# St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

# Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



# *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021*



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

# Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 21 5:00 PM Fr. Celestine\* Sunday, August 22 7:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth\* 9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann 11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann

\*Deacons to Preach

# **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.

# **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 to report these situations:

**Rectory Hours** 

The rectory will be open during the following times:

Mondays - Thursdays:9:00 AM to 5:00 PMFridays:9:00 AM to 3:00 PMClosed for Lunch M-F:1:00 PM to 2:00 PMSaturdays - Sundays:9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

# **Our Weekly Offering**

August 8, 2021	\$ 11,524.00
# of Envelopes	199
Automatic Trans.	\$ 1,875.00
# of Transactions	42
Total	\$ 13,399.00

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

# Websites / Social Media

#### Websites

Parish: www.st-edwards.org School: www.stedwardconfessor.org Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com Facebook: stedwardsyosset Twitter: stedwardsyosset Instagram: stedwardsyosset Formed: formed.org

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The St. Edward's 7:30 AM and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and are available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

To watch the Sunday Masses on your smartphone, just scan this QR code.



Tel.: 516-594-9063

*"Have mercy on me, God, in accordance with your merciful love."* 

#### **Mass Intentions**

Mon. - 8/16 - Mon. of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am William James Fleig

- **Tues. 8/17 Tues. of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time** 9:00 am Louis Gugliotta
- Wed. 8/18 Wed. of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am David LaMarca

**Thur. - 8/19 - Thur. of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time** 9:00 am Maria Rosa Gaita

**Fri. - 8/20 - Memorial of Saint Bernard** 9:00 Anne Labriola

#### Sat. - 8/21 - Memorial of Saint Pius X

9:00 am Eileen Basile 5:00 pm Victor Casagrande James Moran Madeline Tully Stephen Rudloff Angelo Tzen Robert Snider

#### **Sun. - 8/22 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** 7:30 am John Florio

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9:30 am Robert, Anne & Edward Geber
11:30 am Joseph Garcia Olinda Zambrano Josephine Jansen Michael Leo Vincent Del Vecchio Joann Mitchell

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 August 15 - August 21, 2021 Is Given in Loving Memory of

**Rev.** Edward Kealey

**By: Joe and Mary Ann Marriott** 

#### **The Sanctuary Candle**

For the week of August 15 - August 21, 2021 Is Lit in Memory of

# Anita Berwanger

By: Maryann Waite & Family

# **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. 1/C, Anthony M. Biz, U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. John J. D'Ămico, 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, Ú.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 t. 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

"If you know of any military personnel listed above who are no longer in the service, please call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030 to have their name removed. In this way we can accommodate new names".

#### **Pray For The Sick**

Joseph Kempton Malda Casagrande

Kathy Rooney Edward Morea

John Rooney James Mc Glone

Nancy Klingler-Petzold

Ryan DeRiggi

Irma Concilio

## From Death to New Life



William Panchak

# The Readings for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### **Reading 1 - Revelations 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab**

**Reading 2 – 1 Corinthian 15:20-27** 

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

#### **Responsorial Psalm – 45:10, 11, 12, 16**

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

#### **Gospel** – Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

#### And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

- From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name.
  - He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
  - He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
  - He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
  - He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
  - He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

# From Fr. Mike's Desk

On November 1, 1950, his Holiness Venerable Pope Pius XII, after consulting with leading theologians and conducting a Sensus Fidelium (a consensus of the faithful), proclaimed the second infallible statement issued by the Holy Father. The statement regarded one of the aspects from the ancient tradition of the Church. What was always tradition was now being elevated to official teaching, and that is: "That at the end of her life here on Earth, the Blessed Virgin Mary was Assumed body and soul into Heaven." This means that she, like her Divine Son, took on at the end of this life, the Glorified Body. No decay of death touched her body, for it was through her body that Jesus, the Son of God, took on our humanity and was born into this world.

As mentioned above, this teaching was always a part of the ancient tradition, and even though it is not found written in the New Testament, it was known from the very early days of the Church. So, if this was the case, why was it necessary to make it an official teaching of the Church? The answer is revealed as we look at the year this was announced. It was five years after the end of World War II, which occurred only twenty years after World War I, and second war was followed by the Cold War and all the military conflicts that have followed from 1945 right up to today. There was then, and is now, a total disregard for human life, and a total disrespect for the human body. During the second war, civilian populations were killed, great cities on both sides were bombed out of existence. We witnessed the brutal treatment of prisoners of war, and the mass murder of people in concentration camps. The mass genocides that were carried out by Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini and Tojo. Likewise, there were new types of weapons and warfare which led to a weapon which could even destroy the world.

Pope Pius knew that our help could only come from heaven, and for each of us to refocus our lives to the holiness and respect of all human life and the human body. By stressing the Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he wished all Christians and the whole world to see the high destiny that is in store for all humanity when Christ, Our Lord comes in His full glory at the end of time! Our dear Mother's Assumption into heaven is indeed a great gift and privilege for her, but it is also a gift for us; first because as she has gone so will we, and second because she can continue her role in salvation history. How does she do that? Well think about how she has appeared in many different places throughout our history and how she has given us messages from her Son. She can do this because she has the Glorified Body, and again like Jesus at Easter she is not a ghost, nor a figment of the imagination. No, she is truly present and can talk to us. And, of course, she constantly intercedes for us as she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

This weekend, speaking at all the Masses, is *Father Bernard Olszewski who represents Cross Catholic Outreach*. This worthwhile group has been here before and we have always been very generous to them. He WILL NOT be taking up a second collection but will be asking for our help.

We close with the prayer from today's Masses: All powerful and ever-living God, you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body, and soul to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Happy Assumption Day!

Fr. Mike

#### **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.

## **Next Week's Readings**

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### August 22, 2021

First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Psalms - 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Second Reading - Ephesians 5:21-32 Gospel - John 6:60-69

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# **PRAY FOR THE WORLD & PRAY FOR SOMEONE IN NEED**

#### Add Your Special Intentions and Pray Along With

# The St. Joseph's Prayer Group

# Every Thursday at 7:30 PM

All are welcome to attend at the church, or pray from home.

Come to this prayer group, and add your special intentions as we pray the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. As 2021 is **The Year of Saint Joseph**, let us deepen our faith while being visible examples of what Catholics should strive to be. Praying in this manner is just one more way to answer the "*universal call to holiness*". If you cannot come to the church, then 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), or simply scan this QR code with your smartphone  $\rightarrow$ 





#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Today, Sunday, August 15th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the Blessed Mother from earth into heaven. Mary was assumed into heaven—body and soul—at the hour of her death.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950. Invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." "Papal infallibility" means that the Pope cannot err or teach error when speaking on matters of faith and morals ex-cathedra, or "from the chair" of the Apostle St. Peter—that is, in his role as the supreme teacher of the Church.

Although not explicitly stated in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies Mary's bodily assumption with the "woman clothed with the sun," described in Revelation 12:1. The verse speaks of a woman's appearance "a great sign" which "appeared in heaven," indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has "the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the six Holy Days of Obligation. To honor this special day spend time on your own with the daily readings, or offer a Rosary. Understandably the difficulty over the past year of attending liturgies may cause some to feel disconnected from the Church and her traditions. However, with prayer and even a little creativity, it is possible to use this time to grow even stronger in your faith.

We can turn to the Blessed Mother for comfort, encouragement, and intercessory prayer. Her role in the Church is always to lead us to her Son, Jesus Christ. As Pope Saint John Paul II said so well in his homily for this Solemnity in 1999, "Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to divine mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God whose plan upsets that of the proud, pulls down the mighty from their thrones and exalts the humble, fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich empty away" (cf. Lk 1:51-53).

# Wedding Banns



## Samantha Tully

St. Edward the Confessor To

# Brendan Lavin

St. Margaret of Scotland

# Caitlin Murphy

St. Edward the Confessor To

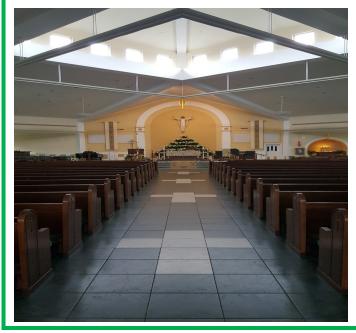
# Jacob Harding

Syosset, NY Married August 13, 2021

# **Obligation to Return to Church**

**REMINDER** - As of today, August 15th, the obligation to attend Holy Mass in person on Sundays has been restored. Please let your family and friends know that it's time to come home.

We've missed all of you and look forward to having everyone back once again.

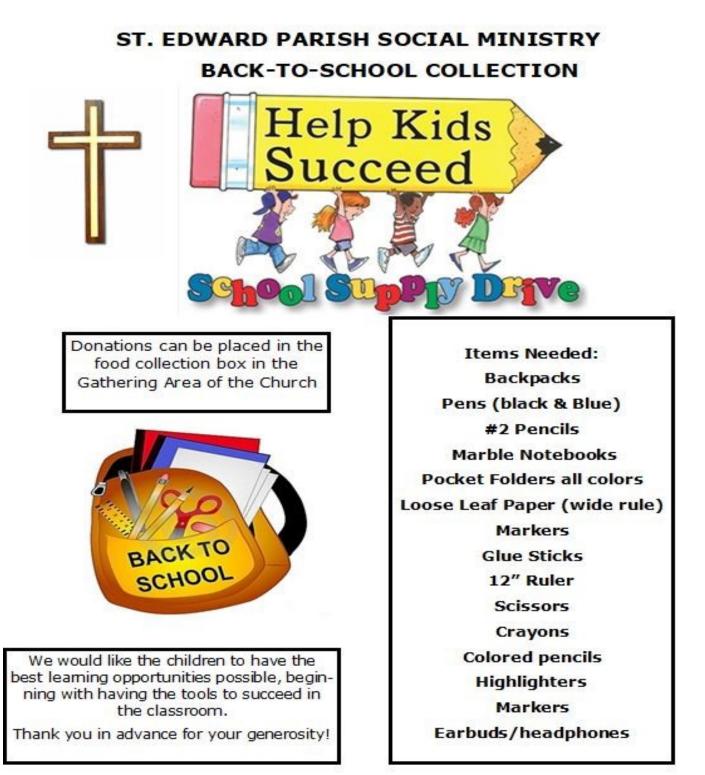


# St. Francis Hospital - COVID-19 Walk-In Clinic

On Friday, August 20th the **St. Francis Hospital Outreach Bus will return** to the St. Edward's parking lot so that our parishioners and neighbors may obtain either their first or second doses of the Pfizer vaccine. Ages 12 and up. No appointments are necessary. Please bring photo ID (guardian's ID for children).



**Back to School Drive:** Time to start the back to school drive! We will be collecting school supplies during the month of August. You may also purchases Target and Stop & Shop Gift Cards in the vestibule before and after the weekend Masses 8/14-15, 8/21-22 and 8/28-29. Thank you for helping to provide the tools to those students in need to have a successful school year.



"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Matthew 18:4-5



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