

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



**MONDAY, APRIL 10**

- 7:30 AM Victoria Hudson & Noella Appi R/B  
The Callahan Family
- 9:00 AM Joseph Anello R/B The Callahan Family
- 5:30 PM Intention of Lenny Mecca R/B  
Molly & Thomas Whelan

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

- 7:30 AM Richard Luukko R/B The Cario Family
- 9:00 AM James Dolan R/B Nancy, Andrea & Bill
- 5:30 PM Arthur Marsicano Sr. R/B  
Connie, Michelle, Robert & Family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

- 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00 AM Eleanor Preneta R/B The Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 12:00 PM Outdoor Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 PM Passion of the Lord
- 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer
- 12:00 PM Blessing of the Food
- 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass Riendeau (All Clergy)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

- 7:30 AM Parish Intentions Gray
- 9:00 AM Parish Intentions Cervero
- 9:10 AM Parish Intentions Gilmartin
- 11:00 AM Parish Intentions Ryan
- 11:10 AM Parish Intentions Riendeau
- 12:30 PM Parish Intentions Cervero
- 5:15 PM Parish Intentions Ryan

**THE CHAPEL LAMP** will burn this week in memory of Al Salzo at the request of his wife, Marie.

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



**From the Pastor's Desk**



Dear Friends,

As we begin Holy Week, I invite you to join in the mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are many liturgies and prayer services planned this week. I hope that you will invite someone to come back to Church with you.

To those of you who will be traveling over the Easter Holiday, I hope that you will take time to reflect on these mysteries wherever you are. The mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus are teachable moments for our young. Please use these moments to help our children experience the Easter journey.

As you travel the road of Holy Week may the Lord Jesus direct our Parish and its mission to bring the people to true Easter joy!

Peace,  
Msgr. Ryan

**LITURGY EVENTS**


- April 16th ..... Easter Sunday
- April 30th ..... 11:00 AM..... Engagement Ceremony

**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.

 **BAPTISM**

The parish family of St. Edward the Confessor welcomes Gavin Patrick Sedito who was baptized here last weekend.

Wedding  Banns

I          Dominic Bova & Krysten Brooks

**EASTER COLLECTION**

There will be two collections on Easter Sunday. The first collection will be the regular Sunday collection, the second collection will be the annual Easter collection. We ask your generosity to keep our budget strong! We have also incurred high oil and electricity costs.

**Parish Support**

3-26-06

<b>TOTAL WEEKLY EXPENSES</b> .....	\$17,840.00
Budgeted Expenses .....	\$14,800.00
Interest on Mortgage .....	\$3,040.00
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME</b> .....	\$15,805.00
Offertory .....	\$15,598.00
Monthly .....	\$207.00

613 donors gave \$12,118.50 in weekly envelopes for an average gift of \$19.77. 57 donors gave \$1,356.00 in make-up envelopes for an average gift of \$23.79. 2 donors made a yearly/quarterly gift of \$650.00. In cash an estimated 218 donors gave \$1,473.50 for an average gift of \$6.76. 2,670 attended Mass this year, 4,257 attended last year.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – APRIL 16, 2006**  
**EASTER SUNDAY—RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9, or  
 Mk 16:1-7

**PARISH MORTGAGE**

April 7, 2003:	\$3,000,000.00	Mortgage Total
April 7, 2006:	\$8,084.00	Payment Principal
	\$12,262.00	Payment Interest
April 7, 2006	2,704,246.21	Mortgage Total
	\$105,8734.14	2003 Interest Paid
	\$154,587.73	2004 Interest Paid
	\$148,493.12	2005 Interest Paid
	\$48,093.23	2006 Interest Paid to Date

**HOLY THURSDAY**



We are in need of 12 volunteers to take part as representatives of the community to have their feet washed. If you would be willing to participate, please sign the sheet in the Vesting Room.

**MEN'S GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST**

Please join the men of our Parish for the 31st Annual New Fairfield Men's Good Friday Breakfast scheduled for Friday, April 14th. This years guest speaker will be Dr. Ralph Manfredi, Chiropractic Physician. Tickets will be sold in the Gathering Space after all Masses.

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

On Good Friday, our Parish will take up the Annual Collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic community in the Middle East and protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. Please be generous.

**LENT FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

Good Friday, April 14th, is a day of fast and abstinence. On Good Friday, all Catholics age 14 and older are obliged to abstain from eating meat. All Catholics in good health between the ages of 18 and 60 are also obliged to fast. Fasting means having one full meal and two light meals that day. Eating between meals is not permitted, although drinking liquids is allowed.

**LOAVES AND FISHES COLLECTION**

The special collection, taken up at this time each year, is a wonderful opportunity to practice the virtue of charity by fasting and giving alms. By abstaining from one meal each week during Lent and contributing the money saved to Loaves and Fishes, you will be reaching out in compassion to those who would be eating less or not at all without your act of self-denial. Envelopes are available at the doors of the Church. Please be generous.

**EASTER BASKETS**

Many thanks to the Social Concerns Ministries of the Parish. Eight baskets of food will be distributed to families for Easter.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS  
SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**



**CONNECTICUT NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER  
SUPPORT PROGRAM**

This federally funded respite program is designed to provide relief for family caregivers caring for a person aged 60 or over with any type of debilitating illness. The program connects eligible families with services and provides financial assistance for these services. Arrangements are made for daytime or overnight respite care including: adult day care, home health aide, homemaker/companion, skilled nursing, or assisted living. Contact: Area Agencies on Aging 1-800-994-9422.

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

A recent thank you letter was received from the Community Service Club for our donation to the program. They wrote: "On behalf of the Community Service Club of New Fairfield, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your caring and generous support of our Dress for Success Back-to-School Clothes for Kids Program. It's hard to imagine than many children in our community live amidst financial hardship, and that returning to school in the fall with new clothing and school supplies would be merely a dream. With your help, CSC will be able to give these children an important boost—to start off the school year feeling good about themselves."

**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**

Many studies have shown that regular exercise helps delay the start or severity of many chronic diseases. Commit your health and lifestyle choices to the Lord and ask for His strength to make and live out these choices.

NOTE: NO BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING NEXT WEEKEND DUE TO THE EASTER CELEBRATION.

**OPEN FORUM**

We will hold "Open Forums" at mass on the weekend of April 29th and 30th.

**LITURGY DAY**

Many thanks to the Liturgy Committee for gathering the Liturgical Ministers on Saturday, April 1st. The day was well planned and it was a positive experience for all.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

The next "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session will be held at St. Edward's on Wednesday April 26th at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. You must pre-register to attend this session, please call 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.

**April 8th & 9th:** Sell Easter Flowers after all Masses.

**AMERICARES FINAL MEETING**

Final meeting on **SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, at 6:15 PM** in the Church Hall. This is the final meeting prior to the **AMERICARES HOMEFRONT DAY on MAY 6, 2006**. Please plan on attending this meeting for directions and final instructions. All high school students need to have a student waiver form filled out and signed by a parent. All adults helping with this project MUST have attended the SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. If you cannot attend this meeting, please call Doris McDermott at 746-5539.

FROM THE DESK OF MARJ CUTLER:  
746-0755

**MCUTLER@SAINTEDWARDCHURCH.ORG**

**JR. YOUTH GROUP (6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES)**

Have you heard the "buzz?" Our SOUP & SUBSTANCE night was awesome! Many thanks to our 7th & 8th grade teachers, Dan Kean, Gloria Hudson, Biscotti's and all the volunteers who helped with the dinner. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Fr. Fred for his wisdom, inspiration and help with the presentation and dinner to make it a truly prayerful experience for students and all who attended.

**Jr. Youth Group Bowling Night:** Saturday, April 29th, 6:45 - 9:45 PM. \$15 & permission slip must be returned to me **BY** Monday, 4/24! See flyer/bulletin for more details or call.

**ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL**

172 families in our Parish have made a gift or pledge to the 2006 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our Parish goal is to have 100% participation. Please prayerfully consider supporting the annual Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift. The ministries, activities and programs serve people throughout the Diocese in ways that we as an individual Parish could never do alone.

**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.



**Schedule**

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**  
Monday - April 10th 7:30PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday- April 11th 3:00 & 7:00PM  
Thursday - April 13th 10:00AM  
Friday - April 14th after 7PM Stations  
Saturday - April 15th 10:00AM

**HOLY WEEK MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday 7:30AM, 9:00AM & 5:30PM  
Wednesday 7:30AM, 9:00AM

**HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 13th**

Morning Prayer (No Mass) 7:30 AM  
Penance 10:00 AM  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM  
Adoration 9:00-11:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14th**

Morning Prayer (No Mass) 7:30 AM  
Outdoor Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM  
Passion of the Lord 3:00 PM  
Healing Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM  
Penance 8:00 PM (after Stations)

**HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 15th**

Morning Prayer 7:30 AM  
Penance 10:00 AM  
Blessing of Easter Food 12:00 PM  
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16th**

Masses 7:30AM 9:00AM 9:10AM (Hall)  
11:00AM 11:10 (Hall) 12:30PM 5:15PM

**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 on Sunday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Adult Ministry Center. The next meeting is Sunday, April 9th. For more information, please call Jane at 746-2200 Ext. 11 or email @jarseniadis@saintedwardchurch.org

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

There was a problem with the recent mailing of our Church envelopes and the post office is working on it. In the meantime, please make your donations either by check or in an envelope with your name and Parish number on it.

**CALENDAR**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**4/10/06-4/16/06**

**Monday –4/10/06**

**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

**Tuesday – 4/11/06**

**9:30 a.m.** – Mom’s Morning Out/Hall/Kitchen  
**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  
**7:00 p.m.** – AA Meeting/Hall  
**7:30 p.m.** – Praise and Worship Gathering/Prayer Chapel

**Wednesday – 4/12/06**

**9:30 a.m.** – Terrific Twos /Meeting Rooms 5-6  
**10:00 a.m.** – Joy Club/Cry Room  
**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.** – Adult Choir Rehearsal/Church

**Thursday – 4/13/06**

**Friday – 4/14/06 Good Friday**

**8:30 p.m.** – AA Women’s Group/AMC

**Saturday – 4/15/06**

**8:00 a.m.** – Men’s Prayer Breakfast/Conf. Rm. A/Kitchen  
Sunday – 4/16/06 Easter Sunday

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

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

“The killing of Terri Schiavo was an act that no amount of dissection and dissembling can ‘vindicate.’ It was the deliberate killing of a profoundly disabled woman. Finding out that she was very, very disabled doesn’t make her killing more palatable; it makes it an even greater act of bullying.” Editorial in *The Southern Cross* (Diocese of San Diego) 6/23/05

**Welcome!**

We welcome Joan Draxdorf to the Parish Staff. Joan will be replacing Dorothy Gallagher who recently resigned as she and her husband Bill

will be moving sometime in the very near future. We wish them well in their new home.

**OFFICE CLOSING**



The office will be closed on Friday, April 14th.

**Next Admin Comm.....5-01-06 ..... 6:00 PM**  
**Next Blue Ribbon.....5-13-06 ..... 8:30 AM**  
**Next Staff Meeting.....TBA ..... Noon**  
**Next Finance Comm. ....TBA ..... 7:30 PM**  
**Liturgy Comm. ....4-24-06 ..... 7:30 PM**