

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 12

7:30 AM Joy Cotroneo R/B Thomas & Mary Foley
 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

7:30 AM William Sullivan R/B Mr. & Mrs. Harold Muller
 9:00 AM Marjory Clinton R/B The LaRegina Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

7:30 AM Donald Jackson R/B Mr. & Mrs. Harold Muller
 9:00 AM Eleanor Preneta R/B The Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

7:30 AM Brian Murphy R/B Philip & Mary McCarthy
 9:00 AM Joseph Anello R/B Dorothy Anello

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 AM Bob Siegel R/B Cathy Siegel
 9:00 AM John & Philomena Pileggi R/B
 Bob & Connie Pileggi

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

7:30 AM Dennis O'Rourke R/B Philip & Mary McCarthy
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 AM Parish Intentions Gilmartin
 9:00 AM Parish Intentions Cervero
 11:00 AM Parish Intentions Riendeau
 5:15 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of Brian Murphy at the request of the Murphy family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Rose Schiavone at the request of Jackie & Bob Coote.

A Message from the Pastor



Dear Friends,

An Appeal for Sacred Finance! As vacation time is approaching I raise a question with you and ask your help! During the months of July and August, many of our Parish families will be away. Will you continue to contribute to this Parish while you are away? Our Parish budget is based on 50 weekly gifts from our families. I must say thank you to the parishioners using credit cards. Your donation is needed and helps maintain a good cash flow.

Memorial Day was a perfect example. Our weekly attendance numbers were normal because of visitors, but our collection was \$2,000.00 less. We were 120 designated donors below our usual number. The only way for the Parish to pay its bills is to ask you to make up your donations while you are away.

Can we count on you?

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Colleen Paige McGuire, Lindsay Kayla Morin and Jon/Sebastian Roma who were baptized here last weekend.

Wedding Banns

- III Glenn Forest & Joanna Leon
- II Patrick Raffaele & Kathryn Gerety



We once again would like to say welcome to our summer residents. We hope that you will have a wonderful summer rest with us.

GHEGK THIS OUT!

NEW BULLETIN FORMAT

Did you notice the new format of our Church Bulletin?? We are working with a new bulletin company, JS Paluch, who will be publishing our bulletin for the next four years. The new format allows for more versatility and space.

Thanks to Luanne Hogan, Jane Arseniadis, Jan Obarowski and Fr. Fred for working on the Committee. Also, many thanks to Jackie Coote the artist of the watercolor art work of our Church which is being displayed on the cover of the bulletin. If you would like to see the original, stop by the Parish Office.

Weekly Collections

5-28-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$12,275.50
Offertory	\$12,225.50
Monthly	\$50.00

448 donors gave \$8,986.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$20.06. 52 donors gave \$998.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$19.19. In cash an estimated 240 donors gave \$2,241.50 for an average gift of \$9.34. 1,984 attended mass this year, 2,130 attended mass last year.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Recently, we incurred two unauthorized entries into our Parish buildings. As a result, changes need to be made in order to safeguard everyone. The Church will be locked at 1 PM daily. During business hours when the Church is locked please enter through the Staff Entrance door. The Chapel will be open from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM. Please lock all doors at the end of any Parish meetings.

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

LITURGY- 746-6945

LITURGY EVENTS

June 17th4:30 PMFirst Birthday Blessings
June 18th Father's Day
June 18th 5:15 PM High School Graduation

CELIAC DISEASE

The Parish is able to assist persons who suffer from "Celiac Disease." We have a new low-gluten host and have created a process for the reception of the host. Please contact one of our priests if you wish to receive the low-gluten host.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – JUNE 18, 2006

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Ex 24, 3-8 Heb 9: 11-15 Mk 14, 12-16, 22-26 (168)

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Faith Formation is currently registering students for the 2006-2007 school year. Due to the increasing number of students in our program, we are looking to recruit volunteers to serve in non-teaching positions.

Some of the volunteer opportunities available are Hall and Bus Monitors, Crowd and Traffic Control Monitors and Support Monitors.

Please check the bulletin for our upcoming flyer or call Mrs. Venturini at the Faith Formation Office, 746-4270 Ext. 21 for additional information.

Just a reminder, all of our volunteers must be registered parishioners who have gone through the "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Program and have completed the required Diocese of Bridgeport's background check.

JUNIORYOUTH GROUP -

746-0755

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER

MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

8th Grade Jr. YG Members: Friday, June 16th 7:00 PM is just for you. Let's get together and celebrate the end of year! You can help the Jr. YG continue by telling us your likes and dislikes, your suggestions and ideas, to make it even better... we want to hear YOU! We'll serve you dinner and ice-cream, too, so start calling your friends and

RSVP (yes or no) to Marj Cutler by Monday, June 12th.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: (Call to sign up)

June 11th: Benefit/Memorial Field; help starting at 2:30 PM.

June 27th & 28th Outdoor work around the Parish.

July 24th-28th Help is needed for VBS.

NPM CONVENTION

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold its Eastern Regional convention later this month (June 27-30) in Stamford. Hundreds of church musicians from throughout eastern North America will be in attendance, including members of St. Edward's music staff. Gloria Hudson will serve as the convention office manager, Rob Brereton will serve as the program editor, and Dan Kean will serve as convention banker. The convention consists of numerous presentations, workshops, concerts, special liturgies, and other events pertaining to pastoral music and liturgy. For more info about the NPM convention, visit the website at www.npm.org.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Connecticut Department of Social Services coordinates and funds a variety of services that enhance the quality of life for the state's elderly citizens. One of the services includes Alzheimer's Respite Care Program. This program provides respite services for families caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder. The person must have an income of \$30,000 or less and liquid assets of \$80,000 or less. The program pays up to \$3,500 in respite care services per family per year. For general information, contact the Danbury Social Services Office at 203-207-8900.

THANK YOU

The 3rd Annual Mother's Day Breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was a huge success. The cost of this and other K of C events is provided by your generous support of our fund raising activities.

Currently, we have "The Indy 5000" raffle going on. This is a new fund raiser that replaces our 50/50 Club this year. Please look for our insert in the bulletin.

A full 50% of the profits from our fund raisers is donated to the Parish, the remaining 50% is used to fund Parish and community functions such as the Mardi Gras/Communion Breakfast, Holy Family Retreat weekend for youth and adults, high school scholarships and much more. Administrative costs incurred by the council are funded through membership fees only. We invite all Catholic men age 18 and over to consider joining our council. If interested, please contact John Anello.

BLOOD DRIVE

The K of C Council will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on behalf of the American Red Cross on Thursday, June 29th, in our Parish Hall. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

We are always looking for volunteers. If interested, please call the Social Concerns Office, 746-9595.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 11

FAMILY LIFE POSITION

In recent weeks Jane Arseniadis has notified me that she will be leaving the Family Life position on July 31st. We thank her for all her hard work in the last year with the families of our Parish.

In order to keep the family ministries of the Parish coordinated and functioning, we have a staff position open for Family Life Coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Msgr. Ryan by letter or email mpryan@saintedwardchurch.org.

WOMEN OF WONDER (WOW) DISCUSSION GROUP

The WOW Discussion Group will meet Tuesday June 13th at 12:00 Noon at the AMC. The discussion topic will be "The Five-Fold Ministries of the Church - Apostle, Evangelist, Prophet, Teacher and Pastor." Please call Jane for more details.

TODDLER TEA

In order for Toddler Tea to continue as a Family Life Ministry Program next year, we need several people to come forward to help. Please call or contact Jane Arseniadis, Family Life Minister at jarseniadis@saintedwardchurch.org if you have any questions or comments. **If we do not hear from anyone by June 15th, the Toddler Tea Program will be inactive next year.** If you attend the program now with your child, please prayerfully consider becoming involved!



First Birthday Blessings!

On Sunday, June 17th, at the 4:30 PM Mass, we will celebrate the first birthdays of all our children born in the months of April, May and June 2005. A reception will follow in the Hall. Please call Kathie Murtha, 746-1523, Heather Ann Flagello 746-5687 or Janet Hansen, 746-1919 to RSVP or if you have any questions.



PARISH PICNIC

We have started planning the Parish Picnic which will be **Sunday, August 27th**. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this **FUN FAMILY DAY!** Please call Jane Arseniadis at Ext. 11 or Msgr. Ryan at 746-2200 Ext. 16. There will be food, music, and games for all ages! Please join us!



"Partners in Faith" is a useful resource to help parents in their family's Catholic education. This monthly publication, in Adobe reader format, can be printed from our website and used in your home and family setting to teach and promote faith-filled ideas, habits and behaviors. The June issue of "Partners in Faith" is available. Enjoy!

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP -

746-2200, EXT. 17

**ST. EDWARD'S WORKCAMP
FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOE**

All meetings are MANDATORY for workcampers. Meetings will start with a youth group activity and planning for youth group events...the last part of the meeting will deal with Workcamp info...please join us after the 5:15 Mass.

Attention Workcampers! All Final Payments are due NO LATER than June 17th. Please give to Fr. Joe or drop off at the Parish Office.

Reminder—Next Meeting, July 9th begins with Commissioning Mass at 5:15 PM.

PRAYER BASKET

When you need a prayer, don't feel alone! Please stop in our Parish Chapel. You may light a candle or leave a prayer intention in our prayer basket. Your petition will be prayed by the various prayer groups in the Parish.

Please remember your are not alone!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The four Catholic Schools of Danbury have published a new flyer. If you are interested in more information regarding our Catholic Schools for your children or grandchildren, please pick up a flyer on the table in the Gathering Space.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We thank the 605 families who have donated to the Appeal. To date, we have raised \$152,928.75 towards our goal of \$175,000.00. If you have not contributed to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

SUMMER SAFETY REMINDERS

Actively supervise your children or grandchildren at all times when they are in your care in our Church building. Never leave them alone – even for a second – especially in the bathrooms, Parish Hall, hallways or parking lot. Please escort your children to the bathrooms or water fountain in the Gathering Space. Because of safety concerns, children should not be in the Hall kitchen at any time. Our parking lot is a busy place, please know where your children or grandchildren are at all times. We have a "Safe Building" Policy at St. Edward's. Please help us. If you have any suggestions or comments OR would like to serve on a "Safe Environment" Committee, please speak to Jane in the Parish Office at 746-2200, X 11.

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session will be held at St. Edward's on Wednesday June 28th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Please call the Parish Office to register for this session.

AROUND OUR PARISH

PARISH MORTGAGE

April 7, 2003:	\$3,000,000.00	Mortgage Total
June 7, 2006:	\$8,157.81	Payment Principal
	\$12,188.19	Payment Interest
June 7, 2006	\$2,676,573.48	Mortgage Total
	\$105,8734.14	2003 Interest Paid
	\$154,587.73	2004 Interest Paid
	\$148,493.12	2005 Interest Paid
	\$72,112.50	2006 Interest Paid to Date

VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AROUND THE CHURCH

The Blue Ribbon Committee will be undertaking a number of repairs and maintenance projects during the summer. If you have some free time and are willing to paint or do some household repairs, please contact Peter Greco at 746-0744.

We thank the 10 men who have volunteered thus far.

NO FOOD

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We have a number of children in our Parish with life threatening food allergies (especially peanut products). We are asking that no food OF ANY KIND be brought into the Church Worship Space. The safety and well being of our children is our primary concern. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“Whoever fails to love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:8) Do you know anyone who claims to love God yet does not act lovingly toward a family member, a neighbor, creation? Don’t let it be you.

PARENTING POINTERS

We offer plenty of unsolicited advice to our kids as they are growing up—and to our surprise sometimes they even take it! Once they are grown, though, it can be hard to hold our tongues. Try these three things:

- 1) Don’t offer advice unless you’re asked;
- 2) Don’t be critical of decisions made by your children or their spouses;
- 3) If they do ask your opinion, say, “Here’s how I’d do it...” rather than, “Here’s what you should do.” (from Family Minute by mark Merrill)

PARISH COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Committee is looking for two members to join the Committee beginning July 1st. It is a three-year term. The Committee meets once a month and is an advisor to the Pastor.

The Administration Committee works with the Pastor in planning for the future, being a sounding board for issues, working to build the community of faith at St. Edward’s and other administration issues.

For further information, please contact Doug Dorsey or Msgr. Ryan through the Parish Office, 746-2200.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee is seeking new members. Are you looking for away to become more involved in your Parish and share your talents? You are invited to come and join this vital Parish committee. The work involves a monthly meeting where liturgical events are planned, the liturgical needs of the Parish are assessed and “best practices” are developed. Come and join us in this active ministry committee.

For further information please contact Dan Kean or Gloria Hudson. If interested, please send a letter of intent to Dan Kean to the Parish Office or e-mail dkean@saintedwardchurch.org

NEW MEMBERS FOR BLUE RIBBON

We are in need of a few good men and women to join the Blue Ribbon Committee. The Committee meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM. The Committee advises Msgr. Ryan of building projects, repair projects and seeks bids on work to be done. We need your support and participation. If interested, please Peter Greco, 746-0744 or Msgr. Ryan, 746-2200 X 16.

BLUE RIBBON PROJECTS

We need some time and talent from a few parishioners! We have several work projects that the Blue Ribbon Committee would like to undertake. If you like to paint, like to do home improvement projects or just want to help, please call Peter Greco, 746-0744 or Msgr. Ryan, 746-2200 X 16.

EAGLE PROJECT

The Blue Ribbon Committee has several work projects that could be used as “Eagle Scout Projects.” If you are interested, please contact Peter Greco at 746-0744.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Speaking about the scientific exploitation of human embryos, the future Pope Benedict XVI stated, “I would like to recall that already once before, medical experiments were carried out on persons who were held to be inferior. Where will the logic that consists in treating a fetus or an embryo as a thing lead?”

Interview with **Le Figaro**, 12/01

AROUND OUR PARISH

JOIN THE PARISH E-MAIL LIST—

WWW.SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

Many thanks to all who have subscribed to the Parish email list. We hope to use this list to email newsworthy items to our parishioners on an as needed basis. Subscribing is easy. You can subscribe directly from the home page of the Parish website or email parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org and give us your address.



PAPAL BLESSINGS

The Parish Office is able to assist you in ordering Papal Blessings for those special occasions, Baptisms, Weddings, and Wedding Anniversaries. When requesting a Papal Blessing you must provide the parish where the person is practicing, and the date and place of the event. The prices range from \$10.00 to \$60.00 depending on the parchment used plus mailing and handling. Please allow eight to ten weeks for delivery.



WEDDINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

For couples planning to be married at St. Edward's, we need your help in making the registration process work. When planning your wedding, please visit the Parish Office and complete the "green form." You may request a priest (Msgr. Ryan, Fr. Joe, Fr. Fred or Deacon Vaughn) or your registration will be passed on to the priest on call.

You will receive a call from the Parish clergy to meet, set your date and begin your period of preparation for Marriage.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

EVENING RETREATS FOR MUSIC MINISTERS

Calling all choir members, cantors, organists, church musicians and all who care about music and the liturgy. Listen to an engaging presentation by Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P. on recent developments in liturgical theology, and join in the singing with the Holy Family Music Ministry at Mass in their Chapel in West Hartford on Tuesday, June 13th or Wednesday, June 14th. For more information, call 860-521-0440.

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL "MUSTANG VALLEY"

Meet Chris Palmer, graduate of Immaculate High School, all star collegiate phenom and NFL Coach and support "MUSTANG VALLEY." Join in this celebration on Wednesday, June 14th, at the Inn at Ethan Allen, 6 to 8 PM, \$25 for hearty hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. RSVP to Rose Mary Fasano at 203-744-1510 Ext. 144.

SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM SCHOOL -

A Formation Program for Adults announces the 2006 Summer Semester beginning June 13th at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Norwalk at 6:15 PM. Completion of basic certification is required for all Catholic school teachers who teach religion and encouraged for all Parish catechists. Please contact Betty White at bwhite@diobpt.org or call 203-416-1446 for more information or to register.

JAMES "MINDAY" OLAYOS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 7th Annual Golf Tournament is to be held at the Harry B. Brownson Country Club on Monday, July 10th. Reservations accepted on a first come basis. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph High School (Trumbull) Scholarship Fund. \$200.00 per person. For more information, contact Lynn Mallon, Alumni Director at 203-377-0350.

HEALING HEARTS

Healing Hearts Children's Bereavement Program, a non-profit program of Regional Hospice, is offering its first annual summer camp for children who have suffered a loss of a parent, sibling or other loved one. The camp will be filled with hope, fun activities and other meaningful experiences. Camp is free of charge to children ages 5 to 13. Dates are July 10th—14th from 9 AM to 12 PM. This camp is generously sponsored by Union Savings Bank. To register or for more information, call 203-792-4422.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER— CONNECTICUT

MARRIED COUPLES — Why not give your marriage a fresh start. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of renewed love, rebirth and new beginnings. The next scheduled weekend is July 14th-16th. For more information or to register, contact John & Bev Maley at 203-364-0836.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6/12/06-6/18/06

Monday –6/12/06

7:00 p.m. Ministry Leaders' Meeting/Hall

7:30 p.m. St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 6/13/06

12:00 p.m. WOW Meeting/AMC

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting/Hall

7:30 p.m. K of C Officers' Meeting/Conf. Rm. A

7:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 6/14/06

10:00 a.m. Joy Club/Meeting Rooms 3-4

7:30 p.m. Grief Support Group/AMC

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday – 6/15/06

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Guild Sewing Group/Hall

7:30 p.m. K of C Business Meeting/Hall

7:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 6/16/06

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel

7:00 p.m. Junior Youth Group 8th Grade "Speak Out"/Hall

8:30 p.m. AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 6/17/06

8:00 a.m. Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast/Conf. Rm. A/Kitchen

8:15 a.m. Parish Nurse Meeting/Conf. Rm. B

10:00 a.m. Lift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall

4:30 p.m. First Birthday Blessing Mass/Church

After all Weekend Masses/Blood Pressure Screening/
Conf. Rm. B

Sunday –6/18/06 Happy Father's Day

9:00 a.m. Commissioning of Altar Servers Mass/Church

4:15 p.m. Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

Coffee and Donuts in the Hall after the 9 & 11AM Masses

Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.



SUNDAY COFFEE

We would like to invite you to host Sunday Coffee. Coffee time is after the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses. Coffee, donuts and supplies are in the kitchen. We need your help to set up, serve, and clean up. Please sign up today for a date in June. The sign up board is located next to the kitchen door.

BULLETIN STUFFERS NEEDED....

Can you spend an hour with us? As an active Parish, we publish much information. The Parish Office needs your help to collate bulletin inserts on Fridays. For further information, please call Luanne Hogan at 746-2200 X 14.

Next Admin Comm.	TBA	6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon	7-08-06.....	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting	TBA	Noon
Next Finance Comm.	6-13-06.....	7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm.	6-19-06.....	7:30 PM