33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’” - Mt 25:20

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A Roman Catholic Community
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
4:00PM At St. James Church
ANN & RAYMOND DOBRINDT, Requested by family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
BACKIEL FAMILY, Requested by son & daughter
9:00AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
JEFF CARFI, Requested by children
11:00AM At St. James Church
WILLIAM B. SCOVILLE, Requested by Dawn Molina

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18 WEEKDAY
8:30AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
STANLEY KOZAK, Requested by Janet & Robert Aronne

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 WEEKDAY
8:00AM At St. James Church
TERESA & MICHELE CAPALBO, Requested by Bruno family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 NO MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Adoration following Mass in Chapel for 1 hour
8:00AM At St. James Church
MARGARET REYNOLDS, Requested by husband Edward

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
8:30AM At Saint Elizabeth Seton Church
LUCIA & ARMANDO GUGLIELMI, Requested by daughter & family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS
4:00PM At St. James Church
TED ANTHONY, Requested by Steven’s Elementary School

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
7:30AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
EMILIA DeNARDO, Requested by family
9:00AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
BLAKE CARFI, 4th anniversary, Requested mom, brother & sister
11:00AM At St. James Church
FRANK FAMMARTINO, Requested by Joanne & Dominick

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 17, 2019

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

**November 30th 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.

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**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.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish will be collecting Thanksgiving food “baskets” for families within our community on the weekend of Nov. 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 you 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 their 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 Nov. 23/24 & place them in the collection basket.

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**Parish Giving**

**OUR WEEKLY SUPPORT *11/10/2019***

Thank you for your Giving

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH

Weekly Offertory: $11,956.00

Online Users: $1,400.00

Next weekend, November 24 is the collection for Campaign for Human Development
Thank you for your generous support.
St. Josephine Bakhita Holiday Fair
November 23rd from 8:30am - 4:00pm Free Admission
Be a part of this important event in the life of our parish.
Volunteer to work at the event, set-up or clean-up. Sheets are in the foyers or call Kathy at 860-563-5359

Help is Needed
Cookie Walk & Bake Sale
Bakers are urgently needed!
Only a few people have signed up to bake and the fair is only 1 week away. Please help us maintain our reputation as the “best cookie walk and bake sale around” Please consider baking for us. Thank you in advance!
Date: November 23, 2019
Sign-up forms are located in church entrances.

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, All In It’s Place, Essex Steam Train & Riverboat, Joey Garlic, Bobs Discount Furniture, Plaza Azteca, Sunny Farm, Rudy’s, Denovellis, Marshalls. Tickets to Mt. Southington Ski, Wadsworth, Mark Twain House, Arrigoni Wine and River Restaurant. 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 23 and bid. There will also be baskets that you can buy right away that will make great hostess and teacher gifts.

DONATE NEW ITEMS FOR THE TEA CUP AUCTION

DONATE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS TREES

Boxes are located in both church foyers to place your ornaments.

Festival of Lessons and Carols at Saint James Church
Sunday, December 8th at 4:00pm

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this hour long service, we listen to nine short Scripture readings, “lessons,” which recount the fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song led by the St. James Adult and Children’s Choirs that reflects on the lesson’s message and a brief prayer.

Many have made it part of their annual Christmas celebrations. Make this the Advent that you do something for yourself. Take an hour to nourish your soul. Join us as we sing and read through our faith in a contemplative and joyous service. Refreshments will be served, with a free-will donation to facilitate purchase of pizza.
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:abc1922@yahoo.com.

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS COLLECTION
The clothing and household collection opened 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.

FOOD & CEREAL COLLECTIONS
Take place every month on the 3rd weekend
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!

TRICK OR TREAT
SHARE SOME SWEETS!
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. We will be collecting until the end of November.

Thank you for caring and sharing!

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.
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Tootsie Roll Drive

A mouth watering success
- 600 hundred tootsie rolls given out
- more than $1600 collected which all goes to Special Olympics

Thanks to the generosity of our Parishioners & West Side Market for making this the best year ever!

Tootsie Roll chairman, Aaron Kostoss
Knights of Columbus 10651

Saint Elizabeth Seton to see if your lost article is there.

Knights of Columbus
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.

Lost & Found

Jackets, water bottles, keys, etc. have been abandoned at both campuses.

Look for the Lost & Found basket at St. James and check the cabinet in the foyer at Saint Elizabeth Seton to see if your lost article is there.

Mercy High School

First Quarter Honor Roll

High Honors:
Gabrielle Grant
Ava Romeo

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

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today’s gospel Jesus encourages parents to bravely “give Testimony” and trust He will give us the “wisdom” to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.