

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD


Mass Schedule



Dear Friends,

As summer will come to an end in a few weeks, it is time to look ahead to the school year. Many of you have registered your children for Faith Formation Classes and we thank you. Your early registration allows us to prepare for your child by having purchased books and having enough teachers.

Once again we expect 1300-1400 children to be part of our program. The year will begin early this year. Parent Meetings and book pick up are scheduled for the middle of September.

If you are a Catholic School parent and have a child receiving one of the Sacraments this year, we ask you to contact the Faith Formation Office for Sacramental information.

We are also looking for volunteers to work as Hall Monitors, Dismissal Monitors and Monitors for the Parking Lot. These are new volunteer opportunities. If you would like further information, please contact Ellen Venturini at 746-4270.

Peace,

Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Abigail Mary Greco, Deanna Iris Sutton and Luke Anthony Davey Pisano who were baptized here last weekend.


Wedding Banns

- III Daniel LaDora & Tara Mellilo
- II Gregory Umphrey & Mia Geisinger
- II Michael Oliva & Aneta Tylczak
- I John Groissl & Lauren Piccolino

MONTHLY MORTGAGE REDUCTION ENVELOPE

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. The plan is to pay our debt in a timely manner and keep the Parish caring for the needs of our parishioners. Msgr. Ryan will give a full financial report to the Parish on September 30th and October 1st, 2006.

SPECIAL KATRINA COLLECTION - AUGUST 26-27

While the original collection raised more than \$130,000,000, for humanitarian relief, the needs for diocesan recovery in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi are as great now as they were immediately after the storms. In the Diocese of Biloxi, with only 70,000 Catholics, 428 of 433 Church-owned structures were destroyed or severely damaged with more than \$70,000,000 in damage. While insurance will cover half of this damage, the diocese remains uninsured by \$35,000,000. In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, there is an estimated \$52,000,000 in uninsured flood damage on buildings reopening right now and another \$70,000,000 uninsured flood damage on buildings they have had to delay reopening. This collection is for recovery and rebuilding of these two dioceses. 60% will go to the Archdiocese and 40% to the Diocese.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- 7:30 AM Robert J. Alberetti R/B His Family
(16th Anniversary-Memorial)
- 9:00 AM Jean Artese R/B Peter & Frances Schenk

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 7:30 AM Celia Sullivan R/B The Florio Family
- 9:00 AM Steve Galimberto R/B Pat Korol

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 7:30 AM Anthony Quinn R/B The Callahan Family
- 9:00 AM Patrick Fitzpatrick R/B Rose Maquire

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- 7:30 AM Margaret & Joseph Gabriel
R/B Their son, Otto Densk and Family
- 9:00 AM Doris Peters R/B Paul Peters

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- 7:30 AM John Bigelli R/B Mr. & Mrs. H. Mullen
- 9:00 AM Special Intention of Chris & Ernie Schuenzel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- 7:30 AM Joseph Troy R/B Faith Formation
- 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Gray
- 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 7:30 AM Parish Intentions Gilmartin
- 9:00 AM Parish Intentions Ryan
- 11:00 AM Parish Intentions Cervero
- 5:15 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week for the Intentions of the Blessed Virgin at the request of C.M.R.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in Memory of Frank Klemczak at the request of Lila and Tony Spina.


Weekly Collections

8-6-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$19,865.00
Budgeted Expenses.....	\$16,825.00
Interest on Mortgage.....	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$19,531.00
Offertory	\$14,337.00
Monthly	\$2,729.00
Credit Cards	\$2,465.00

526 donors gave \$11,494.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.85. 37 donors gave \$1,170.50 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$31.64. 1 donor made a quarterly gift in the amount of \$300.00. 98 Credit Card donors made gifts totaling \$2,465.00. In cash an estimated 137 donors gave \$1372.00 for an average gift of \$10.02. 1,966 attended mass this year, 1,942 attended last year.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

These letters were mailed a few weeks ago. Your donation enables our Parish to maintain its buildings & grounds. Please be generous. Contact the Parish Office with questions.

LITURGY & MUSIC – 746-6945

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK— AUGUST 27, 2006— TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b Eph 5: 21-32 or 5: 2a, 25-32 Jn 6: 60-69 (122)

LITURGY EVENTS

September 10th 11AM Blessing of Expectant Mothers
September 10th 5:15PM Confirmation Enrollment

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

We invite all expectant mothers and adopting mothers for a special blessing on Sunday, September 10th, during the 11:00 AM Mass. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 746-2200 by September 8th.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP - 746-0755

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

Have a fun, but safe, summer!
Thanks to all who helped with VBS!

I'm still looking for feedback on last year's Jr. Youth Group and ideas for next year's. If you can't make it to our August planning session, e-mail your ideas/suggestions.

Monday August 21st, 6:30PM: Interested in becoming part of our core team this year? Or maybe you have ideas/suggestions for Jr. Youth Group meetings or trips? I need your help. Parents & Students interested will meet to plan the year...Call, (RSVP) so I can plan refreshments.

Need Service Hours? Won't you please help?
AUGUST 27th: Help is needed with games at the PARISH PICNIC. Call/Email if you can help!

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation registrations are past due. After July 31st, a \$75.00 per child late fee applies. Please register your child/children ASAP so we can begin to order books and supplies. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNION DVD'S & PORTRAITS

Communion DVD's and portraits have arrived and can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Videos ordered on VHS will be arriving shortly.

REMINDER-CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS 5:15PM –SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Completed Confirmation Packets are due at that time.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES OF DANBURY

Catholic Family Services is a mental health clinic and social service agency with diverse programs designed to strengthen individuals, families and communities. The staff at Danbury CFS are well trained and skilled professionals, licensed to practice in various mental health disciplines including psychiatry, psychology, clinical social work, and marriage and family therapy. For information on particular programs, contact John Anello or Donna Hanft at 746-9595 or call Catholic Family Services directly at (203) 743-4412.

PARISH WIDE BAKE SALE

Save the date! St. Edward's will be holding a Bake Sale on the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. Watch the bulletin for further information.

KEVIN CLEARY

Kevin and Robin Cleary have asked us for help in finding "Personal Care Assistants" to care for Kevin. Kevin suffered a traumatic fall in the spring and is paralyzed. He will be returning to New Fairfield and Robin is looking for Assistants on Monday-Friday 9-1 and 1-5 each day. There will be a stipend. If interested in more information, please call Donna Hanft in the Social Concerns Office at 746-9595.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

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

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14



SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

The Family Life Ministry of St. Edward's sponsors a Support Group dedicated to the Separated and Divorced Families of our community. We welcome 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 is Sunday, August 20th at 6:30 pm. Just come by or contact Jan Obarowski if you wish more information.

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, August 22nd, the group topic will be: **How Can We Share and Instill Hope?** Pack a brown bag lunch and consider joining us. For additional information, please call Jan Obarowski, the Family Life Coordinator.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

COME FOLLOW ME! What did Jesus mean by that! How does that invitation pertain to me and how can I live my life in "following Jesus?" "Let us seek and find" our personal calling of Jesus and learn what our Catholic faith is about in the seven week program of **WHAT WE BELIEVE AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS** as presented by Jean Kechejian, a member of St. Jude's Parish in Monroe, Ct and former director of Adult Education in the Office for Christian Formation for the Diocese of Bridgeport. Watch the Bulletin for further registration information or call Kim 746-6675 or Therese 746-3139.



FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SUNDAY COFFEE

Come and get to know your Parish family! Sunday Coffee after the 9AM and 11AM Masses is a time to come and meet families of the parish and build the community of St. Edward's. We are in need of host families who will make the coffee, serve the juice, and welcome the people. All the supplies, coffee and donuts are purchased by the Parish. You will soon find an insert in the Bulletin outlining what a host family must do. Please sign up on the board in the Parish kitchen. Help us build Community!

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

Senior Youth Group/Workcamp

Informational Meeting for Teens and Parents for "2007" Workcamp will be on September 10, 2006 after the 5:15PM Mass. Application and Deposit of \$150.00 for the July 21-28, 2007 Williamsport, MD-Antietam Battlefield Workcamp will be due no later than Sept. 29, 2006. There is only space for 37 Teens—First Come First Serve. (All others will be on a wait list). Our first regular meeting will be on October 15th. See you on the 10th!

THANK YOU

The Parish would like to thank the St. Edward's Knights of Columbus for their generous yearly donation to the Parish. Their \$4000.00 donation will help with the Parish program expenses. May God bless you.!

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.

MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP AND PRAYER LINE

With the passing of Connie Pileggi two important ministries will change leadership. We thank God for the gift of Connie. She was an inspiration to us all. Her commitment to the leadership of the Monday Night Prayer Group and the Parish Prayer Line cared for many people. Kathy Florio has accepted the call to become the leader. Please call her at 746-2367 and leave a message.

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!

THE SUNDAY MASS

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

AROUND OUR PARISH



Parish Picnic

PARISH PICNIC

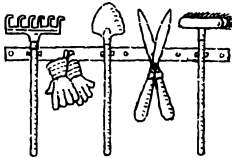
Don't forget our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 27th. So save the date and join us for an afternoon of food, music and fun for the entire family! Tickets are on sale after all masses in the Gathering Space or stop by the Parish Office. See the Flyer this week for more information.

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

The Blue Ribbon Committee would like to thank Vinny Berk and Bill Sullivan for volunteering to fix the Rectory kitchen floor and re-tile the floor. It is a job well done.

PARISH GOLF OUTING

Sunday, September 10th. See registration form enclosed in this week's bulletin. Sign up early to avoid being closed out. We will limit the number to 120 players.



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.



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 midnight. 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!

PRO-LIFE CORNER

In the miniscule body of an embryo in the first stages of life, we "may see and almost touch the hand of God... The love of God does not make distinctions between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb, the baby, the youth, the grown adult or the elderly, because in each of them He sees the sign of His own image and likeness."

Pope Benedict XVI, speech on 2/27/06 to the international congress on "The Human Embryo before Implantation," *National Catholic Register*, 3/12-3/18/06



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

Sometimes we weary of the work of love. We wonder whether it's all worth the effort. How long must we wait for happiness? Forever? For better or for worse. Is this just the "worse" part or has your spouse already ended the marriage physically or emotionally? Tough questions. Sometimes we have to grieve the loss of our ideal marriage and see what we can still build together.

PARENTING POINTERS

"Seeing one bad movie, watching an occasional violent TV program, or trying out a violent video game is not generally going to scar a person for life. A steady diet of the above, however, desensitizes our society, our families, and ourselves to violence - and the ante has been rising." (Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference)

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" is the responsibility of every member of the Church community and is the foundation of the safety program you will participate in at St. Edward's. The program educates and trains adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse. Through the Virtus Program used by the Diocese of Bridgeport, the participant is made aware of the warning signs of abuse, and the ways to prevent abuse within the church and local community. The Virtus Course also offers the participant the methods of properly reporting suspicions of abuse, and the "How To" in responding to allegations of abuse. In the two years since the launch of the Safe Environment Program in the Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, more than 700 volunteers and staff from St. Edward's have been trained in this national program.

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session at St. Edward's is Wednesday August 23rd at 7PM. Please call the Parish Office to register.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH RALLY

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

"PRAYER & WORSHIP CONCERT FOR YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART"

WORKING TOGETHER WITH 1 HEART, PHILIPPIANS 2:2

Ives Concert Park, Danbury Ct at August 26, 2006 7:30PM
Ticket prices are Gold: \$38, Reserved \$30, Lawn \$20, Group Discounts for 10+ (203) 837-9226 www.heartonline.org

SHEPHERDS INC. COMES TO DANBURY

Kolbe Cathedral, Trinity Catholic High Schools and Immaculate High School in Danbury are in need of sponsors and mentors. Shepherds Inc. provides disadvantaged inner city youths with an opportunity to receive a quality education at Kolbe Cathedral in Bridgeport, Trinity Catholic in Stamford, Notre Dame of West Haven and will be expanding to Immaculate High School and the Academy of our Lady of Mercy, Laurelton Hall in September 2006. Integral to the success of the Shepherds Program is the role played by each Sponsor and Mentor. As a Sponsor, you pay the student's four-year high school tuition, but as a mentor, you share your talents, experience, time & resources with your student to guide him/her through his/her four-year journey. Interested/Have questions? call 203-259-8442; e-mail: ShepherdsProgram@aol.com or visit : www.ShepherdsInc.com.

BACK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH

The Volunteer Center of Western Connecticut is sponsoring a "Back to School" project which provides low-income children with school supplies and clothes. To help call Patti or Priscilla at the Volunteer Center @ 797-1154.

LIONS CLUB SENIOR PICNIC

The New Fairfield Lions Club is pleased to invite all Senior Citizens 65+ to our annual Senior Citizen Picnic on Sept. 9th (rain date Sept. 16th) at the New Fairfield Town Park from Noon to 3: 30 p.m. There will be a barbecue picnic lunch, raffles, music and boat rides. Please sign up at either the New Fairfield Senior Center or the Sherman Senior Center or by calling (203) 746-1074. We look forward to welcoming you to an afternoon of fun.

RETRouvaille OF CONNECTICUT

If your marriage has become troubled, stressed, unloving, uncaring or cold and distant, even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program is for you. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will take place September 8 through 10, 2006. For more information, call the confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or email at 3001@retrouvaille.org

"BLUE MASS"

On September 10, Bishop Lori will celebrate the 5th annual "Blue Mass" of the Diocese. This Mass remembers the Fire, Police and EMS Personnel who gave their lives on September 11, 2001 & pays tribute to the good works of all emergency services personnel serving Fairfield County. The Blue Mass is set for 10AM at St. Augustine Cathedral. Parishioners & family involved in law enforcement, fire prevention & emergency medical services are invited. To have someone remembered at this Liturgy, call the Parish Office at 746-2200.

MARRIED COUPLES

Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Upcoming Weekends will be September 15-17, 2006 and November 3-5, 2006. For more information, about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend. Please contact John & Bev Maley at (203) 364-0836 or bik-maley@aol.com or visit www.wwme.org.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend on September 22-24, 2006 at the Mt. Alvernia Retreat House in Wappingers Falls, New York. This event is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. The weekend includes personal talks by peers, personal writing time, and small group sharing. It is for those who are ready to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration please call Rosanne (914) 237-0098, Fran (914) 556-8902, Marianne (203) 426-6930 or Betsy (845) 505-4876.

MEN'S RETREAT COMING UP

Wives, Mothers, Sweethearts! Do you want your husband, son, or fiance to be a better man in a matter of days? A weekend retreat will do it. Get him to sign up early. The retreat begins on October 13. For information, call the Retreat Center at 860-521-0440, Otis Shelton (203-746-4162), Frank McHugh (203-746-1438), or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

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. Watch for more detail in coming weeks.

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

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8/21/06-8/27/06

Monday –8/21/06

- 6:30pm** Junior Youth Group Planning Mtg./Hall
7:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:30pm St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 8/22/06

- 12:00pm** Women of Wonder Discussion Group/AMC
6:30pm AA Anniversary Dinner/Hall
7:00pm Parish Picnic Meeting/Conf. Rm. A
7:30pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 8/23/06

Thursday – 8/24/06

- 9:30am** Ladies Guild Sewing Group/Hall
7:30pm Grief Support Group/AMC

Friday – 8/25/06

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

Saturday – 8/26/06

- 8:00am** Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C
10:00am Lift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall

Sunday –8/27/06

- 12:30pm** Parish Picnic/Consolidated Field
4:15pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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



COUNSELING CENTER

Has your home become a battle zone with your spouse or children? Learning communication or conflict resolution skills can help. For more information contact – Diane Merrifield, M.A. LMFT @ St. Edward's Counseling Center 746-8013.

Next Admin Comm. 9-11-06 6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon 9-09-06 8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting..... TBA..... Noon
Next Finance Comm..... 9-28-06 7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm. 8-21-06 7:30 PM