



## Saint George Maronite Catholic Church

1493 Cranston Street, Cranston, RI 02920

Email: [stgeorgeri1@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeri1@gmail.com)

Office: 401.723.8444

Website: [www.stgeorgeri.com](http://www.stgeorgeri.com)

05/02/ 2021

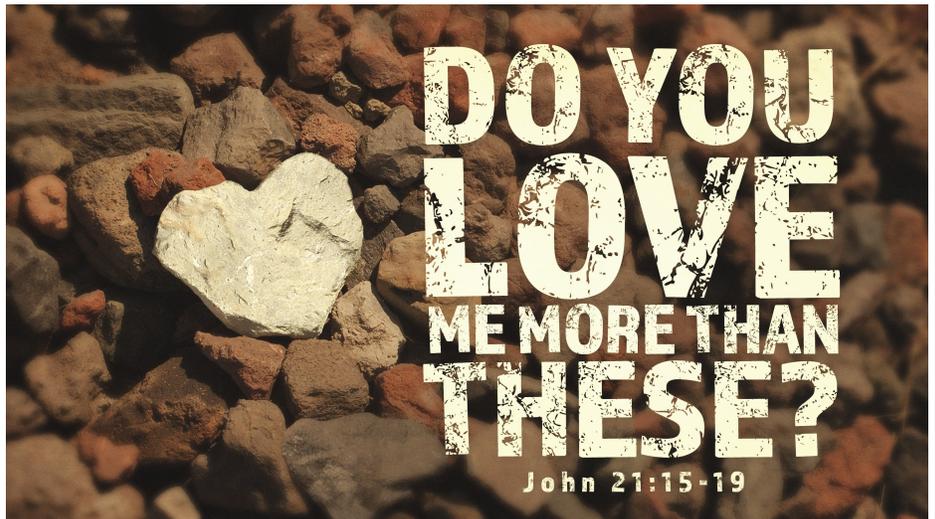
# Fifth Sunday after the Resurrection

**John 21:15-19**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a

second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." (Jesus) said to him,

"Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." This is the Truth. Peace be with you.



## Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00 pm

Sunday

8:30 am (Latin Rite)

10:30 am

## Live Streaming on Facebook



[www.facebook.com/  
stgeorgemaronitecatholicchurchRI/](http://www.facebook.com/stgeorgemaronitecatholicchurchRI/)

## YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCKMq9lkUDKRgCoMshHhDsGg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKMq9lkUDKRgCoMshHhDsGg)

## Sacraments

**Baptism and Confirmation:** Please contact the Priest ASAP after the birth of your child.

**Reconciliation:** Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

**Meet Your  
Pastoral Team**

**Fr. Tony Saab**

Pastor  
frtonysaab@gmail.com

**Farid Zaarour**

Deacon  
fzaarour@yahoo.com

**Weekly Collection**

Sat 4:00pm \$529.00  
Sun 8:30am \$350.00  
Sun 10:30am \$697.00  
THANK YOU!

**Second Collections**

**May 2**

National Shrine of Our  
Lady of Lebanon, Ohio

**May 23**

Catholic Communication  
Campaign

**May 30**

Utility Fund

**June 27**

Peter's Pence Collection



***Liturgical Intentions***

5/1 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Charlotte Tavares</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality
5/2 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Majid Farhat</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality
5/8 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for all <b>the living &amp; deceased Mothers of the Sodality</b> , requested by the Holy Rosary Sodality
5/9 8:30am 10:30am	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>
5/15 4:00pm	Forty Day Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> requested by his family. Memorial Liturgy for <b>Jeanette Campagnone</b> , requested by her family.
5/16 8:30am 10:30am	Two Year Anniversary for <b>Julian Osko</b> , requested by his wife Soha and family
5/22 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , requested by Stephen Constantine  8 year anniversary for <b>Norma Lasorsa</b> and 1 year anniversary for <b>William Lasorsa</b> , requested by Denise Solomon and her family.
5/23 8:30am 10:30am	Memorial Liturgy for <b>David, James and Carmelia, and Louis Peters</b> , requested by Connie Peters and her family
5/29 4:00pm	Memorial Liturgy for <b>Joseph Simon</b> , by Deacon Anthony, Cheffie, and Anthony Khoury, Jr of Easton PA
5/30 8:30am 10:30am	25 year anniversary for <b>Mariangela IA Covone</b> , By Peter Gazzili
6/5 4:00pm	
6/6 8:30am 10:00am	

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Every First Saturday of the month 2:00 – 3:30pm
- **WEEKLY BULLETIN** Would you like to receive **this bulletin** every week by email and in color? Please email your name, address, and phone number to **stgeorgeri1@gmail.com** and we will add you to our safe and discreet email list.
- **MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION:** Please join the Holy Rosary Drive to help homeless mothers by donating items of personal hygiene, like soap, toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.
- Are you interested in participating in a Weekly **BIBLE STUDY** (through Zoom)? If interested: please contact Deacon Farid Zaarour after mass or Email ([fzaarour@yahoo.com](mailto:fzaarour@yahoo.com)) Sessions will start in May once a week. Date and Time to be announced.
- The Holy Rosary Sodality **will meet to pray the Rosary** on Saturday May 8 at 3:30pm. The Liturgy will be offered for our living and deceased mothers.

**"IF YOU WANT TO  
CHANGE THE WORLD,  
GO HOME AND  
LOVE YOUR FAMILY."**

*- Mother Teresa -*

pixelsquote.net



**Not all of us can  
do great things.  
But we can do small things  
with great love.**

*-Mother Teresa*

**The Covid 19 Pandemic has financially crippled the Church in general and St George in particular. We have been in the red for the past year. Our inability to conduct fundraisers and dinners has proved quite challenging.**

**Please consider helping and expressing  
your love for your church!**

1. By mailing your weekly envelopes to the Church Office if you are unable to attend Divine Liturgy in person.
2. By setting up online recurring payments with your bank.
3. By making an online donation. Please visit our website ([www.stgeorgeri.com](http://www.stgeorgeri.com)) or by clicking on this link: [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND GENEROSITY**

Jesus asks Peter three times “**do you love me?**” Here is where the limitations of the English language hinder us. There is a dynamic in this conversation— a dance, if you will — where Peter not only moves toward Christ but Christ moves toward Peter.

Our English word *love* is used for so many things. We use it to describe our most intimate human relationships and how we feel about ice cream! In the original Greek in which John wrote his gospel, there were multiple words for different types of love.

Jesus asks Peter twice “do you love me?” using the Greek word **agape**, meaning a pure, unselfish, self-giving love.

Peter responds by using the word **philia**, which refers to affection shared between friends. *Philia* is a wonderful kind of love, but it is less than *agape*. *Agape* is universal love; it is what we mean by the virtue of charity.

You can imagine Peter’s interior struggle as he

considers Jesus’s question. He recognizes now the weakness of his own love. He knows he does not love Jesus with total, self-giving *agape*. But he wants Jesus. Despite his failures, he still wants Jesus. He wants to love him better than he does.

And that’s enough for Jesus.

Jesus does not reject Peter’s offer of a lesser love. He accepts it. He tells Peter to “feed my sheep.” Despite his inferior love, Christ gives Peter a share in his role as the Good Shepherd, placing the entire flock of the Church into Peter’s care.

And when Jesus asks Peter a third time, “do you love me?” he does not use the word *agape*. He uses the word *philia*, which is the love Peter was able to offer. He takes Peter’s offering of a lesser love and he magnifies it. He elevates it to a love that would lead Peter to the cross, the ultimate *agape* sacrifice of Christ. He elevates Peter’s *philia* into a love that would glorify God.

