

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 AM Tracy Ann Mallozzi R/B
Her Parents, Nancy & Don
9:00 AM Caroline & A. Charles Setaro R/B Granddaughter

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 AM Doris Lynch R/B Kathleen Kean
9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:30 AM James Breslin R/B The Conroy Family
9:00 AM Oliver Beland R/B The Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

7:30 AM Jason Willmer R/B Bill & Luanne Hogan
9:00 AM Margaret Ganjian R/B
Dr. Gina Notaristefano & Staff

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

7:30 AM William Burnett R/B The Broderick's
9:00 AM Stefanie & Joseph Borowski R/B
Sylvester & Eleanor Klejna

SATURDAY, JULY 1

7:30 AM Marie Verrastro R/B Rob & Diane Riehl
4:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero
6:00 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

SUNDAY, JULY 2

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

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 for the intention of Bernadette Comer at the request of the Cunningham Family.

A Message



Dear Friends,

I will be away this week for my annual retreat. I will be joining priests from across the Diocese at Villa Maria Retreat House in Stamford.

I ask for your prayers as I will remember you and your intentions in my prayers.

Peace,
Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Claire Elizabeth Grimmer, Caroline Grace Smith and Emily Eileen Wiebke who were baptized here last weekend.

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.

Wedding Banns

- II Anthony Massa & Sara DeMasi
- II Aaron Smolick & Carly Buszta
- II John LaRosa & Andrea Balderas
- I William Kalinowski & Lynn O'Brien



The Parish family congratulates the following graduates on their academic achievement:

The Class of 2006 from New Fairfield High School;

The Class of 2006 from Danbury High School;

The Eighth Grade Class from New Fairfield Middle School.

We will pray for you and your future.



OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and 4th in observance of Independence Day. **All bulletin notices for the weekend of July 8th & 9th must be submitted by Thursday, June 29th.** Have a

Great Holiday!!

Weekly Collections

6-11-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$13,861.00
Offertory	\$13,495.00
Monthly.....	\$366.00

506 donors gave \$10,532.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$20.82. 50 donors gave \$1,469.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$29.38. 1 donor gave a quarterly gift of \$500.00. In cash an estimated 102 donors gave \$933.50 for an average gift of \$9.74.

1,783 attended mass this year, 2,111 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!

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY & MUSIC – 746-6945

NPM CONVENTION

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is holding its Eastern Regional Convention on June 27th-30th in Stamford. Church musicians from throughout eastern North America will be there, including Gloria Hudson who will serve as the convention office manager, Rob Brereton as the program editor and Dan Kean as convention banker. For more info about this convention, visit the website at www.npm.org.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – JULY 2, 2006
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5: 21-43

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 ahead to sign up)

- June 27th & 28th** Outdoor work around the Parish, 9 AM to Noon.
Service Hours Doubled if Parent Helps.
- August 27th:** Help is needed with games at the Parish Picnic. E-mail any ideas!



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.

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, 7PM; July 19th, 7PM and August 23rd, 7PM. Please call Jane at 746-2200 Ext. 11 to register.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



**SICK AND HOMEBOUND
MINISTRY**

The Western CT Area Agency on Aging develops, manages and provides comprehensive services for seniors, caregivers and individuals with disabilities in order to maintain their independence and quality of life. The staff can assist seniors and caregivers with information pertaining to Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, public senior housing, transportation service, health services, support groups and much more. For questions and further information on any programs of interest, contact this agency at (203) 757-5449 or 1 (800) 994-9422.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Why is it that we always see the same few faces doing everything at Church? Quite simply it is due to a lack of volunteers.

We appreciate each of those familiar faces and thank them for sharing their gifts but we also challenge more of you to get involved. You are here with us at Mass each week, why not take a more active role? Additional people are needed for all Parish ministries.

Please call John Anello at 746-9595 for more information.



DOLLAR SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Dollar Sunday to benefit the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Bridgeport who have established a safe place called **The Caroline House** for area women to learn English, basic computer skills, basic literacy and math, and receive some job training in order to better their lives and that of their families. The Sisters are there with support and prayer groups. Please help by leaving a donation in the wall safes located at the Church doors or with a representative from the Social Concerns Committee. Caroline House, 574 Stillman Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608.



St. Edward’s Sewing Group would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations to Rosary Hill. These Sisters work diligently to keep the facility open for the cancer patients.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 11

FAMILY LIFE POSITION

Jane Arseniadis 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.

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, 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Adult Ministry Center. The next meeting of the Separated and Divorced Support Group is Sunday, June 25th. For more info, please call Jane at Ext. 11 or email jarseniadis@saintedwardchurch.org

WOMEN OF WONDER –

A WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Women of St. Edward's are invited to participate in Women of Wonder (WOW), a women's discussion group (for all ages) that meets on alternating Tuesdays. WOW's mission is to be a community of women that invigorates minds and spirits through discussion, nurtures Christianity in daily living, reaffirms the value of the individual, and offers support. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, June 27th, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM at the AMC**. Our topic is "A Biography of the Holy Spirit", based on the book: "The Left Hand of God: A Biography of the Holy Spirit" by Adolf Holl. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Access for the handicapped will be provided. For more info and to participate in this discussion opportunity, please call Family Life Minister Jane Arseniadis at Ext. 11.

Ladies Guild

LADIES GUILD MEETING

The Ladies Guild invites women of our Parish to their meeting this Wednesday, June 28th, after 9:00 AM Mass. Guest will be Belinda Boone, one of our parishioners who will speak about her conversion to the Catholic faith.



Our Parish Picnic 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!

**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.



On behalf of St. Edwards Parish Community I would like to thank the Committee members of our recent fundraiser "An Evening in Tuscany." They are: Buddy and Ruth Barto, Bob & Bev Pietrzekiewicz, Bob & Carol Dugan, Kathy & Jack Pape, Mary Ellen Jansen and Ellen Waltmyer. A special thanks to all of our last minute runners and collectors. Thank you also to all who donated to the Auction and all who came for an evening of fun, food and friendship. By God's Grace the evening was a big success! Once again thanks and see you next year.

Fr. Joe

PRAISE AND WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Meets every Tuesday in St. Edward's Chapel at 7:30-8:30 PM. All are welcome. The gatherings led by the Holy Spirit, foster Peace with faith sharing, testimonies of God's goodness, time of listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. These gatherings allow for sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is available for special intentions at the close of the Gathering. For info call Mary Lou, 746-5439 or Joan, 860-355-3673.

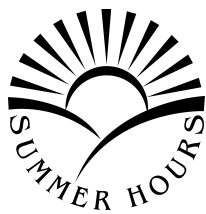
ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Currently 633 families have donated to the Appeal and we have raised \$155,676.75 towards our goal of \$175,000.00. If you have not contributed to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you!

PETER'S PENCE COLLETION

Next week, as a Parish, we will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the works of the Holy Father. This collection enables the Holy Father to respond to requests for emergency funds from the most needy throughout the world. We are reminded of our calling to *profess faith, impart hope, and bestow love*. This special appeal is an opportunity to demonstrate justice and kindness to our brothers and sisters in need. Please pray for the Holy Father's works and contribute generously to the appeal.

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.

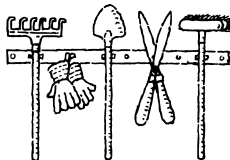
The Chapel will be open for prayer each day from 6:30 AM to 10 PM. If you have any concerns regarding the Chapel hours, please contact Msgr. Ryan.

Ministry meetings will continue as scheduled! Leaders should contact their Staff Leader for entrance to the building when the Church doors are locked!

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.



Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Individual pursuits can make you a happier person to be around; but when do separate hobbies and recreation create too much distance? Answer: When the time, expense or energy are more than you spend on your spouse. Often this is about the same time your spouse starts complaining about feeling neglected. Pay attention.

PARENTING POINTERS

“Include your children in conversations instead of talking over their heads. Often we assume that our kids can’t understand what we are discussing with other adults and talk as if they are invisible. Respect your children and when appropriate bring them up to speed in conversations.”

(Mimi Doe, Spiritual Parenting)

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 to 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.



LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee is seeking new members. Are you looking for a way 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

EUCHARIST ADORATION

We will be holding our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, July 7th, from 9:30 AM to Midnight. Please sign up for an hour of prayer in the Gathering Space. We will pray this month for an increase in vocations and for all graduates. Please come and join us.

COOPERATIVE MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Joseph Dorcin will be with us on the weekend of July 15th & 16th. Fr. Joseph will be speaking at all masses and asking for your generous support of their mission.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

The U.S. Congress has held hearings on “fetal pain:” scientific journals have also weighed in. Why is this important? “By offering pain control (to the fetus) during an abortion, we still would not succeed in redeeming or sanitizing the act itself. Pain-free killing is still killing. But at least by encouraging abortion doctors and their pregnant patients to consider the pain the infant may experience, they may be prompted to consider a deeper dimension of what they are doing.”

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D **The Southern Cross**, 11/3/05

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

MARRIAGE



ENCOUNTER

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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family Planning is moral, safe, healthy and 99% effective. We are looking for a couple or someone to represent our Parish in the promotion of this ministry. There will be a Mass and Gathering for those involved in this ministry at St. Ann Parish in Bridgeport on Saturday, July 15th. There will also be a Natural Family Planning Picnic on Sunday, July 23rd on the commencement of National Family Planning Week. The picnic will be a St. Rose of Lima in Newtown from 3 to 5:30 PM. If interested, please contact Msgr. Ryan at Ext. 16.

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.



HEALING SERVICE

There will be a Healing Mass at St. James The Apostle Church, Gleneida Avenue in Carmel on Thursday, July 20th at 8:00 PM. Celebrant is Fr. John Oppong Baah. For more information call Patricia at 845-225-7475.

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.

CENTER OF SPIRITUALITY AND LAY MINISTRY SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

The Center is sponsoring the Summersong Choir Camp, July 31st through August 4th, the Center's first choir camp for children grades 4—8. This camp is designed to enthuse singers and delight musicians to more fully participate in the music programs of their home churches and communities. The day begins at 9 AM and ends at 4 PM. Program cost is \$300. Church choir directors are encouraged to attend. For information, please call 203-371-7843.

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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL REUNION

There will be a reunion for Holy Family School, all years, on Saturday, October 7th. Reunion Mass at 5:30 at Holy Family Church in Fairfield followed by dinner and dancing at the Trumbull Marriott from 7 to 11 PM. \$30 per person. If interested or for more information, contact Larry Fitzgerald, Principal at 203-367-5409 or email lfitzgerald@holyfamilyffld.org.

CALENDAR
WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
6/26/06-7/02/06

Monday – 6/26/06

7:30 pm St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 6/27/06

12:00 pm Women of Wonder Discussion Group/AMC

7:00 pm AA Meeting/Hall

7:30 pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 6/28/06

9:30 am Ladies' Guild Meeting/Hall/Kitchen

Thursday – 6/29/06

9:30 am Ladies' Guild Sewing Group/Hall

1:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Hall

7:30 pm Grief Support Group/AMC

7:30 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 6/30/06

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel

8:30 pm AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 7/1/06

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

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast/Conf. Rm. A/K

8:00 am First Saturday Rosary/Prayer Chapel

Sunday – 7/2/06

4:15 pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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

(Calendar subject to change)

ST. EDWARD'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
50/50 CLUB WINNERS

The following members are the winners of our June, 2006 drawing:

- \$225 Lawrence Paladino
- \$125 Manny/Pat Tavalilla
- \$100 Lucille Ball
- \$50 Margaret Spellman
- \$25 Gene/Marianna LaBarbera

Congratulations to all winners and thank you. This concludes the year. Please see our new "Indy 5000" insert. *The Indy 5000 raffle replaces the 50/50 Club for the new year.* Again, thank you to all who have so generously participated to our fund raisers.



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.

- Next Admin Comm.8-07-06 6:00 PM**
- Next Blue Ribbon7-08-06 8:30 AM**
- Next Staff MeetingTBA Noon**
- Next Finance Comm.9-28-06 7:30 PM**
- Liturgy Comm.7-17-06 7:30 PM**