

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, NEW FAIRFIELD



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Mass Intentions
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MONDAY, MAY 8

- 7:30 AM The Magliocco Family R/B
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Magliocco
- 9:00 AM Joseph Michael Kasinskas R/B
Joe & Rosemary Kasinskas

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 7:30 AM Marie Fuchsenthaler R/B Marion
- 9:00 AM Jack Jordan R/B Dorothy & Bill Gallagher

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 7:30 AM John & Ellen Staunton R/B Mary & Thomas Foley
- 9:00 AM Hugh Maguire R/B Rose Maguire

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 7:30 AM Special Intention R/B A Parishioner
- 9:00 AM Nancy Dolan R/B Andria & Bill

FRIDAY, MAY 12

- 7:30 AM William Groski R/B The McGuirk Family
- 9:00 AM Michele Buono R/B Veronica Moriarty

SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 7:30 AM Maureen M. Corcoran R/B The Family
- 4:30 PM Parish Intentions Ryan
- 6:00 PM Parish Intentions Cervero

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 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 in memory of Estelle Fitzpatrick at the request of her son, Joseph.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP will burn this week in memory of Stanley Kozlowski at the request of his family.

Parish Support

4-23-06

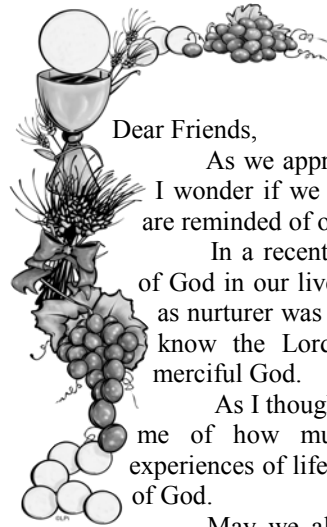
TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses.....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage	\$3,040.00
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME	\$13,798.00
Offertory	\$13,598.00
Monthly.....	\$200.00

516 donors gave \$10,767.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$20.87. 69 donors gave \$1,637.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$23.72. In cash an estimated 180 donors gave \$1,193.50 for an average gift of \$6.63. 1,935 attended mass this year, 1,969 attended mass last year.

USE OF CREDIT CARDS

We have a very mobile parish. Your weekly donation is important to us. We realize some weekends you need to be away! The Parish has developed a system to accommodate your donation by credit card (Master Card and Visa).

You may use the card provided in your envelope packets or call Luanne Hogan at the Parish Office (746-2200) to make your donation by credit card.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we approach "Mother's Day" on May 14th, I wonder if we might examine the treasure that we are reminded of on Mother's Day.

In a recent news article, a study on the image of God in our lives was discussed. The role of mom as nurturer was seen as helping the child to come to know the Lord as a loving, compassionate and merciful God.

As I thought about the above issue, it reminded me of how much I was taught and how the experiences of life were formed in my mother's image of God.

May we all pray for our mothers, living and deceased.

Peace,
Msgr. Ryan

LITURGY EVENTS

- May 13th:4:30 PM..... Blessing of Expectant Mothers
- May 14th Mother's Day
- May 25th Ascension Thursday

CELIAC DISEASE

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

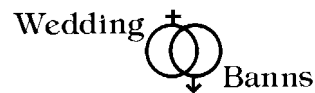
BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

We invite all expectant mothers and adopting mothers for a special blessing on Sunday, May 13th, during the 4:30 PM Mass. Please RSVP by calling the Parish Office 746-2200 by May 11th.



BAPTISM

The parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Faith Ann McAllister and Keira Lynne Sosbe who were baptized here last weekend.



Wedding

Banns

III Michael Bonafide & Jennifer Thomas



Graduation

Congratulations to all those who recently graduated from College! Our best wishes to you in the future.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – MAY 14, 2006

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/ Jn 15:1-8

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We have a number of children in our Parish with life threatening food allergies (especially peanut products). We are asking that **NO FOOD OF ANY KIND** be brought into the Church Worship Space. The safety and well being of our children is our primary concern. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you!



**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. Email us your address at parishlist@saintedwardchurch.org or you can subscribe directly from the home page of the Parish website.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Today is "In Pew Weekend" at our Parish for the 2006 Annual Bishop's Appeal. To date we have received pledges from 521 families totaling \$129,031.75. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

2006 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, at our baptism you gave us a share in the mission of your church. This mission invites us to work together for the good works of Catholic Education, Catholic Charities and all those programs that bring your gospel message of love to people, especially to those less able to help themselves.

Lord, bless all our good works on behalf of the needy. The large number of people who seek our help can sometimes overwhelm us and tempt us to ask "What difference does my gift make among so many?" But help us remember that everyone's effort is important and every gift counts in your sight when, like the gift of the widow's mite in the temple that you commended, such a gift comes from a generous heart.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Religious Personnel, Pastoral Ministers, Spiritual Counselors, Administrators, Lay Employees, Lay Volunteers and Contract Employees in our parishes, schools, programs and organizations must uphold Christian values and conduct. The Diocese of Bridgeport Code of Conduct provides a set of standards for conduct that apply to all Clergy, Lay employees, volunteers and contract employers within the Diocese. All clergy, deacons, personnel and contract employers are asked to read and sign the Code of Conduct. All volunteers are asked to read the code and be in compliance with it. Copies of the Code of Conduct can be found in the Parish Office upon request OR can be found on the St. Edward website @ www.saintedwardchurch.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Jane Arseniadis at 746-2200 Ext. 11.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY



Danbury Hospital will hold a Medical Town Meeting called "Strike Out Stroke" May 10th from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Danbury Hospital Auditorium. "Early Recognition is Key" will be discussed by the medical director and stroke team at Danbury Hospital. They will address signs of stroke, the importance of early intervention and what to do if you think a loved one has had a stroke. This meeting is free and open to the public. For questions, please call (203) 797-7247.



DOLLAR SUNDAY

YALE/NEW HAVEN CHILD CARE

This Sunday is Dollar Sunday to benefit the children treated at Yale/New Haven who are afflicted with the most serious medical conditions and require longer hospital stays. Please be generous and leave your donation in the wall safes or with a member of the Social Concerns Ministry. Thank you and God bless.

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

We wish to sincerely thank all those who worked so hard on our recent Food Drive. Various ministries such as Family Life, Social Concerns, Workcamp, Youth Group, Knights of Columbus and many, many volunteers of the Parish made it possible to send over 40 boxes of food to area agencies in need of replenishing their food banks. A special thank you to Nancy Polinchock who headed up this successful project. Many thanks to all!

DANBURY HOSPITAL WEBSITE

The updated website has valuable information about managing your health and the resources available at Danbury Hospital. You can access information from areas such as maternity, cardiology, cancer care and surgical services. Please visit www.danburyhospital.org and keep yourself healthy.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ministry is what keeps a Parish alive and makes it truly Catholic. Effective social ministry helps the Parish not only do more, but be more - more of a reflection of the Gospel, more of a worshipping and evangelizing people, more of a faithful community. It is an essential part of a Parish life.

PREPARING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

This booklet is designed to help those who must face the often unfamiliar task of preparing a Catholic funeral. The booklet helps explain how to manage the many practical details that go into planning a Catholic funeral and to help gather the information that will be of help for the surviving family, the Parish and the Funeral Home. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of this booklet should call the Social Concerns Office at 746-9595.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

(6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER: 746-0755
MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG

We have a few bowling "ringers" in Jr. YG! We had a nice turn-out and a lot of fun during our Night of Bowling. Thank you to Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Flagello, Mrs. Hirsheimer and our very own "ringer", Mrs. Venturini!

End of Year Fun—Saturday, May 20th, on the AMC property. We'll have volleyball, wiffleball, etc, and hot dogs, chips and more. Call Marj to RSVP by May 17th so we have enough food.

8th Grade Jr. YG Members: Friday, June 16th 7:00 PM is just for you. Come and tell us what you liked, what you didn't, how we can make Jr. YG better. We want to hear you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held here at St. Edward the week of July 24th—28th. Adult volunteers are needed to ensure the success of the program. Any one who wishes to help must have completed our Safe Environment Training or attend a training session prior to VBS. Please contact Eileen Burke at 746-4270 for more information. It is always a very fun week!

CHILDREN AT MASS

Several parents have made comments to the Liturgy Committee, the Family Life Committee and Msgr. Ryan to address, "What is the best way for our children to learn about the Mass and become participants at weekly Mass?"

In order to provide a forum for discussion regarding young children at mass, the Liturgy Committee will hold an "Open Forum" for discussion after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, June 4th.

Parents please join us for a discussion of this important topic.

**ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY
REGISTRATION AND TRAINING**

Registration and training for the Altar Server Ministry will be on Thursday, May 11th from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Church. (A parent is required to attend). All current altar servers are encouraged to attend to assist with training. Contact Fr. Joe 746-2200 Ext. 17 or Arlene Callahan 746-6759 to confirm attendance/questions.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

ST. EDWARD'S WORKCAMP

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JOE: 746-2200 EXT. 17

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.

Sunday, May 7th: Mandatory meeting 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Spring Flower Sale money and orders are due!

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. The increasing sophistication of prenatal medicine, and modern sonograms revealing the formation of eyes and beating heart six weeks into the pregnancy have a powerful pertinence to that question." George Will, 2/2/05



MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL

Each year at this time, we ask you to make a donation of geraniums that will be planted around our Parish outdoor shrine on the front lawn of the Church. By donating one of the above-mentioned flowers, you can remember your Mother at all Masses on "Mother's Day" and the Sundays of May. Please leave your flowers by the front door of the hall between May 1st and May 15th with your Mother's name for our Memorial Book. (The flowers will be planted after May 20th.)

ST. EDWARD'S LADIES GUILD

**IN RECOGNITION AND
APPRECIATION...**

Recently the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Northern Fairfield County (RSVP), recognized and honored 23 members from St. Edward's Ladies Guild for their **2128 HOURS** of service to the community during 2005. RSVP thanks them for their exemplary service, for sharing their skills and wisdom and for putting their lifetime of experience to work. We commend these women for their time and talent to the community!



Bake Sale

Also, the Ladies Guild would like to thank the parishioners of St. Edward's for their donations of baked goods and monetary contributions to the Bake Sale this past weekend. All proceeds were donated directly to St. Edward Parish. Thank you again.

FATIMA STATUE

May 13th is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. There are 30 families in the Parish who participate in this Ministry. The Fatima Statue is brought to a home each week and the family is asked to pray the rosary once a day.

On Saturday, May 13th, the members of the Fatima Pilgrim Statue Ministry will have the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue at the 4:30 PM Mass. Please join us for this very prayerful remembrance.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CALENDAR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5/08//06-5/014/06

Monday –5/8/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 11:15 a.m. – Terrific Twos/Meeting Rooms 5-6
- 7:00 p.m. – K of C Roundtable/Conf. Rm. A
- 7:30 p.m. – St. Edward’s Prayer Group/Cry Room

Tuesday – 5/9/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Mom’s Morning Out/Hall
- 3:00 p.m. – Children’s and Youth Choir/Church
- 7:00 p.m. – AA Meeting/Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Praise and Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

Wednesday – 5/10/06

- 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 – 5/11/06

- 9:30 a.m. – Ladies’ Guild Sewing Group/Hall
- 10:00 a.m. – Faith Formation Teacher Evaluation Meeting/Hall
- 4:00 p.m. – Children’s Liturgy Rehearsal/Church
- 7:00 p.m. – Altar Server Training/Church
- 7:30 p.m. – Contemporary Choir Rehearsal/Conf. Rm. A

Friday – 5/12/06

- 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 – 5/13/06

- 8:00 a.m. – Bulletin Assemblers/Conf. Rm. C
- 8:30 a.m. – Blue Ribbon Committee/Conf. Rm. B
- 10:00 a.m. – Lift your Spirit Yoga/Hall
- 4:30 p.m. – Blessing of Expectant Mothers &
May Crowning Mass/Church

After all Weekend Masses

Birthright Mother’s Day Flower Sale/Gathering Space

Sunday – 5/14/06 Happy Mothers’ Day

- K of C Mother’s Day Breakfast after the 7:30AM, 9AM &
11AM Masses/Hall
- 9:00 a.m. – Children’s Liturgy May Crowning/Church
- 4:15 p.m. – Youth Mass Choir Practice/Church

Calendar subject to change with additions & cancellations.

COUNSELING CENTER

Have you and your spouse lost touch with each other? Do you feel like you are leading separate lives? Learn to recreate the romance and passion in your relationship. Contact Diane Merrifield, M.A. LMFT at St. Edward’s Counseling Center 746-8013.

- Next Admin Comm..... 6-05-06.....6:00 PM
- Next Blue Ribbon 5-13-06.....8:30 AM
- Next Staff Meeting..... TBANoon
- Next Finance Comm..... 5-16-06.....7:30 PM
- Liturgy Comm. 5-22-06.....7:30 PM