

Mass Schedule



MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30 AM Giralдина Leone R/B Alma & Walter
 9:00 AM Richard Endres R/B The Cutler Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

7:30 AM Lois Adams R/B The Family
 9:00 AM Willard & Leslie Stripling
 R/B Bob & Connie Pileggi

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 AM Terrance Shannon R/B The Cunningham Family
 9:00 AM Doris Peters R/B Paul Peters

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30 AM Kathleen Foley R/B The Cunningham Family
 9:00 AM Mary Elizabeth McDermott R/B Mary Baske

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30 AM Daniel Dudzak & Madeline Urspruch
 R/B The Family
 9:00 AM Joseph Kusterer R/B The Kraszewski Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:30 AM Diane Dugan R/B The Arseniadis Family
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Gray

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn for our college students returning to school. We pray for your safety and success.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for the Intentions of Tom Eagan at the request of the Cunningham Family

Dear Friends,

As we enter into a new school year, there are going to be changes we will need to work with here at St. Edward's. With the change in personnel and one less priest we will need to develop a plan so to continue the service of parishioners that has always been here.

The Administration Committee will be developing a strategic plan and it will coincide with a new pastoral initiative being presented by the Diocese. More information will be forthcoming.

The present need is to continue to ask your help through volunteering your time and energy. The response to Blue Ribbon Committee requests this summer has been fruitful.

As we enter the Faith Formation year, we will need to build an additional group of volunteers, who will not be catechists but will volunteer hours to assist with administrative tasks during religious education times.

Volunteers are needed to be hall monitors, attendance takers, bus monitors, dismissal facilitators, and traffic directors for the parking lot. We need 4-5 volunteers for each class day, Monday -Thursday. Could you give us 2 hours a week 3-5pm?

Peace,

Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Aidan Thomas Hearty, Ryan Michael Manka, and Anthony John Hackert who were baptized here last weekend.

Wedding Banns

- III Gregory Umphrey & Mia Geisinger
- III Michael Oliva & Aneta Tylczak
- II John Groissl & Lauren Piccolino
- I Erich Mann & Jennifer Buhrman

"THE GREEN ENVELOPE"

May we ask your help in decreasing the mortgage on the Church? The monthly green envelope invites your family's donation and goes directly to decreasing the Parish debt. Please be generous in the monthly collection for September.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Christmas in July collection was a success this summer. We would like to thank those who contributed \$12,704.00. Your contributions will be used to maintain our Parish facilities.

Weekly Collections	
8-13-06	
TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$19,865.00
Budgeted Expenses.....	\$16,825.00
Interest on Mortgage.....	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$16,791.25
Offertory	13,326.00
Monthly	\$944.00
Credit Cards	\$2531.25
497 donors gave \$ 10,276.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$20.68. 45 donors gave \$962.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$21.38. 102 Credit Card donors made gifts totaling \$2,531.25. In cash, an estimated 185 donors gave \$2,078.00 for an average gift of \$11.23. 1,711 attended mass this year, 1,829 attended last year.	

LITURGY & MUSIC – 746-6945

LITURGY EVENTS

September 10th 11AM Blessing of Expectant Mothers
September 10th 5:15PM Confirmation Enrollment
September 9th-10th ...All Masses.... Blessing of Grandparents

GRANDPARENTS BLESSING

On Sunday, September 10th, we will be joining in the Celebration of Grandparents. We will have a Special Blessing for Grandparents at all Masses. At the Children’s Mass at 9AM we will hand out a blessing prayer which the children can pray with their “grandparents”.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK– SEPT. 3, 2006
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8 Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7 : 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125)

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.

CELIAC DISEASE

The Parish is ready to assist those persons who suffer from “Celiac Disease.” We have been able to obtain a low-gluten host and have created a process for the reception of the host. Please contact one of our priests if you wish to receive the low-gluten host.

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 couldn’t make it to our August 21st planning session, e-mail your ideas/suggestions.

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. Look for details of our Registration & Kick-Off Meeting as we get closer to the date.

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

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer’s Association provides supportive programs and services to help people with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers deal with the disease and its impact on their lives. Each chapter offers up to date information on various topics such as community resources and referral services, assists with care consultations, schedules and locations of support groups, safety services and education. The nearest local chapter office is located in Norwalk, CT and their helpline # is (800) 356-5502. This is a toll free number.

KOF C SPONSORS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on behalf of the American Red Cross on Thursday, August 31st from 1:30-6:15PM in the Parish Hall. For more information or to make an appointment, please see the Social Concerns Bulletin Board or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

DOLLAR SUNDAY FOR NEW HEIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 2-3

New Heights is a psychosocial rehabilitation program for adults with mental illness in the Greater Danbury area. The services are support groups for people with depression, obsessive compulsive disorder, schizophrenia, and substance abuse. The program matches people with mental illness with mentors who have experienced recovery in their illness. These services are free of charge. Also part of the program are services for education, vocational activities, food pantry and lunch. Please be generous next Sunday by leaving your donation in the wall safes at the Church doors or with the Social Concerns

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14

MOM'S MORNING OUT

This Fall, Mom's Morning Out will be hosting a seven week program presented by Jean Kechejian on "What We Believe as Catholic Christians". Please see our Bulletin insert for details and advance registration form. For additional information, please contact Kim, 746-6675 or Therese, 746-3139. This program is open to the Parish.



Grandparents Day

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY
SEPTEMBER 10, 2006**

In 1978 the U.S. Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. The proclamation was signed by President Jimmy Carter. September was chosen for the holiday to signify the "autumn years" of life.

This day has a three fold purpose:

- to honor grandparents;
- to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer and;
- to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children.

Why not celebrate the day by having grandparents relate stories of their past, enlightening children about "the old days?" Please join us on the weekend of September 9th and 10th for the Blessing of Grandparents when we will come together to honor those people who have been so significant in our lives and the lives of our children.

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.



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!

COLLEGE STUDENTS

We pray God's Blessings upon our Parish College students who will be returning to their academic homes. May you have a successful year and know that your Parish Community is praying for you.



**PRAYERS
for
VOCATIONS**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Each month on First Friday between the hours of 7-8 PM we ask you to remember in prayer the intention for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



The Eucharist

EUCARIST ADORATION

We will be holding our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 1st, from 9:30AM to 10PM. Please sign up for an hour of prayer in the Gathering Space. Please come and join us.

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"

AROUND OUR PARISH

THANK YOU TO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

We have been able to accomplish various maintenance projects this summer through the many volunteers who helped us accomplish the stripping of the parking lot, the painting of the pillars of the Church, the grounds clean up and the new flooring for the Rectory kitchen. Many thanks to all of our volunteers.

CHURCH HOURS

On Tuesday, September 5th, we will return to winter hours in the Church. The Church building will be open for Mass and program times. The Chapel will be open for your prayer time.

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.

GETAWAY OF A LIFETIME -MEN'S RETREAT

Sign up for our Parish Retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in Hartford. It begins on Friday evening the 13th of October and ends on Sunday about noon. Enjoy some free time and a chance to think about those things that really matter—like your relationship with family, friends and God. For information, call the Retreat Center at 860-521-0440, Otis Shelton (203-746-4162), Frank McHugh (203-746-1436), or register online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org

SAFE BUILDING

As we continue to build the Safe Environment Program in our Parish, each one of us needs to work to make our building safer. Here are some remedies:

- 1) Keep little children out of the Parish kitchen—Keep the kitchen door shut.
- 2) Turn off lights and lock rooms not being used.
- 3) Please use the buddy system when going to the storage room.
- 4) Children should not be left alone to go to the Restroom during Mass.

Please help us build a safe building.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We have a number of children in our Parish with life threatening food allergies (especially peanut products). We are asking that **NO FOOD OF ANY KIND** be brought into the Church Worship Space. The safety and well being of our children is our primary concern. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you!

**THE WILL OF GOD WILL NEVER TAKE YOU WHERE
THE GRACE OF GOD WILL NOT PROTECT YOU**

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"Young people realize that if we don't speak out about what happened to Terri (Schindler), about what is happening to innocent disabled Americans every day behind closed doors of nursing homes and hospices, if we don't fight it with everything we've got, it will happen here." Joleigh Little, *NRL News* 4/06

**HE WHO KNEELS BEFORE GOD
CAN STAND BEFORE ANYONE!**



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.



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

FAREWELL SUMMER PARISHIONERS

As we come to Labor Day 2006, many of you will be returning to other homes and parishes. We hope you had a good summer and that you have a safe journey. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance." (Follow the Way of Love, USCCB). Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. Perhaps your prayer is for yourself. Consider trying Retrouvaille, www.retrouvaille.org or The Third Option, www.thethirdoption.com.

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

GREATER DANBURY IRISH FESTIVAL

The Danbury Ladies' and Men's Ancient Order of Hibernians will hold its annual Greater Danbury Irish Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 8, 9, and 10 at the Ives Concert Park on the Western Connecticut State University Campus. Hours: Friday 5-10:30PM, Saturday 11AM-10:30PM and Sunday, 11AM-7PM. Admission is \$10.00 per day. For more information, Contact the AOH info line-203-730-8211 or visit www.danbury.org/aoh/Festivalaohfeis.htm

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.

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

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.

"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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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*, call 203-372-4301 Ext. 452, or e-mail fcc@diobpt.org.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8/28/06-9/3/06

Monday –8/28/06

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

Tuesday – 8/29/06

7:00pm AA Meeting/Hall

7:30pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 8/30/06

7:30pm Grief Support Meeting/Conf. Rm A

Thursday – 8/31/06

9:30am Ladies Guild Sewing Group/Hall

1:30pm Red Cross Blood Drive/Hall

Friday – 9/1/06

10:00am First Friday Adoration/Prayer Chapel

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel

8:30pm AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 9/2/06

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

8:00am First Saturday Rosary/Prayer Chapel

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

**After all Weekend Masses/ Dollar Sunday
Gathering Space**

Sunday –9/3/06

4:15pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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

JOYFUL NOISE

Please help make our prayer space a prayerful and joyous place. Kindly turn off your cell phones and beepers.

OFFICE CLOSING

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!!!

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. 9-18-06 7:30 PM