

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19th, 2021



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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!

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	921-7767
Religious Education Office.....	921-8543
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Pastoral Center Offices.....	921-8030 ext. 132
St. Vincent De Paul Society.....	516-218-7837

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 25	7:30 AM	Fr. Celestine
	9:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	11:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, Dec. 26	1:00 PM	Fr. Mike
	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth*
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
Deacons to Preach	11:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	6:00 PM	Fr. Celestine*

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 to report these situations:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

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 M-F:	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Saturdays - Sundays:	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

Our Weekly Offering

December 12, 2021	\$ 14,002.98
# of Envelopes	235
Automatic Trans.	\$ 1,797.00
# of Transactions	40
Total	\$ 15,799.98
Immaculate Conception	\$ 3,028.00

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

Websites / Social Media

Websites

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 and 11:30 AM Sunday Masses are recorded and posted online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and are available for viewing at any time.

YouTube - St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

Facebook Page - St. Edward the Confessor Church

To watch the Sunday Masses on your smartphone, just scan this QR code.



“Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you”.

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 12/20 - Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Jerry Higgins

Tues. - 12/21 - Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Fred Varacchi

Wed. - 12/22 - Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Ann Marie Mastino

Thurs. - 12/23 - Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 am Tilly Pereira

Fri. - 12/24 - Friday of the Fourth Week of Advent

9:00 Deceased Members of the Kempton Family

4:00 pm (Church) Paul Pepe, Jr., Charles Orrico

4:00 pm (Aud.) Peter Paterson

6:00 pm Msgr. John Martin

8:00 pm Robert, Anne & Edward Geber

Midnight Johanna Baresic

Sat. - 12/25 - The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 am John Florio

9:30 am Marie Stallone

11:30 am Debbie O'Connor

Christina Angelo

Joanne DeJong

Marie Stallone

Dorothy Stannish

Lorraine D'Errico

1:00 pm John & Helen Carbone

Sun. - 12/26 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am Catherine Assmus

9:30 am Charles Ehrhard

11:30 am Cynthia Morrison

Philip Caputo

Michael Vascellaro

William Peter Fleig

Paula & Anthony Lembo

Claudio Miguel Inoa

6:00 pm James Kilderry

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. 1/C, Anthony M. Biz, U.S. Marine Corps

Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy

Lt. Lauren Ehrhard, U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps

SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army Special Forces

Petty Officer 3rd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy

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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

“If you know of any military personnel listed above who are no longer in the service, please call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030 to have their name removed. In this way we can accommodate new names”.

The Altar Bread & Wine

For the week of December 19 - December 25, 2021

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Christina Angelo

By: Your Loving Parents

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of December 19 - December 25, 2021

Is Lit in Memory of

Paula and Anthony Lembo

By: Your Loving Family

Pray For The Sick

Catherine Frake

Renata Sorace

Kathy Rooney

Ryan DeRiggi

Edward Morea

James Mc Glone

Nancy Klingler-Petzold

From Death to New Life



Richard A. Marschean

Alan (Bud) S. MacKenzie

Who passed on April 21, 2020

The Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 - Micah 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.
Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm – 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

**R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Reading 2 - Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters:
When Christ came into the world, he said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took
no delight.
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in.”
These are offered according to the law.
Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.”
He takes away the first to establish the second.
By this “will,” we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ
once for all.

Gospel – Luke 3:10-18

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth
heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her
womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you
among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting
reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for
joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was
spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Next Week’s Readings

*The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph*

December 26, 2021

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

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

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel - Luke 2:41-52

From Fr. Mike's Desk

Christmas is only six days away, and here we are in a year which gives us almost a whole Fourth Week of Advent. Our time of waiting is almost over, and we can joyfully celebrate one of the greatest days on the Church's calendar! But before we celebrate December 25th let us back track a little to March 25th and to five months before. On March 25th, we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation (nine months before Christmas). At that event, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to our dear Blessed Mother, and asked her if she would be the mother of the Savior of the world. As we are told, Mary was greatly troubled by the appearance of the angel, and by the words used to greet her. Hail full of grace, the Lord is with you! After some fear and confusion, Mary told the angel that she was God's servant and anything He wanted her to do she would. At the end of the message, Gabriel informed Mary about her cousin Elizabeth who was with child. She could not have children during her life, and now she was in advanced age, yet she conceived a child and was now in her sixth month. Mary soon left and went to visit her cousin, not to verify the story but to help and speak with her cousin about the children to be!

Let us now go back five months from the Annunciation, where we are at the Temple in Jerusalem. There we find Zachariah, a priest of the Lord, who was making an offering at the Altar of Incense as it was his turn. This was a great honor and Zachariah was overjoyed to perform it. While he was there, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and told him the good news about his wife, and the son she would bear. He was frightened, and being an older person, he was somewhat suspicious about the message. He refused to believe the angel and because of his disbelief, he was struck mute, and could not speak until the child John was born! He refused to believe, and, in a way, he said no to God. Mary on the other hand, immediately said yes, even if she did not know where it would lead her.

This now leads us to today's Gospel, as we read about the Visitation, also known as the Meeting. Mary must go to see Elizabeth, and when she hears Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped for joy. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and that in turn filled his mother. So filled was she that she greeted Mary with these words, "Blessed are you among women, blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen

that the mother of my Lord should come to me... Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Certainly, we can see the difference between the two who received the Divine message. As we see one was extremely faithful and the other only trusted in his own ideas. However, Zachariah had a change of heart, and when John was born, and he could speak again he rightly proclaimed that his child would prepare the way of the Lord. As we mentioned above, the Visitation is also called the Meeting. But it is not just the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth, it is the meeting of the fore runner and the Messiah. John as mentioned, is filled with the Holy Spirit as he is so close to the Son of God, so that even as an unborn child he knows he is in God's presence.

We are six days from celebrating God becoming one of us, and we are six days away from celebrating the great moment which changed humanity forever. God elevated humanity to a new level, and we became better than when we were created. Are you ready to celebrate this, have you made room in your heart for the birth of Jesus, and are you ready to receive the Risen Jesus? Not just on December 25th or for the 12 days later, but every day of the year!

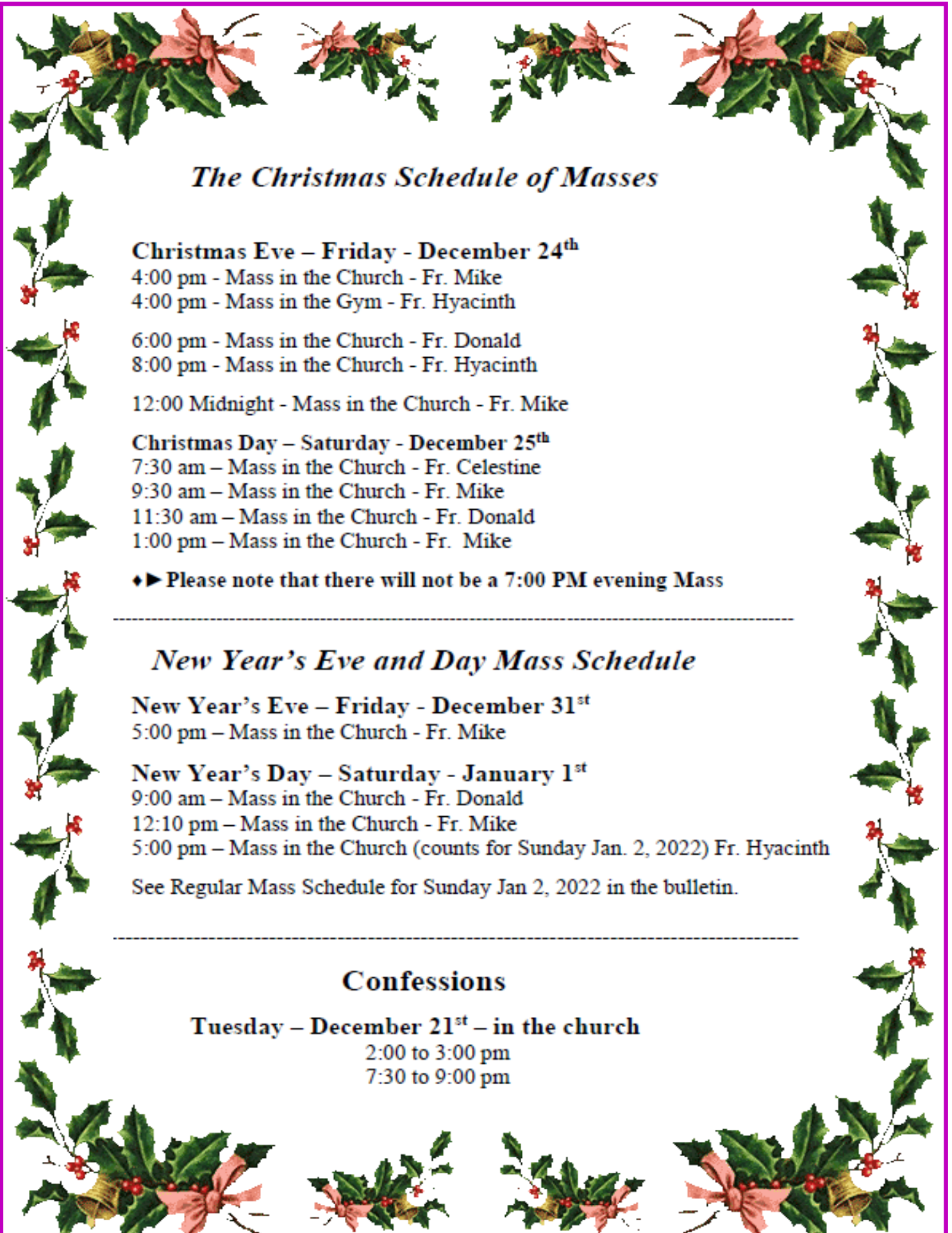
Please remember that we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday December 21st from 2-3 PM and 7:30-9:00 PM. The Mass times for Christmas Eve Friday the 24th are: 4 PM in the Church and in the Gym, 6 PM, 8 PM and 12 AM. The Masses for Christmas Day Saturday the 25th are: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. All Masses for Christmas Day are in the Church. Also please note that there is no evening Masses on Christmas Night!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The entire Saint Edward's Staff

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.



The Christmas Schedule of Masses

Christmas Eve – Friday - December 24th

4:00 pm - Mass in the Church - Fr. Mike

4:00 pm - Mass in the Gym - Fr. Hyacinth

6:00 pm - Mass in the Church - Fr. Donald

8:00 pm - Mass in the Church - Fr. Hyacinth

12:00 Midnight - Mass in the Church - Fr. Mike

Christmas Day – Saturday - December 25th

7:30 am – Mass in the Church - Fr. Celestine

9:30 am – Mass in the Church - Fr. Mike

11:30 am – Mass in the Church - Fr. Donald

1:00 pm – Mass in the Church - Fr. Mike

◆► Please note that there will not be a 7:00 PM evening Mass

New Year's Eve and Day Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve – Friday - December 31st

5:00 pm – Mass in the Church - Fr. Mike

New Year's Day – Saturday - January 1st

9:00 am – Mass in the Church - Fr. Donald

12:10 pm – Mass in the Church - Fr. Mike

5:00 pm – Mass in the Church (counts for Sunday Jan. 2, 2022) Fr. Hyacinth

See Regular Mass Schedule for Sunday Jan 2, 2022 in the bulletin.

Confessions

Tuesday – December 21st – in the church

2:00 to 3:00 pm

7:30 to 9:00 pm



New York State - Important Update to


Dear Brothers:

The New York State website FAQ's that accompany the Governor's directives regarding masks now includes "houses of worship".

Therefore, since Churches will **not** be requiring parishioners to present proof of vaccination, we ask that the following announcement be clearly communicated to parishioners through your normal means of communication:

"The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt accordingly as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated."

For your information: Priests and any other clergy / assistants may wear masks while processing in / out and while distributing Holy Communion. Please encourage all parishioners, especially volunteers / ushers, to be



As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ let us not forget that the greatest gift we can give each other and Jesus is not our

P-R-E-S-E-N-T-S

but rather our

P-R-E-S-E-N-C-E

Your parents, grandparents, children, family, and friends really just want you and so does Jesus...

Come home to St. Edward's for Christmas

And bring the family!

Parish Social Ministry



Tel: 516-921-8030

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

Where there is kindness there is goodness; where there is goodness there is God.

The kindness of the parishioners of St. Edward Confessor Church and the Syosset community has changed the lives of so many here in Syosset and beyond. For many of our pantry families, the pandemic has made their difficult life circumstances more of a burden. Between the financial hardship and ongoing health related issues, life leaves them feeling hopeless and abandoned by God. The volunteers in both the Parish Social Ministry and our St. Vincent dePaul Conference help the less fortunate to witness the goodness of God. One woman wrote to us, "You have restored my faith with kindness and understanding."

Let me share with you how we are able to continuously help others in need and the ways we are helping them. At the food pantry, we are currently providing assistance to 68 families and 24 individuals. Throughout the year, with your help and from Island Harvest, we are able to weekly provide nutritious food and basic needs items. We receive a tremendous amount of assistance from members of our Syosset community holding food drives and making monetary donations: Syosset Public Library, Syosset Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, Mid-Island Jewish Center, Sisters of Mercy, parishioners from Holy Name of Jesus, the non-profit group J.E.T.S. of America, Signature Premier Properties, staff, students and parents from all the Syosset Public Schools, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, St. Edward Confessor School, and Boy Scouts Troop 205. There are several neighbors who heard about our pantry and regularly drop off food and basic need items as well as make significant monetary donations. They hear the voices of the poor and want to help. God is good, all the time.

At Christmas, Easter, Back to School and Thanksgiving, each family receives gift cards to make their own purchases as well as grocery cards as needed. For Christmas, the families are given a choice of a frozen lasagna dinner, turkey, ham or chicken. Parents are able to select toys from our toy drive. At Thanksgiving, they receive a choice of a turkey or chicken with all the trimmings and homemade pumpkin bread or fresh made rolls. They can select a coat for each family member from our yearly coat drive. This year, there was a nice selection of brand new coats, gloves and hats for the children. Our back to school drive provides each student with a backpack filled with all the necessary school supplies. This year we gave out a total of 96 backpacks, 81 to our pantry children and 15 to Jericho Cares for the children living in motels. At Easter, we distributed 100 Easter baskets and gave 15 to the children living in the Jericho motels. Just as it is important for us to receive your generous donations, it is also important for us to give, we donate food and other items to St. John of God in Islip on a monthly basis. Where there is goodness there is God.

The kindness of the parishioners continues to change lives by comforting someone who is sick or grieving, by prayer and with handmade prayer shawls. We are so fortunate to have parishioners who returned to volunteer their time to bring communion to the sick in Syosset Hospital, the elderly living in the nearby nursing homes and the homebound. We returned to Cold Spring Hills Nursing Home in June, the surviving residents warmly welcomed and greeted us with Joy to receive Jesus and hear the Word of God. We have an amazing outreach ministry here at St. Edward Confessor Church; every volunteer works tirelessly to give of their time to help our neighbors in need.

Parishioners, because of your kindness, your soul has found a place in the hearts of those whose daily lives are a struggle and it is truly a shelter fortified with gratitude. Thank you!

May God's love surround you at Christmas and always.

With gratitude, Donna

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PREPARING OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

During the latter part of this Advent Season our Knights of Columbus put in many hours of their time to prepare the church for Christmas. Trees were selected and placed behind the altar, and along the right side of the church as a backdrop to the crèche. New lights were also added to the trees. Additionally, the Knights erected the stable and nativity scene on the front lawn. For their efforts a special thanks goes out to; Russell Kendall PGK, Edwin Schantz PGK, Ciro (Jerry) Migliore and Ralph Catapano FS.



The Saint Joseph's Prayer Group



The Holy Father had announced that 2021 was **The Year of Saint Joseph**. St. Joseph was a worker, devoted husband to Mary, a father figure to Jesus, and provides us with **a great example of what a man should strive to be**. Let us follow the example of Saint Joseph, sharing in the love of his Blessed Spouse and Divine Son, by praying the **Rosary** and the **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**. Should you feel the pull of the Holy Spirit during this final part of the Advent Season to spend more time in prayer, then gather with **The St. Joseph's Prayer Group on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm in the Church**. Prayer pamphlets for how to pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be made available to everyone. These powerful prayers are gifts from Heaven, and we should believe in their great promises. "Those who sincerely say 'Jesus, I trust in You' will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears".



The Christmas Season

That part of the year that brings to mind wonderful memories and a longing to be with family and friends.

It's a great opportunity to come home!

It's been a long and difficult time since all of us have been together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Let this year be the chance to change that. Please ask you family, friends and neighbors to

Come home to St. Edward's for Christmas.

We've missed you all!



During Advent, we have a special opportunity to extend the generous spirit of Christ with those around us.

Here are a few ways you can extend generosity to the families in our community who are struggling this season.

Purchase a \$25.00 gift card to Target or Stop & Shop. A volunteer will be in the vestibule at each of the Masses during Advent.

Donate a new unwrapped toy for a child ages 1 – 16.

Donate to our pantry. The items we always need are: mayonnaise, ketchup, tea, coffee, white rice, lentils, kidney beans, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towel and toilet paper.

Leave all donations in the storage box.

Thank you!

NEWLY BAPTIZED



Anthony Joseph Capezza

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Ciara Kane

Charlotte May Keenan

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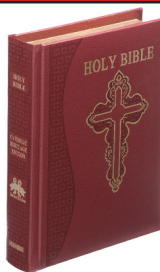
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