

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

“This is the time of fulfillment.”

Open your heart to God,
and you will be fished
from the great waters.



First Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 2021



THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
Msgr. Donald McE. Beckmann, Sunday Priest
Deacon James F. Murphy
Deacon Barry P. Croce



Administration

Deacon Thomas Wm. Connolly, Director

Pastoral Center Offices

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

St. Edward the Confessor School

Mr. Vincent Albrecht, Principal
Ms. Taylor Moran

Parish Social Ministry

Mrs. Donna Zaino, Coordinator

Office Staff

Mrs. Maryann Waite
Mrs. Luisa Ondocin

Music Ministry

Mr. Jeffrey Fox
Mrs. Marilyn Fox

Youth Ministry

Ms. Michelle Sena - Vision

Religious Education

Mrs. Rosemary Pettei, Director
Ms. Mary Calabrese, Director of Confirmation
Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

Not registered? Please stop by our Rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family!

Telephone Numbers

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| Rectory..... | 921-8030 ext. 150 |
| Rectory Fax..... | 921-4549 |
| St. Edward Confessor School..... | 921-7767 |
| Religious Education Office..... | 921-8543 |
| RCIA..... | 921-8030 ext. 135 |
| Administration..... | 921-8030 ext. 136 |
| Bulletin Editor..... | 921-8030 ext. 137 |
| Facilities Scheduler..... | 921-8030 ext. 137 |
| St. Vincent De Paul Society..... | 516-218-7837 |
| PSM/Pantry..... | 921-8030 ext. 140 |
| Music Ministry..... | 921-8030 ext. 150 |
| Youth Ministry..... | 921-8030 ext. 127 |
| Pastoral Center Offices..... | 921-8030 ext. 132 |

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open during the following times:

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| Mondays - Thursdays: | 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM |
| Fridays: | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Closed for Lunch M-F: | 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM |
| Saturdays - Sundays: | 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM |

Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

When Attending Mass

While attending Mass during the coming weeks please remember to wear your face mask at all times and to maintain social distancing. After Mass has ended you are requested to depart from church immediately afterwards, and not congregate in the gathering area. Thank You.

Weekly Mass Schedule

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| Monday - Friday: | 9:00 AM | In the Church |
| Saturday: | 5:00 PM | In the Church |
| Sunday: | 7:30 AM | In the Church |
| | 9:30 AM | In the Church |
| | 11:30 AM | In the Church |

Our Weekly Offering

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| February 14, 2021 | \$ 10,480.00 |
| # of Envelopes | 183 |
| Automatic Trans. | \$ 5,388.00 |
| # of Envelopes | 57 |
| Total | \$ 15,868.00 |
| Heating | \$ 1,458.00 |

We thank all who contributed to the support of our Parish! Fr. Mike

Next Week's Presider Schedule

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| Saturday, Feb. 27 | 5:00 PM | Fr. Hyacinth |
| Sunday, Feb. 28 | 7:30 AM | Fr. Mike |
| | 9:30 AM | Msgr. Beckmann |
| *Deacons to Preach | 11:30 AM | Msgr. Beckmann |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM in the Church

You may also make an appointment by calling the rectory at: 516-921-8030.

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org
School: www.stedwardconfessor.org
Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com
Facebook: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)
Twitter: [stedwardsyosset](https://twitter.com/stedwardsyosset)
Instagram: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.instagram.com/stedwardsyosset)
Formed: formed.org

Protect Our Children Hotline

If you or someone you know has experienced an incident of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please **contact law enforcement and the diocesan's Office for the Protection of Children and Young People**. The diocese maintains a special phone number for these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

St. Edward's Mass is Online -

The St. Edward's 7:30 AM Sunday Mass is recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and is available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

“Lord God, be my refuge and my strength.”

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 2/22 - Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
9:00 am For the Deceased of the Parish

Tues. - 2/23 - Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
9:00 am Jane Klingler

Wed. - 2/24 - Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
9:00 am For Those Suffering from Covid-19

Thurs. - 2/25 - Thursday of the First Week of Lent
9:00 am For Our Responders

Fri. - 2/26 - Friday of the First Week of Lent
9:00 am For the People of the Parish

Sat. - 2/27 - Saturday of the First Week of Lent
9:00 am Angela Piambino
5:00 pm Charles Weber
John George Spicijaric
James Roth
Lissy Joseph

Sun. - 2/21 - Second Sunday of Lent
7:30 am For All Medical Personnel
9:30 am Janet Cox
11:30 am Eleanor Alizzi
Milia Mouradian Maldjian
Estela de la Rosa de Floriman
Dennis Cancellieri
7:00 pm No Mass

Please remember that the church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include: An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Divine Office, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of February 21 - February 27, 2021
Is Given in Loving Memory of
All Our Parish Societies

By: Fr. Mike

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of February 21 - February 27, 2021
Is Lit in Loving Memory of
Our Beloved Parish Staff

By: Fr. Mike

Military List

“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

Lt. Cmdr. Jameson Adler, U.S. Navy SEAL
Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force
Pvt. John J. D’Amico, U.S. Army Airborne
Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. Joseph Evola, Jr., U.S. Army
SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army Special Forces
Petty Officer 3rd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy
Lt. John Hagerman, U.S. Navy
Pvt. Gary Harris, U.S. Army
Lt. Amanda Hine, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Christopher Hofer, U.S. Air Force
Maj. Christian Kapey, U.S. Marine Corps
Sr. Airman Michael LiBretto, U.S. Air Force
Cpl. Erik Liebergall, U.S. Marine Corps
Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army
Seaman Liam Pieper, U.S. Navy
2nd Lt. Richard Martin Prestegaard, U.S. Army
Petty Officer Sean T. Sattler, U.S. Coast Guard
Lt. Brian Shields, U.S. Coast Guard
SSgt. Paul Smith, U.S. Army
Maj. James Tom, U.S. Army
2nd Lt. John P. Trainor, U.S. Marine Corps
1st Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army
Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

Pray For The Sick

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| Joseph Kempton | John Lamb, Sr. | Christiana Cheng |
| Kathy Rooney | Robert Philipps | Julianna Key |
| Michele Wesch | Renata Sorace | Susan Giambalvo |
| Katy Monte | John Hynson | Alexandra Reuter |
| Frances Genovese Wangberg | | |

Death to New Life



The Readings for The First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1 - Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Reading 2 – 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Gospel – Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
***"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."***



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we
humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heav-
enly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Sa-
tan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

From Fr. Mike's Desk

So many times in the Scriptures (both Old and New Testaments) we see the symbols of water and the desert, and today's readings are no exception. In the Book of Genesis, we see the use of water in the account of *the Great Flood and the story of Noah*. After the earth had been devastated by forty days and nights of rain, God promises that He will never destroy the earth by using water. God makes a covenant with humanity, and to confirm it the sign of the Rainbow is used. Clearly water in this story was destructive and certainly not life giving. Yet Saint Paul tells us that this water was life giving when he relates that Noah, his family, and the animals were saved and that this event prefigures the life giving waters of Baptism. In the waters of the Jordan, John was baptizing people with water and calling people to repentance which also prefigures the Sacrament of Baptism and its life giving waters.

As a result today's readings present us with water's capacity to bring life and death, and the same is true about the other symbol of the desert. When we usually think of the desert we think of it as a place where life is always on the edge. We know that the desert sun and the lack of water can and has been a cause of a terrible loss of life. Yet, the Scriptures often points to the desert as being life-giving. In the Book of Revelation, the symbol of the Blessed Mother is taken into the desert as a place of safety from Satan after she gives birth to Our Lord. In the Book of Exodus, the Israelites escape the slavery and the power of Egypt by going into the desert, and despite its harsh conditions they survive there for forty years and emerge at the Holy Land as a people formed by God to be His Chosen Nation. Approximately one thousand years later we are told that Jesus after being baptized by John goes into the

desert for forty days and nights and when He comes out he begins the public ministry, and announces that the Kingdom of God has arrived. The life giving aspect of the desert is that it was a place of purification and spiritual awakening. Jesus used the desert to prepare Himself for the public ministry and to gain the spiritual strength to fight the temptations of the devil and to face the Cross. After he emerged He went full steam ahead and would not allow anything or anyone to get in His way.

This past Wednesday we entered into our desert experience of forty days and nights, during this period we are to prepare ourselves to fully accept the life transforming events of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus which we will fully celebrate at the end of this time. As Jesus fought off the perils of the desert so should we use this time to fight off the perils of temptation and sin.

Please consult the bulletin for all the different prayer opportunities offered during this Holy Season of Lent.

Please remember and pray about supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

First Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms - 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Second Reading - Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10

Message Of His Holiness Pope Francis For Lent 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.

In this Lenten season, accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God's gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 93).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet "full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

2. Hope as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her "living water" (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would "be raised on the third day" (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father's mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father's forgiveness.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to

give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn" (Fratelli Tutti, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference" (ibid., 224).

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being "prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Pet 3:15).

3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

"'Social love' makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone" (Fratelli Tutti, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

"Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society" (Fratelli Tutti, 187).

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Pope Francis

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 48 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

This Sunday, February 14th, many parts of the world will celebrate Valentine's Day. Some traditions tell us that Valentine's Day is celebrated on this day in honor of Saint Valentine, but some believe that the Church celebrated Valentine on this day to counter the pagan celebration of Lupercalia which was celebrated on the Ides of February. This was a fertility festival dedicated to the Roman god of agriculture. It was also a day to pay tribute to the legendary founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. (If you will recall the story the two brothers were orphaned, and raised by a she wolf, this is one of Rome's ancient and famous symbols.) Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity, but later it was suppressed by the Church, and it became St. Valentine's Day by order of Pope Gelasius.

Love became the focus of this day mainly in the Middle Ages when in England and France, they noticed that the 14th was the beginning of the birds' mating season, and this was highlighted by people like Geoffrey Chaucer in his 1375 poem "Parliament of the Fowles." Valentine greetings go as far back as the Middle Ages. But the first written one appears in the 1400's. It was a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned at the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. By the middle of the 18th Century, it was common for lovers to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace the handwritten ones. Today according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 15 million Valentine's Day Cards are sent each year.

Now comes the question, who was St. Valentine? We are told that there were three St. Valentines, and there are various traditions about them. But it is felt that the one most associated with the day is St. Valentine of Rome. He was a priest who served in the 3rd Century in Rome, when the Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made the best soldiers. As a result, he outlawed marriage for all young men. Valentine saw this as an injustice, and so he went against the decree, and secretly performed marriages for Christian men and women. When he was discovered, he was arrested. Some believe that Valentine met with the Emperor who tried to convert him to becoming a pagan. However, it did not work and Valentine in turn was trying to convert the Emperor into being a Christian. Likewise, that did not work, and Valentine was ordered to be executed. There is another story that he was arrested because he tried to free prisoners from the jails, and he was captured. Before he was executed, he supposedly cured the jailer's daughter who was blind and after he was taken out, they found a note he wrote to the girl and signed it your Valentine!

We are not sure about the legends and which saint we are honoring, but it has taken on a life of its own. So, all of you who are in love, and have a wife or a husband or a special friend, do not forget them on this day, or you will have a great deal of trouble.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Fr. Mike

The Saint Joseph's Prayer Group



Continuing Each Thursday at 8:00 PM in the Church

The Holy Father in December had announced that 2021 is **The Year of Saint Joseph**. St. Joseph was a worker, devoted husband to Mary, a father figure to Jesus, and provides us with a **great example of what a man should strive to be**. Like Joseph, Sons and Fathers in Christ must always strive to deepen their faith in the Lord. Let us answer the call to prayer by coming together with total trust and faith in Our Father in Heaven; ***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*** In these uncertain times, let us follow the example of Saint Joseph, sharing in the love of his Blessed Spouse and Divine Son, by praying the **Rosary** and the **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**. Now that we are in the Lenten Season, this is a great way to spend time in prayer with the Blessed Mother and our Lord, surrendering our crosses and trust to Jesus who is “Love and Mercy Himself.” If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to sacrifice some time in prayer, answer that call and come to **The St. Joseph's Prayer Group, meeting every Thursday night at 8:00 pm in the Church**. Prayer pamphlets for how to pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be made available to everyone. These powerful prayers are gifts from Heaven, and we should believe in their great promises. Those who sincerely say ***“Jesus, I trust in You”*** will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. Looking forward to seeing you there and God Bless!

Automatic Giving

Make your weekly contribution to St. Edward's Church automatic! Fill out the sections below.

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Envelope #: _____

Contribution amount: \$ _____ Frequency: Weekly – Monthly – Other: _____

Start date: _____

Please fill out one of the two sections below:

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

Card Type (circle one): Debit Card - Amex – Visa – Master Card – Other: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Or

AUTOMATIC DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION

(Please fill out the information below -or enclose a VOIDED check, and sign below)

Financial Institution Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip: _____

9-digit Routing Number (ABA): _____

Account Title: _____ Account Number: _____

Account Type (please circle one): Checking Savings

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____



Dear Friends:

As we journey together through this Lenten season, let us call to mind all our brothers and sisters on Long Island who are in need. One of the ways we can assist our neighbors and the Church is through giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). For all of you who have given to the CMA in the past, I would like to say thank you. Your gifts have helped bring the loving face of Jesus to hundreds of thousands of Long Islanders.

Each year, the CMA creates pathways of faith that guide all people to our loving Father. This year, the CMA needs your help, more now than ever before, in our efforts to spread the Good News throughout Long Island. Last year was a challenge for everyone. As the pandemic surged through our Long Island community, pastoral care was expanded to those in need.

Catholic Charities programs expanded its food programs to seniors and our parish outreach programs remained open; the Education Department was able to provide internet service to families that did not have it so that children could continue their studies and parents could continue to work; Faith Formation, Young Adult Ministry and Youth Ministry programs were able to remotely bring the faith to God's people. All of this was accomplished because of your support and prayers.

We humbly ask you to please consider giving to the CMA so that we can make this year's Appeal grow substantially in gifts, so that everyone who comes to the Church for help may receive it.

Additionally, the CMA helps raise funds that help feed the poor, clothe the naked, and assist our veterans and people with disabilities. The CMA also assists women with untimely pregnancies who need assistance and seminarians who are following God's call to the priesthood.

Our parish will also receive a share of the funds if we reach at least 80% of our parish goal; the more money our parish raises, the more we will receive in rebates. These rebates are so essential to our parish, so we ask that you also think of your parish when you give the CMA.

During these 40 days, as we are called by our Lord to grow closer to Him through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the CMA allows us to practice the virtuous act of almsgiving and to spread the Good News within and beyond our parish.

Whatever you give, thank you for helping to create pathways of faith on Long Island. May God bless you, your family and this year's CMA.

Blessings,

Fr Mike

Pastor

Lucky Leprechaun Triple and a Half Century

St. Edward the Confessor Parents' Association

Annual TRIPLE AND A HALF CENTURY RAFFLE

Sat, March 13th, 2021

SEC Holy Family Room - 6pm

Tickets: \$100

Dinner for 2 To Go!



17 Cash Prizes!

Triple and a Half Century is a reverse raffle: the winner of the FIRST PRIZE is the last ticket pulled. Only 350 raffle tickets will be sold.

Tickets may be purchased individually or shared with family, friends, colleagues, etc. Winners need not be present.

Your support to this event is greatly needed to meet our fundraising goals for this year. We hope we can get together again in 2022 to celebrate, but in the meantime, a prepackaged dinner for 2 will have to do! Pick up your box of corned beef, cabbage & carrots, and roasted potatoes between 6 & 6:30 pm at the Holy Family Room. Additional meals (for 2) may be ordered at \$30. All dinners must be pre-ordered with your ticket purchase.

Representatives of the clergy, parish and school will be present to distribute dinner and witness the raffle. Please include your contact info.

If 350 tickets are not sold, prizes may be prorated.

Questions? luisaondocin@gmail.com

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CONTACT LEADERS FOR CAMPAIGNS ON LONG ISLAND:

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Parishioner in Need

One of our long time Parishioners and good friend and supporter of St. Edwards, Mike Ferrari, is in need of a kidney transplant. Should you seriously wish to consider assisting Mike and his family during their time of great need, then please contact Mike's wife Caroline for more specific details. Caroline's email address is:

sewnora@gmail.com

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it."

Proverbs 3:27

Academic Excellence

The following students of Our Lady of Mercy Academy, formerly of St. Edward's School, have exhibited academic excellence for the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic year:

Principal's List Kristine Dzedziula Grade 11

Second Honors Emily Bamberger Grade 10

Second Honors Margaret Guidone Grade 12

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|  <p><small>CNS/Nancy Wieber</small></p> | | | February 17 Ash Wednesday— Lent Begins Ashes are sprinkled on our heads so that the fire of love can be kindled in our hearts. We are citizens of heaven, and our love for God and neighbor is our passport to heaven. (Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday, 2020) | February 18 Begin your journey with self-reflection and allow yourself to experience the mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this season? | February 19 Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. Do you have questions about fasting? We've got answers! | February 20 Begin your day with the Bible. Read or listen to the daily readings. |
| | | | February 21 First Sunday of Lent "This is the time of fulfillment. / The kingdom of God is at hand. / Repent, and believe in the gospel!" (Mk 1:15, <i>Lectionary</i>) | February 22 Today is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter! This feast reminds us of the significance of the ministry of St. Peter and the succession of popes who followed in his footsteps. Say a prayer for Pope Francis, successor of St. Peter. | February 23 "If you forgive men their transgressions, / your heavenly Father will forgive you. / But if you do not forgive men, / neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." (Mt 6: 14-15) | February 24 Catechumens who have been preparing for baptism will soon be initiated into the Church. Say a prayer for all the elect, whose journeys of spiritual growth have led them to becoming our brothers and sisters in Christ. |



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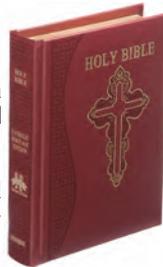
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