

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD**



**MONDAY, MAY 29**

7:30 AM Brian Murphy R/B Rosemary & Lee Scott  
 9:00 AM Annual Memorial Day Mass

**TUESDAY, MAY 30**

7:30 AM Josephine Fox R/B Joe & Mary Coleman  
 9:00 AM Willard & Leslie Stripling R/B  
 Bob & Connie Pileggi

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31**

7:30 AM Joanna Prince R/B Jeannette De La Cierva  
 9:00 AM Robert Cahill R/B Dorothy & Family

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

7:30 AM Thea Chrysula R/B Irene & Robert Matarazzo  
 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

7:30 AM Sr. Margaret Kane R/B The Parish Staff  
 9:00 AM Estelle Fitzpatrick R/B Son, Joseph

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

7:30 AM Betty Rothe DeGraw R/B The Family  
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau  
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

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

**THE CHAPEL LAMP** will burn this week in honor of all living and deceased military veterans at the request of Daniel McWilliams and family.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in memory of John R. Fennelly, Jr. at the request of the Soar Para Professionals of MHHS.

Dear Friends,

During the past months, I have prayed each day for a daughter of one of our parishioners who is in the military service in Iraq. Last week the mother of this woman came to me and said her daughter had returned safely to the U.S. I will always remember this mother's face as she told me her daughter had returned "safe."

Memorial Day is Monday! It is not just a day when summer begins. It is a day to remember those who are in service to our country and a day to remember those who lost their lives serving our country.

Please come and join us pray and remember on Monday, May 29th, at 9:00 AM.

Peace,  
 Msgr. Ryan

**LITURGY EVENTS**

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.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

St. Edward's Memorial Day Mass will be Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Parish will celebrate the communal Anointing of the Sick of our Parish during the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 4th. The Parish priests will be present to administer the Sacrament. We invite the sick and aging of our Parish for this celebration.



We once again would like to say welcome to our summer residents. We hope that you will have a wonderful summer rest with us.

**Parish Support**

5-14-06

<b>TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>\$17,840.00</b>
Budgeted Expenses .....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage .....	\$3,040.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME</b> .....	<b>\$16,156.00</b>
Offertory .....	\$15,445.00
Monthly .....	\$1,884.00

585 donors gave \$12,163.58 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$20.79. 68 donors gave \$1,884.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$27.71. 1 donor made a quarterly gift of \$495.00. In cash an estimated 105 donors gave \$902.42 for an average gift of \$8.59.  
 2,157 attended mass this year, 2,017 attended mass last year.



Recently, we incurred two unauthorized entries into our Parish buildings. As a result, changes need to be made in order to safeguard everyone. The Church will be locked at 1 PM daily. During business hours when the Church is locked please enter through the Staff Entrance door. The Chapel will be open from 6:30 AM to 10:00 PM. Please lock all doors at the end of any Parish meetings.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – JUNE 4, 2006**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Acts 2: 1-11: 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13

FAMILY LIFE

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CHURCH

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 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call Jane at 746-2200 Ext. 11 for more information or email at jarseniadis@saintedwardchurch.org

WOMEN OF WONDER – A WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Women of St. Edward the Confessor Parish are invited to participate in Women of Wonder (WOW). WOW is a women's discussion group (for all ages) that will meet 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM at the AMC.** Our topic is **"Catholicism and Democracy"**. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Access for the handicapped will be provided. For more information and to participate in this discussion opportunity, please call Family Life Minister Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200, Ext. 11.

THE LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild Installation Dinner was held at The Hearth in Brookfield. The following is a list of officers for the 2006-2007 year:

President	Marion Fuchsenthaler
Vice President	Betty Kawulicz
Recording Secretary	Mae Toomey
Corresponding Secretary	Libby Laws
Treasurer	Emily Sankey
Historian	Bernadette Quinn
Publicity	Jaye Anderson
Telephone Chairperson	Florence Pannell

PARISH PICNIC

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



SOCIAL CONCERNS  
SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



CONNECTICUT NATIONAL FAMILY  
CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

This federally funded respite program is designed to provide relief for family caregivers caring for a person aged 60 or over with any type of debilitating illness. The program connects eligible families with services and provides financial assistance for these services. Arrangements are made for daytime or overnight respite care including: adult day care, home health aide, homemaker/companion, skilled nursing or assisted living. Contact: Area Agencies on Aging. 1-800-994-9422.

DOLLAR SUNDAY



Next Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, is Dollar Sunday for Rosary Hill where loving care is given to the terminally ill. Please keep them in your payers and be generous by leaving your donations in the wall safes at the Church doors or with a member of the Social Concerns Committee.



BAPTISM

The parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Meghan Elisabeth Gerry who was baptized here last weekend.



Wedding Banns

I Glenn Forest & Joanna Leon

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 28<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.** Please call Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11 to pre-register for a session.

MAY 28, 2006

## 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

Next Sunday, June 4th, the Liturgy Committee will host an "Open Forum" after the 9:00 PM Mass to discuss "What is the best way for our children to learn about the Mass and become participants at weekly Mass?" Parents we ask you to please join us regarding this important topic.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Memorial Day commemorates those who lost their lives defending freedom and the founding principles that all people are equal and that the weak must be protected from the strong. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, has pointed out that in today's society we find a perversion of freedom and traditional principles because we allow one person's "freedom of choice" to determine the value of a weaker person's life. In this situation all people are not equal, and we have abandoned our founding principles for which so many gave so much.

## 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.

June 4th: Mandatory Meeting 6:30—8:00 PM  
**SKILLS NIGHT.**

## THANK YOU FROM AMERICARES

The St. Edward's Americares Homefront Program would like to thank the members of our Parish family who shared in our efforts in our May 5th project by making a donation to Americares. They are: Bill & Joann Mihal, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Mr. & Mrs. Vicare, Steve & Caroline Weldon, Mike & Ginny Gillotti, Bob & Bev Pietrzkiwicz, John MacDonald and Emily Schmeidel. Once again thank you!

And GOD Bless.

## ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

We thank the 563 families who have generously donated to our 2006 Annual Bishop's Appeal. To date, our Parish has raised \$138,156.75. Our goal is \$175,000.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or a one-time gift.



## OFFICE CLOSING

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

## ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Final Notice! Registration and training for the Altar Server Ministry will be this Thursday, June 1st from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Church (a parent is required to attend). For more information, see the flyer in today's bulletin.

## 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.

## EUCARIST ADORATION

We will be holding our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, June 2nd, 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.

## QUILT RAFFLE

Many thanks to all of you who supported St. Edward's 1st Annual Quilt Raffle and "Congratulations" to Mrs. Joan Whiteley of Stamford, CT who won the quilt. Joan is a relative of the Saalborn family here at St. Edward's. Through your generous support we were able to donate \$2,146.00 to the Parish. Thanks again and look for quilt #2 next spring.

*SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

**CALENDAR**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**5/29//06-6/04/06**

**Monday –5/29/06 Memorial Day**

**9:00 a.m.** – Memorial Day Mass/Church

**7:30 p.m.** – St. Edward’s Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel

**Tuesday – 5/30/06**

**7:00 p.m.** – AA Meeting/Hall

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

**Wednesday – 5/31/06**

**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

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

**Thursday – 6/1/06**

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

**4:00 p.m.** – Children’s Liturgy Rehearsal/Church

**7:00 p.m.** – Altar Server Training/Church

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

**Friday – 6/2/06**

**10:00 a.m.** – First Friday Adoration/Prayer Chapel

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

**7:30 p.m.** – Pre Baptism Class/Hall

**8:30 p.m.** – AA Women’s Group/AMC

**Saturday – 6/3/06**

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

**8:00 a.m.** – Men’s Prayer Breakfast/Conf. Rm. A/Kitchen

**8:00 a.m.** – First Saturday Rosary/Prayer Chapel

**8:30 a.m.** – Blue Ribbon Committee/Conf. Rm. B

**10:00 a.m.** – Lift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall

**2:00 p.m.** – Praise and Worship Gathering Pentecost  
Celebration/Hall

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

**Sunday – 6/4/06 Pentecost Sunday**

**9:00 a.m.** – Children’s Liturgy/Church

**11:00 a.m.** – Anointing of the Sick Mass/Church

**12:15 p.m.** – Praise and Worship Gathering Pentecost  
Celebration/Church

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

**5:15 p.m.** – Confirmation Candidate Family Mass &  
Presentation/Church

**6:30 p.m.** – Workcamp Meeting/Hall

**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.**

**BULLETIN STUFFERS NEEDED....**

If you are interested in volunteering on Fridays to collate and  
stuff our Parish bulletin, please call Luanne at 746-2200.

**Next Admin Comm. .... 6-05-06.....6:00 PM**  
**Next Blue Ribbon ..... 6-03-06.....8:30 AM**  
**Next Staff Meeting ..... TBA .....Noon**  
**Next Finance Comm. .... 6-13-06.....7:30 PM**  
**Liturgy Comm. .... 6-19-06.....7:30 PM**