

WELCOME TO ST. EDWARD'S

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CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
 SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM
 SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
 WEEKDAYS: 9:00AM (except Thursday)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 12/26 - NO LITURGY SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, 12/27

9:00 AM Irene and Lou Favreau – Their Family

9:00 AM Michael Cuzzo – His Wife Rosemarie

WEDNESDAY, 12/28

9:00 AM Anthony (Tio) Alonzo – Mary Alonzo and Family

THURSDAY, 12/29 - NO LITURGY SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, 12/30

9:00 AM Deceased at Glendale Nursing Home – Matteo Casola

9:00 AM Joan Comerford (1st Anniversary) – Tom Comerford

9:00 AM Bill Lowes – Carol Ann and Girls

SATURDAY, 12/31

4:00 PM Dorothy Belair – Her Family

4:00 PM William Connery – Fran Szpylczyn

4:00 PM Ernie D'Alessandro – Fran Szpylczyn

4:00 PM Edward Bell – Carol Thompson

4:00 PM Catherine Renna – Her Family

4:00 PM Mary Nally – The Rogers Family

SUNDAY, 1/1

7:30 AM For the People of the Parish

7:30 AM Special Intention – Fr. Robert Maher – Smokey and Bob Harnett

9:00 AM Vivian Malanoski – Marilyn Painter and Family

9:00 AM Emile Walter Niedzwiedz – The Barlow Family

11:00 AM Charles Scherzinger – Roger and Terry Calkins

11:00 AM Ed and Eleanore Winke – Jim and Jeanne Ann Dahl

11:00 AM Special Intention – The Lowes Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

DATE	REGULAR	E-GIVING	TOTAL
12/18/2011	\$16,787.00	\$3607.00	\$20,394.00

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

If you would like to contribute your offering electronically, please log on to www.faithdirect.net. Our church id# is ny113.



PARISH NEWS

WELCOME PARISH REGISTRATION: We invite you to a "Welcome Gathering" (orientation) to join our parish. Please call 371-7372 ext. 221 for January dates.



BAPTISMAL CLASS will be held on Saturday, January 7th at 10:00AM for registered families wishing to have their child baptized. Please call the parish

office at 371-7372 ext. 221 to attend.

We welcome into the parish community **Zachariah H. Bub**, who was baptized December 17, 2011.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish and Faith Formation Offices will be closed Monday, December 26th, Friday, December 30th, and Monday, January 2nd. However, there will be weekday Mass on Friday, December 30th.

The **GREETERS SCHEDULE** for January/ February is available online and on the rack outside of the Sacristy. **We are in need of Greeters** – would you (and your family) like to greet parishioners before Mass once a month? This is a great service opportunity for teens! Please call Joan Cooper (371-6584) if you would like to volunteer!

SOCIAL MEDIA at St. Edward the Confessor: We have had so many lovely reflections sent in by parishioners and published on our parish blog. Please take a moment to revisit them - or see them for the first time! The season may be drawing to a close, but we always welcome new writers at any times of year. Do you want to reflect on Scripture? Share some spiritual thoughts? Talk about your faith? Please see the blog at stedwardsblog.wordpress.com or contact Fran Szpylczyn at stedwardsblog@gmail.com.

ST. EDWARD'S PRAYER CHAIN: For immediate requests for Prayer call Dee 371-7956, Esther 371-8806 or Elaine 371-9606 to begin the Prayer Chain.

PLEASE CUT AND SAVE:

St. Edward's Inclement Weather and Closing Policy (Mon.- Fri.):

If **Shen** is **CLOSED**: ALL activities** are cancelled that day and evening.

If **Shen** **DELAYS**: ALL activities** are cancelled until 3PM.

If **Shen** **CANCELS ITS AFTERNOON** activities: ALL activities** are cancelled that afternoon and evening.

If **Shen** **DOES NOT CANCEL ALL OF ITS ACTIVITIES BUT the weather deteriorates**: Please listen to radio, TV, or visit www.stedwardsny.org and click on the "Hours and Directions" tab under "Welcome and Parish Information" and scroll down to closing information.

**ALL activities includes weekday Mass, Faith Formation classes (church and home), and building events.

St. Edward's Inclement Weather and Closing Policy (Sat.-Sun.):

If an activity at the church falls on a **weekend** and there is poor weather, please check the radio, TV, or our website to link to closings.

PARISH NEWS



**THE GREAT
"REGIFTAPOOLOOSA"**

Back by popular demand - **THE GREAT REGIFTAPOOLOOSA** will be held once again this year! Don't like some of the holiday gifts that you received or can't use them? Don't store them away or return them - **RE-GIFT THEM!** We will accept **NEW, UNOPENED GIFTS** that you received this Christmas and will find new homes for them at local agencies assisting those in need. Please place your unwrapped gifts in the designated box located in the Gathering Area. We will be collecting donations through January 8th. Re-gifting - the gift that keeps on giving! Please contact Rick Amico (371-7372 ext. 224) for questions or more info.

ALTAR SERVERS: Please save the date of Sunday, January 22nd from 12 - 2PM for a training update for **all altar servers** (there are changes to the duties of the altar servers). Also, we are in the process of considering new albs (robes) for the altar servers and will need to have altar servers try on the albs so that we know which sizes to order. Finally, we would like to allow the altar servers to meet one another and begin to build community amongst themselves as an important ministry at St. Edward's Church. We will have pizza, beverages and dessert for all in attendance. We will also play a few games with the altar servers to help them get to know each other. **Also, if any member of the community is interested in becoming an altar server,** please contact Deb Liberatore LeBlanc at deb.liberatore@gmail.com to register.

ST EDWARD'S SPONSORS TWO MOM/ TOT OUTREACHES: BIRTHRIGHT of Ballston Spa needs formula (any kind) and new or gently used children's clothing size 0 mon. through size 2T. Please place the items in the Birthright Bassinet in the Gathering Area.



MARY'S CORNER of Cohoes needs formula (liquid only), new or gently used children's clothing in sizes 0 mon. through 5T, and diapers. *Please place items in the box marked "Mary's Corner" in the Gathering Area.*

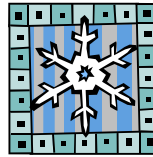
There are also weekly "suggested items" to donate to these outreaches on the tearstrip of the bulletin.

BOTH OUTREACHES CANNOT RECEIVE FURNITURE, HIGHCHAIRS, STROLLERS OR CARSEATS. *Instead, please call 371-7372 ext. 224 if you have these items to donate.*

PLEASE RECYCLE! Youth Ministry has **PAPER (green) AND CLOTHING (blue)** receptacles next to the garage in the back parking lot. Thank you for supporting Youth Ministry!

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS, a 12-step program for those concerned about a loved one's alcohol and/ or drug abuse, meets here at St. Edward's 7PM every Monday in room 3-5. Please contact Nancy at 399-0684 for more info.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION
WINTER SERIES**

The first presentation in our "Christ, Coffee and Conversation" winter series will be "The Rapture" - What is it and does it make any sense? This one night presentation will be offered by G. Peter Avvento, S.T.D. on Monday evening, January 23rd at 7PM in the Social Hall. Admission is free and all are welcome.

MOM/ TOT GROUP: If you have children at home (0-5 years), you are invited to come together for sharing, playing and enjoying one another in the community. We will meet 9:30AM every MONDAY in the Faith Formation Blue Room. Please email Jennifer VanDeCarr at imvandecarr@yahoo.com for more info.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY is offered at the 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses. Children's Liturgy is offered to children grades K - 6. A friendly reminder that if your child is not yet in Kindergarten he/she must be accompanied by a parent (not a sibling). Also, parent and teen helpers are encouraged and welcome. **ALSO: Kid Care with Sunday School** is offered for children ages 2-4 in the Faith Formation wing during the 9 and 11AM Sunday Masses.

ADVERTISE WITH US: A sales rep from our bulletin service will be on site the first week of January. Please call 371-7372 ext. 221 if you are interested in placing an ad in our Sunday Bulletin.

AROUND TOWN

WELCOME RETURNING CATHOLICS! If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to become an active part of us again. Corpus Christi parish will be conducting the Landings Program, an eight week discussion group where you can ask questions and update your faith as an adult. If you are interested or have any questions, please call 877-8506 ext. 215 or cclandings@nycap.rr.com.

Help **CAPTAIN** provide much needed services to your neighbors! Every dollar of your donation is helpful - no matter how big or small. Please mail your donation to CAPTAIN Youth & Family Services, 5 Municipal Plaza, Suite 3, Clifton Park NY 12065. You can also donate online at www.captainyfs.org. **ALSO:** Please help support **CAPTAIN'S** food pantry, Karyl's Kupboard. Please call 371-1185 for more info.



**FROM THE STAFF AT ST. EDWARD'S
WISHING YOU
A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS**

FAITH FORMATION



Please check www.stedwardsny.org for Faith Formation calendars, SNOW/ CLOSING POLICY, and class updates!!!

WINTER HOLIDAY VACATION: Faith

Formation classes will be in recess until January 6th. Elementary Classes will resume on Tuesday (A WEEK), January 10th (when 1st grade classes will meet, etc.).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Faith Formation Registration for Fall 2012 will be in **JUNE 2012**. You need to be **registered parishioners** to participate in our program.

REMINDER TO FAMILIES OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

The completed Confirmation paperwork, which includes the confirmation registration form and sponsor certificate, is due to Rose Savallo, Sacramental Coordinator (Faith Formation Office) by Friday, January 6th. For questions please call 371-7372 ext. 234.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Please check www.stedwardsny.org for Youth Ministry events or contact Sr. Rosemary at ymsteds@yahoo.com or 371-7372 ext. 237.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We will be doing a service project for the poor at Bethesda House in Schenectady 9:30AM-4:30PM Thursday, December 29th. Please contact Sr. Rosemary if you would like to help!

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: St. John's Center - we will be cooking on Friday, January 6th and serving on Saturday, January 7th. If you are interested please contact Sr. Rosemary ASAP.

YM MONTHLY MEETING: Grades 6-12 will be meeting on Sunday, January 8th after the 11AM Mass. Our theme this month will be **Little Christmas**. Please bring a baby item for the Mom/ Tot outreaches in Saratoga and Cohoes.

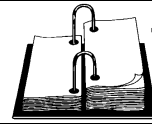
ALSO that day for Grades 6-12: We will be holding **Lenten Play Auditions** on Sunday, January 8th from 1-2PM. If you are interested please come and meet in the chapel.

GUESS WHAT TIME OF THE YEAR IT IS? TUBING DAY!

We will go tubing (snow permitting) on Monday, January 16th (Martin Luther King Day). We will leave St. Edward's Church at 2:15PM and return by 6:30PM. We will be going to Willard Mountain. The cost for tubing, a slice of

pizza and drink will be \$20.00. Permission slips a must, and parent drivers are a huge need. Please contact Sr. Rosemary by emailing her at ymsteds@yahoo.com.

Youth Ministry **MOVIE NIGHT** in the Social Hall will be on Friday, January 20th from 6:30-9:00PM. Come and bring a snack to share and a pillow and blanket to relax on!



The Week Ahead

MONDAY, 12/26	OFFICES CLOSED - NO MASS Families Anonymous: 7PM, rm 3-5
TUESDAY, 12/27	Parish Offices: 9AM – 4PM
WEDNESDAY, 12/28	Wedding Music Reh.: 6PM, Church NO St. Edward's Choir Reh.: 6:30PMI
THURSDAY, 12/29	Contemporary Ensemble Reh: 6:30PM Hosanna Prayer Grp: 7:30PM, FF rm 4
FRIDAY, 12/30	K of C Breakfast: 9:30AM, Soc. Hall
SATURDAY, 12/31	Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3PM, Chapel
SUNDAY, 1/1	Kid Care with Sunday School: 9 and 11AM Masses, FF rooms Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:00 and 11:00AM Mass (Gr. K-6)** Afterglow of the Eucharist: after the 11:00AM Mass

****REMINDER:** Parents need to accompany children under 5 to the Sunday CHILDRENS LITURGY.

ONGOING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION SUGGESTION:

1/1: Fruit Juice, Cereal or Soup

(Please place food on the pew in the Gathering Area)

MARY'S CORNER ONGOING COLLECTION SUGGESTION:

1/1: Baby Food and Diapers/ Wipes

(Please place in Mary's Corner Box in Gathering Area)

BIRTHRIGHT ONGOING COLLECTION SUGGESTION:

1/1: Formula (any kind) and Diaper Ointment

(Please place in the Bassinet in the Gathering Area)



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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