

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



Second Sunday of Lent

February 28th, 2021



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Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
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Deacon Barry P. Croce



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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

Rectory.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	921-8543
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Youth Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 127
Pastoral Center Offices.....	921-8030 ext. 132

Rectory Hours

The rectory will be open during the following times:

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

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

February 21, 2021	\$ 10,438.00
# of Envelopes	164
Automatic Trans.	\$ 1,753.00
# of Envelopes	37
Total	\$ 12,191.00

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 6	5:00 PM	Fr. Celestine*
Sunday, Mar. 7	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth*
	9:30 AM	Fr. Mike*
*Fr. Mike to preach	11:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann

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

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. - 3/1 - Monday of the Second Week of Lent
9:00 am Anthony Tymann

Tues. - 3/2 - Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent
9:00 am Ann Fisher

Wed. - 3/3 - Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent
9:00 am Josita Miria Krsulic

Thurs. - 3/4 - Thursday of the Second Week of Lent
9:00 am Edward Armitage

Fri. - 3/5 - Friday of the Second Week of Lent
9:00 Sean Byrne

Sat. - 3/6 - Saturday of the Second Week of Lent
9:00 am People of the Parish
5:00 pm Liam Francis McAvoy
John V. Cirello, Jr.
Rose Maresca
Esteban Najarro
Mary Gagliardi
Molly Mari (Living)

Sun. - 3/7 - Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 am Manu Mathew
9:30 am Bozo Vojvodic
11:30 am Unborn Babies
Josephine Traina
Margherita Arena

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 church.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of February 28 - March 6, 2021
Is Given in Loving Memory of

Erich Pieper

By: Cathy Pieper Schmidt & Family

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of February 28 - March 6, 2021
Is Lit in Loving Memory of

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Military List

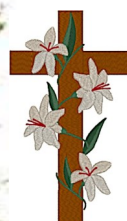
“Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

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

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

Death to New Life



Frances Scutari
Carmela Gaita
Josephine Traina
Michelle M. Sooklall
Olga Nikifor

The Readings for The Second Sunday of Lent

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

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—
all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."

Precious in the eyes of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your handmaid;
you have loosed my bonds.

To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading 2 – Romans 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters:
If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us everything else
along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel – Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up
a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his
clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller
on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,
and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!

Let us make three tents:

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;
from the cloud came a voice,

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw
anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain,
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to
anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from
the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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

How strong is your faith in God? Have you ever asked yourself that question or had someone ask it of you? Perhaps you have asked others this question, and how did they answer it, how would you answer it? This season of Lent gives us a perfect opportunity to contemplate this question, and now we are given a full forty days to come up with an answer. Actually, we have a lifetime to come up with an answer, as some of us, if not most of us, will need that long. But Lent allows us the time to focus on these and other questions. Today these questions are being asked in our Old Testament and Gospel Readings for this Second Sunday of Lent.

The reading from Genesis tells of how God put Abraham to the test. God tells Abraham, “*Take you son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go up to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust...*” Scripture Scholars and Tradition tell us that God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son to test his true faith and his love of God. They believe that God wanted to see if Abraham loved Him more than Isaac. This could be true, but remember God prohibited the Hebrews from offering human sacrifice, as the pagans who surrounded them carried out. So why does God ask such a thing? If it is to test Abraham's faith and love, God has no need to see this, because He knows our hearts and thoughts better than we know them ourselves. So, He must want Abraham to see how much he loves God and how strong his faith truly is, so he can carry out all God has called him to accomplish. Abraham may have doubted his faith which explains why God decides to put him to the test at such an advanced age. This is sometimes why God puts us to the test, not trap us, but to remind us how much we must grow in our relationship with Him. Thus, Abraham, in this test, sees the true strength of his faith and love of God and he acknowledges that whatever God asks of him will result in something good, even if we do not understand it now. Abraham's faithfulness becomes an example for all to follow so that he can rightly be called our Father in Faith.

Abraham's example can serve the Apostles in today's Gospel when they are put to the test. Peter, James, and John are given the great gift of joining Jesus in His personal prayer; they are given this invitation because of what happened six days earlier. Jesus asked the Apostles, who do people say that I am, and after they answer and He

confirms that He is the Messiah, He tells them that He will go to Jerusalem, be betrayed and would suffer and die on the Cross. Jesus also told them that three days later He would rise from the dead, but that part the Apostles did not seem to hear. At this point their faith in Jesus was put to the test, so to help them regain their faith, Jesus brings them up to the mountain to pray. As we are told, while He was praying His appearance changed and he became as white as light. As Jesus continued in His prayer, Moses and Elijah appeared one on His left and the other on His right, and they were conversing with Jesus. Peter was so caught up in this wonderful event, that he wanted it to last forever, so it appears that his faith in Jesus was not as weak as he may have thought. And when it seemed that nothing more could happen on this day, the voice of God the Father tells them once again who Jesus is, “*This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him!*”

Abraham needed to see that his faith was greater than he realized, and the Apostles needed to see that they could indeed have true faith in Jesus, and they were given this glimpse of the Resurrection so that when the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday occurred, they would believe on Easter Sunday when they were told by Mary Magdalene that she saw the risen Lord. They were given this boost of faith so that like Abraham they could be examples of faith and trust for all who follow including you and me.

These readings are presented to us today to help us when we seem to lose faith, and they are present to encourage us on our Lenten Journey toward Easter. Let us use them well.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms - 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 14:22-25

Gospel - John 2:13-25

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 49 of the Corona Virus Crisis

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

Wednesday, we entered the holy season of Lent. While much was different from past years, much was also the same. What was different is we had to wear masks, observe social distancing, and we could not impose ashes on peoples' foreheads. So, we improvised and packed the ashes in little plastic bags, and we distributed them to everyone who came. While this was not our usual procedure, and many regretted that we had to do it this way, they were also happy that they could at least receive the blessed ashes. As I said to many, this is better than nothing! What was the same, was the people who came to Mass or to the 7AM prayer service, to receive ashes, also came to begin this holy season with a focus on Jesus in their lives.

This forty-day season is really a very special and blessed time for us. Many people look at Lent as being the worst time of the year because we may have to give something up. Many think it as a solemn and sad time, and while it may be solemn, it does not have to be sad. It should be solemn because we have asked (may be even forced) to take a good look at our lives and see where we are not doing so well. We must look in the spiritual mirror and view all our imperfections. This is like looking in the bathroom mirror when you first get out of bed (not always a pleasant sight, at least not for me). For the most part we do not enjoy looking at our imperfections as we make our spiritual journey. Yet, if we are to improve, we must go beyond looking and try to change. Lent gives us the time to do this. Lent gives us the space we need to come closer to God. This is what is needed for each of us. We need to grow closer to God, because we are not able to change our imperfections without God. God knows us better than we know ourselves and is always there to guide us on the right path. At times it may seem we are walking that path by ourselves, but nothing could be further from the truth. Even in the world we are living in, God is with us and walking the path with us, sometimes carrying us. But then why can we not feel it? Well again it is due to our imperfections. Are things in the world perfect? Obviously not, but are you perfect, am I perfect, obviously not! So, use this time wisely, do not refuse to look at that mirror because it may be painful. If we refuse, we will always remain in the dark, and that is not compatible with our lives with Jesus who is the light. Turn to the light, let God be God and allow God into your dark places and change them to places of light, peace, and love. There is indeed great light even in this time of COVID 19 darkness.

During this time, try to get to Mass more often, take time to pray more, maybe say the Rosary and invoke the intercession of the Blessed Mother. On Friday evenings come to the Church at 7PM for Stations of the Cross and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. On Thursday evenings we have the new St. Joseph Prayer Group for Men which will gather to pray the Rosary and other prayers. This group is hoped to meet every Thursday evening (weather permitting), and yes women are invited too. Make the most of this Lent.

Happy Lent!

Fr. Mike

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021

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 neighbor, 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.

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.

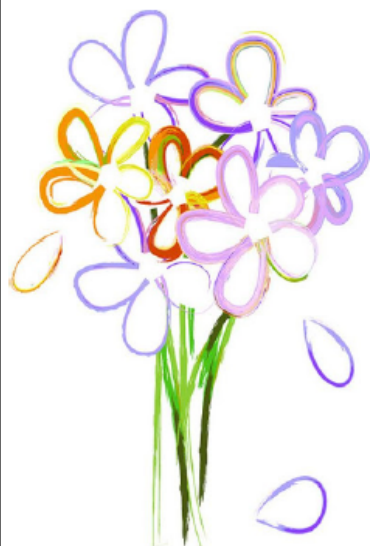
3. **Love**, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

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”.

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.

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.

Thank You



Thank You

Since the spring, Masses have been broadcast from St. Edward the Confessor Church for viewing on our parish YouTube and Facebook pages. This would not have been possible without the dedication of

**Krystina Reiner
Carey Reynolds
Mr. Vincent Albrecht**

Thank you Krystina, Carey and Mr. Albrecht for sharing your time and talent each week, which enabled so many of our parishioners to “attend” Mass and stay connected to our parish through very difficult times. You set the groundwork for St. Edward’s to move forward to livestreaming Masses.

We are very grateful!

Exciting News

Sunday Masses are now being **broadcast live** from St. Edward the Confessor Church at 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM.

Use the following link to view the Masses live:
<https://venue.streamspot.com/3854e55d>

For easy access just scan
this QR code →
with your smartphone!



The live broadcasts can also be accessed through our parish Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset
(click on the “WATCH VIDEO” tab)
or the front page of our parish website at:
www.st-edwards.org

Please note that Masses will be recorded and available for viewing throughout the week using those same links.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell.

They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter!

If you, or someone you know, is suffering because of the pandemic and think that the St. Vincent de Paul conference could help, please call our phone number (516) 218-7837. We want to help our neighbors through this difficult time.

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at (516) 218-7837.

Fr. Mike to Speak

Pope Francis calls each of us to be instruments of Jesus’ love and compassion to those in need. We have the opportunity to act on this call through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).



At each of the Sunday Masses next weekend, Fr. Mike will speak about supporting the CMA, and inform us as to how CMA provided programs that serve disadvantaged families, our senior citizens, those struggling with substance abuse and those in need of housing. Additionally, the CMA helps lay paths of evangelization through the formation of our priests, deacons and lay leaders. It assists in training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families, and programs that promote the sanctity of life at all stages.

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: _____

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

Start date: _____

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

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Or

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

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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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No. tickets (\$100 each): _____ Lucky numbers requests, if any*: _____

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I would like _____ additional "Dinner for 2" at \$30, and payment is enclosed

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Not selling 350 tickets will affect the success of the event. If 350 tickets are not sold, prizes may be prorated.

* If you have a "lucky number" we may be able to give it to you. If you don't have one, we'll assign you any number.



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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

Student Honors

The Principal of St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School has notified St. Edwards that one of our Alumni has exhibited academic excellence for the 'Mid-Year' of the 2020-2021 academic year:

Belladonna Russo - Cum Laude Honors

Students achieving this honor must attain a weighted Grade Point Average of 90.00 to 94.99. Ms. Russo achieved a GPA of 93.14!

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*The pandemic has substantially restricted many of our usual fundraising opportunities and **Crown Club** is an excellent way to help St. Edward's continue with the many ministries we have to help the people of the parish and community.*

We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Complete and return the entry form below along with your check by mail or at the rectory!

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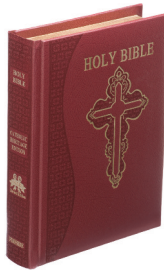
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