

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The Fourth Sunday of Advent *December 20th, 2020*

THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
Rev. Hyacinth Jemigbola, Associate Pastor
Rev. Celestine Nwosu, Associate Pastor
Msgr. Donald McE. Beckmann, Sunday Priest
Deacon James F. Murphy
Deacon Barry P. Croce



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

Youth Ministry

Ms. Michelle Sena - Vision

Religious Education

Mrs. Rosemary Pettei, Director
Ms. Mary Calabrese, Director of Confirmation
Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

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

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 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

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

Our Weekly Offering

December 13, 2020	\$ 14,135.00
Envelopes:	190
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 4,749.00
Transactions:	51
Total:	\$ 18,884.00

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 26	5:00 PM	Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, Dec. 27	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	9:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	11:30 AM	Fr. Mike

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

Fr. Mike

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.

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

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

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. - 12/21 - Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent**
9:00 am Fred Varacchi
- Tues. - 12/22 - Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent**
9:00 am Patrick J. Driscoll
- Wed. - 12/23 - Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent**
9:00 am Tilly Pereira
- Thurs. 12/24 - Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent**
9:00 am For Our Parishioners
4:00 pm Church Paul Pepe, Jr., Dec. Members of Crowe & Weidenman Families, Charles J. Orrico, James Lohr
4:00 pm Gym Peter Paterson
6:00 pm Robert, Anne & Edward Geber
8:00 pm Int. of Noreen, Sal, Bonnie & Heidi Cinquegrana
12 Midnight John & Helen Carbone
- Fri. - 12/25 - The Nativity of the Lord**
7:30 am Deceased Members of the Fay Family
9:30 am Deceased Members of the Kempton Family
11:30 am Anita Berwanger, Christina Angelo, Joanne deJong, Marie & Anthony LoPresti, Sal LoPresti & Joan Hurley
- Sat. - 12/26 - Feast of St. Stephen**
9:00 am In Thanksgiving to the Rosary Group For All Their Prayers
5:00 pm Charles Ehrhard, Gina Hoda, Margaret Synakowski, Adele Anna Meehan, Intention of Richard Morris & Our Parishioners
- Sun. - 12/27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
7:30 am Catherine & George Assmus
9:30 am Philip Caputo
11:30 am Deborah O'Connor, Allen & Patricia Murray, Louis Carratu, Joseph Castorina & Chie Petti

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 20—December 26, 2020

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Fred Varacchi

By: Claire & Tom Drennan

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of December 20- December 26, 2020

Is Lit in Memory of

Guiseppe Commisso

By: Your Loving Wife & Family

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	Anthony Lembo	Julianna Key
Michele Wesch	Renata Sorace	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	John Hynson	Alexandra Reuter
Frances Genovese Wangberg		Robert Philipps

Death to New Life



John V. Cotona, Sr.

William J. McDonnell

The Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading 2 – Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel – Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." With these words the Archangel Gabriel left the Blessed Mother and God's plan for our salvation came closer to its completion. What a contrast between today's Gospel and our First Reading from the Second Book of Samuel. In Second Samuel, David hopes to build the first real temple to the One, True God. He discusses his plans with Nathan the Prophet, who believes that God would want and even expect David to accomplish this great task. After all, it appears that God has given David everything.

But as we see, David, who wants so desperately to build the temple, is told by God, "no"! God will not let David build the temple for many reasons, but God does tell David that his son will build the temple and it will be blessed by God, and so Solomon is called to build the first Temple. However God tells David that this in no way means that He has withdrawn His favor from David. In fact God tells the King that his house will be established forever and his descendants will sit on the throne forever.

Now let us look at the Gospel. As we are told the Blessed Mother is contacted by God through the Archangel, who tells her she is going to be the mother of the savior of the world. She is not seeking this, nor is she expecting it, but she who is full of grace receives the honor that David was denied. She, like the Temple, would be a dwelling place for God as she is indeed a living temple; the most fitting of all dwellings for the Son of God. Also with Mary's "yes", God's promise to David is fulfilled, for Jesus; through Joseph, is a descendant of the House of David and takes up His throne forever as the King of Kings. Great things He will accomplish and He will bring great joy to all who know and believe in Him, as St. Paul's letter to the Romans hints at today.

Four days from today we will celebrate and remember the great day when God became one of us in the person of Jesus. Four days from now we will remember how His taking on Human Life set us free from slavery to sin. Four days from now we will remember how much God loves us by sending the true light into the world to conquer the power of darkness. And in four days, we will realize that by God becoming one of us, He wishes us to become His dwelling place as well. For God

became one of us to share all things with us, to know what it is to live a human life and show us the way to a heavenly life.

Through the Holy Spirit we are all God's dwelling places, so I invite you to use these four days to clean house and to get your heart and soul ready to welcome "*The New Born King*" into your house. **Please see the bulletin for Christmas Eve and Day Masses.**

On behalf of Fr. Hyacinth, Fr. Celestine, Deacon Jim, Deacon Barry, our Director of Religious Education Rosemary Pettei, our School Principal Vincent Albrecht, our RCIA Director Sr. Sheila Brown, our Music Directors Jeff and Marilyn Fox, our Children's Choir Director Celia Hayden, our Youth Choir Director Michele Sena, our Business Manager Deacon Tom Connolly, our Finance Director Miguel de Leon, and the entire Staff of Saint Edward the Confessor we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr. Mike



Next Week's Readings

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 27, 2020

First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6

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

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

Christmas Mass Schedule

The St. Edwards Parish will be following guidelines established by both New York State and the Diocese of Rockville Centre for facility capacities and social distancing. When attending Mass, all Parishioners must wear a mask. Except for the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, all Masses will be held in the Church until the maximum allowable capacity is reached, and only then will there be an additional Mass in the Gym. Please arrive early, and following the Usher's directions on seating.

Date	Time	Priest	Location
December 24	4:00 PM	Fr. Mike/Fr. Hyacinth	Church/Gym
December 24	6:00 PM	Fr. Donald	Church
December 24	8:00 PM	Fr. Celestine	Church
December 24	12:00 AM	Fr. Mike	Church

Date	Time	Priest	Location
December 25	7:30 AM	Fr. Mike	Church
December 25	9:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth	Church
December 25	11:30 AM	Fr. Donald	Church
December 25	1:00 PM	Fr. Mike	Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard on **Monday, December 21st** during the following hours:
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and **7:30 PM to 9:00 PM**

New Year's Masses

Thursday, Dec. 31 5:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth
 Friday, Jan. 1 9:00 AM Fr. Donald / Fr. Mike
 12:10 AM Fr. Donald

There will be no evening Mass on New Year's Day. All Masses will be held in the church until the maximum allowable capacity is reached, and only then will there be an additional Mass in the Gym. Please arrive early, and following the Usher's directions on seating.

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!***

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

One of our neighbors is in need of an updated desktop or laptop. Please call our St. Vincent de Paul number if you can help us help this neighbor.

The St. Vincent de Paul conference would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at (516) 218-7837.

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 39 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 3rd Sunday of Advent, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

This Sunday we enter the Third Week of Advent, as signified by the lighting of the Rose-Colored Candle. For the first two weeks we lighted the purple candles, but this week we light the candle of a different color, of course next week we go back and light the Fourth Candle which is again purple. This Sunday is called in Latin Gaudete Sunday, which means Rejoice. We rejoice because we have made a transition in our Advent observance. We are now no longer focusing on repentance, but celebration, celebrating the Birth of Jesus on Christmas. The color Rose was selected because it goes back to an ancient custom of how the Pope would honor special visitors or those who gave loyal service. He would present them with a pink rose, and since we are waiting to greet the Christ Child, we present Him with a Rose candle. This candle also has in some traditions the name of the Shepherd Candle. It is called that because it remembers the joy the shepherds experienced when they saw the angels and the baby Jesus.

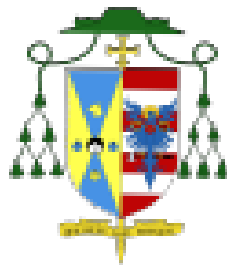
In fact, each of the Purple Candles has a specific name and meaning. The First Candle is the Candle of Hope or the Prophecy Candle. In our lighting of this candle our hearts are led to hope, much like our ancestors who were hoping for the coming of the Messiah, and as the Prophecy Candle it calls us to remember the words of the Prophets and likewise hope in them. The Second Purple Candle is the Preparation Candle or also known as the Bethlehem Candle. The hope from the first candle and week helps us now to better prepare our hearts to welcoming and receiving Jesus at His first coming and especially for His second coming. The Fourth Candle is called the Candle of Love, it reminds us that as we reach this fourth week, we will be coming to the end of our Advent Journey and we will be realizing the Love that God has for us, by becoming one of us in the person of Jesus. Remember that Purple is not only the color of penance, but also the color of nobility and reminds us of the supremacy of Christ who is the King of Kings, the King of the Universe, and our hearts. Thus, purple reminds us that we are preparing to welcome our Savior (in both comings).

As we begin this Third Sunday, let our hearts true to rejoicing as we are about to celebrate the great feast of the Incarnation. While we do not live in a perfect world, and we face many struggles, especially in these very anxious and uncertain time, God has called us to be His own and has called us to share eternal life with Him in Heaven, this is the true joy of Christmas. Yes, this Christmas will be different from past celebrations, but with God's help and all of us working together we can make it something new and bright.

We close with the Entrance Antiphon from this Sunday's Mass: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

God Bless you

Fr. Mike



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2020

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

When he was elected as a Successor of St. Peter on March 13, 2013, our Holy Father chose the name *Francis*. It was a weighty decision with a prophetic message. Especially now, seven years later and with the publication of his latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* from the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 2020, the significance of the choice is clear: Pope Francis connects his papacy to St. Francis.

Through the ministry of our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi is close to the Church in these times. Therefore, as we draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this difficult year, I wish to recall two points Pope Francis highlights from the life of St. Francis. One will help us celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord; the other indicates a grace for which to pray during the holy season.

First, in his 2019 Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*, Pope Francis emphasizes St. Francis of Assisi's foundational role in our celebration of Christmas. The Holy Father recalls the origins of the crèche and the first nativity scene inspired by the holy friar in 1223, by which the saint sought "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem." Importantly, the remembrance of Christ's birth that St. Francis desired to convey was brought alive in Greccio, a small village in Italy, not by statues but by people from the surrounding towns and countryside. Together with St. Francis, his friars, an ox and a donkey, they gathered at a cave to behold a manger full of hay over which the Eucharist was celebrated. That Christmas night, almost 800 years ago, Pope Francis reminds us, "the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." That night, there was "no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery." (2) Encountering Christ, there was simply joy and hope.

This Christmas, in our world laden with the Crosses of COVID-19, political and economic turmoil, racism, financial hardship, and so many other societal ills and challenges – challenges that impact us on Long Island – let us remember this lesson from Greccio: Christmas is an event to be lived. It demands our participation. Like the women and men who embodied that first crèche, we must be present to Christ who is born for us. We must behold and receive Him.

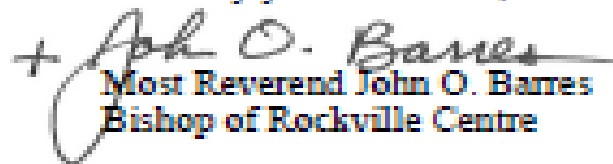
Second, in *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis shows St. Francis as an icon of Christocentric-listening. With great humility and charity, the saint reverently listened to others. He was present to the various voices in his life – the voice of God, the voice of his neighbor, the voice of the poor, the voice of the sick, the voice of nature – and by truly hearing them, he was an instrument of peace, healing, and understanding. How different it can be for us! The Holy Father says well what we know: “Today’s world is largely a deaf world...At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying.” Aware of this fact, the Pope encourages us, in the midst of our hectic and polarized world, to be like St. Francis and “not lose our ability to listen.” (48)

This Christmas, when we approach the crib, let us ask for the grace to be attentive listeners. Let us ask for the grace to be like St. Francis, so that we may hear the voice of God and the voice of our neighbor and respond with the radical charity he exhibited.¹

Like Pope Francis, may we be moved by the example of St. Francis, and may St. Francis of Assisi’s love for the Mystery of the Nativity, his ecstatic mysticism, his love for the poor, and his spirit of universal fraternity animate our celebration of Christmas this year.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

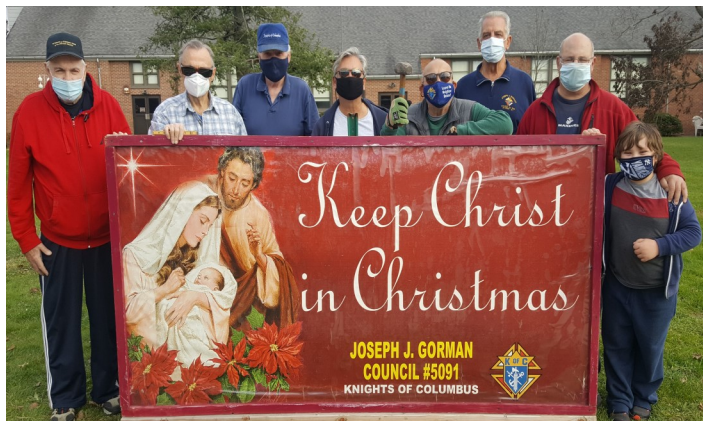
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Cf. Bishop John O. Barres October 8, 2020 Statement, “The Compelling Figure of St. Francis of Assisi in the Pontificate of Pope Francis and his New Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*.”

Knights of Columbus - Keeping the Spirit of Christmas Alive

During the past several weeks our local Council of the Knights of Columbus have worked to prepare the Church and surrounding grounds with everything from the Keep Christ in Christmas sign and the Nativity Creche, to the Christmas Trees inside the Church, all in preparation for this most joyous of seasons. If you pass by a Knight during Christmas time, please say thanks for all their efforts. If volunteering for projects around the parish such as this would be of interest to you, considering joining the Knights. Speak with Fr. Mike or send an email to John O'Connor at: GrandKnight5091@gmail.com



Pictured above left to right: Joseph Grehan, Myro Halecky, John Mc Elwee, Jerry Migliore, Louis Tannazzo, Ed Schantz, Big Ralph Catapano, Little Ralph Catapano



Pictured above from left to right: Russell Kendall, John Mc Elwee, Lou Tannazzo, Jerry Migliore, Ralph Catapano, Fr. Mike and Ed Schantz.



Pictured above: Lou Tannazzo, Jerry Migliore, Ralph Catapano, Ed Schantz and Fr. Mike. Not pictured (but each worked very hard; Russell Kendall, Joe Grehan and Myro Halecky.



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Baby Bottle Campaign to Benefit the Life Center of Long Island

The Life Center would like to thank the Parishioners of St. Edward the Confessor Parish for participating in our Baby Bottle Campaign. In your Last campaign in 2019, St. Edward the Confessor Parishioners donated **\$4,773.50!!**



We are still collecting baby bottles for our parish's recent baby bottle drive for the Life Center of Long Island.

DO YOU STILL HAVE A BABY BOTTLE?

It's not too late to return your bottle. We will take them back full or empty. Please bring it to the church or rectory so that we may return it to the Life Center. Thank you!

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.



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!

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A recording of the 2005 Advent Lessons and Carols is now available on YouTube and Facebook. Sr. Jackie is always in our hearts as are so many other lectors and choir members who have gone home to the Lord.

A recording of this year's Christmas Midnight Mass will also be posted on YouTube and Facebook.

See the front of the bulletin on how to find our YouTube and Facebook pages.

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!

Pope Francis says "Those Who Pray, Pray for All"

During his General Audience this past Wednesday Pope Francis focused on "intercessory prayer"; that is, prayer which asks on behalf of another." Those who are accustomed to pray, said Pope Francis, "never turn their backs on the world." If prayer is not engaged with every aspect of human existence – its joys and sorrows, its hopes and anxieties – it becomes a "decorative" activity.

The Pope noted a resemblance between those who pray for others, and Christ in the Eucharist. "In prayer," he said, "God 'takes us, blesses us, breaks us, and gives us,' to satisfy everyone's hunger." Every Christian, he added, "is called to become bread, broken and shared, in God's hands." Men and women of prayer, the Pope said, always "keep the doors of their hearts wide open," even when they seek solitude and silence. They pray for those who do not pray, or do not know how to pray, as well as for those "who have erred and have lost the way." In their solitude, those who pray "separate themselves from everything and everyone" precisely in order to "rediscover everything and everyone in God."

The Pope said these people "pray for each and every person," they see "the face of Christ in every poor person who knocks at their door, in every person who has lost the meaning of things." Prayer is "simply human," Pope Francis said. "The human heart tends toward prayer." But prayer necessarily involves love for our brothers and sisters. Human experience, said the Pope, "is present in every prayer, because no matter what errors people may have committed, they should never be rejected or discarded."

Pope Francis insisted that when those who pray offer prayers for sinners, there should be no judgment or condemnation: those who pray, pray for all, and first of all for themselves. The Holy Father suggested, for this very reason, a prayer that all can pray: "**Lord, no one is just in your sight; we are all debtors, each with an outstanding balance to pay; no one is sinless in your eyes. Lord, have mercy on us!**" The Pope continued, noting that, even despite the sins of His people, God remains faithful, persevering "in His service as a Shepherd even with those force him to get His hands dirty; He does not close His heart to those who have even made Him suffer."

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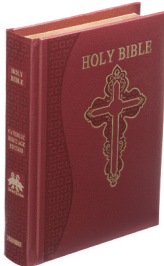
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