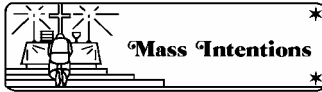


ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD



**From the
Pastor's Desk**



MONDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 AM Michael Gerramone R/B The McCartney Family

9:00 AM Mary Santariello R/B The Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM Michael Mooney R/B Buddy & Cathy McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 AM George Ryan R/B The Callahan Family

9:00 AM Robert Salvatore R/B Darien & Debra Molony

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30 AM Mary Johnston R/B The Cotumascio Family

9:00 AM Grace Perkins R/B Ladies Sewing Group

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30 AM Frank Klemczak R/B John & Bridie Joyce

9:00 AM Doris Peters R/B Dan & Gail

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 AM Thomas Brennan R/B John & Bridie Joyce

4:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

6:00 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

7:30 AM Parish Intentions Ryan

9:00 AM Parish Intentions Riendeau

11:00 AM Parish Intentions Cervero

5:15 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of Bogdan Olszewski at the request of Mrs. Fasig.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Dennis Roldan at the request of the Radowsky Family.

Parish Support

1-01-06

Budgeted Expenses.....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
Total Parish Weekly Expenses	\$17,840.00
Offertory	\$11,509.00
Monthly	\$1,028.00
Total Weekly Income	\$12,537.00
348 donors gave \$7,409.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.24. 55 donors gave \$1,805.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$32.81. 2 donors made yearly/quarterly gifts of \$800.00. In cash an estimated 151 donors gave \$1,495.00 for an average gift of \$9.90.	
1,447 attended Mass this year, 1,955 attended last year.	

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you to all our parishioners for their generosity in the 2005 Christmas Collection. The collection was \$55,185.00

**Readings for Next Week – January 22, 2006
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jon 3:1-5, 10/ 1 Cor 7:29-31/ Mk 1:14-20

Dear Friends:

The next weeks will be very busy ones for St. Edward's Parish. I ask your help in participating in activities of Parish life.

- 1) This weekend you received a prayer card. The prayer should be prayed each day, January 18th-25th. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is to invite the many followers of Christ in prayer.
- 2) The Connecticut Catholic Advocacy Network will be explained to you next weekend (January 21st-22nd). The Network will invite you to become involved in the moral fiber of American society. It will also inform you of pending legislation on State and National levels and allow you to inform your representatives regarding your informed vote.
- 3) Representatives from Immaculate High School will speak on the weekend of January 28th & 29th. A collection will be taken at the doors after mass. The Immaculate H.S. Community will be present for the 11:00 AM Mass and Immaculate H.S. students and families are invited as well as alumni. Please join them for coffee and discussion in the Hall after this Mass.

Peace,
Msgr. Ryan

LITURGY EVENTS

- February 2nd: Candlemas Day
- February 3rd: Feast of St. Blaise

CELIAC DISEASE

The Parish is ready to assist those persons who suffer from "Celiac Disease." We have been able to obtain 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Dan Kean our Parish Liturgical Minister has recently had a music piece published by GIA. We thank God for the blessing Dan Kean is to our Parish.

BAPTISM

The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Danielle Marie Browne who was baptized here last weekend.

PARISH CENSUS

We are beginning a process of assessing our Parish Census. There are 921 families listed in our census that we consider inactive. "Inactive" means a family is listed in the census but the name does not appear on any of our ministry lists, volunteer lists, Faith Formation lists and/or sacramental lists. These families will soon be receiving a letter asking them to update their Parish census.

BUDGET ISSUES

Thank you for your response to our financial discussion of December 4th. Your generosity at Christmas and end-of-year donations has brought the parish up to date with payment of our bills. Please pray for good weather and please use your make up envelopes when you are away! Thank you to those who have made suggestions for ways to improve our expenses. We will continue to monitor the points below and ask for your cooperation.

- The temperature in the building has been dropped to 66° occupied and 62° unoccupied, so please bring a sweater!
- Lighting around the Parish grounds has been limited to only essential lighting.
- Parish expenditures for supplies has been reduced by 50%
- We ask all Parish groups to clean up the rooms that have been used and turn off lights when you leave.
- We ask all parishioners to keep the Church clean. Please put hymnals back in the racks and pick up any flyers or booklets left in Church.
- With CL & P raising rates by 17% on January 1st, we ask you to please turn off lights as you leave meetings here in the Church building. The rate raise means an \$800 a month increase for our Parish.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please do not allow your children to drive their ATVs in our parking lot. It is not safe for our parishioners or visitors. Also once the parking lot is plowed and the snow piles are pushed across, it costs the Parish extra to re-clean the area.



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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Parents Who Don't Quite "Get It"

"One of the most frustrating situations for parents comes up when working with other parents who just don't "get it." They aren't bad or uncaring parents—they just don't seem to know that having the right equipment, being on time for school or for practice, or being picked up on time at the end of practice are very important to children. Parents who are actively involved in the lives and activities of their children find themselves filling in the gaps in care provided by these other parents." **Sharon Womack Doty, J.D., M.H.R.,**

**Consultant to the VIRTUS Programs
(Required Adult Training Bulletin for January 2006)**

Please read the above article either on Virtus.org or by asking for a copy of it from Jane Arseniadis. It has helpful suggestions for creating effective conversations with parents about what's missing in their participation with their child and for ways to engage the parents from the beginning.

The following dates are for "Protecting God's Children" Awareness sessions at St. Edward's: Sunday Feb. 5th at 12:45 PM and Wedn. March 8th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Please contact Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200, Ext. 11 for further info.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



Cancercare is an organization that provides free support to all those dealing with cancer, including their families. **Cancercare** has continued to offer new programs to their clients including a newly updated online support group. These are not merely "chat rooms" but formal groups that are able to receive support online, facilitated by an oncology social worker. Currently offered are 18 groups for people with cancer and their families, many of them specific to diagnosis, including groups for young adults and teens who have a parent with cancer. Bereavement groups are offered online for those who have lost a loved one and for parents of bereaved children. All this information is available on the website at www.cancercarect.org. You may also call for information at 1-800-813-4673.

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK SIGN UP SUNDAY

The *Gospel* of Christ calls us to aid those less fortunate in our society and live in a society morally pleasing to God. All Catholics are called to be active and responsible participants in our society. To help Catholics meet this challenge the Bishops of Connecticut have created the Connecticut Catholic Advocacy Network. They are asking all Catholics to sign-up in January to become part of this network. Once signed-up, you will receive e-mails or regular mail on state and federal issues of importance to people of faith. The Network will also allow you to easily contact your elected officials if you so desire. Please sign up the weekend of January 28th-29th.

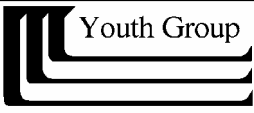
"BE AN ANGEL"

The Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is offering the "Phone Angel Program," which matches a caregiver volunteer with a caregiver in need of advice or in need of a shoulder to cry on – someone who has been through the process of dealing with an individual who has Alzheimer's. It is a wonderful way to share perspectives and to realize that others are grappling with the same issues. For more information on how you can "Be an Angel," contact Trudy Brady, Coordinator of Caregiver Services, at 866-363-6679.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

There are three thoughts to develop when making a resolution or changing a habit. The first is ...Don't look back. God knows the fruitless efforts, the wasted hours and the regrets. Leave these with Him who blots the record and forgives.

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. **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.



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

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

DATE CHANGE: Due to the scheduled dance at NFMS the Jr. Youth Group/Mystery Theatre Night is rescheduled for Friday, February 3rd at 7 to 9 PM.
Next Meeting: Friday January 20th 7 to 9 PM in the Hall. We will work on community service in addition to our usual fun. Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Call or e-mail me!

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

As we begin 2006, we pray for all children who will be born in this year. Our world has not chosen to protect life in the womb. So may we pray: Lord Jesus, come protect the life of our children!



Faith Formation

746-4270

The Office of Faith Formation is currently recruiting volunteers to be part of our Parish Education Committee. The members of this Committee will meet four times a year with Msgr. Ryan and myself.

The mission of this Education Committee is to assess the future needs of our Faith Formation Programs and assist the pastor in making the necessary recommendations which will help benefit all of our parishioners here at St. Edward's Parish.

If interested in being part of this fact-finding team, please send a letter of intent to me at the below address or by email.

Mrs. Ellen Venturini
P. O. Box 8866
New Fairfield, CT 06812
eventurini@saintedwardchurch.org



TODDLER TEA

All infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, along with their parents/caregivers, are invited to come for a morning of songs, crafts, snacks and social time. Toddler Tea is on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Church Hall, from 9:30 to 11 AM, and is open to the public. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17th. For more info, call Tricia Quinn at 746-0056.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The first right of the human person is his life. He has other goods and some are more precious, but this one is fundamental – the condition of all the others. Hence it must be protected above all others. It does not belong to society, nor does it belong to public authority in any form to recognize this right for some and not for others: all discrimination is evil, whether it be founded on race, sex, color or religion. It is not recognition by another that constitutes this right. This right is antecedent to its recognition; it demands recognition and it is strictly unjust to refuse it.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,
Declaration on Procured Abortion (1974), no. 11



Martin Luther King

OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday, January 16th, in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

**2006 COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN
LATIN AMERICA**

Next weekend, January 21st-22nd, is the annual collection for Latin America. Your gift helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit but lacking in material resources to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Over the past five years the Collection has distributed 87 percent of its income as pastoral grants. Several recent grants were used to train seminarians, provide pastoral care with those infected with HIV/AIDS, provide formation to high school students to serve as pastoral agents and develop and execute diocesan pastoral plans. Please contribute generously to this collection next weekend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee is looking for a few good workers to assist Msgr. Ryan in preparing and monitoring the Parish budget, assisting Parish staff in managing their budgets and marketing people to spread the good news about our Parish. If you have a background in finance, accounting or marketing, please send a resume or letter of interest to serve to Msgr. Ryan, P. O. Box 8866, New Fairfield, CT 06812.



"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. You can access the January issue from the Education/Resources tab on St. Edward's website homepage.

Next Admin Comm	2-07-06	6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon	2-04-06	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting	TBA	Noon
Next Finance Comm	1-26-06	7:00 PM
Liturgy Comm	1-23-06	7:30 PM

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CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1/16/06-1/22/06

Monday – 1/16/06 Martin Luther King Day

Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday – 1/17/06

9:30 a.m. – Toddler Tea/Hall

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. – Family Life Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. C

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

Wednesday – 1/18/06

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 – 1/19/06

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/Meeting Room 9/Kitchen

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

Friday – 1/20/06

9:30 a.m. – Women's Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC

3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Prayer Group/AMC

7:00 p.m. – Junior Youth Group Meeting/Hall

8:30 p.m. – AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 1/21/06

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

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

10:00 a.m. – Yoga/Hall

Sunday – 1/22/06

11:30 a.m. – "Breaking Open the Word"/Conf. Rm. C

12:00 p.m. – RCIA for Children/Conf. Rm. B

4:00 p.m. – K of C Super Bowl Celebration/ Entire Hall

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.

COUNSELING CENTER

Are you unhappy about your work life or your relationships? Get back on track. Contact Diane Merrifield, M.A. LMFT at St. Edward's Counseling Center 746-8013.

Thank You!

Thank you very much to all those people who offered to pay for the replacement of the Creche. A special thank you to Rosemarie and Dick Crawford who donated a check to cover the entire cost.