

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD



MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 7:30 AM James Kawulicz R/B The Family
- 9:00 AM Intention of Jean Hogan R/B Dennis & Celia Bond

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00 AM John Schmiedel R/B His Wife

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00 AM Ann McInerney R/B The Winston Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 7:30 AM George Vadas R/B The Zinser Family
- 9:00 AM Joseph & Estelle Fitzpatrick R/B Son, Joseph

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 7:30 AM Joseph Anello R/B The Kraszewski Family
- 9:00 AM Kaspar Fuchsenthaler R/B Marion

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 7:30 AM Anthony & Margaret Scebelo R/B The Family
- 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero
- 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of Mariano Roldan, Jr. at the request of the Radowsky family.

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

Parish Support

1-15-06

Budgeted Expenses.....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
Total Parish Weekly Expenses	\$17,840.00
Offertory	\$8,822.50
Monthly	\$300.00
Total Weekly Income	\$9,122.50
342 donors gave \$7,240.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.17. 36 donors gave \$1,084.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$30.69. In cash an estimated 58 donors gave 498.00 for an average gift of \$8.59.	
1,152 attended Mass this year, 2,140 attended last year.	

2005 TAX LETTERS

Letters have been mailed to each parishioner recognizing contributions to the building fund for 2005 and weekly donations totaling **\$500 or more**. If you have any questions or need a letter for donations under \$500, please contact Linda in the Parish Office, 746-2200, Ext. 15.

WHILE YOU ARE AWAY...

The Parish of St. Edward's needs your support. With the recent weather conditions, please remember your make-up envelopes!

Dear Friends:

As the Diocese of Bridgeport celebrates Catholic Schools Week, I ask all our parishioners who are products of Catholic education to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift we were given.

Older parishioners will remember the Catholic school as a parish school. The school was very much connected to the work and mission of the local parish. That type of school was administered by religious sisters and brothers and we all gained through the education process. Over the years Catholic schools have changed because of finances, loss of religious and the need for leadership from our laity. However, the Catholic school has not lost its very fine education quality.

The present Catholic school system in the greater Danbury area is a Diocesan school system built on a "Governance Model" of a lay board. We are blessed with four elementary schools (St. Gregory, St. Joseph, St. Peter and Sacred Heart) and a Catholic high school (Immaculate High School). We invite you to visit these schools and see Catholic education alive and well in 2006.

Peace,
Msgr. Ryan

LITURGY EVENTS

- February 2nd: Candlemas Day
- February 3rd: Feast of St. Blaise
- February 5th: 9:00 AM Boy Scout Sunday
- February 12th: 11:00 AM Marriage Jubilee Day

LITURGY NOTE

We remind each parishioner that the proper reverence for the Eucharist is to make a simple bow before receiving the host and cup.



CANDLEMAS DAY

The blessing of candles will take place on Thursday, February 2nd, at the 7:30 and 9:00 AM masses.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The Feast of St. Blaise is Friday, February 3rd. It is our tradition to have the Blessing of Throats at the 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses on the Feast Day. We will have a special prayer service at 7:00 PM.



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Anthony Kayden Grillo who was baptized here last weekend.

Readings for Next Week – February 5, 2006
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please do not allow your children to drive their ATVs in our parking lot. It is not safe for our parishioners or visitors. Also once the parking lot is plowed and the snow piles are pushed across, it costs the Parish extra to re-clean the area.



JOIN THE PARISH E-MAIL LIST

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.

Email us your address at

parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org or you can subscribe directly from the home page of the Parish website



“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 February issue is now available and can be accessed from the Education/Resources tab on St. Edward’s website homepage.

DEVICE FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Our Church is equipped with four devices, which will assist you in better hearing the priest and prayer during Mass. They may be picked up in the Usher’s Room, as you enter the Church and need to be returned after Mass.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

A Sense of Empowerment

“As a person trained in the Protecting God’s Children program, I now find my sense of empowerment returning. I’m encouraged by the sense of social permission the VIRTUS program (“Protecting God’s Children”) has given me to communicate my concerns without feeling as if I’m indicting someone when I observe something that concerns me and then share that concern with those who can do something about it. In fact, because of my Protecting God’s Children experience, I’m more aware of *my responsibility* as a caring adult to be another set of eyes for any child placed in my path.”

“Making the World a Better Place One Person at a Time”

Donna Albertone, M.P.A. Guest writer for the VIRTUS Programs

The following dates have been set for "Protecting God's Children" Awareness sessions at St. Edward's: Sunday February 5th at 12:45 PM and Wednesday March 8th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Please contact Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200, Ext. 11 for further information.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



ELDERCARE LOCATOR SERVICE

This is an information and referral service that gives a person access to an extensive network of organizations serving older people throughout the continental United States. Callers should have the name, address and zip code of the older person being assisted and a brief description of the problem or type of assistance being sought. Hours are 9 AM - 8 PM. Toll free telephone: 1-800-677-1116.

CONNECTICUT CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

SIGN UP SUNDAY

The *Gospel* of Christ calls us to aid those less fortunate in our society and live in a society morally pleasing to God. All Catholics are called to be active and responsible participants in our society. To help Catholics meet this challenge the Bishops of Connecticut have created the Connecticut Catholic Advocacy Network. They are asking all Catholics to sign-up in January to become part of this network. Once signed-up, you will receive e-mails or regular mail on state and federal issues of importance to people of faith. The Network will also allow you to easily contact your elected officials if you so desire. Please sign up this weekend.



DOLLAR SUNDAY
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

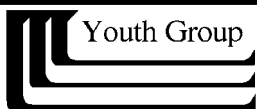
February 4th & 5th

Fifteen years ago, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people to do something more than celebrate a football game.

They created the Souper Bowl of Caring, a youth-led grassroots movement that is now an international event. Participation in the Souper Bowl of Caring helps tens of thousands of youth put God’s love into action. February’s Dollar Sunday will be for the Souper Bowl of Caring and proceeds will be donated to the Hanahoe Memorial Children’s Clinic in Danbury. The clinic has been offering free pediatric care to poor, working families for the past 30 years by providing well-child preventative care, routine medical care, dental, x-rays, lab tests and services of medical specialists in fields such as orthopedics and pulmonology. Please be generous next weekend and leave your donations in the wall safes at the Church doors or with a representative from the Senior Youth Group.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

The third thought in developing a resolution is...Look up into the face of the Lord. For there the heart can rest, fears are stilled and every hope is fulfilled. Enjoy the knowledge that all of our days and activities are in the hands of the Lord (Rev. 21:5). May the Lord bless all your resolutions this New Year.



Youth Group

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

**ST. EDWARD'S WORKCAMP/
SR. YOUTH GROUP**

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.

February 4th & 5th: Collection after all masses for Souper Bowl of Caring.

February 12th: Mandatory Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Save the Date! Saturday March 11th St. Edward's Night at The Trashers Game. Tickets will be on sale in February. Help us send our Workcampers on their service trip in July.



**FROM THE DESK
OF MARJ CUTLER
746-0755**

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
(Grades 6th, 7th & 8th)**

Any St. Edward Middle School student may join the Youth Group at anytime.

Whodunit??? Our next meeting is our Mystery Theatre on Friday, February 3rd, 7 to 9 PM in the Hall. We'll look for clues, investigate and solve who stole the artifact from the Smithsonian. (If you were here January 6th, come dressed in character)

Check out the hallway bulletin board for Bishop Lori's thank you letter in response to the Spiritual Bouquet we sent for his father who is ill. The power of prayer is awesome!

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

The priests and catechists of the Parish find a difficult moment in ministry when a child states that they would like to go to mass on Sunday but their parents are not attending mass. Please pray each day during February for the children who are longing to come to the Eucharist each week!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2006

We will be having our first planning meeting for VBS in February. If you would be interested in helping to organized and prepare for this summer's program, please call Eileen Burke at 746-4270.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY LITURGY

The commemoration of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America will be celebrated on Scout Sunday, February 5th, at the 9:00 AM Liturgy. The Parish family of St. Edward's invites our parishioner Cub and Boy Scout families to join the celebration of this liturgy. Cub and Boy Scouts are asked to please plan on arriving in the Parish Hall by 8:15 AM on February 5th for procession instructions. Cub or Boy Scouts interested in participating in the liturgy as a reader, gift bearer or usher are asked to please contact Arleen Callahan, 746-6759 by January 30th.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is *always* gravely immoral (*The Gospel of Life*, no 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice.

Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life (2001), Introduction



**PARISH MARRIAGE
PREPARATION TEAM**

We are looking for married couples who would be willing to join our Marriage Preparation Team to sponsor engaged couples who will be married at St. Edward's Parish. Marriage Preparation couples will be trained to facilitate the profile prepare/enrich and asked to share life experiences with the engaged couples. Our Parish program is a sponsor-couple program, which is taught couple to couple. For more information, please contact Msgr. Ryan , 746-2200.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

"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 POINTER

"Seeing one bad movie, watching an occasional violent TV program, or trying out a violent video 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)



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 January. The sign up board is located next to the kitchen door.

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.

Next Admin Comm	2-07-06	6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon	2-04-06	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting	TBA	Noon
Next Finance Comm	TBA	
Liturgy Comm	1-30-06	7:30 PM

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CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1/30/06-2/05/06

Monday – 1/30/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Terrific Twos /Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 11:15 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Classes Grade 7/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 1/31/06

- 3:00 p.m. – Children's and Youth Choir/Church
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Babysitting/AMC
- 4:30 p.m. – Faith Formation Dismissal/Entire Hall
- 4:45 p.m. – Cherub Choir/Church/Cry Room
- 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting/Entire Hall/Kitchen
- 7:30 p.m. – Praise and Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 2/1/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Terrific Twos /Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 10:00 a.m. – Joy Club/Hall
- 11:15 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 1:00 p.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Babysitting/AMC
- 4:30 p.m. – Faith Formation Dismissal/Entire Hall
- 7:00 p.m. – Grief Support Committee Meeting/Hall
- 7:15 p.m. – Liturgical Design/Conf. Rm. A
- 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

Thursday – 2/2/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Ladies' Guild Sewing Group/Hall
- 3:00 p.m. – Faith Formation Classes Grade 6/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Contemporary Choir/Conf. Rm. A
- 7:30 p.m. – Devotional Ministries Meeting/Conf. Rm. C

Friday – 2/3/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Women's Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC
- 10:00 a.m. – First Friday Adoration/Prayer Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. – Junior Youth Group Meeting/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Pre Baptism Class/Hall
- 8:30 p.m. – AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 2/4/06

- 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. – Yoga/Hall

After all Weekend Masses/Dollar Sunday/Gathering Space

Sunday – 2/5/06

- 9:00 a.m. – Boy Scout Sunday Mass/Church
- 11:30 a.m. – "Breaking Open the Word"/Conf. Rm. C
- 12:00 p.m. – RCIA for Children/Conf. Rm. B
- 4:15 p.m. – Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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

Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.

PRAYER BASKET

Post Christmastime is a difficult period for many people. Please help us to pray for you and your intentions by leaving your petitions in the Prayer Basket in the Chapel.