity who wish to observe the traditional Maronite fast are encouraged to do so:

- Weekdays of Lent (Monday–Friday): fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products.
 - Fasting: nothing taken from midnight until noon (except water and medicine); after noon, meals without meat or dairy.
 - Saturdays and Sundays are exempt.
 - Feast day exemptions: St. Joseph (19 March) and the Annunciation (25 March).
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USHERS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
8 Mar	Trey Shibley, Mason Shibley, Dave Howard, Joseph Fodill	Raymond Khoury, Charbel Chaoul, Julian Chaoul, Mario Saleh
15 Mar	Andy Shulleeta, William Shulleeta, Frank Greco, Marshall Stephenson	Milad Habboush, Diana Yaqoo, Christopher Dib, John Nadder, Jr.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
8 Mar	Ben Wright, Brycen Howard, Owen Hendrix, Arthur Oley	Vincent Carr, George Choueifati, Matthew Habboush
15 Mar	Ben Wright, Nicholas, Tobias and Philip Edwards	Patrick Savage, Grayson Funk, Christian Funk

TRANSFER OF GIFTS

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
8 Mar	Virginia Hendrix, Stella McIvor, Amina Howard, Hailey Shibley	Jenna Chaoul, Romi Rustom, Kylie Stephan, Jennifer Dib
15 Mar	Millie Howard, Amina Howard, Sadie Gill, Evelyn Oley	Maria Sakr, Magdalena Choueifati, Emily Carr

LECTORS SCHEDULE

Dates	8:30 Divine Liturgy	11:00 Divine Liturgy
8 Mar	Jacqueline Gray	Lara Bouhaidar
15 Mar	Margaret Gray	Claudia Bouhaidar

STEWARDSHIP

22 Feb
Collections: \$1941
Contributions: \$1115.00
Memorial contributions: \$600 - Johnny Gibrall
1 Mar
Collections: \$1834
Contributions: \$2796
Memorial contributions: \$320 - Johnny Gibrall

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Mar: John Zeheb and Patricia Nadder
Apr: David Walton and Paul Shibley
May: Joe George and Anthony Shibley

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE



SAINT MARON'S FEAST DAY

MARCH 15, 2026

12:30PM

Adult Tickets: \$12

Kids 12 and under: \$7

SHRIMP SCAMPI, RIGATONI, SPAGHETTI MARINARA
SALAD, BREAD

Knights of Columbus Council 395

BRUNSWICK STEW SALE

Saturday, March 14, 2026

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church



Knights of Columbus Council 395 is having a Brunswick Stew Sale on **Saturday, March 14, 2026.**

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church
4611 Sadler Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

The Brunswick Stew will be prepared fresh by members of our Council and will be made from an old family recipe that is delicious! Proceeds from the sale will be used to support the **Sisters of Saint Joseph Monastery in Jrabta, Lebanon** (<https://www.rafqa.com/>).

The Pre-Order price for the Brunswick Stew is \$12.00

*Note: All stew purchased on the day of the sale will be \$13.00 per quart
Payment on the day of sale must be in the form of Cash or Check*

Stew, Corn Bread and Cookies can be purchased with a Credit Card online [Here](#)

*Note: Those making online orders, who are not members of the Council's Club Express will be charged a convenience fee. Online ordering ends on **Tuesday, March 10.***

Offline Orders: Your check should be payable to **Knights of Columbus #395**, and mailed to: Tom Giannasi, 4821 Morrison Road, Richmond, VA 23230. 804-874-1524



Complete below to pre-purchase your order:

Items		
Brunswick Stew	_____ Quarts @ \$12.00	\$
Cornbread (2 per package)	_____ Packages @ \$2.50/pkg	\$
Cookies (2 per package)	_____ Packages @ \$2.50/pkg	\$
Additional Donation for: Commonwealth Autism		\$
Additional Donation for: Sisters of Saint Joseph Monastery in Jrabra, Lebanon		\$
Enclosed Total:		\$

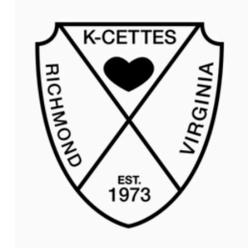
NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

Email address is to notify you of future Brunswick Stew Sales. It will not be used for any other purpose, and will not be shared



K-Cettes

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Cornbread and Cookie Sale

Saturday, March 14, 2026

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church

The K-Cettes will sell cornbread and cookies in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Council 395 Brunswick Stew sale to support our philanthropic project, Commonwealth Autism (<https://www.commonwealthautism.org/>)

All proceeds will be donated to this organization that working towards equitability for autistic and neurodivergent people in Virginia.

Item / Cost: Cornbread \$2.50 for a package of two (2) (Pre-Order)
Cookies \$2.50 for a package of two (2) (Pre-Order)
Cost of each will be \$3.00 on the day of sale.

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church
4611 Sadler Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Payment: Include your order payment or donation with your Brunswick Stew order (online sales will be available until the evening of **March 10**)



History of Brunswick Stew

It all started back in 1828 on the banks of the Nottoway River in Brunswick County, Virginia, during a hunting party. Dr. Creed Haskins, a member of the House of Delegates from 1839 through 1841, took a group of his friends on a hunting expedition. While they were on the hunt, camp cook "Uncle" Jimmy Matthews stirred together the first impromptu mixture that has become known as Brunswick Stew. The original thick soup was made from squirrels, onions, and stale bread. When the hunters returned, there was reluctance to try the new mixture. However, the reluctance turned to demands for second and third helpings of the warm, thick stew.

Recipes for the stew have varied over the years. What began in Brunswick County, Virginia, has become a time-honored tradition. Cooking a very fine Brunswick Stew in Virginia, has also become a source of pride among residents and has rewarded its citizens with many pots of hardy Brunswick Stew.

Some have become Stew Masters after learning to cook this wonderful stew from family members and friends. Chicken has replaced the squirrel in more modern cook pots, while vegetables, tomatoes, potatoes, corn, and butterbeans have been added in varying portions. The one thing that all cooks or Stew Masters agree on is that the stew, which is so thick it almost resembles a palatable paste, is not done until the paddle stands up in the middle. The Brunswick County Stew Master's Association has established the following ingredients as the only official ingredients for *Original Recipe Brunswick Stew*: Chicken, Fatback, Potatoes, Onions, Tomatoes, Butterbeans, Corn, Butter, Salt, Black Pepper, Red Pepper, Sugar and One Additional Thickening Ingredient.

Knights of Columbus Council 395's stew is based on the *Original Recipe Brunswick Stew*, so the tradition continues, as we bring you this time-honored recipe for Brunswick Stew.

Our stew ingredients are: *Chicken, Potatoes, Onions, Tomatoes, Baby Lima Beans, Corn, Seasoning, Salt, Pepper, Butter, Chicken Base & Worcestershire sauce.*

We think you will find it delicious and heartwarming as you help support the **Sisters of Saint Joseph Monastery in Jabra, Lebanon.**



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Sunday	Jan. 4	MCF Schedule for Winter/Spring 2025 All Students	9:30 a.m
Sunday	Jan. 11	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Jan. 18	St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Sunday	Jan. 25	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 1	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 8	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Feb. 15	PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Sunday	Feb. 22	PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 1	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 8	PreS – 8th Parent First Communion Class	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 15	All Students	9:30 am
Saturday	Mar. 21	MYO Retreat at St. Elias	
Sunday	Mar. 22	PreS – 8th	9:30 am
Sunday	Mar. 29 Apr. 5	Palm Sunday Easter Sunday	No classes
Sunday	Apr.12	All Students	9:30 am
Sunday	Apr. 19	PreS – 6th 7th-12th grades—MYO	9:30 am 9:30 - 11 am
Tuesday	Apr. 21	First Communion Practice	6:30 pm
Sunday	Apr. 26	First Communion Families arrive by 10:20	11:00 am

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