

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 10 ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS

4:00PM At St. James Church

JOSH BEDLACK (22nd Anniversary), Requested by Jane & Joseph Bedlack

SUNDAY, JULY 11 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church

ANDREW SORRENTINO, (Birthday Remembrance), Requested by

Mom, Dad & Adam

11:00AM <u>At St. James Church</u>

EDWARD S. WASIELEWSKI,

(41st Anniversary), Requested by

wife Theresa

MONDAY, JULY 12 WEEKDAY

8:30AM <u>At St. Elizabeth Seton Church</u>

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 13 WEEKDAY

8:00AM <u>At St. James Church</u>

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 NO MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 15 ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP

& DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00AM <u>At St. James Church</u>

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JULY 16 WEEKDAY

8:30AM <u>At St. Elizabeth Seton Church</u>

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 17 ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS

4:00PM At St. James Church

THERESA FAMMARTINO, Requested by

Fammartino family

SUNDAY, JULY 18 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM <u>At St. Elizabeth Seton Church</u>

JOSEPH STOPKO, (Birthday Remembrance),

Requested by daughter Lynn

11:00AM At St. James Church

GARY GRIFFITH, Requested by member's of the

Godin 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10,

11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-

14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-

3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt

10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34

[cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7

[8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,

26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and

16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-

12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph

2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34





Due to Early July 4th Holiday submissions of the bulletin, you will notice our Parish Giving total will be delayed.

Carrie and Pam
Rectory Office Staff

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

I heard recently that there was a small ad in a local newspaper that got lots of attention: "For sale: one pine coffin, unused, \$400. Changed plans!"

If we learned anything this past pandemic year is that plans do change. Don't they ever! I think life ceaselessly confronts us with unexpected turns of events. Again and again, we have high hopes for amazing projects, and then unforeseen things intervene.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about one such experience. He sends out his apos-

tles—with high hopes—to share the Good News. But he tells them in advance: No matter how good your news is, some are not going to be interested; some will be angry at you for even raising the subject! And boy oh boy was Jesus right.

So, what are we to do when our best efforts at sharing our gifts, or our insights, or our faith are rejected, sometimes with brutal coldness? What are we to do, especially when those who are brushing us off are people we really care about and love?

The Gospel for this 15th Sunday in ordinary time seems to suggest an answer from Jesus. He tells us that after we have done our best, and we are sure that there is nothing more that can be done, "shake the dust of the place off your feet," and move on. Put it in God's hands, and let it go! Not with ugly words or hateful glares, but with a peaceful heart. Give your disappointment, your hurt, your anger, to God, and let it go.

Does that mean we give up on people or cut them out of our lives? I think not! I think it means that we are learning to recognize the situation when we have truly done our best, and then facing the hard fact that all we may have left to give is our quiet good example and our prayers.

The dust we are asked to shake off our feet is not the other person, or even our hopes. It is our disappointment, our feelings of rejection, our nagging, and perhaps even a little judgmental anger. Those do have to go, and that can be very hard to do. Peace!

I would like to encourage you to consider and participate in the <u>FORWARD WITH FAITH</u> 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. This past week brought us to 83% of our parish goal. Thank you!!

Peace and blessings,

Fr. George

Catholic Facts - Did you Know?

Brazil has more Catholics than Italy, France, and Poland combined.



Congratulations

To the Students who made the 4th Quarter Honor Roll at Xavier High School

Christopher Drisdelle, (H) Honors Trevor Religa, (H) Honors Matthew O'Connor, (H) Honors Dominic Cusano, (H) Honors Nicholas Miano, (H) Honors Eric Czech, (H) Honors Salvatore Indomenico, Honors Aaron Perna, Honors Nicholas Cusano, Honors Brian Malicki, Honors Andrew Quintana, Honors Brandon Gaer, Honors Nikolaos Spaniotis, Honors Richard Lang, Honors **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

via email and I will connect you to a local bereavement minister from the parish: freeorge@sjbrh.org



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR JULY 11, 2021

Jesus sent out His apostles without many "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." Garage sales only transfer "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 11, 2021

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students in our parish who have recently graduated! We ask God's blessing upon all of you and pray that God will continue to be by your side through all of your life's journeys. Your parish community will always be here for you and be a place to call home as you continue on your path in life.

Wishing you Peace and Joy!

Prayer for Graduates

Thank you, Lord!

For the reaching of this end

And for this new beginning

For the joy in finished aims and goals

And the evidence of winning

Have mercy on these graduates

As they bask in their successes

Please guide them to their destinies

And show them love that blesses

We ask for You to lead each one

Through missteps they may suffer

On the road to gaining wisdom

Finding faith and hope that buffers

Please touch each heart with joy and peace

Hs Commencement gives promotion

And fill each tife with love's increase

Of strength and deep devotion

For this eager class of graduates

Beribboned with degrees

Please bless them at this starting gate

With all the keys they'll need.

Thank you, Lord

-Linda Germain

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. Use the QR code below to be directed to the **Bakhita Faith Website** for in-

structions & a link to the form. Please contact the Faith Formation office at reo@sjbrh.org/860-529-1274

if you have any questions.

You must be registered in the parish in order to register your child for Faith Formation.



I am with you

and will watch over you wherever you go.

Genesis 28:15



Viewed through the lens of Catholic social teaching, human trafficking is a crime against the most basic aspects of human dignity and human rights. I therefore invite & encourage you to participate in a recitation of the rosary at St Elizabeth Church at 6:30pm Friday evening on July 30th to pray for the victims of human trafficking. Barbara



"I urgently appeal to all men and women of good will and all those near or far,,,not to turn away from the suffering of our brothers and sisters, our fellow human beings, who are deprived of their freedom and dignity. Instead, may we have the courage to touch the suffering flesh of Christ, revealed in the faces of those countless persons whom he calls "the least of these my brethren." " (Mt 25:40,45)

Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message,2015

Sincerely, Barbara Gomez

Join Our Ministry of Greeters



Our parish greeters are entrusted with promoting a sense of community and warmth to all who come to worship. They are the first point of contact for the celebration of the Liturgy and play a vital role in creating a feeling of welcome and a sense of belonging. Join our ministry. Contact Sandy Ambrose to learn more: amb321@cox.net

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.



Community

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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AT ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 11, 2021

Please Join Us on Facebook or **Through the Website**

Fr. George will bring Mass to you **LIVE at** 9:00am & 11:00am Masses & following Sundays if needed at:

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Giving Garden Needs Help

livering vegetables when our committed team members take some time off this sum-

mer. 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

SEWERS, KNITTERS & CROCHETERS:

THE PARISH NEEDLE MINISTRIES INVITE YOU

The Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish Knit, Crochet, Sew & Pray Ministries have resumed in person gatherings.

The Knit, Crochet & Sew Good Works Ministry meets every Wednesday in Fr. Shea Hall at St. James Church from 1pm to 4pm. The sewers will meet inside Fr. Shea Hall and the knitters and crocheters will meet outside in the shade (weather permitting).

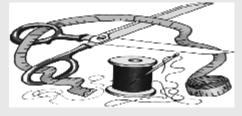
Contact: Sandy Rokosz at sandyrokosz7@hotmail.com

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at St. Elizabeth Seton. The morning group will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 9am and the evening group will meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 7pm.

> **Morning Group Contact:** Betty Catelli at catellib64@gmail.com **Evening Group Contact:** Laura Pentland at Ibpent57@gmail.com

Our Needle Ministries are open to anyone who has the skills to sew, knit or crochet or would like to learn how. Whether you knit or crochet quickly or slowly, your help is welcome to fulfill the mission of spreading God's love through our craft. It is our hope that those who receive our crafts will feel the love that goes into making each and everyone of them. Our time together begins and ends with prayer and all creations are prayed over and blessed prior to being gifted.

Need a prayer shawl or lap blanket for yourself or someone else? Please contact Laura Pentland, Betty Catelli or Sandy Rokosz.



THE PARISH NEEDLE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Knit Crochet & Sew Good Works:

Every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm at St. James in Fr. Shea Hall or outside if weather permitting.

PRAYER SHAWL MORNING

4th Monday of each Month

9:00AM

July 26th

August 23rd

September 27

October 25th

November 29th

PRAYER SHAWL EVENING

1st Monday of each Month

7:00pm

July 12th August 2nd

September 13th

October 4th November 1st

December 6th

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Office Hours: The parish office at St.

James campus is open for business.

You may stop by between the hours of

9:00am and 2:30pm (Monday thru Friday)

Give your hands to SERVE and your hearts to LOVE.

Mother Teresa

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All BULLETIN announcements must be submitted to the Rectory office by THURSDAY 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 & Carrie at office@sjbrh.org



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

Contact Dcn. Michael at: dcnmichael@sjbrh.org or call 860-529-3222 Ext.14 & leave a message.

"NOT CONFIRMED?... WANT TO BE?"

help with that.

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.

Are you looking for some Spring reading? Food for thought? Chicken Soup for the soul? Please check out the selections in our Little Free Libraries located on the campuses of St. James & St. Elizabeth Seton. Take a book, leave a book, enjoy reading!



Important Reminder: Weekly Offertory Envelopes

Weekly Offering

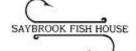
Please remember when dropping off weekly offertory envelopes at the Rectory office to use the slot in the front office door - safe and secure. Please **Do Not** place in the regular USPS mailbox the postal carriers will take your envelope thinking it is outgoing mail and may become lost with no postage on it. Thank you in advance for your help! We are grateful for your generosity.



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