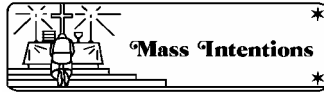


**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD**



**MONDAY, MARCH 6**

- 7:30 AM Nancy Dolan R/B Mary Louise Previdi
- 9:00 AM Dori Weber R/B The Thomas DeJoseph Family
- 5:30 PM Vincenza Piazza R/B The Heck Family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

- 7:30 AM Mary Abner R/B The McLaughlin Family
- 9:00 AM John & Philomena Pileggi R/B Connie & Bob Pileggi
- 5:30 PM William Barrett R/B Cathy & Buddy McCarthy

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

- 7:30 AM Mary Buell R/B The McCartney Family
- 9:00 AM Marylou Skinner R/B Bob & Marge Jano
- 5:30 PM Joseph Piskura R/B The Family

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

- 7:30 AM Theresa DeMarsico R/B The Falkowski Family
- 9:00 AM Jane Kuziewski R/B Isabelle & Anthony Fisher
- 5:30 PM Angela Doran R/B Kae Kane

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

- 7:30 AM Elizabeth O'Sullivan R/B The McCartney Family
- 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 5:30 PM Marguarite Clark R/B Marianne McCarthy

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

- 7:30 AM Matthew Whitlock R/B Mr. & Mrs. Letizia
- 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Riendeau
- 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

- 7:30 AM Parish Intentions Cervero
- 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 for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week for the success of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Dear Friends:

This is the First Sunday in Lent. What will be a sacrifice for you this year? Many of us will look at "giving up something." Sadly the behavior we speak about should have been done away with earlier. I believe the change that is needed this Lent is to bring Jesus Christ alive!

To bring "Jesus Christ alive" means to go beyond the statement made by many of us. "I have a personal relationship with God." We forget the words of Jesus that say "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there!"

May we pray this Lent to change our ways. May we spread the Good News of Jesus by what we say and do. May we bring Jesus Christ alive in all our relationships.

Peace,  
Msgr. Ryan

**LITURGY EVENTS**

- March 11<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 AM St. Patrick's Day Mass
- March 12<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 AM Girl Scout Sunday
- March 19<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 AM First Birthday Blessings

**MARTHA MINISTRY**

The Liturgy Committee needs several volunteers to help with the occasional laundering of altar cloths. A desire to help... a bit of soap and water and a run or two with an iron is all that's necessary to help in this Church ministry. Please call Fr. Fred if you are interested in donating a few hours of your time on an infrequent basis to this valuable ministry. Thanks.

**BAPTISM**

The parish family of St. Edward's welcomes Francis David Simone who was baptized here last weekend.



**LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE**

Please join us for daily Mass Monday through Friday during Lent at 7:30 & 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM. There will also be a Lenten Prayer Service every Friday at **7:00 PM** (please note time change).

**LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE**

**Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. On Fridays, all Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from eating meat.**

**Parish Support**

2-20-06

<b>TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$17,840.00</b>
Budgeted Expenses .....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage .....	\$3,040.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$15,603.00</b>
Offertory .....	\$15,398.00
Monthly .....	\$205.00

524 donors gave \$11,206.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.39. 111 donors gave \$2,696.25 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$24.29. In cash an estimated 159 donors gave \$1,495.25 for an average gift of \$9.40. 1,921 attended Mass this year, 1,928 attended last year.

**REMEMBER YOUR PARISH**

On occasion we receive monies from the estates of parishioners. These monies are very helpful in financially securing our future. Monies left to the Parish by means of your will or charitable remainder trusts are beneficial to the work of your Parish. For further information, please contact Msgr. Ryan at 746-2200.

**Readings for Next Week –March 12, 2006  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10



“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 March issue of “Partners in Faith” is now available as well as the Lent Family Calendar. Enjoy!

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Msgr. Ryan and the Parish Administration Committee are looking for the aid of parishioners who have skills in strategic planning. The Parish leadership would like assistance in developing a plan to assess the Parish needs and programs and develop a “strategic plan for the future.” If you want to share your skills with our Parish, please contact Msgr. Ryan, 746-2200 or Doug Dorsey, 746-0821.

### FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM - Please join us for “The Living Rosary,” a candlelight scriptural Rosary featuring songs of the Lenten season and projected images, meditating on the Sorrowful Mysteries. This is a beautiful Prayer Service for the entire family.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We all play a very important role in protecting our children. There are five steps that adults can take to help create and maintain safe environments for children and prevent child sexual abuse. Over the next few weeks each step will be discussed.

1. One of the most important ways to assure the safety of children in our environments is to **know the warning signs** of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among the signs are:
  - People who always want to be alone with children.
  - People who give gifts without permission and then convince the children to keep the gifts a secret.
  - People who go overboard in touching children—particularly wrestling and tickling children they do not know very well.
  - People who think the rules don’t apply to them. Not only do they ignore standard policies and procedures, but also they are convinced that the rules of society don’t apply to them.
  - People who routinely allow children to engage in activities that their parents would not allow.

The next “Protecting God’s Children” Awareness Session will be held at St. Edward’s on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. To register for this session or to get a list of other sessions in the diocese, please call Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



Our Ministry to the Sick and Homebound has Eucharistic and Friendly Visitors available to keep in touch with those unable to get to church. Any parishioner who is homebound, ill, hospitalized, in a Nursing Home or a Hospice Program can be visited or called by our volunteers. We can bring the Eucharist or pay a visit to those who request it. If you have a loved one who would like a visit, please contact John Anello or Donna Hanft at 746-9595.



### DOLLAR SUNDAY

This Sunday is Dollar Sunday to support our outreach for “**Funeral Hospitality.**” Social Concerns members offer themselves to those who have lost a loved one and wish to hold a luncheon in the Hall following the Church services. Together with Christian Caterers, they host a wonderful personalized outreach truly in a time of support. Please leave your donations in the wall safes at the Church doors or with a member from Social Concerns.

### PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

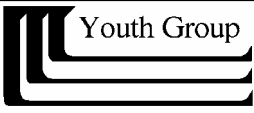
As spring approaches, the focus this month will be about the role of the environment in our lives. God is the foundation for everything. May the Lord bless our use of all He has provided for us.

### 2006 ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL

The 2006 Annual Bishop’s Appeal begins this weekend. Please see the insert in today’s bulletin.

### 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 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, March 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM in CONFERENCE ROOM A.** We will discuss the (Boston College Magazine) article “The Wages of Tolerance – Catholic Women Who Stay” by Alice McDermott. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Access for the handicapped will be provided. For more information, for a copy of the article and to participate in this discussion opportunity, please call Family Life Minister Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200, Ext. 11.



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.

**March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Mandatory Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

**Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM** 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**

[MCutler@saintedwardchurch.org](mailto:MCutler@saintedwardchurch.org)

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP  
(Grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Hall, 7 – 9 PM. "You've Got Lent!" We'll be baking Irish soda bread and making sandwiches for Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. Please bring an item to be donated to the NF Food Pantry. Look for the list and for more details in next week's bulletin or on the Parish website: [www.saintedwardchurch.org](http://www.saintedwardchurch.org).

**PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

As we enter into the Lenten time we seek reconciliation with our God. So often we need to help our children understand the mercy and forgiveness of our God. May we pray, Lord Jesus Son of God, have mercy for our children.



**Faith Formation**

746-4270

**ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM PROGRAM**

The Faith Formation Office of St. Edward the Confessor Parish is currently working towards having all of our catechists certified by the Diocese of Bridgeport.

The next course of study offered through the St. Cyril of Jerusalem Program addresses the key principles of Catholic Moral Teaching. Some of the subjects covered include human dignity, authentic freedom, formation of conscience in the virtues, the Beatitudes and the Commandments.

This is a two-part course that will be presented by Fr. Paul Murphy.

Part One is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>;

Part Two is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Each session runs from 9-12:15 PM in St. Edward's Hall. This opportunity is being made available to all interested registered adult parishioners. Please call Ellen Venturini 746-4270 Monday thru Thursday to register. Thank you.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

"That a life begins at conception is a biological fact, not a theological tenet. The agonizing question for thoughtful people concerns when, if ever, abortion is a victimless act."

George Will, syndicated column 2/2/05



**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, March 7<sup>th</sup>. For more info, call Tricia Quinn at 746-0056.



**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY  
DISCUSSION GROUP**

Our Lenten Bible Study "Gospel of Mark, Getting to Know Jesus" is on Tuesdays 10:00 to 11:30 AM **OR** Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. All are welcome. If you have any questions and/or would like to sign up, please call Joyce Wawrzynski at 203-746-5630.

**"LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR"**

You are invited to a Seminar on the Holy Spirit. The goal is New Life of discipleship and growth in Christ Jesus. Come be blessed with His Grace! This six-week session will be held on Thursdays from 7:15 to 8:30 PM beginning March 9<sup>th</sup> thru April 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee of \$5 may be dropped off or mailed to St. Edward Church, P. O. Box 8866, New Fairfield, CT 06812. For additional information contact Mary Lou, 746-5439, or Joan 860-355-3673 (No meeting on Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>)



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS**

The Annual Saint Patrick's Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM next Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. The Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Ryan and it will commemorate the Feast of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. After Mass, the pipers will lead a small parade to Town Hall for a flag raising ceremony. Refreshments will be served at the Library.

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE  
LAST CALL!!**

The St. Patrick's Dinner Dance, sponsored by Family Life, will be on SATURDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Music is by Sharon O'Meara and Tommy Goodwin and dinner will be catered by Bernie's Deli. Tickets \$35/person. For more information, please call Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 X 11 or Bill O'Keefe at 746-5520.

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# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**3/06/06-3/12/06**

### **Monday –3/6/06**

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 7/Hall  
7:00 p.m. – First Eucharist Parent & Child Retreat/Church-Hall  
7:00 p.m. – Faith Sharing Support Group/Conf. Rm. A  
7:30 p.m. – St. Edward’s Prayer Group/Cry Room

### **Tuesday – 3/7/06**

9:30 a.m. – Toddler Tea/Hall/Kitchen  
9:30 a.m. – Bible Study/Conf. Rm. A  
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 – 3/8/06**

9:00 a.m. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem Catechist Seminar/Hall  
10:00 a.m. – Joy Club/Cry Room  
11:30 a.m. – Social Concerns Meeting/Conf. Rm. A  
7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

### **Thursday – 3/9/06**

9:30 a.m. – Ladies’ Guild Sewing Group/Hall  
7:00 p.m. – Bible Study/Cry Room  
7:15 p.m. – Life in the Spirit Seminar/Church  
7:30 p.m. – Terrific Two’s Workshop/Meeting Room 9  
7:30 p.m. – Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Church

### **Friday – 3/10/06**

9:30 a.m. – Women’s Contemplative Prayer Group/AMC  
3:00 p.m. – Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel  
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Prayer Service/Church  
8:30 p.m. – AA Women’s Group/AMC

### **Saturday – 3/11/06**

8:00 a.m. – Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C  
8:00 a.m. – K of C Boy Scout Mentoring/Conf. Rm. A  
9:00 a.m. – Week of Guided Prayer Concluding Meeting/AMC  
9:00 a.m. – St. Patrick’s Day Mass/Church  
10:00 a.m. – Lift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall  
7:00 p.m. – St. Patrick’s Dinner Dance/Hall

### **Sunday – 3/12/06**

9:00 a.m. – Girl Scout Sunday Mass/Church  
11:30 a.m. – “Breaking Open the Word”/Conf. Rm. C  
12:30 p.m. – Education Committee Meeting/Meeting Room 9  
4:15 p.m. – Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

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

**Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.**

<b>Next Admin Comm</b>	<b>3-07-06</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Next Blue Ribbon</b>	<b>4-01-06</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Next Staff Meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Next Finance Comm</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Liturgy Comm</b>	<b>3-20-06</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>