# St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

## Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021



#### THE PASTORAL TEAM

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



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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	
St. Edward Confessor School	921-7767
Religious Education Office	
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

## Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 8	5:00 PM	Msgr. Beckmann
Sunday, May 9	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	Fr. Mike Fr. Mike*
*May Crowning		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 PMFridays:9:00 AM to 3:00 PMClosed for Lunch M-F:1:00 PM to 2:00 PMSaturdays - 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.

### **Our Weekly Offering**

April 25, 2021	\$ 8,856.00
# of Envelopes	160
Automatic Trans.	\$ 1,253.00
# of Envelopes	36
Total	\$ 10,109.00

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

## Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org School: www.stedwardconfessor.org Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com Facebook: stedwardsyosset Twitter: stedwardsyosset Instagram: 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 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. - 5/3 - Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles** 9:00 am Ida and Jack Gardini

**Tues. - 5/4 - Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter** 9:00 am Dario Moscheni & Calogero Mule'

Wed. - 5/5 - Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter 9:00 am Mario Dammacco

**Thurs. - 5/6 - Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter** 9:00 am Ann Marie Mastino

**Fri. - 5/7 - Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter** 9:00 Ira Glazer

## Sat. - 5/8 - Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter9:00 amDeogracias Capili5:00 pmMary Gagliardi

Wary Gagliardi Vincent De Vuono Paula Lembo Frances & Lawrence Roman

#### Sun. - 5/9 - Sixth Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day

7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am Cheryl Moore Dorothy Stannish Kitty O'Malley Sosamma M. Sosomma Dolly Gaita Janice Farrell Milia Mouradian Maldjian & Vartavar Maldjian

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 May 2 - May 8, 2021* Is Given in Loving Memory of

Christina Angelo

**By: Your Loving Parents** 

#### **The Sanctuary Candle**

For the week of May 2 - May 8, 2021 Is Lit in Loving Memory of

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### **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 Pvt. John J. D'Ámico, 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, Ú.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 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 t. 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 Mai, James Tom, 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".

### **Pray For The Sick**

Joseph Kempton John I Kathy Rooney Rober Michele Wesch Renat Katy Monte Cather Nancy Klingler-Petzold

John Lamb, Sr. Robert Philipps Renata Sorace Catherine Frake

Julianna Key Susan Giambalvo Alexandra Reuter John Hynson James Mc Glone

### Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:18

## The Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### **Reading 1 - Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

#### Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

## **R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

#### R. Alleluia.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill;

they who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your hearts live forever!" **R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.** or

#### R. Alleluia.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations

shall bow down before him.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.** 

#### R. Alleluia.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend

all who go down into the dust.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.** or:

#### R. Alleluia.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.** 

#### R. Alleluia.

#### **Reading 2 – 1 John 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

#### Gospel – John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to vou. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me vou can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### **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

Talk is cheap, and actions speak louder than words, or perhaps you would prefer, you can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk? Or maybe, "Children let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Saint John in his First Letter is really telling us that the true cost of being a disciple of Jesus is not a person who just talks or pays the Lord lip service. No, a true disciple must put the Gospel into practice. So it means we must love one another, forgive each other, and do our best to help people in need whether their need is physical, emotional, or spiritual. This is what it means to keep Jesus' commandment of loving one another just as He loves us.

But as we know, this is not easy to do. Sometimes we cannot help others in need. Perhaps we find it hard to forgive those who have hurt us, or, sometimes, we find it hard to love others or a particular person or group of persons. So how can we do these things, how can we follow Jesus' commandment of love, and not just give Him lip service? The answer is seen in today's Gospel Passage, as we must remember the unique relationship that we as members of the Body of Christ share with our Risen Lord. Jesus tells us that our relationship is like a branch and its relationship to the vine. This imagery is one that was very familiar to the people of the Ancient World. If you have ever seen grape vines grow, you would see how the branches are so totally dependent upon the vine for food, water and life itself. The vine also connects the braches to each other and to the roots. In the same way, without Jesus we cannot truly survive or to be able to act in His Holy name. Without Jesus to feed us, water us, and give us spiritual strength and grace we can never walk the walk with Him

Jesus is not asking us to act in His Name without Him guiding and helping us. Remember, God never asks us to do anything we cannot do; and He never asks us to do it by ourselves. We must also keep in mind, that as branches connected to the same vine, Christ also gives us the help and support of each other so we can speak in truth and in deed. This is the reason why Christ founded the Church in the first place, so that His Living Body can change the world.

During this Easter Season, our young people in grade/level two will receive Jesus in His Body and Blood for the first time. This is indeed a joyful event for the children, their families, and for all of us here at St. Edward's. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive Jesus for the first time, that it will not be the last time. Pray that their families and friends will support them and help them to see the true beauty of the Sacrifice of the Mass and the joy of being a participating member of this wonderful community we call St. Edward's.

Next Sunday is also Mother's Day and we will have the Crowning of the Blessed Mother at the 9:30 AM Mass, please see the bulletin for more details. And keep in mind to have our mothers (living and deceased) remembered in a special way during the Month of May, please use the envelope found in your packet to enroll these special women in the Novena of Masses.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Mike

## **Next Week's Readings**

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021 First Reading - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalms - 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel - John 15:9-17

## Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 58 of the Corona Virus Crisis

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

This weekend we mark the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. We call this Sunday Good Shepherd because every year the Gospel Reading stress Jesus as the Good Shepherd or has Jesus telling us He is the Good Shepherd. Now in Jesus' time, and in every society or place where sheep are raised, the title Good Shepherd meant a great deal. In Israel it was often thought that God was the shepherd of His people and He watched over them and took care of them. So, Jesus is making a great statement when He tells them that He is the Good Shepherd. But Jesus also includes the following. He knows His sheep and they know Him and respond only to the sound of His voice. He also tells them that He will lay down His life for His sheep, as He did on the Cross 2021 years ago and as He does for us every day.

This Good Shepherd has been watching over and caring for us before, during and after we get through this totally disrupting virus. All we need do, is tune our ears and our hearts to hear His voice. We must continue to trust in Him (which is a major theme of the Easter Season). As I mentioned in this week's bulletin letter, this weekend has traditionally been directed to and praying for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. We most certainly need more people to walk in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd. The Sacramental Life of the Church depends on Priests and Deacons to celebrate the Sacraments and the other great ministries of the Church need the dedication, sacrifice, and service of the women and men who are called to Religious Life. We need all of us to pray for vocations and to encourage them. We all remember last year, when we were not able to publicly celebrate the Sacraments because of the lockdown. We all remember how for so many of us this was a very sad time. None of us wants to go back to those days, but they can become a reality again for many parishes if we do not encourage people to answer the call of the Holy Spirit to serve in Ordained Ministry or Consecrated Religious Life.

While we certainly need people to respond to the call for vocations, we also should remember that since we are Baptized into the Body of Christ, we are also to act like Christ, and we are to shepherd one another. As I have said many times, people must see Christ alive in us, and we must do the best we can to make Chris present by what we say and what we do. Learn to listen to His voice and put His words into action.

#### **God Bless You Always and Happy Easter!**

Fr. Mike



Pope Francis calls each of us to be instruments of Jesus' love and compassion to those in need. Journeying together with Long Island's faithful, we have the opportunity to act on this call through our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). When we support the CMA, we are working together to create pathways of love and compassion by providing programs that serve disadvantaged families, our senior citizens, those struggling with substance abuse and those in need of housing. Additionally, the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps lay paths of evangelization through the formation of our priests, deacons and lay leaders. It assists in training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families, and programs that promote the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all Long Island.

As of April 26, 2021 the Parishioners of St. Edwards have pledged \$85,995, and we are now at 81.5% of our annual goal. Please consider making a pledge to support the various ministries of the Diocese.

## **A Blessing for our Communicants**



Blessings to you on your First Communion. Through receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time, may you feel your union with Jesus today and every day as you live a life of faith dedicated to Him. By receiving the Eucharist for the rest of your life, you will be one with Jesus and live with Him one day in eternity. Congratulations!

## **Crown Club Winners**

## **St. Edward's Crown Club**

Congratulations to our lucky Crwn Club Winners for April!



Prize	Ticket #	Winner
\$1,000	59	Waiter-Tyransky Family
\$500	403	Fr. Mike Maffeo
\$350	109	Eleanor & Barry Wilson
\$150	13	Fran DeFilippis



The next cycle of the St. Edward's Crown Club will begin in May. Entry forms will be mailed out to all Parishioners and will be published in the Bulletin. Plus you can always pick up an entry form at the Rectory office.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY TO SPRING

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR ONE OF OUR VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE DATES DURING FEBRUARY TO SPRING.

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COME SEE WHY ST. EDWARDS WAS VOTED THE BEST CATHOLIC SCHOOL ON LONG ISLAND IN 2021!



## **Newly Baptized**



Max Alexander Borish Valentina Fitapelli **Zoev Fitapelli Charlotte Rose Pisani** Jonathan Robert Isopo

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you fulfill this commandment.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be sponsoring a Clothing Drive next weekend on May 15 & May 16. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

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

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## The Saint Joseph's Prayer Group - Continues to Grow

## **Every Thursday at 8:00 PM**

Attend at the church, or watch the live broadcast from home.

### Each week more and more people join in for the live broadcast!

This prayer group is centered on praying the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Praying in this manner is just one more way to answer the "universal call to holiness".

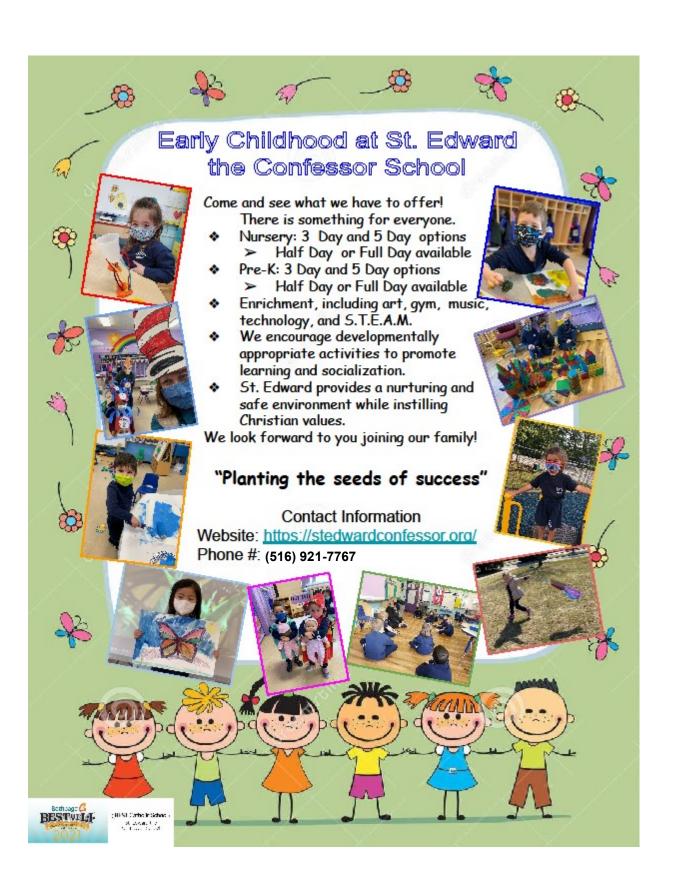


Pray with us online by using the 'Watch Mass Live' link located on the St. Edward Church's website (www.st-edwards.org), or simply scan the QR code on the left with your smartphone.



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If you prefer to participate in the prayer group via YouTube, scan the QR code on the right to access the Church's YouTube channel.





St. Edward's Crown Club

<u>Last Chance</u>...Time is Running Out! If you haven't bought your tickets yet Now is the time to do it!

## \$2,000 Awarded Each Month

Buy one ticket for \$75.00 or two tickets (same name) for only \$100.00

Gets you in for all of our monthly drawings from

May 2021 through September 2021

## Over \$132,000 in prize money already paid out!

Now more than every we need and appreciation your participation! The pandemic has substantially restricted many of our usual fundraising opportunities and Crown Club is an excellent way to help St. Edward's with the many ministries we have that help the people of the parish and community.

We greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity!

Complete and return the entry form along with your check by mail or at the rectory!

	EDWARD'S CROWN ( (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)	
Enclosed is my check for \$		ticket(s) in St. Edward's Crown Club.
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## Sunday, May 16, 2021

AT ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CHURCH 205 JACKSON AVENUE - SYOSSET, NY - 11791



New, Gently-Used & Clean Clothes: Shirts, Pants, Socks, Shoes, Jackets, Coats, Dresses, Ties, Shorts, Skirts, etc.



A St. Vincent DePaul truck will be in the St. Edward parking lot on Sunday, May 16 from 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM to collect items.



Clothes will also be collected on Saturday evening (at 5:00 PM Mass) and held for the Sunday collection.

Thanks for your support!

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR SCHOOL PRESENTS:

> Mother's Day Flower Sale!" Date Change!

When: Friday, May 7th, 2021 Time: 11:00-5:00

Where: St Edward's the Confessor School Front Lawn

What: 10" mixed annual hanging baskets (\$20 each) 12" Annual Patio Pots (\$40 each).

Activities for the children every hour, crafts and food!

\*\*Although this is an outdoor event, mask are required to be worn.

We Need you!!! Volunteer Hours: 9-12, 12-3, 3-6 Please contact: Michelle: miavarone1177@gmail.com or Tricia: tmpeanut4@aol.com

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