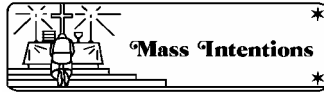


ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 AM Rita Brady DeLuca R/B The Waldeck Family
 9:00 AM Mary Rottmund R/B
 Brad, Eileen, Jenny & Lauren Thomas

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30 AM Aggie Ryan R/B Linda Nies
 9:00 AM John & Eleanor Preneta R/B The Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:30 AM Klemens Susmeyer R/B Joan Draxdorf
 9:00 AM Albert D'Amore R/B The Venturini Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 AM David Carr R/B Emily Schmiedel

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30 AM Klemens Susmeyer R/B The Sweeney Family
 9:00 AM Alice DeNoia R/B Janet & Bill Telford

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving R/B The Joyce Family
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of Al Salzo at the request of his family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of William M. Boone at the request of his daughter, Belinda.

Dear Friends:

The Super Bowl is over! This winter has been mild! Ash Wednesday is March 1st - so can spring be far away?

Lent will begin on March 1st so please read the bulletin during the upcoming weeks for information regarding the Lenten Mass Schedule, Fast and Abstinence and the many events being planned.

Please keep Fridays as a special time of prayer. The staff is working on plans for special prayer services on Friday nights at 7:00 PM. These prayer times will lead us through the journey of Jesus' Passion and Death. We hope many of you will attend.

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan



LITURGY EVENTS

March 1st: Ash Wednesday
 March 4th: 4:30 PM Anointing of the Sick

SUNDAY – A DAY OF PRAYER

What are you doing with your Sunday? Do you work? Do you visit family? Do you do sports? Do you just rest?

OR

Do you come to Church? Feed at the Lord's table! Gain strength and direction for the week ahead! Make Holy the Lord's Day – make Sunday a Day of Prayer.

LITURGY PLANNING DAY FOR COUPLES

Couples planning to be married in 2006 are invited to a Liturgy Planning Session on Sunday, March 5th at 12:15 PM in the Church. The priests of the Parish and music ministers will be present to assist you in planning your wedding ceremony.

Invitations are being sent to all couples being married at St. Edward's in 2006. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

A note of thanks to all parishioners who are helping our Parish maintain a cash flow. We are paying our increased bills and the budget is stable at the end of January. Thank you for your support and understanding.

OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day. All bulletin notices for the weekend of February 25th and 26th must be submitted by Friday, February 17th.



President's Day

Parish Support

1-29-06

Budgeted Expenses.....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
Total Parish Weekly Expenses	\$17,840.00
Offertory	\$13,771.00
Monthly	\$185.00
Total Weekly Income	\$13,956.00
554 donors gave \$11,240.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$20.29. 43 donors gave \$1,330.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$30.93. 1 donor made a yearly/quarterly gift of \$400.00. In cash an estimated 90 donors gave \$801.00 for an average gift of \$8.90.	
1,915 attended Mass this year, 2,131 attended last year.	

WHILE YOU ARE AWAY...

The Parish of St. Edward's needs your support. We realize some weekends you need to be away! The Parish has developed a system to accommodate your donation by credit card (Master Card and Visa).

You may use the card provided in your envelope packets or call Luanne Hogan at the Parish Office (746-2200) to make your donation by credit card.

Readings for Next Week – February 19, 2006
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25/ 2 Cor 1:18-22/ Mk 2:1-12

PARISH MORTGAGE

April 7 th :	\$3,000,000.00	Mortgage Total
February 7 th :	\$8,003.75	Payment Principal
	\$12,342.25	Payment Interest
February 7 th :	\$2,721,563.17	Mortgage Total
	\$105,874.14	2003 Interest Paid
	\$154,587.73	2004 Interest Paid to Date
	\$148,493.12	2005 Interest Paid to Date
	\$24,718.19	2006 Interest Paid to Date



JOIN THE PARISH E-MAIL LIST

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. Email us your address at

parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org or you can subscribe directly from the home page of the Parish website

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Part time office position available in March due to the relocation of one of our current staff members. Responsibilities include answering phones, greeting people, typing, filing, copying and other administrative tasks. Must be able to multi-task, need knowledge of Microsoft Word and Access. Hours: Thursday and Friday 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM. For further information, please contact Luanne Hogan at 746-2200 Ext 14.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Protecting God's Children Program was developed as an ongoing educational tool for our volunteers to maximize our roles to safeguard the vulnerable people and children in a safe environment.

The program consists of attendance at an awareness session and the completion of the required documentation (Diocesan Policy on Sexual Abuse and the Background Check Form). The components of this program empower each volunteer to make our Parish safe for all people.

This program is designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within our Parish setting. The program teaches our Parish family to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church.

Maximizing our church's role as a safe environment begins with making adults more aware of the ways children and adults interact with each other. The PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN program educates and trains adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse, the warning signs of abuse, the ways to prevent abuse, the methods of properly reporting suspicions of abuse and responding to allegations of abuse.

The following date has been set for "Protecting God's Children" Awareness session at St. Edward's: Wednesday March 8th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Please contact Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200, Ext. 11 for further information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



Danbury Hospital will hold a Medical Town Meeting called "Women and Heart Disease" on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 in the Danbury Hospital Auditorium from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Discussions will explain how heart disease is different in women than in men. Risk factors will be described and information will be provided on how women can prevent heart disease. For further information, call (203) 797-7247.

MARCH 2006 WORKSHOPS

Please join us on Sunday March 5th as our Parish welcomes Sister Mauryeen O'Brien, O.P., Coordinator for Ministry to the Bereaved, Separated and Divorced for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Sr. Mauryeen is certified in Bereavement and Divorce Counseling and in Facilitator Training for the Support Groups, Seminars and Supportive Services of the Bereaved and Divorced.

3:30 – 5:00 PM "A JOURNEY FROM GRIEF TO HEALING" – Working through the stages of grief because of the death of a loved one. Meeting in the Parish Hall.

7:00 – 8:30 PM "THE PROCESS OF GRIEF DURING SEPARATION AND DIVORCE" – What we go through during a separation or divorce. Meeting in the Adult Ministry Center.

If you or someone you love is grieving or if you or someone you love is going through or has gone through a divorce, PLEASE JOIN US! For further information, please contact either Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11 or John Anello at 746-9595.

THANK YOU FROM INTERFAITH AIDS

Our recent Christmas gift donations to Interfaith Aids were gratefully acknowledged by their Coordinator, Karina Wojcik. Karina wrote, " Our care receivers have expressed their gratitude on how these donations have brought joy into their homes. Your caring has helped them to have a wonderful holiday. We thank you on behalf of the Interfaith Aids Ministry care receivers."

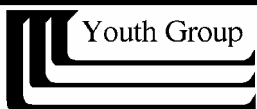
THANK YOU FROM SISTER THERESA TREMBLAY

Sister Theresa Tremblay recently wrote to thank us for the recent Christmas gifts for her underprivileged pre-school children in Bridgeport. Sister Theresa writes, " I would like to thank you for your kind support. St. Edward's has been a blessing to me and my ministries. I will never forget your warm heart and kind giving."

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

There are four factors that can help control the risks of cancer. 1) Stop smoking! Lung cancer may occur in persons who have never smoked, however smokers have twenty five times the risk of developing the disease.

NOTE: BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND IN CONFERENCE ROOM B.



Youth Group

**FROM THE DESK
OF FR. JOE:
746-2200 EXT. 17**

**ST. EDWARD'S WORKCAMP/
SR. YOUTH GROUP**

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.

March 5th: Mandatory Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Save the Date! Saturday March 11th St. Edward's Night at The Trashers Game. Tickets will be on sale in February. Help us send our Workcampers on their service trip in July.

Save the Date! Americares - May 6, 2006.



**FROM THE DESK
OF MARJ CUTLER
746-0755**

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
(Grades 6th, 7th & 8th)**

Any St. Edward Middle School student may join the Youth Group at anytime.

Are you ready for a night of just plain ol' fun and games with your friends?! Bring your favorite card/board games to share; join us for a night of hanging out, having fun and snacks.

Date & Time: Friday, February 17th, 7 to 9 PM in the Hall. Baked refreshment donations will be welcomed too!!

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

The priests and catechists of the Parish find a difficult moment in ministry when a child states that they would like to go to mass on Sunday but their parents are not attending mass. Please pray each day during February for the children who are longing to come to the Eucharist each week!

SUPER BOWL RAFFLE RESULTS

Thank you to all our friends, family and parishioners who supported our raffle and who joined us for our special Super Bowl Raffle buffet on January 22nd. It was a great day. Congratulations to our box winners as follows:

1st quarter score \$600 - Dennis Kissane
Reverse 1st quarter score \$150 - The Rebels

2nd quarter score \$600 - E. Lista/J. O'Donnell
Reverse 2nd quarter score \$150 - The Four Seasons

3rd quarter score \$600 - Vic Flagello
Reverse 3rd quarter score \$150 - Bob & Russ

Final score \$3,000 - The Broncons

Thanks again and we look forward to Super Bowl 2007.
Knights of Columbus, Council # 12968

PRO-LIFE CORNER

At this particular time, abortion has become the fundamental human right issue for all men and women of good will...For us abortion is of overriding concern because it negates two of our most fundamental moral imperatives: respect for innocent life, and preferential concern for the weak and defenseless.

Resolution on Abortion (1989)

MOMS MORNING OUT

Moms Morning Out in conjunction with Forever One Marriage & Life Coaching proudly hosts "The Promise", An Enrichment Program about Marriage & Family Relations presented by Jerry & Jane Serfass. This 5-session forum will provide techniques for fulfilling "The Promise." The sessions start Tuesday February 14th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. Registration is required. Please see the insert for details or call Jane Arseniadis, Family Life Minister at 746-2200 Ext. 11.

2006 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

On Sunday, February 26th from 3 to 5 PM in the Parish Hall, we will have an afternoon to say thank you for your past giving to the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Come join us for an afternoon of musical entertainment with Donna Moore accompanied by Dan Kean.

We will also have a short presentation by Mr. Bill Hoey, Vice President of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County. He will address the services provided by your donations.

Please come and join us for a relaxing afternoon. RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 746-2200.



LENT IS COMING

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Our Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

- Masses: 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 & 7:30 PM;
- Service with Ashes: 12:00 PM;
- Children's Service: 4:00 PM.

Ashes will be distributed during Masses & Prayer Services.



**PARISH MARRIAGE
PREPARATION TEAM**

We are looking for married couples who would be willing to join our Marriage Preparation Team to sponsor engaged couples who will be married at St. Edward's Parish. Marriage Preparation couples will be trained to facilitate the profile prepare/enrich and asked to share life experiences with the engaged couples. Our Parish program is a sponsor-couple program, which is taught couple to couple. For more information, please contact Msgr. Ryan, 746-2200.

Next Admin Comm	3-07-06	6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon	3-04-06	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting	TBA	Noon
Next Finance Comm	3-02-06	7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm	2-23-06	7:30 PM

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CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2/13/06-2/19/06

Monday – 2/13/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Terrific Twos /Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 11:15 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Classes Grade 7/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 2/14/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Mom's Morning Out/Hall/Kitchen
- 3:00 p.m. – Children's and Youth Choir/Church
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Babysitting/AMC
- 4:30 p.m. – Faith Formation Dismissal/Entire Hall
- 4:45 p.m. – Cherub Choir/Church/Cry Room
- 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting/Entire Hall/Kitchen
- 7:30 p.m. – K of C Officers' Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
- 7:30 p.m. – Praise and Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 2/15/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Terrific Twos /Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 10:00 a.m. – Joy Club/Hall
- 11:15 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 1:00 p.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Babysitting/AMC
- 4:30 p.m. – Faith Formation Dismissal/Entire Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday – 2/16/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Ladies' Guild Sewing Group/Hall
- 10:00 a.m. – Faith Formation Teacher Meeting/Hall
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Classes Grade 6/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – K of C Business Meeting/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Contemporary Choir/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 2/17/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Women's Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC
- 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. – Junior Youth Group Meeting/Hall
- 8:30 p.m. – AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 2/18/06

- 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

After all Weekend Masses/Gathering Space

- St. Patrick's Dinner Dance Ticket Sales
- Workcamp Trasher Ticket Sales
- Blood Pressure Screenings/Conf. Rm. B

Sunday – 2/19/06

- 11:30 a.m. – "Breaking Open the Word"/Conf. Rm. C
- 12:00 p.m. – RCIA for Children/Cry Room
- 4:15 p.m. – Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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

Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.

PRAISE & WORSHIP GATHERING

Prayer Chapel Tuesdays 7:30 PM. Be Blessed! Come and join us lift up the Lord. He is a rewarder to those who seek him diligently. Heb. 11:6.