

*Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish*



*Father's*  
**DAY**

CELEBRATING  
THIS DAY WITH THANKFUL  
HEARTS

Thou desirest truth in the  
inward parts: and in the  
hidden part thou shalt make  
me to know wisdom. Psalm 51:6

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# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS

4:00PM At St. James Church  
JOHN A. FRASCARELLI SR. (12th Anniversary),  
Requested by family

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF BACKIEL FAMILY,  
Requested by children

11:00AM At St. James Church  
MIKE PARESI (Birthday Remembrance),  
Requested by wife Elaine

MONDAY, JUNE 21 SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA,  
RELIGIOUS

8:30AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
PIETRO LUCENTE, Requested by wife Iole  
& family

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 WEEKDAY

8:00AM At St. James Church  
MARGHERITA CALCIANO & ST. ANTHONY,  
Requested by daughter Maria Palaia

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 NO MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 24 THE NATIVITY OF SAINT  
JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:00AM At St. James Church  
ALBERTO & MICHELE, Requested  
by daughter & family

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 WEEKDAY

8:30AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
LINDA TEIXEIRA GOMEZ (1st Anniversary),  
Requested by sister Mary Pawlich

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS

4:00PM At St. James Church  
AL & PEGGY MEARMAN, Requested by family

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
ROCCO LARAIA (Birthday Remembrance),  
Requested by wife Cora & family

11:00AM At St. James Church  
JAMES MORAVECEK, Requested by family

## SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SAINT ELIZABETH SETON CHURCH

Sunday 9:00AM  
Monday & Friday 8:30AM

### SAINT JAMES CHURCH

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM & Sunday 11:00AM  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00AM



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION AND CELEBRATION

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Mondays - 6:00pm at St. Elizabeth Seton until further notice - masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing required.

**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.



*Barbara D'Amore  
Robert Meskill  
Rev. William McCarthy*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24,  
25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor  
5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19,  
20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-  
9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/  
Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
[4]/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,  
54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11,  
12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43  
or 5:21-24, 35b-43



  
Happy Father's Day!  




Please Welcome to  
our Parish Family  
*Andrew Russo*



**DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH:**

The last two weekends have been joyous and hopeful times with our confirmation classes. Once again, this year Archbishop Blair delegated me to confer the sacrament. It has been an honor and privilege. The four ceremonies went well due to the enthusiasm of the candidates and their families and the superb preparation of the catechists and the Religious Formation Team, especially Carol Rizzo the coordinator. I ask for your prayers and support for these young men and women as they begin a deeper relationship with Christ and church...with the ever-present help of the Holy Spirit.

Last week the Archdiocese informed the parishes, once again without any consultation with the priests, that for those who are vaccinated, they can now choose to not wear a mask in church. However, **those unvaccinated are required to wear a mask** inside a building (such as a church) per policy of the State Department of Public health.

There is no way that we can evaluate that situation at the church doors. So, we are all on the honor system as we move ahead. Whether you are vaccinated or not there are still risks for the passing of the virus. It is a more serious problem for unvaccinated folks, young children (who are unvaccinated still) and those who have compromised health or age issues. Personally, I would encourage all people to continue to wear a mask for the future months as we try to reach of 70% vaccination rate in the State of Connecticut. Then we will be very close to herd immunity and greater safety for all. Recently, I heard some vaccinated people inform me that they are starting to return to church because masks are still being worn and they feel most comfortable until there are more people vaccinated. I suspect many of those folks will stop attending because too many people will be unmasked. That is something to think about in your decision making. I and all other clergy and eucharistic ministers will be masked at all Masses and services.

Please remember that if you feel uncomfortable returning to church due to a lack of safety in not wearing masks...we still are live streaming Masses, and you can still safely attend a weekday Mass as an alternative.

**Last week I informed you, in my frustration, that the mailing company that recently mailed out the FORWARD WITH FAITH campaign letters made a major error in the insertion of letters in the envelopes. The mailing company will be resending the campaign letters to all parishioners, at no expense to the Archdiocese, the Foundation, or our parish. They are mailing to all parishioners for it is impossible to determine who got the bad batch of letters or not.**

*I would like to encourage you to consider and participate in the **FORWARD WITH FAITH** campaign that we embarked on for the sake of our parish and the Archdiocese of Hartford. It is a very real and concrete way of supporting our mission and ministry. Your substantial sacrificial gift or pledge will secure the continued forward movement of our parish. I am sincerely asking for your help and am very grateful to those who have already made the financial commitment.*

Peace and blessings, *Fr. George*

**NEVER**  
*Underestimate*  
**A FATHER**  
 WHO DOES  
**ALL THINGS**   
 *through*  
**CHRIST** *Who*  
**STRENGTHENS HIM**

Happy  
*Father's*  
 Day

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR  
JUNE 20, 2021**

It is interesting we call the first person of the Trinity, Father. Our dads help us understand God as Father in the way they love, protect, teach, discipline and spend time with us. What an awesome responsibility, to be the window through which children view God.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*June 20, 2021 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention. Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey. That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"? ©LPI

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***Grief Support*** Do you find yourself in need of a compassionate ear for your grief due to the loss of a loved one from the coronavirus? Send your name, email address and phone number to me via

email and I will connect you to a local bereavement minister from the parish: [frgeorge@sibrh.org](mailto:frgeorge@sibrh.org)

### Bible Quotes for Father's Day

- **Ephesians 6:4:** "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
- **Psalms 103:13:** "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."
- **Proverbs 22:6:** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- **Proverbs 23:24:** "The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him."
- **Proverbs 4:11-12:** "I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble."
- **Luke 15:20:** "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."
- **Deuteronomy 1:31:** "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."
- **Malachi 4:6:** "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."
- **Hebrews 12:7:** "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?"





### KNIT CROCHET AND SEW GOOD WORKS MINISTRY

Each Wednesday the Knit Crochet and Sew Good Works Ministry will be meeting in Fr. Shea Hall from 1pm to 4pm. The larger group of knitters and crocheters will be meeting on the lawn but the sewers (much smaller group) will be meeting in Fr. Shea. **Please reach out to Sandy Rokosz at [sandyrokoz7hotmail.com](mailto:sandyrokoz7hotmail.com) if you have any questions.**



### Giving Garden Needs Help

We need help picking and delivering vegetables when our committed team members take some time off this summer. There are weeks in July and Aug where we need someone, once/week. If you can't pick but can drive the veggies to St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown, or vice versa any help would be appreciated. Many of our volunteers say that delivering is the best part of the ministry as you get to meet the chefs who are so grateful. **If you can help, please email Claire at [ckdalidowitz@snet.net](mailto:ckdalidowitz@snet.net)**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



**AT ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JUNE 20, 2021**

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### Parish Giving

**OUR WEEKLY SUPPORT \*06/13/2021  
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Weekly Offertory:	\$	9,856.00
Online (weekly & maintenance):	\$	3,666.00
Maintenance:	\$	635.00

Next weekend, June 20th is the offering for the Collection for Peter's Pence.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

### Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad  
- Author Unknown

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS



### Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why? On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went? But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He does have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please." Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it. God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up? **Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPI**

**“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](mailto:dcnmichael@sjbrh.org) or call 860-529-3222 Ext.14 & leave a message.**

**Food & Cereal Donations**

We continue to seek food and cereal donations for our monthly delivery to the Rocky Hill & Amazing Grace food pantries. Cereal & non-perishable food items can be dropped off at either church location. **St James Church:** Father Shea Hall, Mon-Fri (9:00am-1:00pm, or before the 4:00pm & 11:00am Mass **St Elizabeth Seton Church:** Bins located in the hospitality area at the back of the worship space.



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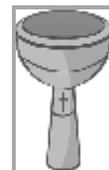
**Faith Formation Registration 2021 -2022**

Registration for our Faith Formation classes grades K-10 including the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation is now available online. Please contact the Faith Formation office at [reo@sjbrh.org](mailto:reo@sjbrh.org)/860-529-1274 or use the QR code to access the form. You must be registered in the parish in order to register your child for Faith Formation.



**Not Baptized, and want to be, or do you know someone who is interested?**

Because the questions that our Catholic faith addresses are perennial, constantly present in our lives, there are always people interested. Who am I? Why am I here? What am I, or all of us, to do? Is “this” all there is to life? Pray, huh? What does God, and this Jesus, & the Catholic Church have to do with all of this? Wrestling with & responding to these questions & more are part & parcel of coming to the Catholic faith. If you, or someone you know, is on a search like this we can help with that.



**Contact Dcn. Michael at: [dcnmichael@sjbrh.org](mailto:dcnmichael@sjbrh.org) or call 860-529-3222 Ext.14 & leave a message.**

**Morning Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The morning prayer shawl meetings at Saint Elizabeth Seton Church start about 9:00am, right after the 8:30 am Mass on the (usually) 4th Monday of each month.



**The next date is June 28 in the Worship space.**



**Office Hours:** The parish office at St. James campus is open for business. We require that you make an appointment to visit the office, wear a mask, socially distance at 6ft and have no symptoms of the virus. Hours :

**Monday—Friday 9:00am to 2:30pm.**



**All BULLETIN** announcements must be submitted to the Rectory office by **Friday at Noon** to be included in the following weekend’s bulletin - please remember to submit early due to available space—we always try to honor all submissions possible. **You may email your request to Pam and Carrie at [office@sjbrh.org](mailto:office@sjbrh.org)**

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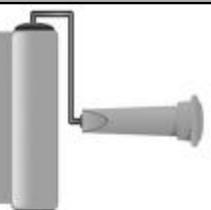
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