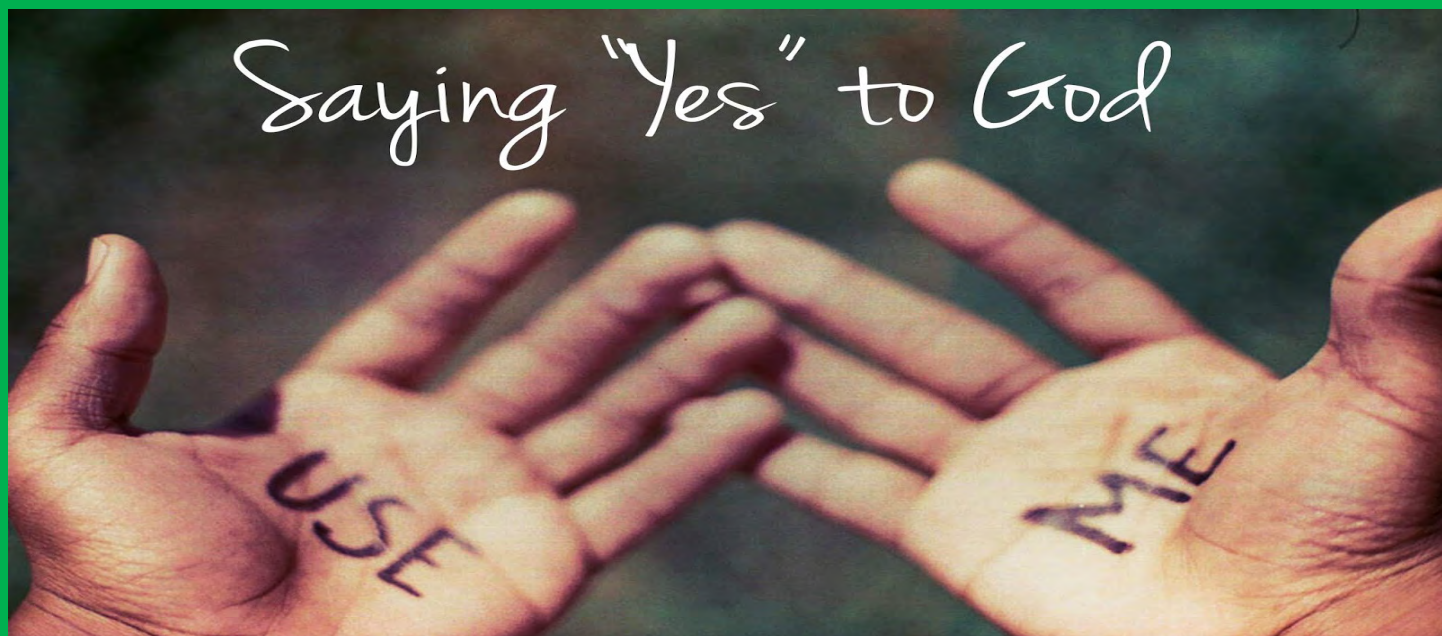


St. Edward the Confessor

205 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, New York 11791

Growing in Faith, Love, and Christ



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27th, 2020

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Quick Guide to St. Edward's Parish

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

Rectory Office Hours

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

Telephone Numbers

Rectory.....921-8030 ext. 150
Rectory Fax.....921-4549
St. Edward Confessor School.....921-7767
Religious Education Office.....921-8543
RCIA.....921-8030 ext. 135
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Pastoral Center Offices.....921-8030 ext.132

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. 3	5:00 PM	Fr. Celestine
Sunday, Oct. 4	7:30 AM	Fr. Mike
	9:30 AM	Fr. Hyacinth
	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 20, 2020	\$ 13,014.00
Envelopes:	212
Automatic Transactions:	\$ 1,851.00
Transactions:	35
Total:	\$ 14,865.00

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

Fr. Mike

Websites / Social Media

Parish: www.st-edwards.org

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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

Our Gospel reading for this Sunday follows the account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (on the first Palm Sunday), His driving the money changers out of the Temple, and the question by the Chief Priests and Elders as to where did Jesus get the authority to do the things He was doing. If you will recall, they asked Him, "On what authority are you doing these things?" Jesus answered their question with a question, but He prefaced it with the following words. *"I too will ask a question. If you answer it for me, then I will tell you on what authority I do the things I do."* Then Jesus asked them, *"What was the origin of John's baptism? Was it divine or merely human?"* They of course thought over their answer, because if they said divine, Jesus would have said to them, then why did you not believe in him. If they said that it was merely human, the people, who believed in John, would have been upset with them. So they decided they would answer the question in a third way which would avoid all truth, they said, **"We do not know."** And with that Jesus told them He would not answer their original question on His authority.

To drive the point home, Jesus then tells them the story of the two sons, and He asks their opinion. Jesus tells us how the first son told his father no, when he was asked to go out and work in the vineyard. However, thinking over the situation, that son changed his mind and did as his father asked. The second son, we are told, said yes, to his father at once, but did not go to the vineyard. Jesus then asked them who did the father's will, and of course they answered the first son. Jesus then likened the first son to the tax collectors and sinners who changed their lives when they heard the words of John the Baptist and followed him. Our Lord comments with; *"When John came to you in the way of*

righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that you did not later change your minds and believe in him." Jesus was showing them that they were acting just like the second son, as they merely gave the appearance (just by the positions they held) of saying yes to the Father, but inwardly they did not do the Father's will. The sinners and tax collectors, like the first son, initially said no to God by their way of life, but eventually John and Jesus helped them see the light and they repented of their former ways.

The question Jesus now asks us is which of the two sons do we take after? Are we truly ready to change our lives and allow Christ to guide us to do the Father's will or are we only giving appearances? Will our yes, really be yes, or will really be a no! Of course we hope the answer to God will never be no, but what are our actions really saying?

Please keep in your prayers our young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. Also keep in your prayers their sponsors and their families. May our Confirmandi grow more and more in the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, so they can always say yes, to God

God bless you always and thank you for all you do for our parish.

Fr. Mike

Next Week's Readings

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalms - 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. - 9/28 - Monday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Karima Zakhary

Tues. - 9/29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
9:00 am Agnes Mehall

Wed. - 9/30 - Memorial of Saint Jerome
9:00 am Mildred Hula

Thurs. 10/1 - Memorial of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
9:00 am Edgar Van Riper

Fri. - 10/2 - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
9:00 am Anne Labriola

Sat. - 10/3 - Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Christopher Halligan
5:00 pm Henry Haunss
Gerald Michael Griffin
Gladys Masucci
Intention of Robert Gladstone
For Our Parishioners

Sun. - 10/4 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Theresa McNamara
9:30 am Sister Mary Carmel
11:30 am Thomas Peterson
Margaret Femminella
Milia Mouradian Maldjian
Alesandra Idevia
Estela Florimon
James Moran
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.

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For the week of September 27 - October 3, 2020

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Kathy Rooney	Rosalie Schiovone	Julianna Key
Michele Wesch	Frank Meyers	Susan Giambalvo
Katy Monte	Alvaro Banchon	Alexandra Reuter

Our Next Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the next **Blood Drive** in the Holy Family Room on October 25th, from 8:15 AM to 12:45 PM. See future bulletins for more details.

Psalm 36

*To both man and beast you give your protection.
O Lord, how precious is your love.
My God, the sons of men
find refuge in the shelter of your wings.*

Fr. Mike's Letter for Week 27 of the Corona Virus Crisis

The following letter was posted last week, prior to The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the St. Edward's website as well as on Flocknote.

In case you have not noticed, the days are indeed getting shorter, and a few mornings this week you needed a jacket, or in my case I walked a little faster to the church. I would like to take this opportunity to apologize about information missing in our weekly bulletin. It was brought to my attention that we failed to list the time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This was an oversight caused by the Corona Virus, as I thought that the information was returned to the bulletin and even the *editor* thought it was there as well. As we found out, the information was missing and some thought that we were no longer hearing confessions. This was not true, and we began hearing confessions, right after we were given permission to hold funerals, weddings and baptisms in the church. Likewise, we were hearing confessions during the lockdown, as so many people came to the rectory or made an appointment. This still happens and it has been the policy long before Fr. Hyacinth and I arrived here six years ago. Confessions were listed on the Web Site and on the taped message for the rectory phone. Again, I do apologize for the oversight and there is no excuse for this information being left out of the bulletin. This information has been returned to the bulletin starting this weekend. Again, Confessions are heard on Saturday Afternoons from 12:30-to 1:30 and any time by appointment.

Also due to the virus we had to put off First Communions and Confirmations to the present time. So beginning Saturday September 26 to October 17 we will be celebrating First Communions, some days will have two ceremonies while some may have only one, and on October 10th, we will not be celebrating First Communions due to the scheduling of a Baptism and a wedding that was booked more than a year ago. Confirmations will be celebrated over four Sundays, starting October 18 to November 8, at 3PM. Due to the circumstances the Bishop has given to the Pastors the Faculty to be the minister of Confirmation. There has been a backlog since the lockdown, and it was decided that the 4 Bishops could not possibly handle them all, so this year they decided it will be easier for the Pastors to minister the sacrament.

Hopefully, we will all be able to enjoy the Fall weather and the changing of the leaves, and hopefully we have learned to take time out of our busy lives to enjoy the great gifts of nature.

Happy Fall!

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel today is a great example of saying, *"actions speak louder than words."*

As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are putting your faith into action.

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. Thank you!

If you know of someone who might benefit from a virtual home visit, please call our conference at:

516-218-7837

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.

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



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

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

WHEN: September 26th – October 3rd

WHERE: Anywhere

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

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

For more information: svdpsteds@gmail.com

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

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

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

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Registration Info for the 2020-2021 School Year



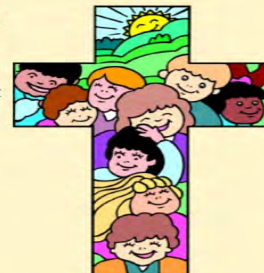
St. Edward's Religious Education is an 8 year faith formation curriculum for public school children in the parish. Public School Students are required to begin their religious studies in grade 1 and continue their religious formation through grade 8.

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
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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 a RCIA team member.

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

Respect Life Group and Knights of Columbus - Prayer Service



America – The Return To God

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

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

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

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

Knights of Columbus - Online Insurance Seminar

This past Thursday, September 24th, our local KofC Council hosted the second of three online Insurance Seminars. While you may have missed it, you still have an opportunity to attend the last seminar, which will start promptly at 8:00 PM on the date indicated below.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
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Friday, October 2nd Seminar link: tinyurl.com/y3bb236c

Learn how insurance products such as Universal Life, Permanent Life, Term Life, Retirement Annuities, Long Term Care and Disability Insurance can help you secure a better future for you and your family. **To learn more, you don't need to be a Knight, and there are no obligations for attending.** Any Catholic man 18 years and above is welcome to attend. If you're married, ask your spouse to join you. To join the seminar just copy the link above into your browser and you'll be connected via Zoom with our Council's Field Agent, Paulson Ambookan. He will explain the KofC's insurance products, and will answer all of your questions. If you are unsure as to how to access the seminars, just send an email to John O'Connor at: GrandKnight5091@gmail.com

“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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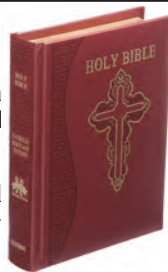
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