# St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

### Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021



#### THE PASTORAL TEAM

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



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### Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

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

#### **Telephone Numbers**

Rectory	921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax	921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School	921-7767
Religious Education Office	921-8543
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Music Ministry	921-8030 ext. 150
Youth Ministry	921-8030 ext. 127
Pastoral Center Offices	921-8030 ext. 132
St. Vincent De Paul Society	516-218-7837

#### **Next Week's Presider Schedule**

Saturday, Nov. 13 5:00 PM Fr. Celestine
Sunday, Nov. 14 7:30 AM Fr. Mike
9:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth
11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann
6:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth

#### 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**

October 31, 2021	\$ 10,750.00
# of Envelopes	190
Automatic Trans.	\$ 1,872.00
# of Transactions	42
Total	\$ 12,622.00
All Saints	\$ 1,437.00

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

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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. - 11/8 - Solemnity of All Saints** 9:00 am William James Fleig

**Tues.** - 11/9 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

9:00 am Thelma Kuhl

Wed. - 11/10 - Wednesday of the 31st Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Angelina Spero

Thurs. - 11/11 - Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo

9:00 am For All Those Who Served in the Military

Fri. - 11/12 - Friday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 Margaret T & Margaret V. Phillips

Sat. - 11/13 - Saturday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Angelo Gaita

5:00 pm Liam Francis McAvoy

Fran Genovese-Wangberg Vincent Rizzo Terry Ann Corrigan Mary Meyer

All Soul's Novena

Sun. - 11/14 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am
Richard Morris
Margaret Thomas
Kitty O'Malley
Carol and Sal Sica
George Bartlett
Rita Navaratta

Rita Navaretta All Souls Novena

6:00 pm For Our St. Edward's Parishioners

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 November 7 - November 13, 2021 Is Given in Loving Memory of

Mary O'Hagan

By: Kitty McGarry

#### The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of November 7 - November 13, 2021
Is Lit in Memory of

Angelo Gaita

By: Rosemary Gaita

#### **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"

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Pvt. 1/C, Anthony M. Biz, U.S. Marine Corps
Ens. Ryan Dunleavy, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps
SSgt. Michael Gregory, U.S. Army Special Forces Petty Officer 3rd Class David Griffin, U.S. Navy 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 Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army Seaman Liam Pieper, Ú.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 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**

Catherine Frake Bob Burggraf Kathy Rooney Ryan DeRiggi Edward Morea James Mc Glone

Renata Sorace

Nancy Klingler-Petzold

#### From Death to New Life



Daniel Cronin

Jeanette May Flaherty

### The Readings for the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Reading 1 - 1 Kings 17:10-16**

In those days, Elijah the prophet went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the entrance of the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, "Please bring me a small cupful of water to drink." She left to get it, and he called out after her, "Please bring along a bit of bread." She answered, "As the LORD, your God, lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I was collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth." She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.

#### Responsorial Psalm - 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free. **R. Praise the Lord, my soul!** 

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD gives sight to the blind.

The LORD raises up those who were bowed down; the LORD loves the just.

The LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

R. Alleluia.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;

your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

R. Alleluia.

#### **Hebrews 9:24-28**

Christ did not enter into a sanctuary made by hands, a copy of the true one, but heaven itself, that he might now appear before God on our behalf. Not that he might offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters each year into the sanctuary with blood that is not his own; if that were so, he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world. But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. Just as it is appointed that human beings die once, and after this the judgment, so also Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.

#### **Gospel – Mark 12:38-44**

In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

#### **Next Week's Readings**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 14, 2021

First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3 Psalms - 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Gospel - Mark 13:24-32

#### From Fr. Mike's Desk

Every year we are presented with many appeals for monetary support. Sometimes we receive many appeals from the Red Cross or from St. Jude's Hospital or the Wounded Warrior Project, or ASPCA and of course the ever-popular Catholic Ministries Appeal and our annual appeal to the parish. These organizations and us, ask for your support, so they may continue to do their necessary work or carry out their ministry, and we do certainly hope that the money we donate will be used wisely. This is especially true around Christmas time when we receive all types of appeals. While we would like to support many of them, we know that we cannot. So, what are we to do? Pick one or two and do the best we can.

Giving to charities is a basic attribute of our faith tradition, and as we see in Scripture, we are to give the first 10% of our income to God and others. The Church recommends that this should look like 5% to support the Church and 5% to support other charities. Why do we give the first 10% back? We must keep in mind that every thing we get in this world, even the fruits of our labor, comes from God, and we must give back the first 10% as an act of gratitude.

Today, we are told about the widow who gives everything she has to the Temple. Jesus sees this and remarks that even though she gave only two coins, she gave more than anybody who put in larger sums. She gave more than 10%, in fact she gave 100%, and we truly do not know why. Certainly, she gave more than was required, and we certainly do not want a person to follow her example because how can one survive? Let us take a step back and stop looking at what she did from a monetary point of view. This woman was doing far more than putting her last two coins into the collection; she was giving God the gift and sacrifice of her very self. She did this out of true love, belief, and faith.

We see this also at work with the widow of Zarephath, who ministered to the Prophet Elijah. She also gave to the prophet from her very need because she had trust, faith, and belief in God and in the one whom He sent. As we are told, God did indeed keep the three well fed and watered on a small amount of flour, oil, and water for the entirety of the drought (that God caused because of the lack of belief, and the sins of the people).

So, now the challenge is placed before us: can we do the same thing? Are we willing to give our total self to God? I am not speaking about our money or material wealth. No, I am speaking about giving God our wills, our souls. Are we willing to totally trust in God and spread the good news in all we say and do, or are we going to hold back? Yes, this is very hard to do, however, it is not impossible and, of course, the only way we can do this is to pray. Pray to get to know God better, to see yourself the way God sees you. Pray to help realize that God has been constantly working in your life. Pray to ask God to show you all the gifts He has given you and your family. For when we get to know God better, we truly begin to see how active He has been in our lives. We will be able to trust in Him, obtain true peace, and enjoy our relationship with others. Who knew two small coins could do so much and go so far?

Let us pray; Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

God bless you always!

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.

# Exposition and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

**Every Friday** 

9:30 am - Noon

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

#### SAINTS on THE EUCHARIST

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

-St. Alphonsus Liquori



"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself."

### God Bless our Newly Confirmed October, 2021



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#### **Anointing of the Sick**

A special Sunday Mass, on November 14th at 3:00 pm will be held to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered during the Mass to a baptized person who is suffering from serious illness, preparing for surgery, in danger of death, or advanced in age, through prayer and the anointing of the body with the oil of the sick. The proper effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort to the Christian who is suffering.

If you or a loved one is sick or advanced in age and would like to receive this Sacrament please come to the Mass. The Sacrament is also available upon request. Handmade prayer shawls will be blessed and made available for you.



#### **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

Parish Social Ministry 516-921-8030 ext. 140

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday and the Second Saturday of the Month

Monthly Food Collection This Weekend - 11/6 & 11/7

The food items needed for Thanksgiving are included in the list below. Thank you!

**Food:** Lentils, Jelly, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Chili, Stew, Pancake Mix, Syrup, White Rice, Granola bars. Juice, Tea, Cookies, Chips, Jar Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Brownie Mix, Muffin Mix, Gravy, Yams. Pudding/Jello

**Personal Grooming:** Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene products, Shampoo & Conditioner

Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, any Cleaning products

Paper Products: Paper Towel, Toilet Paper

Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't help others without you! We will be putting together 100 bags decorated by the St. Edward school children filled with the trimmings for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.

**Ministry of Prayer:** Do you need someone to pray for you or a family member? Call the rectory or the parish social ministry office to have your prayer request submitted to the prayer group. Please join our prayer ministry on Flocknote to receive the weekly prayer request.

If you are not receiving emails from St. Edward Confessor Church Flocknote and would like to please give me a call at the Parish Social Ministry Office. Stay connected!

#### Field of Honor

This past Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, our own Knights of Columbus planted this year's Field of Honor to recognize and remember all of the veterans known by our parishioners who have faithfully served their country. Each American flag carries the name and branch of service of those being remembered. The flags will be available for viewing until the day after Thanksgiving. In the weeks to come, please take time to stop by, pay your respects, and remember those who currently serve or have served, and whom may have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country.





### St. Edward the Confessor School 2021 Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Envelope can be mailed or sent to school in your child's backpack by November 10, 2021

Please return order form with a check payable to "PASE" in an envelope addressed to:

St. Edwards the Confessor School 2 Teibrook Ave Syosset, NY 11791 Pie Sale, Attn: Tracey Monteleone

Pickup: November 23, 2021 2:30 pm -4:30 pm in the Holy Family Loom

Questions: Please contact Tracey Monteleone at Blondy4633@aol.com



Item Name	Quantity x Cost	Total Cost
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Blueberry Pie	X 820	-
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Fruits of the Forest Pie	X 822	
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### Home and Family Blessing

I would like to begin by wishing you, and those you love a very blessed holiday season, from Thanksgiving to Christmas and through the New Year celebrations. I believe to classify 2020 and 2021 as years of trials and turmoil while a very objective opinion, is one by shared by many. I must acknowledge that serving as your pastor during this period has been a blessing in many varied ways. Many of you have invited me to share in those heartbreaking events which forever have impacted on your very essence; the loneliness of death on both the dying and those who love them, having to reschedule significant events such as a baptism, wedding, or funeral to name a few. Obviously, there are many more severe occurrences of a personal nature, the burden of which you have carried silently, and I believe with great courage. It is a great joy that, for the most part, many of scars associated with the pandemic and its related events are behind us. Our being together sharing the sacraments, a meal (Italian), attending to the poor and needy, seeing our children back in school and so many other positive happenings bring us all hope and promise. I am thankful for all the good our parish has received.

As a way of expressing my thanks and appreciation to St. Edward parishioners I, along with the parish priests and deacons would like to offer a special Thanksgiving blessing to you and your family. The blessing will be no longer than ten minutes and will take place fifteen feet from the front of your home. Each of us will be carrying a face mask in the event you wish it to be worn. In order that the blessings occur in an efficient manner I am requesting that you complete the form below by providing a date and time that works best for you. Once we have coordinated the home and family blessings you will be informed of the day and approximate time of the blessing. I would also request that you pass this invitation on to anyone you believe may be interested in receiving a blessing. I am also requesting that together we pray in thanksgiving for all those graces bestowed on our St. Edward's family and that we remember in a special way our family members, friends, and parishioners who are suffering or have entered the Kingdom of God. Please respond by email to Deacon Jim at <a href="mailto:ipmur7@verizon.net">ipmur7@verizon.net</a> or deposit the requested information in an envelope addressed to Deacon Jim by using the rectory door mail slot. When responding by email please use FAMILY BLESSING on the subject line. All email requests will be acknowledged.

#### Father Mike

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### Pope Francis Asks Us To Pray For Those Who Suffer From Depression

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November invites everyone to pray for, and be near those who suffer from exhaustion, burn-out, and depression. "Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion - mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion" Francis stated. Continuing he went on to say "Sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people's lives, who are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today." Pope Francis thus encouraged everyone to reach out to those around us who are depressed, desperate, or without hope. And he advised against comforting others with too many words. "Often," he said, "we should just simply listen in silence, because we cannot go and tell someone, 'No, life's not like that. Listen to me, I'll give you the solution." Going further he said "there is no solution." However, he continued, besides "indispensable psychological counseling", Jesus' words can help us and others to find solace: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." With that advice in mind, Pope Francis wrapped up his prayer intention message with a renewed invitation to assist those around us. "Let us pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life," he prayed.





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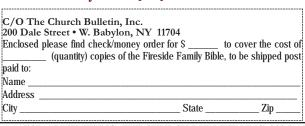
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