

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13th, 2020*

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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 - 5 PM
 Friday.....9 AM - 3 PM
 Closed for Lunch.....1 PM - 2 PM

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....921-8030 ext. 150
 Rectory Fax.....921-4549
 St. Edward Confessor School.....921-7767
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 RCIA.....921-8030 ext. 135
 Administration.....921-8030 ext. 136
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 PSM/Pantry.....921-8030 ext. 140
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 Youth Ministry.....921-8030 ext. 127
 Pastoral Center Offices.....921-8030 ext.132

This Coming Week: 9/7/20 - 9/13/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	9/7	---	No Meetings or Activities
Tues	9/8	---	No Meetings or Activities
Wed	9/9	---	No Meetings or Activities
Thur	9/10	---	No Meetings or Activities
Fri	9/11	---	No Meetings or Activities
Sat	9/12	---	No Meetings or Activities
Sun	9/13	---	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

September 6, 2020 \$ 14,153.00
Envelopes: 222
Automatic Transactions: \$ 2,101.00
Transactions: 40
Total: \$ 16,254.00

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

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.

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org
School: www.stedwardconfessor.org
Religious Ed: www.saintedwardre.com
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Formed: [formed.org](https://www.formed.org)

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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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.

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:

Tel.: 516-594-9063

From Fr. Mike's Desk

“Peter approached Jesus and asked him, ‘Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I say to you not seven times, but seventy-seven times...’”

After last week's advice on how to handle disagreements in the community, Peter decided to ask Jesus how many times do we have to forgive someone. Trying to put a good spin on it, and perhaps trying to show Jesus that he is truly forgiving, he gives Jesus this number, which represents perfection. Seven times, Lord, is that enough; I do not have to go beyond that, do I? Peter and the others seemed surprised by Jesus' answer when He says, seventy-seven times, which means they are to forgive always. Jesus then begins with the Parable of the Servant who owed the king a great deal of money (according to some commentaries he owed what would be today one billion dollars). The king wants to throw the servant and his family into slavery to pay back the great debt. The servant falls to his knees and begs the king to give him more time. The king, moved by compassion, decides to forgive the servant his entire debt and set him free. However, as Jesus continues the story, we see that the former debtor comes across a man who owes him a great deal less than he owed the king. He grabs the other man and demands immediate repayment. Likewise, this man fell to his knees and asked for more time, but the former debtor refuses to hear it, and throws the man into jail until he can repay what he owes. When those who witnessed this reported it to the king, the king called the man before him and proceeded to punish him. The king told him, *“You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”* We are then told that the king gave the servant over to the torturers.

Jesus proceeds to say that we must always forgive, because if we do not, God will judge us according to the same standards that we apply to others. We know that offering forgiveness is not always easy to do. In some cases, we can easily forgive because the offence may be minor. However, some hurts are not skin deep, they go right to the bone and they can deeply influence our lives or the lives of those whom we love. In these cases, we may not forgive or show mercy, yet

Jesus tells us we must. What is the answer that you will give to Jesus? Well God, I am sorry, but I cannot forgive him or her, or ever forget the pain that was caused. Therefore, I guess we must agree to disagree. While that answer is somewhat understandable, it is not the proper answer to the situation. Jesus is not suggesting that we forgive; He is telling us that we must forgive, not only in today's gospel, but also in many gospel passages and even in the Our Father. Forgive, because it is what is best for you. Forgive, because holding a grudge and holding on to hate only gets in the way of salvation and places a wall between God and ourselves. Forgive, because it hurts our bodies to hold on to hate. If we are having difficulty in forgiving someone, present this difficulty to God, seek His help and be open to what God has to tell you. God will give you the grace to forgive if you approach Him and seek His help.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms - 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading - Philippians 1:20C-24, 27A

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16A

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 9/14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 am Edward Concar

Tues. - 9/15 - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 am Intention of Noreen, Sal, Bonnie & Heidi Cinquegrana

Wed. - 9/16 - Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, Cyprian

9:00 am John T. Teuschler

Thurs. 9/17 - Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mark Brunjes

Fri. - 9/18 - Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Nichola Bartilucci

Sat. - 9/19 - Saturday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Loui Nelson Lamarche & Carman Aristi

5:00 pm Lindolfo Casagrande
Peter T. Carnesi
Matthew & David Reinhardt
Allen & Patricia Murray
Nancy Kane Dervin
Our St. Edward's Parishioners

Sun. - 9/20 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Victims of Covid-19

9:30 am Leo P. Wetter, Sr.

11:30 am Margaret M. Driscoll

Patricia Burke
Michael Fricano
Cheryl L. Moore
James P. Moran, Jr.
Jozef Debiec
Tito Jesus Prunell
Josephine Coschignano

7:00 pm No Mass

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 September 13 - September 19, 2020

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Frank O'Brien

By: Terry and Dennis O'Brien

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of September 13 - September 19, 2020

Is Lit in Honor of

The Families of St. Edward's

By: The Priests, Deacons and Staff

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. Cmdr. Andrew Vann, U.S. Navy

Pray For The Sick

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

Welcome to our Parish



***Ken & Anne Marie,
Veronica, Gabriel
and Raphael***

Next Week's Presider Schedule

<i>Saturday, Sept. 19</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Fr. Hyacinth</i>
<i>Sunday, Sept. 20</i>	<i>7:30 AM</i>	<i>Fr. Mike</i>
	<i>9:30 AM</i>	<i>Fr. Celestine</i>
	<i>11:30 AM</i>	<i>Msgr. Beckmann</i>

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 25 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

As I mentioned last week, it is hard to believe that we are at the end of summer with this Monday being Labor Day. Again, Labor Day is regarded as the last official day of summer, even though autumn will not arrive until the middle of the month. Now some people hold to certain customs concerning Labor Day, for example one is not supposed to order a Gin and Tonic after Labor Day, as that is more of a summer drink. Likewise, one is never to wear white after Labor Day and if you look it up you will see some different reasons why. Many people today could care less about these customs, but some do follow them religiously (no pun intended).

Labor Day has usually meant that school was going to start, and this year hopefully is no different. I can remember dreading Labor Day because in another day or two we had to go back to school, and even though I have not been a student for at least 30 years, I still get the same feelings on the First Day of School. However, this year I think most of the kids will be happy to go back, after so many months of lockdown and for some isolation. Let us hope and pray that when they go back, they will be able to stay in school or do well with virtual classes, without any setbacks or closings.

This week after Labor Day also marks a very somber remembrance, especially in the New York Metropolitan area. We are remembering the horrible events of September 11, 2001. All of us who were here at that time remember that day like it was yesterday. I am sure we can all remember where we were, and what we were doing when the planes flew into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the field in Pennsylvania. This day will be with us always, but as time goes by, some will forget, or the day will not invoke the same emotions. We must make it a point, never to forget the events, the loss of so many innocent lives, and the pain so many families and friends still experience. We must never forget the sacrifices made by First Responders, and those who volunteered to help at Ground Zero even though it meant putting their health in danger. One good thing came out of that day, we all worked together to help in any way we could and we showed the world the best of New Yorkers, the way we really are when we are facing trouble or disaster. This of course is how we have acted for the last half year, showing the nation and the world what the people of the metropolitan area are truly all about. While these events try our hearts and memories, they also make us stronger and more determined to make a better world. This is achievable by continuing to work together and relying on the help of God.

This Wednesday, September 9th at 7PM, I with other members of the Clergy, will be offering prayers at the Town of Oyster Bay Remembrance Service for 9/11 held at Tobay Beach. In my prayer, I will certainly remember all the families in our town who are hurting, especially the members of our Saint Edward's family.

Happy Last Weekend of Summer!

Fr. Mike

CMA - We're Getting Closer

As of September 8th, 2020 our parish is now at

88.3% of our goal!

This means we need about another \$12,500.00 to reach our goal and be entitled to a full rebate. We needn't tell you, we are in great need of the funds this rebate would provide. We are extremely grateful to all of our parishioners who have continued their generosity towards St. Edward's but we are still falling short of meeting our obligations. Your participation in the Catholic Ministries Appeal will not only help the tens of thousands of people who are helped through the diocese but you will be helping St. Edward's as well. We welcome and appreciate every donation... large or small.

Go to: www.drvc.org/donate/cma

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help!

Some of our neighbors need assistance with home repairs. We are looking for roofers, electricians and landscapers to provide estimates and work for local parishioners. If you are interested in helping us, or if you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our St. Vincent de Paul telephone number (516) 218-7837 or email us at: svdpsteds@gmail.com. Thank you!

Baptism Preparation Class



A **Baptism Preparation Class** will be held on: September 15, 2020 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in the Church. Parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. Edward's are required to attend.

CVS Flu Shot Clinic

St. Edward's will be hosting a **Flu Shot Clinic** given by CVS in the Holy Family Room on:

Sunday, Sept. 20th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please bring your Driver's License and Insurance Card to sign in, and remember to wear your facial mask and to maintain social distancing.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Virtual 5K Walk / Run



**This year our 5K is going virtual,
THE NEED OF OUR NEIGHBORS IS VERY REAL!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us to walk, run or ride 3.1 miles or make a donation to help.

WHEN: September 26th - October 3rd

WHERE: Anywhere

HOW: Walk, Run, Ride, Hike, Paddle, Swim

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 12th Annual Friends of the Poor 5K Walk/Run is taking place as virtual event from Saturday, September 26th to Saturday, October 3rd. As a virtual event, our participants are encouraged to register to walk, run or do some other fun activity individually or in small groups within their communities.

For more information: svdpsteds@gmail.com

To register for the Friends of the Poor Walk/Run with the St. Edward Confessor Conference:

<https://bit.ly/34cLDRQ>

If you are unable to participate this year, please consider making a donation to support the St. Edward the Confessor Conference:

<https://bit.ly/3iUKSRA>

Respect Life Group and Knights of Columbus - Prayer Service



America – The Return To God

America has departed from God and His ways. We have forgotten the Biblical rock upon which our country was founded. In many instances, we have removed God from our public squares, our culture, and our lives. After 9/11, people flocked to churches. It looked as if there could have been a spiritual revival and awakening. It never came because there was no repentance, no turning back to God, no changing of course. America fell even farther, spiritually and morally, away from God. Many now call what is good, evil and what is sin, good. America has sacrificed the lives of over sixty million unborn children, and some of our elected officials now seek to do so up to the time of birth.

On September 26th, people of all faiths will gather on the National Mall in Washington DC for The Return, The National & Global Day of Prayer. The Return is a movement, an appointed time, a specific day set apart for one purpose – the return to God by coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity, in prayer and repentance. If you would like to attend or sign up to see the live simulcast in your home, please go to thereturn.org for details. For those who are unable to make the trip to Washington DC, please pray for our nation and our world with your families and friends on this day and from September 18th to September 28th, known from Ancient times as the ten Days of Awe. This is a special time to intensify our prayers. If you are seeking God, then now is the time to come to Him. Return to Him and pray for repentance and revival.

The Scriptures set forth that God is love and abounding in mercy and all who come before Him to seek for His mercy will find it – and that in repentance and return will come forgiveness, salvation, healing, revival, and restoration. It is upon that foundation that this promise is given: "If My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their sinful ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14

Please join the Respect Life Group together with the Knights of Columbus and other Ministries from St. Edward's on September 27th after the 11:30 Mass. We will be gathering outside the church (weather permitting) to pray together for America and our world. Thank you and God bless you!

Knights of Columbus - Online Financial Seminar

Our local Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting 3 separate, online Financial Seminars, focusing on investments and insurance. Each seminar will start at 8:00 PM:

Tuesday, September 15th Seminar link: tinyurl.com/y4u7456o

Thursday, September 24th Seminar link: tinyurl.com/yymyryry

Friday, October 2nd Seminar link: tinyurl.com/y3bb236c

Any Catholic man 18 years and above is welcome to attend. If you're married, ask your spouse to join you. Learn how Catholic Faith Based Investing and Life Insurance can help you secure a better future for you and your family. There are no obligations for attending a seminar. Just copy the links above into your browser and you'll be connected with our Council's Field Agent, Paulson Ambookan. He will explain the KofC's financial investments and insurance products, and will answer all of your questions. If you are unsure as to how to access the seminars, just send an email to John O'Connor at: GrandKnight5091@gmail.com

Remembering and Caring for our Senior Priests

Do you ever think about a favorite Pastor or Parish Priest and wonder how they are and where they may be living?

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- Rev. Msgr. Thomas Costa,
Vicar for Senior Priests

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- Rev. Msgr. T Peter Ryan



Even in retirement our senior priests retain roles as our shepherds, and St. Pius X enables these dedicated men who live there to be fully engaged members of the community. "Still on duty," they serve as our teachers, counselors, and spiritual leaders.

**The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible!
Thank You!**

www.drvc.org/stpiusx

Crown Club Winners

St. Edward's Crown Club

Congratulations to our lucky **Crown Club Winners for August!**

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\$500	351	Mr. Walter McKenna
\$350	335	Mr. Charles Hudak
\$150	361	Mrs. Diane Zahtila



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Entry forms may also be obtained at the rectory.



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Good Luck and Thanks for Playing!

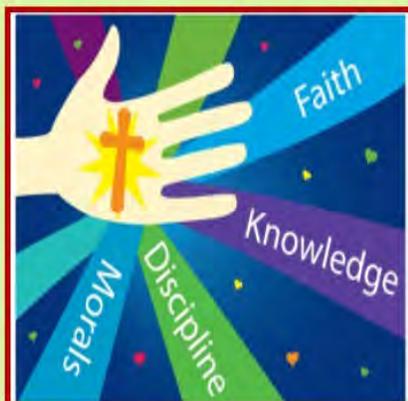
More than ever we hope you will participate in the Crown Club drawings. The pandemic has caused a great drain on our funds and your participation and support will help St. Edward's continue to be the Center of our Catholic Faith here in Syosset and the surrounding neighborhoods.

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

Faith Formation Religious Education



Registration Info for the 2020-2021 School Year



St. Edward's Religious Education is an 8 year faith formation curriculum for public school children in the parish. Public School Students are required to begin their religious studies in grade 1 and continue their religious formation through 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 later in May of that year. Grades 3 through 6 are required continuation years in religious education studies. Preparation for Confirmation occurs in grades 7 and 8 with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of grade 9.

Due to the COVID Pandemic, RE classes in the fall will begin the first week in October with weekly online Google Meet grade level sessions. We are hoping to resume "in school" weekly classes after the Christmas Break. This will give us the time necessary to "open up" safely.

Families whose children were enrolled in Religious Education

Classes last year should have already received a Re-Registration Form with instructions for re-registration via an email from our Office. If you have not yet received your children's Re-Registration Form, please contact Mrs. Braun at abraun@st-edwards.org.

Families who are new to the Religious Education Program

may register their children for classes online by going to our website at stedwardre.com and by selecting the link:

On-Line Registration for NEW Families.



Please note that the Religious Education Office will reopen next Wednesday, September 9th. Due to COVID restrictions for the parish school building, kindly call the Religious Education Office at 516-921-8543 prior to coming to the Office. Any questions or concerns can either be phoned in at the above number or emailed to abraun@st-edwards.org.

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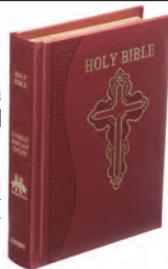
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