

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

**Mass Schedule**

**A Message**



**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

7:30 AM Dorothy Baffuto R/B Christine Early  
 9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

7:30 AM Joaquim Balbino R/B His Family  
 9:00 AM Gunther Bollacke R/B Cathy & Alex Nicol

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

7:30 AM Mary and Ben Roth R/B Their Family  
 9:00 AM Al Parlow R/B Claudia Scheer

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

7:30 AM Raymond Valentine R/B Joel & Candy Johns  
 9:00 AM Cecilia Berenberg R/B The Olyha Family

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**

7:30 AM Amelia Conklin R/B L. Mecca  
 9:00 AM Joseph Fitzpatrick R/B Son, Joseph

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

7:30 AM Anthony Eduardo R/B The Florio Family  
 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Gilmartin  
 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

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

**THE CHAPEL LAMP** will burn this week in Memory of Joseph Fitzpatrick at the request of his son, Joseph.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week in memory of John Preneta at the request of his daughter.

Dear Friends,

As the Parish goes through transition this summer, we will be reporting to you on the changes that are occurring. The staff is working to re-arrange itself and we will continue to provide the prayer and service you need. We will be looking for more volunteers as we progress through the change. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I will be on vacation from August 8 to August 16. My mother and I will be enjoying a family tradition of summer relaxation on Cape Cod. I will keep you in my prayers.

Peace,  
 Msgr. Ryan



The Parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Luke Thomas Wheeler, Kailyn Rachel Wilson, Zachary Anthony Tripaldi and Caden Daniel Angelo who were baptized here last weekend.

*Wedding Banns*

- III Matthew Davey & Jessica Glinski
- II Mark Starybrat & Cheryl Swanson
- I Daniel LaDora & Tara Mellilo

**Weekly Collections**

7-23-06

<b>TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>\$19,865.00</b>
Budgeted Expenses .....	\$16,825.00
Interest on Mortgage .....	\$3,040.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME</b> .....	<b>\$14,580.50</b>
Offeratory .....	\$14,085.50.
Monthly .....	\$495.00

499 donors gave \$10,519.00 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$21.08. 45 donors gave \$1,507.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$33.49. 2 donors made quarterly gifts in the amount of \$1100.00. In cash an estimated 60 donors gave \$959.50 for an average gift of \$6.40. 1,938 attended mass this year, 1,987 attended mass last year.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

We would like to thank those parishioners who have made a donation to our Christmas in July appeal. We have received \$11,309.50 thus far. Thank you for your continuing support!

**HOLY DAY**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM and Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 & 9:00 AM and 5:30 & 7:30 PM.

**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 should have received a letter from Msgr. Ryan as the new envelope will be in your August packet. Msgr. Ryan will give a full financial report to the Parish in September 2006.

LITURGY & MUSIC – 746-6945

LITURGY EVENTS

August 15th.....Feast of the Assumption

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – AUGUST 13, 2006

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6: 41-51(116)

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP - 746-0755

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES) FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

Have a fun, but safe, summer! Thanks to all who helped with VBS!

I'm still looking for feedback on last year's Jr. Youth Group and ideas for next year's. If you can't make it to our August planning session, e-mail your ideas/suggestions.

Monday August 21st, 6:30PM: Interested in becoming part of our core team this year? Have ideas/suggestions for Jr. Youth Group meetings or trips? Parents & Kids interested will meet to plan the year...Call, so I can plan refreshments.

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!

FAITH FORMATION - 746-4270

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation registrations are now past due. After July 31st a \$75.00 late fee will be applied. Can we please ask that if you have not yet registered your child, please do so ASAP so we can begin to order books and supplies. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNION DVD'S & PORTRAITS

Communion DVD's and portraits have arrived and can be picked up at the Faith Formation Office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Videos ordered on VHS will be arriving shortly.

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - 746-9595



SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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The Consumer Law Project for Elders, a project of CT Legal Services, Inc. provides free legal assistance to seniors aged 60 and older who need help with consumer questions or problems. CLPE provides help with: questions about your rights as a consumer, debt or collection problems, deciding to file for bankruptcy, identity theft, disputes about purchases, problems with loans or contracts. Call the toll-free hotline at 1-800-296-1467, Monday-Friday: 9-5.

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.

This weekend, 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!

KEVIN CLEARY

Kevin and Robin Cleary have asked us for help in finding "Personal Care Assistants" to care for Kevin. Kevin suffered a traumatic fall in the spring and is paralyzed. He will be returning to New Fairfield and Robin is looking for Assistants on Monday-Friday 9-1 and 1-5 each day. There will be a stipend. If interested in more information, please call Donna Hanft in the Parish Office at 746-9595.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the Parish in transition to two priests, we are in need of two volunteers who would be willing to be trained to visit Danbury Hospital on Wednesdays. The volunteer would be a "friendly visitor" in bringing the prayer of the Parish to parishioners who are in Danbury Hospital. Training would be provided. For further information, please contact John Anello at 746-9595.

**FAMILY LIFE - 746-2200, EXT. 14**



**SEPARATED & DIVORCED  
SUPPORT GROUP**

The Family Life Ministry of St. Edward's sponsors at Support Group dedicated to the Separated & 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 at the Adult Ministry Center. At our group's next meeting on 8/6/06 at 6:30PM, one of the issues we plan to discuss is helping each other and our children deal with disruptions brought by divorce. Just stop by or contact Jan Obarowski 746-2200 x 14 for more info.

**WOMEN OF WONDER (WOW)**

WOW, a women's discussion group ( for all ages) of St. Edward the Confessor Parish, meets on alternating Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon to 1:30PM in the AMC. The topics nurture Christianity in our daily lives and invigorate the minds and spirits of the members. At our next meeting on August 8, there will be a presentation and follow-up discussion on "How Scripture Ties in to Current Events." Pack a brown bag lunch and consider joining us. For additional information, please call Jan Obarowski, the Family Life Coordinator, at 746-2200 x 14.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM. Please call the Parish Office to register.

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

We thank God for the safe return of the Workcampers and for the Blessings they brought to those they aided.

**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.!



**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.

**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.

**CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

We have announced that we will be conducting a program for discussion of the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you are interested, the Book is available in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00.

**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.

## 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.

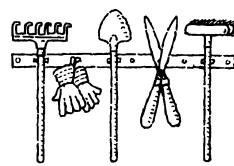
Ministry meetings will continue as scheduled! Leaders should contact their Staff Leader for entrance to the building when the Church doors are locked!

### PARISH PICNIC

Parish Picnic



Don't forget our Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. So save the date and join us for an afternoon of food, music and fun for the entire family! Tickets are on sale after all masses in the Gathering Space or stop by 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.

### COUNSELING CENTER

Do you keep having the same arguments all the time? Learning how to identify the real issue may help. Contact our Counseling Center – Diane Merrifield, M.A.LMFT at 746-8013 for more info.

### THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONS

Deacon Timothy Sullivan, Diocesan Director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith wrote to thank the Parish of St. Edward's for the donation of \$5711.00 to the missionary effort. The Society is deeply grateful.



### JOIN THE PARISH E-MAIL LIST— [WWW.SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG](http://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](mailto:parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org) and give us your address.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What does it mean to be equal? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day. Trading places can bring new appreciation for the other. Even if the job doesn't get done as well, it can provide a laugh.

### PARENTING POINTERS

Children often criticize and make fun of others. So do their parents. Check yourself against these three criteria before speaking: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? If not, it's probably fault finding or gossip.

### PRO-LIFE CORNER

A frequently heard claim contends that embryonic stem cells "are, at present, the most useful kind of cells for medical research." This advocacy flies in the face of the fact that not one successful therapy has been developed using embryonic stem cells while stem cells from morally acceptable sources are producing positive therapeutic cells for a wide variety of diseases and conditions. Letter to the Editor by Mark Hartman, 3/15/06 *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

## 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.

### "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 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](http://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.

### RETRouvaille OF CONNECTICUT

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring or cold and distant, even if you are divorced or separated but you want to try again, then the Retrouvaille program is for you. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will take place September 8 through 10, 2006. For more information, please call the confidential number 1-800-470-2230 or email at [3001@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3001@retrouvaille.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 .

### MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Magnificat, a diocesan Ministry to Catholic Women welcomes all women to a delightful Women's Breakfast on Sat. August 10th, 9:30AM-12:30PM at Ethan Allan, Danbury CT. Our guest speaker will be Linda Gatta. Registration required by 8-9, \$25pp. No tickets at the door. For more information contact: Roxane Anngotta Magnificat Coordinator 203-778-3950.

## **CALENDAR**

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**8/7/06-8/13/06**

**Monday –8/7/06**

**6:00pm** Administration Committee Mtg./Conf. Rm. C

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

**Tuesday – 8/8/06**

**12:00pm** Women of Wonder Discussion Group/AMC

**7:00pm** AA Meeting/Hall

**7:30pm** Praise & Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

**Wednesday – 8/9/06**

**Thursday – 8/10/06**

**9:30am** Ladies Guild Sewing Group/Hall

**7:30pm** Grief Support Group/AMC

**Friday – 8/11/06**

**3:00pm** Divine Mercy Prayer Group/Prayer Chapel

**8:30pm** AA Women's Group/AMC

**Saturday – 8/12/06**

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

**10:00am** Lift Your Spirit Yoga/Hall

**Sunday –8/13/06**

**4:15pm** Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

**5:15pm** Blessing of College Students Mass/Church

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

### **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.

**YOU THINK IT'S HOT HERE?**

**GOD**

**Next Admin Comm. .... 8-07-06 ..... 6:00 PM**  
**Next Blue Ribbon ..... 9-09-06 ..... 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**