

Mass Schedule



MONDAY, JULY 31

7:30 AM Brendan Joseph Giblin R/B The Monaco Family
 9:00 AM Edward DeMayo R/B His Mother & Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:30 AM Eileen Bachmann R/B Conroy Family
 9:00 AM Willard & Leslie Stripling R/B
 Bob & Connie Pileggi

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 AM Louise R. Previdi R/B Mary Louise Previdi
 9:00 AM William B. Carroll R/B
 Jim & Patty Carroll & Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

7:30 AM Anna Marsicano-Karmonick R/B Connie,
 Michelle, Robert and Family
 9:00 AM Florence O'Flaherty R/B The Buckle Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

7:30 AM Deceased Pastors of the Parish
 9:00 AM John Bokoe R/B Jane & Larry Arseniadis

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

7:30 AM Helen Kenney R/B Bernadette Quinn
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Ryan
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in Honor of the Blessed Virgin at the request of the Radcliff family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of James & Sarah Mangan at the request of John & Bridie Joyce.

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, August 27th we will hold our Annual Parish Picnic. The afternoon is a great time for friendship, good food, and fun. Tickets go on sale this weekend. We hope that you will join us.

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Brennan Peter Hearty, Michael Albert Presti and Nicholas Christopher Rabuse who were baptized here last weekend.

Wedding Banns

- III Mario Marcellino & Kristen Blank
- II Matthew Davey & Jessica Glinski
- I Mark Starybrat & Cheryl Swanson

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Our Christmas in July letters were mailed a few weeks ago. Your donation to this Appeal enables our Parish to maintain its buildings and grounds. We ask you to be generous in your response. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the Parish Office.

MONTHLY ENVELOPE

We have changed our monthly envelope to be used as a Mortgage Reduction Collection. The official fundraising for our new Church ended July 2006. The Finance Committee has created a plan to pay off our Parish mortgage by 2018 which will save the Parish refinancing and future interest. The plan is to pay our debt in a manner that will continue to keep the Parish caring for the needs of our parishioners.

You will be receiving a letter from Msgr. Ryan by August 1st. The new envelope will be in your August packet. Msgr. Ryan will give a full financial report to the Parish in September 2006.

Weekly Collections

7-16-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$14,034.00
Offertory	\$13,865.00
Monthly.....	\$169.00

515 donors gave \$10,964.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.29. 46 donors gave \$1,155.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$25.11. 2 donors made quarterly gifts in the amount of \$550.00. In cash an estimated 120 donors gave \$1,196.00 for an average gift of \$9.67. 1,803 attended mass this year, 1,947 attended mass last year.

2007 MASS BOOK

We will open our 2007 Mass Book on Tuesday, August 1st. Please come to the Parish Office with your dates and intentions.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGY & MUSIC - 746-6945

LITURGY EVENTS

August 15th Feast of the Assumption

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK - AUGUST 6, 2006

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

DN 7:9-10; 13-14 2 Pt 1; 16-19 MK 9:2-10 (614)

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

FRIENDLY VISITOR/TELE-CARE PROGRAM

The **Friendly Visitor/Tele-Care Program** is a service program of the Volunteer Center of Danbury. Friendly visitors provide in-home visits to isolated older adults on a regular basis. Tele-Care volunteers make regularly scheduled phone calls to older adults living alone in the community who have limited contact with family and friends. Trained volunteers are matched with older adults who share their interests, availability and location. If you would like to become a Friendly Visitor or Tele-Care Volunteer or refer an older adult to the program, contact: **The Friendly Visitor/Tele-Care Program** Manager at the Volunteer Center of Danbury at 203-797-1154.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

We would like to thank the volunteers that work in this ministry to visit the homebound, elderly and ill of our Parish. The time, compassion and concern given to fellow parishioners is truly needed and appreciated. Our next workshop will be sometime in the summer. For information about this ministry, call Donna Hanft or John Anello.

DOLLAR SUNDAY

St. Edward's Parish Nurses believe that the physical, emotional, intellectual and social well being of the individual is important. They offer blood pressure screening monthly and two educational health seminars yearly. They strive to bring confidence and a sense of Christ's comfort to those they minister to.

Next week, August 5th & 6th, please leave your donations in the wall safes at the Church door or with a representative of the Social Concerns Committee.

Dollar Sunday Collections: Harmony House \$300; Yale-New Haven Child Care \$450; Rosary Hill \$635. Thank You!

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

REMINDER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 31ST

Registration for Classes for the 2006-2007 school year has been ongoing since May 1st. The deadline is Monday July 31, 2006. Please have completed registration forms and tuition to the Faith Formation Office by the deadline date to avoid late fees. Parents of First Grade or New Students must visit the Faith Formation Office to register. The Faith Formation Office is open Monday thru Thursday between 9AM - 2PM.

VBS THANK YOU

A special note of thanks to Eileen Burke, the Faith Formation Staff, Dan Kean and Gloria Hudson, the adult leaders and teenage volunteers for their service in the Vacation Bible School. More than 100 children attended. God blessed us with a beautiful week.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14

THANK YOU

The Parish would like to thank the St. Edward's Knights of Columbus for their generous yearly donation to the Parish. Their \$4000.00 donation will help with the Parish program expenses. May God bless you.!

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP -
746-2200, EXT. 17
ST. EDWARD'S WORKCAMP
FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOE**

Join us on **Sunday, July 30th at the 5:15 PM Mass** when the workcampers will return from their "adventure."

EUCHARIST ADORATION

We will be holding our monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 4th, from 9:30 AM to Midnight. Please sign up for an hour of prayer in the Gathering Space. Please come and join us.

WORKSHOP ON PROPHECIES EXPLORED

You are invited to attend a Workshop on Prophecies Explored on Saturday, August 5th in St. Edward's Church Hall at 2:00 to 3:30 PM. All welcome. Free will offering. For more information call Mary Lou at 746-5439 or Joan at 860-355-3763.

YOGA STRETCH

Make the S-T-R-E-T-C-H... men, women, seniors or young adults are invited to join us Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall for a gentle but effective yoga stretching program. A healthy mind and body go hand in hand with a healthy spirit. A new session will begin August 5th. For details call Sharon DeJoseph, 746-6915.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Msgr. Ryan will be conducting an on-going study of the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The class will be held on Tuesdays mornings and evenings in the Fall. If you would like further information on the classes, please advise Msgr. Ryan either by phone 746-2200 ext 16 or by email, mpryan@saintedwardchurch.org.

**MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP
AND PRAYER LINE**

With the passing of Connie Pileggi two important ministries will change leadership. We thank God for the gift of Connie. She was an inspiration to us all. Her commitment to the leadership of the Monday Night Prayer Group and the Parish Prayer Line cared for many people.

Kathy Florio has accepted the call to become the leader. Please call her at 746-2367 and leave a message.

**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!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" is the responsibility of every member of the Church community and is the foundation of the safety program you will participate in at St. Edward's. The program educates and trains adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse. Through the Virtus Program used by the Diocese of Bridgeport, the participant is made aware of the warning signs of abuse, and the ways to prevent abuse within the church and local community. The Virtus Course also offers the participant the methods of properly reporting suspicions of abuse, and the "How To" in responding to allegations of abuse. In the two years since the launch of the Safe Environment Program in the Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport, more than 700 volunteers and staff from St. Edward's have been trained in this national program.

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session at St. Edward's is Wednesday August 23rd at 7PM. Please call the Parish Office to register.

AROUND OUR PARISH

FR. FRED RIENDEAU

We thank Fr. Fred for his Pastoral service here at St. Edward's. We wish him well at his new assignment at St. Luke Parish, Westport.

Fr Fred Riendeau
St. Luke Parish
84 Long Lots Road
Westport, CT 06880



SUMMER HOURS FOR THE CHURCH

At 1:00 PM each weekday, we have been locking the Gathering Space, Church area and Hall. If you have business at the Parish Office, please enter the building through the office door.

The Chapel will be open for prayer each day from 6:30 AM to midnight. 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!

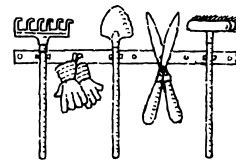


JOB OPPORTUNITY

PART TIME POSITION

Parish Office Part Time Front Desk Position available - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 to 5. Primary Responsibility: Bulletin Editor. Individual must know Microsoft Publisher, Word, Outlook and Access. Must be able to multi task: answer phones, typing, filing, etc.

For additional information, please contact Luanne Hogan, Office Manager, at Ext 11 or forward resume to Luanne at the Parish Office.



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.

THANK YOU

The Administration Committee would like to recognize and thank Jeanette Sweeney and John Justiniano for their many years of service to the Parish and the Committee. Their terms on the Committee have ended. We pray God's Blessings on them.

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.



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.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

On a hot, muggy summer night you might feel that the romance of your courtship is history. Summon up your energy and do something crazy, playful and cooling. Run through a sprinkler, take a moonlit walk along a lake, catch fireflies. Be silly. It might not work out as you planned but you'll have a story to remember.

PARENTING POINTERS

You don't have to be on vacation to take photos. Try getting the family together for silly pose. Send it to out of town relatives by e-mail or snail mail.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

We are called to build a society in which every life, even the weakest embryonic life, is embraced as a gift and treasure of infinite and irreplaceable value. Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. *The Southern Cross*, 2/9/06.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

RETREAT WITH DR. TOM HICKS

A retreat, "Contemplative Prayer: Following in the Footsteps of the Masters", will be presented August 11-13 by Dr. Tom Hicks, Professor at Sacred Heart University, columnist for the Fairfield County Catholic and frequent speaker on contemplative prayer. For information, call My Father's House retreat center, 860-873-1581.

HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH RALLY

On Saturday, August 26th, Saint Rose of Lima in Newtown will host a dynamic, spiritual event for high school students from 10 AM to 9:30 PM. The theme is "More Jesus: John 3:30." Martin Doman, Sean Forrest and Bob Lesnefsky will perform. A Teen Mass will also be celebrated by Bishop William Lori. Watch the bulletin for more details.

"BLUE MASS"

On September 10th, Bishop Lori will celebrate the Liturgy at the fifth annual "Blue Mass" of the Diocese. This Mass will be celebrated to remember the Fire, Police and EMS Personnel who gave their lives in service to others on September 11, 2001 and to pay tribute to the good works of all emergency services personnel serving the 21 cities and towns of Fairfield County. This year's Blue Mass will take place at Saint Augustine Cathedral at 10:00 AM. Any parishioner and their family who are involved in law enforcement, fire prevention and emergency medical services are invited. If you would like to have someone remembered at this special Liturgy, please contact the Parish Office at 746-2200 with the name and address the individual so the Diocese may extend this invitation.

ADOPTION OPEN HOUSES,

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, are provided to the public free of charge. Individuals and couples of all faiths are invited to attend sessions this summer at the Catholic Center, 238 Jewett Avenue, Bridgeport. Sessions are set for **August 1** at 10:30 AM; **August 10** at 2:30 PM and **August 16** at 10:30 AM and 6:30PM. Parents who have recently completed successful adoptions through the China Adoption Program of Catholic Charities will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about their trip. Adoption professionals from Catholic Charities will also discuss international adoption of infants, the home study process, and other information about the legal, social and psychological aspects of adoption. RSVP to (203) 416-1330, or visit the adoption page on the Catholic Charities website at www.bridgeportdiocese.com.

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.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

A weekend retreat for women entitled "*The Truth Will Set You Free*" will be held on September 15th-17th at Mercy Center on Long Island Sound in Madison, Connecticut. This retreat led by Fran Karpiej and team from Sharing Christ Ministry, will include morning and evening prayer, enlightening presentations, personal time for quiet reflection and more. A \$65/per person deposit with registration is required by August 15th. Space is limited. Contact Fran: 203-452-7040, 16 Stag Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611 or email PAXJC@aol.com.

EDUCATION+PARISH+SERVICE (EPS)

Do you seek an adult understanding of your childhood faith? Do you want to understand *and live* the teachings of the Catholic Church? Are you being called to become more active in your parish, but feel unprepared intellectually and spiritually? EPS educated lay Catholics to know and live their faith. Register now for certificate program classes which begin in September. EPS meets at St. Philip Church, 25 France Street in Norwalk. For information contact Mary Chalupsky at 203-877-1905 or email EPSCTRecruiter@trinitydc.edu.

SR. CATHERINE FANNING AWARD DINNER

St Joseph High School in Trumbull will hold it Sixth Annual Sr. Catherine Fanning Award Dinner on Saturday, November 4th at the Trumbull Marriott. Honorees this year are Mr. Kenneth Mayo, Mr. Francis McGettigan, Sr. Michelle Reho, St. Joseph's Manor and Ms. Mary Ann Wasil Nilan '82. Anyone interested in sponsor or ticket information, please contact the Alumni Office at 203-377-0350 X 325 or email lmallon@sjcadets.org

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to the HOLY LAND, November 5th-15th, "*In the Spirit of Jesus*" with Joe and Fran Karpiej of Sharing Christ Ministry along with Fr. Larry Carew of Christ the King Parish and Fr. Peter Smolik of St. Lawrence Parish. \$2,275/per person. Space is limited. Contact Joe Karpiej for detailed information at 203-452-7040 or email JKarpiej@aol.com

KNOW YOUR FAITH SUMMER PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

"The Real God: Not the Bearded Man you thought you knew." Tuesday Evenings 7:30 to 9:00 PM. 8/8 through 9/12/06 at St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Church Hall. For information contact the Church at 203 775 5117 .

CALENDAR
WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
7/31/06-8/6/06

Monday –7/31/06

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

Tuesday – 8/1/06

7:30pm Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 8/2/06

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

7:30pm Social Concerns Committee Mtg./Hall

Thursday – 8/3/06

Friday – 8/4/06

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel

7:30pm Pre Baptism Class/Hall

8:30pm AA Women’s Group/AMC

Saturday – 8/5/06

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

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

8:00am First Saturday Rosary/Prayer Chapel

8:30am Blue Ribbon Committee/Conf. Rm. B.

10:00amLift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall

2:00pm Gift of the Holy Spirit Workshop/Hall

Sunday –8/6/06

4:15pm Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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

SCHEDULING– WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

We would like to restate our normal times for Weddings and Baptisms:

Weddings: Saturday, 10:30AM & 2:30PM;
 Sunday, 3:00PM.

Baptisms: Saturday, 12:30PM & Sunday 1:15 PM.
 Private baptisms can be performed when the schedule permits on Saturday mornings or afternoons and Sundays after 2:00 PM

Next Admin Comm.....	8-07-06.....	6:00 PM
Next Blue Ribbon	8-05-06.....	8:30 AM
Next Staff Meeting.....	TBA	Noon
Next Finance Comm.....	9-28-06.....	7:30 PM
Liturgy Comm.	8-21-06.....	7:30 PM