

# *St. Edward the Confessor*

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

*Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*



## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph* *December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019*



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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 - 8 PM  
 Friday.....9 AM - 3 PM  
 Saturday & Sunday.....9 AM - 1 PM

### Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....921-8030 ext. 150  
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 Religious Education Office.....921-8543  
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### Devotions

#### The Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary

each Friday at 8:30 AM

#### Our Lady of Fatima Devotional Rosary

after the 5:00 PM Mass, First Saturday of the Month

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

each Friday at 9:30 AM

concluding with Benediction at 12:00 PM

#### Parish Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

beginning at 7:00 PM each Friday evening

Benediction at 8:00 PM

followed immediately by night prayer and blessing

#### Eucharist

Saturdays at 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Weekdays 9:00 AM

#### Baptism

Celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 1:00 PM.

Please call the rectory to arrange.

#### Confessions

Saturdays from 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM and upon request

#### Marriage

Please contact the rectory upon engagement.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Available upon request

**Holy Communion** - for the Homebound & Hospital please

contact the Rectory.....921-8030 ext. 150

### This Coming Week: 12/30/19 - 1/5/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	12/30		
Tues	12/31		
Wed	1/1	<b>New Year's Day</b>	
Thur	1/2	4:15 pm - 5:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Rel. Ed.: SEC School / CAF CYO: GYM / AUD
Fri	1/3	11:15 pm - 1:30 pm 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	SEC Dance Program: HFR SEC Dance Program: HFR CYO: GYM / AUD Boy Scouts Troop 205: HFR
Sat	1/4	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	CYO: GYM / AUD
Sun	1/6	8:30 am - 11:30 pm 10:30 am - 11:45 am 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Children's Choir: Music Room Rel. Ed.: SEC School / CAF CYO: GYM / AUD

### Parish Council

Fr. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor  
 Deacon James Murphy

Please feel free to contact any council member at any time regarding your "needs, feelings, hopes, and reactions".  
 All members can be reached through the Rectory.

Jo Ann Bonasera

Claire Kapey

Chris Coschignano

David Krieg

Kathy DeNatale

Donna Zaino

### 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:

**516-594-9063**

### Websites / Social Media

**Parish: [www.st-edwards.org](http://www.st-edwards.org)**

**School: [www.stedwardconfessor.org](http://www.stedwardconfessor.org)**

**Religious Ed: [www.saintedwardre.com](http://www.saintedwardre.com)**

**Facebook: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)**

**Twitter: [stedwardchurch1](https://twitter.com/stedwardchurch1)**



## From Fr. Mike's Desk

**The family is the smaller unit from which society develops. As long as the love of God binds the member of the family together, and the Christian virtues rule in our homes, society will be prosperous and at peace.** These words come from the *Parish Mass Book, St. Joseph's Edition* published in 1966 by the *Catholic Book Publishing Company*. They set the tone for what today's celebration is all about. Yes, we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, but we are also celebrating family life itself. Back in the 1950's and early 60's, the media tried very hard to show us what family life should be like with the programs they offered. Programs like the adventures of *Ozzie and Harriet*, *Leave it to Beaver*, *My Three Sons*, and so many more. Sure, they also showed us families that were not so typical, but they still tried to stress family values. We might remember *The Munsters*, or *the Addams Family*, certainly not typical families, but still ones that told us what family life was supposed to be.

As we moved into the 1970's society changed and so did the media's portrayal of family life, we saw this in shows like *All in the Family*, where we saw and heard Archie Bunker's attitudes, arguments and various expressions. There was also the spin-offs of *Maude* and *The Jeffersons*. However, the media never really captured what family life is all about. Whether we were watching on the small screen or the big screen, the family was shown as either being perfect or very dysfunctional. Just look at Honey Bo-Bo; and no, I never watched an episode. This is not what real family life is like. Most families have places where they are indeed perfect and likewise have areas where dysfunctionality really flourishes. Most families have parts of their lives where they struggle and other parts, which are doing well. If you have not noticed, society is the same way. That is why the above selection of words (from the 1966 Mass Book) is perfect for today. Especially when it points out that, the family is the smaller unit from which society develops.

So then how do we make a better society? We must make better families, and how do we accomplish this? We should look at the Holy Family, and we must focus on the values presented to us in the Scriptures. Now we may ask, will doing this make my family perfect? No, but it will make it holy and Christian, and it will give your

family the power to make society a better place. As I mentioned some time ago, Paul gives us the perfect recipe to accomplish this as he writes in today's letter. *"Put on, as God's chosen one, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another...And over all these put on love that is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts..."*

**The schedule for Masses for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Year's Eve and Day) is:**

New Year's Eve Mass at 5PM. On January 1, 2020, the Masses are 9 AM and 12:10 PM. **There is no evening Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*We close with this prayer, Father, in Heaven, creator of all; you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the Human Family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Merry Christmas*

*Fr. Mike*

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, **"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."** Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

- Matthew 2:19-21



***“I call on thee, Lord Jesus Christ, I have none other help but thee”.***

## **Our Weekly Offering**

<b>December 22, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 14,211.00</b>
<b>Envelopes:</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Automatic Transactions:</b>	<b>\$ 1,087.00</b>
<b>Transactions:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 15,298.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 3,478.00</b>

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

***God Bless You Always, Fr. Mike***

## **This Week's Readings**

**December 29, 2019 -**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

**Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5**

**Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-21**

**Gospel - Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

## **Next Week's Readings**

**January 5, 2020 -**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6**

**Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13**

**Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6**

**Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12**

## **The Meek and Wise Joseph**

Addressing the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square during last week's Sunday Angelus, the Pope reflected on Joseph, "a person apparently in second place, but whose attitude contains the entirety of Christian wisdom." Pope Francis marked the fourth and last Sunday of Advent inviting the faithful to look to Joseph as a model of unshakable faith and trust in the Lord.

Joseph, the Pope recalled, together with John the Baptist and Mary, is one of the characters the liturgy proposes during the season of Advent. Of the three, the Pope noted, he is the most modest: "He does not preach, he does not speak, but he tries to do God's will; and he accomplishes that will in an evangelical style, and in the meek and humble style of the beatitudes. Joseph's poverty, the Pope explained, is typical of those who are aware of their dependence for everything on God in whom they put all of their trust.

Through faith, Pope Francis explained, Joseph understands that the baby conceived in Mary's womb is not his son, but is the Son of God, and he, Joseph, will be His guardian by exercising his earthly paternity. "The example of this good, meek and wise man teaches us to lift up our gaze and look beyond, to trust in God's surprising logic" which consists in openness towards new horizons, towards Christ and His Word.

## **From Death to New Life**



## **Welcome to the Parish**



**The Spadanuta Family**

**Anthony & Karen**

**Alessandra, Jack**

# *“Wait for the Lord to lead, then follow in his way”*

## Mass Intentions

**Mon. - Dec. 30 - The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas**  
9:00 am Matthew J. MacKenzie

**Tues. - Dec. 31 - The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**  
9:00 am Grace Baruccheri  
Francisco Bailon  
5:00 pm Sarah T. Roché

**Wed. - Jan. 1 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
9:00 am Intention of Nancy and Greg Feger  
12:10 pm For Our St. Edward's Parishioners

**Thurs. Jan. 2 - Memorial of Saints Basil and Gregory**  
9:00 am Robert, Anne and Edward Geber  
Intention of Arian & Nancy Feger

**Fri. - Jan. 3 - Christmas Weekend**  
9:00 am Marita Haggerty  
Helen, Peter & Veronica Fernandes

**Sat. - Jan. 4 - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
9:00 am DeSantes Family  
5:00 pm Francesco Rizzo, Robert Sheehan, Josephine Bortko, John Sheehan, Liam Ryan and Intention of Chris Cronin

**Sun. - Jan. 5 - The Epiphany of the Lord**  
7:30 am Dash Cawley Swanson  
9:30 am Ann Reid  
11:30 am Gerald Stepanovich  
Maryann O'Rourke  
Mary Murphy  
Raymond Amico  
Richard Turchiano

7:00 pm For Our Parishioners

*Whom We Remember With Love and Gratitude*

## The Altar Bread & Wine

*For the week of December 29 - January 4, 2020*  
Is Given in Memory Of

**Marge and Pat Driscoll**

By: Laura and David Krieg

## The Sanctuary Candle

*For the week of December 29 - January 4, 2020*  
Is Lit in Memory Of

**Josephine Bortko**

By: With Love, Paula and Tony Lembo

## 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  
1st. Lt. Connor J. Dunleavy, U.S. Army  
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  
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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  
Airman Sean T. Sattler, U.S. Coast Guard  
Lt. Brian Shields, U.S. Coast Guard  
Ssgt. Paul Smith, U.S. Army  
Lt. Cmdr. Todd Stevens, U.S. Navy  
Maj. James Tom, U.S. Army  
2nd Lt. John P. Trainor, U.S. Marine Corps  
2nd Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army  
Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy  
Maj. Michael F. Wendelken, U.S. Air Force

## Pray For The Sick

All names on the sick list will remain for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain longer, please call the Rectory.

Cathleen English	Alvaro Banchon	Christiana Cheng
Kathy Rooney	Rosalie Schiovone	Julianna Key
Michele Wesch	Fiorinda Colucci	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Christina Fischer	Alexandra Reuter
Bob Backofen		John Lamb, Sr.

## Next Week's Presider Schedule

**Sat., Jan. 4**                      **5:00 pm**    **Fr. Hyacinth**

**Sun., Jan. 5**                      **7:30 am**    **Fr. Mike**  
**9:30 am**    **Fr. Mike**  
**11:30 am**   **Fr. Mike**  
**7:00 pm**    **Fr. Hyacinth**

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY MASS SCHEDULE

### New Year's Eve

5:00 pm in the Church - Fr. Hyacinth

### New Year's Day

9:00 am in the Church - Fr. Mike

12:10 pm in the Church - Fr. Mike

**THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS**

## FLORES DE NOCHE BUENA OR FLOWERS OF THE HOLY NIGHT



There is the old Mexican legend about how the poinsettia and Christmas became connected in the first place. Here's how it goes - Once, there was a poor Mexican girl named Pepita who had no present to give the Baby Jesus at Christmas Eve Mass. As Pepita walked, sadly, to the chapel, her cousin Pedro tried to cheer her up. "Pepita," he said. "I'm sure that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves him, will make Jesus happy."

Still not knowing what she could give, Pepita picked a small handful of weeds from the roadside and made them into a bouquet. Having only this small present to give Jesus made Pepita embarrassed. As she walked through the chapel to the altar, she remembered what Pedro had told her. Feeling a bit better, she knelt down and laid the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene. Amazingly, the bouquet of weeds burst into bright red flowers, and everyone who saw them were sure they had seen a miracle. From that Christmas Eve forward, the bright red poinsettia flowers were known as the "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night."

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



Tel: 516-921-8030

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

### SEC Missioner's Collection Next Weekend 1/4 & 1/5

The items needed: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Soap (both hand & dish), Paper Towels, Tissues, Baby Diapers size 6, Cereal, Coffee (ground & instant), Jarred Tomato Sauce.

Please no canned food donations. We are fortunate to have an abundance from the Thanksgiving drive.

**A Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, Catholic Daughters and Women's Group for your donations to the Parish Social Ministry during Christmas and throughout the year.**

*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*



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Joan Wilson, Stan Wilson..



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: *“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.”* During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters.

**In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering. We assisted families by providing food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills.**

If you know of someone who might benefit from a home visit, please call (516) 218-7837. If you would like to volunteer, please join us at our next meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room on the third floor of the school.

### **DIVORCED / SEPARATED / WIDOWED**

#### **Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including widows, widowers and singles**

This is a social organization for single persons and there will be a New Member Orientation meeting on:

**Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30 PM**

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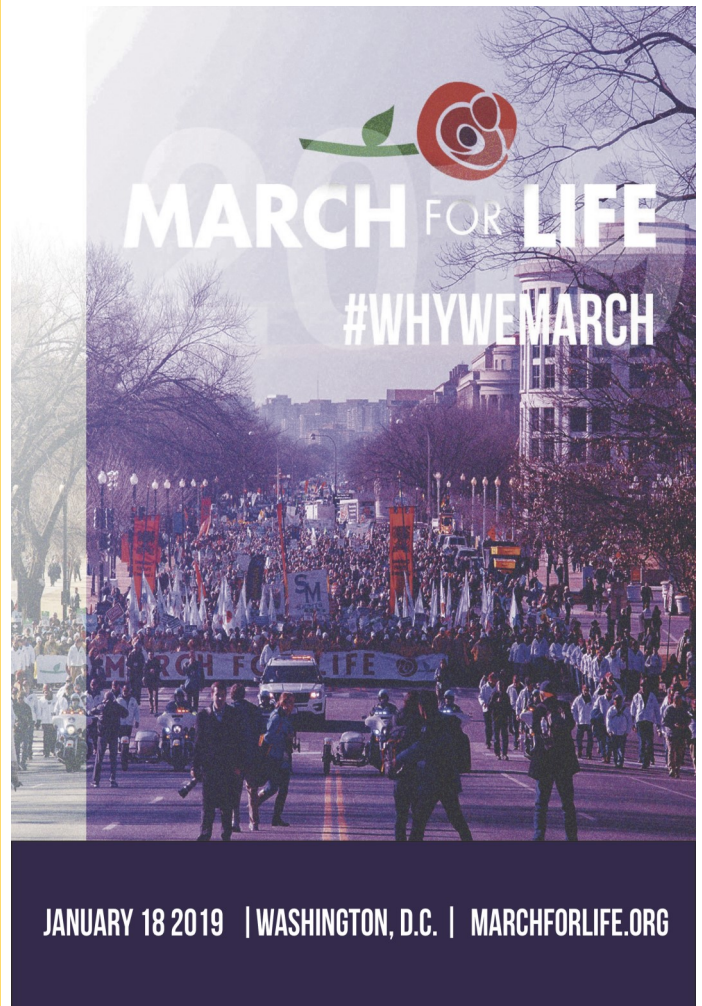
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For further information, please call:  
Carol at 516-794-4933 or  
Fran at 516-889-579





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**January 2020 through March 2020**  
Register Online [WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG](http://WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG)

### **Basic Religious Studies Course Series**

#### **St. Mary's Elementary School Building, Manhasset**

##### Old Testament

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, and 10, 2020

##### New Testament

Mondays, February 24, March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2020

##### Christology

Mondays, March 30, April 6, 20, 27, and May 4, 2020

##### Church

Mondays, May 11, 18, June 1, 8, and 15, 2020

3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

### **RCIA Level I**

#### **Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon**

Wednesdays, January 15 22, 29 and February 19, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Or

#### **St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage**

Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, and 13, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### **Ministry of Consolation Level I**

#### **St. Aidan, Williston Park**

Wednesdays, January 22, 29; February 5, and 12, 2020  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **Building Intercultural Competences in Ministry**

#### **St. Frances Cabrini, Coram**

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 27; March 12, and 19, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Or

#### **Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt**

Mondays, February 10, 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### **Catechist Training Level II**

#### **St. James, Setauket**

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### **Bereavement Conference**

#### **St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh**

Saturday, March 21, 2020  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**E-mail:** [Valbrecht5571@stedwardconfessor.org](mailto:Valbrecht5571@stedwardconfessor.org)

## Mercy League Bowling

The Mercy League is looking for bowlers for our (non-money) Ladies League. We bowl on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. at Syosset Bowl, Jericho Tpk., Syosset. Come out and join the fun.

For more information, please call Dolores Sartor at telephone: 516-931-4106.

## Military List Names

Dear Parishioners,

For those military personnel who have since completed their military service and have been discharged, please contact the Rectory Office at 516-921-8030 to have their names removed from our bulletin to make room for those who are currently serving their country.

Thank you – Rectory Staff

## Keep Christ in Christmas

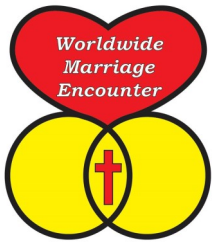
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Michelle Sena, Music Director  
[msena@st-edwards.org](mailto:msena@st-edwards.org)



The 2019 Mission Trip was one of many blessings. We celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rockville Centre Diocesan Mission in the DR, blessed and dedicated the first two floors of the Holy Family Vocational/Technical School, the St. Teresa of Avila School Cafeteria and two new aqueducts. Deacon Ray baptized 10 children and a special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass was celebrated with Bishop Jose Grullon Estrella of the local diocese with Msgr. John Cervini and Padre Francisco of the Mission Parish of San Pedro Apostol. Through St. Vincent DePaul, over 100 food bags were distributed and the five missionaries who traveled collected and brought 15 duffel bags of donated humanitarian aid, toys and supplies. In addition, 3 houses constructed during the year through the generosity and determination of St. Edward Confessor, Syosset and St. Aidan, Williston Park were blessed and given to 3 local families. The missionaries collected \$10,000 in donations from Long Island parishioners and friends of the Mission with the hope that more donations will continue to assist in the ongoing work.



2019 Missioners-Bill Imbesi & Eugene Siani (St. Edward Confessor), Jim Shaughnessy (The Basilica Parish of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary), Audrey Lavin (Our Lady of Hope), Deacon Ray D'Alessio (St. Paul the Apostle)



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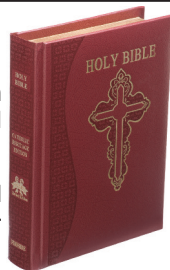
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