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**SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
CHURCH  
NEW FAIRFIELD • CONNECTICUT**

Parish Directory  
*of Ministries, Programs and Services*



**VISION STATEMENT**

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*We are the living presence of Jesus Christ recognized  
through our Love, Prayer and Service*

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Parish of St. Edward the Confessor is committed to creating a vibrant and open Parish culture; the love of Christ is evident in our open, welcoming, supportive and faithful leadership. We will strive to be a place of prayer with faith-filled Liturgy, a caring and compassionate community, with a spiritual and theological formation*

**GENERAL PHONE NUMBERS**

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- Senior Youth (High School) Ministry ..... 746-0755
- Faith Formation ..... 746-4270
- Family Life Ministry ..... 746-2200
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Welcome!

Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out and preach His Word to all the nations of the world. He wanted them to cross national boundaries and language barriers to serve humanity and spread God's love.

As we enter the 21st century, the Roman Catholic Church presents new challenges. Many parishes, including St. Edward's are grappling with issues and changes. We have not yet dealt with the merging and closing of parishes, the sharing of priests between parishes or a parish administered by a Religious woman or layperson. The shortage of priests however, forces us to make tough decisions about meeting the needs of our parishioners.

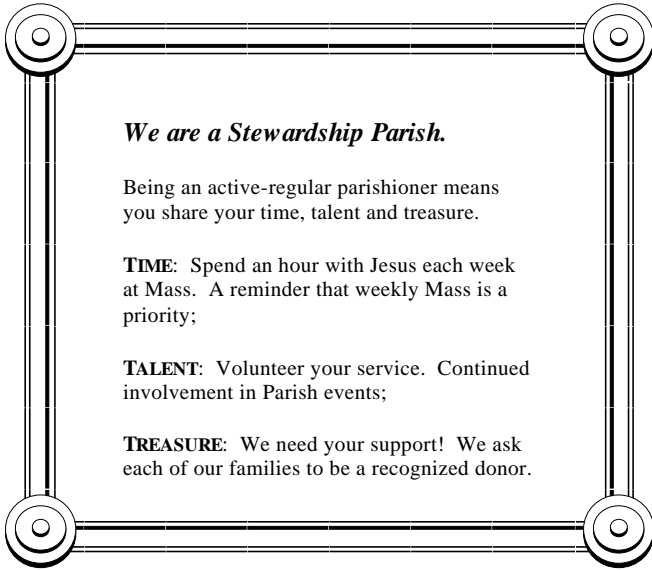
Despite these obstacles and through our parishioners' generosity, we have maintained a spiritual, responsive, active and welcoming Parish. Programs and services come from our primary ministries: Music and Liturgy, Office Administration, Faith Formation, and Parish Life. All base their work on our Parish Vision Statement:

*We are the Living Presence of Jesus Christ recognized through our Love, Prayer and Service*

Use this booklet to help you live this mission at home, in church and in the community. The following pages briefly describe the functions of the many ministries, programs and services found at St. Edward's Parish. Our parishioners model true stewardship by dedicating their time, talents and treasure toward these efforts. All ministries are open to those who want to grow their faith in our beautiful church.

If you don't see what you need ask us about it. And remember how much we would value your gifts and talents to be shared with our Parish. May the Holy Spirit guide us on our faith journey...

Monsignor Martin Ryan



***We are a Stewardship Parish.***

Being an active-regular parishioner means you share your time, talent and treasure.

**TIME:** Spend an hour with Jesus each week at Mass. A reminder that weekly Mass is a priority;

**TALENT:** Volunteer your service. Continued involvement in Parish events;

**TREASURE:** We need your support! We ask each of our families to be a recognized donor.

**THE EVANGELIZING PARISH STRUCTURE**

St. Edward' s Parish relies on the gifts and talents of many people. While we have a formal structure like any other organization, the interaction of different groups make it all work. We pride ourselves on our ability to develop spirituality and a feeling of family. Every individual, committee and program plays a role in this. Here are the people who make it happen...

**PARISHIONERS**

Each member of the faith community united by Baptism. They are the people who serve and are served and the Parish depends on each member to build a strong and Christ-centered community.

**LAY LEADERSHIP**

Committed parishioners who voluntarily lead and work on programs, services and ministries for the Parish. An active lay leadership enables our Parish to do more for parishioners.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT- FR. JOE CERVERO, CHAPLAIN

This adventure has a lifelong impact on participating high school students. The program begins in September and runs throughout the year as students prepare to spend a week away serving the poorest of the poor somewhere along the East Coast of the United States. While repairing homes students learn about Jesus and grow in their faith by serving others.

### SENIOR YOUTH GROUP- MIKE GIZZO, SR. YOUTH MINISTER

Saint Edward's High School Youth Ministry is a comprehensive program aimed at leading teens closer to Christ. Senior Youth Group, Retreats, Community Service, Liturgy Planning, Prayer, and the 5:15 Teen Mass are all incorporated to meet the mission of the High School Ministry. Meetings are held every Sunday throughout the year and are open to all High School aged parishioners.

## PARISH STAFF

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### LAY STAFF (PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE)

Paid staff members who lead and/or work on the parish' s programs, services, ministries and administrative tasks.

### DEACON

Ordained man (who can be married) that assists the pastor in preaching, Baptisms, Marriage ceremonies and other pastoral duties.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Diocesan priest who works closely with the pastor, lay staff and lay leadership. As the primary liaison between many of the ministries and the pastor, he guides and helps the ministries.

### PASTOR

Spiritual leader of the Parish whose goals are to unite, teach, learn, sanctify and govern with the cooperation of other priests, deacons, and lay members of the Christian faithful.

### PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Priest who lives in the Parish while assigned to another ministry, i.e., hospital or prison chaplain. He may serve the Parish by saying a Mass on Sunday and performing other duties according to his schedule.

### SENIOR PRIEST

A priest who has retired from active ministry. He may serve the Parish by saying Mass or assisting in particular ministries.

### VISITING PRIEST

Priest visiting the United States to continue his education and/or develop pastoral skills. He participates in running the Parish, and parishioners learn about his homeland and customs.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

In addition to the primary ministries of the Parish, the following committees and programs report directly to the Pastor.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

These volunteers offer various skills to assist the Pastor in running the business of the Parish. They review policies, make recommendations and assess human resource requirements.

### **BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE**

This group is responsible for maintaining the church and all other Parish structures. All recommendations go to the Administration Committee.

### **COUNSELING AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

These services are available for individuals, couples and families who need to strengthen skills and/or build additional skills to cope with life's pressures and changes.

### **FINANCE COUNCIL**

This committee reviews the finances of the Parish and proposes the yearly budgets.

### **FUND RAISING COUNCIL FR. JOSEPH CERVERO, MINISTER**

This committee researches and implements various fund raising activities for the benefit of the Parish as a whole.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and is the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church foremost and enhancing their own faith.

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

Our Parish participates in the Diocesan "Protecting God's Children" program which teaches adults to recognize the signs of sexual abuse of minors and teaches the appropriate ways to respond to suspicious behaviors in order to protect all children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse. Seminars are held regularly in the Parish Hall. All Parish volunteers over age 18 are required to complete this program and agree to abide by the Diocesan Code of Conduct.

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

This committee has been established to maximize the TIME, TALENT and TREASURE of the Parish for the development of its Faith Community. Every parishioner is encouraged to take an active role in church projects and to financially support the good works of the church.

### **ST. MATTHEW GUILD-**

These volunteers count and deposit weekly donations to the parish.

## **FAITH FORMATION (CONTINUED)**

The **First Eucharist** Program is in addition to third graders' Faith Formation classes. The program consists of parent/child meetings, workshops and liturgical celebrations. First Eucharist is celebrated in May.

The **Confirmation** program includes three years of study and faith development during grades six through eight. The program consists of a retreat, parent/child workshop, a sexuality program and liturgical celebrations. Confirmands are to complete 30 hours of Christian Community Service before celebrating Confirmation in fall of ninth grade.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This weeklong summer program is open to children in kindergarten through grade five. The program offers lessons, music, crafts and games that revolve around a biblical or religious theme.

## **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Leaders guide participants through various books of Holy Scripture to enhance their understanding of the Faith of the authors and the culture in which they lived as well as the application of the lessons of Scripture to modern day life.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)**

#### **DEACON FRANK FOYT, MINISTER**

The RCIA is a process through which men, women, children and/or families become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. Participants range from those who have no prior experience with Catholicism and have never been baptized, those baptized in another faith and those who have been baptized Catholic but never experienced their faith. The RCIA process runs throughout the year and candidates journey together with team members learning about the faith and their personal conversion to Jesus Christ.

### **CATHOLICS COMING HOME**

This Parish program is centered around re-acquainting Catholics who have fallen away from the Church with their religious heritage. This program involves both clergy and laity.

### **PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS**

This is a group of parents with children ages 1 to 5. This group is in the beginning stages and will meet to discuss faith filled topics and grow spiritually. Parents learn that they are their children's first teachers on their journey in faith and are encouraged to maintain an active roll in the church community as an example to their children.

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**KATHRYN LAREGINA, DIRECTOR**

This ministry coordinates a number of classes and programs.

**ADULT EDUCATION TASK FORCE**

This group assesses the educational needs of the adults of the Parish, designs programs for their benefit, implements and evaluates the programs.

**FAITH FORMATION OF CHILDREN (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)**

St. Edward's Parish has three programs to education our children in the Catholic Faith. These are the *Heritage Program*, the *Nazareth Program* and the *Parent as Catechist Program*. Textbooks and curriculums in all programs are based on the guidelines as set forth by the Diocese of Bridgeport in 2004. All programs focus on the Spiritual Development of the child and their family.

**HERITAGE PROGRAM**

This traditional Faith Formation program is geared toward children in grades 1-8. For a six month period, weekly classes are held for grades 1-5, and biweekly classes for grades 6-8. Volunteer catechists teach the classes with the assistance of the Faith Formation Staff and Clergy.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP- CAROL ZINSER, JR. YOUTH MINISTER**

The Junior Youth Group Ministry for youth in grades 6-8 involves members in social, spiritual, service and educational programs that complement the religious education curriculum for their grade level.

**NAZARETH PROGRAM**

This year-long, alternative Faith Formation program is for families of children in grades 1-5. It is comprised of 2 consecutive weeks over the summer, liturgical events as well as ministry and parish involvement opportunities during the rest of the year. It is open to registered parishioners who complete an interview process and demonstrate a desire to enter the program as an entire family, particularly with regard to the year-round liturgies and participation in parish ministries and events.

**PARENT AS CATECHIST**

This Faith Formation program exists for those students and families that, for various reasons, are not able to participate in either the *Heritage* or *Nazareth* Programs. The parents act as the teachers to their own children with the assistance and support of the Faith Formation Staff and Clergy with whom they meet regularly.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

The **Reconciliation** Program is in addition to second graders' Faith Formation classes. The program consists of parent orientation meetings, parent/child meetings and workshops and liturgical celebrations. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Lent.

**DEVOTIONAL MINISTRY-MSGR. RYAN, PASTOR**

**DIVINE MERCY**

Parishioners and others from our community gather to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy according to the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina.

**FAITH SHARING**

Enrich your life by sharing our faith in a small group setting. We collectively pick the readings for group discussions.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration is available every month from 9:30AM to 10:00PM in the chapel. The faithful are asked to sign up for one hour before the Blessed Sacrament to ensure coverage for the entire time. Individuals may pray for petitions left in the chapel as well as their own. "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments." – St. Alphonsus Liguori

**MEN'S RETREAT**

This yearly trip to a Catholic retreat house is open to all the men in the Parish.

**GLORY AND PRAISE GATHERINGS**

Invites you to worship in prayer led by the Presence & Power of the Holy Spirit. Bring your Bible. We have faith sharing and give thanks to God for His Grace through faith sharing, spontaneous prayer, Scripture sharing, along with time of quiet listening to the Holy Spirit and song. Meets on Tuesdays at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the cry room of St. Edward. All Welcome.

**PRAYER GROUP**

Prayers are offered for healing and Spiritual teachings and discussions are offered. All are welcome. The Prayer Group meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. The contact number for Prayer Requests is 746-2367.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS**

When parishioners wish to enrich their faith lives, they seek a spiritual guide who will help them read, pray, reflect and experience God in a deeper way. St. Edward's Parish is blessed with several certified lay spiritual directors who meet with parishioners. A fee is charged.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE**

A broadly based spiritual enrichment program offering a variety of programs designed to assist individuals in nurturing body, mind and spirit and thereby enhancing their connection to God, self and others. The activities are designed to be fun, relaxing, and enlightening. Come "Lift Your Spirit". Watch the bulletin and flyers for upcoming programs. Activities are usually held in the AMC building.

**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES**  
**DEBRA TOMASETTI, COORDINATOR**

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

The Elizabeth Ministry is an outreach by the Parish Community to women and their families during the childbearing years to lend comfort, support and share experiences. Areas of involvement include pregnancy support, celebration of birth, infant/child crisis, adoption, miscarriage, waiting to conceive, infertility and special attention to working mothers.

**FAMILY EVENTS MINISTRY**

This committee plans family activities at St. Edward's throughout the year. These include affordable events such as Parish Dinner Dances, an Advent Wreath Workshop and Parish Family Picnic in the summer.

**FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

The Parish community celebrates the first birthdays of our children on a quarterly basis. A Special Blessing is bestowed by the priest at Mass followed by a reception for the families.

**LADIES' GUILD**

Members gather to pray and serve the Parish. They grow in their relationship with the Lord through retreats, Communion breakfasts, Masses for living and deceased members of the Guild and a spiritual concern for each other.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

St. Edward's couple-to-couple program involves four meetings between a married couple from the Parish and the engaged couple. Discussion is based on the teachings of the Church and personal experience. Engaged couples are required to schedule their weddings with a priest at least one year in advance.

**MEN'S MINISTRY-**

The Men's Ministry of the parish call all men to join in a time of listening to God and sharing our journey with God. The Men's Ministry meets every Saturday morning from 7:30-8:30 in the parish hall.

**M.O.M.S. (MINISTRY OF MOMS SHARING)**

Geared toward mothers of all ages, meetings aim for spiritual growth, companionship, support and social interaction. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from September to June in the Church Hall. Babysitting is provided.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

"Purls of Wisdom", a Prayer Shawl Ministry, is a group that meets to knit or crochet prayer shawls and baby blankets which are given to individuals to provide comfort and support as well as give solace, mother and hugs. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in the AMC.

**MUSIC AND LITURGY MINISTRY, CONTINUED**

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD (LECTORS)**

These men and women serve the Parish by breaking open the Word of God and assisting the priest in the proclamation of God's Word.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

There are many ways for parishioners of all ages to participate in music ministry. Choirs, instrumentalists and soloists enhance our liturgies. Choirs are listed below:

**Adult Choir:**

11AM Sunday Mass & Holy Days

**Contemporary Choir:**

4:30PM Saturday Mass

**Teen Mass Choir** (Grade 6 and up):

5:15PM Sunday Mass

**Youth Choir** (Grade 6 and up):

9AM Sunday Mass

**Children's Choir**(3rd-5th Grade)

9AM Sunday Mass *with Youth Choir*

**Marlene Drygas, Director**

**Cherub Choir** (K -2nd Grade)

9 a.m. Family Masses

**Joy Club** (pre-schoolers & parents)

10AM Wednesdays and

9 a.m. Family Masses

**MUSIC AND LITURGY MINISTRY**  
**DAN KEAN, DIRECTOR**  
**GLORIA HUDSON, LITURGICAL COORDINATOR**

This group coordinates all aspects of Liturgical worship. Its purpose is to plan liturgies in which the congregation can actively enter into the spirit of celebration.

**ADULT ALTAR SERVERS**

These men and women assist at Funerals of the parish.

**ALTAR SERVERS**

These boys and girls in the fourth grade or older assist the priest during the Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

**LITURGICAL DESIGN COMMITTEE**

This committee enhances the beauty of our church and sanctuary. They use flowers, frontals (decorative panels) and banners to mark the passage of the various Liturgical seasons.

**LITURGY COMMITTEE**

This committee plans and reviews all aspects of the Liturgy with the pastor and implements new procedures and changes.

**MARTHA MINISTRY**

These volunteers clean the sacred vessels and linens used at Liturgical celebrations.

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST (SME)**

These men and women assist the priests in distribution of Holy Communion at Mass.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

**USHERS**

These men and women create the first and perhaps most important impression upon those who enter our church. They serve by being warm, welcoming and helpful. They take up the collection, escort parishioners to seats and assist with all parishioner needs during and after Mass.

**GREETERS**

Greeters offer a welcoming spirit to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. They may also be asked to distribute handouts and answer basic questions about the parish.

**COLLECTORS**

Collectors (or Money Collectors) assist the ushers in taking up the collection during the offertory.

**FAMILY LIFE (CONTINUED)**

**PRE BAPTISM PROGRAM**

Parish couples join the clergy in welcoming parents and preparing them to have their child baptized. A presentation instructs parents about the Sacrament of Baptism and the Baptismal liturgy. Pre-Baptismal classes are held on the first Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call the Parish Office to register.

**QUILT MINISTRY**

St. Edward's Quilt Ministry consists of women of our Parish who meet monthly or bi-monthly to create and complete a quilt annually which is raffled off and the proceeds benefit our Parish. Design and cutting the fabric is accomplished at meetings, while most of the sewing of individual blocks is done by members at home. Some basic sewing skills are helpful but not required.

**ROSARY HILL SEWING GUILD**

These dedicated ladies gather to sew cancer pads for patients at Rosary Hill Home.

**ROSEBUD PROGRAM**

The Rosebud Program, through our Elizabeth Ministry, provides a unique way to offer prayers and support to families during the tender times of bringing new life into the world as well as honoring those children we have lost. In the Chapel is a basket of silk roses along with tags to be completed requesting prayers for pregnancy, birth or adoption, loss of a child and also waiting to conceive or adopt. A wonderful group of individuals meet daily in the Chapel to pray the Rosary for the intentions of our Rosebud Ministry.

**SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLICS (SDRC)-  
DEACON FOYT, FACILITATOR**

SDRC is for anyone in need of spiritual care, guidance and compassion, including family members and friends, during these difficult and stressful times. Meetings are advertised in the bulletin and are held at 7:00PM in the Adult Ministry Center. All meetings are *confidential*.

**TERRIFIC TWOS**

This pre-nursery school program is specifically designed to meet the educational needs of children from 18 to 36 months of age. A fee is charged.

**TODDLER TEA**

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings of the month in the hall from 9:45 to 11:00 a group of mothers and their children meet at Toddler Tea. Mothers enjoy refreshments while meeting new friends. Pre-schoolers and younger children enjoy storytelling, reading, music and crafts.

**WOMEN'S CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

This gathering is a spiritual journey of faith for women of the Parish who wish to deepen their relationship with the Lord. Babysitting is provided at a minimal cost. The group meets every other Friday and weekly on Fridays during Advent and Lent.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY**  
**DONNA HANFT, Coordinator**

The Social Concerns Ministries deal with activities related to social concerns, social actions, the sick and homebound and bereavement. Members meet regularly to review ongoing projects and discuss new areas of concern emerging from the Parish and community.

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Volunteers meet a family at the time of loss and assist in planning the Funeral Mass. Follow-up calls and visits take place after the funeral for ongoing support.

**CHRISTIAN CATERERS (HOSPITALITY)**

Volunteers coordinate and prepare for funeral receptions by setting and cleaning up the church hall and serving a meal.

**CHRISTIAN CATERERS (PREP)**

These volunteers prepare food and desserts for funeral receptions. They also occasionally provide meals to families in need.

**DOLLAR SUNDAY**

Volunteers collect donations after Mass once a month to support various Catholic charities and community service organizations within our region.

**GREETING CARD MINISTRY**

Volunteers send birthday and holiday cards to parishioners who are ill, elderly, homebound or in nursing homes.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

A support group open to all in the community to come and share their experiences about the loss of a significant person in their lives. This group meets twice a month from September - May, and once a month during the summer.

**HOSPITAL VISITORS**

Parish volunteers visit Danbury Hospital on behalf of St. Edward's church on days when a priest is not available. Visitors bring the "good will" of the parish and spend a few minutes with parishioners who are hospitalized to let them know the parish is praying for them and wishing them well.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY, CONTINUED**

**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**

Nurses volunteer to administer monthly blood pressure screening after Masses. They also offer health education through notices in the Church's bulletin.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

For information, please visit the website for the Connecticut Catholic Conference at [ccc@ctcatholic.org](mailto:ccc@ctcatholic.org).

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

Volunteers visit or bring the Eucharist to those who are ill, elderly, homebound or in nursing homes.

**THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**

The Social Concerns Committee meets every few months to plan and organize direct service projects to meet the on-going needs of our parish community. Various outreach programs include: Food and Book Drives, Christmas Gift Drive, and fund raising for the parish like Bake Sales and special events. The social concerns committee networks with other parish groups to more effectively serve our parishioners and community. Volunteers are always needed and welcome!