

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



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

7:30 AM Donald Lappala R/B Sarah Gannon  
 9:00 AM MaryLou Ninnhoff R/B Grace Struhs

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory  
 9:00 AM John & Philomena Pileggi R/B Connie & Bob Pileggi

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

7:30 AM Linda McMullan R/B Sarah Gannon  
 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

7:30 AM Dan O'Connor R/B The Neirotti Family  
 9:00 AM Florence & Thomas Masterson R/B  
 Joan & Ron Bodisch

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

7:30 AM Bonita Kestler R/B Sarah & Kevin Gannon  
 9:00 AM James Foy R/B John & Theresa O'Gara

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

7:30 AM Thomas Ramon R/B Rich Obarowski  
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Ryan  
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

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

**THE CHAPEL LAMP** will burn this week for the families of the physically challenged.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in memory of Al Salzo at the request of his family.

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank you for your past support of the Annual Bishop's Appeal. We are about to begin the 2006 Appeal and our goal will be the same as last year, \$175,000.00. Many of you have asked, "Where does this money go?" So before we start the Appeal this year, I need to thank you for your support and also bring someone to St. Edward's who can answer your questions.

On Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 PM, we will have a reception in the Parish Hall. Donna Moore accompanied by Dan Kean will provide musical entertainment, and hors d'oeuvre and wine will be served. Bill Hoey, Vice President of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, will be present to give you a hands-on picture as to how your financial support is working.

Please watch for your invitation in the mail. Please call the Parish Office at 746-2200 to RSVP by February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Peace,  
 Msgr. Ryan

**LITURGY EVENTS**

February 12<sup>th</sup>: 11:00 AM Marriage Jubilee Day  
**CELIAC DISEASE**

The Parish is ready to assist those persons who suffer from "Celiac Disease." We have been able to obtain a new low-gluten host and have created a process for the reception of the host. Please contact one of our priests if you wish to receive the low-gluten host.

**SUNDAY – A DAY OF PRAYER**

What are you doing with your Sunday? Do you work? Do you visit family? Do you do sports? Do you just rest?

*OR*

Do you come to Church? Feed at the Lord's table! Gain strength and direction for the week ahead! Make Holy the Lord's Day – make Sunday a Day of Prayer.

**LITURGY PLANNING DAY FOR COUPLES**

Couples planning to be married in 2006 are invited to a Liturgy Planning Session on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM in the Church. The priests of the Parish and music ministers will be present to assist you in planning your wedding ceremony.

Invitations are being sent to all couples being married at St. Edward's in 2006. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

A note of thanks to all parishioners who are helping our Parish maintain a cash flow. We are paying our increased bills and the budget is stable at the end of January. Thank you for your support and understanding.

**Parish Support**

1-22-06

Budgeted Expenses.....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage .....	\$3,040.00
Total Parish Weekly Expenses .....	\$17,840.00
Offertory .....	\$17,035.50
Monthly .....	\$155.00
Total Weekly Income .....	\$17,190.50
555 donors gave \$11,860.70 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.37. 113 donors gave \$2,517.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$22.27. 2 donors made yearly/quarterly gifts of \$1,255.00. In cash an estimated 160 donors gave \$1,402.80 for an average gift of \$8.77.	
2,048 attended Mass this year, 433 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!

**Readings for Next Week – February 12, 2006  
 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/ Mk 1:40-45



### 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.

### THE PARISH OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM

The Parish phone system is set up to handle emergency calls. If you should need a priest in case of an emergency, you can dial 746-2200 Ext. 34. This extension is for the priest on call. Please leave a message, hang up and the phone system will automatically page the priest. Your call will be returned promptly!

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Protecting God's Children Program was developed as an ongoing educational tool for our volunteers to maximize our roles to safeguard the vulnerable people and children in a safe environment.

The program consists of attendance at an awareness session and the completion of the required documentation (Diocesan Policy on Sexual Abuse and the Background Check Form). The components of this program empower each volunteer to make our Parish safe for all people.

This program is designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within our Parish setting. The program teaches our Parish family to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church.

Maximizing our church's role as a safe environment begins with making adults more aware of the ways children and adults interact with each other. The PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN program educates and trains adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse, the warning signs of abuse, the ways to prevent abuse, the methods of properly reporting suspicions of abuse and responding to allegations of abuse.

The following date has been set for "Protecting God's Children" Awareness session at St. Edward's: Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> 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



**Family and Children's Aid Homemaker/Companion Program** is available to assist the elderly and disabled in their daily chores so that they can maintain their independence in a home environment. Homemakers assist with activities such as meal preparation, light housekeeping, grocery shopping, laundry and companionship. For information about this program, call Kristal Mitchell at 748-5689.



### DOLLAR SUNDAY SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

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. Today'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 which offers free pediatric care to poor, working families 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 and leave your donations in the wall safes at the Church doors or with a representative from the Senior Youth Group.

### CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

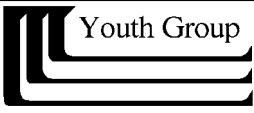
We received a warm thank you letter from Jerri Mannion, Program Director of Case Management/Homeless Outreach regarding our recent Christmas Gift Project. One client's comments expressed her delight. (FG, client initials), literally jumped up and down. She got a new pillow and some sheets and her reaction was jubilant. "Oh... a new pillow and sheets!!!! Oh, thank you, thank you. I can't believe I have new clean sheets!"

### "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.

### PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

This month will focus on "How to control the risks of Cancer." Be mindful of the comfort we have in our Savior who embraces us through all of life's struggles. In all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who love us (Romans 8:35).



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 12<sup>th</sup>:** Mandatory Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

**Save the Date!** **Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>** 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)**

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

**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!



**TODDLER TEA**

All infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, along with their parents/caregivers, are invited to come for a morning of songs, crafts, snacks and social time. Toddler Tea is on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the Church Hall, from 9:30 to 11 AM, and is open to the public. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. For more info, call Tricia Quinn at 746-0056.

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**

Special children's bulletins are available at all the church entrances. We invite families to take one to help their children better understand the readings.



**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.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others.

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics  
(1998), no. 32

**MARRIAGE JUBILEE DAY AT ST. EDWARD'S**

The Celebration of Marriage Jubilee Day will be held on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 AM Mass. If you are celebrating a milestone in your marriage this year: - 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup>, etc. you are cordially invited to attend St. Edward's Marriage Jubilee Celebration. All couples will receive a special blessing by Msgr. Ryan at Mass and a reception in your honor will immediately follow in the Church Hall. Please contact Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11 to RSVP before Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please give Jane the following information: your name and spouse's name and the date and year of your wedding. We hope that this is a very special celebration of the sacredness of your married life. We look forward to hearing from you!

**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 in the Adult Ministry Center from Noon to 1:30 PM 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, February 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM.** Our topic will be "What makes you leave your church or faith and what brings you back?" 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.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Part time office position available in March due to the relocation of one of our current staff members. Responsibilities include answering phones, greeting people, typing, filing, copying and other administrative tasks. Must be able to multi-task, need knowledge of Microsoft Word and Access. Hours: Thursday and Friday 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday 10 AM to 1 PM. For further information, please contact Luanne Hogan at 746-2200 Ext 14.

<b>Next Admin Comm</b>	<b>2-07-06</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Next Blue Ribbon</b>	<b>3-04-06</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Next Staff Meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Next Finance Comm</b>	<b>3-02-06</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Liturgy Comm</b>	<b>2-27-06</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>

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# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2/06/06-2/12/06

### Monday – 2/6/06

- 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 8/Hall
- 7:00 p.m. – First Eucharist Parent Workshop/Hall
- 7:00 p.m. – Faith Sharing Support Group/Conf. Rm. A
- 7:30 p.m. – Ministry Day Committee Mtg./Conf. Rm. C
- 7:30 p.m. – St. Edward’s Prayer Group/Cry Room

### Tuesday – 2/7/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Toddler Tea/Hall/Kitchen
- 12:00 p.m. – WOW Discussion Group/AMC
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. – Administration Committee Meeting/Conf. Rm. C
- 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting/Entire Hall/Kitchen
- 7:30 p.m. – Praise and Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

### Wednesday – 2/8/06

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. – Social Concerns Committee Mtg./Meeting Room 9
- 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

### Thursday – 2/9/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Ladies’ Guild Sewing Group/Hall
- 7:00 p.m. – Vacation Bible School Meeting/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Contemporary Choir/Conf. Rm. A

### Friday – 2/10/06

- 3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel
- 8:30 p.m. – AA Women’s Group/AMC

### Saturday – 2/11/06

- 8:00 a.m. – Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C
- 10:00 a.m. – Yoga/Hall

After all Weekend Masses/Gathering Space  
St. Patrick’s Dinner Dance Ticket Sales

### Sunday – 2/12/06

- 11:00 a.m. – Marriage Jubilee Day Mass/Church
- 11:30 a.m. – “Breaking Open the Word”/Conf. Rm. C
- 4:15 p.m. – Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church
- 6:30 p.m. – Workcamp Meeting/Hall

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.