

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD



Dear Friends,

On the Weekend of September 30-October 1, I will be speaking at all the Masses regarding the Parish Annual Financial Report. The presentation will give general Parish information and advise of the Parish financial standing. A full financial report will be available after Masses.

The parts to be covered:

- 1) Thank you to the Parishioners for their Support!
- 2) Overview of Parish Income and Expenses.
- 3) The plan for repayment of the Church mortgage.
- 4) The financial commitment needed to fund the Parish.

I will look forward to your sharing in an understanding of the Parish and its operation.

Peace,

Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Grace Anne Kelly, Salvatore Joseph Aversano, Ashley Lynn Taranto and Amanda Patricia Taranto who were baptized here last weekend.

III Erik Liguori & Jennifer Hoffman

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to welcome all our new parishioners who have moved into our Parish. We ask you to come to the Parish Office and fill out a census card. Hours for the office are listed on the front page of the bulletin. If you have any questions, please call Luanne Hogan at 746-2200, Ext. 11.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

We are asking all couples who are having their babies baptized at St. Edward's to participate in our Parish Pre-Baptismal Class. If godparents are nearby, they are also welcome to attend. The Parish leadership invites you to use our Pre-Baptismal Class as a moment to build a community among our young families and grow in our faith.

CHURCH/OFFICE/HALL SECURITY

In order to secure our Church/Office/Hall, the following doors will be opened each day: The main doors to the Gathering Space will be open from 6:30AM until closing. The Chapel Door facing Brush Hill Road is open 24 hours a day. Please enter the Parish Office through the Gathering Space. All other doors will be locked except when opened for Parish functions. The rear corner door of the Church has been made an emergency exit.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 7:30 AM Maria Jeane Tigre R/B The Gallucci Family
- 9:00 AM Richard Burdick R/B The Cunningham Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 7:30 AM Robert O'Brien R/B Maria & Jack C. Rogers
- 9:00 AM Diane Dugan R/B Jim & Mary Pat Toner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7:30 AM Joseph Carlucci R/B Geri & David Hutchings
- 9:00 AM John S. Boyle R/B Patty & Jim Carroll & Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 7:30 AM Elizabeth McEvoy R/B The Polinchock Family
- 9:00 AM Hilda & William Formica R/B Dorothy Anello

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 7:30 AM John Verraastro R/B The Kaplow Family
- 9:00 AM Thomas Cunningham R/B The Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 7:30 AM Pasquale Fanelli R/B Antoinette & Tony DiBuono
- 4:30 PM James Carter Sr. R/B The Family
- Robert Draxdorf R/B The Family
- 6:00 PM Daniel O'Connor R/B Erin Murphy

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 7:30 AM William Donovan Sr. R/B The St. Edward's Staff
- 9:00 AM William Anthony Donovan R/B David & Geri Hutchings
- 11:00 AM John Burra R/B Carolyn LePrine
- John O'Sullivan R/B The Valenti Family
- 5:15 PM Pro Populo

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of John S. Boyle at the request of Patty & Jim Carroll.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Salvatore & Vincenza Modica at the request of their daughters, Jacqueline and Sandra.

Weekly Collections

9-3-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$19,865.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$16,825.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$20,416.50
Offertory	\$15,164.00
Monthly	\$2721.00
Credit Cards	\$2,531.25

536 donors gave \$11,974.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$22.34. 44 donors gave \$1,333.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$30.30. 2 quarterly donors made gifts totaling \$515.00. 102 Credit Card donors made gifts totaling \$2,531.50 In cash, an estimated 175 donors gave \$1,351.50 for an average gift of \$7.72. 2,106 attended mass this year, 1,763 attended last year.

LITURGY & MUSIC – 746-6945

LITURGY EVENTS

September 23rd.....4:30PM.....3rd, 4th &5th Grade Mass
September 24th9:00AM.. First Birthday Blessing Mass
September 24th11AM..... Anointing of the Sick
September 30th12:15PM Blessing of the Animals

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND’S LITURGIES

Saturday, Sept. 23 4:30PM Ryan
6:00PM Cervero
Sunday, Sept. 24 7:30AM Gilmartin
9:00AM Cervero
11:00AM Ryan
5:15PM Cervero

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK– SEPT. 24, 2006
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16- -4:3 Mk 9:30-37 (134)



ATTENTION SINGERS!
CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE BEGINNING.
DETAILS IN THE ENCLOSED FLYER.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please join us for a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, September 24th at 11AM. The Sacrament of the Sick is the Sacrament of Healing and Strength for those who are currently enduring illness, or for those who have chronic illness and age.

Msgr. Ryan, Fr. Joe and Msgr. Gilmartin will be here to anoint those present during the Liturgy. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 746-2200.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP -
746-0755

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER

MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

We invite all 6th, 7th, & 8th graders from St. Edward’s to join the Junior Youth Group. Our meetings are held, generally, the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month beginning in October. Watch for our Registration & Kick-Off Meeting as we get closer to the date.

PARISH BAKE SALE

The Parish needs help baking and selling baked goods after all Masses on September 23rd and 24th. Your service would be greatly appreciated; please call to sign up for the Mass you are attending.

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

PARENTS OF NEW AND FIRST GRADE STUDENTS
MUST VISIT THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE
M-TH. 9AM –2PM TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES.

FAITH FORMATION MASSES & INFORMATION-
STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE &

PARENTS MUST ATTEND TO SIGN FOR BOOKS

Parents with students in 1st and 2nd grade will celebrate the
11:00 Mass on Sunday Sept. 17th.

Parents with students in 3, 4, 5 grade will celebrate the
4:30 Mass on Saturday, Sept. 23rd.

Parents with students in 6, 7, 8 grade will celebrate the
4:30 Mass on Saturday, Sept. 16th.

The first day of classes are as follows:

Grade 6 Thurs., Sept. 21st Church Hall
Grade 7 Mon., Sept. 25th Church Hall
Grade 1,2 Tues., Sept., 26th Consolidated School
Grade 3,4,5 Wed., Sept., 27th MHHS
Grade 8 Mon, Oct., 16th Church Hall

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



SICK AND HOMEBOUND
MINISTRY

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The Community Action Committee of Danbury announces that potential clients for heating assistance (oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) can call the office immediately to make an appt. to determine eligibility for the Energy Assistance Program. Appointments will start immediately, although the first deliveries of fuel will not commence until November 1, 2006. You can make an appt. by calling (203) 748-5422, x-100. Clients who heat with natural gas or electricity are encouraged to apply, although they are advised to continue making payments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bereavement Ministry– Members of this Ministry provide assistance and support for grieving families after the loss of a loved one, as well as inviting families to participate in the planning of the Funeral Liturgy. Training and resource material will be provided. For further information, please contact John Anello at 746-9595 ext. 24.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses in Conf. Rm. B.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Social Ministry is a vehicle to enhance the Parish’s desire to be Christ to the world. Parish Social Ministry helps the Parish develop and support its own leadership in social ministry, create partnerships with Catholic social agencies and the wider church, and strengthen its linkages to other faith communities and the larger civic community.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14

MOM'S MORNING OUT

"Come Follow Me!" was met with enormous enthusiasm by all. Our next session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th. We will begin promptly at 9:30 AM. Please come and strengthen your faith life. This program is open to the entire Parish; registration forms are available in the Parish Office. For further information, please call Kim at 746-6675 or Therese at 746-3139.

WOMEN OF WONDER (WOW)

WOW, a women's discussion group (for all ages) of St. Edward the Confessor Parish meets on alternating Tuesdays from 12:00 noon to 1:30 PM. The topics nurture Christianity in our daily lives and invigorate the minds and spirits of the members. At the next meeting on Tuesday, September 19th, the group will discuss What are some of the typical fears and stereotypes that you have when you hear the word "evangelism"? What keeps you from sharing the Good News with others? Pack a brown bag lunch and please join us. For additional information, please call Jan Obarowski, the Family Life Coordinator, at 746-2200, ext. 14.

FIRST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

On Sunday, September 24 at the 9AM Mass, we will celebrate the First Birthdays of all our children born in the months of July, August, and September 2005. Following Mass, there will be a reception in the Church Hall for families. Please call Kathie Murtha 746-1523, Heather Ann Flagello, 746-5687, or Janet Hansen 746-1919 to RSVP or with questions.



SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Perhaps your son or daughter is going through divorce and separation and you wish to reach out and help. Or perhaps you personally are upset and hurt by this change within your family and do not know what to do or say. We welcome you to join us at our Separated and Divorced Support Group Meetings. We invite all who are in need of support, friendship, and guidance during times of stress, uncertainty, pain, loss and loneliness. We welcome all who are in some way affected by separation and divorce, including family members. We offer confidentiality, care and compassion to our fellow sisters and brothers. Meetings are held twice a month on Sunday evenings at the Adult Ministry Center. Our next meeting will be on September 24th at 6:30PM Just come by or contact Jan Obarowski if you wish more information (746-2200).



LADIES' GUILD WELCOMING TEA

The Ladies Guild will hold a Welcoming Tea on Wednesday, September 27th, at Noon in the Church Hall. All ladies of the Parish are invited. Come join the fun and wear a Hat!

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP - 746-2200, EXT. 17

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. All High School Teens Welcome. See you on the 15th. Reminder, All Workcamp Applications due by September, 30th.

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.

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.

- Sept. 19, 7-8:30PM The Profession of Faith-Section One
"I believe-We believe"
- Oct. 3, 7-8:30PM The "Profession of Christian Faith"
" I believe in God the Father"
- 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.

LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR

You are invited to a seminar on the Holy Spirit, using the gifts from your Baptism. Come be blessed with this new release of God's Love. Thursdays between 7:15-8:30PM in St. Edward Church beginning September 21st through October 26th. The course may be taken more than once. The registration fee is \$5.00. For more information, Call Mary Lou 746-5439 or Joan 860-355-3673.

CAN YOU HELP US WITH PRINTING??

On occasion, we send formal invitations for events here at our Church. In the past, a very gracious parishioner provided for our printing needs. Unfortunately that source is no longer available, so we are seeking some assistance. If you can help, please contact Jan Obarowski at 746-2200 Ext. 14. Thank you.

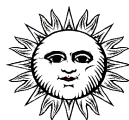
AROUND OUR PARISH

ST. EDWARD'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED!!

The Blue Ribbon Committee needs your help! On Saturday, September 30th, the Committee will be replacing the roof on the white garage behind the AMC. They also have a few painting jobs which need to be completed. The day will begin at 8:30AM. We can use many hands to make the work go quickly. For more information, please contact Pete Greco at 746-0744.

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.



NEW FAIRFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Jewelry 101: Protecting the Family Jewels with Joe Brandt-That's what this one hour program will cover-basic facts you should know about fine jewelry. He will cover home security measures, proper care, general options for selling, intelligent estate planning, insurance guidelines and what to look for (and look out for) when buying. Please do not bring jewelry to this event, it's not for appraisals. Monday, September 18th at 1PM.

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER

A major goal of the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Safe Environment program is to assist the Church in being a safe haven for children. This is done by educating and uniting adults who are willing to continue to grow in their knowledge of the reality surrounding child sexual abuse. This diverse group of adults including parents, grandparents, guardians, clergy, lay employees and lay volunteers know the warning signs of abuse, help control access to our children, monitor all programs, and speak responsibly about their concerns. While creating such a safe environment protects children and youth, it also restores the confidence of parents that the leaders and care takers of their children are aware and watching for potential risk. Moreover, such knowledge of the reality surrounding child sexual abuse can also help victims and survivors in the healing process. More than 700 staff and volunteers from St. Edward's parish have been trained in this program.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

On June 20, Senator San Brownback of Kansas held a Capital Hill press conference which featured a group of people whose lives have been changed as a result of adult stem cell research. Included in the group were patients who have been treated successfully with adult or umbilical cord stem cells for conditions ranging from leukemia and cerebral palsy to birth related brain damage, heart disease and paralysis from spinal cord injury.

THANKS FROM THE ST. EDWARD'S GOLF COMMITTEE

The Golf Committee would like to thank all the volunteers and donors who made the Seventeenth Annual St. Edward's Golf Classic a success for the Knights of Columbus and, of course, St. Edward's Parish. The outing raise over \$4,600 and we look forward to next years golf outing. Volunteer helpers were William and Anne Fricke, Matt and Carl Savino, Joseph Carlucci, Mary Ellen and Christine Cosentino and Rob Dietelbaum. We also thank our donors listed on the enclosed flyer.

Thank You!

Thank you to all those parishioners who have signed on to the SBC Community Connections. As of July 1st, we received another check in the amount of \$297.82. St. Edward's has received a total of \$13,204.34 to date. If you are a SNET ALL Distance User, 5% of your long distance calling monthly will be donated to St. Edward the Confessor Church. Join SBC Community Connections by calling 1-800-635-7638 and mention our account # 2366.



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

"An enduring marriage is more than simply endurance. It is a process of growth into an intimate friendship." (Follow the Way of Love). Think of a good friend from childhood? Tell your spouse what made that friendship special and how he or she is more special.

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

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PRE-SCHOOL

There are openings available in the 3-year old and the 4-year old programs. The programs are located at 85 Great Plain Road in Danbury and are accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. For further information, please call 748-1217.

THEOLOGY ON TAP WITH FR. PETER TOWSLEY

Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 7:30PM at the Pasta Garden 174 Federal Road Brookfield. The topic is the roles of parents, schools, the Church and society in the Transmission of Faith in the Family?

DANA IN CONCERT

Sponsored by the Women of Solidarity. Relevation 12 Music Ministry will also perform. The concert will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at 7PM at St. Ann's Parish 481 Brewster Street, Bridgeport. Tickets are \$3 in Advance and \$5 at the door. Purchase Tickets at www.womenofsolidarity.org or call 203-583-8069.

NEW FAIRFIELD LIONS CLUB SPONSORS DINNER DANCE

To raise funds for "Campaign Sight First" to fight the major causes of Blindness. The Dance is Saturday, September 30th at 7:00PM at The Club at River Oaks, 2 Evans Road, Sherman CT. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. For more information, visit www.newfairfieldlions.org or contact Lion Krystyna Kappes, 746-7920 or Lion Ellen Fecci, 746-3292.

OPEN HOUSE AT FAIRFIELD PREP

Fairfield Prep invites all seventh and eighth grade boys and their families to an OPEN HOUSE Sunday, October 1, 2006 from 2-4PM. Meet faculty, administrators and students to learn more about Fairfield Prep's many offerings. For directions to Prep and for more information, visit the Fairfield Prep website at www.prep.fairfield.edu and click on the Admissions page.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CARNIVAL!

St. Joe's will be holding a Carnival on Friday, Oct. 6th (6-10 PM), Saturday, Oct. 7th (1-10 PM) and Sunday, Oct. 8th (1-5 PM) on the parish grounds in Brookfield. The carnival is open to everyone! With rides, food, games and more, it is sure to be a fun time for the entire family. Wrist bands will be available for rides. Parking will be available across the street at Center School, the Historical Society, the Old Township Building and the Congregational Church (during select hours). A free shuttle will be available from the Brookfield Town Hall parking lot to St. Joe's on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6-10 PM. Hope to see you there!

WOMENS' RETREATS AT HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

A retreat is a break from our daily lives and a chance to restore our connection to God, our ultimate source of strength. Holy Family Retreats offer prayer services, workshops, private conferences and time to reflect, rest and pray. Women's Retreats are set for Oct. 6-8, 2006, Jan. 5-7, and Jan. 26-28, 2007. Registration forms are in the Office.

THE OPERA "SAN IGNACIO" COMES TO FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

The Fairfield University Catholic Studies program presents "San Ignacio", a rare and beautiful Baroque chamber opera from the ancient Jesuit missions of Paraguay, on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14 at 8PM. The performances mark only the second time "San Ignacio" has been performed in the United States in recent years, making this a must-see for music lovers. Tickets are \$25, \$5 for students and are on sale now. For information contact the Box office at 203-254-4010 or 1-877-ARTS-396.

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. Couples celebrating one of the following anniversaries (15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th and 50+ years) during the months of July-December are welcome to attend with your family and friends. Please contact the Parish Office at 746-2200 to register for this celebration. Registration Deadline is October 10th.

MAN'S WAY LEADS TO A HOPELESS END.

GOD'S WAY LEADS TO ENDLESS HOPE!

FAIRFIELD COUNTY CATHOLIC

Fairfield County Catholic, the monthly newspaper of the Diocese of Bridgeport, is mailed free of charge to every Catholic household in Fairfield County. If you are not receiving *Fairfield County Catholic*, please call 203-372-4301 Ext. 452, or e-mail fcc@diobpt.org.

THE SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday the televised Mass produced by the Passionist Community is available in the New York Metropolitan area. (WNYW at 5:30 AM, WLNY at 9:00 AM, WPXN at 9:30 AM;) Check your newspaper or television listing for the channel number. Closed captioning is also available for each Mass.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9/18/06-9/24/06

Monday –9/18/06

9:30am Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
10:00am Grade 6 Teacher Meeting/Mtg. Rm. 9
11:15am Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
7:00pm Family Life Meeting/Conf. Rm. C
7:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:30pm St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 9/19/06

10:00am Grade 7 Teacher Meeting/Mtg. Rm. 9
12:00pm Women of Wonder/AMC
3:00pm Children's and Youth Choir/Church/Cry Room
7:00pm AA Meeting/Hall
7:00pm Knight of Columbus Officers Mtg./Conf. Rm. A
7:00pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 9/20/06

9:30am Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
10:00am Grade 1,2 Teacher Mtg./Meeting Room 9
10:00am Joy Club/Hall
11:15am Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
1:00pm Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
7:30pm Adult Choir/Church

Thursday – 9/21/06

9:30am Rosary Hill Sewing Group/Hall
10:00am Grade 3,4,5 Teacher Mtg./Mtg. Room 9
3:00pm Faith Formation Grade 6 Classes/Hall
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Business Mtg./Hall
7:15pm Life in the Holy Spirit Seminar/Church
7:30pm Contemporary Choir/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 9/22/06

9:30am Women's Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC
3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
8:30pm AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 9/23/06

8:00am Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C
4:30pm Faith Formation Grade 3,4,5 Mass & Mtg.
Church/Hall

After all Weekend Masses/ Parish Bake Sale/Hall

Sunday –9/24/06

9:00am First Birthday Blessing Mass/Church
4:15pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church
6:30pm SDR/AMC
Coffee & Donuts in the Hall after the 9 & 11AM Masses
Calendar Subject to change

**“LET’S MEET AT MY HOUSE
BEFORE THE GAME”**

GOD

Next Admin Comm. 10-2-06 6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon 10-07-06 8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting..... TBA..... Noon
Next Finance Comm..... 9-28-06 7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm. 9-18-06 7:30PM