
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Feb 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed Feb 10 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, Feb. 8 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30 a.m.
†Connie Ingerson (*Rosemary Ronan*)

Tuesday, Feb. 9

8:30 a.m.
†Richard Engelman (*Mary Engelman*)

Wednesday, Feb. 10 St. Scholastica

8:30 a.m.
†Dean Rossi (*Judy & Family*)

Thursday, Feb. 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 a.m.
†Shirley Sprouse (*Julie & David Lucas & Family*)

Friday, Feb. 12

8:30 a.m.
†Jean Karnes (*Gooderham Families*)

Saturday, Feb. 13

4:00p.m.
†David Shellenberger (*Family*)

Sunday, Feb. 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
10:30 a.m. †Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)

PASTOR'S CORNER

**National Marriage Week
February 7-14, 2021**

This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This week we pray for all married and engaged couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

**International Day of Prayer and Awareness
Against Human Trafficking
February 8, 2021**

With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated February 8th as an annual day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods.

February 8th is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation.

**World Day for the Sick
February 11, 2021**

We pray for all those suffering from illness, especially those whose health has been impacted by the Coronavirus. We also pray for their caregivers and family members.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-JAN. 30-31, 2021

Regular	\$7133.90	Christmas Club	\$ 29.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 123.00	Candles	\$ 10.00
Candlemas	\$ 5.00	Black & Indian	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 15.00	Total	\$7320.90

Deacon Jim’s “A Moment with Our Lady”

Marian images, fruits of the apparitions that have taken place around the world, present many differences, ranging from clothing to facial features, as well as the language Our Lady spoke. However, there are also many similarities. Mary seems to manifest herself in different ways in order to win the sympathy and trust of the people of every nation. She always adapts herself to the mentality, culture and psychology of the visionaries and the people to whom she speaks.

From a rational perspective, we know that the Virgin Mary was a poor Jewish woman. She was not African or Chinese or American Indian. Her face probably resembled those of Jewish and Palestinian women living in the Middle East today.

However, to honor a divine plan, Mary has revealed herself to different cultures out of love for humanity and with the intention to further strengthen faithfulness to her Son. This is why we have representations of the Virgin that are Asian, African, European, Indian, etc.

Therefore, the messages that Our Lady brings us through her apparitions are more important than the appearance she assumes.

CANDLE: Evan J. Hileman by Grandma & Pap Brown.

Saint of the Week

Saint Josephine Bakhita

Feast Day – February 8

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869 and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she was later brought to freedom through the help of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. Through their guidance, she learned about God and served him faithfully until her death in 1947.

In October 2000, Josephine Bakhita was canonized by St. John Paul II, at which point he noted that “in St. Josephine Bakhita we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights” (St. Bakhita’s Canonization Mass, October 1, 2000).

In the movie St. Bakhita, St. Josephine Bakhita is bought by an Italian white merchant named Federico Marin after years of being beaten and abused as an enslaved child. The cinematic depiction of the saint’s life shows that once in the Marin household, the daughter of the master, Aurora, takes a strong liking to Bakhita and chooses her as her nanny. Bakhita is treated like an outsider and accused of being wicked by other servants because of her black skin. Despite this, Bakhita proves to be generous to everyone she encounters even if they have wronged her.

Today, the feast day for St. Josephine Bakhita—February 8—is recognized as the annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking.

Through prayer, we not only reflect on the experiences of those that have suffered through this affront to human dignity but also comfort, strengthen, and help empower survivors.

As Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, former Chairman of the Committee on Migration, has stated: “On that day, we will lift our voices loudly in prayer, hope, and love for trafficking victims and survivors. If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference.”

The St. Josephine Bakhita introductory biography is a service of CNS–USCCB. The second portion has been adapted from the “National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month & Day of Prayer Toolkit,” (p12, p3), digitally published by USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services and available at <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/12/Day-of-Prayer-AntiTrafficking-Toolkit-2021-Final.pdf>.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We are to be collaborators and cooperators in continuing the salvific action of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. All members of the Church have their own roles in carrying out her mission.

All Catholics are called to give their generous support of time, money, prayers and personal service according to their circumstance, to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church.

Jesus balanced His time of serving others with quiet prayer time. It is most important that Christian stewards include prayer and reflection among their daily routines. It is only through the strengthening of their relationship with God that they can continue to serve well.

(To Be A Christian Steward, A Summary of the USCCB Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, July 1993, Washington D.C.)

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day is Thursday, February 11. We welcome our fellow parishes to join us for Mass at 6:00 p.m. and to join us in celebrating and honoring the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette, which first took place on February 11, 1858.

Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us. Amen.

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis declared this year to be the year of St. Joseph. Throughout the year there will be special prayer opportunities. I also plan to invite you to participate in different prayers to St. Joseph. Pope Francis has special devotion to St. Joseph Sleeping and he has the habit of placing under the statue of the saint a list containing the problems, petitions, and prayers of the faithful. It's as if he were inviting Saint Joseph to "sleep on it," and perhaps to put a good word in before God to solve difficult situations and to help those in need, thus calling upon the saint's role as a father who is merciful and totally attentive to those he loves. He's a truly special saint, who protects and helps us even while he sleeps!

Prayer to the Sleeping St. Joseph

Oh St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving Fathers. Oh St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me and my loved ones. Amen.

Marianna Hoagie Sale

St. Rose is participating in the American Cancer Society's Pray for a Cure Marianna Hoagie Sale. Hoagies (*Italian, All American, Ham & Swiss, Ham Club, Roast Beef, Smoked Ham & Cheddar, Turkey, Traditional, or 3 Cheese*) and Pizzas (*Pepperoni, White, Cheese*) are \$9.00 each and can be purchased by calling the rectory. Orders are due by March 5 and can be picked up Saturday, March 13.

Church History Zoom Class

Church History: The story of diversity, multiple developments, and pluralism. In this **8-week Zoom online** class, Deacon Don Gibboney gives an overview of Church history focusing upon Christianity in Europe from apostolic times to the present. Classes are Wednesdays from 6:00-8:30 PM beginning February 24th. Registration fee is \$45. to register please contact the Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or mheinze@dioceseaj.org. **All are welcome!**

THANK YOU

The St. Rose of Lima St. Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to thank all the members of our Parish for their generous donations last weekend. Your kindness gives hope to many individuals and families served through our Conference. We thank you from the heart for your donations to benefit our programs for the working poor. We deeply appreciate your caring commitment to help those who need it most.

We receive calls from people in our parish and through the SVDP Need's Office about those in need of help. Through the SVDP Need's Office, our faithful volunteers assist those in need with rent, utilities, furniture, clothing, travel expenses for medical treatments and food. During our calls to the needy, we always try to take time with them to learn if there are ways that our Conference can help them get back on their feet. Sometimes, just the call alone can mean the world to someone who is going through a difficult time. You make all of this possible through your generous gifts.

Please feel welcome to contact us through our website at strosesvdp.org if we can assist you in any way. Again, Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Warmest Regards,

Dan Weaver

Conference President

PS. If you would like to make a donation anytime throughout the year, you can always find our identified wooden donation box located at the right side of the entrance to the church or you can make a donation through our website above.

Thank You!

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for February 7-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Our Conference's next meeting is on February 10th at 6 p.m. If you would like a Zoom/teleconference invite to the meeting, please contact Dan Weaver at dweaver@atlanticbb.net.

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

Zoom Christian Prayer and Spirituality Class

Adult Religious Education nurtures the lifelong development of the whole person-body, mind, heart, and spirit. Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching the 8 week course **Christian Prayer and Spirituality via Zoom** beginning Tuesday, March 2nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In this course participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality. The cost of this course which includes registration and material fee is \$55.

Registration forms are available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or by calling Marybeth at (814) 361-2000.

Deadline for class registration is February 22nd. All are welcome!