Sunday, August 25, 2019

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” - Lk 13:24
Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

“We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!” In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It’s not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It’s easy to see who may seem “first” in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. “People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

Jesus said to his disciples: “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” Lk 12:34

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 26, 2019
9:00 AM  Manfred Zweig R/B The Conrad Family

TUESDAY, August 27, 2019
9:00 AM  Teresa Dugan R/B The Family

WEDNESDAY, August 28, 2019
9:00 AM  Bob Siegel R/B Cathy Siegel

THURSDAY, August 29, 2019
9:00 AM  Helen & Frank Byrne & deceased members of the Cleary Family

FRIDAY, August 30, 2019
9:00 AM  Barbara Connolly R/B The Family

SATURDAY, August 31, 2019
4:00 PM  Alice & Stanley Kozlowski R/B The Family
5:30 PM  Teresa & Romeo Morelli R/B The Family

SUNDAY, September 1, 2019
7:30 AM  Mary Smyth R/B Jean & Frank Byrne
9:00 AM  Moises DeLeon R/B The Tomaino Family
11:00 AM Elizabeth Murphy R/B The Murrin Family
5:15 PM  Antoinette Mottola R/B Friends & Family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Jerry FitzGerald requested by the FitzGerald Family. The Chapel Lamp will burn for Ron Lyons.

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!

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

Mass Schedule
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

Readings for Next Week:

Sunday, September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Reading 2: HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A
Gospel: Lk 14:1, 7-14

St. Edward’s Parish Picnic
Join us for some great picnic food and fellowship!

Our Parish Picnic hosted by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday, August 25th at 12:00 noon right after the 11:00 Mass out on the church lawn. If it rains, it will be held in the hall.

THIS SUNDAY!!
The parish family of St. Edward’s welcomes Augustus DiBacco who was recently baptized. May God bless him always!

St. Edward’s Marriage Jubilee will be on Sunday, Sept. 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) and 50+ years. A light reception will follow in the hall. Please contact the Parish Office to RSVP by Mon. Sept. 2nd for the reception.

Developing healthy relationships with others requires discipline. This is also true of our relationship with God. As Christians, we are called to be like Christ. This does not just happen randomly or when it is convenient for us. It happens when we spend time with Christ every day and strive to be and think like him. This is no small task. It entails a willingness to see things, people, and God differently. Abandoning our self-focused needs and desires and putting on Christ is a challenging discipline to follow. However, if we choose to enter through the narrow gate of discipleship, we will find peace, live virtuous lives, and understand what it means to be saved. Resting and being cradled in God’s lap and enjoying His presence is where we really desire to be, even though we have to give up some things in order to do so.

The bottle and cans truck will be here the weekend of Sept. 6 – 8. A great way to clean up after your Labor Day festivities! Please remember to separate glass from plastic.

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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 their grieving family.

Let us remember to pray for all the children returning to school. May they have a wonderful new school year ahead filled with lots of learning, laughter and fun!

The Ladies Guild will host a Bake Sale to benefit St. Edward’s on Sat., Aug. 31st & Sun. Sept. 1st (after all morning Masses) in the gathering space. We need bakers! Please donate a baked good. Drop off prior to Mass or on Friday Aug. 30th to the kitchen in the hall and label it “Bake Sale”. Thank you for your support!

The Fall and Advent/Christmas session of Making Music Praying Twice starts Thursday, September 19th at 9:15am in the hall. This faith based music education program can benefit even our littlest babies. Children and parents and caregivers sing, dance, play instruments and other musical toys, play games and pray together. CD's help bring the music home. For details check the website: www.saintedwardchurch.org under Music and Liturgy or contact Marlene at mdrygas@saintedwardchurch.org or call 203-746-1142.

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Prayer for the New School Year
God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;
Give wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Registrations are due!!!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Sunday, September 8th, 9:00 am- Welcome Mass for grades 1-5/Book Pick up. Parent meeting to follow in the church after mass. 5:15 pm- Welcome Mass for grades 6-8. Parent meeting to follow in the church after mass.

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**Wednesday Afternoons**

- Sept 25: Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man
- Oct 2: Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus
- Oct 9: The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought
- Oct 16: Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast: Mary, Mother of God
- Oct 23: The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure
- Oct 30: A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union Of Christ and the Church
- Nov 6: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Church’s Sacraments & Worship
- Nov 13: A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints
- Nov 20: The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit
- Dec 4: World Without End: The Last Things

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Monday, August 26, 2019
Hall Floor cleaning/waxing

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Saturday, August 31, 2019
Ladies Guild Bake Sale at 4:00 & 5:30 pm Masses

7:30 AM  The Men of St. Edward's Fellowship/Hall
8:00 AM  Miraculous Medal Novena/Chapel
9:00 AM  Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel

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Ladies Guild Bake Sale -(after all morning Masses)