

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, 12/19

9:00 AM G. Christopher Gleason – Donna and Howard Steggs

9:00 AM John Devaney – Bernice Konkowski

TUESDAY, 12/20

9:00 AM Thomas Gallagher

WEDNESDAY, 12/21

9:00 AM G Christopher Gleason – Gene and Mary Salamon

THURSDAY, 12/22 - NO LITURGY SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, 12/23

9:00 AM The Mooney Family, Bev Piazza, and Margaret Leithouser – Annie Jackson

9:00 AM Marsha Dimke (1st Anniversary) – The Masterson Family

SATURDAY, 12/24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM Paul and Thelma Duffy – Their Family

4:00 PM Michael Biski – Patty Biski

4:00 PM Tiffany Suzanne Phillips – Her Family

6:30 PM PJ O'Donnell – His Family

6:30 PM Nicholas Natarelli – His Family

6:30 PM Captain John J. McKenna IV – His Family

9:00 PM Teresa A. Daly – The Daly and Wasielewski Families

9:00 PM David Hennessy and Virginia Hennessy – The Kvam Family

9:00 PM Philip Rogers – His Family

9:00 PM Josephine Sommo – St. Edward's Choir

9:00 PM William Nally – The Rogers Family

9:00 PM Joseph Lohoski – His Family

9:00 PM Bill Carey – His Family

9:00 PM Dennis and Joan McCarthy – Ralph and Rebecca Figueroa and Family

SUNDAY, 12/25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 AM Edward Costello – His Family

7:30 AM Sara Duffany – The Francis Family

7:30 AM Francis Murphy Jr. – The Francis Family

9:00 AM Richard Jaskolka – Janice Golden

9:00 AM Martin and Anna Leonard – The Conway Family

9:00 AM Michael Cuozzo – His Family

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Herbert Dunlavy – His Family

11:00 AM Special Intention – Marian Smith

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME PARISH REGISTRATION: We invite you to a "Welcome Gathering" (orientation) to join our parish. Please call 371-7372 ext. 221 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 **Owen Thomas Caruso, Anthony Patrick Holohan and Sophia Michaeline Minotti**, who were baptized December 17, 2011.



ADVENT EVENING PRAYER: St. Edward's Parish Community invites you to **Evening Prayer each Tuesday at 7:00PM during Advent.** Please join us as we raise our prayers like incense before the Lord.



CHRISTMAS EVE/ DAY MASSES:

Saturday, December 24th: Christmas Eve Masses 4, 6:30, and 9PM (4PM will have additional Mass in the Social Hall).

Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day Masses 7:30, 9 and 11AM.



CHOIR SCHEDULE AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

4PM, Choristers
6:30PM, Contemporary Ensemble
9PM, St. Edward's Choir and Bells

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish and Faith Formation Offices will be closed Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th, Friday, December 30th, and Monday, January 2nd. However, there will be weekday Mass on Friday, December 23rd and 30th.



We are in need of help with **DECORATING THE CHURCH** for Christmas after 12 noon **TODAY**, Sunday, December 18th. Please call Chris Spencer, Director of Maintenance (371-7372 ext. 235) and leave your name and phone number if you can help!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

DATE	REGULAR	E-GIVING	TOTAL
12/8/2011	\$1,509.00	\$705.00	\$2,214.00
12/11/2011	\$14,280.00	\$3,607.00	\$17,887.00

Thank you for your generous support of the parish.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS INTENTIONS will be published as an insert to the Sunday, January 1st bulletin. This means that the information (PLEASE PRINT) must reach us by **Sunday, December 25th.**

PARISH NEWS



CHRISTMAS: A TIME FOR SHARING AND LOVING

As always, St. Edward's Parishioners SHINED! Year after year, your expressions of LOVE are humbling. Thank you is not enough..... may every blessing enfold you for your extreme generosity in giving to:

- ❖ Gifts for the Elderly
❖ Gifts for Families in Need
❖ Food Pantry (Ongoing)
❖ PROVIDE
❖ Birthright
❖ Mary's Corner
❖ CAPTAIN
❖ Fair Trade Coffee and products
❖ Etc., etc., and BEYOND



ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 'The Infancy Narratives - Fact or Fable?' This course will explore the stories that intertwine and comprise the Christmas stories of Matthew and Luke as seen through the eyes of some of the key players in the drama Monday evenings from 7-9 PM on December 19th in the Social Hall. Presented by G. Peter Avvento, S.T.D. Admission is free and all are welcome.



COFFEE SALES: The Fair Trade Committee will be in the Gathering Area after each Mass this weekend. In addition to the coffee, tea and chocolate that we offer, a holiday gift basket filled with our most popular products is being raffled off. The drawing will be held after the 11:00 o'clock Mass the weekend of December 18th. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All proceeds will benefit the Limerick-Peru mission. Thank you for your continued support

There are signups for EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND USHERS for the CHRISTMAS EVE/ DAY MASSES in the Gathering Area. Christmas is on a Sunday this year, so there will be two 4PM (one in the Social Hall) Masses in addition to 6:30 and 9PM Masses on Christmas Eve; and 7:30, 9, and 11AM Masses on Christmas Day. (We will train new ushers, too!) Please sign up - many spots are open!



The spirit of Advent is a time of quiet waiting and reflection in community. Please consider writing a scriptural reflection during Advent for our PARISH BLOG. Please see the website for the blog link for details or contact Fran Rossi Szpylczyn at stedwardsblog@gmail.com.

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.

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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.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: We will be having our last rehearsal 4PM-TODAY, Sunday, December 18th in the Church for Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men, Gabriel, Narrator, Shepherds, Angels, the Star, the Innkeeper, townspeople, cows and sheep. The Pageant will be during the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass in the Church.

ALTAR SERVERS: Please save the date of Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. for a training update for all altar servers. As you know, changes are coming to the Mass and this will include changes to the duties of the altar servers. We are also 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.

AROUND TOWN

Please sponsor a child attending MOTHER TERESA ACADEMY. Contact Joyce Maddalone for info at 857-2288.

Please help support CAPTAIN and their food pantry, Karyl's Kupboard. Please call 371-185 for info.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS: Join us for Getting Back to Basics: Theology of the Body in Prayer, A NIGHT OUT sponsored by the Capital Region Frassati and Magdalena Ministry young adult groups. Author Gerard-Marie Anthony will be our speaker. Explore the faith with your peers 7PM Wednesday, December 28th Saint Ambrose Church in Latham. Email magdalenaministry@gmail.com for more info.

FAITH FORMATION



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

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. **There will be no Children's Liturgy on Christmas Day.**

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.).

THANK YOU to all who donated water and desserts to the Confirmation Retreat.

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.

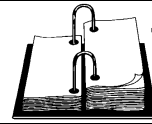


CAROLING AND ADVENT CELEBRATION GR. 6-12: We will be caroling at Beacon Pointe TODAY, Sunday, December 18th. Please meet at St. Edward's at 6:30PM. We will return to St. Edward's after caroling for an Advent Celebration! Please contact Sr. Rose if you can go!

TEENS IN SEARCH OF VOLUNTEER HOURS: We will be attending Bingo night at Schuyler Ridge Nursing Home on December 20th from 6-8PM. Please contact Sr. Rosemary by December 17th if you are interested in helping out.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Would you like to give back during Christmas break? 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. Rose if you would like to help!

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!



The Week Ahead

MONDAY, 12/19	Mom /Tots: 9:30AM, Blue Room Cantor/ Cont. Ens. Reh.: 6PM, Church Adult FF: 7PM, Social Hall Families Anonymous: 7PM, rm 3-5
TUESDAY, 12/20	Advent Evening Prayer: 7PM, Chapel
WEDNESDAY, 12/21	St. Edward's Choir Reh.: 6:30PM
THURSDAY, 12/22	Choristers: 4:30PM, CHAPEL Contemporary Ensemble Reh: 6:30PM Hosanna Prayer Grp: 7:30PM, FF rm 4
FRIDAY, 12/23	OFFICES CLOSED Weekday Mass: 9AM, Church NO K of C Breakfast
SATURDAY, 12/24	Masses: 4, 6:30, and 9PM, Church
CHRISTMAS EVE	Mass: 4PM, Social Hall
SUNDAY, 12/25	Masses: 7:30, 9, and 11AM, Church
CHRISTMAS DAY	

ONGOING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION SUGGESTION:
12/25: Tuna, Rice, Stuffing
(Please place food on the pew in the Gathering Area)

MARY'S CORNER ONGOING COLLECTION SUGGESTION:
12/25: Formula (Liquid only)
(Please place in Mary's Corner Box in Gathering Area)

BIRTHRIGHT ONGOING COLLECTION SUGGESTION:
12/25: Diapers
(Please place in the Bassinet in the Gathering Area)



Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2011

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Next 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

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