

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

*“Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.”*

Psalms 80: 15-16



*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4th, 2020*

THE PASTORAL TEAM

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Mrs. Ann Braun, Secretary

Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

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

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
Religious Education Office.....921-8543
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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.

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. 10	5:00 PM	Fr. Mike
Sunday, Oct. 11	7:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	9:30 AM	Fr. Celestine
	11:30 AM	Fr. Mike

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

Our Weekly Offering

September 27, 2020	\$ 12,410.00
Envelopes:	196
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 1,216.00
Transactions:	34
Total:	\$ 13,626.00

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](https://www.facebook.com/stedwardsyosset)

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Instagram: [stedwardsyosset](https://www.instagram.com/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

One of the unique features of the East End of Long Island and sections of upstate New York are the wineries. Who would ever believe that the East End would have the right soil and climate to grow grapes? Many people told those who started the vineyards that they would never succeed, and yet here we are many years later with great wines, and a boost to the East End economy (at least before the COVID 19 decided to visit and move in). Those who built the vineyards would tell you that it was not easy, and that they needed a great deal of work, preparation, and hope. As it is now, so has it always been, when it comes to the vine! The Prophet Isaiah speaks today about his vineyard. He sings to his friends how he picked the best land, spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the best vines. He built a watch tower and a wine press and took care of plants and the grapes in every way possible. But when he went out to see and harvest the grapes all he found was wild grapes. As he laments, he asks those who were listening what more could I do? Now disappointed, he will take away the protective hedge, and he will allow the vineyard to be overgrown and be destroyed!

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us about a vineyard whose owner took great care of it and prepared it the same way the owner did in Isaiah's account. The owner leased out portions to tenant farmers, who at harvest time, were to give a portion of their harvest to the owner as rent. So, the owner sent out his servants who were mistreated and even killed. They refused to give the owner his fair share and he got very angry. However, the owner gave the tenants one more chance and he decided to send his son, thinking that they would respect him and honor their pledge. As Jesus tells us, they took the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him! Jesus then asked the priests and elders (who were his audience) what should the owner do? They responded that he should put them to death and lease the vineyard to other tenants, and Our Lord tells them they are correct and that is what the owner will do.

Imagine their surprise when He told them that they were the unjust tenants. For the two vineyards are really one and the same, and the unjust tenants and the wild grapes are one and the same. The owner is none other than God the Father, and the wild grapes and tenants are the people and leaders of Israel. In both cases they refused to turn from their sinful ways, which resulted in God removing His support from them. But God does not totally withdraw His protection and care from them. He promised them during the time of the Babylonian Exile that He would deliver them, allow them to come back to Israel, and send them a redeemer. They were indeed returned, but we also know that it was not always easy for them when they returned. They still had difficulties in their relationship with

God, and with other nations, especially Greece and Rome. And as we know, God did send them a redeemer who would set them free, and they were to keep watch for Him and welcome Him when He arrived. However, as we see in today's Gospel, they did not, and they treated Him just as they did the prophets who came before Him (as Jesus relates when He tells them how the tenants treated the owner's servants). In killing the owner's son (God's Son) Jesus tells them they will lose everything, be forced out of the vineyard which will be given to new tenants, the Church.

We who listen to the owner's Son are now the tenants, and this time the vineyard is not just one nation or one people, it is the whole world and all people. We must strive to be the best tenants we can be and give the owner all that is His due. We must do our part not to disappoint and do our best to build the Kingdom of God with the Father, the Son and The Holy Spirit. We must follow the advice given to us by Saint Paul in today's letter, read his closing remarks carefully. ***"Keep on doing what you have learned, received, and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you."***

If today was not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. On that day we usually bless the animals in memory of St. Francis and his love for animals and nature. Today is a very busy day so we will not be able to bless the animals on the actual day of October 4th. So, we will bless the animals on Monday October 5th at 4PM. Please bring the animals you wish to have blessed to the front of the Church at this time. I don't think the animals have to wear masks; however, you do - Sorry.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 11, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10A

Psalms - 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 10/5 - Monday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Marion and Henry Schwerdtfeger

Tues. - 10/6 - Tuesday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Cicily Mathew

Wed. - 10/7 - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00 am Raymond Monack

Thurs. 10/8 - Thursday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Angelo Coschignano

Fri. - 10/9 - Friday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Kenneth and Grace Kempton

Sat. - 10/10 - Saturday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Marion and Henry Schwerdtfeger
5:00 pm Joseph Hietlen
Alan (Bud) MacKenzie
Intention of Robert Gladstone
Christopher Halligan

Sun. - 10/11 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Charles Symington
9:30 am Elena and Sebastiano Crecco
11:30 am Dr. Stanley Tommasello
Charles Symington
Cora Buenafe
Sebastiano Crecco
Helen Carbone
Our St Edward's Parishioners

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 4 - October 10, 2020
Is Given in Loving Memory of

Joseph Hoda

By: Janet Hoda

The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of October 4 - October 10, 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”

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

From Death to New Life



John P. Romeo

Pamela S. Rosica

Rose B. Maresca

Pray the Rosary

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 28 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

On Tuesday September 22nd, the death toll due to COVID 19 reached 200,000 people, the largest number of deaths in any country in the world. While some other nations are also closing in on that number and may even pass the United States, we are still presented with a number that is mind blowing and certainly nothing to be proud of. Of course, even one person's death is one too many. We also keep hearing that the number of confirmed cases keeps rising and the CDC and others fear the number will climb because of the approaching cold weather and the fear of a predicted second wave. What are we to do? Well we are told to keep wearing our masks in public and of course maintain proper social distancing. This does seem to work in many areas, but we also know that it does not work in others. But we must all do our part to limit the spread of the virus.

There is one more activity that we can do, and we know that is prayer. In fact, as Jesus tells us in the Gospels, we should take Heaven by storm with our prayers. Now it is not that God does not know what we need or what we are asking of Him, rather by our constant prayers we show God our sense of commitment to make change happen in our world and even in our own lives. While we cannot change God's mind, as St. Thomas Aquinas tells us, that does not mean that our prayers are in vain. Rather through our prayers God can open our minds and our souls to know what He wants to happen and how we can do our part to make it happen. Remember God always takes a bad situation and turns it into something good for us. So, will our prayers stop the Corona Virus? I believe they will for they will help us deal with it better and help those in the medical field to come up with better treatments and eventually a vaccine. Prayer calls us also to sacrifice, but sacrifice should not be new to us, for Our Lord tells us that we must pick up our cross every day. Just as He took up His Cross and died on it for us. The sacrifice we are called to do is wear a mask (as most of us do), distance from others, and follow the other guidelines that have been published. We have all been asked to endure changes in how we celebrate the Sacraments, but let us thank God that we are able to celebrate them and have our children come to school, and have our Religious Education Students have their classes virtually, until hopefully mid-year when we can return to in person learning.

Yes, we are asked to sacrifice, and yes, we are faced with an almost impossible situation, but we know that we are not facing it on our own. We are in this all together as the Living Body of Christ, and we have all of Heaven on our side. We know that we will also lose loved ones, and maybe we ourselves may get sick, but with God on our side we have nothing to fear even if He calls us home. As I wrote a few weeks ago in this space, we will be with Him. After all this is the goal of our whole life here on Earth. Do not lose hope, do not give into fear, and keep praying.

God bless you and help you!

Fr. Mike

Public Rosary at St. Edwards



In honor of the 103rd anniversary of our Lady's appearance at Fatima, we are inviting our parishioners to join the reciting of our annual **Public Rosary** on Saturday, October 10th at 12 noon, weather permitting.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, we will be holding the **Public Rosary** in our own church parking lot in a large circle, with each individual socially distanced, and all wearing masks. If you would like to bring a lawn chair, that is fine. Vehicles having handicapped stickers will be allowed to park in the outer perimeters of the parking lot, but must arrive no later than 11:45 AM. The Knights of Columbus will direct you to the appropriate spaces. All other attendees are asked to park on either Jackson Avenue or Tiebrook Avenue.

We have much to pray for this year, and hope it will be our largest **Public Rosary** attendance yet! Please join us, and pray for good weather! Mother Mary has always answered our prayers in the past.

Our Next Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus 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. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. See next week's bulletin for registration information and additional details.

Welcome to the Parish



The Kumatovic Family

*John & Margaret,
Joseph*

Wedding Banns



Anthony Migliore
St. Andrew's, Flushing NY
To
Danielle Savarese
St. Edward the Confessor

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.

CMA - We're Getting Closer

As of September 29th, 2020 our parish is now at

88.6% of our goal!

This means we need about another \$12,500 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



Registration Info for the 2020-2021 School Year



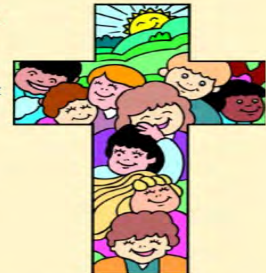
St. Edward's Religious Education is an 8 year faith formation curriculum for public school children in the parish. Public School Students are required to begin their religious studies in grade 1 and continue their religious formation through grade 8.

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 delay starting, with Tuesday Lessons starting on Oct. 13th (Wednesday, Oct. 14th, Thursday, Oct. 15th and Sunday, Oct. 18th) 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.

Baby Bottles Fundraiser

On the weekend of October 4, 2020, St. Edward's Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island. This Center is a pregnancy help facility that counsels women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide the following?

- Free pregnancy test kits
- Free sonogram referrals
- Maternity housing with eligibility requirement referrals
- Medical care referrals
- Material aid including car seats, cribs, cloths, diapers
-and many other needed baby items
- Male advocates are available to speak with fathers

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation. (Make checks to the Life Center of L.I.) Please return the bottles on the weekend of December 12-13, 2020. Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer on the bottle which will enable the counselors at The Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear. It especially opens a mother's heart to accept the truth, and protect her child.

RCIA



Come and See....

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic?

Do you come to Mass, but are not Catholic?

Are you baptized, but never received Confirmation or Communion?

Are you looking for a spiritual home?

Then, Come and See!

Stop by the table in the vestibule of the church on October 3rd and 4th to talk with an RCIA team member.

Or call Sr. Sheila Browne at 516-921-8030, or sbrowne@st-edwards.org

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Host Virtual Gala



Please join us on Friday, October 23rd for a special dining experience as guests can cook along with **Monsignor Jamie Gigantiello**, a professionally trained chef and host of NET TV's popular cooking show *Breaking Bread*, at this year's virtual Dominican Gala. Although we can't gather in person for cocktails and dinner, we can celebrate together remotely!

We are proud to honor Suzanne Pugh, RN, Director of Emergency Services at New York-Presbyterian Queens and Sister Flor de Maria Buruca, OP, founder of an after-school program and summer camp in El Salvador.

The Dominican Gala raises critical funds in order to support the ministries of the Sisters of St. Dominic. In response to the pandemic, a COVID-19 Emergency Ministry Support Fund (MSF) was created to raise funds for our frontline ministries allowing them to deliver emergency supplies to those in need, expand food pantries and meal programs, and provide other forms of direct assistance. With thousands out of work in our local area alone, soaring food insecurity and vulnerable people pushed further to the margins, we need your help to continue our outreach efforts now more than ever! With your support, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville will continue to be a lifeline for those in need.

For more information about tickets, silent auction, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Susan Jappell (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit:

www.sistersofstdominic.org/2020gala

First 300 guests to RSVP will receive 2 complimentary bottles of wine (shipping included).

Thank you!

Crown Club Winners

St. Edward's Crown Club

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

Prize	Ticket #	Winner
\$1,000	422	Mrs. Betty Galluzzo
\$500	254	Mrs. Eileen Horan
\$350	483	Mrs. Marie Polsinelli
\$150	154	Mrs. Jennifer Garrido



Check upcoming bulletins for the entry form to participate in the next round of drawings for October 2020 through March 2021.
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!

“Stand Up” with the Respect Life Group and Knights of Columbus

Join together and “Stand Up For Life” with St. Edward’s Respect Life Group and the Knights of Columbus. We will be gathering on October 4th along Route 110 in Huntington. To find us, park in the lot of the Walt Whitman Mall, along Route 110, and look for our “Stand Up For Life” signs and friendly faces that you recognize. The event is ‘Rain or Shine’, so bring an umbrella just in case!

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23rd Annual

Stand Up For Life



Sunday,
October 4, 2020
2:00-3:30 PM

(rain or shine)

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Along Route 110 and Route 25, **Huntington**

and

LIE, Exit 70S, County Rd. 111, **Manorville**

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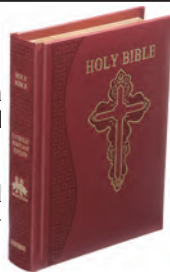
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