St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791 *Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11th, 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

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday:	9:00 AM	In the Church
Saturday:	5:00 PM	In the Church
Sunday:	7:30 AM	In the Church
	9:30 AM	In the Church
	11:30 AM	In the Church

Next Week's Presider Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 17 Sunday, Oct. 18

5:00 PM Fr. Hyacinth 7:30 AM Fr. Hyacinth 9:30 AM Fr. Celestine 11:30 AM Msgr. Beckmann

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 for 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:	1:00 PM to 2:00 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

 October 4, 2020
 \$ 12,155.00

 Envelopes:
 215

 Automatic Transactions:
 \$ 2,411.00

 Transactions:
 47

 Total:
 \$ 14,566.00

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 Sunday Mass is 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

From Fr. Mike's Desk

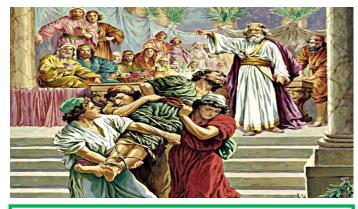
Today's readings are inviting us to a party, a great banquet. This banquet will have choice wine, juicy rich food, the works. Wow, think of it, we are invited to a great party with many other people. However, we must send a RSVP, we must actively say yes to the invitation and we must be properly dressed. The party is actually a wedding banquet, which is also known as the Great Eschatological Banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the wedding feast for Christ the Groom and His lovely Bride the Church. At the banquet, or just before the seating begins, God will destroy the veil that covers all nations and people, namely death. As Isaiah tells us, "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us...let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" The last enemy to be destroyed is death and now comes eternal life." However, we are told that life in the Kingdom is not a sure thing for everyone. Why, because few are chosen and those who are not, have actively refused the invitation.

We see this in the beginning of the Gospel account when those who were invited to the King's son's wedding made excuses, why they were unable to attend. So, the King revoked their invitation and decided to go out and invite any one his servants found on the streets, good and bad alike. Yet, one of those who came into the hall off the street was not properly dressed for a wedding. When the King came to greet his new guests he came upon this man and ordered him thrown out, with the instructions that he be bound hand and foot, and we are left to ask ourselves about the King's very harsh behavior as this man was invited to the party after all of those who were originally invited turned down the invitation. He was invited at the last second and taken off the street, surely, he was not expecting to come before the presence of the King. Would Jesus suggest that someone be thrown out just because they did not have the right clothes? Yes, this man might have been poor, and as Jesus tells us in Luke's Gospel, the poor are blessed. But Jesus is the One telling the story and He is indeed telling us this man was thrown out for not being properly dressed. But as always there is more than meets the eye in this account. The man, who came into the banquet hall not properly dressed, is just like those who refused the original invitation. Why, because he like them refused to properly prepare himself for the banquet. For you see, the King had prepared proper wedding clothes for those who did not have them, so they could fully be prepared and enter into the wedding feast, but he refused to put them on, he refused to properly dispose himself to enter into Heaven.

Jesus is telling us that many will be invited, and those who come must clothe themselves with the proper garments of the Gospel and Baptism. Our Lord is telling us that we are invited to the wedding feast, but the question comes to us, how will we answer the invitation? How will we as a Church and as a parish answer? Will we tell the Lord that we are too busy with worldly affairs, and we do not have time for God. Or will we answer the invitation by mistreating those sent out by the King (Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious Men and Women, and Lay Ministers) who work hard to help you to say yes to God. Or will you come just for the cocktail hour and forget the rest of the party by not being fully dressed or prepared. Jesus invites us everyday to come to His banquet here on Earth; it is found in the celebration of the Mass. by coming we are clothed for the wedding banquet in Heaven and more. So, you and I are invited, please say yes, and please ask God to help you always to say yes to life.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike



Next Week's Readings

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2020 First Reading - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalms - 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5B Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

"Lord God, be my refuge and my strength."

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 10/12 - Monday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Charles Symington Tues. - 10/13 - Tuesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Charles Symington Wed. - 10/14 - Wed. of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Thomas Campion Thurs. 10/15 - Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus 9:00 am **Richard Ward** Fri. - 10/16 – Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Rosalie Pomilla Sat. - 10/17 - Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch 9:00 am Diane Lang Allen and Patricia Murray 5:00 pm Maria Lobasso Orlando Molinares Intention of Robert Gladstone Pamela Rosica Our St. Edward's Parishioners Sun. - 10/18 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 am Edward J. Place 9:30 am Natalie Rose Rykowski 11:30 am Vivian and Anthony D'Angelo Josephine Avena Jeanette A. Henry Angelo Cassarino

Nicola Peronace Alexus (Lexi) Bonasera Giuseppe Rizzi

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 October 11 - October 17, 2020 Is Given in Loving Memory of

Raymond Gauthier

By: Dolly Gaita

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of October 11 - October 17, 2020 Is Lit in 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. John J. D'Amico, U.S. Army Airborne Cpt. Connor J. Dunleavy, U.Š. Army 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, 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 Cpl. Erik Liebergall, U.S. Marine Corps Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army Seaman Liam Pieper, Ú.S. Navy 2nd Lt. Richard Martin Prestegaard, U.S. Army 1st. Lt. Arriane Mari Reyes, U.S. Air Force 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

Pray For The Sick

Joseph Kempton Jo Kathy Rooney A Michele Wesch H Katy Monte R

John Lamb, Sr. Alvaro Banchon Frank Meyers Robert Philipps

Christiana Cheng Julianna Key Susan Giambalvo Alexandra Reuter

From Death to New Life



John P. Romeo Michael Larkin

Happy Columbus Day

Please note that the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, October 12th.

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 29 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

As we continue our COVID19 Journey, I find that things were going well for a while, we seemed to be adjusting to the "new normal", but this seems to be disappearing. People now seem to be on edge, and I do believe it has a lot to do with what we as a nation and a world have experienced over the past few months. Also, the news seems to grow worse, with the United States' death toll being over two hundred thousand and now the world's total is over one million. School is open and we are all tense about the safety of our children, and rightly so. Here at our St. Edward's School we have followed all the safety guidelines, and should a situation appear we are ready to correct it immediately. I find that people even at Mass are on the edge and are watching for any possible mistakes that are made against protocols. Granted no mistakes should happen, but please remember that priests, deacons, and lay ministers are only human. As I wrote in this space last week, we must take heaven by storm with our prayers, and we must be open to allowing God to dwell in us and help us to remain calm. We must put our trust in God and know He is here with us and carrying us through this ordeal and confusion.

As we enter October, we are reminded that this is the month of Our Dear Blessed Mother, as Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. On Saturday October 3rd, we will have our annual saying of the Rosary on our parking lot to mark the 103rd Anniversary of the miracle of Our Lady of Fatima, and the promises God made through His Holy Mother. October is also the month of the Holy Rosary because of the intercession on the part of the Blessed Mother in October of 1571. St. Pope Pius V called the whole Church to pray the Rosary so that invading ships and troops would not succeed in attacking Europe. This battle could have been a disaster for European Civilization and destroy the Church. The defeat of the Turkish navy at Lepanto called an end to their naval power and their desire to control the Mediterranean Sea. This event also gave to Our Dear Mother the title of Our Lady of Victory. As a result of this, during the month of October, and the month of May, and for the first Saturday of the month or any Marian Feast Day, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, is found in the front of the Church. However, you may have noticed that she has been out since March. The statue is there to remind us of the loving care and protection of Our Lady every day, especially during the Virus Crisis.

Likewise, you may have noticed the Icon of the Divine Mercy is also in the Church Lobby. Normally we place the Icon in front of the Church during the week of the Divine Mercy (the second Sunday of Easter). It is also out now and will remain present until we get to a "better normal" as we remember that Jesus is always here. As the motto of the Divine Mercy states, **"Jesus I trust in you."** Also never forget that Jesus is always present in the Tabernacle. These are the resources we should be using to get past fear and worry, to help us get through this. Also do not forget we are all in this together.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike



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October 1, 2020

Dear Brother Priests:

I have some important but difficult news to share with all of you. Today, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The faithful that you encounter daily will have many questions. Your pastoral care for them, as always, represents the front line for their reassurance and for avoiding misconceptions. A video message from me announcing this filing and other information regarding the filing is posted on the diocesan website: <u>www.drvc.org</u>.

This decision, as you know, is the culmination of months and months of analysis and prayer. It was not made lightly. However, the volume of lawsuits filed against the Diocese under the Child Victims Act coupled with the unanticipated financial devastation of the Covid-19 pandemic created an unsustainable strain on Diocesan finances. The Diocese could not continue its spiritual, charitable and educational missions while shouldering the increasingly heavy cost of litigation associated with these cases.

Filing for Chapter 11, we believe is the only way for the Diocese to ensure a fair and equitable outcome for everyone involved. This is because the bankruptcy court will centralize all litigation and oversee a settlement that ensures that no survivor is left out or gets unfair compensation at the expense of another survivor.

A settlement will be determined based on the assets of the Diocese and will not include any parish offertory donations collected during Mass or any contributions to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our financial and legal advisors are maximizing the availability of insurance coverage and investment proceeds. In bankruptcy, all assets of the Diocese are part of the court record and therefore publicly available, making the process completely transparent.

You also should know, in regards to cases naming parishes as defendants, that we plan to petition the court to "stay" - or suspend temporarily or indefinitely—these cases and request that they be included under the umbrella of the settlement process in the Diocese Chapter 11 so all survivors are treated fairly and equitably. All public information relating to the filing can be found on a dedicated website, which can be found by clicking on the "Restructuring" icon found on the diocesan website at www.drvc.org.

During this period of restructuring, most Diocesan operations and ministries will continue without interruption. We anticipate that current and future financial liquidity will be sufficient to fund normal operations and services during this restructuring process. Our employees will be paid their normal wages. Benefit programs will continue, uninterrupted. Our vendors will be paid for all goods and services after filing, and ordinary operations will continue as before. We know that the majority of our people experience the life of the Church through their parish, school and religious education programs. So, it is important to emphasize that the good work of our parishes, Catholic schools and ministries is expected to continue as normal. Since the parishes and schools of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are separate legal entities, they are not included in this Chapter 11 filing. But it is also the case that after Chapter 11, the Diocese will have fewer financial resources to help struggling schools and parishes.

We know this will be difficult news to share with parishioners and that this filing will raise many concerns. I am grateful for the opportunity for a timely discussion with our pastors about these challenges and our path forward during our scheduled meetings next week. I am profoundly grateful for the commitment and dedication you have shown during this very difficult time. We are all blessed by the pastoral commitment and priestly zeal you demonstrate in continuing to serve Christ and our people selflessly.

In an effort to ensure that you are prepared to respond to questions from parishioners, pastors will receive through a separate email, communication information that includes talking points, frequently asked questions and a resource guide for further information.

Thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and hopeful spirit of evangelization during this time. Please join me in asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mother of the Church that she continue to intercede for a spirit of holiness and mission in our Diocese and throughout the world.

Please know that I am praying for each of you, for our parishioners and their families, and in a special way for the survivors of clergy sexual abuse. I also pray that through this restructuring process, the Diocese will emerge purified and stronger, having addressed these issues with dignity and fairness in order to move forward and heal.

Fratemally in Christ,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

Parish Questions and Answers Regarding the Diocese Filing

General Q&A

- 1. Why did the Diocese of Rockville Centre (The Diocese) file for Chapter 11? The Diocese took this action to ensure the viability of its ongoing mission and charitable services, while it works toward a fair and equitable way to compensate survivors of sexual abuse who brought lawsuits under the Child Victims Act. Ensuring fair and equitable settlements with all survivors requires the Diocese to manage the increasing costs of this litigation. Filing will allow the Diocese to work toward a settlement with survivors AND, at the same time, maintain its mission; serving the common good of all.
- 2. What entities are included in the Chapter 11 filing? Only the Diocese itself is included in the filing. Parishes, Catholic schools and religious orders within the Diocese are not included in the filing. The Diocese of Rockville Centre is a distinct religious corporation from the Parishes, some of which include Catholic Schools as part of their missions. Some of the Parishes are named in Child Victims Act lawsuits along with the Diocese. The Diocese will ask the Bankruptcy Court to "stay," or halt, any civil actions against the Parishes and bring these cases under the umbrella of the process to resolve abuse lawsuits that they expect to set up in the Chapter 11 case.
- 3. Is the bankruptcy a way to minimize your financial responsibilities to the victims? No. The bankruptcy process will provide a transparent look at the Diocese's financial status. All documents filed in a Chapter 11 are available publicly, including information about financial resources, borrowing, insurance coverage, investments, pension obligations and expenses. It will be plain to see what the Diocese can afford to pay survivors. Our goal is to compensate the survivors of abuse as equitably as possible while continuing with our charitable missions.
- 4. Does the Diocese have enough money to continue operating? The Diocese believes its current and future liquidity will be sufficient to fund normal operations and services during the restructuring process and beyond. Vendors will be paid for all goods and services after the filing, and transactions that occur in the ordinary course of business will continue as before. Employees will be paid their normal wages, and health and benefits programs will continue uninterrupted.
- 5. Will my gift/donation to the CMA or other specific funds to be used to pay legal settlements? No. Gifts and donations that are made to the CMA or to support specific ministries and programs will only be used for those purposes. Designated gifts can only be used for the purposes for which they were and are given.
- 6. Where can I find Chapter 11 case information? To ensure access to all restructuring information, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has created a link to its Reorganization Information page on the diocesan website, www.drvc.org, which contains a variety of information on our Chapter 11 restructuring. The Diocese has also set up a toll-free information line for inquiries at (888) 490-0633. For access to certain court documents and other information about our Chapter 11 case, please visit https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc.

Parish Q&A

- Is our Parish included in the DRVC Chapter 11 filing? No. Our Parish is a separate legal entity and therefore not included in the Chapter 11 filing of the Diocese.
- Will our Parish file bankruptcy too now that the Diocese has filed? No. There are no plans for parishes to file for Chapter 11.
- 9. What if our Parish has been named in a sexual abuse lawsuit? Will we need to file for bankruptcy to resolve it? The Diocese will ask the Bankruptcy Court to "stay" or halt any sexual abuse actions against parishes and bring these cases under the umbrella of the process in order to resolve them.
- Will my donation to the Parish during Mass now be used to settle sexual abuse lawsuits? No. Monies collected from donors and parishioners will not be redirected toward litigation settlements.
- 11. Is there a chance that money for the DRVC schools could be used to pay abuse settlements? Tuition, philanthropic support, and parish support of schools will, as always be fully dedicated to funding the operations of the schools are not impacted by the Diocese's Chapter 11 filing.
- 12. If a parishioner has made a designated gift or donation to this parish, will that money remain here, or can it be moved to the Diocese for settlement purposes? - Designated gifts and donations are protected under New York state law and cannot be used to settle claims.
- 13. Is there a chance that the Diocese will sell this Parish or other real estate to help settle claims? No. This parish and any real estate surrounding it are property of this parish, which is a separate legal entity from the Diocese. The Diocese does not have a legal right to sell property that belongs to a parish corporation.

Additional Information is also available by clicking on the restructuring icon on the DRVC website: www.drvc.org.

Carlo Acutis To Be Beatified On October 10th

Carlo Acutis, a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006, will be beatified on Oct. 10th this year in Assisi. He was a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist. Carlo was born on May 3, 1991, in London. Just a few months later, his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, moved to Milan. As a teenager, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. He offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying "I offer all the suffering I will have to suffer for the Lord, for the Pope, and the Church." He died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi, at his request, because of his love for St. Francis of Assisi.



From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his First Communion, he went to Mass as often as he could, and he made Holy Hours before or after Mass. He went to confession weekly. He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages — to the places of the saints, and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles. And he promoted Eucharistic miracles, especially through a website he built. On the site, he told people that "the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven." Carlo will lie in repose in a glass tomb where he can be venerated by pilgrims until Oct. 17. He is displayed in jeans and a pair of Nikes, the casual clothes he preferred in life.

KofC Officer Installation

On Tuesday, October 13th, the Knight of Columbus will be holding their new Officer Installation. A Mass will be said by Fr. Mike in the church beginning at 7:00 PM, and the Installation will immediately follow. **All parishioners are invited and are welcome to attend.** Maybe you've been curious about the Knights and their charitable works. There are no secrets, just Catholic men seeking to do good in the parish, community and the world. Afterwards, please feel free to stay with us for coffee, tea and pastries in the gathering area.

Parish Blood Drive

The KofC will be hosting the parish's next **Blood Drive** in the Holy Family Room on October 25th, from 8:15 AM to 12:45 PM. Schedule your appointment today by using this link:

https://tinyurl.com/y56hsgxw

Newly Baptized

Livia Anne DeFeo Savannah Rose Fay Scarlett Elizabeth Olechnowicz Mia Rose Verdone Alexandra Toni Toscano Christopher Joseph Maro, Jr. Chiara Mia Cracchiolo Madison Pia Quinn

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.



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SUPPORT BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday party supply drive! Items we are collecting: birthday wrapping paper, party hats, birthday banners, and blowers.

October 18-25 Boxes will be set up in the vestibule of the church, and an Amazon wishlist can be accessed through this QR code, and will be sent out via email.



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