

# *St. Edward the Confessor*

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

*Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*

*“Therefore, stay awake!  
For you do not know on  
which day your Lord will come.”*

Matthew 24: 42



## *First Sunday of Advent* *December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019*



### THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor  
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor  
Deacon James F. Murphy  
Deacon Barry P. Croce



### Administration

Deacon Thomas Wm. Connolly, Director

### Pastoral Center Offices

Mr. Miguel DeLeon, Finance Director

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sister Sheila Browne, RSM, Director

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Mrs. Florence Cassidy, Secretary

### Office Staff

Mrs. Maryann Waite  
Mrs. Luisa Ondocin

### Religious Education

Mrs. Rosemary Pettei, Director  
Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary

### Youth Ministry

Ms. Michelle Sena - Vision

### Parish Social Ministry

Mrs. Donna Zaino, Coordinator  
Mr. John Rooney, Coordinator

### Music Ministry

Mr. Jeffrey Fox  
Mrs. Marilyn Fox  
Mrs. Cecilia Hayden

# 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  
 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

### 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: 12/2/19 - 12/8/19

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	12/2	9:30 am - 10:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Parish Purls: Cenacle CYO: GYM / AUD
Tues	12/3	10:00 am - 12:00 pm 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Missionary Disciples: Cenacle Men's Group: HFR Girl Scouts Daisy: Cenacle Rel. Education: School / CAF RCIA: 3rd Floor of the School CYO: GYM / AUD Rel. Ed. Parent Mtg.: HFR
Wed	12/4	11:30 am - 12:45 pm 4:15 pm - 5:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	SEC Dance Program: HFR Rel. Education: School / CAF CYO: GYM / AUD Catholic Daughters: HFR
Thur	12/5	4:15 pm - 5:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Rel. Education: School / CAF CYO: GYM / AUD Rel. Ed. Christmas Party: HFR
Fri	12/6	11:15 am - 1:30 pm 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	SEC Dance Program: HFR SEC Dance Program: HFR Cub Scouts: CAF CYO: GYM / AUD Boy Scouts Troop 205: HFR
Sat	12/7	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Knights of Col.: GYM / AUD
Sun	12/8	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 10:30 am - 11:45 pm 12:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Children's Choir: HFR Rel. Education: 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

*"Oh Come, Divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flees away. Dear Savior haste; Come, come to earth, dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace..."*

What beautiful words and thoughts we express as we listen to and sing these words from one of my favorite hymns of the Advent Season. This hymn, for me, sets the tone and goal of this season of waiting and anticipation. As you have heard many times, Advent is a season of waiting; it is a season of waiting for the three comings of Christ. We await His First Coming as a child in Bethlehem; we are waiting for His Second Coming at the end of time, and His Third Coming as he comes into our hearts and souls in the here and now. During these four weeks, we will focus on all three comings, with the first two weeks looking at His Second Coming and the last two weeks waiting to celebrate His First Coming 2020 years ago. While we use the appropriate weeks for His Second and First Comings, we will use all four weeks to focus on His Third coming. We should keep in mind that the Third Coming stays with us for the whole year and for our whole lives but sometimes, we lose sight of it!

This brings us to another well-known aspect of Advent, and that is, this is the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. This is a time to start over, a time to look at our lives and see where we have not lived up to God's expectations of us, as we have been told through Jesus. Now is the time to realize, as today's Gospel tells us; we do not know the time or the place when the Second Coming will arrive. Therefore, Matthew has Jesus telling us to be ready in every aspect of our lives.

This new Church year gives us an added opportunity to move past the oppression experienced from the Sex Abuse Scandal we have been facing. It gives us an opportunity to rebuild our faith in the Church and carry out its Divine Mission. This does not mean we forget the pain the abuse has caused for so many victims and their family and friends. Nor does it mean we do nothing to help them. It is also a time for us to make sure this does not happen again and we all seek the necessary reforms needed to ensure that. We cannot do this on our own we must invoke the grace and power of the Holy Spirit to help us to be

a people of hope and salvation. This is an opportunity for us to be empowered to make a difference, and if we can do this, the New Year becomes all that it is supposed to be. As we light the First Advent Candle, we begin our journey not only to Christmas, but also to Easter, Pentecost, and beyond.

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**Today at 3PM, we will have our Fall Anointing of the Sick Mass.** This is a good way to start the year if you or a loved one is in need of this special sacrament to seek Christ's healing power for soul, mind and body. Other Advent opportunities for prayer and celebration will be found in the bulletin, please consult our Advent Calendar. Next Sunday night December 8, we will observe the **National Night of Prayer** to pray for the end of Abortion and the taking of all Innocent Life. **We will start at 9PM Sunday Night and conclude at 1AM Monday Morning.** We will pray each hour before the exposed Blessed Sacrament and we will pray the Rosary and other prayers. Please join us for one or more of these hours.

*"You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be; all clothed in human weakness shall we your Godhead see. Dear Savior haste; come, come to earth, dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O Come Divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away."*

*Happy First Week of Advent*

*Fr. Mike*





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

### Mass Intentions

**Mon. - Dec. 2 - Monday of the First Week of Advent**

9:00 am Joseph D’Alessio

**Tues. - Dec. 3 - Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

9:00 am Alana Davidson

**Wed. - Dec. 4 - Wednesday of the First Week of Advent**

9:00 am John Richard Lauda

**Thurs. - Dec. 5 - Thursday of the First Week of Advent**

9:00 am Anne Labriola

**Fri. - Dec. 6 - Friday of the First Week of Advent**

9:00 am Terry Ullrich

**Sat. - Dec. 7 - Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop**

9:00 am Norman Dick & Family

5:00 pm Alberta Zero

Esteban Najarro

Jay O’Neill

Ethel MacBeth

Joan Welsh

Cathy & Chris English (Intention)

**Sun. - Dec. 8 - Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30 am Our Beloved Departed

9:30 am Gladys Dempsey

11:30 am Pietro Reda

Francisco S. Pingol

Robert Sheehan

Joseph A. Grieco

Emma LaMarca

For Our Parishioners

7:00 pm Dorothy & James Tymann

*Whom We Remember With Love and Gratitude*

### 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

Capt. Karen Kobus, 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

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

### The Altar Bread & Wine

*For the week of December 1 - December 7, 2019*

**Is Given in Memory Of**

**Edward S. Kobus**

By: Dorothy Kobus-Izzy

### The Sanctuary Candle

*For the week of December 1 - December 7, 2019*

**Is Lit in Memory Of**

**Eugenia Scarola**

By: Her Family

### 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.

Arthur English      Cathleen English      Christiana Cheng

Kathy Rooney      Rosalie Schiovone      Julianna Key

Michele Wesch      Fiorinda Colucci      Susan Giambalvo

Katy Monte      Christina Fischer      Alexandra Reuter

Bob Backofen      Alvaro Banchar      John Lamb, Sr.

### Next Week’s Presider Schedule

*Sat., Dec. 7      5:00 pm      Fr. Mike*

*Sun., Dec. 8      7:30 am      Fr. Mike*

*9:30 am      Fr. Mike*

*11:30 am      Fr. Mike*

*7:00 pm      Fr. Mike*

*‘On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.’*

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

## Our Weekly Offering

<i>November 24, 2019</i>	<i>\$ 15,108.00</i>
<i>Envelopes:</i>	<i>347</i>
<i>Automatic Transactions:</i>	<i>\$ 1,047.00</i>
<i>Transactions:</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$ 16,155.00</i>
<i>Human Development</i>	<i>\$ 3,749.00</i>

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

*God Bless You Always, Fr. Mike*

## This Week's Readings

December 1, 2019 -

**First Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading - Isaiah 2:1-5**  
**Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**  
**Second Reading - Romans 13:11-14**  
**Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44**

## Next Week's Readings

December 8, 2019 -

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**  
**Second Reading - Romans 15:4-9**  
**Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12**

## Anointing of the Sick

A special Sunday Mass will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered during the Mass to a baptized person who is suffering from serious illness, preparing for surgery, in danger of death, or advanced in age, through prayer and the anointing of the body with the oil of the sick. The proper effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort to the Christian who is suffering. If you or a loved one is sick or advanced in age and would like to receive this Sacrament come to the Mass. The Sacrament is also available upon request. Prayer shawls will be blessed and made available. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

## Newly Baptized



*Celia Grace O'Kane*  
*Ethan Patrick Oblatz*  
*Richard Bernard Maruffi III*  
*Ava Mackenzie Earnest*  
*Juliet Ferrante*

## How did Jesus 'see' Apostles

This past week during his third and final day in Thailand Pope Francis spoke of mission and inculturation saying “Where many saw only a sinner, a blasphemer, a tax collector, an evildoer or even a traitor, Jesus was able to see apostles. Such is the beauty that His gaze invites us to proclaim, a gaze that transforms and brings out the best in others.” The Pope went on saying “We need to seek new ways of transmitting the word, ways that are capable of awakening a desire to know the Lord, ... and inspire the hearts of our brothers and sisters.”

## From Death to New Life



*John J. Sheehan*  
*Gloria L. Zvinglis*

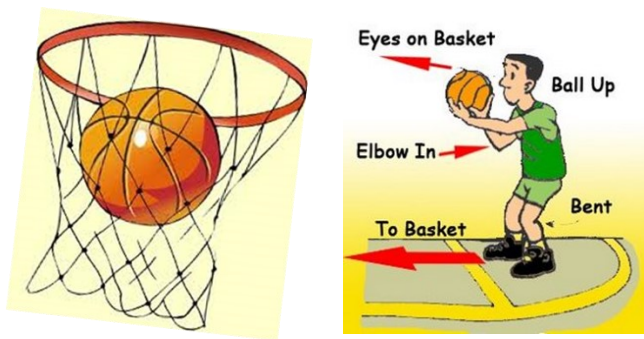


## St. Edward's 2019 Calendar of Events

<i>Daily Mass</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Friday Exposition</i>	<i>Following the 9:00 am Mass</i>
<i>Friday Lunchtime with Jesus</i>	<i>11:30 am-12:00 noon</i>
<i>Friday Evening Holy Hour</i>	<i>7:00 pm-8:00 pm</i>
<i>Anointing of the Sick Mass</i>	<i>3:00pm Sunday December 1</i>
<i>Family Rosary and Pasta Supper</i>	<i>Monday Dec. 2nd 6:30 pm</i>
<i>Parish Rosary</i>	<i>Saturday Dec. 7th following 5:00 pm Mass</i>
<i>National Night of Prayer for Life (still occurring on the Night of the 8th)</i>	<i>Sunday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 pm-1:00 am</i>
<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)</i>	<i>Monday Dec 9th 9:00 am, 12:10 pm</i>
<i>Blessing of the Crèche &amp; Tree Lighting</i>	<i>Saturday Dec. 14th following the 5:00 pm</i>
<i>Mass for Deceased Children</i>	<i>Sunday Dec. 15th 3:00 pm</i>
<i>Lessons and Carols</i>	<i>Monday Dec. 16th 8:00 pm Church</i>
<i>Daytime Confessions</i>	<i>Thursday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm-3:00 pm</i>
<i>Evening Confessions</i>	<i>Thursday Dec. 19th 7:30 pm-9:00 pm</i>

*As you prepare your home for a joyous Christmas with family and friends, allow yourself time to prepare your heart for Christ the Lord. Join fellow parishioners in prayer, liturgy, meditation, reconciliation, scripture and music.*

## Basketball Contest



### Basketball Free Throw Contest

**WHO:** Boys and Girls 9 to 14 years old  
before January 1, 2020

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 7, 2019

**WHERE:** St. Edward's School gymnasium

**TIME:** 10 AM – 12 PM

**WHAT TO BRING:** Parent must be present with proof of age (Birth Certificate or Passport)

All participants receive Certificates and a chance to advance to Local and National Finals.

Boy and Girl winners in each age group receive acknowledgement during Knights of Columbus meeting.



*Sponsored by the  
Joseph J Gorman Council  
#5091 Knights of Columbus*

## National Night of Prayer

The National Night of Prayer for Life is a pro-life prayer service consisting of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 20 decades of the Rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am, St. Edward's parish will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion. The hours are chosen to coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe's appearance to Juan Diego.

## SEC Men's Club Meeting

The St. Edward's Men's Club will meet on:

Date: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Holy Family Room

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Loretta Von Burg. The topic will be: Lectio Divina, a form of Catholic Prayer. Mrs. Von Burg has a certificate from the Pastoral Formation Institute and a certificate in Spiritual Counseling from Fordham University. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend this interesting presentation. - John Mulvey

## Catholic Daughters



### Annual Christmas Party and December Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Holy Family Room

Please bring a grab bag gift (approximate cost \$15).  
Refreshments will be served.

For further information call Estelle 516-921-0822.

The CDA was formed over 100 years ago and is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. The CDA's motto is:

**“Unity and Charity”**

## SEC Women's Group

### Christmas Luncheon

Please join us for a Christmas luncheon on Friday, December 13, 2019 at **Pomodoro Restaurant**, located at:

326 Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY, 11743

If interested, please call either:

Ann De Primo: 558-7221 or Claire Kapey: 364-2958

Send checks to Claire at:

81 Convent Road, Syosset, NY 11791

**All are Welcome**





## *“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”* Advent Family Rosary Celebration

*Monday, December 2nd*

*6:30 pm in the Church*

*Fr. Mike will lead us in prayer.*

*All Are Welcomed!*

Come join with your parish family to pray Our Lady’s Rosary. This Rosary gathering will be a “child friendly” prayer service.

What a wonderful way to begin this Advent Season! Place your family under the loving care of our Blessed Mother during this season of “getting ready” for Christmas.

Our Monday evening 8th Grade students will be attending this Rosary gathering during their scheduled class time.

All children attending will receive a pair of rosary beads.

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### *A Pasta Supper will follow this Rosary Gathering in the Cafeteria.*

All are welcomed to “Come Mangia” with us!

Baked Ziti, Rigatoni Ala Vodka, Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Pasta Bolognese, Pasta and Broccoli as well as Buttered Spaghetti, hot bread, beverages and dessert.

This Pasta Supper is free of charge, however, good will offering buckets will be available for donations.



**7th and 8th graders can receive Confirmation service hours by volunteering with baking and/or set up for this gathering.**

For further info about volunteering or donating, please contact Rosemary Pettei by calling 921-8543 or by emailing [rpettei@st-edwards.org](mailto:rpettei@st-edwards.org)



# Managing Stress During the Holiday's



**Tuesday, Dec. 3rd**  
**7:00pm**  
**Holy Family Room**  
**Presenter:**  
**Dr. Ray Shelton**



**Holiday Stress** - *it's a knotted feeling in your stomach...a headache that won't go away...anxiety that you will never accomplish all that needs to be done. The stores are crowded, traffic seems impossible, the cookies need to be baked, presents must be wrapped – and the clock is running out. You feel overwhelmed, frazzled, burned out, and it's only the day after Thanksgiving!!*

*The holidays are upon us a time of parties, shopping, entertaining, religious observances, family gatherings, and decorating, the holiday season can be full of excitement and promise. However, with this time of year inevitably comes stress.*



**Give yourself a gift this holiday season.**  
**Join us for an evening program**  
**and learn simple tips to reduce your holiday**  
**stress. Let this holiday season be one**  
**you enjoy with family and friends.**

**Dr. Raymond D. Shelton** is an author, consultant, international conference presenter, workshop and seminar leader. He has been a member of the Emergency Service community for 40 years, serving as a fire fighter and EMS educator. As co-author of the book, *Comprehensive Acute Traumatic Stress Management*, he develops programs in the hospital, corporate, government, mental health, religious and emergency service communities to safely and effectively manage the stress of crisis and catastrophe. Dr. Shelton



## 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 Monthly Basic Living Needs Collection Next Weekend 12-7 & 12-8**

These items are not covered by food stamps and are greatly needed: Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Dental Floss, Soap (both hand & dish), Feminine Hygiene Products, Deodorant, Shampoo, All Household Cleaning Products, Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, and Tissues Baby Diapers all sizes. Many of these items we use on a daily basis and you may not realize the difficulty of those with limited incomes to be able to find the money to purchase such basic items. Please consider making a donation of any of the basic needs of daily living items this month.

### **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.

Thank you for your generosity with food/basic needs donations and gift card purchases.

***“Jesus, I long for your coming. Help me to get ready.”***

## St. Edward the Confessor Early Childhood Program

Saint Edward the Confessor's Early Childhood program began in September 2000. Today nearly 110 nursery and pre-k students are developing socially, intellectually, physically and spiritually. Our program's tag line is "Planting the Seeds of Success," offers a curriculum aligned with the NYS ELA and Math Standards as well as the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our youngest students are immersed in project-based activities and are engaged in religion, social studies, STEM, art, music, and physical education. Our students are the most fully prepared for kindergarten with high skills and a set to learn attitude.

Our air-conditioned, newly renovated classrooms are child-centered. Sounds of active learning and the joyful noise of children at play can be heard at all times. Smartboard technology, iPads, and our Imagination Playground enable us to meet the needs of the 21st-century learner.

Our goal, as Catholic educators, is to have children follow in Jesus' footsteps, and to provide an atmosphere where children can discover, experiment and explore. Our program teaches a rich, meaningful and balanced curriculum of skills and information through age-appropriate activities. A registered nurse and high-security measures ensure that your child is in a safe, secure environment.

We value and appreciate the support of our pastor, Fr. Mike and our principal, Mr. Vincent Albrecht. We also appreciate the support of the parish and all the testimonials that you have provided to friends, relatives, and neighbors. We are offering early registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

Come tour St. Edward the Confessor and begin your child's Catholic education in our early childhood center. Contact our school office at 516-921-7767.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; or we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

Thank you to all who donated winter coats, boots and accessories. Numerous families were helped by your generosity!

If you know of an elderly person who may need help with snow removal this winter, or someone who might benefit from a home visit, please contact the SVdP office at 516-218-7837. If you would like to volunteer, please come to our next meeting on 12/2/19 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room on the third floor of the school.

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

### WE ARE ALMOST THERE !

As of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 our parish is now within 5% of our goal, and less than \$6,000 is needed to reach \$113,600.

By reaching our goal, the Diocese will rebate our parish \$20,000.

Don't delay. Please consider making a pledge in whatever amount you can. We welcome and appreciate every donation. You may make a 10 month pledge, or a one-time gift in any amount.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal help our Church to bring the "light of the Lord" to more than 600,000 people a year through programs that feed the hungry, house the disadvantaged, care for our seniors, support our Priests and Deacons in their formation and continue to educate our children as they grow in their faith.

## Youth Ministry



Join our group on Flocknote to get updates!

Text SECYouth to 84576



Follow us on Instagram:

@stedwardsyouth

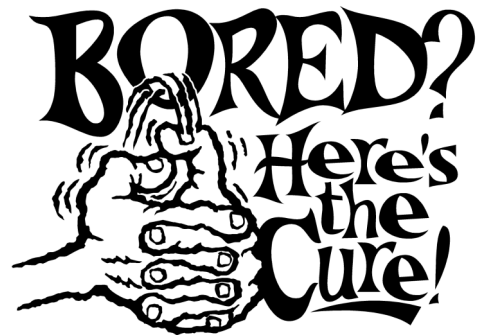


Save the Date!

Annual Christmas Concert

December 20, 2019  
8:00pm in the church!

The Youth Choir formally known as Vision is actively looking for middle school and high school students to come sing with us! The choir sings at the 7pm mass every Sunday and practices are held Sunday before mass from 6:00pm-6:45pm in the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please email Michelle for more information!



Michelle Sena, Music Director  
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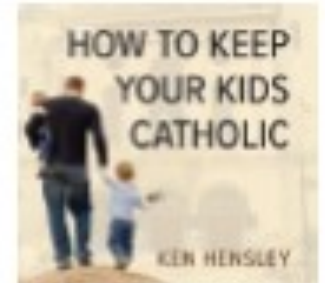
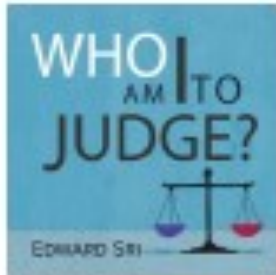




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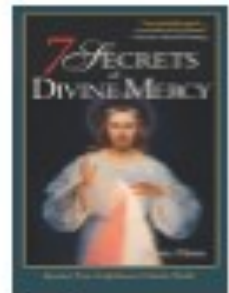


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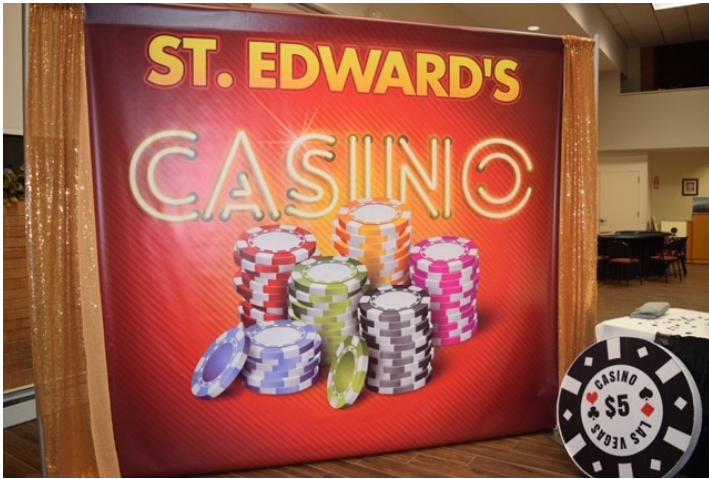
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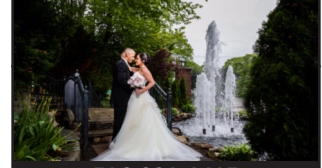
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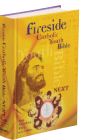
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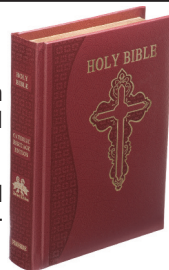
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