

# *Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish*



## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

### PASTORAL STAFF:

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# CLPI MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS

4:00PM At St. James Church  
ANTONIO MUSCEDERE Requested by family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
ROLAND BEAUCHEMIN (2nd Anniversary),  
Requested by family

11:00AM At St. James Church  
BILSY JOSEPH, Requested by Wilson family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

8:30AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
ROBERT SYLVESTER (1st Anniversary),  
Requested by daughters

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 WEEKDAY

8:00AM At St. James Church  
MARIA SANTILLI, Requested by  
Richard & Anna Violette

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 NO MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 SAINT JEROME, PRIEST & DR.  
OF THE CHURCH

8:00AM At St. James Church  
GIOVANNI "JOHN" DIMASCIO,  
Requested by Marianne Hogan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD  
JESUS, VIRGIN & DR. OF THE  
CHURCH

8:30AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
SALVATORE DEFILIPPO, Requested by  
Mr. & Mrs. Siciliano

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS

4:00PM At St. James Church  
DARLENE BYSIEWICZ, Requested by  
Husband Raymond

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
DANIEL & CELESTE CAMILLERI,  
Requested by Bob & Janet

11:00AM At St. James Church  
ROBERT BRENNAN, Requested by Laura

## 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.

*Welcome to our parish family*



*Ryan DiManno  
Gianna Baltimore*

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

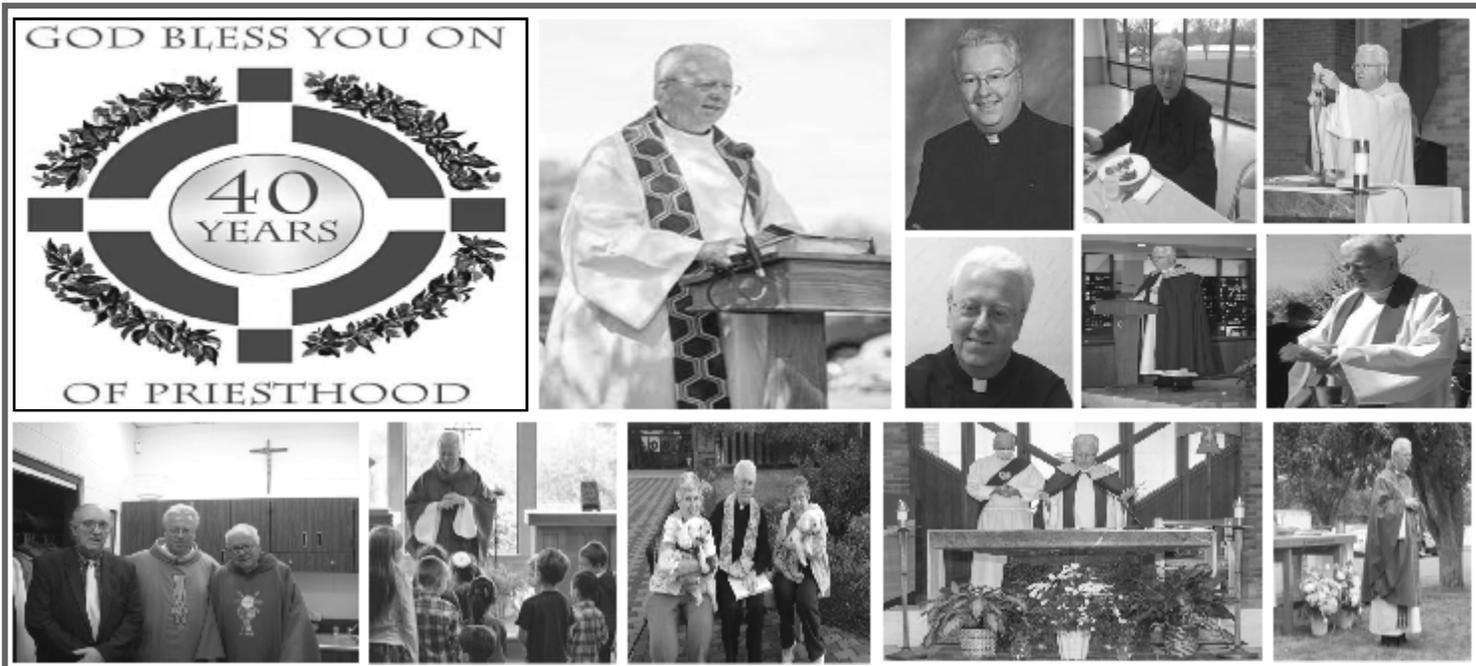
**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10



26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



*Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish:*

**Greetings and blessings!** This past Sunday afternoon I was privileged to attend a wonderful event at MERCY BY THE SEA Retreat and Conference Center. This awesome place is part of the ministries of the Sisters of Mercy. Its location is on a wondrous piece of property right on Long Island Sound in Madison, CT. It is a place of prayer, reflection, quiet and shared insight about the intersection between life and faith. Truly a gem that needs to be shared with the world and all who are searching for meaning and contemplation. Over the past four years, I have been privileged to be on the Board of Trustees of this sacred space on the Sound. This special event celebrated the transition of leadership at MBTS...remembering the awesome servant leadership of Sister Eileen Dooling, RSM for the past eight years and the new leadership of Dr. Cathy Collins. The beautiful day was marked by a very moving ceremony and service of transition and blessing. Symbolically the following gestures and ritual captured the moment and the powerful grace of the work of the Sisters of Mercy over the decades. At one point the ritual dramatically switched gears with the entrance of one of the senior members of the religious community who then proceeded to the podium with a beautiful walking stick...as if she were on a journey. She stopped at the podium and delivered a powerful message that spoke of the history, vision, and tradition of MBTS. She then passed the walking stick onto Sr. Eileen who proceeded to eloquently speak of gratitude and new beginnings. Then Sister Eileen passed on the walking stick to Dr. Cathy who proceeded to then speak of her vision and her hopes for maintaining and building on the ongoing tradition of the retreat center. For me the walking stick was a powerful image of the strength and wisdom of the tradition being passed on from generation to generation. The walking stick is the help given on the journey when the climb is steep or the path rough. The stick brings stability and the fortitude to carry on in the great tradition of the Mercy Sisters. As I ponder my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in ministry as a priest, I was greatly moved by this symbolic and insightful ritual witnessed this past Sunday. Over the past 40 years there have been great and moving events and accomplishment as well as challenging and threatening rough days along the journey. I thank God for the ever present "walking stick" of faith, church, family, friends, staff and parishioners that provide the stability and strength along the way. For all this and much more I am grateful. It has been one heck of a great walk and life. I have at least 9 more years, God willing, before retirement...may they be as exciting, gratifying and life/spirit expanding as the past 40 years!



**UPDATE ON COVID-19 (Delta) safety:**

**For the deepest concern and respect for all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair announced and requested on August 7<sup>th</sup>, that all those attending Masses and other events be encouraged to resume the wearing of masks due to the rise in the virus infections in our state.**

**Additionally, the Town of Rocky Hill issued a mandate on Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> that masks be worn while in indoor public spaces. I personally think this is a wise and prudent decision.**

Peace,  
*Fr. George*

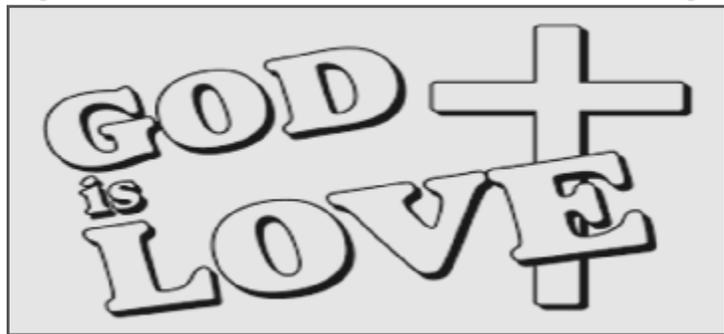
GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 26, 2021—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be? God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery. As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

**CHARITY BEGINS  
AT HOME BUT  
SHOULD NOT  
END THERE.**



**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021—26TH SUNDAY**

The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."



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

**The View from the Back of the Line**

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining. We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it. That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much. We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always. It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially. If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place. Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**John 1:14**  
The WORD  
became  
flesh.  
**Jesus**

## ***Bakhita Bible Study Returns in October:***

*"Jesus the Word Made Flesh:  
Gospel of John Chapters 1-10"*

More than we realize most Christians these days look at Jesus Christ through the lens of John's Gospel, which is a long and deep meditative account of Jesus ministry and vision of his identity. This first part of John's gospel presents Jesus as the personal revelation of the unseen God and develops selected words and deeds of Jesus into several great dramas to demonstrate the power and love of God working in him. This study will help you understand the scope of this monumental and unique gospel as well as its personal implications for the lives of disciples today. Join us for a deep dive into these great dramas that reveal so much about our faith! In light of the evolving COVID pandemic this series will be held **"online only"** with six sessions starting on **Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM. Email Deacon Michael at: [saintjimdeacon@gmail.com](mailto:saintjimdeacon@gmail.com) to register**  
Check out the Website at :  
<https://www.saintjosephinebakhita.org/bible-study>  
for deadlines for registering and book ordering details.  
**Hope to "see" you in October!!!!**

### *Virtual Daily Prayer with Fr. George*

Fr. George livestreams **Evening Prayer - Monday - Friday at 5:00pm using FACEBOOK LIVE and the PARISH WEBSITE.**

The recordings remain available afterward on the Parish Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephinebakhita/>

**All are welcome!**



**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 bereave-

## ***Parish Giving***

**SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH**

**WEEKLY SUPPORT \*09/19/2021**

|                                |    |          |
|--------------------------------|----|----------|
| Weekly Offertory:              | \$ | 5,962.00 |
| Online (weekly & maintenance): | \$ | 3,216.00 |
| Special Needs/Change4Change:   | \$ | 70.00    |

Next weekend, October 3rd is the offering for the Monthly Maintenance Collection. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

## **HOLIDAY FAIR**

**Saturday, November 20th**

**Parish Center -**

**Saint James Church**

### **AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**

Our Holiday Committee is already hard at work on the Silent Auction. If you want to help, ask a business you frequent to donate something or donate something yourself. Below are some ideas.

- ◆ **New higher-end merchandise:** Designer Pocketbooks, TV's, Electronics
- ◆ **Services:** landscaping, leaf raking, meal preparation, accounting, legal
- ◆ **Tradesman:** carpentry, plumbing, electrical
- ◆ **Gift Cards:** We will take partially used cards, please specify the \$ amount- place them in an envelope marked **"Holiday Fair"** & drop in our offertory boxes at either church
- ◆ **Travel packages:** Donate time at a vacation home you own
- ◆ **Signed sports memorabilia or ticket to a great sporting event**
- ◆ **Something fabulous** we haven't thought of!

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Questions or want to donate, contact:

Pat: [bearduds@aol.com](mailto:bearduds@aol.com) or Denise: [neeceemae@sbcglobal.net](mailto:neeceemae@sbcglobal.net)



## ***Knit, Crochet & Sew Good Works***



Knit, Crochet and Sew Good Works will again have Irish Knit sweaters, quilts, baby items, home décor items and more at the Holiday Fair. To pre-order, preview, or for pricing, or to customize a fall/holiday table runner, contact Vivian Orsini at:

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**AT ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

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**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.



**PLEASE JOIN OUR MINISTRY**

Contact Sandy Ambrose to learn more: [amb321@cox.net](mailto:amb321@cox.net)

**CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Monday, September 27**

9:00am: Prayer Shawl Mtg, Worship Space (SES)

**Wednesday, September 29**

1:00pm-4pm: Knit, Crochet, Sew, Good Works; Fr. Shea (SJ)

**Saturday, October 2**

7:00—9:30am: Knights of Columbus Mtg; Fr Shea (SJ)



Jason Race from Proactive Safety will be coming to St James Church Parish Hall on Wed, Sep 29, at 6:30 to offer training on using an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). At St. Elizabeth Seton Church, the AED is located in the foyer and at St. James Church, it is in the back hallway by Fr. Shea Hall. An AED is simple to use and no medical knowledge is necessary. Anyone who is interested, please let us know, either via email [gisele@sjbrh.org](mailto:gisele@sjbrh.org) or phone (860) 529-8655 x15. Participation is encouraged!



**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)**

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**“40 Days of Life” Campaign**



The annual “40 Days of Life” Campaign will take place from September 22 ~ October 31, 2021 in the Archdiocese. We are invited to pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Ave., West Hartford (new site this year ~ was previously in Hartford). The Silent Prayer Vigil will be held each day from 6am to 6pm at this site. **Contact: Theresa Wells for more information: via text @ 203-314-9816 or email her at [twells@prolifeministry.org](mailto:twells@prolifeministry.org).** Pray for all to respect the gift of life...from the unborn to the elderly!!

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God.  
John 14:1*

**SAVE THOSE TOILETRIES:**



Drop off any unused travel-size toiletries you get at hotels in the bins at either Saint Elizabeth Seton or St. James Church. We’ll take them to the homeless shelters for their clients. The smaller sizes works especially well for them.



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**Thank you for your support.**

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