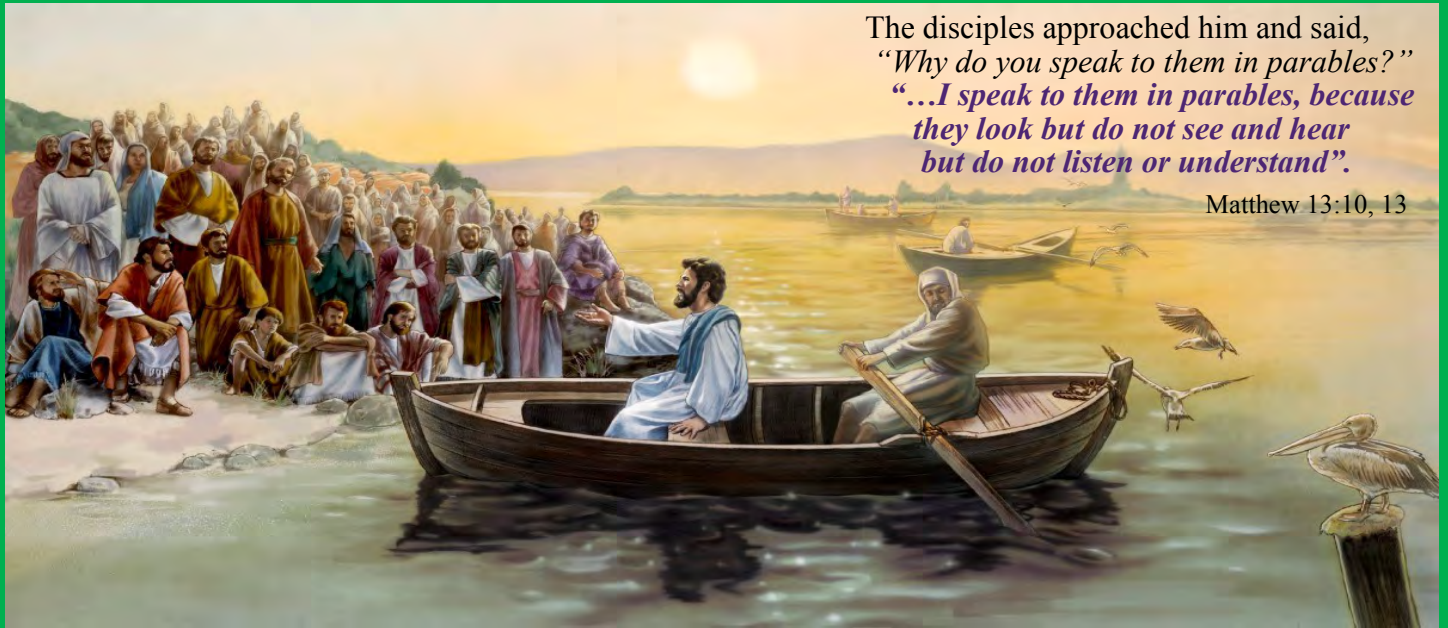


St. Edward the Confessor

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Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



The disciples approached him and said,
“Why do you speak to them in parables?”
“...I speak to them in parables, because
they look but do not see and hear
but do not listen or understand”.

Matthew 13:10, 13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12th, 2020

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!

Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday.....9 AM - 8 PM
 Friday.....9 AM - 3 PM
 Saturday & Sunday.....9 AM - 1 PM

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....921-8030 ext. 150
 Rectory Fax.....921-4549
 St. Edward Confessor School.....921-7767
 Religious Education Office.....921-8543
 RCIA.....921-8030 ext. 135
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This Coming Week: 7/13/20 - 7/12/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	7/13	—	No Meetings or Activities
Tues	7/14	—	No Meetings or Activities
Wed	7/15	—	No Meetings or Activities
Thur	7/16	—	No Meetings or Activities
Fri	7/17	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sat	7/18	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sun	7/19	—	No Meetings or Activities

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: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Outside of these hours, please call: 516-921-8030

Our Weekly Offering

Sunday Collection for 7/5: \$ 11,504.00

Automatic Collection for 7/5: \$ 2,641.00

Thank you all for your continued support!

When Attending Mass

While attending Mass during the coming weeks please remember to wear your face mask at all times and maintain social distancing. Holy Communion will be offered at the end of each Mass, and you are requested to depart from church immediately afterwards.

Parish Social Ministry

Tel: 516-921-8030

Our Parish Pantry is open from 9:30 AM until noon, Monday through Thursday. Just drive up to the Pantry to receive your needed items. If you can donate, please leave non-perishable items in the drop-off box in the vestibule of the church. **We currently need: white/whole wheat bread, flour, cake mix & frosting, brownie mix, jello, pudding, ketchup, pinto beans, laundry detergent, diapers (sizes 5 & 6), and cleaning supplies.**

Protect Our Children Hotline

If you or someone you know has experienced an incident of sexual abuse by clergy, an employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, please **contact law enforcement and the diocesan's Office for the Protection of Children and Young People**. The diocese maintains a special phone number for these situations:

516-594-9063

Websites / Social Media

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St. Edward's Masses Online -

St. Edward's Sunday Mass is available online, both on YouTube and Facebook, and are available for viewing at any time.

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From Fr. Mike's Desk

Today and for the next few weekends we will be having class with Jesus the Divine Teacher, so pay attention and don't forget your apple (but not Adam and Eve's apple). Jesus teaches us with parables and He does so to fulfill what was said by the Prophet Isaiah, "...so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Perhaps there have been times when you ask, like the Apostles, why can't Jesus speak plainly, why does He have to speak in parables? Well the answer is linked to what God intends for His word, or better yet, who God intends to act upon His word. For anyone who has ears should listen and realize that the parables are more than just interesting stories or good analogies. Yes, in a way they are stories, and God knows that we love stories, and that we find them easier to remember and, of course, pass them on. We certainly remember them better than a standard lesson at school or at work. Stories also have a point to deliver and they can guide us to a certain way of thinking, and Jesus' Parables are no different. However, they are different because they just do not deal with things of this world, but with the mysteries of faith, the Kingdom of God, and how we respond to them. God does not intend for His mysteries to be explained in prose that could render them commonplace and even be ignored, nor does He want them in language that is so esoteric that they are too hard to understand. No, He uses parables to invite us to see God/Jesus in our daily lives, as in the story of *The Sowing of the Seed*

Sadly, not everyone can get the point of seeing the mystery that the parable is leading us to. They are not capable of applying the meaning to their lives and sometimes they cannot get past their own blindness (like the Temple officials when Jesus healed the man born blind). But there is hope for those who cannot see, because God tries not to leave people totally in the dark. He constantly communicates to them through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit; all one needs to do is listen! This is seen when Jesus explained the Parable of the Sower, we can understand it if we listen.

In fact, each time I read or listen to the parable, I believe that depending on the situation or where I am in my life at that particular time, I can fit into each of the categories Jesus mentions when it

comes to where the seed falls. This may apply to you as well. Hopefully, for most of my life I am like the seed sown on the rich soil; I hear the Word of God, I try to understand it, and do my best to allow it to take rest in my heart and soul. However, I know that there are times when I feel or act like the seed that was sown on rocky soil. Yes, I do hear the Word, I accept it with joy, but then temptation enters my life and I give in to sin. Of course, I dislike it when I am on rocky soil, but I do know that due to human weakness I can often feel like this, in fact we all can! Nonetheless, with the help of God and the prayers of our brothers and sisters, we can hope that the times we are among the rocks will not last long and not occur too frequently. And we should all hope that we never become like the seed that was sown on the path, which makes us a person who refuses to understand the Word of God and allows the evil one to take us totally away.

We close with the opening prayer from today's Mass:

O God, who shows the light of Your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess, are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

First Reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Second Reading - Romans 8:26-27

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43

“Lord God, be my refuge and my strength.”

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 7/13 - Monday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Conrado S. Flores

Tues. - 7/14 - Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00 am For Peace in the World

Wed. - 7/15 - Memorial of Saint Bonaventure

9:00 am Regina Warnock

Thurs. 7/16 - Thursday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Sr. Mary Carmel

Fri. - 7/17 - Friday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am John McDonald

Sat. - 7/18 - Saturday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For Our Parishioners

5:00 pm Bernice Boeggeman

Raymond Wile

Edward C. Essig

Brett Passeroff

Jay O'Neill

Raymond DiGregorio

Sun. - 7/19 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Antonio Scarola

9:30 am Louis Nelson Lamarche

11:30 am Michael Calabrese

Sabastiano Crecco

Milia Mouradian Maldjian

Walter Henry

Marion Ranalli

For Our 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 July 12 - July 18, 2020

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Sr. Jackie Walsh

By: The Parishioners of St. Edward's

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of July 12 - July 18, 2020

Is Lit in Memory Of

Therese Ware

By: Terry and Dennis O'Brien

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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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
2nd Lt. Michelle Turcios, U.S. Army
Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy
Maj. Michael F. Wendelken, U.S. Air Force

Pray For The Sick

Renata Sorace	John Lamb, Sr.	Christiana Cheng
Kathy Rooney	Rosalie Schiovone	Julianna Key
Michele Wesch	Frank Meyers	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Alvaro Banchon	Alexandra Reuter

From Death to New Life



Vincent Grego

Next Week's Presider Schedule

<i>Saturday, July 18</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Fr. Hyacinth</i>
<i>Sunday, July 19</i>	<i>7:30 AM</i>	<i>Fr. Mike</i>
	<i>9:30 AM</i>	<i>Msgr. Beckmann</i>
	<i>11:30 AM</i>	<i>Msgr. Beckmann</i>

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 15 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote. The letter is reprinted here for those of you who do not have internet access.

This weekend we celebrate the greatest day on our nation's calendar, Independence Day: aka the 4th of July. Many years ago, when I was a student at Adelphi University, my history professor asked the following question about the American Revolution. He asked was it truly a revolution, or was it more of a rebellion? According to King George III the Colonies were in rebellion and he was going to put a stop to it. Yet, many here regarded the actions taken as revolutionary, in the idea that things were really going to change. We certainly saw this with the French Revolution, which began years later but also during the month of July. We saw France go from an absolute monarchy to a republic, and the revolutionary leaders went out to destroy all elements of the old kingdom.

However, this did not totally happen here, and that is what brought about the professor's question. In many ways the colonist's actions resulted in a rebellion because after the war, the same people who ran the colonies, were now running the country. Yes, England was no longer calling the shots, and the King and Parliament would eventually be replaced by a President and Congress. But the British system of government was for the most part intact, with only a few changes. So, in this sense it was a rebellion. But Americans call it a revolution, why? I believe that while it was a rebellion, it was also a revolution in ways that still matter today. Until America rebelled, no European colony ever broke away from its mother country, and no group of people demanded that they had created a new culture, a new nation with new ways of doing things and with a new mentality. It was a revolution because the government they eventually created contained the notion of having three separate but equal branches of government, with a system of checks and balances. It provided for the government to change and grow as the nation changed, and it did this by allowing amendments to be added. In fact, before it was even given to the states for a vote 10 changes were made to which guaranteed people's rights over the government, we call this The Bill of Rights. Chief among these rights is the Freedom of Speech, the Press, Worship, the Right to Assembly, and the Right to Petition the Government.

The American Revolution did achieve much for our Founding Fathers and Mothers, and for all who came here from all over the world. But as we have seen in recent years and in the past few months, it is not perfect, and we still have a great deal of work to do, to be a more perfect nation. The Framers of the Constitution knew this and expected us to keep working, so that we can follow the word's of President Abraham Lincoln spoken at Gettysburg "...that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

This revolutionary spirit and this dedication to make things better has always gotten us through and is helping us now as we go through the effects of the Corona Virus. We are not there yet, but with all of us working together, and with the help of Almighty God, we will succeed.

Happy Fourth of July and may God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

To find out more about how the Diocese of Rockville Centre is providing for their congregation during the COVID-19 crisis, including information about Recent Updates, News and Directives, Parish Livestreams and other resources, please visit the website for the Long Island Catholic Plus at;

WWW.LICPLUS.ORG/CORONAVIRUS



Registration Info for the 2020-2021 School Year

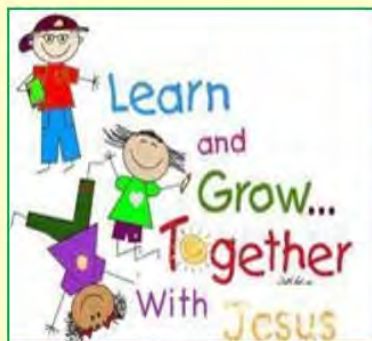


St. Edward's Religious Education is an 8 year faith formation program. Public School Students are required to begin their religious studies in grade 1 and finish their classes in grade 8.

Preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion takes place in grades 1 and 2. Students will receive their First Reconciliation in March of grade 2 and their First Holy Communion in May of grade 2. Grades 3 through 6 are required continuation years in students' religious education studies. Preparation for Confirmation occurs in grades 7 and 8. Students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Fall of grade 9.

Due to the COVID Pandemic, classes in the fall will begin in October with weekly online Google Meet classes. We are planning, however, to resume "in school" weekly classes after the Christmas Break. This will give us the time to "open up" safely.

Families whose children were enrolled in Religious Education Classes last year will receive a Re-Registration Form with registration instructions via email. If you do not receive this email by July 6th, please contact Mrs. Braun at abraun@st-edwards.org



Families who are new to the Program may register online by going to our website: stedwardre.com and by selecting the link: On-Line Registration for NEW Families. We do ask, however, that all new families kindly email the Director, Mrs. Pettei at rpettei@st-edwards.org to arrange an online chat with her. Mrs. Pettei will speak to you about the program.

****Please note that the Religious Education Office will be closed till late August. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to abraun@st-edwards.org and she will forward the emails to the appropriate staff person. ****

Parish Social Ministry / Food Pantry



516-921-8030

Pantry Hours: 9:30-12:00 noon Monday-Thursday
and 2nd Saturday of the month

Our food pantry continues to be open and serving the community. The items we could use in the coming weeks are: personal hygiene products, cleaning supplies, such as laundry detergent, shampoo, mouthwash and toothpaste. All of these items cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits (food stamps) and often are expensive. If you are able to donate any of these items, please leave them in the vestibule of the church. We are not taking any donations of clothes or books, please don't leave them in the church or in front of the SVdP bins.

Since the pandemic began we have seen the number of household visits per month double. Before the pandemic, we were providing food for an average of 100 household visits per month to currently 200 household visits. There are more families with children who have been coming to the pantry. We invite the families to visit the pantry every two weeks, with exceptions for families with a large number of children who we invite to come weekly.

Most of the families coming to us have not been working and are not receiving any public assistance. A few of the families have been able to return to work, however, we are still providing food and basic items of daily living to those families who are not working or receiving any public assistance. They have been grateful to all of you for helping them during this trying time.

Life is not always easy and light. It is full of trials and tests, especially adjusting to life during this pandemic. There are issues and concerns within every family that have caused fears, uncertainties and anxieties.

But life is not that hard after all when we trust in God and rest in Him, for only in the Lord can we truly find rest. Amidst suffering and pain, we follow the Lord and take the yoke and learn from Him. Our lives will be light and easy because we keep his Word and live by it. When we follow the Lord, life will be lighter as God lives in us.

Thank you for helping us to help those in need, especially during this pandemic.

With gratitude,
Donna Zaino

St. Paul's Campus Outreach

College campuses are battlegrounds for the minds and souls of young people, and sadly many are leaving the Church. Only 10% of Catholic students attend Sunday Mass. Many are lonely, isolated from God and lacking authentic friendships. Students are hungry for truth, for meaning... for relationship.

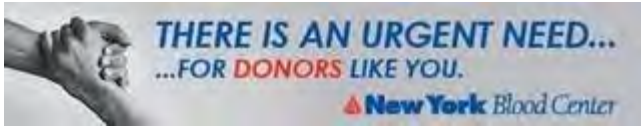
The mission of St. Paul's Outreach is to build faith communities on college campuses. These communities reach out and invite other students into a transformative encounter with Christ and into deep relationship with Him and with His people... into a lifelong adventure of mission.

A recent College Graduate is seeking financial assistance as he begins his volunteer work with St. Paul's Outreach. For the next year he will be sent to work with students at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio. Volunteers are expected to raise funds to cover their own travel and living expenses. If you would be interested in sponsoring this young man in his ministry, please contact Joseph Conroy at telephone: 1-732-841-1761

Saint Paul's Outreach. (spo.org) is a canonical organization in the Catholic Church with the status of a Private Association of the Faithful, under the ecclesiastical vigilance of the Archbishop of Saint Paul & Minneapolis. It is a nonprofit corporation, tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Knights of Columbus

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There will be a **Blood Drive** on Monday, July 13th at:
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When scheduling your appointment, please use our
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Independence Day and Patriotism



On a day leading up to this past July 4th several of our Knights of Columbus spent a couple of hours planting all the flags you see lining Jackson Avenue and around the front of the church. One of the Knight's four guiding principles is **PATRIOTISM**. Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.



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CAMP QUO VADIS

This summer, Camp Quo Vadis will offer a free online digital experience July 12th through 17th. As you know for the past three years the Office of Vocations has hosted Camp Quo Vadis, our Diocesan high school summer camp. This year was once again shaping up to be a sold-out camp before COVID-19 changed everything. Because of health concerns, the online digital camp experience will take the place of the in-person camp.

Each day we will premier a few short videos concerning topics meant to engage teens and young adults. Since the camp is not in person, the content is available to anyone you think will benefit from it. Videos and all pertinent information can be found at:

www.campquovadis.com

RESEARCH STUDY ON GRIEF AND LOSS

Richard Sheridan is a researcher at Adelphi University studying death and grief amidst the current COVID-19 pandemic, specifically among people of faith. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one during the pandemic and would be interested in furthering Mr. Sheridan's research, please contact him at:

E-mail: richardsheridan@mail.adelphi.edu or Telephone: 516-282-4222

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Over the years local businesses have supported St. Edward's Parish during fund raisers, and been a big help in keeping our community going. Please consider patronizing the local businesses by ordering a meal, or purchasing goods, rather than ordering on line. They were there for us, so let's help them now.

St. Vincent de Paul



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Local businesses are struggling and have supported the Parish and the work we do for people in need. If you can, please support them. Order take-out a couple times a week, get your oil changed at 2,000 miles rather than 3,000, get a bagel, get your hair cut every two or three weeks, etc. Please help local business so they can help us in future. Please do what you can if you have the means. Thank you.

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call

(516) 218-7837

Columbiettes



The Columbiettes are remaining active during these troubling times. We are an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower and St. Joan of Arc.

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- ◆ Promote the spiritual, social and charitable welfare of our members
- ◆ Instill a steadfast conviction relating to the proper place and function of Catholic women in safeguarding the religious, civil and economic rights of all Catholics
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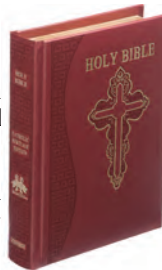
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