

# *St. Edward the Confessor*

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

*Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*



## *Sunday of Divine Mercy*

*April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

### **THE PASTORAL TEAM**

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor  
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor  
Msgr. Donald E. Beckmann, Sunday Priest  
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Ms. Michelle Sena - Vision

### **Religious Education**

Mrs. Rosemary Pettei, Director  
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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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PSM/Pantry.....	921-8030 ext. 140
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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

April 4, 2021 Easter	\$ 57,062.00
# of Envelopes	370
Automatic Trans.	\$ 2,278.00
# of Envelopes	47
Total	\$ 59,340.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,940.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,213.00

## Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 17	5:00 PM	Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, Apr. 18	7:30 AM	Fr. Celestino*
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
*Deacons to preach	11:30 AM	Fr. Mike*

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](http://www.st-edwards.org)  
**School:** [www.stedwardconfessor.org](http://www.stedwardconfessor.org)  
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## 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. - 4/12 - Monday of the Second Week of Easter**  
9:00 am William James Fleig

**Tues. - 4/13 - Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter**  
9:00 am Maureen Carroll

**Wed. - 4/14 - Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter**  
9:00 am Joe Heron

**Thurs. - 4/15 - Thursday of the Second Week of Easter**  
9:00 am Stephanie Ploski

**Fri. - 4/16 - Friday of the Second Week of Easter**  
9:00 Paul Brienza

**Sat. - 4/17 - Saturday of the Second Week of Easter**  
9:00 am Connie Simmons  
5:00 pm Roberta McGuirk

John & Julia McCarthy  
Catherine Sparks  
Mary Gagliardi  
Dolly Gaita  
Julia Passerieux

**Sun. - 4/18 - Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30 am People of the Parish  
9:30 am John Lannig  
11:30 am Wilson J. Carvajal  
Giuseppe Cascella  
Peter Bonventre  
Angelo & Felicia Durante  
Michael Mazzerella  
Claudi Pedretti

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 April 11 - April 17, 2021*  
Is Given in Loving Memory of

*Claire Kapey*

By: Paula Lembo

### The Sanctuary Candle

*For the week of April 11 - April 17, 2021*  
Is Lit in Loving Memory of

*Ann Marie Mastino*

By: Fr. Mike and Staff

### 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  
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Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

### Pray For The Sick

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Katy Monte	Paula Lembo	John Hynson

### Death to New Life



*Donald George Reuter*

*Mary Patricia Kugler*

*Ann Marie Mastino*



## The Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday

### Reading 1 - Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
or: R. Alleluia.**

Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
or: Alleluia.**

I was hard pressed and was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my savior.

The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just:

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
or: Alleluia.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.  
or: R. Alleluia.**

### Reading 2 – 1 John 5:1-6

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

### Gospel – John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, *“Peace be with you.”* When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”* And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”*

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, *“Peace be with you.”* Then he said to Thomas, *“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”* Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, *“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

### 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 Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



## From Fr. Mike's Desk

*“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’ Thomas answered... ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.’”*

This exchange of words between the Risen Lord and St. Thomas are indeed familiar to us, in fact we hear them every Second Sunday of Easter. Yes, they are familiar, but the danger with familiar words is that we get so used to hearing them, that we fail to listen to them, or they fail to move us as they should. When we look at St. Thomas we are filled with many emotions, especially when we hear that he refused to believe the account the other Apostles told him about seeing the Risen Lord. We might even be upset with him for leaving the room, for abandoning the others. Some of us, however, may totally agree with Thomas and say that they too would not have believed the story of seeing the Risen Jesus. They too would say I have to see it with my own eyes!

But key to the account of Thomas' doubt is Jesus' words to him to believe. Belief is defined as the ability to accept or regard something as true; to accept the truth of what is said by someone or what is written, and to trust completely in the context (in this case the New Testament). Without believing in Jesus, as He is and who He is, you can never see the truth about Him. Without believing in Jesus as the one sent by the Father, and who is one with the Father, humanity cannot be saved. Not because God is petty and says to us, if you do not accept Me, I will stop loving you and not allow you into the kingdom. God is never like that, because He loves us unconditionally, but if we refuse to believe, we are the ones who are cutting ourselves off from God and all He wants to give us through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I believe that St. Thomas truly wanted to believe the other Apostles, when they told him about the appearance of the Risen Lord, and I believe that he was hoping it was true, but it was for him too much to believe. It was for Thomas something that was too good to be true, so he chose not to believe or trust. This lack of trust is what got him into trouble, and it blocked his mind, heart and soul from believing the others, even our dear Blessed Mother. This all changes when he sees Jesus, who does take Thomas to task for not believing and trusting in His word and the word of the others. This is only for a short period of time, for Thomas discontinues his disbelief and not only does he believe, but he is also totally converted and thus makes the most profound statement of faith found in the New Testament when he falls on his knees and declares, *“My Lord and my God.”*

How about us, will we be like doubting Thomas and believe in only what we can see, or will we trust completely in God's promises made throughout the ages (as we recalled them last Saturday night at the Easter Vigil). The promises that He would deliver us from sin, death, and darkness, that God would send us a Messiah who would bring us new light and life. Christ tells us in today's Gospel blessed are those who have not seen and have believed, is that you, is that me? To some degree it must be us, or we would not be here today, but we can always grow more in our trust and faith and perhaps we can share that with others. After all once St Thomas received the Holy Spirit, he went out to India to share his faith and began the founding of the Church in one of Asia's most important areas. As we know, Thomas would die because of his faith in Jesus.

In the world we are living in now it may be easier for us to understand Thomas' doubts as we may have our own. Again, this is where the words of Jesus to Thomas are worthwhile for us to hear and apply to ourselves. Jesus told him, *“...do not be unbelieving, but believe.”* Trust in Jesus to help us and guide us through the situations we are presented with here and now. This is especially true because today is also *Divine Mercy Sunday*, this day was declared officially on the Church's Calendar by Saint Pope John Paul II, as he confirmed the visions of the Risen Lord to St. Faustina, and that this day was to be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and the icon that was written with the words *“Jesus I trust in you.”* Our Lord wants us to approach Him, not like Thomas with fear or disbelief, but with love, confidence, and total trust in Him.

*Happy Easter!*

*Fr. Mike*

## Next Week's Readings

*Third Sunday of Easter*

April 18, 2021

First Reading - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalms - 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Second Reading - 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel - Luke 24:35-48

## Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 55 of the Corona Virus Crisis

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

HAPPY EASTER! Today we celebrate the greatest day on the Church's Calendar, and today we acknowledge that all of God's promises are fulfilled. We are made whole, sins are forgiven, and we see that the end of this life we gain a greater everlasting life. Christ has accomplished this through His death on the Cross and through His resurrection from the dead. Through His death we all die with Him and through His resurrection the whole human race rises with Him.

We celebrate this great day on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon, after the first day of Spring, to coincide with Passover and this season which reminds us of new life, as the earth comes alive after the cold, snow, and wind of winter. We also hope to celebrate that after more than one year of the pandemic, it will be coming to an end, but with COVID19, you never know! Yet things are a little better for us. Last year we could not publicly celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil or Masses on Easter Sunday. This year we can do this with great joy, sure we have to scale our Liturgies back, but not by much. We have been able to maintain the solemnity of these three days, and they hopefully will have the same effect on us as they did in the past, maybe even more. Last year the thought of a year being like we just went through was felt to be a great burden and the cause of many falling into despair and sadness. I know that there were times when I thought it would never end. However, after June, when we opened again, the year seemed to go by faster, and while we had to curtail and abandon so much, we hope and know that in due time we will be back at full stature.

However, we also believe that things will not be the same as they were! We know that we will have to go about life a little differently. Not just in how we react with one another, or what we still will have to wear and maintain proper distance. No, we must look back at our lives and make sure that we do not take things for granted. That we appreciate every day of our lives, and be there for family and friends, we must look out for others, even complete strangers, and we must treat all human life, all people as God wants us to.

Christ died on the Cross so we can have true life. He rose from the dead so that death will no longer be the last word, on who we are. Let us give thanks for these events that occurred so many years ago and are still happening right here and now! As we remember our family and friends who have gone home to God during this past year (for whatever cause), let us remember them not with sorrow, but with joy. They are experiencing the great joy of eternal life, they are in the presence of God, and with all the other members of our family and friends who have gone home before us. They are celebrating Easter every day, and so should we.

*HAPPY EASTER from all here at Saint Edward's.*

*Fr. Mike*

## Women of Distinction Recognized



*Sister Mary E. Butler, C.P.      Sister Jeanne A. Brendel, C.P.*

*Sister Jeanne & Sister Mary celebrate upon receiving the following letter from the office of Legislator Joshua Lafazan recognizing them as 2021 Women of Distinction for their ministry at Harvest House, Residence for Independent Seniors, Syosset, NY.*

Dear Sisters,

Congratulations on receiving the **2021 Women of Distinction Award**.

We received an outpouring of nominations highlighting your 35 years of service. The nominations described your constant community building, nurturing and the pure heart you put into those in and around **Harvest House**. You have brought pride, warmth, safety, dignity and independence to the residents. They look forward to each day, because you provide them with a loving and positive outlook on life.

It is apparent that you bring light to those around you and that is a very special thing. The impact you have on **Harvest House** will surely live on for years to come.

These are only few of the many reasons why you are **Women of Distinction**. We appreciate you so much and we are proud to call you our neighbors. Thank you for all you do for the 18<sup>th</sup> District and your community.

Sincerely,

*Rena Thomas*

*Director of Communications  
The Office of Legislator Joshua A. Lafazan  
Nassau County 18<sup>th</sup> District*

## The Saint Joseph's Prayer Group - Broadcast Live

**Every Thursday at 8:00 PM in the Church**  
**Everyone is welcome. Bring your rosaries!**

This prayer group, centered on praying the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy began with the start of Lent, and will continue throughout the year. As 2021 is **The Year of Saint Joseph**, let us deepen our faith while being visible examples of what Catholics should strive to be. Prayer pamphlets on how to pray the Rosary and the Divine Chaplet will be made available to everyone. For those of you who cannot come to the church, please pray with us online by using the **'Watch Mass Live'** link located on the home page of the St. Edward Church's website ([www.st-edwards.org](http://www.st-edwards.org)), or scan this QR code with your smartphone →







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





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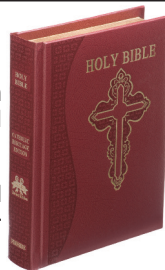
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