

# *St. Edward the Confessor*

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

*Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*



## *The Nativity of the Lord*

*December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022*



### **THE PASTORAL TEAM**

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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
Pastoral Center Offices.....	921-8030 ext. 132
Administration .....	921-8030 ext. 136
Facilities Scheduler .....	921-8030 ext. 136
Bereavement Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 137
Bulletin Editor.....	921-8030 ext. 137
PSM/Pantry.....	921-8030 ext. 140
Music Ministry.....	921-8030 ext. 150
RCIA.....	921-8030 ext. 150
St. Vincent De Paul Society.....	516-218-7837

## Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 31	5:00 PM	Fr. Mike
Sunday, Jan. 1	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	9:30 AM	Msgr. Beckmann
	11:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	6:00 PM	NO MASS

## 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 18, 2022	\$ 14,545.80
# of Envelopes	224
Automatic Transactions	\$ 4,415.00
# of Transactions	51
Total	\$ 18,960.80

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

Fr. Mike

## 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)

**Instagram:** [stedwardsyosset](https://www.instagram.com/stedwardsyosset)

**Formed:** [formed.org](http://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, on the day I called for help, you answered me.”***

## Mass Intentions

**12/26 - Feast of Saint Stephen**

9:00 am Charles Ehrhard

**12/27 - Feast of Saint John**

9:00 am Javier Arango

**12/28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents**

9:00 am Tom Cox

**12/29 - Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas**

9:00 am Estela de la Rosa de Florimon

**12/30 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

9:00 am Matthew J. MacKenzie

**12/31 - Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**

9:00 am Josephine Stigliano  
5:00 pm Elisa Amadeo Videla  
Juliet Capili

**01/01 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God**

7:30 am For All Deceased in 2022  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am Fr. Mike and Staff

There will be no evening Mass on January 1st.

The church will be open daily for your own private devotions, which may include : An Act of Spiritual Communion, Praying the Rosary, or writing down your own intentions in the book found at the rear of the church.

## 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  
Cpl. Matthew V. Balestrieri, U.S. Marine Corps  
Maj. Joel Bernazzani, U.S. Air Force  
SPC. Ryan D. Donadio, U.S. Army Nat. Guard  
Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy  
Lt. Lauren Ehrhard, U.S. Air Force  
Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps  
LCpl Spencer Gliner, U.S. Marine Corps  
SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army  
Petty Officer 2nd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy  
Lt. John Hagerman, U.S. Navy  
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  
Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army  
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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  
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 25 - December 31, 2022***

**Is Given in Loving Memory of**

***Aida Maffeo***

**By: Maryann and Ed Waite**

## Pray For The Sick

Kathy Rooney      Katie Harris      Renata Sorace  
Catherine Frake      James Connors      Kitty McGarry

## The Sanctuary Candle

***For the week of December 25 - December 31, 2022***

**Is Lit in Loving Memory of**

***Aida Maffeo***

**By: Luisa Ondocin**

## Death to New Life



***Patricia Jean Don Angelo***

***Marianne Boylan***

# The Nativity of the Lord

## Reading 1 - Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,  
announcing peace, bearing good news,  
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,  
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,  
together they shout for joy,  
for they see directly, before their eyes,  
the LORD restoring Zion.  
Break out together in song,  
O ruins of Jerusalem!  
For the LORD comforts his people,  
he redeems Jerusalem.  
The LORD has bared his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations;  
all the ends of the earth will behold  
the salvation of our God.

## Responsorial Psalm – 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.**

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done wondrous deeds;  
his right hand has won victory for him,  
his holy arm.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.**

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness  
toward the house of Israel.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;  
break into song; sing praise.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and melodious song.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

**R. All the ends of the earth have seen  
the saving power of God.**

## Reading 2 - Hebrews 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are my son; this day I have begotten you? Or again: I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:  
Let all the angels of God worship him.

## Gospel - John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

## Next Week's Gospel Question

In the Gospel of Luke we hear that the shepherds went to Bethlehem to find the infant Jesus after receiving a message (from the Angel of the Lord). Upon arriving at the manger the shepherds spoke of the message which had been told to them by the Angel, and all who heard it were amazed. The shepherds then left, glorifying and praising God.

**Having witnessed Jesus' presence and having rejoiced in God being with us on Christmas day, will we now go out into the world as the shepherds did, spreading the message and glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen?**

## Next Week's Readings

### *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

January 1, 2023

**First Reading - Numbers 6:22-27**

**Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

**Second Reading - Galatians 4:4-7**

**Gospel - Luke 2:16-21**

## From Fr. Mike's Desk

I shared this story a few years ago, about this Norwegian Legend. The Legend is the story called the Night the Animals Talked, and it draws children (and childlike adults) to stalls and stables throughout Norway every Christmas Eve. They are all hoping to see a miracle like the one described in the Legend. This is how the story goes. According to accounts, Christ's birth occurred exactly at midnight inside the stable, and while this was happening the animals watched in wonder as the newborn baby was lovingly wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger. Suddenly, God gave voice to the animals, and they began to praise God for the miracle they had just seen. This went on for several minutes, and just before the entrance of the shepherds, who had hurried to the stable because the angels had told them about the Messiah's birth. When they arrived, the animals went silent, and the only humans who heard them were Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This Legend of the Talking Animals persists to this day in Scandinavia, and as stated above, wide-eyed children creep into stables just before midnight to hear the animals praise God for the wondrous birth of His Son. Adults scoff at this, and say it is an old wife's tale, and the children should be in bed at midnight instead of waiting for a cow to preach a Christmas sermon. Yet, the children know or at least believe, that the animals really do praise God every Christmas Eve. Who of us, who believe in an all-powerful God, can say that it really does not happen!

As we celebrate Christmas Day today, and the Feast of the Holy Family this Friday (because Christmas is falling on a Sunday this year) we remember what this great season is all about. It is about the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem and our re-birth to a new and eternal life. On Friday, we will read the account of how the Holy Family fled into Egypt to escape Herod's command to kill all male children two years old and younger. We know that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph existed like any other family with troubles and trials, but they knew happiness and joy. We also know that Jesus experienced a full human life, so that being one of us, He could fully transform us. This is the greatest gift God has given to us, after our physical life and the gift of our spiritual and eternal life. We could not have realized this gift on our own since we lost so much by the sin of Adam. God would not allow any chaos caused by sin to keep us away from Him and He does this by giving us the gift of His only Son, who saved us by His life, death, and

resurrection. So, if God could transform us through the wondrous gift we celebrate today, just maybe the animals did speak and do speak every Christmas Eve.

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*We close with the following prayer from Christmas Mass during the night; Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with Him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

*Amen*

*I would like to say on behalf of Father Hyacinth, Father Celestine, Msgr. Beckmann, and Deacons Jim and Barry, Deacon Tom Connolly our Director of Administration, Miguel DeLeon our Finance Director, our Director of Religious Education Rosemary Pettei, our School Principal Vincent Albrecht, , our Music Directors Jeff and Marilyn Fox, Cecilia Hayden our Children's Choir, Michelle Sena Director of our Youth Choir, and the entire Staff of Saint Edward's we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Fr. Mike*

## 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.

## Christmas Flowers Donated in Honor / Memory of

<p>Victor V. Allegretti &amp; Josephine R. Cohen          Henry J. Anderson, Mr. &amp; Mrs.          DeCicco and Mr. &amp; Mrs. Anderson          George &amp; Catherine Asmus          Josephine Avena          Becht, Cannizzaro, Sohl Deceased Members          Ann C. Beyer, Otto G. Busch, Anna S. Busch &amp; Rolf H. Beyer          Marjorie A. Blieka          Creslaw Boguszewski, Irena Maslowska, Eugeniusz Maslowski          Catherine &amp; Joachim Borowik, Helen Borowik, Ann &amp; Maurice Walsh          &amp; Mary Borowik Gluzak          Brasen &amp; Regina Family          Kenneth &amp; Joseph Cavanagh          Nunzio Cazzetta, Jr. &amp; Ralph A. Cazzetta          Carmela &amp; Rose Cefalu &amp; Mary Fricano          Caroline &amp; Alfred Ciappa &amp; Aurora &amp; Pasquale Gatti          Cirello &amp; Lonigro Families          John V. Cirello, Jr., Madeline, Our Parents &amp; Harry Munster          John &amp; Helen Carbone &amp; Johanna Baresic          John P. Collins and Raymond Damadian          Angelo &amp; Josephine Coschignano &amp; Annamarie Morra          Frances &amp; Peter DeCarlo and Lorraine &amp; Frank O'Brien          Nella &amp; Daniel DeFelitta &amp; Clara &amp; Dom Mammano          Belinda &amp; Arthur DeFilippis          Vincent Del Vecchio          Dessoffy &amp; Moran Families          Nicasio Dizon, Susana Dizon, Estelita Saucon &amp; Renato Dizon          Marge and Pat Driscoll          Ehrhard Family &amp; Friends          Robert Ferlato, Josephine Amato, Edward Amato &amp; Marie Scarfone          Patricia Froehlich          Ann &amp; Daniel Gerrity          Aroline Giannino &amp; Family and Catherine Balesteri          Gerald Gisonny, Patricia Blackwell, Mary Munro &amp; Denise Wetter          Alice Graczyk, Bernard Graczyk,</p>	<p>Eileen Wade &amp; Robert Nardy          Edward P. 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MacKenzie          Rick &amp; Margaret Maier, Amy Fazino, The Panula Family &amp; Greg Michaeloff          Francesco &amp; Margherita Manzi &amp; Gino &amp; Ida Casali          Ann Marie Mastino &amp; Mastino, Rella &amp; Lee Families          Meehan &amp; Swanson Families          Monack Family, Nemecek Family &amp; Loretta Auebach          Dominick Morea          Allen &amp; Patricia Murray and Ruth Ryan          Mom &amp; Dad Navaretta, Louise Cappelli &amp; Mom &amp; Dad Hanwacker          O'Hara &amp; Horan Families          Stephen J. Ondras, Anna Danna, Douglas Danna &amp; Amelia Ondras          The O'Shaughnessy &amp; Ferri Families          Frederick Palumbo          Paterson, McCarthy &amp; Johnson Families</p>	<p>Pennisi, Vincent          Joseph Ratto &amp; Regina &amp; Hans Moeskes          Rogalski &amp; Marracello Families, Catherine Marracello &amp; Joseph Marracello          Claire &amp; Gerald Rooney and Martin and Margretta King          Violet Rose, Marie Sullivan, Joe Sullivan &amp; Janet Rose          Louis &amp; Palmina Sapelli &amp; Arthur Sapelli          Clementine Sarraf, Jebrail Sarraf &amp; Fahmi Munayiji          Michael &amp; Antoinette Scicutella &amp; Rocco &amp; Joanne Longo          Marie &amp; Vincent Tricomi, Gertrude &amp; Edwin Schantz and Jack Schantz          Mary &amp; Michael Vissichelli &amp; Jeremiah &amp; Helene Cronin          Edward Waite, &amp; Joseph R. Piambino &amp; Peter &amp; Angela Piambino          William &amp; Gladys Vogel, Rita &amp; Arnold Barnett, Sr. Eleanor Peters RSM and          In Thanksgiving for our Grandchildren          Sister Patrice Ward          Mr. &amp; Mrs. Herman Wesch &amp; Mr. &amp; Mrs. Sigurd Wikstrom          Gina Fariello Wilson          Olympia Fasano, Mario J. Fasano Sr., Philomena Zambri, &amp; John Zambri          Eleanor Haake &amp; Suzanne Tenti          Emma Anastasio, Joseph Anastasio, &amp; Nina Anastasio          James &amp; Josephine Traina, &amp; Gaetano Acerra          Urso, Uftring, DeLuce Family and Seska Families          Angela Vasile          Fred Varacchi, Catherine Drennan, Helen Reutershan &amp; Carole Morrison          Rosetta Wade          Waiter and Tyranski Families          Robert Tas, Frances Wlodarczyk, &amp; George Pank          Rita &amp; George Wulforst          Mary Jane Zuvicic, Frances &amp; Mike Magasic &amp; Margaret &amp; Joe Magasic</p>
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(List as of 12-19-2022)



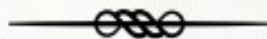
Mass of Farewell  
— for —  
Most Reverend  
Richard G. Henning

January 8, 2023  11:00 a.m.



at the Cathedral of  
St. Agnes in Rockville Centre

Bishop Barres will be the main celebrant.



All are welcome to attend this Mass *in-person*  
or to watch live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN).

CFN is available through 24/7 live stream at [CFNTV.org](http://CFNTV.org) and on selected cable and satellite systems.  
Optimum channel 29/137 • Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 • Spectrum channel 162/471  
You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android,  
or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app.

## A Catholic Brotherhood Changing the World



Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

If you desire to strengthen your faith while supporting your parish and contributing to charitable works within the community, The Knights of Columbus offers you that opportunity. **Devote as much or as little time as you have.** All are welcome! With the Knights, you are never alone. Our motto, "*In service to one, in service to all*" simply means that the Knights take seriously the two great commandments of Jesus Christ: to love God with our entire being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (cf. Mt 22:37-40).

**You can now join at any time, day or night, by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting this website:**

Just go to: [www.KofC.org/Join](http://www.KofC.org/Join)

Use Promo Code: **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** (to join online)

Local Council: **5091** (for St. Edwards)

Referral Number: **4740993** (if asked)



Questions? Contact John O'Connor, Grand Knight of Council 5091 at 516-921-8030, ext. 137

**In 2022 there were 2 million Knights worldwide who stepped up with close to 48 million service hours and who donated nearly \$154 million for worthy causes, both large and small.**

## New Year's Masses

### NEW YEAR'S EVE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 AM - Mass - Church

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass - Church - Fr. Mike

### NEW YEAR'S DAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30 AM - Mass - Church

9:30 AM - Mass - Church

11:30 AM - Mass - Church

*(There is no evening Mass on New Year's Day.)*

*O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!*



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

**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 increasing cost of living 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 gentleman who we have help at both the pantry and SVdP conference wrote to us, "I can't thank you enough for all the kindness and warmth that you have given me over the many months. A million blessings on all of you. Thank you."

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 76 families and 26 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 Woodbury Chamber of Commerce, Mid-Island Jewish Center, parishioners from Holy Name of Jesus, the non-profit group J.E.T.S. of America, 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. At Easter, we distributed many Easter baskets. 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 when we are able. 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 continue 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 last year with a small group of dedicated volunteers, residents warmly welcome us 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 Zaino

## “Emmanuel - God with us”



Now that ‘**God is *with us***’, we must pray, both privately and with others in our church community, to keep Him present in our lives. So come to the **St. Joseph Prayer Group** for healing in the world and for your own special intentions. As is stated in Matthew 18:20, Jesus promises His presence among us, and with us, when we gather to pray. All are welcome to attend, and there are no commitments. Pray with us any Thursday night at 7:30 PM in the church.

## For the Bereaved



**Begins on 1/19/23**  
**Ends on 3/9/23**

The death of a loved one can be the most profound emotional experience we will ever endure. The grief which follows can be painful and challenging. The St. Edward’s Bereavement Support Group provides an opportunity to be listened to, understood, nurtured and loved, and will give you methods and tools to help get you through the grieving process. A new Group for those bereaved 6 months or more is now being formed. The Group will meet once per week, for eight weeks beginning on Thursday, January 19th at 7:00 PM. **Registration is required. Please register early as the Group will be limited in size. The registration deadline is: 1/16/23.**

To register, please send an email with your name and telephone number to:

[Bereavement@st-edwards.org](mailto:Bereavement@st-edwards.org)

If you prefer, you may call the Rectory at: 516-921-8030

Once your information has been received you will be contacted by John O’Connor, Bereavement Facilitator for St. Edward’s Parish, who will confirm your registration and will provide you with additional information about the Group.

## Thank You for Your Kindness and Generosity



As we enter the final week of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal Campaign, we are pleased to report that **the parish has achieved its’ goal**. As in years past St. Edward’s has always achieved the quota given to us by the Diocese. The funds raised this year will continue to support the wonderful work of the many ministries of our diocese. Thousands of people, every year, count on the help given through your kind donations and that of many others. Not only is this important for the work of the diocese but now that we have achieve our goal, we will receive a rebate of some of that money, which is so dearly needed for our own parish.

Thanks and God bless!

## RCIA - Right of Christian Initiation for Adults



- \* Do you know someone who is looking to become a Catholic?
- \* Do you know a baptized adult Catholic who has never been catechized — that is, never participated in the Church or received First Holy Communion?
- \* Do you know someone who was never confirmed — baptized and made First Holy Communion, but never continued learning about their faith?

Perhaps they belong in the St. Edward's RCIA process!

Contact the St. Edward's parish office and ask for an RCIA team member: 516-921-8030.

## Be of Service to the Parish - Become an Usher



St. Edwards is in need of Ushers for this Christmas Season and during the course of the 2023 for all masses! Anyone that is interested in supporting our Church, please call Jim Asmus at (516) 661-7860.

Masses are held on Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 6 pm.

We thank you for your continue support!

## Care for Our Church and Parish

When coming to Mass, please park your vehicles in the designated spaces. Do not park in the designated fire land or in front of the dumpsters, as access is needed 24 hours a day and may create a safety hazard.

As mentioned last week, please be reminded that when attending Mass, you are asked to leave all drinks, including coffee, juices and water outside the church, and food as well. Those with medical conditions or caring for infants are excluded from this requirement.

## 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

### Next Monthly Food Drive is January 7th and 8th, - Items Needed:

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**Thank you for your support.**

## Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons.

### But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an **Evening of Prayer and Discernment** with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

### COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS -

**PREPARED - to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT,  
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**EVENINGS** are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS.**

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10—*St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street*

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11—*Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue*

7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

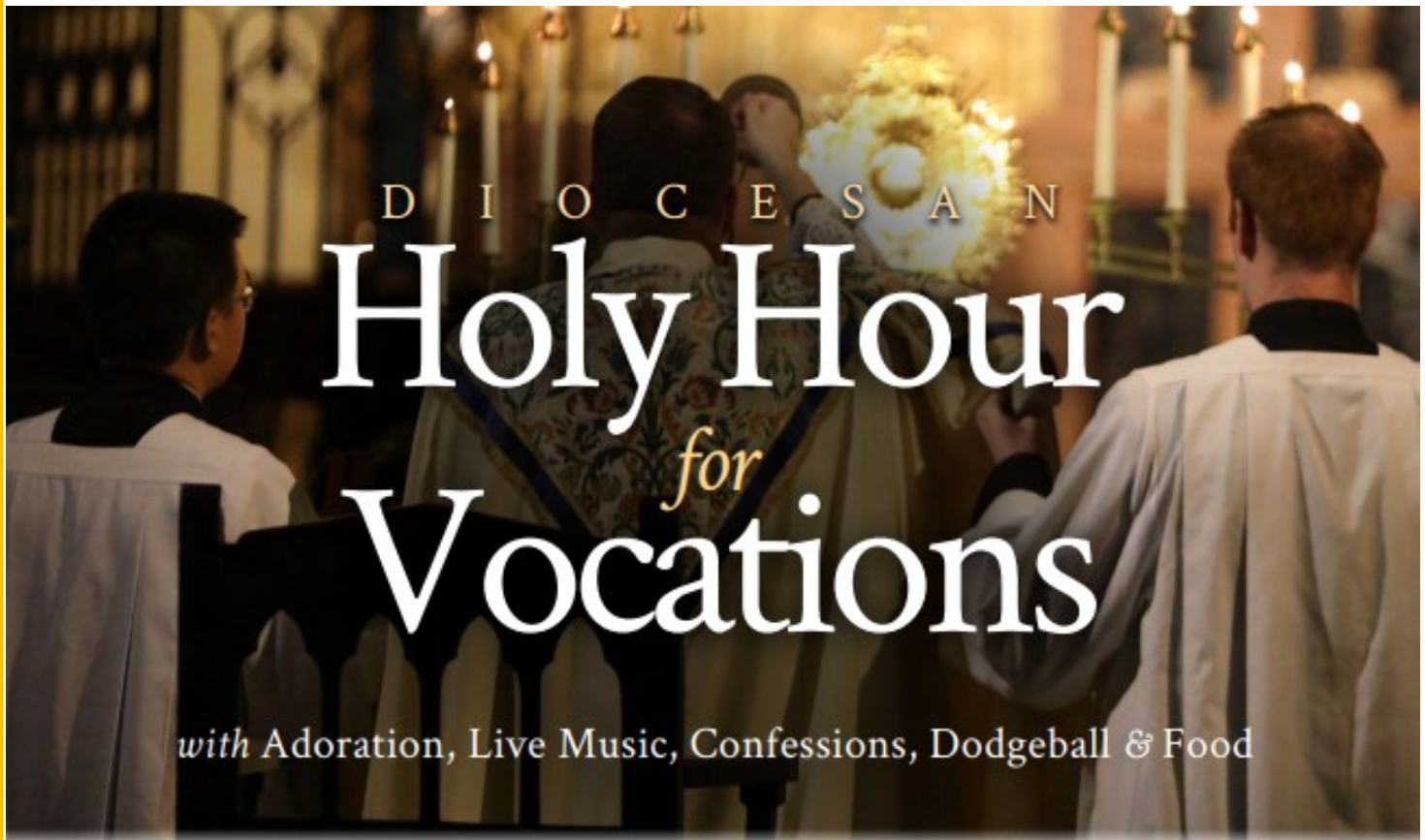
with an **EARLY WEEKEND OPTION** to be held at

1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —*St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue*

RSVP by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

**We thank you and look forward to being with you.**





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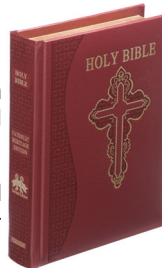
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