



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH AND NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

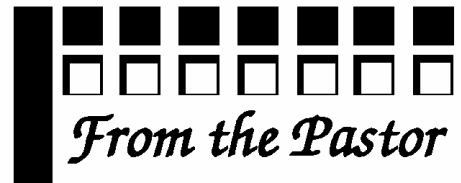
- MONDAY**
 9:00 AM John Figliozzi – Mary & Tom Pohl
 9:00 AM Hannah Watson – Terry Neiser
- TUESDAY**
 9:00 AM Darryl Dutka – Emma Crandall
 9:00 AM Steven Scipioni – Emma Crandall
- WEDNESDAY**
 6:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 9:00 AM Donald Glastetter – Bob Schnurr
 9:00 AM Clare Palelogus – The Scarantino Family
- THURSDAY** NO LITURGY SCHEDULED
- FRIDAY**
 9:00 AM Elinor Christopher – Daniel & Elaine
 9:00 AM Clare Palelogus – The Scarantino Family
- SATURDAY**
 4:30 PM Harold Bonesteel – The Conway Family
 4:30 PM Dennis Sausville – Peg & Sam Clarke
- SUNDAY**
 7:45 AM Frances Borroni – Loretta Garry
 7:45 AM Rita M. Pleet – The Butler Family
 9:00 AM St. Edward’s Choir - Katarina
 9:00 AM Denise Tardif – Ed & Barbara Smith
 10:30 AM Margaret Dillon – Brian, Darryl, & Brianna Dillon
 10:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 12:00 PM Virginia Battista – Her Family
 12:00 PM Ed Burke – Pat & Tom O’Donnell

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS
 FEBRUARY 12TH & 13TH

MASS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER
4:30 PM	Youth Readers	Michael Moran John Gamino
7:45 AM	Linda Margitan Tom Bell	Christopher Howard Courtney Howard
9:00 AM	Joe Pitkin Jeanne Pitkin	Kylene Fitsik Brittany Fitsik
10:30 AM	Ken Speanburg Jeanne Speanburg	Joey Gaug Henry DiMaria
12:00 PM	Don Nolan	Catherine Altenburger
	Henry McArdle	Brad Kelly

Scripture Reading for Next Sunday, February 13: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

The collection for Sunday, January 30th was \$14,164.00. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



From the Pastor

The CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT for the month of February burns in memory of THE RYAN AND FENNELL FAMILY at the request of Marti and John Fennell.

The CHURCH SANCTUARY LIGHT for the month of February burns in memory of THOMAS RADICAN at the request of Elaine Perry.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE–FEBRUARY 9TH

- 6:30 AM – Mass
- 9:00 AM – Mass
- 3:30 PM – Prayer Service
- 4:45 PM – Prayer Service
- 7:00 PM – Prayer Service

Ashes will be distributed at all five liturgies. The two afternoon services are scheduled for the convenience of the students in Faith Formation, but anyone is most welcome to attend.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 9, 2005, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. On this day the Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the coming Season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin and to discipline ourselves through prayer and fasting.

WHO MAY RECEIVE ASHES?

Baptized individuals who have reached the age of reason are the usual recipients of ashes. Babies and young children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Penance should not be presented to receive ashes, as ashes are intended for those who are capable of personal sin. The celebration of Ash Wednesday calls the faithful to repent as we prepare for Easter.

ASHES AND THE WORD OF GOD

As with all material things which are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex. In themselves ashes have little meaning. But received in light of God’s revealing Word, ashes can become for us the biblical symbol they are intended to be: a sign of our desire to turn back to God. It is for this reason that the Church has placed the reception of ashes within the framework of the reading of Scripture. Ashes are reminders of mortality and the fleetingness of life. God’s Word reminds us that it is not the death of the body, but rather the death of the soul that is to be feared. Through the Scripture readings God calls us to turn to him with our whole heart and be faithful to the Gospel again. In the light of these readings, the reception of ashes becomes for us the symbol of hearts that desire to turn to God, a God who is “gracious and merciful and rich in kindness.”

OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers JOHN WALKER, husband of Helen Walker, who died on Jan. 27, 2005; WILLIAM SPATH, father of Brenda Duffy, who died on Jan. 28, 2005; and LOUIS CAIRO, father of Francis Cairo, who died on Jan. 27, 2005.

DAILY MASS DURING LENT

During Lent, daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Friday will be celebrated at 9 AM in the church rather than in the chapel, to better accommodate the increase in attendance we experience during this season. The Wednesday Communion Service will also be celebrated at 9 AM in the church. Please note that there is no daily Mass scheduled on Thursday or Saturday morning.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated each Friday morning during the season of Lent, immediately following the 9AM Mass. The leader this week will be Bill Schoch.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On the days of abstinence, meat may not be eaten.

Concerning Fasting: Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

BAPTISMAL POLICY DURING LENT

It has been the custom at St. Edward's to defer the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism from Lent to the Easter season. This enables us to enter more fully into the desert experience of Lent and see the link between the initiation rite of baptism and the Easter season. We are able to capitalize on the inherent beauty and appropriateness of the baptismal rite in the weeks following Easter.

EVANGELIST RENEWAL TIME

February is Catholic Press Month and we use the occasion to ask all those who receive the Diocesan newspaper THE EVANGELIST to renew their annual subscription. There is a renewal envelope in your set of church offertory envelopes. The annual subscription is a very inexpensive \$15 for the year. Please make your renewal check out to ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH with the notation "Evangelist" in the memo section. The policy of THE EVANGELIST is to bill the parish for each family that received the newspaper, and then ask the subscriber to reimburse the parish for the cost of the subscription. Your renewal envelope may be dropped in the collection basket. If you no longer wish to receive THE EVANGELIST, please notify the parish office (371-7372). We thank you in advance for accepting the responsibility of reimbursing your parish for the cost of your subscription.

PARISH COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Our Family Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 13th at the Edison Club, following the 9AM Mass. Tickets are priced at \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 12. This year's guest speaker will be Liz Bishop, TV news anchor for CBS6. Tickets will be available the weekend of Feb. 5-6. They may also be purchased in the parish office during the week. Checks should be made out to St. Edward's Men's Club. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, February 9th.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-4PM

Jr/Sr High Faith Formation Classes this week

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-4PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-4PM

Mass: 6:30AM and 9AM

Prayer Service: 3:30PM, 4:45PM and 7PM

Chinese: 5:30PM Social Hall

St. Edward's Choir Rehearsal: after 7PM prayer service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-4PM

Hosanna Prayer Group: 7:30PM

Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal: 7PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-12Noon

Stations of the Cross: after the 9AM Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30PM, Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery: 9 & 10:30 AM Masses

St. Edward's Choir: 9 AM Mass

Parish Communion Breakfast: after the 9AM Mass at the Edison Club

Afterglow of the Eucharist: after the 12 NOON Mass

Contemporary Ensemble: 10:30 Mass

The Church's NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS in the United States will be taken at all Masses next weekend. Because of the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S., last year, over eight million dollars were contributed to the Collection and 98 cents of every dollar was distributed. The support went to some of the neediest people across the United States; from the inner cities of the rural South and from the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness – 131 dioceses received assistance from the collection.

THANK YOU FROM ST. JOHN'S – ST. ANN'S

We would like to thank all of the faithful parishioners of St. Edward's for remembering the less fortunate Families of St. John's – St. Ann's Parish in South Albany, and also several families from the Shenendehowa area. Your caring, generous response made it possible for over 80 families to receive gifts on Christmas morning. Our special thanks to our priests and staff here at St. Edward's, all the "elves" who helped at sign-up time, those who helped in transporting all the gifts, and Boscov's in Clifton Park.