

St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ

Jesus said to his disciples:

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”*

Matthew 13:45-46



*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26th, 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
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This Coming Week: 7/20/20 - 7/26/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	7/27	—	No Meetings or Activities
Tues	7/28	—	No Meetings or Activities
Wed	7/29	—	No Meetings or Activities
Thur	7/30	—	No Meetings or Activities
Fri	7/31	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sat	8/1	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sun	8/2	—	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

July 19, 2020 **\$ 12,378.00**
Envelopes: **179**
Automatic Transactions: **\$ 5,226.00**
Transactions: **55**
Total: **\$ 17,604.00**
Air Conditioning: **\$ 1,364.00**

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
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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

We now continue where we left off from last week's letter.

In the Gospel for the 17th Sunday we are told that the Kingdom comes upon us like a pleasant surprise. It is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again. He then goes out and sells all he owns to buy the field and possess the great treasure. Jesus also compares the Kingdom as a pearl of great price. When one finds it, one goes out and sells everything to have it. The pearl, and the treasure were come upon by surprise, and using earthly wisdom we can see why a person would sell everything to have this field and its treasure and to have the pearl. If we use heavenly wisdom, we too must do whatever we can to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven. There is nothing like God's Kingdom; it is what we hope for and pray for every day. It is there where we will find our true happiness, it is where we will be with God and our loved ones forever.

Surprise is good, but the Parables also show us a warning. Jesus warns us that the forces of evil, human, and supernatural, want to take the joys of the Kingdom away from all who have found it or are still looking for it. We see this in the *Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat*. As we listen to the Parable, we are told, *"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat... When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well."* After the farmer acknowledged that an enemy had done this, he told his workers not to pull out the weeds, as the wheat will also be pulled out and all will be lost. He then told his workers, *"Let them grow together until harvest; then at the harvest time, I will say to the harvesters; 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"* When Jesus explained this parable, He pointed out that the enemy is the devil and the farmer who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man (Jesus). The field is the

world and the good seed, hopefully, is us. The weeds are the children of the evil one who will do anything to cut us off from the Kingdom of Heaven.

While the forces of evil would like us to stay out of the Kingdom, we should keep in mind that the evil can also be the temptations of this world, as well as the individual weaknesses we all have and constantly fight against. We must be on guard against these forces as the wicked snares of the devil.

With God's help we will be able to do this and with this help we will not be the one who is thrown out or into the fiery furnace where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. With His help we will be one who shines like the sun in the Kingdom of Our Father. *"Whoever has ears, ought to hear."*

Let us finish with the words Our Savior taught us. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

God bless you always!

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalms 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

Second Reading - Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 7/27 - Monday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am St. Edward's Parishioners Living & Deceased

Tues. - 7/28 - Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Timothy Lafferty

Wed. - 7/29 - Memorial of Saint Martha
9:00 am Joan R. Silaco

Thurs. 7/30 - Thursday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Francisco S. Pingol

Fri. - 7/31 - Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola
9:00 am Annette Johansen

Sat. - 8/1 - Memorial of Saint Alphonsus
9:00 am Marian Ranalli
5:00 pm John Carbone
Nicasio Corsello
Vincent Greco
Leonard Kaiser
Patrick Joseph Cullinan
St. Edward's Parishioners

Sun. - 8/2 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Brett Passeroff
9:30 am Linda A. Reens
11:30 am Ann Marie Meehan-Cleaver
Sr. Veronica Greeley, O.P.
Marian Ranalli
Alan (Bud) MacKenzie
Brian J. Mulvey

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 July 26 - August 1, 2020

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The Sanctuary Candle

For the week of July 26 - August 1, 2020

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Around the World***

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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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

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



Alexus Bonasera

Philip Martorelli

Next Week's Presider Schedule

<i>Saturday, Aug 1</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Fr. Mike</i>
<i>Sunday, Aug 2</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 18 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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.

Some time ago, I asked you how you were doing dealing with this crisis. We have gone through quite a lot since this whole thing started in mid-March, and in the beginning, it seemed like it would never end. Now we are seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Of course, when we see reports from the other parts of the country, we think that the tunnel has gotten longer and the light dimmer. Certainly, there is no easy way out of this pandemic, and it probably be with us for a longer time then we want it too (that time I think has already passed).

But things are not as bad as they were in March, there are better treatments and the medical and drug professionals have a better handle on how to treat this virus, however, we must remember that while the death rate is going down in our area, people are still dying or have difficulties recovering from Corona. We have entered Phase 4 and life is a lot better than it was during the lockdown, but we are not back to normal yet. However, currently we can relax a little, and enjoy some parts of our past lives, while still practicing precautions of wearing masks and distancing.

Yet, at times I find this situation to be like a double-edged sword. Yes, I am happy for what we have gained back, but I also find myself preoccupied. I find myself not in a state of melancholy, but at times I find myself in deep thought and it is not pleasant thought. It possibly could be that we are now given time to decompress. But this is not easy to do when we read the news and we still must follow all these restrictions and practices. It is like going through an emergency and you need to be the one keeping your wits about you so the emergency will not get worse. But when it is over, you start coming down from the high energy you had to summon, and you basically fall apart. In my conversations with people I find that I am not alone, and I am sure that many more people are feeling the same way. It is OK, it is part of how we survive in tight situations, and we must not be afraid. Acknowledge your feelings, but do not let them totally control or paralyze you. We really are in this together, and the one good thing that has come out of this crisis is, we have all pitched in to help one another. We have done our part in helping our neighbor (and if we have not done so yet, there is still time).

In this Sunday's Mass, God offers the young King Solomon anything he wants. He could choose from riches, power, or any worldly treasure. However, Solomon does not ask for any of these things. Rather he asks God for an understanding heart, a heart that is filled with wisdom. God is so impressed with this, that God tells the young king that no one will ever be as wise as he, except of course Our Lord Jesus Christ. If we like Solomon ask for God's wisdom and love, we will be able to withstand anything, we will be able to get passed the Corona Virus, the restrictions that it has caused, and all of the other effects imposed on us.

Never lose hope or faith and never allow the built-up stress to get the better of you. Remember what it says on our currency and our coins, ***"In God we Trust"***.

God bless you always!

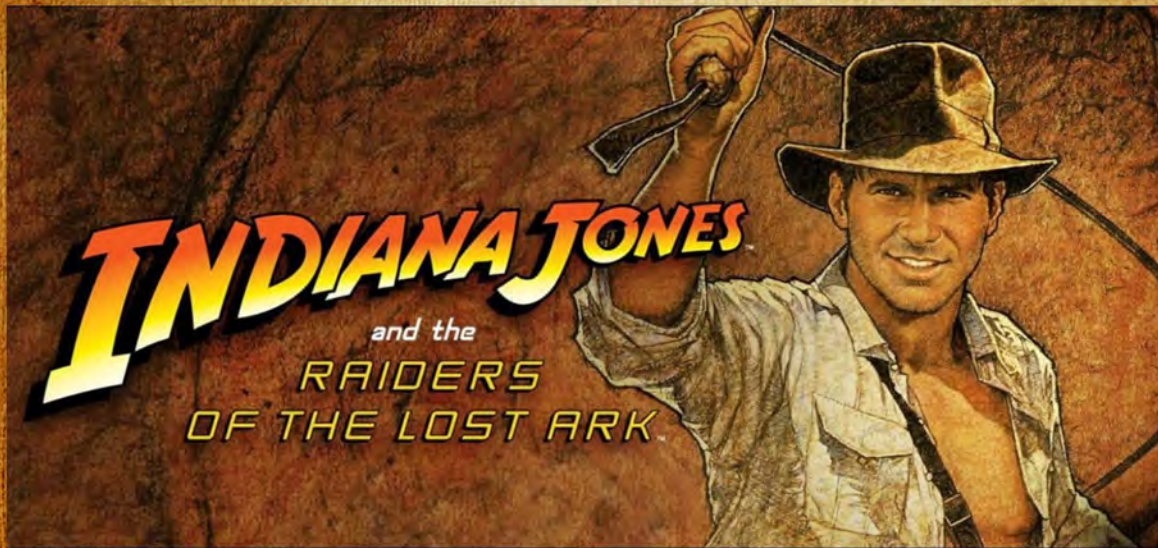
Fr. Mike

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;

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If you are interested in joining, please contact **Mary Fay (President)** at **516-364-2601**.

PARISH OUTREACH EFFORT UPDATE

Over the last couple of months, telephone calls have been made to all parishioners. A small group of volunteers reached out, at the request of Fr. Mike, in an attempt to check in with our parishioners to make sure everyone was well and safe, and if any needs were identified they were addressed and resolved.

Please be aware that everyone that is registered in our parish was called.

We did encounter a few problems of not being able to connect with everyone:

- 1) **Disconnected phone numbers** – many people have disconnected land lines, but haven't brought their parish registration information up to date with an alternate contact number or cell number.
- 2) **A handful of numbers required an 'access code' in order to get through.**
- 3) **No answer/kept ringing** – any number of reasons: no one home, people working from home during the pandemic and could not be interrupted, or many do not answer a number that is not recognized.
- 4) **Answering machine was full** – MANY messages were left, but a few numbers indicated the machine was full and it was not possible to leave a message.

There were approximately 2,800 calls made, and every effort was made to identify persons living alone to make sure they had someone checking on them to be sure they are safe and well. If you know of anyone that lives alone or has a need, please let us know. These are whom Fr. Mike is most concerned about and looks to all of us to reach out and let him know who they are.

On behalf of Fr. Mike, I would like to thank all the people that helped with this monumental task: ***Diego Laserna, Janet Hofgren, Elizabeth Kempton, Jayne McPartland, Jean Peters, and Mary Wood.***

You all did a phenomenal job...thank you!

~ Mary Fay, President
St. Edward's Joseph J. Gorman Columbiettes

Catholic Ministries Appeal

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Should you have questions, and just wish to learn more of what the Knights have to offer, please send an e-mail to:

John O'Connor at - GrandKnight5091@gmail.com

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES



Over the years local businesses have supported St. Edward's Parish during fund raisers, and have been a big help in keeping our community going. Please consider patronizing the local businesses by ordering a meal, or purchasing goods or services, rather than ordering on line. These local businesses have been there for us over the years, so let's help them now so we'll have a future together. You can find many local businesses in the directory of the website for the Syosset Woodbury Chamber of Commerce. Take a look, and help support ONE business of your choice.

Go to: www.syossetchamber.com

Commemorations / Dedications

Just a reminder you can commemorate a deceased loved one or celebrate a special occasion by dedicating the **Bread & Wine** or the **Sanctuary Candle** for one week. It comes with a special card to be given to your loved one. The Altar Bread and Wine Card offering is \$40 and the Sanctuary Card is \$25. Call or visit the Rectory Office for details.

Prayer for Healthcare Workers

O Holy Spirit, we thank you for the advancements that have led to improving the health of so many. We beg you to inspire new breakthroughs in overcoming the coronavirus and all serious flu viruses. Protect, we pray, healthcare professionals from the illnesses they are treating, and make them instruments of your healing. Amen.



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. ****



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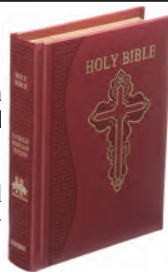
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