

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

November 22nd, 2020

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
Msgr. Donald McE. Beckmann, Sunday Priest
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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!

Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday.....9 AM - 5 PM
Friday.....9 AM - 3 PM
Closed for Lunch.....1 PM - 2 PM

Telephone Numbers

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:

Mondays - Thursdays: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Fridays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed for Lunch: 1:00 PM to 2:00 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

November 15, 2020	\$ 8,945.00
Envelopes:	169
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 4,754.00
Transactions:	52
Total:	\$13,699.00

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

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 28	5:00 PM	Fr. Celestine
Sunday, Nov. 29	7:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	9:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	11:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann

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

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.

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

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

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

Mass Intentions

- Mon. - 11/23 - Monday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am John J. Sheehan
- Tues. - 11/24 - Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac**
9:00 am Raymond Monack
- Wed. - 11/25 - Wednesday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Joseph Nemecek
- Thurs. 11/26 - Thursday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**
Thanksgiving Day
10:00 am Deceased Members of the Fay & Kempton Families
- Fri. - 11/27 - Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Mary Floresta
- Sat. - 11/28 - Saturday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time**
9:00 am Robert, Anne & Edward Geber
5:00 pm Thomas Wallace
Rosemary Quercia
Elizabeth Schale
Edward Marsh
Barbara Stanziona
For Our Parishioners
- Sun. - 11/29 - First Sunday of Advent**
7:30 am For All the Faithful Departed
9:30 am John McAleavey
11:30 am Christina Angelo
Felix & Patricia Portelli
Joseph & Josephine Bortko
Mary Cassarino
Charles & Molly Symington
Estela de la Rosa de Florimon
Morgan Kelly Walsh
- 7:00 pm No Mass

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of November 22 - November 28, 2020

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Christina Angelo

By: Your Loving Parents

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of November 22 - November 28, 2020

Is Lit in Memory of

Christina Angelo

By: Your Loving Parents

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
Cpt. Connor J. Dunleavy, U.S. Army
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	Anthony Lembo	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Renata Sorace	Alexandra Reuter

Mary a Woman of Prayer

Pope Francis began his General Audience this past Wednesday by saying “Today we meet the Virgin Mary as the prayerful woman.” He recalled her in her youth, “the young girl of Nazareth wrapped in silence, in dialogue with God, who would soon entrust her with a mission.” Although she was already full of grace and immaculate from the moment she was conceived, the Pope said, she knew nothing “of her surprising and extraordinary vocation and the stormy sea she will have to cross.” “One thing is certain,” he said. “Mary belongs to a great host of the humble of heart whom the official historians never include in their books, but whom God used to prepare for the coming of His Son.”

The Readings for The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Reading 1 - Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm – 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2 – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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

Today is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. As you know, next weekend when we gather, it will be the First Sunday of Advent and the start of another Liturgical Year. For the Church, 2020 will be over and 2021 will begin. So Happy New Year, and I am sure that most of us are extremely happy that 2020 is coming to an end. This year has certainly proven to be a year of great challenges, and so many changes have been placed in our lives. Some of us have experienced a great deal of sorrow, we have lost a loved one to COVID19 or because of it we were not allowed to visit loved ones in the hospital or nursing homes. Some of us struggled through the virus and have expressed how terrible it was, and some feared for their lives. Doctors, nurses, and other hospital workers, First Responders, and all who were part of the fight had their lives totally disrupted, and put their lives on the line, as so many got sick and many died trying to help others. Many of us experienced the feeling of being trapped in our homes as we could not leave, and teachers and parents had to navigate through virtual learning, which some liked and some did not. Weddings were put off to 2021, Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations were all pushed back and celebrated a little differently than usual. While 2021 still holds out some mystery we are all hopeful that this coming year will be better and have less disruptions.

As we come to the end of this year, we are asked by the Church to look back on our lives and see how well we made Christ the center and focus of our lives. Today's Gospel from Matthew even sets the height of the bar for us to reach for. While this Gospel is very familiar to us, it is still very important for us to pay close attention to its teachings and message. For many of us, during the time of lockdown we almost found it easy to help those in need, and so many people came forward to help in many ways. While it was hard to visit the sick, we offered prayers for them, we communicated with them, we fed the hungry as so many people came to the food pantry for assistance and you continued to drop off food and necessities. So many also made cash donations to the Pantry and St. Vincent De Paul Society so they could keep up the good work. I would say that so many of us did a good job of seeing Jesus in the faces of the brothers and sisters we helped. The task ahead is simple, keep on doing the good work

we have begun, and if by chance you were not able to participate in these good works, well let us start now as we all carry out the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Today's Gospel also reminds us that at the end of our lives, we will stand before God and we will discuss how we lived out our lives. None of us will be perfect (except our dear Blessed Mother) and most likely none of us will be so terrible. However, with that being said, we must still strive to do better each year, month and day. We must allow the Gospel to change and mold our lives constantly. The world provides us with many distractions and obstacles, and these are placed in our way to stop us from preparing the way of the Lord. But all is not lost since we have great helpers to get the distractions and obstacles out of the way. We have the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, the prayers of all the angels and saints, and we have each other. As we enter Advent, we will truly be asked to prepare the way of the Lord.

Let us pray, Holy Father you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal priest, and king of all creation, so that by offering Himself on the altar of the cross he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption, and that He might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. We thank you and ask your help to assist in building this kingdom.

Amen

God bless you and Happy New Year!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

Psalms - 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel - Mark 13:33-37

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 35 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

At this writing, we still do not have a clear winner of the Presidential Election and some other offices which are outstanding. This of course, adds to our unrest, and it is another cause for fear and anxiety. In Jesus' Name do not let this happen to you or your loved ones. Remember it is Jesus who is totally in charge and it is His will that will prevail. If it is God's will that the person declared is not your choice, then hopefully your response will be prayer. Pray for our nation and the world, pray that whoever is declared elected will listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

We sometimes fail to realize the great power of prayer, but it cannot be just a few people praying, no all of us must pray. I know that at times we might think that our prayers do not change anything, and praying is a waste of time! But if you are listening to that voice, I can tell you that this is the voice of the devil, and not the voice of Jesus who tells us we are to take Heaven by storm with our prayers, which I have mentioned in this space several times. Even if the outcome is discouraging, we must not be discouraged, and we must not give into despair. That is what Judas did, as he failed to see the love that God had for him, and how quickly he would have been forgiven for betraying Jesus on that first Holy Thursday Night. Let us pray for our country, our world and ourselves. Let us pray for an end of the virus, and hope that the newly announce vaccine will really work and bring us some relief.

While it may seem early to do this, Christmas is just a few weeks away. While at this time we do not know what conditions and rules will prevail for Christmas, we must make plans based on what the conditions are now. So, we will be issuing a survey (which will be seen on Flock Notes, Our Parish Web Page and in the Bulletin) to simply inquire as to what Mass you plan to attend on Christmas Eve or Day. At present the Church's capacity is little over 200 people and we cannot exceed that. As a result, we will not be allowed to pack people in the back of the Church even if they are standing. To help this, we will also hold Mass in the Gym at the same time Mass will be in the Church. The Gym should allow us an additional 200 people. But this is if they are needed because we know some people will not come out because they are afraid, they will get sick, and we totally understand that. Please keep in mind that this is not a seat reservation, seating will be on a first come first served basis and please know that masks and social distancing rules are to be followed. This survey optimistically will help us plan. This year we will need everybody's patience and understanding. Thank you in advance for helping make this a true celebration of the Birth of Our Lord.

We close with a prayer for peace, the one we all know from St. Francis -

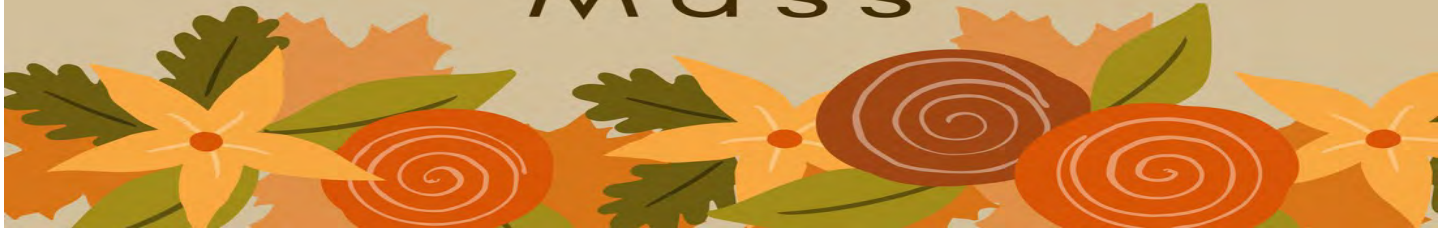
Lord, make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon Lord; and where there is doubt, true faith in you; where there is despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there is sadness, ever joy. O Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. For it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen.

God Bless You

Fr. Mike

THANKSGIVING

Mass



On Thanksgiving Day there will only be one Mass which will be held in the church at 10:00 AM.

On behalf of Fr. Mike, Fr. Hyacinth, Fr. Celestine, Msgr. Beckmann, Deacon Jim, Deacon Barry and all of the Parish Staff we wish all Parishioners and their families a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday.



Please note that the Rectory will be closed on Friday, 11/27/20.

CHRISTMAS MASS SURVEY



As we approach Advent, we must turn our attention to Christmas Masses and how to accommodate all who wish to attend.

Due to social distancing, the main church cannot hold more than 200 parishioners at a time. Pews have been roped off and markers are on available pews to allow for social distancing. Other overflow locations will be available for Mass at the same time, as needed. Parishioners will be directed to these other locations when the main church is reaching capacity.

In order to accommodate everyone safely this Christmas, we are collecting information about your family's plans for attending Christmas Eve/Day Masses at St. Edward the Confessor. Please complete the following survey to help us provide for all of our parishioners' safety. You can also complete this survey on our website (www.st-edwards.org).

THIS IS NOT A RESERVATION SYSTEM. SEATS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

Family name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please indicate which Mass your family is most likely to attend:

___ December 24, 4:00 PM

___ December 24, 6:00 PM

___ December 24, 8:00 PM

___ December 25, 12:00 AM
(Midnight Mass)

___ December 25, 7:30 AM

___ December 25, 9:30 AM

___ December 25, 11:30 AM

___ December 25, 1:00 PM

How many family members will be attending this Mass? _____

Please understand that this is NOT a reservation system and seats will be available, at the ushers' direction, on a first-come basis.

You may return this form to an usher or to the Rectory Office. If you have any questions, please contact the Rectory at (516) 921-8030 ext. 150.

Newly Baptized



Ella Clare Donadic

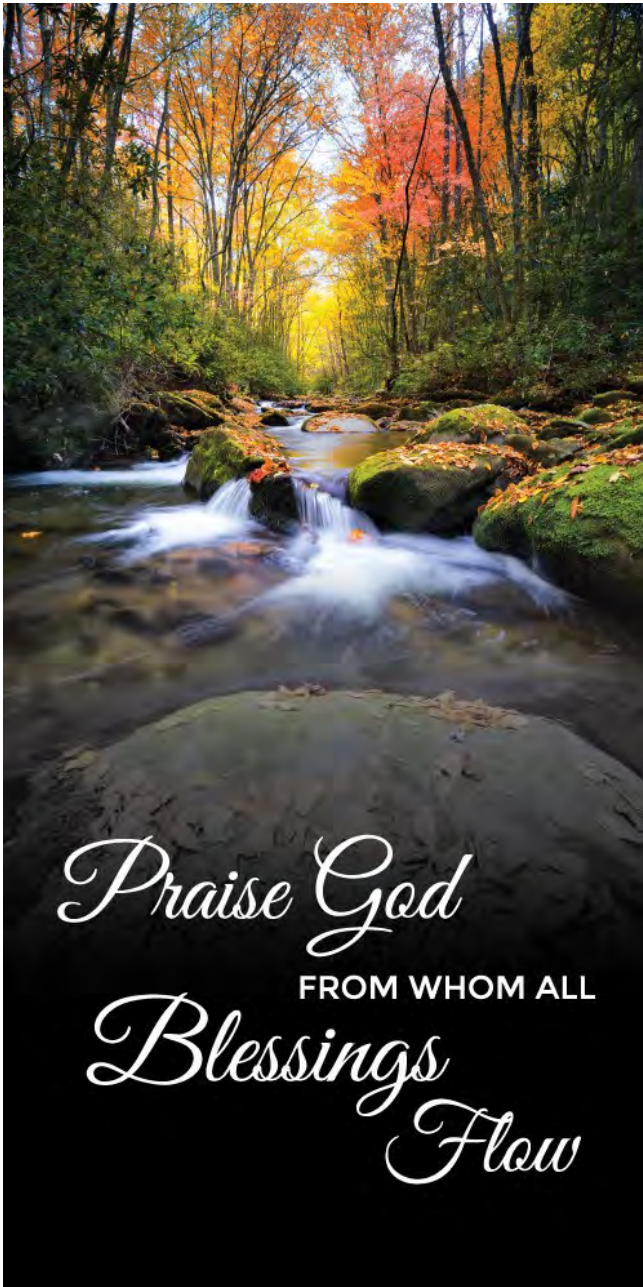
From Death to New Life



Geraldina Pagoto

Albertina Natoli

Thanksgiving Prayer



Loving God,
who created and sustains the universe,
who loved us all into being,
and who gives us every good thing,
we thank you for the blessings
that you bring into our lives.
We thank you for the gift of life itself,
which you gave us in our mothers' wombs.
We thank you for the fresh start of each new day,
which is a sign of your renewing and creative love.
And we thank you for our friends, our families,
our neighbors and our coworkers,
whose human love is an image
of your divine care.
Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day,
and help us to recognize all the good things
that we have, both large and small.
And magnify our desire to share
what we have with others,
so that they too may be
grateful to you,
Loving God.
Amen.

*This prayer is by Jesuit Father James Martin -
who is the author of "The Jesuit Guide to (Almost)
Everything."*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: “...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

The pandemic has challenged our way of life. Whether it was job loss, compromised health, loss of a loved one, or depression, many have experienced its ravages. For the vulnerable among us, the challenges have been catastrophic. With such upheaval, people looked to us for assistance, and we've responded. Whether it was a cab ride, car insurance payment, rent, or a heating/gas bill, we stepped in to listen and offer our time, advice and resources. We are grateful for your extraordinary contributions to the Poor Box during these critical times since it helps to fund our mission. But with a rising need, a second collection will be held next weekend. Look for an envelope in the packet you receive in the mail. Envelopes will also be in the pews that weekend.

We appreciate your generosity, which allows us to help our neighbors in need! If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at: 516-218-7837

Parish Social Ministry



516-921-8030

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday

Monthly Food Collection Next Weekend 12/5 & 12/6

Food: Mayonnaise, Jelly, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Shelf Milk, Oil, Jar of Tomato Sauce, Egg Noodles, Chili, Salad dressing, Ketchup, Mustard

Personal Grooming: Diapers size 5 & 6, Shampoo & Conditioner, Mouthwash, Deodorant, and Bar Soap

Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, any Cleaning Supplies

Paper Products: Paper Towel and Toilet Paper

Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't help others without your help. Please only put non-perishable food and toiletries/cleaning products in the collection box in the church vestibule. If you have any fresh or frozen products drop them off at the pantry.



Parish Purl Ministry: Prayer shawls are available by request at both the Rectory office and the Parish Social Ministry office. We also have lap blankets for anyone in a wheelchair.

Be a Giving Angel this Christmas!

We have the gift cards ready for you to purchase. Let us make it easy for you to help others in need to have a little brighter Christmas this year. A volunteer from parish social ministry will be happy to assist you with your purchase, before and after each of the Masses. We accept cash, check (made out to St. Edward Church) or credit card. Each gift card is \$25.00 however any and all donations are appreciated.



2020...What a year! Most of us have experienced some hardship related to COVID-19, the virus that has caused our lives to be up-routed. **Who would have imagined...**

No Church

No restaurants

No sports

School in a virtual setting

No afterschool activities

No outings to parks, movie theaters, stadiums, etc.

Some families have also experienced financial burdens. No money to pay for essentials like gas, electricity, and even food. This Christmas season may not be as fruitful at some houses as in the past.

STEPS FOR PREPARING YOUR SHOEBOX

1) FIND A SHOEBOX

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

2) GIRL OR BOY? WHAT AGE?

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy.

Which age category? 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

3) FILL WITH GIFTS

Select a medium to large "wow" item, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Think of what you liked best during those years in your life. A suggested gift listed is attached.

4) PRAY

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note or Christmas Card.

5) LABEL AND SECURE THE BOX

Be sure to label your box indicating Boy or Girl and the age group you chose.

Secure the lid with a rubber band (no tape please)

6) DROP YOUR BOX OFF

Bring your completed box to school during the week of December 7-11, 2020

Consider having your friends and neighbors bring in a box too!



*The Parents' Association of
St. Edward the Confessor presents our 2nd
Annual Poinsettia Sale*

*ON SALE NOW THROUGH &
INCLUDING DECEMBER 5*

*We are offering beautiful 6.5inch poinsettia pots
to our parish and school families & friends in the
following color choices:*

RED, WHITE, PINK, or JINGLE BELL (red & white speckled mix)

*****Price: \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00*****

*Pick-Up Information: Saturday, December 5 from 10:00am-12:00pm at SEC in the Holy Family Room
(If you are unable to pick-up on this date, we are able hold plants for you)...ONE DAY SALE on 12/5 as well!*

PAYMENT & ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED by Friday, December 4.

Please send order forms: ATTN: Dana Basile, Poinsettia Sale

Forms may also be mailed to: SEC School; 2 Teibrook Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791

SEC Poinsettia Order Form All proceeds benefit SEC PASE

Please return or mail this form with your payment no later than December 4. THANK YOU!!

Checks can be made out to PASE...THANK YOU!!

Name: _____ Best Contact Number: _____

E-mail: _____

QUANTITY	COLOR	PRICE
	RED	
	WHITE	
	PINK	
	JINGLE BELL	

Total: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____

All plants are cultivated and cared for by Borella Nursery:

www.borellanursery.com



Parish Social Ministry

Christmas Giving Angel

Christmas is coming! This year the Parish Social Ministry is looking to provide our families in need with gift cards for each family. Our Giving Angel Christmas Tree, located in the vestibule of the church, has paper angels just waiting for you to adopt. Each angel has the name of a store printed on it and a suggested donation of \$25.00. You can select a Giving Angel and donate a gift card. This enables the recipients to choose the right size, color, and style of gifts for their family members.

The Giving Angel Christmas Tree will be in the vestibule of the church from November 29th – December 20th. For your convenience, our volunteers will be in the vestibule at each of the Masses, to assist you with the purchase of gift cards. We accept cash, check or credit card (see below). You are also welcome to purchase the gift card yourself and either drop it off at the rectory or the pantry. The families receiving your gift are most grateful for your generosity.

Be a Giving Angel this Christmas and help us to help others in need to have a little brighter Christmas! Thank you!

Please fill out the form below and either mail or drop off the rectory in an envelope attn.: Parish Social Ministry

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Amount _____

Visa MasterCard American Express

Cardholder Signature: _____

We Need Your Help

We have **good news** and **bad news**... The **good news** is that we are starting to see a slow but steady increase in the number of people who are coming back to Mass on Sundays. We are so happy to see you again and we look forward to having everyone back together as a faith community. Now the **bad news**... the Federal Communication Commission is phasing out the 600 MHz frequencies currently in use by many Church congregations including St. Edward's. What this means is that our current sound system will not be able to comply or function with the new required frequency. Our sound system, which has served us well until recently, is the same system originally installed when our church was built, and includes the Holy Family Room and Auditorium. It has become antiquated and has failed several times. Replacement parts are virtually nonexistent. As a result of this and the FCC regulation, we must replace our sound system for the church, Holy Family room and Auditorium. Unfortunately, this does not come without a considerable cost. The best estimate we have received is approximately \$40,000. This could not have come at a worse time. Although we are blessed by your kind generosity, our weekly collections are lower than anticipated and as you know our fundraisers have been cancelled because of the pandemic.

So, we need your help! I am asking you to consider being a donor to help defray the cost of this system. I know times are tough for many and we are experiencing the need to tighten our belts as well, but the sound system is imperative for our liturgical services and school functions.

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