

# St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

*Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ*



*“If your brother sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault  
between you and him alone”.*

Matthew 15:18

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

## THE PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor  
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Mrs. Rosemary Pettei, Director  
Ms. Mary Calabrese, Director of Confirmation  
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  
RCIA.....921-8030 ext. 135  
Administration.....921-8030 ext. 136  
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St. Vincent De Paul Society.....516-218-7837  
PSM/Pantry.....921-8030 ext. 140  
Music Ministry.....921-8030 ext. 150  
Youth Ministry.....921-8030 ext. 127  
Pastoral Center Offices.....921-8030 ext. 132

### This Coming Week: 8/31/20 - 9/6/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	8/31	—	No Meetings or Activities
Tues	9/1	—	No Meetings or Activities
Wed	9/2	—	No Meetings or Activities
Thur	9/3	—	No Meetings or Activities
Fri	9/4	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sat	9/5	—	No Meetings or Activities
Sun	9/6	—	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

**August 30, 2020**                      \$ 11,440.00  
**Envelopes:**                              195  
**Automatic Transactions:**              \$ 2,036.00  
**Transactions:**                              46  
**Total:**                                      \$ 13,476.00

*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](http://www.st-edwards.org)  
**School:** [www.stedwardconfessor.org](http://www.stedwardconfessor.org)  
**Religious Ed:** [www.saintedwardre.com](http://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.

### YouTube Channel -

St. Edward the Confessor Church - Syosset

### Facebook Page -

St. Edward the Confessor Church

### 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

We have now come to the last non-official weekend of summer, Labor Day Weekend. No one can deny that we have gone through a totally different spring and summer. We have experienced events that none of us ever thought we would. We also know that as we start this September everything is going to be a little different, especially with the kids returning to school.

These changes are difficult to adjust to, but as stated before, we will get through this together with the help of God. Monday is Labor Day, a day we look forward to by having parties, bar-b-q<sup>75</sup> and buying back-to-school clothes and supplies. However, let us focus on this day to remember and be thankful for all the labors of those who build our great nation and a better world. All the labors, great and small that keep us going. We salute and pray for every worker, and bless the fruits of their labors that help them support themselves, their families, and all of society. Unfortunately, we know that due to the lockdown and the continued concerns generated by the Corona Virus, many people have lost their jobs or are underemployed, or are working below their total capacity. Let us continue to pray for them and ask God to help them get back to work soon. For some of us, these conditions can lead to new opportunities and careers, let us hope they continue to do well. Keep in mind that no matter what kind of labor we are engaged in, if it is honest and builds up the human condition, it is blessed and pleasing to God. And we must never forget all of the hard labors of those in the medical field, first responders, fire and police, those who worked in vital industries and in the stores, those who keep the hospitals clean and supplied, those who worked in food pantries, teaching our students, and so many more positions during the lockdown and the time after. We thank you all and you are in our prayers.

Our reading for today also speaks about labor. We saw in the reading from Ezekiel, how God appointed him watchman over the House of Israel. The watchman was appointed to warn the people of approaching trouble, especially in time of war. Ezekiel in this passage is being told by God that he is to watch over the people and point out the wrong they are doing. It is his job to warn them that their souls are in danger if they do not repent. If he is successful, they will be saved, if not, they

will not. However, if he fails to warn them, he too will suffer and die. God is telling him that he must go out of his way to save the people. If he does, he will not be held accountable for those who do not listen. This same job is given to all of us in today's Gospel. Jesus is telling the disciples (and us) how we should act when a brother sins against us. He tells them to speak to the person one on one, in hopes of solving the problem. If that does not work, we are to take two others with us to be witnesses and offer their opinions. If that does not work, go to the Church and let the community decide. Hopefully, that will work, but as Jesus points out, if one does not listen to the Church one is not listening to Him. As He tells us, ***"For when two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*** However, we must all be totally gathered in Jesus' name, not just merely appearing to be. If that does not work, then the person is to be treated as an outsider, until he or she has a change of heart. This is not the finish that Jesus is looking for. The job of the Christ is to bring all people together in His name, and for us to work to build the Kingdom of God. The way we do this is seen in St. Paul's Letter for today. Paul tells us the Love of one's neighbor is how we fulfill the ***Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes***, and how we can change those who do not love or know how to love. As he writes, *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself! Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence love is the fulfillment of the law."*

*Happy Labor Day and God bless you always!*

*Fr. Mike*

## Next Week's Readings

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 13, 2020**

**First Reading - Sirach 27:30-28:7**

**Psalms - 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12**

**Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9**

**Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35**

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

### Mass Intentions

**Mon. - 9/7 - Monday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am John Kennedy

**Tues. - 9/8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 am Paul Pepe, Jr.

**Wed. - 9/9 - Memorial of Saint Peter Claver**

9:00 am Anne Labriola

**Thurs. 9/10 - Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Walter Henry

**Fri. - 9/11 - Friday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Fred Varacchi & Mary Drennan

**Sat. - 9/12 - Saturday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Diana Lang

5:00 pm Robert Sheehan

William Duffy

Alan (Bud) MacKenzie

Mary Keenan

John Holloway

James Moran

**Sun. - 9/13 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am Brian Mulvey

9:30 am James Robert Thomas

11:30 am Victor Tommasello

Edward S. Kobus

Sarah T. Roche

Heather Murray

Milia Mouradian Maldjian

Steven Weisberg

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 6 - September 12, 2020*

Is Given in Loving Memory of

***Fred Varacchi***

By: Claire & Tom Drennan

### The Sanctuary Candle

*For the week of September 6 - September 12, 2020*

Is Lit in Memory of

***All Victims of 9-11-2001***

By: Fr. Mike 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”*

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  
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Sgt. Noah C. Estey, U.S. Marine Corps  
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Pvt. Gary Harris, U.S. Army  
Lt. Amanda Hine, U.S. Navy  
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Sr. Airman Michael LiBretto, U.S. Air Force  
Cpl. Erik Liebergall, U.S. Marine Corps  
Pvt. Jonathan Maldonado, U.S. Army  
Seaman Liam Pieper, U.S. Navy  
2nd Lt. Richard Martin Prestegard, 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	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



***Josephine Thomas***

***Mary Anne Karl***

### Next Week’s Presider Schedule

<i>Saturday, Sept. 12</i>	<i>5:00 PM</i>	<i>Msgr. Beckmann</i>
<i>Sunday, Sept. 13</i>	<i>7:30 AM</i>	<i>Fr. Hyacinth</i>
	<i>9:30 AM</i>	<i>Fr. Mike</i>
	<i>11:30 AM</i>	<i>Fr. Celestine</i>



## Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 24 of the Corona Virus Crisis

**The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.**

On Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> and on Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast Days of St. Monica and her son Saint Augustine. These are two very important saints from the early Church, and they still have a great effect on us today. You may know the story of these two saints, and maybe you do not, either way it is good for us to quickly go over their backgrounds and their activities.

St. Monica was born a Christian in 331AD in the North African city of Tagaste. She was married to Patricius a Roman who was a pagan, and she lived with him and his mother who at times were very abusive. Yet, he honored his wife and her beliefs, so she could freely practice her faith. During her life she prayed constantly for the conversion of her children, especially her oldest child Augustine. He studied Rhetoric and at the age of 17 he left for Italy. He did not tell her he was going away, and when she found out she was very hurt and upset. But this determined mother left for Rome herself and later to Milan where she found him. Augustine was an extremely intelligent young man, who had listened to all types of philosophies and religious beliefs. He never could decide which to follow and was always unsettled looking for the truth. While he never hated Christianity, he never fully embraced it either. His mother would constantly ask him, when was he going to be baptized, and he kept putting her off. She tried every method to get him to convert, and when all else failed she used guilt. How could she be happy in this life or in heaven if his soul were not saved?

Augustine not only dabbled in all types of beliefs, he also participated in many vices, we know this from his own writings. He would explain how he was led astray and how all these actions did not give life but took away from true life and life in the spirit. One of their great friends in Milan, and Monica's Spiritual Director, was a man called Ambrose. Ambrose was the Governor of the province which was headquartered in Milan. When the Bishop of the area passed away, he was proclaimed Bishop because of his holiness, honesty and great ability to administer the area. St. Ambrose was likewise a very important Saint of that period and was named one of the first Doctors of the Church. After speaking with Ambrose and staying with him for some time, Augustine began to see the light, and the power of the Holy Spirit came upon him. Augustine not only became a Christian, he was consumed by Christ every second of every minute, of every hour of every day! He was Baptized at 33, ordained a priest at 36, and became a Bishop at 41. He wrote many books about the teachings of the Church, and we still rely on them today. He was made a Saint, declared a Doctor of the Church, and is the Patron Saint of Theologians.

Shortly after his conversion, St. Monica died, she told her son, she had no reason for staying here and wanted to be with Jesus. All she wanted to see in this life was granted with his conversion. She died in 387AD at the age of 57. St. Augustine as Bishop and Doctor proclaimed the Good News everywhere and was like one of the Great Prophets of the Old Testament, he spoke even when others did not want him to speak. He died at the age of 76 in 430AD.

St. Monica was persistent and would not stop until all in her family followed Christ, she serves as a great model for parents to follow as they help their children grow into a true relationship with God. She is a patron saint for mothers, and she is ready to assist all mothers with her prayers. St. Augustine reminds us that anybody can change and turn their lives around to follow Jesus. As we travel during this time of uncertainty, fear, and for some many sorrows, we must not lose sight of God helping us and providing us Saints as examples of faith along the journey. We must remember that no time in the Church's history or for that fact in the world's history has been without struggles. No time has been without disease, poverty or unrest, but in every time, God has been present to give us strength and blessings.

With this in mind we ask Saint Monica, Saint Augustine, Saint Edward the Confessor, Saint Agnes, and of course Our Dear Blessed Mother to pray for us so we can be over this time of trouble sooner than later.

God bless you always!

*Fr. Mike*

## Knights of Columbus Hosted Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to report that the Blood Drive which was held last Sunday on August 30th in the Holy Family Room was a great success. More than 50 pints of blood were donated, far surpassing the donations which had been received during any drive held at St. Edwards during the past three years. On behalf of the New York Blood Center the Knights wish to thank all of the donors who made the effort and showed up. The blood which was collected will go on to save more than 150 people. The next Blood Drive is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 25th. See future bulletins for details.



## Welcome to the Parish



### The Thottam Family

Nicholas & Sujitha,

Elizabeth, Stephen

## Respect Life Group

Please come and pray with the Respect Life Group and the Knights of Columbus on September 27th after the 11:30 AM mass. We will be gathering outside the church to pray together for the United States of America, and our entire world.

## ST. EDWARD PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION



**School Supply Drive**

Donations can be placed in the food collection box in the Gathering Area of the Church



We would like the children to have the best learning opportunities possible, beginning with having the tools to succeed in the classroom.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Items Needed:**  
**Backpacks**  
**Pens (black & Blue)**  
**#2 Pencils**  
**Marble Notebooks**  
**Pocket Folders all colors**  
**Loose Leaf Paper (wide rule)**  
**Markers**  
**Glue Sticks**  
**12" Ruler**  
**Scissors**  
**Crayons**  
**Colored pencils**  
**Highlighters**  
**Markers**  
**Earbuds/headphones**

**"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." Matthew 18:4-5**

## CMA - We're Getting Closer

As of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 our parish is now at

**88.1% of our goal!**

This means we need about another \$13,000.00 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](http://www.drvc.org/donate/cma)

## 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.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them."

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, please call the St. Vincent de Paul number (516) 218-7837 or email us at [svdpsteds@gmail.com](mailto:svdpsteds@gmail.com). Thank you!

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at (516) 218-7837.

**Please note that the SVdP donation bins in the church parking lot are now open. When you drop off your donation, please make sure that it goes into the bins. Do not leave your donation on the ground, as this will make it unsuitable for SVdP, and as a result, your donation will be thrown away.**

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer  
for I am poor and needy.  
Preserve my life, for I am faithful;  
save the servant who trusts in you.*

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> - October 3<sup>rd</sup>

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](mailto: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>





## *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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:abraun@st-edwards.org).





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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!*



## Are You Being Called to Serve?

*Hello! My name is Deacon Art Candido!*

As **DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION**,  
my ministry is to **FORM CATHOLIC MEN INTO DEACONS**  
who serve in our Diocese of Rockville Centre.

If you have ever thought about **SERVING GOD  
AND THE CHURCH** as a deacon, I invite you and  
your wife to attend one of our **INFORMATION SESSIONS**  
so I can share about the diaconate with you.

*There are three meeting dates to choose from—*



**7:00 PM Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 PM Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

*at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.*

**To reserve a place at one of the meetings,**  
contact my assistant, Carol, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179  
or email [diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)

## Sacred Heart Academy



## Virtual Fall Open House at SACRED HEART ACADEMY

Join us online Saturday, September 26, 2020  
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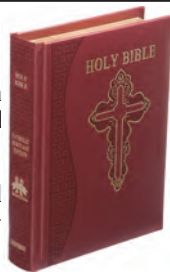
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