

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 AM Stacia Logan R/B Joseph Fitzpatrick

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

7:30 AM Lena Ryan R/B Breeda & Robert Winston
 9:00 AM In Thanksgiving Sylvester & Eleanor Klejna R/B Eleanor Klejna

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

7:30 AM Susan Lillo R/B Irene & Robert Matarazzo
 9:00 AM Peter Steele, Sr. R/B Cathy & Alex

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

7:30 AM Lou & Gil Sangelli R/B The Kraszewski Family
 9:00 AM Grace Sclafani R/B Lila Spina

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

7:30 AM Jean Skine R/B Robert & Diane Riehl
 9:00 AM Members of the Maguire & Fitzpatrick Families R/B Rose Maguire

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

7:30 AM Jack Jordan R/B Bernadette Quinn
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

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

THE CHAPEL LAMP will burn this week in memory of Brian Murphy at the request of the Murphy family.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Estelle Fitzpatrick at the request of her son, Joseph.

A Message



Dear Friends,

Help is needed in reaching our Annual Bishop's Appeal goal. We are one month away from the close of the Appeal and we have \$32,878.25 to raise to meet our goal of \$175,000.00.

The Annual Bishop Appeal funds the programs to educate men for priesthood. The Appeal funds the priest's retirement home, the administration of Catholic Schools and Faith Formation as well as the works of Catholic Charities.

We would like to thank those who have supported us thus far, 583 households have donated \$142,121.75.

If we fail to meet our goal, we will have to make up the difference from our operating budget which is already taxed by our higher utility costs.

May I count on you?

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Andrew Paul Busenbark, Sal Mathew DeSimone and Delaney Elisabeth Lowndes who were baptized here last weekend.

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.



- II Glenn Forest & Joanna Leon
- I Patrick Raffaele & Kathryn Gerety



NEW BULLETIN FORMAT

Did you notice the new format of our Church Bulletin?? We are working with a new bulletin company, JS Paluch, who will be publishing our bulletin for the next four years. The new format allows for more versatility and space.

Thanks to Luanne Hogan, Jane Arseniadis, Jan Obarowski and Fr. Fred for working on the Committee. Also, many thanks to Jackie Coote the artist of the watercolor art work of our Church which is being displayed on the cover of the bulletin. If you would like to see the original, stop by the Parish Office.

Weekly Collections

5-21-06

TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$15,488.00
Offertory	\$14,781.00
Monthly	\$707.00

548 donors gave \$11,618.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.20. 57 donors gave \$1,580.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$27.72. 2 donors made quarterly gifts of \$1,000.00. In cash an estimated 60 donors gave \$582.50 for an average gift of \$9.70. 1,937 attended mass this year, 1,969 attended mass last year.



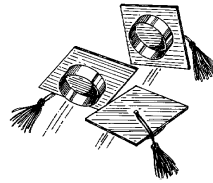
Recently, we incurred two unauthorized entries into our Parish buildings. As a result, changes need to be made in order to safeguard everyone. The Church will be locked at 1 PM daily. During business hours when the Church is locked please enter through the Staff Entrance door. The Chapel will be open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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

LITURGY- 746-6945

LITURGY EVENTS

June 11th9:00 AM..... Kindergarten Graduation
June 17th4:30 PMFirst Birthday Blessings
June 18th Father's Day
June 18th 5:15 PM High School Graduation



CONGRATULATIONS

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES

Next Sunday, June 11th, at the 9 AM Mass we will recognize all Kindergarten children on their graduation milestone. The tradition in St. Edward's Parish family is to extend a special blessing and

present each graduate with a Congratulatory diploma.

Kindergarten is the start of their journey in the wider world and to build on the lessons that begin in the family home. Each family has a role to play in passing on the message of Jesus Christ to these little ones to love their neighbor and to share with those in need.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – JUNE 11, 2006

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Dt 4 32-34, 39-40 Rom 8: 14-17, Mt 28: 16-20 (165)

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Faith Formation is currently registering students for the 2006-2007 school year. Due to the increasing number of students in our program, we are looking to recruit volunteers to serve in non-teaching positions.

Some of the volunteer opportunities available are Hall and Bus Monitors, Crowd and Traffic Control Monitors and Support Monitors.

Please check the bulletin for our upcoming flyer or call Mrs. Venturini at the Faith Formation Office, 746-4270 Ext. 21 for additional information.

Just a reminder, all of our volunteers must be registered parishioners who have gone through the "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Program and have completed the required Diocese of Bridgeport's background check.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

MEDICARE

Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance that covers both brand name and generic prescription drugs at participating pharmacies in our area. Medicare drug coverage provides protection for people who have very high drug costs and is a voluntary program. Everyone with Medicare is eligible for this coverage. For more info you can search for a plan at www.medicare.gov or call Western CT Area Agency on Aging at (800) 994-9422 or (800) MEDICARE. Also, call Cindy White, Director of Social Services in NF for info, 312-5669.

THANK YOU

The 3rd Annual Mother's Day Breakfast to honor all of our ladies sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was a huge success. The cost of this and other K of C events is provided by your generous support of our fund raising activities.

Currently, we have "The Indy 5000" raffle going on. This is a new fund raiser that replaces our 50/50 Club this year. Please look for our insert in the bulletin.

As you may be aware, a full 50% of the profits from our fund raisers is donated to the Parish and the remaining 50% is used to fund Parish and community functions such as the Mardi Gras/Communion Breakfast, Holy Family Retreat weekend for youth and adults, high school scholarships and much more. Administrative costs incurred by the council are funded through membership fees only.

We invite all Catholic men age 18 and over to consider joining our council. If interested, please contact John Anello.

BLOOD DRIVE

The K of C Council will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on behalf of the American Red Cross on Thursday, June 29th, in our Parish Hall. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP -

746-0755

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER

MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

8th Grade Jr. YG Members: Friday, June 16th 7:00 PM is just for you. Let's get together and celebrate the end of year! You can help the Jr. YG continue by telling us your likes and dislikes, your suggestions and ideas, to make it even better... we want to hear YOU! We'll serve you dinner and ice-cream, too, so start calling your fiends and RSVP (yes or no) to Marj Cutler by Monday, June 12th.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: (Call to sign up)

June 27th & 28th Outdoor work around the Parish.

July 24th-28th Help is needed for VBS.

FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 11

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

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. The next meeting is Sunday, June 4th in the Adult Ministry Center. For more information, please call or email Jane at jarseniadis@saintedwardchurch.org

WOMEN OF WONDER – A WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Women of Wonder (WOW)) is a women's discussion group (for all ages) that meets on alternating Tuesdays. It'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. Next meeting is on **Tuesday, June 6th, 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM at the AMC. Our topic is "Catholicism and Democracy"**. Access for the handicapped will be provided. For more info/ to participate in this discussion opportunity, please call Family Life Minister Jane Arseniadis.

TODDLER TEA

Please join Toddler Tea for the end-of-year party on Tuesday, June 6th and bring a special snack.

In order for Toddler Tea to continue as a Family Life Ministry Program next year, we need several people to come forward to help. Please call or contact Jane Arseniadis, Family Life Minister at jarseniadis@saintedwardchurch.org if you have any questions or comments.

If we do not hear from anyone by June 15th, the Toddler Tea Program will be inactive next year. If you attend the program now with your child, please prayerfully consider becoming involved!



On Sunday, June 17th, at the 4:30 PM Mass, we will celebrate the first birthdays of all our children born in the months of April, May and June 2005. Following mass, there will be a reception in the Church Hall for the families. Please call Kathie Murtha, 746-1523, Heather Ann Flagello 746-5687 or Janet Hansen, 746-1919 to RSVP or if you have any questions.



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 or Msgr. Ryan at 746-2200 Ext. 16. There will be food, music, and games for all ages! Please join us!

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

PRAYER BASKET

When you need a prayer, don't feel alone! Please stop in our Parish Chapel. You may light a candle or leave a prayer intention in our prayer basket.

Your petition will be prayed by the various prayer groups in the Parish. Please remember your are not alone!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The four Catholic Schools of Danbury have published a new flyer. If you are interested in more information regarding our Catholic Schools for your children or grandchildren, please pick up a flyer on the table in the Gathering Space.

BULLETIN STUFFERS NEEDED....

Can you spend an hour with us? As an active Parish, we publish much information. The Parish Office needs your help to collate bulletin inserts on Fridays. For further information, please call Luanne Hogan at 746-2200 X 14.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT
SUMMER SAFETY REMINDERS**

Actively supervise your children or grandchildren at all times when they are in your care in our Church building. 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. Because of safety concerns, children should not be in the Hall kitchen at any time. Our parking lot is a busy place, please know where your children or grandchildren are at all times. We have a "Safe Building" Policy at St. Edward's. Please help us. If you have any suggestions or comments OR would like to serve on a "Safe Environment" Committee, please speak to Jane in the Parish Office at 746-2200, X 11.

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session will be held at St. Edward's on Wednesday June 28th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Please call the Parish Office to register for this session.

AROUND OUR PARISH

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.

COUNSELING CENTER

Are you unhappy about your work life or your relationships? Get back on track. Contact Diane Merrifield, M.A. LMFT at St. Edward's Counseling Center 746-8013.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What puts fire and passion into your marriage? For newlyweds maybe this comes easily. For others perhaps it's been a while. Often rekindling romance is a matter of doing something new together. Start a new hobby, learn a new language, or at least a few loving words in different tongue. Can you say, "I love you" in another language?

PARENTING POINTERS

Give your child an allowance if you like, but don't pay children for doing common household chores. After all, nobody pays you to fix dinner or cut the grass. Being part of a family means that everyone, children included, pitches in to help. Contributing is part of belonging.



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

Summer

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Two recently published studies show significant long-term emotional effects in women who have had abortions. A five-year study in Norway comparing women who suffered miscarriages with those who had an abortion found that women who had abortions "suffered significantly greater distress, including anxiety, guilt and disgrace." A New Zealand study found a young woman's risk of depression, anxiety and drug and alcohol abuse is raised by having an abortion, thus revealing that abortion increases psychological distress rather than alleviating it.

National Catholic Register, 1/15-21/06

PARISH COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Committee is looking for two members to join the Committee beginning July 1st. It is a three-year term. The Committee meets once a month and is an advisor to the Pastor.

The Administration Committee works with the Pastor in planning for the future, being a sounding board for issues, working to build the community of faith at St. Edward's and other administration issues.

For further information, please contact Doug Dorsey or Msgr. Ryan through the Parish Office, 746-2200.

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

NEW MEMBERS FOR BLUE RIBBON

We are in need of a few good men and women to join the Blue Ribbon Committee. The Committee meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM. The Committee advises Msgr. Ryan of building projects, repair projects and seeks bids on work to be done. We need your support and participation. If interested, please Peter Greco, 746-0744 or Msgr. Ryan, 746-2200 X 16.

BLUE RIBBON PROJECTS

We need some time and talent from a few parishioners! We have several work projects that the Blue Ribbon Committee would like to undertake. If you like to paint, like to do home improvement projects or just want to help, please call Peter Greco, 746-0744 or Msgr. Ryan, 746-2200 X 16.

EAGLE PROJECT

The Blue Ribbon Committee has several work projects that could be used as "Eagle Scout Projects." If you are interested, please contact Peter Greco at 746-0744.

AROUND OUR PARISH

ADMISSION – DANBURY HOSPITAL

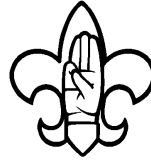
In compliance with national regulations for privacy and confidentiality of hospital patients, please be advised that if you are admitted to the hospital and wish to be visited by one of our priests it is necessary to inform the hospital of that fact. Please be sure to state St. Edward's as your Parish, 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.

SCHEDULING - WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

Just a reminder regarding our Parish schedule for baptism and weddings:

Weddings:	Saturday, 10:30 AM & 2:30 PM; Sunday, 3:00 PM.
Baptisms:	Saturday, 12:30 PM & Sunday 1:15 PM.

Private baptisms can be performed when the schedule permits on Saturday mornings or afternoons and Sundays after 2:00 PM.



SCOUTING RELIGIOUS SERVICE MEDALS

Congratulations to all scouts who received Religious Service Medals from Bishop Lori on May 26th at St. Augustine Chapel. These fine young people participated in multiple programs to continue to grow in their personal relationship with God and service to their community.

Girl Scout Recipients: *Family of God Medal* - Claire Marie Burfeind, Katherine Clark, Laura Cunningham, Jenna Iadarola, Tessa Kilcourse, Rebecca Lyden, Diane Rambadt, Samantha Saalborn, Ashley Tortorelli.

I Live My Faith Medal - Ashley Keenan

Cub Scout Recipients: *Light of Christ Medal* - Joseph Bachmann, Ian Biles, Jack Broderick, Tyler Cannale, Tyler Cherry, Matthew Cisewski, Andrew Greco, Samuel Joslin, Patrick Martucci, Willis Neth, Keith Ruggles, Neil Ruggles, Sean Youngblood, Alexander Saalborn, Luke Saalborn.

Parvuli Dei Medal - Nathaniel Joslin, Christopher Keenan, Matthew Penza, Michael VanAkin.

Boy Scout Recipients: *Ad Altare Dei Medal* - Ben Marino, John Shanahan.

A special thanks to the K of C for the 3rd year of mentoring support to the Ad Altare Dei recipients.

For more information regarding any of these programs, please contact Arlene Callahan at 746-6759.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JOURNEY OF HOPE

Members of the Catholic Campus Ministry (The Newman Center) of Western Connecticut State University have recently returned from the Mississippi Gulf Coast where they helped rebuild and refurbish homes affected by last year's gulf storms (Hurricane Katrina). The students helped rebuild people's lives by their offering of Christ's hope through the work of their hands.

The Campus Ministry has grown from 9 to 28 students and staff leaders who are returning to the Gulf Coast this June. With your financial support, the Parish has been able to lend financial assistance for this worthwhile effort.

If you are interested in making a direct contribution, please contact:

The Newman Center
7 Eighth Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810
Attn: Friar Mike Lasky
744-5846

SUPPORT FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDEMNT U.S. SENATE VOTE ON JUNE 6TH

The U.S. Senate will be voting on a proposed constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union of one man and one woman on June 6th. Catholics are being asked to support this amendment and contact their Senators by phone or email urging them to vote "YES." For more information regarding the amendment and the same-sex marriage issue, visit the website www.ctcatholic.org.

Senators:

Joe Lieberman 800-225-5605 CT; 202-224-4041 DC;
Chris Dodd 800-334-5341, CT; 202-224-2823, DC.

THE GREEK EXPERIENCE

The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church presents the Annual Greek Experience Festival June 9th, 10th and 11th, 30 Clapboard Ridge Road (Rt. 39) in Danbury. Greek food, music and dancing. Parking available at Danbury High School ~ Free Shuttle Bus. Enjoy!!

CALENDAR
WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
6/05/06-6/11/06

Monday –6/5/06

- 9:30 a.m.** Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 11:15 a.m.** Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 6:00 p.m.** Administration Committee Mtg./Conf. Rm. C
- 7:00 p.m.** Faith Sharing Discussion Group/Conf. Rm. B
- 7:30 p.m.** St. Edward's Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 6/6/06

- 9:30 a.m.** Toddler Tea/Hall
- 7:00 p.m.** AA Meeting/Hall
- 7:30 p.m.** Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 6/7/06

- 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 – 6/8/06

- 9:30 a.m.** Ladies' Guild Sewing Group/Hall
- 7:00 p.m.** Liturgical Design Committee/Conf. Rm. C
- 7:30 p.m.** Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 6/9/06

- 9:30 a.m.** Women's Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC
- 3:00 p.m.** Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
- 8:30 p.m.** AA Women's Group/AMC

Saturday – 6/10/06

- 8:00 a.m.** Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C
- 10:00 a.m.** Lift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall
- 11:00 a.m.** Confirmation Candidate Make up Meeting/Hall

Sunday –6/11/06

- 9:00 a.m.** Kindergarten Graduation Mass/Church
- 12:30 p.m.** Children's Choir Picnic/Rectory Backyard
- 4:15 p.m.** Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

Coffee and Donuts in the Hall after the 9 & 11AM Masses
Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.



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

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| Next Admin Comm. | 6-05-06..... | 6:00 PM |
| Next Blue Ribbon | 7-08-06..... | 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 |