

St. Edward the Confessor



Ministry Booklet

All Are Welcome

2012-2013

Ministries to Adults and Youth Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation:

Contact Rose Savallo, rose.savallo@stedwardsny.org or 371-7372 ext 234 for Pre-K – 2nd grade, Noreen Hayden, Noreen.hayden@stedwardsny.org or 371-7372 ext. x 233 for Grades 3-5 and Janice Nicoll, Janice.nicoll@stedwardsny.org or 371-7372 ext. 232 for grades 6-7

Many opportunities for service throughout the year in addition to serving as Catechists are available.

Children's Liturgy: Contact Janice Nicoll @ 371-7372 x232 or janice.nicoll@stedwardsny.org

The term "children's Liturgy of the Word" refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly just before the Liturgy of the Word and gathering in the chapel to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. Available to children ages K-6. Children not yet in Kindergarten are welcome while accompanied by their parent. Children's Liturgy of the Word Schedule: 9:00 am & 11:00 am (June – August 9:00 am only). We are always in need of new Liturgists for this ministry. Materials, choice of dates, and support provided.

Youth Ministry: Contact Sr. Rosemary Casaleno, CSJ Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry at ymsteds@yahoo.com

St. Edwards Youth Ministry is committed to the teens of our parish. Service Opportunities arise throughout the year. Adult volunteers are needed for various activities.

St John/St Anne's Soup Kitchen: Once a month students prepare a meal for approximately 300 patrons at the soup kitchen. We do this on Friday night at St Edwards. The next day we serve, typically leaving the church at 9:45 and returning at 2pm. Adult drivers are needed.

Youth Ministry Bazaar: This is the major fundraiser for the Youth Ministry Program held every June. Adult helpers are needed to bake, tend various booths and help with various set-up jobs.

Monthly Meetings: Adult volunteers are needed for the once-a-month Sunday meetings as well as Movie Nights, Monday Night Madness during the summer months and as drivers and/or supervisory duties for various YM events.

Divorced, Separated & Widowed Ministry: Contact: Laurie at 371-3831

A healing place for divorced, separated and widowed individuals seeking to support each other meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish classrooms. Persons must be living separately as a requirement for attendance.

Men's Evangelization Group: Contact Deacon Gene at Deacongene@hotmail.com for more information about this new ministry.

Small Faith Sharing Groups: Contact Sue Karpovich for more information at quzysue24@gmail.com or 371-6406.

Small faith sharing groups can be formed with 8 to 12 people in each group. These groups meet weekly, every other week, or monthly, in members' homes, to discuss the Sunday scriptures.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Contact Rich Evans at Rich.Evans@stedwardsny.org

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process where adults are introduced to the Roman Catholic faith. Participants will regularly meet as a group with the RCIA team to discuss topics pertaining to the various aspects of our Catholic community. These activities lead to an individual growth of faith and entry into full communion with the church.

The RCIA process is designed for...

- Non-baptized adults seeking membership in the Christian Catholic community
- Adults baptized in other Christian communities who seek full communion with the Roman Catholic Church
- Adults baptized as Catholics, but never confirmed

Women's Retreat: Contact Sue Karpovich at 371-6406 or quzysue24@gmail.com

Women's Retreat Team is responsible for planning and presenting two women's retreats each year, usually just before Advent and Lent. We usually meet 6 to 10 times prior to each retreat and welcome new members with fresh ideas to join us for planning, preparation, and the event itself.

Pastoral Care & Support Ministries

Christmas Gifts for Families in Need: Contact: Ann O'Rourke at 371-3201

Volunteers are needed to assist with the organization of gifts to meet the needs of families from the St. John/ St. Ann parish in Albany and in the Clifton Park area to ensure that everyone receives a gift for the holidays.

Christmas Gifts for the Elderly: Contact Cathy Lawrence at 652-2180 or Nancy Marsh at 383-3244

The parishioners of St. Edwards remember the elderly of Saratoga County at Christmas. Assistance is needed during November and December to arrange for the implementation of securing individual gifts donated by parishioners and then to wrap the gifts for giving. This ministry involves about 4 weeks of planning prior to Christmas. Each year we receive about 200 requests!

Food Pantry: Contact Ministries@stedwardsny.org

Our parish community provides food, paper products, cleaning supplies and personal grooming products on an ongoing weekly basis to be distributed to neighboring food pantries. Volunteers collect these donations from the Church and deliver them weekly.

Hospitality: Contact Ministries@stedwardsny.org

Members of the Hospitality Ministry assist in the organization, preparation and serving of refreshments on a weekly basis after Sunday liturgies. This ministry also promotes community by welcoming guests and visiting with fellow parishioners. If you enjoy people, consider volunteering to be a part of the Hospitality Ministry.

Prayer Chain: Contact Deanna Clarke 371-7956, Esther Coleman at 371-8806 or Elaine Koubek 371-9606 to begin the Prayer Chain.

Privately prays for parish & parishioner needs. No meetings are held as prayer intentions are communicated through telephone contact.

Prayer Shawls: Contact Ministries@Stedwardsny.org

Prayer shawls have been made for centuries are universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, warmth & beautify. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Edwards is broader than Shawls as we also make Binky Caps, Crib Blankets, and Bunting. Articles are knitted, crocheted, quilted & loomed. They are given to adults and children that are in need of prayer because of health or other circumstance. If you are interested in joining this group and knit, crochet or quilt, please come! We gather the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

Rosary Making: Contact Marilyn Waitt at 371-2612

Parishioners make rosaries for distribution to schools, parishes, nursing homes, hospitals and prisons in the Albany Diocese and to missions around the world. Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Prayer and Worship/ Sacraments Ministries

Afterglow: Contact Jerry or Marie Grigaitis 518-956-3869 or

dcnjmrigaitis@aol.com

Afterglow of the Eucharist is a healing ministry that flows from the Eucharist. The prayer used is a blessing prayer that allows for an experience with the Risen Lord so that He can minister His healing love and mercy through the power of the Holy Spirit. This ministry is held monthly after the last liturgy on Sunday in the church.

Altar Care

Washing/Ironing: Contact Linda Margitan at 371-3843 or lindamargitan@aol.com

Assist with laundering of purificators and other linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided.

Altar Cleaning: Contact Mary Ellen Caruso at dom@carusodp.com

Clean altar area and Chapel on a rotating schedule.

Altar Servers: Contact: Deb Liberatore at deb.liberatore@gmail.com

Interested in becoming an altar server? Training is provided.

Kid Care: Contact: Victoria Savallo at 373-9135 or via email at Victoria.savallo@yahoo.com

Care for children (ages 1 -4) is offered during 9:00 & 11:00 Masses on Sunday from September – May and at 9:00 AM Mass only from June – August in the Faith Formation wing. Volunteer on a rotating schedule.

Daily Mass Prep: Contact ministries@Stedwardsny.org

Prepare the Chapel for the celebration of daily liturgy, excluding Thursday. Training will be provided.

Eucharistic Ministers: Contact Deacon Gene at 371- 7372 ext 230 or via email at deacongene@hotmail.com

Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers are members of the St. Edward's Community whose ministry is the distribution of the consecrated bread and wine at all liturgies. All Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to bring communion to the sick or the homebound. However, some ministers are dedicated to just the sick and homebound ministry. One training session is provided focusing on the theology of the Eucharist, and practical aspects of the reverent distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.

First Friday Adoration: Contact Ann Day 518-371-7494 annsday@live.com or Deacon Gene Kelenski 371-7372 x230 or deacongene@hotmail.com

Our Eucharistic Adoration is held on the first Friday of the month starting after morning Mass in the chapel and concluding with the rosary at 11:30 a.m. Join us for a few minutes or an hour of quiet with the Lord.

Funeral Ministry: Contact Irene Glasheen 518-371-5229

Ministers assist grieving families through the funeral liturgy. This is an on-call ministry, Monday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Training is offered as new participants join the team.

Greeters: Contact Elsa Jimenez at elsaj1@aol.com

This ministry is for those that like to meet new people, welcome those coming into mass and distribute worship aids. Greeters are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of mass. This is a wonderful ministry that a family can participate in together and an opportunity to meet members of our community.

Hosanna Prayer Group: Contact ministries@stedwardsny.org

Everyone is welcome to meet for prayer, scripture, song and personal sharing every Thursday from 7:30 -9:30 PM in the Faith Formation wing of the building.

Lectors: Contact Chris Hannan at clhannan@nycap.rr.com

This ministry proclaims the Word of God for the assembly, making it understandable, inspirational and alive. Lectors also raise the community's prayer to God by leading The Prayers of the Faithful.

Ushers: Contact: Bill Butler 877-6129 bbutler566@aol.com

Ushers help with seating and orderly movement of the faithful during liturgical services. Ushers also ensure the safety and comfort of the congregation and are responsive to requests for information, assistance, gathering collections, and distributing the weekly bulletin at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Ushers work directly with mass coordinators in identifying families and individuals to bring the gifts to the Altar as well as insuring there are a sufficient number of Eucharistic ministers in place prior to the start of worship.

Music Ministry:

Contact Mary Jo Brue at 371-7372 ext. 223 or maryjo.brue@stedwardsny.org

St. Edward's Music Ministry invites you to join with us as we make music for our Lord. St. Edward's is blessed to have over 100 men, women, and children participating in our music ministry as cantors and/or choir members. We are so fortunate to have four different choirs serving our Parish: **Wednesday Choir** (St. Edward's Traditional Choir), **Thursday Choir** (Contemporary Ensemble), the **Choristers**, and our **Funeral Choir**. We also have **Cantors** who lead us in song when choirs are not present. New to the Music Ministry is the **Family Ensemble**, where family members lead music together at liturgy. Please consider becoming a cantor, joining one (or more!) of our choirs, or singing with your Family Ensemble! We welcome you to join us as we lead our congregation in song.

Wednesday Choir:

St. Edward's Wednesday Choir, our traditional adult choir, meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church to sing, share stories, laugh, and support one another. Directed by Katarina Paley (katarinapaley@yahoo.com), the Wednesday Choir sings a wide range of beautiful music in four-part harmony. We enjoy making music together as well as the added bonus of fellowship and support that come from singing together. We invite new choir members in all parts, as well as instrumentalists, to sing with us!

Thursday Choir:

The Thursday Choir, St. Edward's Contemporary Ensemble, rehearses on Thursdays at 7 p.m. All singers and instrumentalists in 9th grade and up are welcome. The Contemporary Ensemble plays a mix of traditional Catholic hymns and beautiful new contemporary music that expands upon our Catholic tradition. Rehearsals are relaxed and fun, and members of the group enjoy the many friendships that have developed as well as the challenge of learning new music. Consider sharing your talents with the Thursday Choir – we would love to have you join us!

The Choristers:

The Choristers, St. Edward's youth choir, is open to all children in grades 1 through 8. The Choristers generally rehearse on three Thursday afternoons each month, and sing at one Mass each month. The children are not only learning about our Catholic music traditions, they are learning about the Mass and about our faith. We enjoy making music together and singing at Mass, as well as having a great time at rehearsals. Please encourage your child to join the Choristers – all are welcome!

Funeral Choir:

Our funeral choir, which meets on an as-needed basis, provides musical comfort and solace to the bereaved families at the funerals of their loved ones. The Funeral Choir is available on short notice and since funerals are generally in the morning at St. Edward's, many of our members are retired or otherwise free in the morning. Occasional rehearsals keep the Funeral Choir polished and accomplished. If you are available, please consider joining this worthwhile ministry.

Cantors:

Cantors are a vital part of our music ministry at St. Edward's. Cantors are considered ministers of the Word, and they must communicate in a way that invites active participation from the assembly. Understanding and appreciation of Scripture, vocal facility, poetic interpretation, and expressive skills are most important to the role of the cantor. All those interested in proclaiming God's word in song are encouraged to consider this ministry. Cantors lead music at Masses throughout the year on a rotating

basis. We rehearse on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Church and welcome new members.

The Bell Choir: Contact Terry Halverson at 371-9164 or via email at thalverson@nycap.rr.com

The Bell Choir is open to adults and students (7th grade on up) who have some musical background. We concentrate on playing in the church for Advent, Christmas, and Easter. Rehearsals are scheduled on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm a few weeks in advance of when the Bell Choir plays; these rehearsals are held at the Bell Choir director's house.

NEW! Family Ensemble:

Our latest addition to the Music Ministry is the Family Ensemble, where moms, dads, and children lead music together for liturgy. Each family rehearses separately for the particular liturgy for which they are assigned. What a great opportunity for families to share their talents with each other and with the community! Share your love of music and your faith with your children and our parish!

Outreach and Justice Ministries

Birthright: Contact: ministries@stedwardsny.org

Provides assistance to women coping with unplanned pregnancy. Volunteers can help with selling carnations on Mother's Day or the Baby Bottle Boomerang after each weekend Mass.

Care Links and Community Outreach: Contact Bob Daly, the liaison from St. Edward's

Trained volunteers provide supportive services, at no cost, to persons 60+ in the towns of Clifton Park, Halfmoon, Mechanicville and Malta. Friendly visiting, transportation, respite care, light housekeeping, yard work, shopping and errands, telephone assurance, information and referral handy helping.

Emmaus Project:

The Emmaus Project is a St. Edward's outreach effort focused on inner city Cohoes in collaboration with other Christian Communities and agencies. It is located at the United Church of Cohoes and includes Food and Clothing Pantry Support, a Community Meal once a month and Mary's Corner, a support group for young mothers:

Cohoes Community Meal: Contact Kathleen Masucci at 518-577-3297 or masuccikm@nycap.rr.com or Ann Evans at 518-371-5884 or Zsmom53@aol.com

The Emmaus Project is a once-a-month community meal prepared for and provided to the community and members of The United Church of Cohoes. This generally takes place on the fourth Saturday of every month. The food is prepared and served in the Social Hall of the United Church in Cohoes. Volunteer's alternate months cooking, preparing take-out orders and serving up to 350 meals. There is a diverse population who come to break bread. To participate is indeed a blessing for all those who volunteer.

Mary's Corner: Contact Rebecca Figueroa, at 371-2483 or rrnrjfigueroa@aol.com the St. Edward's liaison

Mary's Corner is an outreach program which provides support for children ages newborn to three years of age and the adults who care for them, all of whom are residents of the City of Cohoes. Mary's Corner provides baby items including but not limited to clothing,

blankets, formula, baby food, diapers and wipes, strollers, body wash and shampoo, toys and books. Volunteers meet at Mary's Corner one morning per month on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:00 AM to noon. Please contact Mary's Corner liaison at St. Edward's, Rebecca Figueroa for further information.

Fair Trade: Contact Mary Ann Sekellick at 469-6987 or Jane Spooner at 495-8527 or via email at fair.trade@stedwardsny.org

Members of this ministry volunteer once a month as available to sell fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate bars to parishioners after all Masses. Purchase of these fairly traded products assists small-scale farmers in third world countries to build a better future for themselves and their families as they receive a fair price for their crop, allowing them to stay on their land and send their children to school. Any profit St. Edward's makes from the sales of these items is donated to the Limerick/Peru Mission. Volunteers are needed to create marketing materials and signs.

Nurses Program: Coordinators: Maureen Norris, R.N. 518-441-2156 or rmorris@nycap.rr.com

The mission of the St. Edward's Parish Nurse Ministry is to integrate the practice of faith with the practice of nursing, so that the faith community will achieve wholeness of body, mind and spirit. Parish Nurse is a registered professional nurse who serves as a member of the ministry staff to promote health and wholeness. The Parish Nurse assists, and empowers individuals, groups and families to become more active partners in the management of their own health and health resources. Volunteers must be registered RN's or LPN's.

St. Ann's/St. John's Welcome Table: Contact Dolores Bobersky at twaitt@nycap.rr.com or 383-2044

St. Ann's/St. John's Outreach Center, a diocesan run facility, is located in the south end of Albany. One of their many services is Welcome Table which is held each Tuesday and Saturday. On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, St. Edward's provides a full course meal for 200-250 people. On the Monday previous to serving day, a group gathers in St. Edward's kitchen to begin food prep. On Tuesday we meet at St. Edward's, car-pool, and transport the food to Albany. There we complete the food prep, set up tables, serve the meal restaurant style, and clean up. Those of us who serve feel a great deal of gratification from our work and sometimes wonder who has gained the most from this experience....those we serve or ourselves.

R.E.C. (Residents Encounter Christ) Ministry: Contact John Koubek at 371-9606, Charles Burre at 671-2899 or visit the R.E.C website at www.recrda.org

It is the mission of the R.E.C. program to serve the Lord by encouraging the prison population in our Diocese to become more active Christians during and after incarceration. Several parishioners from St. Edward's participate in the R.E.C. ministry at Coxsackie Correctional Facility and other facilities throughout the Albany diocese.

Visits to Homebound & Medical Facilities: Contact ministries@stedwardsny.org

We have many parishioners that are homebound, in nursing homes and in hospitals that would welcome a visit and to receive communion during their time of illness or infirmity. Local hospitals and nursing homes are visited on a regular and on call basis. Training is provided.

Activities and Committees

St. Edwards has a number of activities and committees to keep our parish active.

Baseball Trips: Contact Ed Smith – 371-8249

Assist with the planning, ticket selling and arrangements on the day of departure for this annual trip to a baseball game.

Building and Grounds Committee: Contact Peter Hamilton at juniperdrive@hotmail.com

The Building Committee meets to continually assess the ongoing needs of the facility and advise the parish on how to maintain our building and grounds most effectively. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Craft/Scrapbooking: Contact Heidi Giebel missgiebel@gmail.com The scrapbooking/crafting ministry was created to encourage fellowship among parishioners. It also allows parishioners to share and guide fellow crafters using their talent for crafting. Young crafters are welcome, but those under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. The scrapbooking/crafting ministry meets once a month either on the 3rd Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. or on a Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Parents & Tots Group: Contact Jennifer VanDeCarr at jmvandecarr@yahoo.com

Parents and their pre-school children meet Monday's mornings in the Parish Center year round at 9:30 a.m. Many off site activities are planed as well throughout the year and children learn to socialize and play together, while parents build community by sharing information, concerns and support among themselves.

Picnic: Contact Noreen Hayden at noreen.hayden@stedwardsny.org

Our annual parish family picnic is held the Sunday after Labor Day. There is food, music, dancing, friends (both old and new), and a bouncy bounce and many other activities for the kids. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, clean up and activities throughout the day.

Knights of Columbus: Contact Rich Gallego at 383-2892

Knights of Columbus is an organization for men ages 18 and older that is dedicated to the promotion of family and Church through the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Meetings are held monthly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

Community Garden: Contact Rich Evans at rich.evans@stedwardsny.org

The Community Garden began in 2011 by a group of parishioners who came together to share their love and knowledge of gardening with each other and those who wanted to learn. Watch for information in the bulletin to learn more about this growing ministry.

SOLOS: Contact kathy.stillwell@verizon.net

Solos are a sociable singles group that endeavors to promote a positive atmosphere in which to meet and interact with other single people and to achieve balance in our lives. Members are encouraged to share their interests and develop various activities for interested parties to participate in. Current members come from our three Clifton Park Parishes; St. Edwards, St. Mary's and Corpus Christi.

Social Media

The Parish Blog of St. Edward the Confessor, Scriptural and Spiritual Thoughts and Reflections: Contact Fran Rossi Szpylczyn at stedwardsblog@gmail.com

The parish blog is a place to read reflections based on scripture as well as other spiritual matters. We invite parishioners to reflect on daily readings during Advent and Lent, but the invitation exists for parishioners to submit writing at any time. This is not just for individual adults, but also for groups, youth, families and even faith formation classes as a whole. Come read with us, come write for us, come pray for us! Never written before? No problem. All submissions and work are welcome. Some editorial oversight may be advised, but we simply want as many people as possible to participate. Great youth activity as well!

Additional Committees/Ministries:

Contact ministries@stedwardsny.org

Finance Committee

Vacation Bible School

Master Planning Committee

Summer Music Camp

Pastoral Council Lending Library

Social Committee Collection Counters

Bishop's Appeal Broadway Shows

Habitat for Humanity