Palm Sunday

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?” And the crowds replied, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.” —Mt 21:10-11

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A Roman Catholic Community
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
4:00PM
ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS
At St. James Church
JOE ISKRA, Requested by Gerry, Mike & Joanne

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
7:30AM
At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
PARISHIONERS OF SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
9:00AM
At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
BENEFACORS OF SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA
11:00AM
At St. James Church
TED ANTHONY (1st Anniversary), Requested by wife & family

MONDAY, APRIL 6
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
8:30AM
At St. Elizabeth Seton Church
STEFANIA SPIEWAK (11th Anniversary), Requested by wife & family

TUESDAY, APRIL 7
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
8:00AM
At St. James Church
JOHN BEZDELOVS (8th Anniversary), Requested by Mary Ann & children

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
NO MASS

THURSDAY, APRIL 9
HOLY THURSDAY
7:00PM
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St. James Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 10
GOOD FRIDAY
3:00PM
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at
Saint Elizabeth Seton Church & St. James Church
7:00PM
Stations & Veneration of the Cross at St. James

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
HOLY SATURDAY
NOON:
Blessing of the Easter Food at St. James Church
8:00PM
Solemn Easter Vigil Mass at St. James Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
7:30AM
Easter Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton Church
9:00AM
Easter Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth Seton Church
UPDATE: 9:00 MASS LIVE ON FACEBOOK — PLEASE JOIN US!!
11:00AM
Easter Sunday Mass at St. James Church

UPDATE: ALL MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL APRIL 30th

***Schedule subject to change due to Coronavirus***

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 APRIL 5, 2020

Sunday:

Monday:
Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:
Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:
Ps 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

Thursday:
Chrsms Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21


Friday:

Saturday: Vigil:

Next Sunday:
Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.

Kerry Weber is an executive editor of America.

12 Ways to Make Holy Week More Meaningful

1) THINK PRAYER. If you have to work or go to school during Holy Week, think about how you can incorporate prayer breaks into each day.

2) MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SACRIFICE by fasting and abstaining from meat on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday in addition to Good Friday.

3) DON’T WATCH TELEVISION from sundown on Holy Thursday until Easter morning.

4) GO to confession.

5) SET ASIDE 10 minutes every day to read Passion accounts in the Gospels.

6) MAKE it a point to FORGIVE someone on Good Friday.

7) PRAY the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

8) OFFER UP any pain or difficulties you experience during Holy Week and unite your sufferings with the pain of Christ.

9) PRAY the Stations of the Cross.

10) ATTEND all of the Triduum liturgies.

11) INVITE family members, friends and neighbors—especially people who have strayed from the church—to come to church with you.

12) VOLUNTEER to help decorate your parish on Holy Saturday for Easter.

Holy Week Customs

Palm Crosses: protection from danger
Housecleaning: preparation for Easter
Visiting Churches: pilgrimage to holy places for prayer
Coloring eggs: new life/Resurrection
Sweet Breads: Holy Week tradition
New Clothes: new life
Easter Lilies: symbol of purity/new life
Blessing of Easter Baskets: special food blessing on Holy Saturday for Easter Sunday dinner
Holy Thursday
7pm: Mass of the Lord’s Supper at Saint James Church

Good Friday
3pm: Celebration of the Lord’s Passion at Saint James Church & Saint Elizabeth Seton Church
7pm: Stations & Veneration of the Cross at St. James Church

Holy Saturday
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UPDATE: ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD HAS EXTENDED THE CANCELLATION OF MASSES UNTIL APRIL 30 INCLUDING HOLY WEEK & EASTER

The beautiful Lenten tradition of the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday during Lent. The variation of schedule times reflects & honors the slight differences of tradition of each church campus. Therefore the following schedule is as follows

TENTATIVE DATES: Saint James: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE April 10th at 7pm

Stations and Veneration of the Cross on April 10 will be led by the Confirmation Class

“Not Confirmed?... Want to be?”
Well...it’s never too late. Even if you are way “past the age”...or even a little;) ...and not yet Confirmed...you can be. You certainly are not alone. Many, for a variety of reasons, find themselves in this situation. We can help with that! If you have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation Saint Josephine Bakhita will be offering preparation sessions for those who may wish to be confirmed this spring. Contact Dcn. Michael for details at: dcnmichael@sjbrh.org or call 860-529-3222 Ext.14 & leave a message.

OPERATION RICE BOWL
Jesus asks that we share what we have with those in need. In response to that gospel call, our parish community will be participating in Operation Rice Bowl as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially the most vulnerable around the world. Rice bowls will be available in the church entries after Mass. Please take one home and use it to enhance your Lenten journey. The spiritual guide contains stories from people who benefit from our participation, reflections for each week of Lent and recipes for simple meals from countries around the world. You will be asked to return them with your Lenten sacrifices when Lent is over. 75% of your donations go to help the poor overseas and 25% remains in the Archdiocese to help alleviate hunger here. As we look ahead to our Lenten journey, may our fasting be a hunger for justice, our alms an offering of peace, and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts.

KNIGHT’S CORNER
Palm Crosses & St. Patrick’s Dinner
At this time, if you have questions about Palm Crosses or a REFUND for tickets purchased for the St. Patrick’s Dinner contact Bob Clayton.

Please Note: For the needs of our community in this difficult time, The Knights of Columbus will donate all tickets sales not refunded to the ROCKY HILL FOOD BANK.
Bob Clayton at 860-638-8654 or email robert.clayton911@gmail.com

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Saturday Night Shelter Dinners

Next serving April 18, 2020

Given the continued spread of the Corona Virus, the ongoing concerns of all and the fact that shelter residents continue to need healthy and hearty meals, we will be making the following changes to our Saturday Night Shelter Dinners.

* We will continue to provide food so long as parishioners are willing to make donations
* Regardless of whether or not the 4:00pm mass is held, we will continue to collect donations at Father Shea Hall between 3-4pm on the day of the scheduled serving.
* Weather permitting we will have both inside & outside collection tables in order to accommodate donors who are not attending mass or do not wish to enter Fr. Shea Hall.
* Food donations will be taken to the shelter for serving by the kitchen staff at McKinney. Until further notice WE WILL NO LONGER BE SERVING MEALS.

These revisions in no way change the fact that this ministry and the efforts of all food and paper good donors and servers are strictly voluntary. We will continue to solicit food donors and servers, but keep in mind if you feel the need to step back for awhile until you’re more comfortable with the world around us, please, do so.

Should you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to let me know.

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Landscape Volunteers Needed At Saint Elizabeth Seton Campus

In the past, small teams of parishioners have helped cut down aging trees, trimmed and shaped shrubs & trees, removed old, crowded bushes, maintained the raised patio planter and the Marion garden. The landscaper hired by the parish does a great job with the ongoing maintenance throughout the growing season, but this group of parishioners committed their time, usually a half day, to do other small, short term projects to keep our grounds looking good. This spring, old rose bushes need to be pulled out of a few gardens at St. Elizabeth’s an old ornamental tree cut down, perennials cleaned up etc. Elizabeth Husmer is the point person for these projects. Together we will find a spring morning to work together on a few of these projects. Contact Elizabeth Husmer at elizabeth@sjbrh.org for more information.

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Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

This day joins the foretelling of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem (as the crowd welcomed Him with palm branches) and the proclamation of His Passion in the Gospel reading.

Hence, the day is called “Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord.”
SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

CHURCH MEETINGS
DUE TO COVID-19 ALL EVENTS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE & UNDERSTANDING EVERYONE PLEASE BE SAFE!!

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