

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The Third Sunday of Advent *December 13th, 2020*

THE PASTORAL TEAM

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

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Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary



Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

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

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
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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

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 19	5:00 PM	Fr. Mike*
Sunday, Dec. 20	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth*
	9:30 AM	Fr. Celestine*
	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 for these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

Our Weekly Offering

December 6, 2020	\$ 12,278.00
Envelopes:	201
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 2,114.00
Transactions:	40
Total:	\$ 14,392.00

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

Fr. Mike

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

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. - 12/14 - Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

9:00 am Marija Krsulic

Tues. - 12/15 - Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent

9:00 am Theresa McNamara

Wed. - 12/16 - Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent

9:00 am Susan T. Bergin

Thurs. 12/17 - Thursday of the Third Week of Advent

9:00 am Julie Carbone

Fri. - 12/18 - Friday of the Third Week of Advent

9:00 am Suzanne Beers

Sat. - 12/19 - Saturday of the Third Week of Advent

9:00 am Leo P. Wetter, Sr.

5:00 pm Patrick J. Driscoll, Jr.

Chris English

Esteban Najarro

Gina Hoda

Thomas Ryan

For Our St. Edward's Parishioners

Sun. - 12/20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am For Those Impoverished by Covid-19

9:30 am John Quinn, Julia Collins & Britta Quinn

11:30 am Anthony Alizzi

Jerry Higgins

Beatrice Pennetti

Milia Mouradian Maldjian

Noah Lyttle

Kevin Hedlund

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 December 13 - December 19, 2020

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Deborah O'Connor

By: John O'Connor

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of December 13 - December 19, 2020

Is Lit in Memory of

George Bartlett

By: Knights of Columbus

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 Prestegard, 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 Anthony Lembo Julianna Key

Michele Wesch Renata Sorace Susan Giambalvo

Katy Monte Alexandra Reuter

Frances Genovese Wangberg

Death to New Life



Helen Borowick

The Sanctuary Candle

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Newly Baptized



**Holy
Baptism**

Oliver Raymond Lepkanich

The Readings for The Third Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 - Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Reading 2 – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
Do not quench the Spirit.
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
Test everything; retain what is good.
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

Responsorial Psalm – Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

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,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel – John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God.
He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that
all might believe through him. He was not the light,
but came to testify to the light. And this is the t
estimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem
sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are
you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted,
"I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are
you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not."
"Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they
said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer
to those who sent us? What do you have to say for
yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out
in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord,*" as
Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also
sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if
you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"
John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there
is one among you whom you do not recognize, the
one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am
not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany
across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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 on this Third Sunday of Advent, we see John the Baptist again, but this week we are seeing him, from the point of view of John's Gospel. Last week it was noted that Mark starts his Gospel with John baptizing at the Jordan River, as a reminder that there was not much time before the Second Coming. And while that could be true, this is not the approach that John takes when he introduces us to John the Baptist. As we will see at the Mass during the day on Christmas, John's Gospel begins with his famous Prologue that talks about the beginning of everything (actually before the beginning because God has no beginning or end) where he identifies Jesus as the Divine Word (Logos) who always was the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. John tells us that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and He came to give us life for He was the Light of the World, which the power of darkness could not overcome!

In today's reading, John the Baptist once again reaffirms who he is not. He is not the Christ, he is not Elijah or the Prophet that was spoken about by Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy (actually Jesus is), but he is the voice crying out in the wilderness, and he is preparing for the Messiah. John the Evangelist and John the Baptist at this point, are focusing on Jesus' first coming, not so much the child at Bethlehem, but Jesus at the beginning of His Public Ministry. Today's liturgy also invites us now to change our focus a little to concentrate on the first coming as it is only eleven days away. Today we are called to rejoice because our time of waiting is coming to an end, and now we can start celebrating the birth of Our Lord. However, we are never to forget the other focus of Advent which is to prepare for the Second Coming.

So this *Gaudete Sunday* calls us to use the next eleven days wisely by trying to prepare ourselves to receive the new life that comes to us in the birth of Jesus. To mark the change in our focus we will light the rose colored candle on the Advent Wreath and wear the rose colored vestments, and as of the 17th of December we can officially say Merry Christmas (as those who specialize in Liturgy tell us).

Please see the bulletin for the Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

So Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Fr. Mike



Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

Psalms - 89:2-3, 4-5, 27-29

Second Reading - Romans 16:25-27

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 38 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 36th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

This coming Tuesday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If this were a regular year, without COVID19, this would be a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning to fulfill this day we must attend the celebration of the Mass. Why, because this has special meaning for the Universal Church and for the Church in the United States. On this day, we celebrate God's plan for humanity's salvation coming closer to its completion. Our Dear Blessed Mother, from the moment of her conception in St. Ann's womb was without sin. This means that from the very moment her life began, she was given the privilege of being without the flaw of putting her will before God's will-which is the cause of sin. She was given this privilege because she was to become the mother of the savior of the world. This gift is directly related to the saving action of Christ's death on the Cross and His Resurrection. That which saved us, saved her too, only it was bestowed on her before it happened for us. This is true because God is timeless and the effects of His Grace and Salvation are likewise timeless. If this is hard to understand do not worry, it is hard for most of us, that is why it is one of the mysteries of our faith.

People sometimes confuse the Immaculate Conception with the virgin conception and birth of Jesus, and the Gospel Reading for this day adds to this confusion. For the Gospel is the account of the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Mother and told her she would be the mother of the savior of the world. They are not the same phenomenon, and yet the Immaculate Conception and the Virginal conception of Jesus in Mary's womb are directly connected. This is so, because without one occurrence you could not have the other. In order for the Blessed Virgin Mary to conceive and give birth to the Son of God, she had to be without sin. She had to be the perfect temple to bear the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Again, this is hard to fully understand, but this has been a part of the Church's Teaching and Tradition from the very beginning.

December 8th was chosen for the day because we celebrate it in concert with Christmas, and if you count forward for nine months it brings us to the 8th of September (the day we celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Mother). We will have our usual Holy Day Schedule with Masses on December 7th at 5PM, and on December 8th, at 9AM, 12:10 PM and 7PM. If you can come please do, for this is a wonderful way to prepare for the Birth of Christ! On the night of December 8th, going into the early hours of the morning of December 9th, we observe the National Night of Prayer praying for the end of abortion and the taking of all human life, and during this year we will pray for the end of the spread of corona.

As I mentioned above, this Solemnity is especially important to the Church in the United States. This day is important because the patron saint of ***The United States of America*** is the Blessed Mother under the title of the Immaculate Conception. This makes this day a perfect day for us to join in prayer, to ask our patroness to watch over us, intercede for us and protect us.

Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee, Amen.

Fr. Mike

Christmas Mass Schedule

The St. Edwards Parish will be following guidelines established by both New York State and the Diocese of Rockville Centre for facility capacities and social distancing. All Parishioners attending any of the Masses will be required to wear a mask while in the Church or Gym.

Date	Time	Location
December 24	4:00 PM	Church and Gym
December 24	6:00 PM	Church
December 24	8:00 PM	Church
December 24	12:00 AM	Church

Date	Time	Location
December 25	7:30 AM	Church
December 25	9:30 AM	Church
December 25	11:30 AM	Church
December 25	1:00 PM	Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard on **Monday, December 20th** during the following hours:

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Never Feel Ashamed to Pray in Difficult Times

During his General Audience this past Wednesday Pope Francis urged everyone to listen to the cry that wells up within us, especially in moments of difficulty, which he says is the prayer of supplication. Pope Francis said the prayer of supplication is “very human”. He said at some point in everyone’s life the illusion of self-sufficiency crumbles. “The human being is an invocation, that at times becomes a cry, often withheld.” “At times it seems that everything collapses, that the life lived so far has been in vain. In these seemingly hopeless situations, there is only one way out: the cry, the prayer ‘Lord, help me!’. Prayer can open up a sliver of light in the densest darkness.” Finally, Pope Francis assured everyone that God will respond. “Even our stammering questions, even those that remain in the depths of our heart. The Father hears them and wishes to give us the Holy Spirit, which inspires every prayer and transforms everything.” Our task, the Holy Father concluded, *“is to wait patiently for God’s response to our prayer of supplication”*.

Banns of Marriage



Daniel Gianono

Holy Name of Mary
Valley Stream

To

Michelle Cunningham

St. Edward the Confessor
Syosset

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, *“I am the voice of one crying in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.”* Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We appreciate your generous response to our annual appeal! To date we have collected a little over \$5,000. Your kindness will allow us to continue 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.

Christmas Mass Seating Survey



Now that we are in 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 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 Mass at St. Edward the Confessor. Please complete the following survey to help us provide for everyone's 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 AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS.

Family name: _____ # attending Christmas Mass: _____

Email: _____ Phone number: _____

Which Mass would your family most likely to attend:

Christmas Eve:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 24, 4:00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> December 25, 7:30 AM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 24, 6:00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> December 25, 9:30 AM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 24, 8:00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> December 25, 11:30 AM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December 24, 12:00 AM Midnight Mass | <input type="checkbox"/> December 25, 1:00 PM |

You may return this form to an usher or to the Rectory Office. If you have any questions, please contact us at (516-921-8542) and leave a message.

Christmas Bracelets



The Knights of Columbus have placed baskets in the gathering area of the church filled with colorful bracelets emblazoned with our belief that we, as

Christians, should always remember during this holiday season to —

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Please feel free to take a handful of bracelets to show your spirit, and to hand out to family members, friends, neighbors or possibly someone you just happen to meet on the street. Spread the Good Word!

Give this Christmas

For all Christians, this is the season to look at the gifts which we have been given, and to be thankful for all that we have. Let part of your thanks be channeled towards giving something of yourself to others in the Parish and our Community. Please consider becoming part of one of St. Edward's Ministries such as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, an Usher or Choir Member, the Parish Social Ministry or as an instructor for Religious Education. You won't know how valuable your talents are until you put them to use, helping others. This Christmas, give the Gift of Yourself.

Baby Bottle Campaign to Benefit the Life Center of Long Island

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit The Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

DEC.12TH & DEC.13TH



*Please continue to say the prayer
attached to the bottle.*

Thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support and be assured it is making a **BIG DIFFERENCE** in the lives of many people served by this busy pregnancy help center.

Keep Going!!

Parish Social Ministry



516-921-8030

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

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.



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12 for \$5**



← 1½" dia. →



Available for purchase after Saturday & Sunday Masses

**YOUR ORNAMENT AND PIN PURCHASE WILL ALLOW YOUR COLUMBIETTE
COUNCIL TO CONTINUE PROVIDING NEEDED SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY.**





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!

“Oh Christmas Tree...” ...& Wreaths... & Grave Blankets



The Parents' Association of St. Edward's presents its Annual Christmas Tree Sale!

5-6'; 6-8' & 8-10' Trees

Fully Decorated 12" Double Sided Wreaths

Fully Decorated Full-Size Grave Blankets

Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-8pm & Wednesdays-Fridays from 6-9pm

****Tree delivery (only on the dates and times below) to outside your home (no inside delivery or set-up) for an additional \$10.**

Just ask for details during your purchase.

Deliveries: Friday, December 11 from 6-9pm, and

Saturday, December 12 from 5-8pm

Trees and wreaths/blankets are cared for, cultivated and delivered to our school by local Long Island nurseries.



Parish Social Ministry

Giving Angel Christmas Tree

Christmas is coming! This year the Parish Social Ministry is looking to provide our families in need with a gift for each family member. 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 children and family.

The Giving Angel Christmas Tree will be in the vestibule of the church from November 29th – December 20th. This will make it possible for the families to receive the gift cards in time to shop for their gifts. For your convenience, our volunteers will be in the vestibule to assist you with the purchase of gift cards that are requested by our families. You are also welcome to purchase the gift card and either drop it off at the rectory or give it to one of our volunteers. The Parish Social Ministry volunteers are most grateful for your generous response.

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

Knights of Columbus



On Thursday, December 3rd several members of the Knights assembled the Nativity Creche and lights on the front lawn of St. Edward's Church. Pictured from left to right: Russell Kendall, John Mc Elwee, Lou Tannazzo, Jerry Migliore, Ralph Catapano, Fr. Mike and Ed Schantz. If volunteering for small projects around the parish such as this would be of interest to you, considering joining the Knights. Speak with Fr. Mike or send an email to:

GrandKnight5091@gmail.com

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.

Please consider helping the parish out. Thanks and God bless!

Syosset Campus
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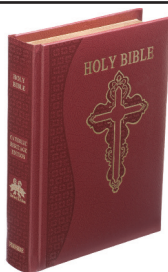
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