

# *Saint Josephine Bakhita Parish*



## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

- Mk 10:26-27

### **PASTORAL STAFF:**

**Rev. George M. Couturier, Pastor**

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9**

**ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS**

**4:00PM** At St. James Church  
FRANK FARMARTINO, Requested by  
Fammartino family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10** **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00AM** At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
ROCCO LARAIA (4th Anniversary),  
Requested by wife Cora & family

**11:00AM** At St. James Church  
DOLORES SPERA (Birthday Remembrance),  
Requested by family

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11** **WEEKDAY**

**8:30AM** At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
PARISHIONERS OF SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12** **WEEKDAY**

**8:00AM** At St. James Church  
NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13** **NO MASS**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14** **WEEKDAY**

**8:00AM** At St. James Church  
NO MASS

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15** **SAINT TERESA OF JESUS,  
VIRGIN & DR. OF THE CHURCH**

**8:30AM** At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
NO MASS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16** **ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS**

**4:00PM** At St. James Church  
ELIZABETH GOZZO, Requested by  
Mulvey family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17** **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:00AM** At St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
THOMAS & BLANCHE RONAGHAN,  
Requested by Cleary family

**11:00AM** At St. James Church  
FRANCES LECCO, Requested by Mulvey family

**28TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**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.



**SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH**

**WEEKLY SUPPORT \*10/3/2021**

Weekly Offertory: \$ 11,045.00  
Online (weekly & maintenance): \$ 6,480.00  
Haiti Disaster Relief & Picnic Gifts: \$ 9,675.00



Please Welcome to  
our Parish Family

Rocco Grimaldi

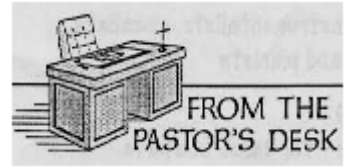
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 10, 2021**



**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27  
**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32  
**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41  
**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46  
**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54  
**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7  
**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12  
**Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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

Greetings and blessings! As I was viewing my Facebook newsfeed, I noticed along with the many humbling tributes for my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary a picture and quote from one of my favorite contemporary spiritual writers, Brother David Steindl-Rast..." The root of joy is gratefulness. It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful."



I encourage you to check out his wonderful website about gratitude at [www.gratefulness.org](http://www.gratefulness.org). I am most grateful for the many folks who joined me in celebrating my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For the many folks (too numerous to name individually here) who quietly and untiringly planned and accomplished the multitude of tasks for the beautiful celebration. For the many folks who so generously contributed to our Haiti Ministry. Please know that my gratitude for you has brought me profound joy! Looking back over my 40 years, so much of my ministry, if not all, has been about always promoting life in all ways and times. Presently, we are in the midst of the campaign called **Forty Days for Life** which draws our attention to the protection of all life especially the unborn. In recent weeks, the issue of abortion has raised hot debate and controversy. We, as Catholics, have always and will always promote the protection of all life especially the unborn. We especially need to care for pregnant women during their pregnancy and after they give birth. Therefore, it will never be enough to just be anti-abortion, we need to promote the dignity and care for women and children long after the birth of a child. Prayer and action are called for more than ever. And so, I share this special prayer especially during these 40 days for life: "Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, bless us with the courage to defend all life from conception to natural death. Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples from east to west, from north to south, so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) This past week we also celebrated the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi who has come to be associated with the protection of all creation. Certainly, our world is struggling to understand the beauty and the care of the earth that our Creator God has asked us to protect and care for. And so, I offer this prayer to assist us in our reflection and actions to protect God's good earth: "God of the universe, we thank you for your many good gifts: for the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants. Forgive us for the times we have taken the Earth's resources for granted and wasted what you have given us. Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share, to touch the Earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things. We pray for all who suffer as a result of our waste, greed, and indifference. And we pray that the day will come when everyone has enough food and clean water. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species and help us to willingly share your gifts today and always. Amen." (Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland)

**To get an overview of Pope Francis's statement on creation go to:**

<https://thejesuitpost.org/2015/06/an-overview-of-laudato-si/>

**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*



**Why Marry in a Church?**

**Question:** Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

**Answer:** Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of

Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. ©LPi





## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - IF HEAVEN WERE LIKE HARVARD**

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors? When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal. The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you. May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @LPI*



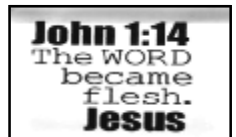
### *Virtual Daily Prayer with Fr. George*

Fr. George livestreams **Evening Prayer - Monday - Friday at 5pm** using **Facebook & the Parish Website**. The recordings remain available afterward on the Parish Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephinebakhita/>

**All are welcome!**

### **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: [saintjmdeacon@gmail.com](mailto:saintjmdeacon@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!!!!**

### **PLEASE JOIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD'S 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PEACEFUL PRAYER VIGIL**

Heald on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 1030 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, Ct. **This year's fall campaign is September 22 through October 31, 2021. Vigil hours are 6:00am through 6:00pm.**

*Sign up for your Day or Hours to Pray!*

Please contact Coordinator, Teresa Wells, Via Text at 203-314-9816 or email [twells@prolifeministry.org](mailto:twells@prolifeministry.org)

#### **Regarding Parking:**

- The Citgo gas station across the street welcomes 40 Days for Life participants to park in his lot.
- **DO NOT PARK** in Planned Parenthood parking lot or your vehicle will be towed.
- Large parking available on New Park Avenue just up from the Corner Pug.



All Vigil participants are requested to read and sign the **STATEMENT OF PEACE** before coming out to pray during the campaign. This is available on the 40 Days for Life website. God bless you and thank you for your public witness.

**See you on the Sidewalk!**

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR - OCTOBER 10, 2021**

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel, Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He could not let go! In families, our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we cannot control anyone but ourselves.





**ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA  
HOLIDAY DAY FAIR  
COOKIE WALK AND BAKE SALE**

**November 20, 2021**



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**Linda Regina at 860-563-9550**

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Loves You!*

**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!

Your donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**. Your donations will not only help our church community, it will help you!

Questions or want to donate, contact:

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



**We Remember Our Deceased Loved Ones  
at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish**



***Memorial Mass***

**Saint James Church  
and Livestreamed on**

**Saint Josephine Bakhita Facebook Page  
November 2 at 7:00 PM**

We will be celebrating a Mass for those who have had funerals at St. Josephine Bakhita Parish since November 2020. All are welcome to pray and support those who are mourning, or be strengthened in the face of their own mourning by watching our live Mass. Unfortunately, attendance at Mass will only be for those who have received and invitation. During the candlelit service, we will only be announcing the names of those who had funerals at St. Josephine Bakhita. However, Facebook offers the ability to comment in real time and add your own loved one's name and picture in the comment section during the Mass.

***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 [vorsini24@com](mailto:vorsini24@com)



**HOLIDAY FAIR**

Do you have **Christmas Ornaments** in good condition that you no longer need? If so, please consider donating them to be placed on the Christmas tree at the Holiday Fair on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Donation bins will be available at the entrances of  
both St. James and St. Elizabeth Seton campus  
entrances.**

**CHURCH MEETINGS THIS WEEK**
**Monday, October 11**

6:00-9:00pm: Knights of Columbus Mtg, Fr Shea (SJ)

**Wednesday, October 13**

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

*love God with  
all your heart*

 AT ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH  
OCTOBER 10, 2021


**PLEASE JOIN US** on Facebook or Through the Website Fr. George will bring Mass to you **LIVE** at 9am & 11am <https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephinebakhita/> [www.saintjosephinebakhita.org](http://www.saintjosephinebakhita.org) or [www.sjbrh.org](http://www.sjbrh.org)


**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)**

**Saint Josephine Bakhita  
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**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

has launched a Severe Blood Shortage Appeal. In recent weeks there has been an increase in trauma cases, organ transplants & elective surgeries. This is depleting the nations blood supply. All eligible donors are encouraged to schedule appointments now. As people start to resume their normal summer activities with friends & family, less people make time to donate. Go

to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for an appointment or you can call 1-800-RED CROSS. **The Red Cross will be at the Saint James Campus in the Parish Center from 1pm to 6pm on Thursday, OCTOBER 12th.**


**Saint Josephine Bakhita On Social Media**


<https://www.instagram.com/saintjosephinebakhitaparish/>



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



**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@sjbrh.org](mailto:frgeorge@sjbrh.org)



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