32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.”
- Lk 20:36

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A Roman Catholic Community
SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT ELIZABETH SETON
Sunday 7:30AM & 9:00AM
Monday & Friday 8:30AM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT JAMES
Saturday Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday 11:00AM
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3pm to 3:45pm at Saint James, other times by appointment.
Baptism: For information about preparation class and to set a date please contact office.
Matrimony: The Archdiocese of Hartford requires a minimum of six month notice and preparation. Please contact Pastor.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 10TH, 2019

Rocky Hill Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Join with fellow Rocky Hill Christians to praise and thank God for all of our gifts. The service will be hosted by St. Josephine Bakhita Parish at the St. James Campus on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 PM. All Rocky Hill Congregations are involved in this joyful celebration, including the Rocky Hill All-Church Choir. There will be a monetary collection for the Rocky Hill Food Bank during the service and a reception following the service. As we are hosting this great event, we are seeking volunteers to bring baked goods or other snacks. Please call Joy at 860-529-8655 if you can help us out.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar
The questions of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in your family from generation to generation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
November 30 at the 4 PM Mass: St. James Campus
Like all sacraments, Anointing of the Sick is one way that the church continues the ministry of Jesus. Through it, Christ continues to touch, heal, and comfort. The Letter of James attests that this practice has always been part of ministry. James asks “Is anyone among you sick? They should summon the presbyters of the church, who should pray over and anoint them with oil in the name of the church” (5:14). It is especially powerful when an entire congregation is called upon to pray for our sick.

Who Can Be Anointed?
The Catechism of the Catholic Church states “It is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for them to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.” The conference of Bishops has also written that those undergoing “physical and spiritual” suffering may receive the Anointing. They speak of both “those who are seriously ill” and “those who are sick.” Anointing of the sick has often been postponed until someone is on the point of dying, in spite of the fact that in all celebrations of this sacrament, the liturgy prays for recovery of the health of the sick person.

Why Receive the Sacrament?
In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising. Does the sacrament heal? Yes. Is the healing physical? It is certainly what we hope for when we celebrate this sacrament, but we cannot approach it with this expectation. We pray that the Holy Spirit may give strength, peace, and courage to the sick to help them face the difficulties of illness and age with faith and hope.

Procedure to Receive the Sacrament
Arrive at the 4 PM Mass on November 30 at least 15 minutes early. Go to the baptismal font area to receive a name tag. You will be seated with fellow candidates for the Sacrament. During Mass, after the homily, the anointing will begin. Music will be played during the anointing.

Please call Joy at 860-529-8655 X17 with questions.

ADVENT WOMEN’S EVENING OF REFLECTION
Monday December 2nd: 7:00-8:30pm
Saint Elizabeth Seton Church

Guest Speaker: Laurie Janecko
Theme: We are on God’s Team
Scripture Connection: Ephesians 4:16
We should grow in every way into him who is the head, Christ from who the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, with the proper functioning of each, brings about the body’s growth and builds itself up in love. We are a team. God is the head coach. We all have an important role on God’s team and each one of us contributes to the team’s growth.

Also, this program invites men to attend—so please join us as we reflect together on how we all can contribute to being a part of God’s team!
The St. Josephine Bakhita Confirmation classes are collecting chocolate candy for their “Works of Mercy” project. Their goal is to make 1,500 to 2,000 bags of sweet treats to be given out in December to soup kitchens, the homeless and the incarcerated.

Have some extra candy? Trying not to eat all the leftover Halloween candy? WELL, we would love to help you!!!

You can make someone smile with a simple gesture of a piece of candy. Boxes for collection will be located at both churches so you can drop off chocolate at any time.

The St. Josephine Bakhita Holiday Fair will be held November 23th at St. James Campus from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please consider helping to make this year’s event another success in one or more of the following:

- Volunteering for setting up on the evening of the 22nd and/or assisting day of the event
- Soliciting donations and/or donating items/services for our silent auction and/or teacup auction

Donating Christmas ornaments in good condition for our Christmas tree

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at both campuses as well as a box for Christmas ornaments. If you would like to contribute your time and/or talents or have questions, contact Kathy Alexander at 860-563-5859.

SiLenT AuCTIoN

The Silent Auction Committee has been hard at work acquiring many things for you to bid on. Here is a partial list, there is more to come! Gift cards from: Stew Leonard’s, Wooden Tap, On the Border, Garden Dream, South End Bakery, Dakotas, Steve’s, Big Y, West Side, Salad Bar, Utsave, Chili’s, Target, MacBride’s, Joey Garlic, Bobs Discount Furniture, Plaza Azteca, Sunny Farm, Rudy’s, Denovellis, Marshalls. Tickets to Mt. Southington Ski, Wadsworth, Mark Twain House, Arrigoni Wine. Baskets from Starbucks, and several generous parishioners and an autographed framed poster of Jaylen Brown of the Celtics. Finally our grand prize is a one week stay at the vacation home of parishioners Joe and Pat Klinger in Narragansett, Rhode Island valued at $3,000. It is a five bedroom home with a five minute walk to the public beach. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of this fabulous home. Please call Joy for information about bidding on this. 860-529-8655 x17. We thank all those who have donated and the committee who have persevered to acquire these donations. Now it’s up to you to come to the Holiday Fair on November 23rd and bid. There will also be baskets that you can buy right away that will make great hostess and teacher gifts.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish will be collecting Thanksgiving food “baskets” for families within our community on the weekend of November 23/24 so that they can be delivered before Thanksgiving. Rocky Hill Human Services is asking for “generic” baskets for families of four to six people. If your family or group would like to donate a basket, please sign up on the sheet located in the Foyer of either church so we know how many to plan for. If we get enough, some will also be donated to Catholic Worker in Hartford. Please bring your basket (any container is acceptable as long as it looks nice) to the Rectory garage at Saint Elizabeth Seton’s or Father Shea hall at St. James on Saturday afternoon or Sunday Morning.

A list of suggested items is available in the Foyers to help you with your shopping. Please do not include perishable foods. People will be given gift certificates to use for your turkey etc. During this weekend we will also be collecting grocery store gift certificates which Rocky Hill Human Services will add to the baskets when they are distributed. Please bring the gift certificates to Mass November 23/24 and place them in the collection basket.

Parish Giving

OUR WEEKLY SUPPORT *11/3/2019

Thank you for your Giving

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

Weekly Offertory: $14,493.00
Online Users: $2,993.00
Maintenance: $3,795.00

Next weekend, November 17th
is the freewill offering for Special Needs/Chg/4/Chg

Thank you for your generous support!
MEALS AT MCKINNEY SHELTER
Members of the Saturday Night Food Group at Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish will be providing meals to the residents at McKinney Shelter on Saturday November 23rd following the 4:00 mass and we seek your assistance. Donations of pasta casseroles (meat), tossed salads, dressings, desserts (cookies, brownies) and paper products are needed. Sign-up sheets & info are posted in the lobbies of each church. Please bring donations to Fr. Shea Hall (rear of church near chapel). For more information or questions please contact Carl Bach at 860-882-9174 or email: abcb1922@yahoo.com.

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION
The clothing and household collection will open up again on November 4th. We are accepting only winter clothes & would especially welcome jackets. All items donated should be clean & in good to excellent condition. Small household goods such as kitchen items & bedding are welcome also clean & in good to excellent condition. No furniture. Please do not leave any donations before that date. Questions call Sandy Rokosz at 860-666-7884 or sandyrokosz@gmail.com.

HAITI MINISTRY
Barbara Wysocki

SHELTER MINISTRIES
Melroy D’Costa, Carl Bach & Mike Morganti

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Claire Dalidowitz

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Sandy Rokosz & Betty Catelli

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVES
Rocky Hill Food Pantry
Jim Alexander
Cereal for Amazing Grace Food Pantry
Sandy Ambrose

SPECIAL DRIVES MINISTRIES
Holiday Baskets
Marion Hultin
Advent Giving Tree
Sandy Rokosz

PLEASE CONTACT CARL BACH FOR MORE INFORMATION

Cookie Walk & Bake Sale
HELP!!
Bakers are urgently needed!
Only 5 people have signed up to bake and the fair is only 2 weeks away. Please help us maintain our “best cookie walk and bake sale around” reputation and bake for us.

Date: November 23, 2019
Sign-up forms are located in church entrances.

Homefront 2020
Looking for a Local Home in Need:
Our Parish HomeFront volunteer program has provided free home repair assistance for mid to low-income homeowners in our nearby communities each spring for over 20 years. Fueled by a mission of keeping deserving neighbors in their homes with an improved quality of life, Warm, Safe & Secure, we invite members of the community to consider someone who may have no other recourse for making necessary home repairs. If you know any homeowners who could benefit from free repair assistance next spring, HomeFront’s application deadline is November 15, 2019. To obtain more info or request an application, please call HomeFront at: 1-800-887-HOPE or visit the website: http://www.homefrontprogram.org/drupal7/homeowner-application.

For more information on program guidelines you can also contact Bob Manzi in our parish by email at manzi@sbcglobal.net. All requests for help will remain confidential.

FOOD & CEREAL COLLECTIONS
Take place every month on the 3rd weekend in:
St. James: Leave donation items on Altar or in Fr. Shea Hall.
Saint Elizabeth Seton: Leave donation items in bins in Room A.

DONATIONS NEEDED! THANK YOU!
Northwest Catholic High School
Entrance Exam offered on Saturday, November 23rd at 8:00am. Walk-ins welcome. Register online at: www.northwestcatholic.org/admissions  Further info contact Andrew Selig at aselig@nwcath.org

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Council 10651 is sponsoring an essay contest for the 8th thru 12th graders. The theme of the essay contest is: “Charity is the theological virtue which we love God for His own sake and our neighbors as ourselves”. In an essay of 500 - 750 words describe in what ways do you exemplify the virtue of Charity at home with your family or in your community (i.e. how do you enrich the lives of others).  To receive contest rules, details and an entry form contact David Mikol at (860) 726-3585.  Note that students in grades 8 thru 10 were given the contest rules through their religious ed classes.  All entries must be submitted to the St. Bakhita Knights of Columbus Council 10651 by December 15.

Prepare for Christmas!!
Reflection Series Coming in December
Christmas: A Season of Wonder and Hope
It is not possible to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Christ, the very Son of God, in a single day. The church gives us a season—from Christmas Eve to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord—to reflect with wonder on what God has done and is doing in our world. Christmas invites us to move from wonder through to hope...for ourselves and the world. To help us prepare for this great season of Christmas, Deacon Michael will be offering a scripture reflection series on Christmas as it is presented to us by the Church through season of Christmas. Come and take some quiet time to reflect on the meaning of it all. The series begins on three Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18th. Two identical sessions are offered each week one at 10:00 AM at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church (Classrooms E & F) and then again at 7:00 PM at St. James Church (Fr. Shea Hall). All are welcome. No special knowledge of Scripture is required. Pre-registration is requested by Sunday November 24th. A $5 fee for materials, payable at the first session. Please register by signing up on the in the foyer of each church, or calling and leaving a message at: 860-529-3222 Ext. 14 or by email (best) at saintjmdeacon@gmail.com.
The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Inc.

Open House Specials!!

Please visit our cemeteries during our Fall Open House Program. Stop in and speak with our Family Service Advisors from 9 AM to 2 PM, get a tour of the park and take advantage of our Open House Special Offers just for those who visit during the following schedule:

Saturday October 19, 2019:
- Sacred Heart Cemetery—250 Gypsy Lane
- Calvary Cemetery—2324 East Main Street
- Holy Cross Cemetery—171 Wickham Road

Saturday October 26, 2019:
- St Mary Cemetery—1141 Stanley St
- All Saints Cemetery—700 Middletown Ave
- Mt Olivet Cemetery—669 Platt Road

Saturday November 2, 2019:
- Mt St Benedict Cemetery—1 Cottage Grove Road
- St Francis Cemetery—853 South Main St
- Mt St Peter Cemetery—219 New Haven Ave

For your convenience we now sell Granite Flush Markers and Monuments at all our locations!