



St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26th, 2021



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Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

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Telephone Numbers

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Rectory Fax.....	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....	921-7767
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St. Vincent De Paul Society.....	516-218-7837

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, January 1 5:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth

Sunday, January 2 7:30 AM Fr. Mike
 9:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann
 11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann
 6:00 PM 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.

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 19, 2021	\$ 11,807.00
# of Envelopes	196
Automatic Trans.	\$ 4,597.00
# of Transactions	46
Total	\$ 16,404.00

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)

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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. - 12/27 - Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
9:00 am Danielle Thurston

Tues. - 12/28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents
9:00 am William Vavro

Wed. - 12/29 - The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas
9:00 am Leo Wetter, Sr.

Thurs. - 12/30 - The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas
9:00 am Matthew J. MacKenzie

Fri. - 12/31 - The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas
9:00 am Grace Barruccheri
5:00 pm Sarah Roche

Sat. - 1/1 - The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
9:00 am For the Health of All Newborns
12:10 pm For Those Suffering from Natural Disasters
5:00 pm Marie Stallone
Joseph Carlucci

Sun. - 1/2 - The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 am Angeline Connelly
9:30 am Jeanette Flaherty
11:30 am Robert, Anne & Edward Geber
Intention of Joe & Joanne Critelli
Intention of Kevin & Regina Hickson
Intention of Richard & Karen Roginski
Intention of Jorge & Monica Nunez
Intention of Fr. Roy Tvrdek
6:00 pm Parishioners of St. Edwards

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 26 - January 1, 2022
Is Given in Loving Memory of

Erich A. Pieper

By: Pieper & Ladd Families

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of December 26 - January 1, 2022
Is Lit in Memory of

Bruce Charles Rogers, Sr.

By: George & Cindy Greener

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
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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”.

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



Nancy Lombardo

The Readings for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reading 1 - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm – 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Reading 2 - Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,
and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving
one another, if one has a grievance against another; as
the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And
over all these put on love, that is, the bond of

perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your
hearts, the peace into which you were also called in
one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and
admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and
spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is
proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives,
and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children,
obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing
to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children,
so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel – Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the
feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years
old, they went up according to festival custom.
After they had completed its days, as they were
returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in
Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.
Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed
for a day and looked for him among their relatives
and acquaintances, but not finding him, they
returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three
days they found him in the temple, sitting in the
midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking
them questions, and all who heard him were
astounded at his understanding and his answers.
When his parents saw him, they were astonished,
and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you
done this to us? Your father and I have been
looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to
them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not
know that I must be in my Father's house?" But
they did not understand what he said to them. He
went down with them and came to Nazareth, and
was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these
things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom
and age and favor before God and man.

Next Week's Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2021

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

From Fr. Mike's Desk

Way back in 1990 (31 years ago) one of the popular Christmas films in circulation was *Home Alone*. It is still a holiday favorite, and it was so popular that it spun off a sequel, which was not so successful. If you know the film, you will recall that the plot surrounds an eight-year-old boy named Kevin and his family. The whole extended family was planning a holiday trip to Paris, and they were all excited. The day before the flight everyone arrives at Kevin's house and there is nothing but confusion. Kevin is picked on by his older brother Buzz, and so to escape goes up to the third floor of the house. While he is there, he sulks and wished that his whole family, especially Buzz, would disappear. As luck would have it, there was a power failure the night before and so the alarm clocks did not go off as planned. When the family realizes what the time really is, they rush around because they are afraid of missing their flight. So, hurriedly they pack up what they need, leave the house, and make it to the airport on time. However, because of all this they do not realize that they left Kevin behind, who was by himself on the third floor. Now Kevin wakes up and finds his whole family gone, and at first, he thinks his wish had come true, but eventually he regrets his wish and prays for his family to return. As for the rest of his family, his mother Kate keeps saying "I think I am forgetting something!" Her husband and the rest of the adults tell her not to worry and they have everything they need. When they are in the air, and it is too late to do anything about it, she realizes what she forgot and she yells out in terror, "**Kevin!**" The parents on their part make every effort to get back home once they land in Paris, but only Kate can get on the next flight back. Kevin, on his part, enjoys being alone for a while until he encounters the *Wet Bandits*.

In a way, this type of story is just like the account we are reading about in today's Gospel, when Joseph and Mary realize that their 12-year-old son, Jesus is not with them on the journey back to Nazareth. When they realize He is missing, they make a frantic rush back to Jerusalem even though it was quite dangerous. When they arrive in the Holy City, they have no idea where to start looking for their Son. After a few days, they find Him in the Temple speaking to the scribes and elders, who were totally amazed about the wisdom and knowledge this boy possessed. When His parents hear His voice, they

are overjoyed, likewise they are upset, so they ask Jesus why He put them through this ordeal. Now, I am sure that Jesus did not want to make them worry, but instead of offering an apology, He says to them, "**Why were you looking for me everywhere, didn't you know that I must be in my Father's House?**" How many parents would appreciate an answer like that? How would you react if your 12-year-old answered you like that or even pulled this kind of stunt? Do not answer now, and please note the time of confessions to handle the answers you just made. Yet Mary and Joseph did not react as most parents would because His answer reminds them of His true origins. On this Sunday after Christmas, when we focus on the Holy Family, we are not looking at a family without problems, no, we are looking at a totally human family just like other families, like yours. But this family has God in its midst, in the person of Jesus, but so does your family. Perhaps not in the same way, but Jesus is always with us, and we are always members of His family.

We close with this prayer; Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love.

Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Merry Christmas!

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.

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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 - Fr. Hyacinth
(*this Mass counts for Sunday Jan. 2, 2022)

See the regular Mass schedule for Sunday Jan 2, 2022 in the bulletin.



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 call of the Holy Spirit during this Christmas 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".

Newly Baptized



River Kelly Hayes

New York State - Important Update to Mask Mandate

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 patient and charitable towards all. It is **not** the responsibility of any individual to police / enforce State regulations. Thank you for your patience and calm leadership.

Oremus pro invicem!

In Christ,
Fr. Eric R. Fasano
Vicar General

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



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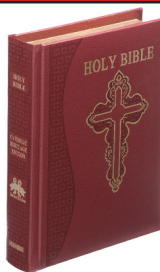
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