Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”
Tickets booked, packing list double-checked, itinerary set - how do you know you're prepared for a trip? Being ready requires plenty of practical preparation. Do we give the same care to our spiritual preparedness? “Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom,” Jesus tells us. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us to have the right attitude for the gifts and callings he wants to give us!

Clear out your clutter! “Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Jesus reminds the disciples that earthly standards of security and success will wear out in time. If our lives are structured around values that don’t align with the kingdom of God, we’ll miss opportunities to receive God. If we’re so concerned with our child’s success in sports that we miss Sunday Mass for their tournaments, we’re missing out receiving the sacraments and building a consistent community of faith. If our quest for the promotion takes us away from family commitments, we won’t be able to fully receive the love intended in our closest relationships.

Set faith-based priorities. “Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.” Our conflicting commitments can cause any routine to slip from time to time. All the more reason to make sure faith is a priority. Pray as a family before meals. Bring your children regularly to the sacrament of confession. Make room in the schedule for faith enrichment activities offered by your parish. Volunteer once a month. “At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” When will the call come to care for an ailing parent? To take on a new leadership position? God speaks to us through the circumstances of our lives. He calls each of us to greater love, sometimes in very concrete ways. This week, take some time to consider: Will you be ready?

Keep forgetting your envelope or lost it?? Couldn’t make it to Mass? St. Edward’s offers online giving through your EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer or by Credit Card. It is a fast and easy way to make your donations to support your parish. Please visit our website and click on ONLINE GIVING or contact Luanne Hogan in the parish office to set up your weekly/monthly donations. 203-746-2200 x.11
Mass Intentions for the Week
MONDAY, August 12, 2019
9:00 AM Helen & Frank Byrne and deceased members of the Cleary Family
TUESDAY, August 13, 2019
9:00 AM Evelyn Torstenson R/B Karen & Joe Creston
WEDNESDAY, August 14, 2019 Vigil Mass: Assumption of Mary
7:30 AM Lynn Shea R/B The Murphy Family
9:00 AM James Nash R/B The Family
5:30 PM Deceased members of the Naryniecki Family R/B The Family
THURSDAY, August 15, 2019 Holy Day: Assumption of Mary
7:30 AM Joseph Luongo R/B The O'Connell Family
9:00 AM Edward DeMayo Sr. R/B Wife & Daughter
7:00 PM Marilyn DeLuna R/B Jean & Frank Byrne
FRIDAY, August 16, 2019
9:00 AM Monica Allen R/B The Family
SATURDAY, August 17, 2019
4:00 PM Charles Mantione R/B Bud & Cathy McCarthy
5:30 PM Russ Butera R/B Draxdorf & Mishico Families
SUNDAY, August 18, 2019
7:30 AM Joe Dunbar R/B Dolores Truskowski
9:00 AM Wilfrid Thibodeau R/B Kevin & Karen Early
11:00 AM Marie Lumelleau R/B Ellie Keenan
5:15 PM Veronica Santoro R/B The Santoro Family

If you, or are a loved one is sick and would like to be on our prayer list please contact the parish office at 203-746-2200. Thank you!

Joe
Sara Mitchell
Jennifer
Gene
Noah Santiago
Rosemary
Dan Kerbawy
Eddie Nielsen
Loriana
Kelly Raines
Pat Argentina
Kate Elizabeth
Thorne
Mary Baske
Walter Leon
Ryan McGlinchey
John Denault
Jenny
Cal M
Tom S
Terry
Barbara Durkin
John
Sue Monaghan
Greg
Steve
Laura
Vinnie
Rudy Hanna
Maddie
Angelo F.
Tina
Stephen
Maria
Carl Catalanotto
David
Pat Szelachka
Scott Blanchard
The DeLeo Family
Allison Snelling
Charles Ruthford
Rebecca
Karen
Glenn Forrest
Julie
Ryan Mann
Wayne
Ray
Henry W.
Ben
Ryan
Kathie
Sara Brough
Michael Keenan
Jim Nielsen Jr.
Fio Pellegrini
Chuck
Rob
Warren Walters
Ian Sunden
Melissa Ortiz
Susan Olivo
Bill
Anne Savino
Marvin Nash
Olga C
Maggie
Caroline Mancuso

Wednesday, August 14th:
5:30pm - Vigil Mass
Thursday, August 15th:
7:30am Mass, 9:00am Mass & 7:00pm Mass

Marriage:
The proper time of preparation for Marriage is one year prior to the wedding. Please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.
No Sunday Weddings

Baptisms:
1st & 3rd Sundays/
2nd & 4th Saturdays 12:30pm

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm

Monday to Friday
August 9:00am daily Mass
Saturday Vigils- 4:00 and 5:30 pm
Sundays-7:30, 9:00, 11:00am & 5:15pm

PARISH SUMMER HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed daily for lunch from 12:00-1:00
Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Closed Saturdays
St. Edward’s Marriage Jubilee will be on Sunday, September 8th with a blessing at the 11:00 Mass for all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2019 which ends in “0” or “5” (starting with 10 years). A light reception will follow in the hall. Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Mon. Sept. 2nd for the reception.

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Our Parish Picnic Hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be Sunday, August 25th at 12:00 noon right after the 11:00 Mass outside the hall on the lawn (if it rains, it will be held inside). Join us for some great picnic food and fellowship!

RETREAT DAY FOR THE BUSY MAN AND WOMAN: "A Call to Peace"
Make time to pause from your busy routine and collect yourself in Body, Mind and Spirit seeking Pax et Bonum, Peace and all Good. How can we achieve peace that passes all understanding (Philip 4:7) in our heart of hearts as well as in the world around us?
Register early: Space open for only 40 people, men and women.
Saturday, October 6, 2019, from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm held at the Convent of St. Birgitta, 4 Runkenhage Rd, Darien, CT. Cost $60/pp includes lovely hot lunch served by the Sisters. This Retreat Day will be directed by Fran Karpiej, OFS, of Sharing Christ Ministry. Registration due by September 21st. Contact Fran Karpiej, OFS, Email Paxjc@aol.com, Phone: 203-452-7040.

Join us for a pleasant afternoon of “Movie & Conversation”. No registration necessary. 2:00-4:30* in the hall August 13th-Going My Way (1944) 126 min. Father Charles O'Mailey, a young priest at a financially failing Church in a tough neighborhood, gains support and inspires his superior.

*Movies start at 2:00 to accommodate run times.
Hope you arrive before to grab some popcorn & lemonade.

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Please pray for those who have died and have been laid to rest in the month of JULY - Kathleen Coppola. We also pray for consolation and healing for their grieving family.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Faith Formation Catechist or volunteer for the next school year. We have changed the schedule on our class dates so the commitment isn’t as demanding for you - ALL classes are held in the church hall and the most is twice per month! You CAN make a difference in the faith journey of our parish children! All adult volunteers must be Safe Environment Trained; please call the office for more information: 203-746-4270.

Let us remember to pray for the lonely among us. May we remember to reach out to those who are longing for companionship.

The Men’s Fellowship invite all men of the parish to the 12th Annual CT Catholic Men’s Conference “Forge Your Path To Holiness” which will take place on Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol, CT. Tickets for the conference which includes lunch are $45 ($30 for students) and can be purchased by going to www.ctcatholicmen.org. For more information contact: Otis Shelton at 203-312-4885 or Don at 203-546-7581.

Parish Counseling Dr. Dan Joynt Ph. D. is a WCSU professor and a CT Licensed Professional Counselor working with individuals, couples and families. Specializing in Anxiety, Depression, Grief, Stress, Relationship & Communication issues. He can be reached either at 860-354-9164 or by a message to the Parish Office 203-746-2200. There is no cost for a first session. Special consideration is available for subsequent services. What a great resource right in our parish!!

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The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
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St. Edward’s Faith Formation
203-746-4270

PLEASE GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN!!
Classes are being formed. If you are new to the program please, contact the Faith Formation office. Payment plans are available and full payment is not due at the time of registration.

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Miraculous Medal Novena/Chapel
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Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel
Mondays - 5:30pm -
Intercessory Prayer Group/CR A
Tuesdays - 7:00pm -
Awakening Prayer Group/Cry Rm

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City ___________ State ____  Zip _______________________________

I/we pledge a total of $ ___________________ in support of the We Stand with Christ Campaign at St. Edward’s Parish.
My/our down payment of $ ___________________ is enclosed.
(Down payments are optional.)
My/our pledge will be paid in installments of $ ___________________ for a period of: □ 2 Years       □ 3 Years       □ 4 Years       □ 5 Years       □ Other:
Beginning in ______________________ (month) of _____________ (year) and on the following schedule:
□ Annually       □ Semi-Annually       □ Quarterly       □ Monthly

I/we wish to fulfill this commitment via a gift of securities/other as follows:
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Primary E-mail Address: _____________________________
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Please list my/our name(s) in all campaign reports as follows:
□ I/we wish to be listed anonymously.

Donor Signature : _____________________________ Date:__________
Donor Signature: _____________________________ Date:__________

Please make all checks payable to: We Stand with Christ Campaign
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR PLACE IN THE COLLECTION BASKET

Welcome new parishioners! Please pick up a registration form in the Parish office, on the gathering space table or on our website at: www.saintedwardchurch.org. Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, hand delivered to the parish office, mailed, or emailed to Debbie Tomasetti at: dtomasetti@saintedwardchurch.org.
Thank you for becoming part of our Parish Family. God bless you!
Monday, August 12, 2019
5:30 PM Intercessory Prayer/CR A

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
2:00 PM Adult Ed Movies/Hall
6:30 PM AA Meeting/Hall

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
5:30 PM Assumption of Mary Vigil Mass
6:30 PM Liturgical Minister Training/Hall

Thursday, August 15, 2019
7:30 AM Assumption of Mary Holy Day Mass
9:00 AM Assumption of Mary Holy Day Mass
4:45 PM Confirmation Retreat/An evening with Mary/Hall (For those registered)
7:00 PM Assumption of Mary Holy Day Mass

Friday, August 16, 2019
10:00 AM Abilities Beyond Disabilities/Hall

Saturday, August 17, 2019
No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 18, 2019
No Events Scheduled