

Mass Schedule



Dear Friends,

Today we begin a journey with more than 140 children as they begin their study for the Sacrament of Reconciliation! The Children and their parents will attend two workshops and a family retreat on the way to receiving their First Penance in December.

Please keep these families in your Prayers. Peace,

Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Alexis Michele Murray and Maryanne Elizabeth Pepin who were baptized here last weekend.

WORLD MISSION COLLECTION OCTOBER 22

World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to nurture our Parish's missionary spirit by our prayerful and financial support of the Church's missionary work. Envelopes for this collection will be available in Church on the Weekend of October 21-22. Please be as generous as you can.

PARISH FINANCES 2006

- 1. There is no major capital campaign planned by the Parish to pay down the mortgage.
2. The Parish will strive to keep to a 2% growth factor.
3. We are asking each Household to consider a 4% increase in their offertory envelope this year.
4. Please make-up envelopes when you are away.
5. 103 Household use credit card donations.
6. Please make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.
7. We need your time and talent. Will you please respond when volunteers are needed.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Let us pray that we will make stewardship a way of life with God by sharing His blessings through our faith, hope and love, time, talent and treasure. As we plan the things in our lives that our most important to us:

Help us put our faith into action. Help us share our talents we have been blessed with. Help us share our treasure to do Your work. Help us serve our Church, our community and our world. Fill our minds with Your truth and our hearts with Your love, so that we may bond together as a community of faith, a Parish family, a caring people.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 7:30 AM Suzanne Dorman R/B Winnie & Vincent Rossitto
9:00 AM Joseph Baske R/B His wife, Mary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 7:30 AM Maureen M. Corcoran R/B The family
9:00 AM Maureen M. Corcoran R/B "Bill Bailey"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:30 AM Diane Dugan R/B Joyce Wawrzynski
9:00 AM Aggie Ryan R/B Flo Jurek

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 7:30 AM Thomas Sexton R/B Mr. & Mrs. Letizia
9:00 AM Mary & Louis Anello R/B Dorothy Anello

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 7:30 AM Anthony Lupinacci R/B Mr. & Mrs. E. Lupinacci
9:00 AM Intentions of Cathy & Alex Nicol in Thanksgiving (50th Anniversary)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 7:30 AM Marlene Buterla R/B Linda Riehl
4:30 PM Frank Marron R/B The Marron Family
6:00 PM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 7:30 AM Gary Gartland R/B Ann Brown
9:00 AM Elisabeth Zaccagnini R/B Frank Ascenzo
11:00 AM Donald Weinbrenner R/B The DeLeon Family
5:15 PM Pro Populo

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in Thanksgiving at the request of the Kasinskas Family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for Special Intentions.

Weekly Collections

10-1-06

Table with 2 columns: Expense/Income Item and Amount. Includes TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES (\$19,865.00), TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME (\$18,630.30), and various sub-items like Budgeted Expenses, Interest on Mortgage, Offertory, etc.

539 donors gave \$11,516.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.37. 49 donors gave \$1,216.50 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$24.83. One quarterly donor gave \$405.00. 103 Credit Card donors made gifts totaling \$2,535.00.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY EVENTS

Sun. Oct. 299AM.....Children’s Liturgy
 11AM..... Fr. Fred Farewell Mass
 5:15PM Commissioning of Youth Ministers
 Sat. Nov 4 10AM & 2PM Confirmation
 Sun. Nov 5 11AM.....Parish Mass of Remembrance
 Sun. Nov 12 11AM.....Fall Engagement Ceremony

FUTURE OPEN FORUM DATES

November 12-13
 January 28-29
 April 22-23
 July 8-9

The Open Forum is the Weekend in which the priest takes questions from the “Assembly” during the homily time. The Open Forum will be held at the 4:30PM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:15PM

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK– OCT. 22, 2006
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10: 35-45 or 10: 42-45 (146)

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND’S LITURGIES

Saturday, Oct. 21	4:30PM	Gilmartin
	6:00PM	Ryan
Sunday, Oct. 22	7:30AM	Gilmartin
	9:00AM	Cervero
	11:00AM	Ryan
	5:15PM	Ryan

FR. FRED’S MASS & RECEPTION

Fr. Fred will join us for Mass and a Reception on Sunday, October, 29th at 11AM. The Reception will be held in the Hall following the Mass. Please come and wish Fr. Fred well!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

746-0755

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER

MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

- We had a lot of fun at our kick-off and registration night with 37 kids joining. We had the Great Parish Race—Check out the bulletin board to see if you can answer the questions. We all learned about our Faith Community. Our next meeting is **Friday, October 20 at 7PM**, “Giving Thanks...”, You voted on the activity...and it will be **RELAY RACES!**
- We will join the Sr. Youth Group on a trip to Lake Compounce’s Haunted Graveyard **Friday, October 27th**. Flyer with information & permission slip will be in the bulletin and available in the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

PLEASE DON’T BLOCK THE BUSES!!

Please keep the Circular Drive in front of the old Church clear for the Faith Formation Busses between the hours of 3-5PM Mondays through Thursdays. Thank you!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults needing information on Confirmation please call Ellen Venturini at 746-4270. Classes start in October.

VOLUNTEER COOKS NEEDED

The Office of Faith Formation is looking for 3 or 4 volunteers willing to cook and serve lunch on Saturday, November 4th for Bishop Hart and the members of our clergy between our Confirmation Masses. Anyone willing to help should call Ellen Venturini in the Faith Formation Office at 746-4270 as soon as possible.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



**SICK AND HOMEBOUND
 MINISTRY**

Volunteers are needed to visit the Sick and Homebound of our Parish who can no longer attend Worship Services at St. Edward’s. Volunteers are required to visit a minimum of once per month as an extension of our Parish Family. If you have 30 minutes per month to assist your Parish, we encourage you to consider joining this wonderful ministry. For further information, please call John Anello or Donna Hanft @746-9595.

The Western CT Area Agency on Aging develops, manages and provides comprehensive services for seniors, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities in order to maintain their independence and quality of life. The Staff can assist seniors and caregivers with information pertaining to Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, public senior housing, transportation service, health services, support groups, and much more. For questions and further information on any programs of interest, contact this agency at (203) 757-5449 or 1-(800) 994-9422.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses in Conference Room B.

SAVE THE DATE

Social Concerns Parish Wide Food Drive will be held November 11-12 in preparation for the Holidays. Canned Foods, Turkeys, Hams and dry goods would be appreciated. Volunteers are needed for all Masses. If Interested, please call Donna Hanft at 746-9595 ext. 25

PARISH SERVICE

It is by continuing to give of ourselves that we continue to receive. In helping others we continue to enrich our own lives.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14

WOMEN OF WONDER

WOW, a women's discussion group (for all ages) of St. Edward the Confessor Parish Meets on alternating Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:30PM. The topics nurture Christianity in our lives and invigorate the minds and spirits of the members. At the next meeting, **Tuesday October 17**, the group will discuss **HOW DOES POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AFFECT OUR LIVES TODAY?** Pack a brown bag lunch and please join us. For additional information, please call Jan Obarowski, the Family Life Coordinator at 746-2200.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the U.S. Because treatment is more likely to be successful when breast cancer is detected early, regular screening is vital. **October 20th** is National Mammography Day. On this day, free or discounted screenings are offered. To find an FDA accredited facility contact the National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-CANCER.

SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLIC (SDRC)

Many Catholics still have misunderstandings about their personal relationship with the Church and how to deal with the Church on such topics as Annulment. Our Parish Support Group is the place to begin, whether you are recently divorced or have been divorced for a number of years. The group provides help to those who may be spiritually and emotionally hurting from divorce or separation and are searching for guidance along with an outlet for their pain. If you are in need of support, friendship or guidance or are in some way affected by separation and divorce, possibly as a family member or a friend, please come to our next Parish Support Group Meeting on **Sunday, October 22nd**, 6:30 PM. We offer confidentiality, care and compassion to our fellow sisters and brothers. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Jan Obarowski at 746-2200 Ext. 14.

TODDLER TEA

Our next Toddler Tea will be held on Tuesday, October 24th. See the bulletin insert for further details.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Brochures and Handouts related to domestic violence are available at The Women's Center of Greater Danbury, 203-731-5200 ext. 226. Calls are confidential.

WILL THE ROAD YOU'RE ON GET YOU TO MY PLACE?

GOD

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP - 746-2200, EXT. 39

ST. EDWARD'S WORK CAMP/SR. YOUTH GROUP FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOE Work Camp 2007

Please join us for the first Senior Youth Group/Work Camp Meeting on October 15 after the 5:15PM Mass. All High School Teens Welcome. Teens will meet in Parish Hall and **Workcamp Parents** will meet in Church.

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.

- Oct. 17, 7-8:30PM The "Profession of Christian Faith" "I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son"
- Nov. 7, 7-8:30PM The "Profession of Christian Faith" "I believe in the Holy Spirit"

To register, please call the Parish Office at 746-2200 and leave your name and phone number.



The Blue Ribbon Committee and Msgr. Ryan wish to thank the following individuals for their time in helping paint the AMC house and replace the roof on part of the Appalachia Garage: Alan Liner, Doris and Bill McDermott, Walt Regan, Tom Monaco, Rick Ericsson, Greg Horan, Cal Kaplow and Frank McHugh. These individuals represented the following ministries: Blue Ribbon, Workcampers, Knights of Columbus and the Friends of St. Edwards.

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.



Family Counseling

PARISH COUNSELING CENTER

Do you keep having the same arguments all the time? Learning how to identify the real issue may help. Contact our Counseling Center - Diane Merrifield, M.A.LMFT at 746-8013 for more info.

AROUND OUR PARISH

CHILDREN'S MASS BOOKS

You will find new Mass Books for our children. There is a display in the Gathering Space. Please use them to assist our children in learning about the Mass.

1. My First Missal is been placed in the pews for your use with your child during Mass.
2. Magnifikid can be picked up with the Gathering Space and the child (6-12 years) can follow along with the Mass Prayers and take it home with a follow up learning exercise.
3. The Carry-Along Books are story books for little children that are picked up in the Gathering Space and returned after Mass.
4. There are also children's envelopes. If you choose, your child can use them at offertory time.

IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AND ENTRANCE EXAM

Immaculate High School will hold its Open House on Sunday, October 15th from 1-4PM. The Entrance exam for current 8th Graders will be held on Saturday, October 21st from 8:30-11:30AM. You can register for this exam at the open house or by calling the Main Office at 203- 744- 1510. We are located at 73 Southern Boulevard Danbury, CT 06810. Visit us at www.immaculatehs.org.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT 2007

Please save the dates March 10-14, 2007 for our Annual Parish Retreat. Fr. Daniel Lanahan, OFM, Director of the Ministry of the Word for the Franciscan Holy Name Province will be our Retreat Director.

FLU HOTLINE OPENS

The American Lung Association of Connecticut's statewide Flu Hotline toll free at 1-888-NO-TO-FLU (688-6358) from 9AM to 4PM, Monday-Friday during October, November and December.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER

The Protecting God's Children program, for adults, emphasizes that people, especially those who have direct contact with minors, should know the early warning signs of an inappropriate "relationship" with a young person. The program educates individuals about the warning signs that can identify potential abuse before it happens. Also, if adults know the warning signs, we do not have to rely solely on a child to report an incident. The program is intended to raise one's awareness of other people's behavior as well as their own behavior in order to avoid a "lapse of judgement". The next protecting God's Children Safe Environment workshop at St. Edward's for all new volunteers is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th at 7PM in the Parish hall. We encourage all parents of the St. Edward's Sr. Youth Workcamp Program to register for this session by contacting Eileen Burke in the Parish Office at 746-2200 ext. 10.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

California legislators' attempt to make the state the second in the nation to allow physician-assisted suicide has been unexpectedly halted by a State Senate Committee. The deciding vote was cast by a previously undecided senator who stated he could not trust future legislatures to resist the power of money interests to expand the option of assisted suicide beyond patients facing a terminal illness. (San Diego Union Tribune, 6/28/06)

YOGA STRETCH

Make the S-t-r-e-t-c-h...men, women, seniors or young adults are invited to join us Saturday mornings at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall for a gentle but effective yoga stretching program. A healthy mind and body go hand in hand with a healthy spirit! A new session began September 30th. See the Bulletin flyer for details or call Sharon DeJoseph at 746-6915.

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES 4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Sponsored by the Women's Guild. Saturday November 4th, 9AM-3PM 3 Old Town Road, New Milford, CT

TOWNWIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please save the date November 19th, for the Annual Thanksgiving Service Sponsored by the New Fairfield Clergy Association. St. Edward's will host the service this year. It will begin at 7:00PM with a reception following.

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.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What first attracted you to your spouse? Often the very qualities that you found so endearing during courtship can become the habit that drives you crazy later in marriage because it is the over-extension of a strength. That may be why it originally was so noticeable. Watch it.

PARENTING POINTERS

"We are responsible for the process we use in parenting, not the outcome. Our children have free will and can choose their own paths, even destructive ones. We can guide. but we can't control. Sometimes all we can do is pray." (Susan Vogt, Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference)

AROUND THE DIOCESE



SENIOR SUNSHINE CENTER OF NEW FAIRFIELD

Monday, October 16 10:00 Acrylics, 10:30 "Patient Safety" – Karen Early, 12:00 Lunch, 1:00 Hot Dog Bingo

Tuesday, October 17 9-1:00 AARP Safe Driving Course, 10:30 Tai Chi, 12:00 Lunch, 1:00 Bridge, 1:00 Cards, games, 1:30 Yoga

Thursday, October 19 9-1:00 AARP Safe Driving Course, 10:30 Brain Gym, 12:00 Lunch, 1:00 Movie – The Lake House

Friday, October 20 9:00 Yoga, 10:30 Stitch by Stitch Quilting, 10:30 Bridge, 10:30 Exercise, 12:00 Lunch, 12:00 Praxair Quilters, 1:00 Poker, , 1:00 Harvest Craft, 1:30 Bible Study, 2:00 Yoga

SATURDAY, October 21 9- 2:00 Friends of the Senior Center

HEAR THE CALL!

Please visit often the Vocations website of the Diocese of Bridgeport, www.HearTheCall.org, for information on upcoming events and activities, as well as a schedule of prayer requests and intentions. **October 19** *Quo Vadis* High School Boys vocation club meeting. To RSVP or for more information on any of these events, call (203) 322-5331 or email fatherlynch@saintjohnfisher.org

EARN YOUR WINGS! EARN YOUR WINGS!

The Angel Aid program mission is to provide children in Grades K-8 from low-incoming families, regardless of race or creed, with a quality education in a safe and respectful environment where individual goals are valued and brighter futures secured. This program supports the neediest children in our Catholic schools. On Wednesday, **October 18** from 7:00-9:00PM, we invite you to come and learn more about the Angel Aid program with a special presentation from Bishop William E. Lori and sponsored children. The event will be held at St. Ann Elementary School in the historic Black Rock section of Bridgeport. For an invitation or to RSVP, please contact David Vosburg in the Office for Education: dvosburg@diobpt.org, (203) 416-1378.

CHINA ADOPTION OPEN HOUSES

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, these Open Houses are provided to the public free of charge. Individuals and couples of all faiths are invited to attend sessions at the Catholic Center, 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport. Sessions are planned for Wednesday, **October 25** at 10:30AM and 2:30PM. 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 legal, social and psychological aspects of adoption. RSVP to (203) 416-1330 or visit the adoption page of the Catholic Charities Website at www.bridgeportdiocese.com.

SAINT AUGUSTINE LECTURE SERIES:

You are invited to attend two special lectures this fall. "Praying the Sacred Scriptures" by Fr. Peter J. Cameron, O.P. (Editor in Chief of "Magnificat") on Thursday, **October 26** at 7:30PM at Saint Aloysius Parish, 40 Maple Street, New Canaan. "Evangelizing in Today's Culture" by Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, on Wednesday, **November 29**, at 7:30PM at Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish 1719 Post Road, Fairfield. Each lecture will be preceded at 6:30PM by Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction and the opportunity for confession. Admission free.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BREAKFAST

The Parish is hoping to have a table for the annual Catholic Charities Breakfast of Thursday, **October 26th** at 7:30AM at the Amber Room. The Guest Speaker will be Frank McCourt, the author of "Angela's Ashes" and "Teacher Man". A \$100.00 donation is suggested. Please RSVP to 746-2200.

THE SISTERS OF LIFE

At Villa Maria Guadalupe, 159 Sky Meadow Drive Stamford, are hosting several special events for October, "Respect Life Month," that would be of great interest in promoting and building the Culture of Life: The next event is "The Dignity of Man and Woman" with Father Francis Martin, **October 27-29**. Cost \$215/person. For more information, registration and directions, contact the Sisters: (203) 329-1492. Or email www.sistersoflife.org/vmg.htm.

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Election Day, **November 7th** is rapidly approaching. All Catholics are called to be active and responsible participants in our society, especially when exercising their right to vote. It is important for all Catholic voters to understand how the Church stands on various issues, and how the candidates for public office will, or have already, voted on them. To help Catholics meet this challenge, and to be informed voters on election day and throughout the year, the Bishops of Connecticut have created the Connecticut Catholic Advocacy Network. They are asking all Catholics to sign-up, and become part of this network. If you have previously sign-up, but have changed your email address, please take the time to update your information. Sign up at WWW.CTCATHOLIC.ORG. Once signed up you will receive e-mails on state and federal issues of importance to people of faith. You will be also be able to see how your elected officials voted on many issues. The Network will allow you to easily contact your elected officials on critical issues.

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADE BOYS

Registrations for the Fairfield Prep entrance examination are now being accepted. Please call the Prep Admissions Office (254-4210) for further information. The exam dates are **November 18, 2006**. For further Admissions information, visit the Prep website at www.prep.fairfield.edu.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday –10/16/06

- 9:30am** Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
11:15am Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
1:00pm Elizabeth Ministry/Conf. Rm. A
3:00pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 8/Hall/K
6:30pm “Waiting for Love” Group 1/Hall
7:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:30pm St. Edward’s Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 10/17/06

- 9:30am** Mom’s Morning Out/Hall
12:00pm Women of Wonder/AMC
3:00pm Children’s & Youth Choir/Church/Cry Room
3:00pm Faith Formation Babysitting/AMC
4:30pm Faith Formation Dismissal Grades 1 & 2/Hall
4:45pm Cherub Choir/Church/Cry Room
7:00pm AA Meeting/Hall
7:00pm Catechism Class/Church
7:00pm Kof C Officers’ Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:00pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 10/18/06

- 9:30am** Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
10:00am Joy Club/Hall
11:15am Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
1:00pm Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
3:00pm Faith Formation Babysitting/AMC
4:30pm Faith Formation Dismissal Gr. 3, 4 & 5/Hall
7:30pm Grief Facilitators/Conf. Rm. A
7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday – 10/19/06

- 9:00am** St. Cyril of Jerusalem Training/Hall
3:00pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 6/Hall
7:00pm Kof C Business Meeting/Hall
7:00pm Adult Confirmation Class/Conf. Rm. C
7:15pm Life in the Holy Spirit Seminar/Church
7:30pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 10/20/06

- 9:30am** Women’s Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC
3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
7:00 pm Junior Youth Group Halloween Party/Hall
8:30pm AA Women’s Group/AMC

Saturday – 10/21/06

- 8:00am** Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C
8:00am Men’s Prayer Breakfast/Conf. Rm. A/Kitchen
10:00am “Lift your Spirit” Yoga/Hall
6:00pm Kof C Mass and Reception/Church/Hall

Sunday –10/22/06

- 4:15pm** Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church
Coffee & Donuts in the Hall after the 9 & 11AM Masses
Calendar Subject to Change

Next Admin Comm. 11-14-06 6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon 11-04-06 8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting..... TBA..... Noon
Next Finance Comm..... TBA..... 7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm. 10-16-06 7:30PM