

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD



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Mass Intentions
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MONDAY, MAY 22

7:30 AM Laura & Antonio Alberetti R/B The Family
9:00 AM Marion Cavanaugh R/B
Maureen & Vince Hussian

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:30 AM Mary Zinser R/B The Zinser Family
9:00 AM Domiano Fazio R/B Mary Coniglio

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:30 AM Jack Jordan R/B Tom & Mary Foley
9:00 AM John A. Preneta R/B The Family
5:30 PM For the Intentions of Fr. Brian—20th Anniversary
R/B The WOW Discussion Group

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:30 AM Jack Jordan R/B The Sweeney Family
9:00 AM Blanche Ponger R/B Breeda & Robert Winston
5:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero
7:30 PM John Kelly R/B Pat & Ed Kelly

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:30 AM Margaret Cereoll R/B Sheila Murphy
9:00 AM Henry Winston R/B Breeda & Robert Winston

SATURDAY, MAY 27

7:30 AM Debora Ann Saglimbene R/B The Thomas Family
4:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero
6:00 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau

SUNDAY, MAY 28

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 for the success of our Annual Bishop's Appeal.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of John Preneta at the request of his daughter.

Parish Support

5-07-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$14,245.50
Offertery	\$12,627.50
Monthly	\$1,618.00

498 donors gave \$10,688.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.46. 39 donors gave \$1,285.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$32.95. In cash an estimated 90 donors gave \$654.50 for an average gift of \$7.27. 3,137 attended mass this year, 2,360 attended mass last year.

WHILE YOU ARE AWAY...

Although you may be away, the Parish of St. Edward still needs your support. Please remember to use your make-up envelopes!

**From the
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Friends,

In recent weeks we have had two incidents occur. The two incidents were unauthorized entry into the buildings of the Parish. This has caused us to begin to make changes to safeguard you and our buildings.

The Church will be locked each day at 1:00 PM. The Chapel will be open for prayer from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM. During office hours when you find the Church locked, please enter through the Parish Staff Entrance Door.

Please lock all doors at the end of Parish meetings. We thank you for your consideration.

Peace,
Msgr. Ryan

LITURGY EVENTS

May 25th Ascension Thursday
May 29th Memorial Day
June 4th 11:00 AM Anointing of the Sick

FEAST OF PENTECOST

On the Feast of Pentecost (June 3rd & 4th) St. Edward's has a tradition of reading the Prayer of the Faithful at mass in different languages. If your native language is not English and you would like to participate, please contact Gloria Hudson 860-350-1503 or sign up in the Vesting Room.

 **BAPTISM**

The parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Nicholas Giacomo Tersigni who was baptized here last weekend.



ASCENSION THURSDAY

Thursday, May 25th, is the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation. Our mass schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 24th: 5:30 PM;
Thursday, May 25th: 7:30 & 9:00AM,
5:30 & 7:30 PM.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

St. Edward's Memorial Day Mass will be Monday, May 29th, at 9 AM. We traditionally honor those who gave their lives for their country by announcing their names at the flagpole at the end of Mass. If you have a family member who gave his/her life in military service and should be included, please notify Dan Kean 746-6945 or Gloria Hudson, 860-350-1503.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – MAY 28, 2006

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:15-17; 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4: 11-16 Jn 17:11b-19(60)

Thank You!

I would like to thank you for remembering my 30th Anniversary. The cake and remembrance was very much appreciated. I will pray for your many intentions.

Peace,
Msgr. Ryan

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

This weekend is the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Please be as generous as your means allow.



Don't forget—this Sunday at 3:00 PM, Music at St. Edward's will host the St. Martin de Porres Gospel

Choir. Please join us for an hour of inspired singing followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. No admission, donations gratefully accepted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU

On behalf of the Parish families, we would to recognize the hard work of the Knights in preparing the "Mother's Day Breakfast." We thank you for making Mother's Day special for many of our families.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

"Step 5 of the *Plan to Protect God's Children* is to "Communicate your Concerns." Communicating our concerns, is perhaps the most difficult of all the steps. It requires us to let go of our own apprehensions about the reactions of others and the possibility that they will be offended. However, having the courage to speak up and address situations and issues that give rise to uneasiness, uncertainty, apprehension, or an anxious state of mind is an important part of creating a safe environment for all God's children, young and old.

The question is, however, what constitutes a "concern?" Simply put, a concern is anything that you observe that gives you an uneasy feeling. The VIRTUS program defines concerns as: *Situations that give rise to uneasiness, uncertainty, apprehension or an anxious state of mind. Concerns arise when a person is troubled by an observation that may affect the welfare or happiness of someone.*"

What Is a "Concern" That I Should Communicate, VIRTUS 5/2/06

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



HEALING HEARTS is a center for grieving children and their families and is a program of Regional Hospice. There are various support programs for children, teens and adults who have suffered a loss. There is also a telephone support group for adults that meets every week. **Healing Hearts** is located at 73 Stedley Rough Road in Danbury. For information and registration for programs, please call 203-792-4422.

FOOD BASKET THANK YOU

We recently received a letter of thanks from the director of Social Services for New Fairfield. She wrote, "Thank you for the food baskets you donated to us in April, they were cherished by the families who received them. Due to your kindness, needy members of the community were able to fill their home with food and supplies during the Easter Holiday."

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING AFTER ALL MASSES IN CONFERENCE ROOM B.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Our Parish's 2006 Annual Bishop's Appeal is coming to a close. We are grateful to the 554 families that have made a sacrificial gift to this year's Appeal. Our Parish has raised \$136,481.75 toward the effort. Thanks to all who have supported this year's Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or a 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.



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

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER: 746-0755

MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

8th Grade Jr. YG Members: Friday, June 16th 7:00 PM is just for you. Come and tell us what you liked, what you didn't, how we can make Jr. YG better. We'll serve you pizza but most of all...we want to hear you!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

June 27th & 28th—Outdoor work around the Parish.

July 24th-28th—Help is needed for VBS.

FAITH FORMATION

746-4270

An Important Reminder to our 8th Grade Families:

In order to ensure that all our Confirmation Candidates and their Parents understand our new procedures and important deadlines regarding the celebration of Confirmation at St. Edward's, all families who are requesting Confirmation must attend the Confirmation Orientation Mass and Presentation.

The Orientation Mass & Presentation are mandatory for both parent and child.

They are scheduled for Sunday June 4th. We will start our Orientation by celebrating Mass at 5:15 PM. After our liturgy we will be handing out and explaining the contents of the Confirmation Informational Packets to the families present.

The Confirmation Packets will only be handed out to the students who are accompanied by their parent or guardian at this Mass and presentation.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Venturini at 746-4270. We look forward to seeing all of our 8th graders and their parents on Sunday, June 4th.

CHILDREN AT MASS

Several parents have made comments to the Liturgy Committee, the Family Life Committee and Msgr. Ryan to address, "What is the best way for our children to learn about the Mass and become participants at weekly Mass?"

In order to provide a forum for discussion regarding young children at mass, the Liturgy Committee will hold an "Open Forum" for discussion after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, June 4th.

Parents please join us for a discussion of this important topic.

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES

If your child received rosary beads, medals or some religious article which you would like to have blessed, please see one of the priests after Mass.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

ST. EDWARD'S WORKCAMP

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOE: 746-2200 EXT. 17

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.

Correction:

May 26th: Friday, 4 to 7 PM, pick up spring flowers and set up for masses.

May 27th & 28th: Sell spring flowers after all masses.

AMERICARES—THANK YOU

We have a truly wonderful parish. Over the past 2 weekends, 90 volunteers rehabilitated a home in New Fairfield. After all our hard work, we celebrated with a delicious potluck supper. Thank you for all the wonderful dishes that were provided.

This project couldn't happen without the help and support of all the volunteers. A huge thank you to Mark Simms for his 3rd year of amazing leadership. A very special thank you to the food committee: Jane Arseniadis, Diane Cileo and Mary Ann Naughton.

Our wonderful volunteers: Rick Erickson, Linda and Lenny Mecca, Joe and Mary Simons, Laura Simons, Dick and Marge Buhrman, Jeff and Kim Morra, Larry Cennamo, Mark Lofgren, Bob and Sue Broderick, Rob Broderick, Sally Papallo, Peter Tlasky, Brooke Tlasky, Robert Coote, Bill Brockner, Larry Arseniadis, Cal Kaplow, Michael and JoAnn Moriarty, Reggie Lambrech, Linda Chave, Noelle Chave, Cathy Buhrman, Gina and Joe LaRosa, Kathleen Murphy, Rich and Janice Obarowski, Ellen and Brian Shea, Rachel Murphy, Kristin Cileo, David Waltmyer, Maryann Murrin, Karen Early, Ryan Horan, Greg Horan, Anita and John Brown, Melane Welsh, John McGuirk, Mike Frick, Andrew Musci, Kevin Burra, Anne Monaco, Tim Monaco, Mike Hatcher, Maureen Monaghan, Susan Monaghan, Andy Moore, Linda Rogers, Marissa Rogers, Matt Rogers, Pete Greco, Marni Cutler, Norm Cutler, Michael Mallon, Chris Mallon, Matthew Jablonski, Tom Jones, Bobby Jones, Pat and Gordon Dopsloff, Valerie Simms, Brittany Simms, Terry and Ray Metz, Susan Barresi, John Rossi, Lillian Leighton, Katie Gerry, Mary Ann Raph, Alanna Raph, Laura Murphy, Bill Forester, Stephanie Simms, Fr. Fred, Fr. Joe, and Bill McDermott.

You are all angels in my eyes. God bless you and your families.

Doris McDermott

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Registration and training for the Altar Server Ministry will be on Thursday, June 1st from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Church (a parent is required to attend). All current altar serves are encouraged to attend to assist with training. Contact Fr. Joe 746-2200 Ext. 17 or Arlene Callahan 746-6759 to confirm attendance/questions.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5/22/06-5/28/06

Monday –5/22/06

9:30 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6

11:15 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6

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

Tuesday – 5/23/06

3:00 p.m. – Children’s and Youth Choir/Church

7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting/Hall

7:00 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. A

7:30 p.m. – Family Life Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. C

7:30 p.m. – Praise and Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 5/24/06

9:30 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6

10:00 a.m. – Joy Club/Meeting Rooms 3-4

11:15 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6

1:00 p.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6

5:30 p.m. – Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass/Church

7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday – 5/25/06 Ascension Thursday

Masses at 7:30, 9AM & 5:30, 7:30PM

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

7:30 p.m. – Grief Support Meeting/AMC

7:30 p.m. – Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 5/26/06

9:30 a.m. – Women’s Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC

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

8:30 p.m. – AA Women’s Group/AMC

Saturday – 5/27/06

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

**After all Weekend Masses/Workcamp Flower Sales/
Gathering Space**

Sunday – 5/28/06

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

Coffee and Donuts in the Hall after the 9 & 11AM Masses

Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.

DIOCESAN NURSING HOMES

You may have read in the local papers about the Diocese of Bridgeport selling its three nursing homes to Harborside Healthcare. The Diocese has provided each Parish with a question and answer sheet regarding this transaction. You may pick up a copy of this information sheet at the Parish Office.



OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. Have a great Holiday!

Next Admin Comm.	6-05-06.....	6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon	6-04-06.....	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting	TBA.....	Noon
Next Finance Comm.	TBA.....	7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm.	5-22-06.....	7:30 PM