



Mass Schedule

A Message



MONDAY, AUGUST 14

- 7:30 AM Grace Welsh R/B L. Mecca
- 9:00 AM Eleanor Preneta R/B The Family
- 5:30 PM Eugene Kelly R/B The Brodericks

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 7:30 AM Marie & Kaspar Fuchsenthaler R/B Marion
- 9:00 AM Marie Dodaro R/B Hernandez Family
- 5:30 PM Pro Populo
- 7:30 PM Josef Kusterer R/B Jan & Rich Obarowski

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

- 7:30 AM William Schweitzer R/B M/M Douglas DePaoli
- 9:00 AM The Klejna Family R/B Sylvester & Eleanor Klejna

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

- 7:30 AM Richard Smith R/B Eileen Horgan
- 9:00 AM Helen & Joe Lippi R/B Barbara & Gerry Neal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

- 7:30 AM Herschel Bonnet R/B The Mc Guirk Family
- 9:00 AM John & Philomena Pileggi R/B Bob & Connie Pileggi

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- 7:30 AM Charles Merrifield R/B Faith Formation
- 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Ryan
- 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in Memory of Frances Ducker at the request of Marie Pilch & Family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for the Intentions of Bernadette Comer at the request of the Cunningham Family.

Dear Friends,

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is asking our help once again to aid the people and the parishes of Mississippi and Louisiana who were hard hit by Hurricane Katrina last year. On the weekend of August 26-27, a second collection will be taken at all masses.

Last year the church collection focused on the immediate humanitarian relief and only scratched the surface of the needs. This collection focuses on rebuilding churches, schools and other essential parish infrastructure which are needed to rebuild people's hope.

I ask your generosity.

Peace,
Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Anthony John David Malandro IV who was baptized here last weekend.



Wedding Banns

- III Mark Starybrat & Cheryl Swanson
- II Daniel LaDora & Tara Mellilo
- I Gregory Umphrey & Mia Geisinger
- I Michael Oliva & Aneta Tylczak

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

These letters were mailed a few weeks ago. Your donation enables our Parish to maintain its buildings & grounds. Please be generous. Contact the Parish Office with questions.



Weekly Collections

7-30-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$14,866.50
Offertory	\$14,804.50
Monthly.....	\$62.00

536 donors gave \$11,248.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$20.99. 45 donors gave \$962.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$21.38. 2 donors made quarterly gifts in the amount of \$1460.00. In cash an estimated 120 donors gave \$1133.75 for an average gift of \$9.45. 1,876 attended mass this year, 1,908 attended last year.

PARISH MORTGAGE

April 7, 2003:	\$3,000,000.00	Mortgage Total
August 7, 2006:	\$13,587.87	Payment Principal
	\$11,758.13	Payment Interest
August 7, 2006	\$2,660,397.80	Mortgage Total
	\$105,8734.14	2003 Interest Paid
	\$154,587.73	2004 Interest Paid
	\$148,493.12	2005 Interest Paid
	\$95,628.76	2006 Interest PTD

MONTHLY ENVELOPE

Our monthly envelope is now a Mortgage Reduction Collection. The official fundraising for our new Church ended July 2006. The Finance Committee has created a plan to pay off our Parish mortgage by 2018. The plan is to pay our debt in a timely manner and keep the Parish caring for the needs of our parishioners. Msgr. Ryan will give a full financial report to the Parish in September 2006.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY & MUSIC – 746-6945

LITURGY EVENTS

August 15th Feast of the Assumption
September 10th 11AM Blessing of Expectant Mothers

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – AUGUST 20, 2006

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prv 9:1-6 Eph 5: 15-20 Jn 6: 51-58 (119)

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

We invite all expectant mothers and adopting mothers for a special blessing on Sunday, September 10th, during the 11:00 AM Mass. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 746-2200 by September 8th.

HOLY DAY

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Monday, August 14th, at 5:30 PM and Tuesday, August 15th, at 7:30 & 9:00 AM and 5:30 & 7:30 PM.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP -

746-0755

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER

MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

Have a fun, but safe, summer!
Thanks to all who helped with VBS!

I'm still looking for feedback on last year's Jr. Youth Group and ideas for next year's. If you can't make it to our August planning session, e-mail your ideas/suggestions.

Monday August 21st, 6:30PM: Interested in becoming part of our core team this year? Have ideas/suggestions for Jr. Youth Group meetings or trips? I need your help. Parents & Kids interested will meet to plan the year...Call, so I can plan refreshments.

Need Service Hours? Won't you please help?

AUGUST 27th: Help is needed with games at the PARISH PICNIC. Call/Email if you can help!

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



**SICK AND HOMEBOUND
MINISTRY**

**CONNECTICUT NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER
SUPPORT PROGRAM**

This federally funded respite program is designed to provide relief for family caregivers caring for a person aged 60 or over with any type of debilitating illness. The program connects eligible families with services and provides financial assistance for these services. Arrangements are made for daytime or overnight respite care including: adult day care, home health aide, homemaker/companion, skilled nursing, or assisted living. Contact: Area Agency on Aging 800-994-9422.

KEVIN CLEARY

Kevin and Robin Cleary have asked us for help in finding "Personal Care Assistants" to care for Kevin. Kevin suffered a traumatic fall in the spring and is paralyzed. He will be returning to New Fairfield and Robin is looking for Assistants on Monday-Friday 9-1 and 1-5 each day. There will be a stipend. If interested in more information, please call Donna Hanft in the Social Concerns Office at 746-9595.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the Parish in transition to two priests, we are in need of two volunteers who would be willing to be trained to visit Danbury Hospital on Wednesdays. The volunteer would be a "friendly visitor" in bringing the prayer of the Parish to parishioners who are in Danbury Hospital. Training would be provided. For more info, please contact John Anello 746-9595.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

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

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
AFTER MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation registrations are now past due. After July 31st a \$75.00 per child late fee applies. Can we please ask that if you have not yet registered your child, please do so ASAP so we can begin to order books and supplies. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNION DVD'S & PORTRAITS

Communion DVD's and portraits have arrived and can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Videos ordered on VHS will be arriving shortly.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14



Parish Picnic

PARISH PICNIC

Don't forget our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 27th. So save the date and join us for an afternoon of food, music and fun for the entire family! Tickets are on sale after all masses in the Gathering Space or stop by the Parish Office. See the Flyer this week for more information.

WHAT WE BELIEVE AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS

This fall, Mom's Morning Out will be hosting a seven week program entitled "Come Follow Me" with Jean Kechejian. Watch the Bulletin for details and sign up information.

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP AND PRAYER LINE

With the passing of Connie Pileggi two important ministries will change leadership. We thank God for the gift of Connie. She was an inspiration to us all. Her commitment to the leadership of the Monday Night Prayer Group and the Parish Prayer Line cared for many people.

Kathy Florio has accepted the call to become the leader. Please call her at 746-2367 and leave a message.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" is the responsibility of every member of the Church community and is the foundation of the safety program you will participate in at St. Edward's. The program educates and trains adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse. Through the Virtus Program used by the Diocese of Bridgeport, the participant is made aware of the warning signs of abuse, and the ways to prevent abuse within the church and local community. The Virtus Course also offers the participant the methods of properly reporting suspicions of abuse, and the "How To" in responding to allegations of abuse. In the two years since the launch of the Safe Environment Program in the Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, more than 700 volunteers and staff from St. Edward's have been trained in this national program. The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session at St. Edward's is Wednesday August 23rd at 7PM. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP -
746-2200, EXT. 17
ST. EDWARD'S WORKCAMP
FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOE**

We thank God for the safe return of the Workcampers and for the Blessings they brought to those they aided.

THANK YOU

The Parish would like to thank the St. Edward's Knights of Columbus for their generous yearly donation to the Parish. Their \$4000.00 donation will help with the Parish program expenses. May God bless you.!



FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COFFEE

Come and get to know your Parish family! Sunday Coffee after the 9AM and 11AM Masses is a time to come and meet families of the parish and build the community of St. Edward's.

We are in need of host families who will make the coffee, serve the juice, and welcome the people. All the supplies, coffee and donuts are purchased by the Parish. You will soon find an insert in the Bulletin outlining what a host family must do.

Please sign up on the board in the Parish kitchen. Help us build Community!

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS

We have announced that we will be conducting a program for discussion of the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you are interested, the Book is available in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00.

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!

EXERCISE DAILY

WALK WITH THE LORD!

AROUND OUR PARISH

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

The Blue Ribbon Committee would like to thank Vinny Berk and Bill Sullivan for volunteering to fix the Rectory kitchen floor and re-tile the floor. It is a job well done.

PARISH GOLF OUTING

Sunday, September 10th. See registration form enclosed in this week's bulletin. Sign up early to avoid being closed out. We will limit the number to 120 players.



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 call Peter Greco, 746-0744.

We thank the 10 men who have volunteered thus far.



SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH

At 1:00 PM each weekday, we have been locking the Gathering Space, Church area and Hall. If you have business at the Parish Office, please enter the building through the office door.

The Chapel will be open for prayer each day from 6:30 AM to midnight. If you have any concerns regarding the Chapel hours, please contact Msgr. Ryan.

Ministry meetings will continue as scheduled! Leaders should contact their Staff Leader for entrance to the building when the Church doors are locked!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Kate Adamson was a 33- year old mother of two when she suffered a massive stroke, leaving her in a coma clinging to life. Doctors told her husband not to treat her, but he insisted on treatment for this "perfect candidate for mercy killing" who could hear the discussions of her death but was unable to speak. She not only survived but now travels the country speaking about the sacredness of all human life. *The Pro-Life Reporter, Spring 2006.*



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, directly from the home page of the Parish website or email parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org and give us your address.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Love is always patient and kind; love is never jealous; love is not boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish...it is always ready to make allowances, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) Always? Never? That's a tall order. But then our human love is never perfect and we must always keep trying.

PARENTING POINTERS

"To apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, and to keep from holding grudges." (#4, Family Pledge of Nonviolence, www.ipj-ppj.org) Could your family say "Yes" to this? World peace begins at home.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

"PRAYER & WORSHIP CONCERT FOR YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART" WORKING TOGETHER WITH 1 HEART, PHILIPPIANS 2:2

Ives Concert Park, Danbury CT

August 26, 2006 7:30PM

(203) 837-9226

www.1heartonline.org

Ticket info: Gold: \$38, Reserved \$30, Lawn \$20

Group Discounts for 10+

AL-ANON/ALATEEN

The Al-Anon/Alateen program can aid the recovery process for the entire family through hope, comfort and loving interchange among members having a common problem. When someone turns to you for help and an alcohol related problem is identified, we urge you to suggest they attend Al-Anon and/or Alateen meetings. Al-Anon can help you help them. If you wish more information, please call 203-798-6682 or 888-4AL-ANON (888-425-2266) M-F, 8AM-6PM, ET.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ADOPTION OPEN HOUSES,

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, are provided to the public free of charge. Individuals and couples of all faiths are invited to attend sessions this summer at the Catholic Center, 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport. Sessions are set for **August 16** at 10:30 AM and 6:30PM. Parents who have recently completed successful adoptions through the China Adoption Program of Catholic Charities will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about their trip. Adoption professionals from Catholic Charities will also discuss international adoption of infants, the home study process, and other information about the legal, social and psychological aspects of adoption. RSVP to (203) 416-1330, or visit the adoption page on the Catholic Charities website at www.bridgeportdiocese.com.

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - DATE CORRECTION

Magnificat, a diocesan Ministry to Catholic Women welcomes all women to a delightful Women's Breakfast on Sat. August 19th, 9:30AM-12:30PM at Ethan Allan, Danbury CT. Our guest speaker will be Linda Gatta. Registration required by August 9, \$25pp. No tickets at the door. For more information contact: Roxane Anngotta Magnificat Coordinator 203-778-3950.

HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH RALLY

On Sat. August 26, Saint Rose of Lima in Newtown will host a dynamic, spiritual event for HS students from 10AM to 9:30 PM. The theme is "More Jesus: John 3:30." Martin Doman, Sean Forrest & Bob Lesnefsky will perform. A Teen Mass will also be celebrated by Bishop William Lori.

SHEPHERDS INC. COMES TO DANBURY

Kolbe Cathedral, Trinity Catholic High Schools and Immaculate High School in Danbury are in need of sponsors and mentors. Shepherds Inc. provides disadvantaged inner city youths with an opportunity to receive a quality education at Kolbe Cathedral in Bridgeport, Trinity Catholic in Stamford, Notre Dame of West Haven and will be expanding to Immaculate High School and the Academy of our Lady of Mercy, Laurelton Hall in September 2006. Integral to the success of the Shepherds Program is the role played by each Sponsor and Mentor. As a Sponsor, you pay the student's four-year high school tuition, but as a mentor, you share your talents, experience, time & resources with your student to guide him/her through his/her four-year journey. If you are interested or have any questions, call 203-259-8442; e-mail: ShepherdsProgram@aol.com or visit : www.ShepherdsInc.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH

The Volunteer Center of Western Connecticut is sponsoring a "Back to School" project which provides low-income children with school supplies and clothes. To help call Patti or Priscilla at the Volunteer Center @ 797-1154.

RETRouvaille OF CONNECTICUT

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring or cold and distant, even if you are divorced or separated but you want to try again, then the Retrouvaille program is for you. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will take place September 8 through 10, 2006. For more information, please call the confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or email at 3001@retrouvaille.org

"BLUE MASS"

On September 10, Bishop Lori will celebrate the 5th annual "Blue Mass" of the Diocese. This Mass remembers the Fire, Police and EMS Personnel who gave their lives on September 11, 2001 & pays tribute to the good works of all emergency services personnel serving Fairfield County. The Blue Mass is set for 10AM at St. Augustine Cathedral. Parishioners & family involved in law enforcement, fire prevention & emergency medical services are invited. To have someone remembered at this Liturgy, call the Parish Office at 746-2200.

MARRIED COUPLES

Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming Weekends will be September 15-17, 2006 and November 3-5, 2006. For more information, about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend. Please contact John & Bev Maley at (203) 364-0836 or bikmaley@aol.com or visit www.wwme.org.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend on September 22-24, 2006 at the Mt. Alvernia Retreat House in Wappingers Falls, New York. This event is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. The weekend includes personal talks by peers, personal writing time, and small group sharing. It is for those who are ready to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration please call Rosanne (914) 237-0098, Fran (914) 556-8902, Marianne (203) 426-6930 or Betsy (845) 505-4876.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Lori will be celebrant and homilist at this celebration of significant anniversaries to be held at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull on October 22 at 3PM. Marriage Vows will be renewed and commemorative certificates presented. Watch for more detail in coming weeks.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND, November 5th-15th, "*In the Spirit of Jesus*" with Joe and Fran Karpiej of Sharing Christ Ministry along with Fr. Larry Carew of Christ the King Parish and Fr. Peter Smolik of St. Lawrence Parish. \$2,275/per person. Space is limited. Contact Joe Karpiej for detailed information at 203-452-7040 or email JKarpiej@aol.com

CALENDAR
WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
8/14/06-8/20/06

Monday –8/14/06

5:30pm Feast of the Assumption Vigil Mass/Church
7:00pm Faith Sharing Support Group/Conf. Rm. B
7:30pm St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 8/15/06

Feast of the Assumption

Masses at 7:30, 9:00AM & 5:30, 7:30PM

7:00pm Kof C Officers' Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:00pm AA Meeting/Hall
7:30pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 8/16/06

Thursday – 8/17/06

9:30am Ladies Guild Sewing Group/Hall
7:00pm Kof C Business Meeting/Hall

Friday – 8/18/06

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
8:30pm AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 8/19/06

8:00am Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C
8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Conf. Rm. A/K
8:15am Parish Nurse Meeting/Conf. Rm. B
10:00am Lift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall
Blood Pressure Screenings after all Weekend Masses

Sunday –8/20/06

4:15pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

Coffee & Donuts in Hall after the 9 & 11AM Masses.
(Calendar subject to Change)

ADMISSION – DANBURY HOSPITAL

In compliance with national regulations for privacy and confidentiality of hospital patients, please be advised that if you are admitted to the hospital and wish to be visited by one of our priests it is necessary to inform the hospital of that fact. Please be sure to state St. Edward's as your Parish, that you are Catholic and when asked "Do you want your name made available to your clergy?" answer YES. Only under these conditions will we be notified of your admittance to the hospital.

Next Admin Comm.9-11-06 6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon.....9-09-06 8:30 AM
Next Staff MeetingTBA Noon
Next Finance Comm.9-28-06 7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm.8-21-06 7:30 PM