

Mass Schedule

A Message



MONDAY, JULY 17

7:30 AM Raymond Dimeo R/B Gail Monahan
 9:00 AM Adriana Teto R/B Her Father & Mother

TUESDAY, JULY 18

7:30 AM Louise R. Previdi R/B Mary Louise Previdi
 9:00 AM Kristin Bloomenstock R/B The Bournos Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

7:30 AM Daniel Toomey R/B May Toomey
 9:00 AM MaryAnn Roginski R/B
 Sylvester & Eleanor Klejna

THURSDAY, JULY 20

7:30 AM Alice Laurich R/B The Donovan Family
 9:00 AM Vincent P. Blake R/B The Family

FRIDAY, JULY 21

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 AM John & Philomena Pileggi R/B
 Bob & Connie Pileggi

SATURDAY, JULY 22

7:30 AM Intention of Coleen Nunzita R/B Her Parents
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Ryan
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Gray

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of Nick Bisaccia at the request of Christine.

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



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Mac Devlin Blackwell and Francesco Vincent DiBlasi who were baptized here last weekend.

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan

Wedding Banns

III Nichola Biasetti & Robyn Kelly
 I Mario Marcellino & Kristen Blank

Weekly Collections

7-02-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$15,243.00
Offeratory	\$13,685.50
Monthly	\$1,558.00

494 donors gave \$10,917.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$22.10. 43 donors gave \$819.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$19.05. 1 donor made a quarterly gift in the amount of \$270.00. In cash an estimated 159 donors gave \$1,679.00 for an average gift of \$10.56. 1,783 attended mass this year, 1,753 attended mass last year.

2007 MASS BOOK

We will open our 2007 Mass Book on Tuesday, August 1st. Please come to the Parish Office with your dates and intentions.

MONTHLY ENVELOPE

We have changed our monthly envelope to be used as 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 which will save the Parish refinancing and future interest. The plan is to pay our debt in a manner that will continue to keep the Parish caring for the needs of our parishioners.

You will be receiving a letter from Msgr. Ryan by August 1st. The new envelope will be in your August packet. Msgr. Ryan will give a full financial report to the Parish in September 2006.

WHILE YOU ARE AWAY...

This is the season for weddings and vacations. Remember while you are away, the Parish of St. Edward's still needs your support. Please remember your make-up envelopes when you are away!

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY & MUSIC - 746-6945

CELIAC DISEASE

The Parish is able 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK - JULY 23, 2006
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jer 23: 1-6 Eph 2: 13-18 Mk 6: 30-34 (107)

JUNIORYOUTH GROUP -
746-0755
(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)
FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER
MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

Have a fun, but safe, summer!
Congratulations to all our 8th grade graduates!!

I'm still looking for feedback on this year's Jr. Youth Group and ideas for next year's; e-mail your responses.

Interested in becoming part of our Core Team for next year? Call if interested... parents and kids interested will meet in August to plan; date and details to follow.

Need Service Hours? Call for list of opportunities... August 27th: Help is needed with games at the Parish Picnic. Call if you can help and e-mail any ideas!

Many thanks to those who contributed their "time & talent" weeding & mulching, cleaning in the Church and Gathering Space:

Megan Cammarota, Lizzie La Regina, Mrs. La Regina, Nick LaMonica & Dom Generali.

Your service is greatly appreciated and a shining example of the living presence of Jesus Christ!



"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 July issue of "Partners in Faith" is available. Enjoy!

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

WHEELS FOR SENIORS makes available power (electric) wheelchairs to senior citizens and those permanently disabled of any age, usually at no out of pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk, cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair in their home and who meet the additional qualifications of this program. For more details, call 1-888-294-9005.

DANBURY HOSPITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS AT THE PRAXAIR CANCER CENTER
Information and RSVP: (203) 797-7771

Look Good, Feel Better
June 12th, July 10th, August 14th, September 11th
10 AM - Noon
Praxair Cancer Center Conference Room

Breast Cancer Information Class
June 14th, 28th; July 12th, 26th; August 8th, 23rd;
September 13th, 27th
4:00 -5:30 PM
Ruth C. Donovan Resource Center

AREA SENIOR SERVICES

The Social Concerns Team has recently developed an updated list of senior services programs that are available to the Danbury area. Programs include: Agency on Aging, Energy Assistance, Counseling, Healthcare and Housing Options. For more information, please contact the Social Concerns Office.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Blood Pressure Screening after all masses this weekend in Conference Room B.

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.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We have a number of children in our Parish with life threatening food allergies (especially peanut products). We are asking that no food OF ANY KIND be brought into the Church Worship Space. The safety and well being of our children is our primary concern. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you!



Please save the date for the Annual Parish Picnic, Sunday, August 27th. Tickets will go on sale July 29th and 30th. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this FUN FAMILY DAY! Please call Msgr. Ryan at 746-2200 Ext. 16 if you'd like to help. There will be food, music, and games for all ages! Please join us!

MISSION APPEAL

We ask your generosity for the work of the Church's Mission throughout the world. On this weekend of July 15th & 16th missionaries from around the world will be speaking in parishes throughout the Diocese. Fr. Joseph Dorcin of Marycare will be speaking and the second collection will be for the Mission Appeal.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Our Christmas in July letters were mailed a few weeks ago. Your donation to this Appeal enables our Parish to maintain its buildings and grounds. We ask you to be generous in your response. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the Parish Office.

ABA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has concluded. We reached our \$175,000.00 goal by adding \$8,300.00 of Parish funds. We thank the 687 families who contributed to our Appeal.

PART TIME POSITION

Parish Office Part Time Front Desk Position available - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 to 5. Primary Responsibility: Bulletin Editor. Individual must know Microsoft Publisher, Word, Outlook and Access. Must be able to multi task: answer phones, typing, filing, etc.

For additional information, please contact Luanne Hogan, Office Manager, at Ext 11 or forward resume to Luanne at the Parish Office.



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

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.

Workcamp Information -

July 21st: Pack Vans—Time and Place TBA

July 22nd-29th: WORKCAMP WEEK

July 30th: Welcome Home Mass 5:15 PM

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

**Expressing Your Concerns
Can Make a Difference**

"In A Plan to Protect God's Children, we learn that by speaking with someone, we are "not accusing someone of being a child abuser; (we) are simply pointing out something of concern."

Those of us engaged in the Church's many forms of ministry must be willing to express concerns. We must *also* be open to feedback from others. It is important for us to view our actions through others' eyes. When we are willing to make changes, we, too, create an environment where the warning signs of a potential abuser become obvious, thus we become even stronger protectors of children."

VIRTUS Training Bulletin Posted on: 2006-06-13

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Sessions at St. Edward's are: July 19th at 7PM and August 23rd at 7PM. Please call Jane at Ext. 14 to register.



COUNSELING CENTER

Have you and your spouse lost touch with each other? Do you feel like you are leading separate lives? Learn to recreate the romance and passion in your relationship. Contact Diane Merrifield, M.A. LMFT at St. Edward's Counseling Center 746-8013.

AROUND OUR PARISH



In gathering my thoughts of farewell, first and foremost, I want to thank everyone who has allowed me the opportunity to share in ministry and celebration. To the many children with whom I was able to minister and help them grow in their quest for Jesus Christ through their faith formation classes and First Communion programs. Also, to the families who regularly attend the 9 AM Mass I thank you and your children for sharing your faith, your household and familial mishaps and always keeping me on my toes throughout my homilies and in the celebration of God's love in the Mass. Your smiles and enthusiasm has brought much joy to my life. To all parishioners my thanks and gratitude for being able to share my priesthood and ministry in truth, integrity and sincerity.

The pressing need for a priest in Westport has caused my assignment to move quickly. However I would hope to return in the fall when I might have an opportunity to bid farewell in a more appropriate setting than through a bulletin announcement.

It is with mixed emotions I leave St. Edward Parish. I am saddened as I leave wonderful, dedicated, hard-working and Christ-filled people -- men, women and children with whom I have enjoyed being with and sharing in faith. I am happy because I leave New Fairfield to continue my ministry in service to the people of God.

My three years in New Fairfield have been as challenging as they have been graced through your prayers, support, love and friendship. During this time if I have offended, kindly forgive me. During this time if I have been able to help you in any way, I thank you. During this time if I have helped bring you closer to Christ, thank Him. During this time for your many kindnesses, may God bless you.

My departing thought and prayer is in the hope of strength, peace and courage guided through the grace of the Holy Spirit that your hearts and lives be filled with the love of God and His beloved son Jesus Christ.

As I bid farewell I ask your prayers in the promise of mine for each of you.

Fr. Fred Riendeau
St. Luke Parish
84 Long Lots Road
Westport, CT 06880

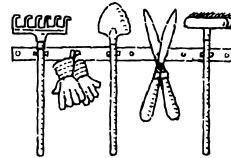


SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH

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 10 PM. 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!



Help Us Maintain the
Church Grounds

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.



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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"There is nothing more admirable than two people who see eye-to-eye keeping house as man and wife, confounding their enemies and delighting their friends." (Homer, 9th Century, BC) Marriage is pretty ancient. Renew yours each day.

PARENTING POINTERS

Another summer sanity strategy: Consider instituting a "quiet hour" each day (perhaps after lunch). Children go to a bedroom to nap, read, play quietly or daydream. They don't have to sleep, but you might want to.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision that essentially legalized abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy, has long been considered to be poor constitutional law, even by those who support its outcome. U. S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a *Roe* supporter, states, "it would have been a more acceptable judicial decision if it had not gone beyond a ruling on the (state abortion law) before the court. Heavy-handed judicial intervention was difficult to justify and appears to have provoked, not resolved, conflict." *National Catholic Register*, 2-26-3/4/04 editorial, "Lone Ranger's Last Stand."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DINNER DANCE

St. James Single Seminar Group/CT Catholic Singles Group will be having a Dinner Dance on Saturday, July 22nd at Vazzy's 19th Hole Restaurant at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield. Cost is \$25 and includes DJ, hot buffet, coffee and dessert. RSVP by July 19th to Mary Ann at 203-381-0331 or email Sjaseminar@aol.com

"RED, WHITE AND BLUES"

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is sponsoring a Concert of American Music entitled "Red, White and Blues" on Sunday, July 30th at 1:30 PM. Featuring music by Barber, Ives, Joplin, Sousa and others. Special Guest Performer will be Rev. John Welge of Blairstown, New Jersey. A free will offering will be taken. Immanuel Lutheran Church and School is located at 18 Clapboard Ridge Road in Danbury.

HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH RALLY

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

"BLUE MASS"

On September 10th, Bishop Lori will celebrate the Liturgy at the fifth annual "Blue Mass" of the Diocese. This Mass will be celebrated to remember the Fire, Police and EMS Personnel who gave their lives in service to others on September 11, 2001 and to pay tribute to the good works of all emergency services personnel serving the 21 cities and towns of Fairfield County. This year's Blue Mass will take place at Saint Augustine Cathedral at 10:00 AM. Any parishioner and their family who are involved in law enforcement, fire prevention and emergency medical services are invited. If you would like to have someone remembered at this special Liturgy, please contact the Parish Office at 746-2200 with the name and address the individual so the Diocese may extend this invitation.



The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held September 15th-17th. Watch the bulletin for more details.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

A weekend retreat for women entitled "*The Truth Will Set You Free*" will be held on September 15th-17th at Mercy Center on Long Island Sound in Madison, Connecticut. This retreat led by Fran Karpiej and team from Sharing Christ Ministry, will include morning and evening prayer, enlightening presentations, personal time for quiet reflection and more. A \$65/per person deposit with registration is required by August 15th. Space is limited. Contact Fran: 203-452-7040, 16 Stag Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611 or email PAXJC@aol.com.

EDUCATION+PARISH+SERVICE (EPS)

Do you seek an adult understanding of your childhood faith? Do you want to understand *and live* the teachings of the Catholic Church? Are you being called to become more active in your parish, but feel unprepared intellectually and spiritually? EPS educates lay Catholics to know and live their faith. Register now for certificate program classes which begin in September. EPS meets at St. Philip Church, 25 France Street in Norwalk. For information contact Mary Chalupsky at 203-877-1905 or email EPSCTRecruiter@trinitydc.edu.

SR. CATHERINE FANNING AWARD DINNER

St Joseph High School in Trumbull will hold its Sixth Annual Sr. Catherine Fanning Award Dinner on Saturday, November 4th at the Trumbull Marriott. Honorees this year are Mr. Kenneth Mayo, Mr. Francis McGettigan, Sr. Michelle Reho, St. Joseph's Manor and Ms. Mary Ann Wasil Nilan '82. Anyone interested in sponsor or ticket information, please contact the Alumni Office at 203-377-0350 X 325 or email Imallon@sjcadets.org

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

GOD BOX

Exercise daily.
Walk with the Lord!

CALENDAR
WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
7/17/06-7/23/06

Monday – 7/17/06

7:00 pm Faith Sharing Support Group/Conf. Rm. B
7:30 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:30 pm St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 7/18/06

7:00 pm K of C Officer's Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:00 pm AA Meeting/Hall
7:30 pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 7/19/06

Thursday – 7/20/06

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

Friday – 7/21/06

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

Saturday – 7/22/06

8:00 am Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C

Sunday – 7/23/06

4:15 pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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

LANGUAGE CHANGE AT MASS

Many of you have asked about recent reports regarding the U.S. Bishops passing a new translation of prayers at Mass. Here are two FAQs.

1. Why are the prayers changing?

Main reason: New Vatican Rules (formal equivalence) in 2001 require translations to follow original Latin more strictly and completely; thus new translation adheres far more closely to the Latin text issued by the Vatican. New translation replaces 1970 (dynamic equivalence) rules encouraging relatively free translations emphasizing adaptation to forms of expression in the native language when grammar or syntax of original language was different.

2. When will this happen?

Bishop Trautman, Chairman of the USCCB Liturgy Committee, stated one to two years after the Vatican has approved the new text.

Next Admin Comm.8-07-06 6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon.....8-05-06 8:30 AM
Next Staff MeetingTBA Noon
Next Finance Comm.9-28-06 7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm.7-17-06 7:30 PM