



St. Edward the Confessor

21 BRUSH HILL ROAD, NEW FAIRFIELD, CT. 06812

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203-746-2200

Sunday, March 15, 2020



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

What you need to know this week....

~To limit the spread of the Coronavirus, the Diocese has set forth new directives to follow. Please see the flyer in the bulletin.

**~If you wish to send a get well card to Fr. Nick; please address to Fr. Nick and send to the parish office at:
21 Brush Hill Rd. New Fairfield, CT. 06812**



GOSPEL MEDITATION

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.



It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

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

Offertory Collection

On March 8th, the offertory was \$17,066.00 for an average of \$16,745.63. Thank you for all your support of our parish!



online GIVING
easy. fast. effective

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

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3rd Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Date	Time	Intention for:
03/15/2020	7:30 am	Eveline Dunbar R/B Michael & Janet Wolon & Family
03/15/2020	9:00 am	Adriano Taylor R/B Grace & Susan Lang
03/15/2020	11:00 am	James W. Martin R/B Bill Fricke & Anna Walter
03/15/2020	5:15 pm	Isabella Principato R/B Jenna Nuccio and Family
03/16/2020	7:30 am	Helen & Frank Byrne & deceased members of the Cleary family R/B The Family
03/16/2020	9:00 am	Rose-Marie & Lillian Fless R/B Susan Olivo
03/17/2020	7:30 am	Ron Lyons R/B The Family
03/17/2020	9:00 am	Mary Cannon R/B Mary Cummins
03/18/2020	7:30 am	Jack Lauf R/B The Seaman Family
03/18/2020	9:00 am	Bob Biasetti R/B Pat Brady & Family Special intentions of the Gairing Family R/B The Family
03/19/2020	7:30 am	Morgan Beach R/B Chris & Tom Jones
03/19/2020	9:00 am	In thanksgiving to St. Joseph R/B Antoinette DiBuono & Godbout Family
03/20/2020	7:30 am	Louena Lotulelei R/B The Dwyer Family
03/20/2020	9:00 am	John Comerford R/B Susan Olivo Bob Biasetti R/B The Chamoures Family
03/21/2020	4:00 pm	Deceased members of the Jano family R/B The Family
03/21/2020	5:30 pm	Bob Suchy R/B Nancy & Martha Camp
03/22/2020	7:30 am	Louis Liggio R/B Rita Vellitto
03/22/2020	9:00 am	Richard Iadarola R/B The Hernandez & D'Angelo Families
03/22/2020	11:00 am	Theresa Stroh R/B Jim & Kathy Hedtke
03/22/2020	5:15 pm	Patrick Lundy R/B Melissa & Michael Lewis

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT


READING 1: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

READING 2: EPH 5:8-14

GOSPEL: JN 9:1-41

Coronavirus Update

To limit the spread of the Coronavirus, the Diocese has set forth new directives to follow. Please see the flyer in the bulletin.

 The next Safe Environment Training will be held on Thurs. March 19th at 6:30pm in the church hall. Please visit www.virtus.org to register. For all volunteer positions you must be Safe Environment trained.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for Ian Sunden requested by the family.

The Chapel Lamp will burn for Ron Lyons requested by the family.

MERCY+WORKS! Please pray for those who have died and have been laid to rest in the month of February: Richard Chirido, Mary Devine, Margaret Doyen, Beth LaCour, Mary Lynch, Ralph Pliego, Carmine Policicchio, Marlene Sexton, William Sturges. We also pray for their grieving families.

If you, or 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!

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday

7:30 & 9:00 daily Mass

Saturday Vigils- 4:00 and 5:30 pm

Sundays-7:30, 9:00, 11:00am & 5:15pm

PARISH HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Closed daily for lunch from 12:00-1:00

Fridays 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Closed Saturdays



PRAYERS
Needed For...

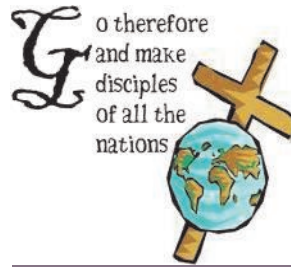
Jeanne Mullaney
Susan Olivo
Carl Catalanotto
Cal M.
Tom S.
Marvin N.
Maria R.
Sarah Brough
Eddie Nielsen
Jimmy Nielsen
Deborah Gebert
Jaye Anderson

Charles, Jr.
Michelle
Stephen A.
Stan K.
Olga C.
Brian
Mary
Sam
Tim

Helen R.
Marjorie Nodine
Jane & Loriana
Marian
Ben Pin (2 1/2 yrs. old)
Luis Leon
Gene & Zena



The Ladies Guild Sewing Group is in need of freshly washed clean sheets free from stains. These sheets are used to make cancer pads and are donated to the Rosary Hill Palliative care center. They are used on patients so it is important they are freshly washed. Please no fleece or flannel. Drop off to the parish office if you have sheets you would like to donate.



St. Edward the Confessor Church
 Adult Faith Formation - April/May 2020
 Thursday afternoons 2:30 - 4:00 pm
 Church hall

**Faith, the Catholic Church
 And the New Evangelization**

***April 23 and April 30 What is Faith?**
 Video Presenter: Bishop Robert Barron
 What IS faith exactly? Does faith stand the test of scientific advancements? Where does philosophy fit into Catholic theology? What about morality?

***May 7 and May 14
 The Evangelical Catholic Moment**
 Video Presenter: Dr. Scott Hahn, Professor of Theology at Francisca University of Steubenville, speaks about "The Evangelical Catholic Moment? The Bible, the Eucharist, and the New Evangelization"

***May 21 and May 28 Evangelizing the Culture**
 Video Presenter: Bishop Robert Barron "The Church exists to evangelize." These words from *Evangelii Nuntiandi* express the very nature of our mission. But what is evangelization? And how ought we to express Christ in the culture around us?
**Each of these 3 presentations is LENGTHY and therefore will be viewed in two parts.*

Carol Zinser, facilitator
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 203-746-4270 x24



FAITH, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND THE NEW EVANGELIZATION
 (Return this with your check by 4/15)

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

Register by 4/15/2020 \$30 Fee - for handouts and refreshments
 Check included? _____

Catholic Young Adults of Greater Danbury (18 - 35) will gather on Friday, March 20, at 6:30 pm at Duckpin Bowling, 7 E. Hayestown Rd., Danbury.



The Ladies Guild meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th has been cancelled due to Corona virus concerns.



Regina Caeli Academy Touring Event, March 30th!
www.rcahybrid.org

Looking for an amazing resource center devoted to a classical education and the Catholic faith? Regina Caeli Academy is a

university-style hybrid™ that meets in Wilton, CT (254 Danbury Road), serving Prek3 - 12th grade. Students attend Socratic and hands-on classrooms two days per week and are homeschooled the remaining days.

* Touring Event: Presentation begins at 9:30am and includes a tour & classroom observation. Refreshments served; children are welcome!
 RSVP to Lisa at lfrawley.fcc@rcahybrid.org or (203) 701-9154.



SAVE THE DATES!
HOMEFRONT INFO MEETINGS will be held on Sunday 3/29/20 and **4/5/20*** in the church after the 5:15 mass. Homefront work dates are Saturday 4/25 and 5/2. Permission forms can be found on the St. Edward's Website under Family Life/Outreach— Homefront Tab ***NEW DATE**

Lenten Schedule at St. Edward's Church

Our Lenten Journey



Daily Masses Monday-Friday during Lent

Come to daily Mass as a Lenten devotion

7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.

Regular Confessions during Lent

Make peace with the Lord and receive mercy

EVENING Mon, Mar. 23rd & Tue, Mar. 24th 7:00-8:00 pm
 MORNING Mon, Mar. 30th & Tue, Mar. 31st 8:00-9:00 am
 Saturdays of Lent (, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4) 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Extra Confession times for Holy Week

Monday, April 6th 3:00-9:00 p.m. with visiting priests
 Friday, April 10th 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 Saturday, April 11th 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

A chance to remember the Lord's Passion.

Fridays-3/20, 3/27, 4/3 12:00pm & 7:00pm

*By your holy cross
You have redeemed the world*

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Grab dinner before Stations of the Cross.

Friday, April 3, 2020

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Recited in the church at 3:00 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent

Adult Education Lenten Discussion Nights

Monday, March 2nd "Coffee Table" Christianity
 Monday, March 16th You are God's Beloved
 Monday, March 30th Eucharist: The Real Thing

7:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall

Holy Triduum & Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday, April 9th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 p.m.
 Eucharistic Adoration 9:00-11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10th

Outdoor Stations 12:00 noon
 Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 11th

Blessing of Easter Food 12:00 noon
 Easter Vigil Mass 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12th

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
 Overflow Mass 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in Hall

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th

Please join us for an afternoon of music, prayer and reconciliation as we call upon God's boundless mercy.

- Confessions: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Exposition and sung Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 p.m.
- Benediction
- Veneration of Divine Mercy Image

LENT 2020:

COME BACK TO ME

WITH ALL YOUR HEART

**What: Video presentation,
discussion & prayer**

Mondays (March 16, March 30)

7:00 - 8:30 pm in the parish hall

March 16 - YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED You are not just another face in the crowd to the Creator. But who is He to YOU?

March 30 - EUCHARIST: THE REAL THING No one wants fake worship; we need the real thing!

Immaculate High School Presents

"Once On This Island" at ACT of CT

Immaculate High School will perform "Once On This Island" at ACT of CT in Ridgefield, a professional Equity theater, on April 2, 3 & 4 at 7pm, with a 2pm matinee on April 4. The public is invited to come enjoy the talented cast and beautiful scenery at this special location. Tickets are now on sale at www.immaculatehs.org/ooti. Sponsorships and program advertising are also available.

Counseling
Services

Parish Counselor Dr. Dan Joynt Ph. D. is a WCSU Professor and a CT Licensed Professional Counselor

working with individuals, couples and families. He can be reached either at 860-354-9164 or by a message to the Parish Office. There is no cost for a first session. Special consideration is available for subsequent services.

Saturday Mornings~ 8:00am/
Chapel

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturday Mornings~ 9:00am/
Chapel

Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays-4:00pm/CR A

Intercessory Prayer Group

Tuesday Mornings 9:30am/Cry Rm

Glory Gathering

Tuesdays-7:00pm/Cry Rm

Awakening Prayer Group



St. Edward's Faith Formation 203-746-4270



Registration forms and bills have been mailed out for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact the Faith Formation office with any questions. Early bird pricing until May 31st.



***1st Communion Families,
The Butterfly Sunday Mass
will be held on March 29th at
the 9:00 am Mass with a
reception to follow in the hall.***

A Lenten Prayer

*Lord, I know how much you love me
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes
but I know your love is always with me
Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions
I am weak, but I know with your help
I can use these small sacrifices in my
life to draw closer to you. Amen*



The bottle and can collection is the weekend of March 20-23, 2020. Please remember to separate glass from the plastic and cans.

This fundraiser helps support our Adult Education programs.

Inspiration for the Week

"Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Have you ever found yourself asking this question?

Finding God's presence and truly encountering God are not always easy tasks. When we seek God only with our minds, we risk reducing God to simply an idea rather than meeting him as someone who is real and actually present to us. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. We can often get confused and misunderstand not only who we are, but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts. Only Jesus can lead us to truth and provide the water that can quench our thirst. Each of us, not only with our heads but with our hearts, must come to see that Jesus is the Savior of the world. It is only when we can honestly make this confession that we will know God is truly present.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Women's Lenten Retreat
Saturday, March 28, 2020 8 am to 4 pm (4pm Mass)
Holy Innocents Faith Formation Center



Registration \$25 (more if you can, less if you can't)
includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Please send registration and payment by March 20, 2020 to:
St. Rose Church, 38 Church Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470

Questions? contact Cate Gosselin, 203-426-2333 ext. 1 or dre@strosechurch.com

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

THIS WEEK AT ST. EDWARD'S

Monday, March 16, 2020

9:30 AM Terrific Two's Session 1/Hall
11:15 AM Terrific Two's Session 2/Hall
3:00 PM Grade 7 & 8 FF Classes/Hall
4:00 PM Intercessory Prayer/CR A
7:00 PM Lent Adult Ed/Hall

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

9:00 AM Glory Gatherings/Cry Room
3:00 PM Cherub/Children's/Youth Choir/Church
3:30 PM Grade 2 FF Classes/ Hall
6:30 PM AA Meeting/Hall

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

9:30 AM Terrific Two's Session 1/Hall
11:15 AM Terrific Two's Session 2/Hall
3:30 PM Grade 5 FF Classes/Hall
7:00 PM Adult Choir/Church
7:00 PM Bible Study/Jesus/Hall

Thursday, March 19, 2020

9:15 AM Making Music Praying Twice/Hall
9:30 AM Rosary Hill Sewing Group/Hall
2:30 PM Bible Study/Hall
7:30 PM Contemporary Choir/CR A

Friday, March 20, 2020

10:00 AM Abilities Beyond Disabilities/Hall

Saturday, March 21, 2020

7:30 AM The Men of St. Edward's Fellowship/Hall

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:30 AM *Relay for Life Breakfast/Hall after 7:30, 9 & 11

(* May be cancelled due to Coronavirus concerns.)

