

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The Second Sunday of Advent *December 6th, 2020*

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
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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

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 12	5:00 PM	Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, Dec. 13	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	11:30 AM	Fr. Celestine

* - 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

November 29, 2020	\$ 11,383.00
Envelopes:	174
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 1,219.00
Transactions:	32
Total:	\$ 12,602.00
St. Vincent DePaul:	\$ 1,579.00
Thanksgiving Collection:	\$ 3,664.00

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. - 12/7 - Memorial of Saint Ambrose

9:00 am Norman & Helen Dick & Family

Tues. - 12/8 - Immaculate Conception of the BVM

9:00 am Int. of Noreen, Sal, Bonnie & Heidi

Cinquegrana

12:10 pm Rosemary Hofer

7:00 pm Brittany Rose Lagrega

Wed. - 12/9 - Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

9:00 am James & Dorothy Tymann

Thurs. 12/10 - Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

9:00 am Arthur English

Fri. - 12/11 - Friday of the Second Week of Advent

9:00 am Lt. Col. William J. Carter

Sat. - 12/12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am Paul Von Burg

5:00 pm Chris English

Joan Lang

James Fanning

Dimitry St. Cyr

For Our St. Edward's Parishioners

Sun. - 12/13 - Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Ralph Scarola

9:30 am Walter Corey

11:30 am Julius Reiner

George Bartlett

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 6 - December 12, 2020

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Chris English

By: Peggy and Bob Swanson

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of December 6 - December 12, 2020

Is Lit in Memory of

Those Who Died From Covid-19

By: Fr. Mike and Staff

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 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

Death to New Life



Gina Hoda

George Bartlett

Welcome to the Parish



***Gregory, Jennifer
and Marco Talibon***

The Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm – 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims;
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,
glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;
our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him,
and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading 2 – 2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

As mentioned last week, and the two preceding weeks, we have entered a new Liturgical Year. Each Liturgical Year is marked by a new cycle in the weekday and Sunday readings. For the weekdays we have a Two-Year cycle where the first reading at Mass is different from the year before, however, in most cases the Gospel is the same for both years. This new year we will be in weekday Cycle One. The Sunday readings run on a Three-Year Cycle which usually has a change of all three readings, except for major Holy Days or Seasons. Each of the three years features one of the Four Gospels, so Cycle A features the Gospel of Mathew, Cycle C features the Gospel of Luke, and this year Cycle B we will read from the Gospel of Mark. But since Mark is the shortest of the Gospels many times during this year we will be reading from the Gospel of John.

And that is what brings us to today's reading, "The Beginning of The Holy Gospel According to Mark". Mark starts his Gospel with the following, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God." Mark begins his account with the appearance of John the Baptist (as we see every Second and Third Week of Advent). Some believe Mark does this because he does not want to waste time. He believed, like many of his time, that Christ would return soon, and so the Church could not waste any time in spreading the Gospel so many could be saved. So, we do not hear about Jesus' birth, we begin with John's call for repentance and that is what the world needs to hear. Mark tells us that people from all over the Judean countryside and even the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were seeking to be baptized and acknowledged their sins. John tells them that he is not the one they were waiting for, that one mightier than him is coming and he will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Mark quotes the Prophet Isaiah, (our 1st reading) "*Behold I am sending my messenger ahead of you, he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'*" Isaiah was proclaiming to Israel in exile, that soon their time of exile would end, and they would return to the Holy Land. He was telling them that God is faithful to His promises and He will remove any obstacle in their way. He will come with His great power to save. Mark wants us to know that God will also come with His great power and set us

free which He does through the two comings of Christ! People came to John because he preached with power and by the grace of the Holy Spirit. His call for repentance is just as powerful to us as it was 2000 years ago, only we now have the benefit of going not to the forerunner, but to the one John pointed out as the Lamb of God. John proclaimed that he was the voice of one crying out in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. Our voices are to join his as we too proclaim, prepare the way of the Lord. We do this by preparing for Jesus in our own lives as we wait for Him to return, and we do this by spreading the Good News just as John did. Our wilderness may not be the desert, but in many ways our world is just as barren. Our wilderness is filled with violence, acts of war and terror, total disrespect of human life, where even a child in its mother's womb is at danger. There is neglect of those in need, for so many a lack of a moral compass, we also see or feel an uncertainty brought about by sickness and racial discord, and unfortunately so much more.

Tuesday is the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the Mother of God; please see the bulletin for the schedule of Masses. Also Tuesday Night from 9PM to 1AM we will pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament as we pray for the end of Abortion, the taking of all innocent Human Life, from conception to natural death, and a healing for our Nation.

*May God bless you always and
Happy Second Week of Advent!*

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

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

Psalms - Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 37 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 35th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

While we are still in the middle of our Thanksgiving Weekend, we are also moving forward into a new year. Yes, this weekend starts a new year for the Church. This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, and the beginning of the Liturgical Year 2021. I know many of us are looking forward to the new year, hoping it will be better than 2020, but who can tell! Yet, a new year brings with it hope, and promise. All we need to do is try to focus on making our lives better during it. Even when we are faced with adversity or the worse possible thing ever, we must remember that God is walking side by side with us, and we are all in this together.

We certainly have heard this a great deal during this pandemic, and while it is true, we are probably tired of hearing it and we are getting to the point where we may not believe it. However, we must never fail to remember that we are not only followers of Christ, we are also members of His Living Body the Church. This joins us in a way that our human nature may not be able to fully comprehend. We are joined on the spiritual level as well as the physical. We are linked with each other; we can empathize with each other and we can be there for each other; even when we are social distancing.

The Season of Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. We are waiting and looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ, when the world as we know it will come to an end and the Kingdom of God will be fully realized and established. Advent is a time of preparation as we are preparing ourselves to celebrate Jesus' First Coming as the Child of Bethlehem. On that day 2021 years ago, and today, this event fills our hearts with joy, wonder and God's love for the whole human race.

This year Christmas, like Thanksgiving, will be different in how we observe it, but what will not be different is the bright light and hope that the Birth of Christ brings to the Church and the World, even for those who do not know Jesus.

God Bless You

Fr. Mike

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Masses



Mass Schedule

Dec. 7th	5:00 PM
Dec. 8th	9:00 AM
Dec. 8th	12:10 PM
Dec. 8th	7:00 PM

Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament

Dec. 8th	9:00 PM to 1:00 AM
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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.



Spreading Christmas Cheer !

WE ARE TEAMING UP WITH HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH
TO SEND CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY CARDS TO OUR FRIENDS LIVING AT
COLD SPRING HILLS, WHITE OAKS & EXCEL AT WOODBURY NURSING HOMES.




THE THREE NURSING HOMES HAVE 700+ RESIDENTS.
WE NEED A LOT OF CARDS!



How can you help ?

-  Purchase or create a card.
-  Add a note inside.

(Some ideas: Hello Friend... Thinking of you... You are loved... Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!)

-  Write either Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays or Happy Hanukkah on the envelope, so the cards can be easily divided among Christian and Jewish residents.
-  Please don't seal the envelopes.
-  No postage necessary. Cards will be hand delivered to the nursing homes.

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CARDS IN THE BOX LOCATED IN
ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH VESTIBULE BY DECEMBER 13, 2020**

St. Edward's Crown Club Winners

Congratulations to our lucky **Crown Club Winners for November!**



Prize	Ticket #	Winner
\$1,000	237	Mr. Anthony Romano
\$500	381	Mrs. Fran Scally
\$350	84	Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Mary Shelton
\$150	283	Mrs. Loretta Di Leo



Check upcoming bulletins for the entry form to participate in the next round of drawings for October 2020 through March 2021. Entry forms may also be obtained at the rectory.

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!

St. Edwards Nativity Creche

Earlier this week several members of our local KofC Council placed the Nativity Creche on the front lawn of the church. Please spend some time visiting this eternal symbol of family and hope and offer up your prayers for those intentions which you hold close to your heart.





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**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



A special thanks goes out to the following members of the Joseph J. Gorman Council for starting the season off with some Christmas spirit. Pictures left to right are:

Joseph Grehan
Myro Halecky
John Mc Elwee
Jerry Migliore
Louis Tannazzo
Ed Schantz
Big Ralph Catapano
Little Ralph Catapano

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!

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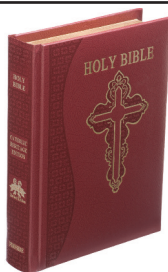
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