

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD**



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Mass Intentions  
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**MONDAY, APRIL 17**

7:30 AM William Dempsey R/B His Family  
9:00 AM Sister Margaret Kane R/B The Donovan Family

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18**

7:30 AM Paul DeSantis R/B Anne & Terry Guiry  
9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19**

7:30 AM William M. Boone R/B His Daughter, Belinda  
9:00 AM Maureen Corcoran R/B Sonny & Carol Cario

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20**

7:30 AM John Cybul R/B Larry Fredrick  
9:00 AM Hugh Maquire R/B Rose Maquire

**FRIDAY, APRIL 21**

7:30 AM Keith Eldridge, Jr. R/B Mario Venturini  
9:00 AM Willard & Leslie Stripling R/B  
Bob & Connie Pileggi

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

7:30 AM Robert J. Alberetti R/B His Family  
4:30 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau  
6:00 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

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

**THE CHAPEL LAMP** will burn this week for those traveling this week during school vacation.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in memory of Stanley Kozlowski at the request of his family.

**Parish Support**

4-02-06

<b>TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES</b> .....	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses.....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage.....	\$3,040.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME</b> .....	\$15,790.00
Offertory .....	\$1,916.00
Monthly .....	\$13,874.50

525 donors gave \$11,352.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.66. 76 donors gave \$1,987.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$26.14. In cash an estimated 60 donors gave \$535.50 for an average gift of \$8.92.

**EASTER COLLECTION**

There will be two collections this weekend. The first collection will be the regular Sunday collection, the second collection will be the annual Easter collection. We ask your generosity to keep our budget strong! We too have incurred high oil and electricity costs.

**WHILE YOU ARE AWAY ...**

It is the season for First Communion and Weddings. Vacation time will be here soon. Although you may be away, the Parish of St. Edward's still needs your support. Please remember to use your make-up envelopes !

**From the Pastor's Desk**

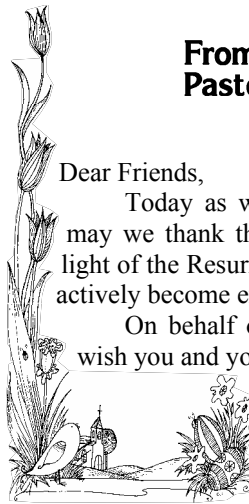


Dear Friends,

Today as we celebrate the glorious Feast of Easter, may we thank the Father for the gift of His Son. In the light of the Resurrection may we all be renewed in faith and actively become examples of Christ to others.

On behalf of the Clergy and staff of the Parish, we wish you and your families a Blessed Easter!

Peace,  
Msgr. Ryan



**LITURGY EVENTS**

April 30th..... 11:00 AM .....Engagement Ceremony  
May 6th & 7th ..... First Eucharist  
May 6th..... 6:00 PM ..... AmeriCares Mass



**Engagement**

On Sunday, April 30th, at the 11:00 AM Mass, we will celebrate our Spring Engagement Ceremony. A reception will follow. All couples who will be married in 2006 have been invited. If you have not received your invitation, please call the Parish Office, 746-2200.



**BAPTISM**

The parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Deanna Marie Berardo, Gianni Luks Fidanza and Caley Elizabeth Mansfield who were baptized here last weekend.

**Wedding**



**Banns**

II Dominic Bova & Krysten Brooks  
I Adam Hawk & Renee Northrop

**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 April. The sign up board is located next to the kitchen door.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – APRIL 23, 2006**

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER–DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Acts 4:32-35/ 1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-31



“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 April issue of “Partners in Faith” is available. Enjoy!

### OPEN FORUM

We will hold “Open Forums” at all masses on the weekend of April 29th and 30th.

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - EMERGENCY PLAN

The fire alarm system is fully operational in the Church and Parish Hall. Our emergency plan is as follows:

- If you are in the Church or Hall and see fire or smoke, sound the alarm from one of the manual pull stations;
- Whenever the alarm goes off, assist others with in orderly evacuation through the nearest exit. Do not panic!
- Wait outside until the emergency is declared “over” by the Fire Department.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

### APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

#### WEAR A BLUE RIBBON!

“During the past several years, the blue ribbon has become widely recognized as a national symbol of child abuse awareness. This movement began in the spring of 1989 when a concerned grandmother, Bonnie Finney of Norfolk, Virginia, took a stand against child abuse after experiencing the death of her grandson—a victim of abuse. She tied a symbolic blue ribbon to her van as a signal to the community of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse. After her grandson’s death, Bonnie found the courage to urge others to help fight child abuse and neglect. The spirit of her blue ribbon grew and it inspired a statewide community-based effort to join forces in this critical battle. During the past 17 years, the blue ribbon has become a national symbol of child sexual abuse.”

Michael J. Bland, Psy. D., D. Min., L.C.P.C., Consultant to VIRTUS Programs, Featured April 2006 article.

The next “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session will be held at St. Edward’s on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. **You must pre-register to attend this session**, please call Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11.

## SOCIAL CONCERNS SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



In this age of confidentiality, if you would like someone prayed for at weekend masses, please make sure you have their permission before you call in your request. We also ask the following: call and give us your name and phone number and the name of the person to be remembered in our prayers. This allows us to follow-up and keep in touch with that person’s progress. Names of the sick will be placed on the prayer list for two months unless we are notified otherwise. At the end of two months, the name will be removed and placed in the Memorial Books in the Church where we continue to remember them in our prayers at mass. You may contact the Social Concerns Ministry at 746-9595 or the Parish Office at 746-2200 to request a name to be put on our list.

### FOOD DRIVE

St. Edward’s will be conducting a Holiday Food Drive next weekend. Canned fruits, vegetables and fresh food will be collected. Your help would be appreciated.

### CATHOLICS COMING HOME

Some people who are away from the Church are in conflict with the teaching of the Church on matters of faith and morality. The Church cannot adapt its teaching by a poll or other marketing techniques. But if you are away because of a conflict of teaching, please visit one of our priests. “Catholic truth will always find a home in a heart that is searching for the truth.”

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Why is it that we always see the same few faces doing everything at Church? Quite simply it is due to a lack of volunteers. We appreciate each of those familiar faces and thank them for sharing their gifts but we also challenge more of you to get involved.

You are here with us at Mass each week, why not take a more active role? Additional people are needed for all Parish ministries. Please call John Anello, 746-9595 for more info.

### EASTER BASKETS

Many thanks to the Social Concerns Ministries of the Parish. Eight baskets of food will be distributed to families for Easter.

### PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Consider exercise as one part of an overall plan and aim for balance in the physical/psychosocial dimension related to a firm relationship with Christ.

NOTE: NO BP SCREENING THIS WEEKEND.

**WE WISH ALL A BLESSED, HOLY AND HAPPY EASTER!**



### JOIN THE PARISH E-MAIL LIST— [WWW.SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG)

Many thanks to all who have subscribed to the Parish email list. Subscribing is easy. Email us your address at [parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org](mailto:parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org) or you can subscribe directly from the home page of the Parish website. We hope to use this list to email newsworthy items to our parishioners on an as needed basis.

**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.

**April 29th-30th RENT-A-WORKCAMPER** -1 adult needed per 3-4 workcampers. Parents are needed for this Fundraiser!!  
**Parents must have Safe Environment Training.**

**AMERICARES FINAL MEETING**

Final meeting on **SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, at 6:15 PM** in the Church Hall. This is the final meeting prior to the **AMERICARES HOMEFRONT DAY on MAY 6, 2006.** Please plan on attending this meeting for directions and final instructions. All high school students need to have a student waiver form filled out and signed by a parent. All adults helping with this project MUST have attended the SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. If you cannot attend this meeting, please call Doris McDermott at 746-5539.

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

**MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG**

**JR. YOUTH GROUP (6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)**

Thank you to all the Jr. YG members and adult volunteers who helped with the Parish Easter Egg Hunt. The weather outside may have been bad but there was a lot of fun in the Hall!

**Jr. Youth Group Bowling Night:** Saturday, April 29th, 6:45 - 9:45 PM. \$15 & permission slip must be returned to me **BY** Monday, 4/24! See flyer/bulletin for more details or call.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Parish spring clean-up help is needed, Tuesday April 18th from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Double the hours if parents help! Call Marj Cutler at 746-0755 by Monday, April 17th.

**ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

The 2006 Annual Bishop's Appeal continues in our Parish. We have received pledges from 203 families totaling \$61,115.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift.

**2006 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, at our baptism you gave us a share in the mission of your church. This mission invites us to work together for the good works of Catholic Education, Catholic Charities and all those programs that bring your gospel message of love to people, especially to those less able to help themselves.

Lord, bless all our good works on behalf of the needy. The large number of people who seek our help can sometimes overwhelm us and tempt us to ask "What difference does my gift make among so many?" But help us remember that everyone's effort is important and every gift counts in your sight when, like the gift of the widow's mite in the temple that you commended, such a gift comes from a generous heart.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

The One who brought new life to us through His suffering, death and resurrection is the selfsame One who began human life as a single-celled being in the womb of His mother Mary. How many sacred little lives could be saved if we could get our mind around that truth. Great things come from small beginnings!

**WOMEN OF WONDER -**

**A WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

Women of St. Edward the Confessor Parish are invited to participate in Women of Wonder (WOW). WOW is a women's discussion group (for all ages) that will meet on alternating Tuesdays. WOW's mission is to be a community of women that invigorates minds and spirits through discussion, nurtures Christianity in daily living, reaffirms the value of the individual, and offers support. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 1:30 PM at the AMC.** Please bring a brown bag lunch. Access for the handicapped will be provided. For more information and to participate in this discussion, call Family Life Minister Jane Arseniadis, 746-2200 Ext. 11.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at the Noon Mass with Bishop Lori at St. Joseph Church in Danbury. Pope John Paul II established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence. Also you are invited every Friday in St. Edward Chapel at 3 PM for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. For more info, call Mary Lou 746-5439 or Jeanette 746-5286.

**MOMS MORNING OUT**

Mom's Morning Out presents "God's Plan for a Joy Filled Marriage." Please join us on Tuesday April 25th at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall for a video presentation by Christopher West, based on Pope John Paul II's "Theology of the Body." After the video, a discussion will be led by Danielle Bournos, Kristin Gawley and Caryn Kutzy. For more information please contact Kristin Gawley at 205-0221.

**LADIES GUILD MEETING &**

**BAKE SALE**

There will be a meeting of the Ladies Guild on Wednesday, April 26th, after the 9:00 AM Mass. Also the Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser will be on April 29th & 30th after each Mass in the Gathering Space. All bake goods and monetary contributions are welcome. Proceeds will go directly to St. Edward's Parish.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Back by popular demand, Mary Ronan, will present an evening workshop to the women of the Parish on April 27th in the Church Hall. We will have light refreshments from 7 PM to 7:30 PM followed by a presentation from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. We will be discussing Mary's book "Raising your Children in an UnGodly World" and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Peace, Joy, Patience and Kindness. A donation is requested to cover the costs. Watch the bulletin for more details.



**CALENDAR**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**4/17/06-4/23/06**

**Monday –4/17/06**

7:00 p.m. – Faith Sharing Support Group/Conf. Rm. C

7:30 p.m. – Grief Support Group/AMC

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

**Tuesday – 4/18/06**

12:00 PM - Women of Wonder/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 and Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

**Wednesday – 4/19/06**

7:30 p.m. – Social Concern’s Food Drive/Meeting Room 9

**Thursday – 4/20/06**

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

7:15 p.m. – Life in the Spirit Seminar/Church/Cry Room

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

**Friday – 4/21/06**

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

8:30 p.m. – AA Women’s Group/AMC

**Saturday – 4/22/06**

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

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

After all Masses/Book and Food Drive/Hall

**Sunday – 4/23/06**

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

6:15 p.m. – Americares Meeting/Hall

**Coffee and Donuts in the Hall after the 9 & 11AM Masses  
Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.**



The Parish would like to congratulate Joyce Wawrzynski on her certification as a Spiritual Director. Joyce has completed her studies at “Mercy Center” in Madison, Connecticut.

**LOST & FOUND**

The Lost and Found Box is overflowing with coats, boots, gloves, even a cell phone! On **April 17<sup>th</sup>** the box will be emptied and any items remaining will be **discarded.**

**YOGA**

**Spring Ahead...**Join us for Saturday morning wellness and fitness in the Parish Hall. MBSR Yoga is a gentle and enjoyable fitness program that incorporates breathing and meditation. Next 6 week session starts April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Next Admin Comm. ....5-01-06.....6:00 PM**  
**Next Blue Ribbon .....5-13-06.....8:30 AM**  
**Next Staff Meeting .....TBA .....Noon**  
**Next Finance Comm. ....5-16-06.....7:30 PM**  
**Liturgy Comm. ....4-24-06.....7:30 PM**