

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, JULY 3

7:30 AM Sr. Margaret Kane R/B The Sweeney Family
 9:00 AM Dennis O'Rourke R/B Randy & Beverly Fairchild

TUESDAY, JULY 4

7:30 AM Intention of Caroline Jacobson R/B Her Parents
 9:00 AM Willard & Leslie Stripling R/B
 Bob & Connie Pileggi

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 AM John Murphy R/B Joe Fitzpatrick

THURSDAY, JULY 6

7:30 AM Catherine Ryan R/B The Callahan Family
 9:00 AM Albert Pascale R/B Chet & Pat Straub

FRIDAY, JULY 7

7:30 AM John Ryan R/B The Callahan Family
 9:00 AM Margaret Carello R/B Chet & Pat Straub

SATURDAY, JULY 8


7:30 AM James Joyce R/B Bridie & John
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Ryan
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

SUNDAY, JULY 9

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 for the intention of Ita Harvey at the request of the Cunningham family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week for those traveling. May God grant them a safe journey.

	
6-18-06	
TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$14,243.50
Offertory	\$13,836.50
Monthly	\$407.00

512 donors gave \$11,146.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.77. 58 donors gave \$1,351.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$23.29. In cash an estimated 58 donors gave \$1,339.50 for an average gift of \$8.32. 1,960 attended mass this year, 2,011 attended mass last year.

USE OF CREDIT CARDS

We have a very mobile parish. Your weekly donation is important to us. We realize some weekends you need to be away! The Parish has developed a system to accommodate your donation by credit card (Master Card and Visa).

You may use the card provided in your envelope packets or call Luanne Hogan at the Parish Office to make your donation by credit card.



Dear Friends,

On this 4th of July weekend, I ask you to pause for a moment and reflect upon the freedom we celebrate on Independence Day. We have always been allowed to pray and worship freely. Many nations do not enjoy this right!!

May God bless us with a beautiful weekend and remember all that our freedom brings, especially the freedom of worshipping God.

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan

JOYFUL NOISE

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



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Cooper Lawrence Mikolay who was baptized here last weekend.

Wedding Banns

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



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. Have a Great Holiday!!



BLESSING WITH HOLY WATER

A tradition of our faith is to bless oneself with the holy water as you enter or exit the Church. The Holy Water is to remind you of your baptism and the personal example you give within the Community.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – JULY 9, 2006

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12: 7-10 Mk 6: 1-6 (101)

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!!

I'm still looking for feedback on this year's Jr. Youth Group and ideas for next year's; e-mail your responses.

Interested in becoming part of our Core Team for next year?
Call if interested... parents and kids interested will meet in August to plan; date and details to follow.

Need Service Hours? Call for list of opportunities...
August 27th: Help is needed with games at the Parish Picnic.
Call if you can help and e-mail any ideas!

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



**SICK AND HOMEBOUND
MINISTRY**

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

"Different Strokes for Different Folks" is the name of a local stroke support group in Sherman, CT. This group invites stroke survivors and caregivers to meet on the second Thursday of the month at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Rt. 37/39 at 6:00 PM. For more information, contact Tino Guido, 860-355-0846.

"BE AN ANGEL"

The Connecticut Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is offering the "Phone Angel Program," which matches a caregiver volunteer with a caregiver in need of advice or in need of a shoulder to cry on – someone who has been through the process of dealing with an individual who has Alzheimer's. It is a wonderful way to share perspectives and to realize that others are grappling with the same issues. For more information on how you can "Be an Angel," contact Trudy Brady, Coordinator of Caregiver Services, at 866-363-6679.

CHRISTIAN CATERERS

With heartfelt appreciation from our entire Parish Community, we acknowledge the wonderful service provided by this volunteer Parish Ministry. Group members help prepare meals for parishioners and their families during their time of need (hospitalization, grieving, homebound). Our mission statement emphasizes the important of "service to our neighbor."

This Ministry is also looking for new members. We urge you to give careful consideration to joining us in building this community within our Parish. For more information, please call John Anello or Donna Hanft.



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

DOLLAR SUNDAY



This Sunday is Dollar Sunday to benefit **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. 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.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 11



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!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

There are four "Protecting God's Children" online safety tips. These safety tips should be used any time children or teenagers go online or access the Internet.

Safety Tip #1: Stay out of chat rooms

Young people are unaware that chat rooms frequently are the most dangerous online location that one can visit. A trusting child may not realize that his or her online "friend" is actually lying about a multitude of things.

Safety Tip #2: Never provide anyone online with personal information

Warn young people that they should never provide other online users with private information, details about their family and especially their specific physical location.

Safety Tip #3: Never post an online profile

A profile provides a place where an online user can "publicly" list his or her personal information and special interests. Because this information is posted & open to the public, anyone can view it.

Safety Tip #4: Never put a computer in a child's bedroom

A home computer should be placed in only those locations where other members of the family can view the screen. Child safety software or filters are not a substitute for parental involvement. If a parent observes a son or daughter "minimizing" the computer screen as the parent approaches, the parent should immediately maximize the screen to see what their child is doing while online.

VIRTUS Training Bulletin Posted 2005-03-11

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Sessions at St. Edward's are: **July 19th, 7PM and August 23rd, 7PM.** Please call Jane @ 746-2200 Ext. 11 to register.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Our Christmas in July letters were mailed this week. Your donation to this Appeal enables our Parish to maintain its building and grounds. We ask you to be generous in your response.

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!

Next Meeting - July 9th: Commissioning Mass at 5:15 PM and Farewell Pot Luck Dinner for workcampers and families.



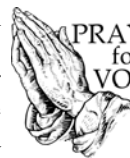
Peter Pence Collection

This weekend, as a Parish, we will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the works of the Holy Father. 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.

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.

Each month on between the hours you to remember intention for more priesthood and



PRAYERS for VOCATIONS

First Friday of 7-8 PM we ask in prayer the vocations to the religious life.



The Eucharist

EUCHARIST ADORATION

Our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is 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.

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

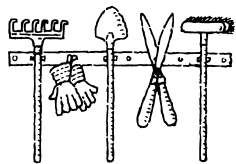
office door.

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!

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.



Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

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.



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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

How much independence is good in a marriage? Certainly husband and wife need to be able to stand on their own two feet and not rely on their spouse for identity and self worth, BUT interdependence is better. What do you depend on your spouse to do around your home? When was the last time YOU were dependable?

PARENTING POINTERS

Travel can be draining with kids but it can also be uplifting and increase our global awareness. Whether it's 20 or 2,000 miles, you meet people with different life stories. Take the time to listen to strangers along the way of your summer travel. Pray for them and the needs of the towns or region you visit.



Family Counseling

Has your home become a battle zone with your spouse or children? Learning communication or conflict resolution skills can help. For more information contact – Diane Merrifield, M. A. LMFT at St. Edward's Counseling Center 746-8013.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

To date, 680 families donated to the Appeal and we have raised \$165,000.00 towards our goal of \$175,000.00. We thank everyone for their support of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Each Fourth of July celebration of our nation's Declaration of Independence invites us to remember its words: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Let us remind others that unborn human beings are equally endowed with these rights by their Creator.

AROUND OUR PARISH



We received a “thank you” note regarding our financial support for the WestConn Newman Club’s Journey of Hope II who helped to rebuild the Mississippi Gulf Coast. A group of 28 individuals worked hard for six hot, humid days in June and were able to sheetrock, mud and sand three houses. As a result three families moved out of their FEMA trailers and back into their homes! The support of St. Edward’s parishioners is so appreciated!!

ADMISSION – DANBURY HOSPITAL

In compliance with national regulations for privacy and confidentiality of hospital patients, please be advised that if you are admitted to the hospital and wish to be visited by one of our priests it is necessary to inform the hospital of that fact. Please be sure to state St. Edward’s as your Parish, that you are Catholic and when asked “Do you want your name made available to your clergy?” answer YES. Only under these conditions will we be notified of your admittance to the hospital.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

APPALACHIAN CRAFT FAIR

Holy Trinity Church in Sherman will be having their 16th Annual Appalachian Craft on Friday and Saturday, July 7th & 8th. Appalachia has an excellent reputation for quality crafts and this fair is an example of what people produce. Remember as you shop you are helping someone in a home far away to fulfill his or her dream. For more information, please contact Amy Heslin at 860-210-0174.

HEALING HEARTS

Healing Hearts Children’s Bereavement Program, a non-profit program of Regional Hospice, is offering its first annual summer camp for children who have suffered a loss of a parent, sibling or other loved one. The camp will be filled with hope, fun activities and other meaningful experiences. Camp is free of charge to children ages 5 to 13. Dates are July 10th—14th from 9 AM to 12 PM. This camp is generously sponsored by Union Savings Bank. To register or for more information, call 203-792-4422.

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 at St. Rose of Lima in Newtown from 3 to 5:30 PM. If interested, please contact Msgr. Ryan at Ext. 16.



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 info, call Patricia at 845-225-7475.

CENTER FOR 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 enthruse 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.

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.

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
7/03/06-7/09/06

Monday - 7/3/06 Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday - 7/4/06 Happy Independence Day!!

Parish Office Closed

7:00 pm AA Meeting/Hall

7:30 pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday - 7/5/06

12:00 pm NF Clergy Association Mtg./Conf. Rm. B

7:00 pm Parish Picnic Meeting/Conf. Rm. A

Thursday - 7/6/06

9:30 am Ladies' Guild Sewing Group/Hall

Friday - 7/7/06

10:00 am First Friday Adoration/Prayer Chapel

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel

7:30 pm Pre Baptism Class/Hall

8:30 pm AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday - 7/8/06

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

Sunday - 7/9/06

4:15 pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

5:15 pm Workcamp Blessing Mass/Church

6:30 pm Workcamp Potluck Dinner/Hall

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 Ribbon	7-08-06.....	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting.....	TBA	Noon
Next Finance Comm.....	9-28-06.....	7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm.	7-17-06.....	7:30 PM