

The Community of St. Joseph the Worker
510 Narragansett Avenue, East Patchogue, New York 11772-5132
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 7, 2021



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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM –IN CHURCH
SATURDAY 8:00 AM in English
5:30 pm English and
7:00pm Spanish in Church
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 5:00pm in Church
9:30 MASS is *live streamed on Facebook*

RECONCILIATION Monday through Friday at
8:40am and 4:00 pm on Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday of every month after the 9AM mass

Baptisms are the third and fourth Saturday of the month. Please call the office for an appointment.

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Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Saturday 9:30 AM through 12:30 PM

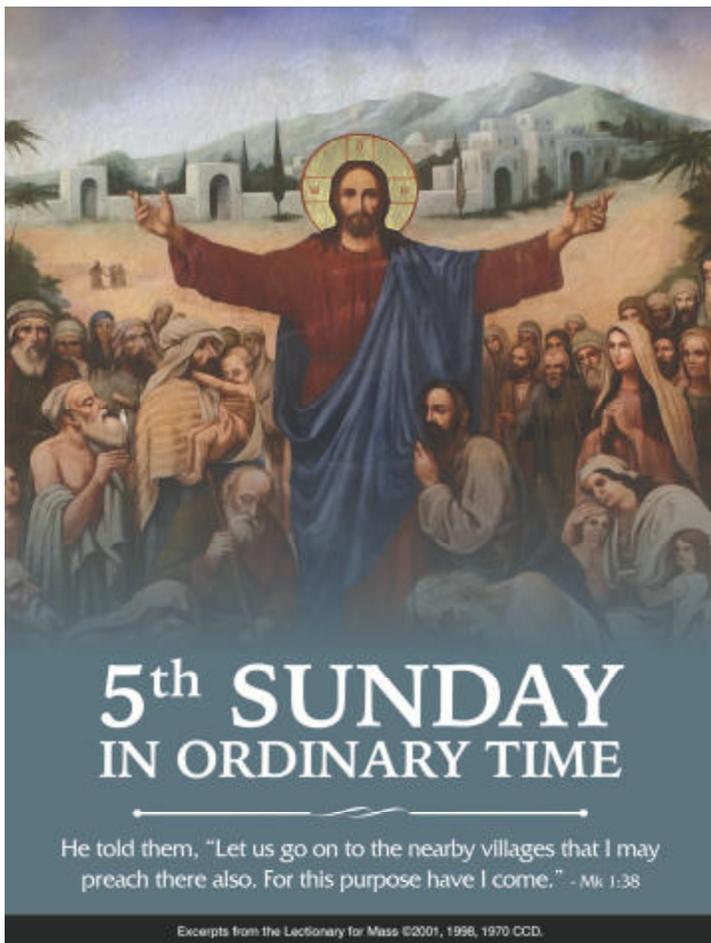
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Parish Mission Statement

"We, the parish family of St. Joseph the Worker, are called to be a Christ-centered community seeking to renew our lives through conversion and spiritual growth.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we strive to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by word, worship, welcome and service. By the Word of God, we encourage and strengthen one another through prayer, education, outreach and evangelization."



Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
 Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Observances for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
 Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
 Friday:
 Saturday: BVM
 Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day



Saturday February 6, 2021
 8:00 A.M. (d) Eileen Derenthol
 5:30 P.M. Deceased member of St. Joseph the Worker Church
 7:00 P.M. Pastors Intentions
Sunday February 7, 2021
 8:00 A.M. For the Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker
 9:30 A.M. For Persecuted Christians around the World
 11:00 A.M. (d) Michael Gallo
 (d) Rogelio Jacob
 For all our essential workers
 5:00 P.M.
Monday February 8, 2021
 9:00 A.M. (d) Anthony Bonzaga
Tuesday February 9, 2021
 9:00 A.M. For those mentioned on our prayer intention list in the bulletin
Wednesday February 10, 2021
 9:00 A.M. (d) Eileen Kelly
Thursday February 11, 2021
 9:00 A.M. Special Intentions for James Derenthol
Friday February 12, 2021
 9:00 A.M. (d) Thomas Rodriquez
Saturday February 13, 2021
 8:00 A.M. For Persecuted Christians around the World
 5:30 P.M. Special Intentions for Richard and Joan Sweeney's 50th wedding anniversary.
 7:00 P.M. Pastors Intentions
Sunday February 14, 2021
 8:00 A.M. For the Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker
 9:30 A.M. (d) Oliver Von Braun
 11:00 A.M. (d) Rogelio Jacob
 5:00 P.M. Deceased member of St. Joseph the Worker Church

REMEMBER ME INTENTION

An offering for the Bread and Wine for the weekend of February 6th and 7th has been made for Eileen Derenthol

An offering for the bread and wine for the week of February 8th through February 12th has been made for Sonia Del Rosario





On the Real Presence of Christ – Part 2

I would like to follow up on the theme I started in my weekly column last week, that is the Holy Mass and the Eucharist and the implication for our spiritual life.

Though all the sacraments are special channels of grace, the Eucharist has the most prominent place among them, or, as The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium*, 11). When we come to Holy Mass we enter the Most Sacred space. At Mass the Word becomes flesh again as it is attested by numerous Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world. For that reason Saint John Paul II dedicated entire encyclical to the explanation of the Eucharist. In the introduction he stated,

“The most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ himself, our *Passover* and living bread. Through his own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, he offers life to men. Consequently, the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of his boundless love” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 1).

We must remember that there are special moments when physical reality is transcended and assumed into spiritual realm, and the sacraments are an example of that. The clearest example of transcending physical reality was the incarnation of the Son of God, “*the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us*” (John 1:14). The Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity became man, yet He remained the Divine Person—Jesus was true God and true man. The two natures have been united in the person Jesus Christ forever. It means that while still walking on earth Jesus the Man was permeated with His divine nature. He was the presence of God among the people. That is why St. John the Baptist and Jesus Himself cried out: “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 10:7).

So, on practical note, we must prepare ourselves in order to receive the Eucharist worthily, for it is not a cookie that we receive. It is the *mysterium tremendum*, an awesome and terrible mystery beyond human comprehension—an encounter with The Living God, who stooped down to us and hid Himself under the species of bread and wine. Thus, we cannot receive Holy Communion too frivolously; we must be prepared spiritually. Otherwise, our reception of Holy Communion becomes sacrilegious or a mockery of our faith. No one can truly appreciate the Eucharist if he/she does not want to repent. Thus, those who live in a state of mortal sin as is attested by the Bible and defined by the teaching of the Church, should not receive Holy Communion until they are reconciled with the Church in the sacrament of penance. We need to repent of all the sins, even those that are now widely accepted by society, for example: living in free unions, engaging premarital sex, adultery, committing or promoting abortion—active and passive participation, engaging in active homosexual acts, black magic or fortune-telling practices, contraception, suicidal attempts, blasphemy, deliberately missing mass on holy days of obligation etc.

People who decide to receive the Eucharist without repenting of those sins only delude themselves. It is not real communion for they have already separated themselves from the Church of Christ by the fact of remaining in the state of mortal sin. Moreover, they offend God gravely by an insolent approach toward the sacred mysteries. In other words, they commit the sin of pride, which lies at the basis of all the sins.

Of course one may say that Jesus came to everybody so everybody should have “a right” to receive. It is true, Jesus came to everyone but not everyone was ready or willing to accept Christ’s teaching and then to receive Him. Only those who believed, that is, all who accepted all Jesus’s teaching in its entirety were able to enjoy the graces He bestowed upon them. Notice, that after His resurrection Christ did neither appear to His adversaries nor to anyone who did not believe Him, but only to His disciples. He appeared only to those who believed His Word and followed Him to the Cross.

So if we want to truly enjoy and comprehend the great mystery of the Eucharist let us take seriously what St. Paul wrote to the church in Rome: “***Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God***” (Romans 12:2).

I strongly recommend to find out more about the Eucharistic miracles, which you can look up on this website <http://www.miracolieucaistici.org>. I also encourage you to read two great books on the understanding of Holy Mass and the Eucharistic: *The Spirit of the liturgy* by Joseph Ratzinger and *The Lamb’s Supper* by Scott Hahn.

I wish you blessed week. Fr. Janusz MocarSKI

Second collection on February 14, 2021 Capital Improvements.

On Sunday February 14, 2021 there will be a second collection for Capital Improvements.

Our church is in need of improvement that have to be done sooner rather than later and they are:

The boiler needs a 10"- 15" steam line has to be replaced, which is rusted and also could be burst at any time. The cost of that is \$2,300.00.

The septic tanks need to be pumped out and there are two tanks and the cost is \$700.00 each.

Suffolk Health Services requires that our oil tanks be tested for tightness and this has to be done the first week of February and the cost is \$ 1,800.00.

Our parking lot lights in the large parking are not working and they have to be repaired, because the lot is dark at night. The cost between repairing them, which includes digging up the asphalt and repaving the area and repairing the lights will come to \$4,000.00.

We have add outside lighting around the building, to add the lights and labor will cost

\$ 6,000.00, of which we will get a rebate from PSEG for about \$2,800.00.

We hope you are able to help us to best of your ability to pay for these repairs.

If you think you can help us with your talents—please contact the office.

Thank you. Fr. Janusz MocarSKI

El Domingo 13 de febrero de 2021 habrá una segunda colecta para las Mejoras de la Parroquia.

Nuestra iglesia está en necesidad de mejoras que tienen que ser hechas lo más pronto posible y son las siguientes:

La caldera necesita una línea de vapor de 10"- 15" tiene que ser reemplazada, la cual está oxidada y está en riesgo de reventar en cualquier momento. El costo es de \$2,300.00.

Los dos tanques sépticos necesitan ser bombeados y el costo es de \$700.00 cada uno.

Los Servicios de Salud de Suffolk requieren que la resistencia e integridad de nuestros tanques de aceite sea evaluada y esto tiene que hacerse la primera semana de febrero y el costo es de \$1,800.00.

Las luces del parqueadero grande no están funcionando y tienen que ser reparadas ya que en horas de la noche es muy oscuro. El costo de reparación que incluye la excavación del asfalto, la repavimentación de la zona, la reparación de las luces, tendrá un valor de \$4,000.00.

Hay que añadir la iluminación exterior alrededor del edificio. El colocar más luces y la mano de obra costará \$6,000.00 de los cuales obtendremos un reembolso de PSEG por unos \$2,800.00.

Esperamos que pueda ayudarnos en la medida de sus posibilidades a pagar estas reparaciones.

Gracias. Padre Janusz MocarSKI



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ADULT CONFIRMATION / On Going Formation

Our 13 week program to prepare adults (those 18 yrs. or older) who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so is beginning in **ONE week**. The program runs during the seasons of Lent and Easter to assist the candidate to grow in his/her relationship with Jesus Christ so as to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021. This year again the program will be expanded to include confirmed parishioners *who desire to grow deeper in his/her relationship with God*. We will refer to these people as the "*curious*" – meaning, eager to know or learn something.

The Sessions will be held 7:30PM-8:30PM beginning February 16th. Tuesday. All interested **must** be registered. To do so call the **Faith Formation office**, whose number is in the bulletin. As the group is small, we will meet in the Parish Center
Questions? Call the office and ask for



RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who desires to become a Catholic ?

The RCIA program might be just what they are looking for. For further information please call the Faith Formation Office. This introduction to our faith can be started at any time during the year.



Las lecturas de la semana del 7 de febrero de 2021

Domingo: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. 3]/1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23/Mc 1, 29-39
 Lunes: Gn 1, 1-19/Sal 103, 1-2. 5-6. 10 y 12. 24 y 35 [31]/Mc 6, 53-56
 Martes: Gn 1, 20—2, 4/Sal 8, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [2]/Mc 7, 1-13
 Miércoles: Gn 2, 4-9. 15-17/Sal 103, 1-2. 27-28. 29-30 [1]/Mc 7, 14-23
 Jueves: Gn 2, 18-25/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Mc 7, 24-30
 Viernes: Gn 3, 1-8/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7 [1]/Mc 7, 31-37
 Sábado: Gn 3, 9-24/Sal 89, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 12-13 [1]/Mc 8, 1-10
 Domingo siguiente: Lv 13, 1-2. 44-46/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 11 [7]/1 Cor 10, 31—11, 1/Mc 1, 40-45

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 7 de febrero de 2021

Domingo: 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
 Lunes: San Jerónimo Emiliani; Santa Josefina Bakhita, virgen
 Martes:
 Miércoles: Santa Escolástica, virgen
 Jueves: Nuestra Señora de Lourdes
 Viernes:
 Sábado: BVM
 Domingo siguiente: 6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Día Mundial del Matrimonio; Día de San Valentín

Queridos amigos:

La iglesia nos invita esta semana a celebrar el quinto domingo del tiempo ordinario. La liturgia en esta ocasión nos invita cultivar la esperanza en el corazón de las vicisitudes de la existencia. El ser humano, se siente feliz cuando está alegre, pero no siente dolor en el sufrimiento. El dolor no es inherente a la vida humana. El teólogo Paul Claudel, escribió al respecto: “Cristo no vino a resolver el problema del sufrimiento sino a asumirlo “. Y San Pablo en su carta a los fieles en Roma (capítulo 5, versículo 1 al 7) una descripción de la vida de aquellos que han recibido el don de Dios a través de Jesucristo y el espíritu Santo. Les asegura que Dios da y no defrauda (Rm 5,5)

En la primera lectura del día Job expresa su desesperación, describiendo una vida sin esperanza ni alegría. Lamenta su sufrimiento, la enfermedad que padece en su cuerpo y en su alma. Se siente rechazado, abandonado, y despreciado por todos. Incluso odio a la vida. Su situación de miseria le lleva a concluir diciendo: “la vida del hombre en la tierra es una faena (Job 7). Es un grito, un lamento de quien se encuentra en un estado de extrema angustia.

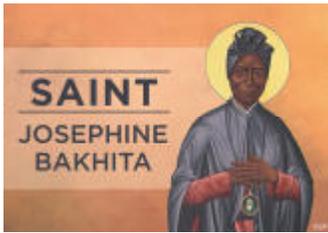
San Pablo escribe que no hay razón para jactarse. Predicar el Evangelio para él, es una obligación. Incluso llega a decir: “! Ay de mi, si no anuncio el Evangelio!”

En el Evangelio del domingo pasado, como en el de hoy, Jesús prosigue su vida pública apoyándose en el sufrimiento humano: sana a los enfermos, expulsa demonios, enseña la Buena noticia (Mc1).

Al sanar a la suegra de Simón y criar a Job, Jesús nos muestra a pesar de todo, que es un Dios en quien debemos confiar. También invita a tener una relación profunda oración con su Padre. Que la Buena Nueva del Reino de Dios, da esperanza a todos aquellos que se encuentran en una situación de miseria y desesperación. Que podamos vivir el amor, la alegría y la paz para construir una comunidad y un mundo donde podamos vivir con alegría y esperanza. Pidamos a Dios que nos ayude a unirnos con esperanza, cómo nos enseñó a amar.

Bendiciones,

Padre Charlince Vendredy



The Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita – the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking is celebrated on 8th February. On this day Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people that volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. St Josephine Bakhita, also known as ‘Mother Moretta’ was kidnapped at the age of nine and sold into slavery. Such was the trauma experienced that she forgot her birth name and her kidnappers gave her the name Bakhita meaning ‘fortunate’. Flogging and maltreatment were part of her daily life. She experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery.

It was only in 1882 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul. This event was to transform her life. In this family and, subsequently in a second Italian home, she received from her masters, kindness, respect, peace and joy.

A change in her owner’s circumstances meant that she was entrusted to the Canossian Sisters and her next fifty years were spent witnessing God’s love through cooking, sewing, embroidery and attending to the door. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people’s hearts, as did her humility and simplicity.

As she grew older she experienced long, painful years of sickness, but she continued to persevere in hope, constantly choosing the good. During her last days she relived the painful days of her slavery and more than once begged:

‘Please, loosen the chains... they are heavy!’. Surrounded by the sisters, she died on 8 February 1947. February 8 has been designated as a day of prayer, reflection and action to end the injustice of human trafficking.

St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church, and the ‘Domestic Church’

A new and beautiful tradition has begun in our lifetime. By order of Pope Francis and by God’s grace, a small but historic change has been made to the Holy Mass: all of our commonly-used Eucharistic prayers now will invoke the intercession of not only the Blessed Virgin Mary, but also "Blessed Joseph, her Spouse."

While Pope Francis approved and implemented this change, it was first proposed by Benedict XVI in response to requests from around the world. It appears many people appreciated Blessed John XXIII’s earlier addition of St. Joseph to the Roman Canon in the 1962 Roman Missal. This continuity – between the work of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, and their blessed predecessor – is a sign of the Holy Spirit’s work in the Church. St. Joseph has long been honored as the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. His paternal protection of the Lord Jesus continues even from heaven, as he watches over Christ’s Mystical Body on earth. The foster-father of the Son of God is also a father to us, who have become God’s sons and daughters in baptism. It is fitting to remember St. Joseph at Holy Mass – when the Church, Christ’s Mystical Body, gathers as a family, in union with the Holy Family of Nazareth.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to Christ’s earthly father, for his patronage of the Universal Church. But there is another aspect of St. Joseph’s "spiritual fatherhood" which deserves to be explored and appreciated in greater depth: namely, his patronage over what is called the "domestic church."

The "domestic church" refers to the spiritual life of the Christian family – the prayers, traditions, and religious instruction that should be at the center of every Catholic hearth and home. In a 2012 letter, Benedict XVI described the domestic church as "a place of formation in faith and prayer, a seedbed of vocations, the natural school of virtues and ethical values, and the primary living cell of society."

"He must certainly have taught Jesus to pray," Pope Benedict observed in a 2012 general audience on the Holy Family. "Joseph himself must have taken Jesus to the Synagogue for the rites of the Sabbath, as well as to Jerusalem for the great feasts of the people of Israel." As a faithful Jewish father, Joseph "would have led the prayers at home both every day – in the morning, in the evening, at meals – and on the principal religious feasts."

Our homes, no less than our parishes, must be centers of Christian community – places where faith is lived and shared. St. Joseph is a sure example for everyone who pursues this essential goal.

As we honor St. Joseph in the Mass, let us also ask his intercession: for the courage to make our homes into houses of prayer, where God is honored in all that we do.

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, and the Domestic Church, pray for us!

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, February 17, 2021)

The reception of blessed ashes by the Catholic faithful as the hallmark of the beginning of the season of Lent remains very important for our people. However, in the time of the pandemic, the imposition of ashes in the usual manner is not possible. It is also prudent to remind the faithful that Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, and that one is not obliged to attend Mass, nor is one obliged to receive ashes.

On January 12, 2021, Robert Cardinal Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, issued a note entitled “Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic”. In that document, Cardinal Sarah gives the following instruction to the clergy:

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

Both the minister and the person receiving ashes should wear masks. Those receiving ashes should be asked to bow slightly to facilitate the sprinkling. Once all have received ashes, the ministers should first clean their hands of the ashes with soap and water, and then sanitize their hands with gel before resuming. Please be aware that this method of distributing ashes may require a greater quantity of ashes for each parish than was necessary in previous years.

Because of the instruction from Cardinal Sarah and due to the current state of the pandemic, this year the Diocese of Rockville Centre will administer ashes to the faithful by sprinkling the blessed ashes on the top of the head of the recipient. This is the traditional practice of the Roman Rite, and is currently observed in Rome, throughout Europe, and in various other parts of the world. This method, rooted in the scriptural tradition, will allow for ashes to be given easily without making physical contact.

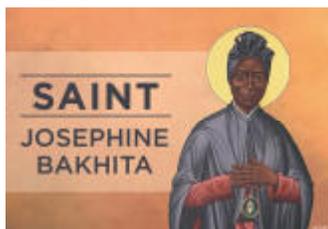
While imposition of ashes with the sign of the cross on the forehead has been customary in the United States of America on Ash Wednesday, in many other parts of the world, the Roman Rite’s tradition of sprinkling of dry ashes on top of the head is, in fact, the more common practice. The faithful may be interested to know this is how the Holy Father, Pope Francis, always receives his ashes on Ash Wednesday!

Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance. A number of accounts in the Bible mention people sprinkling or pouring ashes over their head (for example, Numbers 19:17, Jonah 3:6, Nehemiah 9:1, Judith 4:11, & Esther 4:1). This gesture, while not as dramatic, recalls that penitential practice. The ashes not being visible will also more clearly help those who receive them to put into practice the teaching of the Gospel appointed for the day to carry out one’s penance in private. Additionally, it is helpful to recall that in Baptism, we have been anointed on the crown of the head. The ashes to be imposed on the crown signify our repentance from sin, which has marred the grace of Baptism.

It is strongly recommended that, in addition to Masses offered in the parish, Liturgies of the Word be scheduled to accommodate those who would like to receive ashes. This year, it may be advisable to distribute ashes to a majority of our people through Liturgies of the Word.

The homily or announcements made during Mass or a Liturgy of the Word should explain clearly the procedure that will be used and to catechize the people regarding the fact that this is both an ancient and a contemporary form of distributing ashes in the Church. The Blessing and Distribution of Ashes should take place at the normal time appointed (following the homily) during the Mass or during a Liturgy of the Word.

In the Diocese of Rockville Centre this year, it is not permitted to impose ashes on the forehead of a member of the faithful with the thumb of the hand, even if that hand is gloved. Hands and gloves would be considered “contaminated” after each imposition of ashes if physical contact were made.



Santa Josefina Bakhita

La patrona de Sudán, fue una religiosa africana con nacionalidad italiana que pasó de ser esclava a convertirse en santa. Conocida como "**Bakhita**", se cree que nació en 1869 en Darfur, África. En sus primeros años de vida, durante su infancia, vivió junto a sus padres, sus tres hermanos y dos hermanas, una de ellas su hermana gemela.

En aquella época existían los llamados "negreros", una especie de mercaderes de esclavos. Unos "comerciantes" que primero raptaron a una de sus hermanas: "Recuerdo cuánto lloró mamá y cuánto lloramos todos"; y después a ella. La capturaron, le pusieron el nombre de Bakhita y la vendieron en un mercado de esclavos. La joven Josefina intentó escapar, pero no lo logró.

Con tan solo 13 años la tatuaron y le realizaron 114 incisiones. En su biografía cuenta que: "Sentía que iba a morir en cualquier momento".

Pasó por diferentes dueños, pero con el último tuvo suerte: el diplomático Callisto Legnani la compró como esclava con el fin de devolverle su libertad.

Esto sucedió en Sudán, y al poco tiempo de comprarla Legnani debía regresar a su país. Por ello, Bakhita decidió acompañarlo, y al llegar a Génova pasó a formar parte del servicio de la familia Michieli. Tiempo después, pasó a formar parte de la **Congregación de Hijas de La Caridad de Santa Magdalena de Canossa en Venecia**. Bakhita cuenta que allí **conoció de verdad a Cristo y que "Dios había permanecido en su corazón"**.

Santa Josefina Bakhita recibió al mismo tiempo el bautismo, la primera comunión y la confirmación. Fue el 9 de enero de 1890, por manos del Cardenal de Venecia. En ese momento, tomó el nombre cristiano de Josefina Margarita Afortunada. Nunca realizó milagros ni fenómenos sobrenaturales, pero tenía fama de santidad. Una mujer modesta y humilde que mantuvo su fe hasta en los momentos más complicados de su vida.

Falleció el 8 de febrero de 1947 en Italia y sus últimas palabras fueron: "Madonna! Madonna!". El 1 de octubre del año 2000 fue canonizada por el Papa San Juan Pablo II y en mayo de 1992 fue beatificada por el mismo Pontífice, declarándose su fiesta el 8 de febrero.

Desde 2015, la Iglesia celebra este día la Jornada Mundial de Reflexión y Oración contra la Trata de Personas.



Unable to make it to Church?

You can continue to support St. Joseph the Worker

- 1) By mailing in your weekly envelopes.
- 2) Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Joseph the Worker. It is a secure and convenient way to donate to your Parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting **faith.direct.net, the parish account number is NY305.**

As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using Faith Direct to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic donations. We have also found that many are not using their envelopes that we mail out. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support St. Joseph the Worker in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with Faith Direct. Please enroll in this program by visiting **faith.direct.net, the parish account number is NY305** to enroll securely on line. May God bless your stewardship to our parish community!

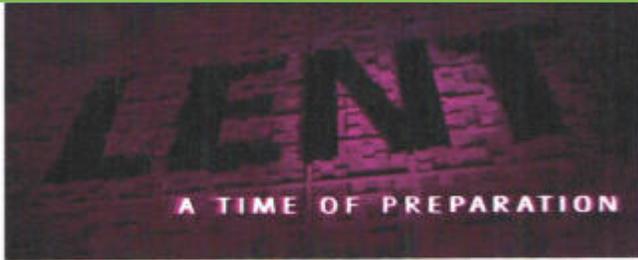
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass.

The visit to the **Blessed Sacrament** is a great treasure of the Catholic faith.



Once again as we *anticipate Lent*, and wonder what **positive** thing can I do to guide me prayerfully through the weeks until Easter.

Can we suggest Morning Prayer

Christ has taught us the necessity of praying at all times without losing heart. (Luke 18:1). The Church has been faithful in obeying this instruction, it never ceases to offer prayer, and makes this exhortation its own:

“Through him (Jesus), let us offer to God an unceasing sacrifice of praise.” (Hebrews 15:15). The Church, satisfies this requirement not only by the celebration of the Eucharist but in other ways also, especially through the **Liturgy of the Hours**.

Morning Prayer is prayed every **Saturday morning** after the **8am Mass**. And last for **approximately 20 minutes**.

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- All First Responders
- Our Military both home and abroad
- All Medical Staff and Caretakers
- Diane Colichio
- For The Safety & Health Of Our Parishioners
- Bob Lee and Family
- Elaine Addie
- Sheila Stearns
- James Wilkinson and Family
- Ryan Donnelly
- Diane Donnelly
- Emily Grawrock
- Hanni LaLima
- Bessie Geiger
- Fr. Arlen Harris
- Hilda Brown
- Ryan Smith
- John Brower
- William Wilson
- Jack Schwartz
- Joyce Schwartz

Our Parishioners and their families will be placed on our “Prayer Intentions” as a mass intentions at either a mass during the week or on the weekend.

If you have a request, please contact Judy Perfido at 631-289-6662 or the parish center and leave you name and phone number and you will get a return call.

Prayer intentions run for 1 month in the bulletin, and as Mass. but can be repeated after the month is over upon request.



Spring Bereavement Support Group

Beginning on Wednesday, April 7, the parish center at St. Joseph the Worker will be offering a ten-week support group for the recently bereaved and those still struggling with an unresolved loss. This includes those who have lost loved a loved one to the pandemic as well as those who have lost loved ones due to other causes. The group is designed to assist the bereaved learn about the grief process; develop skills to manage their grief; and to learn to live in a world without the deceased. The group will be facilitated by Dr. Luciano Sabatini, a professional bereavement counselor with over 30 years of experience in counseling the bereaved. It is open to all members of the Long Island community.

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 11 AM to 12:15 PM and will end on June 9. If you are interested in joining, please call social outreach coordinator Regina Jacoby at 631-286-6356. Dr. Sabatini will call to welcome you and answer any questions you may have about the group. You will be mailed a registration form. Please complete the form and return to Regina by April 2. The only cost to you is a one-time registration fee of \$25 for which you will receive the book that will be used in the group.

If you are undecided about the group and want to learn more, call Dr. Sabatini at 631-823-0552 (cell phone 516-660-1352) or email him at lousab@aol.com

Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry will now be open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 11 am - 12 pm.

Donations will be received from 11am—12pm on those days as well,

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Apple Juice
- Jarred Tomato Sauce
- Mac & Cheese
- Snacks
- Tuna Fish

We also are asking for Dollar Tree Gift Cards or BJ's in any denomination so we can purchase other essentials such as milk and sliced bread. Your support is greatly appreciated. These can also be left at the reception office.

Regina Jacoby
Director
St. Joseph the Worker Outreach
510 Narragansett Avenue
East Patchogue, NY 11772
631-286-6356

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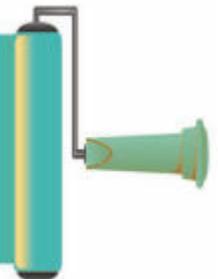
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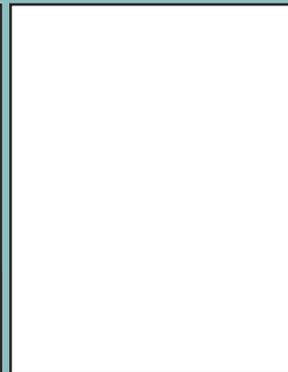
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