

Mass Schedule



Honor
your father:
Father's
Day

A Message



from the
Pastor

MONDAY, JUNE 19

7:30 AM Mary Ann Cunningham R/B
Thomas & Mary Foley
9:00 AM Jennie & Dominic Dalessio R/B The Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7:30 AM In Honor of the Blessed Mother R/B
Bridie & John
9:00 AM Margaret Carillo R/B Vincent & Maureen Hussian

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM John Kelly R/B Bob Duplessis

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

7:30 AM Estelle Fitzpatrick R/B Son, Joseph
9:00 AM Joseph Fitzpatrick R/B Son, Joseph

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

7:30 AM Jeanette & Gerard Mergardt R/B
The Zinser Family
9:00 AM Thomas Cali R/B Jane & Rob Stagno

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

7:30 AM Catherine Breslin R/B The Conroy Family
4:30 PM Parish Intentions Ryan
6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of Brian Murphy at the request of the Murphy family.

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 Nora Ellen Kane who was baptized here last weekend.

Wedding Banns

- III Patrick Raffaele & Kathryn Gerety
- I Anthony Massa & Sara DeMasi
- I Aaron Smolick & Carly Buszta
- I John LaRosa & Andrea Balderas

MASS TIMES

If you are traveling over the holidays or are on vacation you can access information on all U.S. Catholic Churches and missions by calling 1-410-676-6000 or use the web site (www.masstimes.org). By entering the area code or zip code, a caller receives the location of a nearby church, its phone number, times of Mass and the language of Mass. This information is available to travelers 24 hours everyday.

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH

On occasion we receive monies from the estates of parishioners. These monies are very helpful in financially securing our future. Monies left to the Parish by means of your will or charitable remainder trusts are beneficial to the work of your Parish. For further information, please contact Msgr. Ryan at 746-2200.

Weekly Collections

6-04-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$17,524.00
Offertory	\$15,456.00
Monthly	\$2,068.00

573 donors gave \$12,295.03 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.46. 70 donors gave \$2,068.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$26.12. In cash an estimated 167 donors gave \$1,332.50 for an average gift of \$7.98. 2,196 attended mass this year, 2,030 attended mass last year.

WHILE YOU ARE AWAY ...

The season for First Communions, Weddings and Graduations is upon us. Vacation time will soon be here. While you are away, the Parish of St. Edward's needs your support. Please remember your make-up envelopes when you are away!

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

LITURGY & MUSIC - 746-6945

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION BLESSING SCROLLS

There is a basket of Kindergarten Graduation Blessing Scrolls in the Gathering Space for all current Kindergarteners who were unable to attend the 9:00 AM Liturgy on June 11th. Please be sure to pick one up for your child.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK - JUNE 25, 2006
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Job. 38, 1: 8-11 2 Cor 5: 14-17 Mk 4: 35-41 (95)

NPM CONVENTION

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will hold its Eastern Regional convention later this month (June 27-30) in Stamford. Hundreds of church musicians from throughout eastern North America will be in attendance, including members of St. Edward's music staff. Gloria Hudson will serve as the convention office manager, Rob Brereton is the program editor, and Dan Kean will serve as convention banker. The convention consists of numerous presentations, workshops, concerts, special liturgies, and other events pertaining to pastoral music and liturgy. For more info about the NPM convention, visit the website at www.npm.org.

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the increasing number of students in our program, we are looking for volunteers to serve in non-teaching positions. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for details/questions or call Mrs. Venturini at the Faith Formation Office.

JUNIOR YOUTH 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!!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: (Call to sign up)

- June 27th & 28th Outdoor work around the Parish.
- July 24th-28th Help is needed for VBS.
- August 27th: Help is needed with games at the Parish Picnic.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL!!!

As fathers, we must work to expand our capacity for love, affection and service of our children. We must take the time to play our children's games. We must kiss them, cuddle them and say that we love them many times a day. We must be demonstrative with the pride and joy we feel toward our children.



GRIEF RECOVERY

The death of a spouse, child, family member or friend is devastating. People who are grieving need ongoing comfort and encouragement during their grieving period. Griefshare, a well-known national organization, is now offering "Through the Season of Grief," the first 365-day devotional program designed to support and uplift in the first and most difficult year of bereavement. For further information and additional resources, please visit their website www.griefshare.org.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND.



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

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 11

FAMILY LIFE POSITION

In recent weeks Jane Arseniadis has notified me that she will be leaving the Family Life position on July 31st. We thank her for all her hard work in the last year with the families of our Parish.

In order to keep the family ministries of the Parish coordinated and functioning, we have a staff position open for Family Life Coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact Msgr. Ryan by letter or email mpryan@saintedwardchurch.org.

Ladies Guild



LADIES GUILD MEETING

The meeting of the Ladies Guild will be June 28th after the 9:00 AM Mass. Our guest will be Belinda Boone, one of our parishioners who will speak about her conversion to the Catholic faith. Please join us.



PARISH PICNIC

We have started planning the Parish Picnic which will be **Sunday, August 27th**. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this **FUN FAMILY DAY!** Please call Jane Arseniadis at Ext. 11 or Msgr. Ryan at 746-2200 Ext. 16. There will be food, music, and games for all ages! Please join us!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

There are times we ask ourselves, "can *one* single person say or do anything to honestly make a difference in the struggle to eliminate child sexual abuse?" Or, "what kind of impact can just *one* person have on organizations serving children in my community?" *One* single person **can** help others become alert to the risks to children and to an organization. Just *one* person can trigger a move to become proactive in creating safe environments for children and young people. The only person anyone can obligate to be "a protector of children and part of the solution to make a child's world a safer place" is oneself.

How will you become part of the solution to make a child's world a safer place?"

Growing Awareness—Can Just One Person Make a Difference? (Featured June 12, 2006) VIRTUS Christie Weeks, Consultant to the VIRTUS Programs.

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Sessions at St. Edward's are: June 28th at 7PM, July 19th at 7PM and August 23rd at 7PM. Please call Jane at 746-2200 Ext. 11 to register.

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.

Attention Workcampers!

Reminder—Next Meeting, July 9th begins with Commissioning Mass at 5:15 PM and Farewell Pot Luck Dinner for workcampers and families.

PRAYER BASKET

When you need a prayer, don't feel alone! Please stop in our Parish Chapel. You may light a candle or leave a prayer intention in our prayer basket. Your petition will be prayed by the various prayer groups in the Parish.

Please remember your are not alone!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The four Catholic Schools of Danbury have published a new flyer. If you are interested in more information regarding our Catholic Schools for your children or grandchildren, please pick up a flyer on the table in the Gathering Space.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our thanks to the 610 families who have donated to the Appeal. To date, we have raised \$153,925.75 towards our goal of \$175,000.00. If you have not contributed to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation.

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. You can subscribe directly from the home page of the Parish website or email parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org and give us your address.



AROUND OUR PARISH

SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH

As of June 12th, we have been locking the Gathering Space, Church area and Hall at 1:00 PM daily. If you have business at the Parish Office, we ask you to 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!

SUMMER SAFETY RULES

1. Actively supervise your children/grandchildren at all times when they are in your care in our Church building;
2. Never leave them alone – even for a second – especially in the bathrooms, Parish Hall, hallways or parking lot. Please escort your children to the bathrooms or water fountain in the Gathering Space;
3. Due of safety concerns, children should not be in the Hall kitchen at any time; and remember
4. Our parking lot is a busy place, please know where your children/grandchildren are at all times.

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 contact Peter Greco at 746-0744.

We thank the 10 men who have volunteered thus far.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

One day an elderly man said to his wife, “Whatever happened to our sexual relations?” The wife replied, “Good questions I don’t think received a Christmas card from them last year.” Don’t let your sexual relationship become a muddled memory.

PARENTING POINTERS

If you are a father, hopefully your children will honor you on Father’s Day. Think also of your own father and how your life honors him. And then there are fathers who come by their role indirectly (foster and adoptive fathers, fathers-in-law, stepfathers, and those who have been like a father to you). Honor an honorary father this week.

PARISH COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Committee is looking for two members to join the Committee beginning July 1st. It is a three-year term. The Committee meets once a month and is an advisor to the Pastor.

The Administration Committee works with the Pastor in planning for the future, being a sounding board for issues, working to build the community of faith at St. Edward’s and other administration issues.

For further information, please contact Doug Dorsey or Msgr. Ryan through the Parish Office, 746-2200.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee is seeking new members. Are you looking for away to become more involved in your Parish and share your talents? You are invited to come and join this vital Parish committee. The work involves a monthly meeting where liturgical events are planned, the liturgical needs of the Parish are assessed and “best practices” are developed. Come and join us in this active ministry committee.

For further information please contact Dan Kean or Gloria Hudson. If interested, please send a letter of intent to Dan Kean to the Parish Office or e-mail dkean@saintedwardchurch.org

NEW MEMBERS FOR BLUE RIBBON

We are in need of a few good men and women to join the Blue Ribbon Committee. The Committee meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM. The Committee advises Msgr. Ryan of building projects, repair projects and seeks bids on work to be done. We need your support and participation. If interested, please Peter Greco, 746-0744 or Msgr. Ryan, 746-2200 X 16.

CONGRATULATIONS TO IMMACULATE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

To our Parish Graduates,

We commend your academic excellence and your completion of High School. The Parish family will pray for your future endeavors.

May God bless you always!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

“Science, quite apart from...religion, affirms dogmatically that human embryos are human beings, rather than zebra or cow beings. Science, quite apart from religious dogma, affirms dogmatically that every person walking around in the world was once an embryo.” Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., *The Southern Cross*, 2/9/06

AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE A SPONSOR OR GODPARENT.....

If you have been asked to be a Sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation, there are a few things you need to know. We ask that you come into the Parish Office to fill out a "Request for Documentation" form as well as a Sponsor Certificate. If you have been given a document from the church where the sacrament will take place, please bring that form in also, but the above mentioned forms must also be filled out. The top portion of the certificate is to be completed by the sponsor and the bottom portion of the certificate will be completed by the Parish priest. The sponsor will be asked for the name of the child he/she is sponsoring and the name and location of the church where the sacrament will take place. The sponsor will attest to the fact that:

- they are a registered member of St. Edward's, that they are 16 years of age or older, that they participate in Sunday mass, that they give witness to their faith by regularly receiving Holy Communion and that they participate in and support the life of this Parish;
- they have celebrated the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- they recognize that as a sponsor they undertake the responsibility of and will assist in the spiritual formation of the person they have been asked to sponsor.

On the bottom portion of the certificate, the Parish priest will verify that:

- you are a registered member of St. Edward's;
- you attend Mass regularly;
- you are known to him and to the best of his knowledge, you are a Catholic in good standing;
- you have promised to fulfill your responsibility to your Parish.

If you are a registered member of St. Edward's and you are known to the priests, you should expect to hear back from the Parish Office in 2-3 days. If you are not known to the Parish priests, the process may take longer.

We are sorry for any inconvenience, but we want to challenge you to live your gift of faith AND in this time of identity theft, we want to protect your personal identity. If you have any questions, please contact Luanne Hogan, Office Manager, at 746-2200, Ext. 14.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. CATHERINE'S ACADEMY

St. Catherine's Academy has been recognized by the State of Connecticut as a state-approved, private special education facility with a fully licensed and certified staff and whose doors are open to children and adolescents of all faiths with intellectual disabilities. Thanks to the generous support of many, the Academy is expanding to a new, state of the art facility which will enable them to serve more children with very special needs:

Holy Cross Parish
750 Tahmore Drive
Fairfield, CT 06825-2599

JAMES "MINDAY" OLAYOS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 7th Annual Golf Tournament is Monday, July 10th at the Harry B. Brownson Country Club. Reservations accepted on a first come basis. All proceeds will benefit St. Joseph High School (Trumbull) Scholarship Fund. \$200.00 per person. For info, contact Lynn Mallon, Alumni Director at 203-377-0350.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER— CONNECTICUT

MARRIED COUPLES — Why not give your marriage a fresh start. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of renewed love, rebirth and new beginnings. The next scheduled weekend is July 14th-16th. For more info/ to register, contact John & Bev Maley at 203-364-0836.

NEW IMMIGRANTS AS ASSETS TO DANBURY

The Association of Religious Communities invites you to a Community Forum on Monday, July 17th at the Ethan Allen Inn at 12 Noon. Guest speaker will be Myra Oliver, the Director of the International Institute. For further information, please email arc325@sbcglobal.net.

PILGRIMAGE—MT. CARMEL SHRINE, NY

There will be a bus pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, New York on Sunday, July 23rd, sponsored by Joe and Fran Karpiej, Co-directors of Sharing Christ Ministry. Day includes continental breakfast, mass, hot lunch, special presentation by a Carmelite priest and more. Bus space is limited so reserve your seat now! \$60/pp. Contact Joe Karpiej 203-452-7040 or email JKarpiej@aol.com.

EDUCATION+PARISH+SERVICE (EPS)

Do you seek a deeper understanding of your faith? 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 through its evening and daytime programs. Registration for fall sessions have begun. For information, call Mary at 203-877-1905 or email EPSCTRecruiter@trinitydc.edu.

CALENDAR
WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
6/19/06-6/25/06

Monday –6/19/06

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

Tuesday – 6/20/06

- 7:00 p.m.** AA Meeting/Hall
- 7:30 p.m.** Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 6/21/06

Thursday – 6/22/06

- 9:30 a.m.** Ladies' Guild Sewing Group/Hall
- 7:30 p.m.** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 6/23/06

- 3:00 p.m.** Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
- 8:30 p.m.** AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 6/24/06

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

Sunday –6/25/06

- 4:15 p.m.** Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church
- 6:30 p.m.** Separated and Divorced Support Group/AMC

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

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.

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.



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

Next Admin Comm.	8-07-06.....	6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon	7-08-06.....	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting	TBA	Noon
Next Finance Comm.	TBA	7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm.	6-19-06.....	7:30 PM