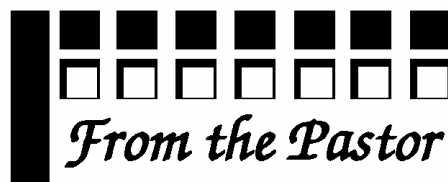


**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, CLIFTON PARK**



**Mass  
Intentions**



*From the Pastor*

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>  
AND NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>**

**MONDAY**

9:00 AM Anthony Caliguire – His Family  
9:00 AM William H. Otis, Sr. – Dave & Jean Bruhns

**TUESDAY**

9:00 AM Josephine Carillo – Her Family  
9:00 AM Mary Ann Spano – George McDowan

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 AM Alphonsine Boilard – Gerald Pare  
9:00 AM Joseph Howley – His Family

**THURSDAY NO LITURGY SCHEDULED**

**FRIDAY**

9:00 AM Antoinette Rofrano – Karen Wojcik-Hess  
9:00 AM James Kelleher – Joe & Ann Rocha

**SATURDAY**

4:30 PM David Carman, Jr. – His Family  
4:30 PM Janice Deitner – The Francis & Costello Families  
4:30 PM Arlene Coulombe – Her Family

**SUNDAY**

7:45 AM For the People of the Parish  
7:45 AM Edward Maila – Leonard & Anne Sabis  
9:00 AM Mary Therese Allen – The Keleman Family  
9:00 AM Alfonso Taffera – His Family  
10:30 AM Agnes C. Shea – The Willey Family  
10:30 AM Peter Amico – St. Edward's Music Staff  
12:00 PM Terri Lynch Cuttita – Her Family  
12:00 PM Dawn Student – Ed & Judy Hughes

**LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS  
MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>**

MASS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER
4:30 PM	Eileen Murphy Bill Thornton	John DeLarge Jeff DeCarr
7:45 AM	Dave Connolly Debby Bates	Amelia Goetke Val Beberwyck
9:00 AM	Nancy Tudor Paul Finnerty	Kylene Fitsik Brittany Fitsik
10:30 AM	Ken Speanburg Jeanne Speanburg	Matthew Dempsey Erin Dempsey
12:00 PM	Erin Dahl Henry McArdle	Ethan Holland Kevin Warren

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**

The collection for Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> was \$12,967.50. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

New schedules for **ALTAR SERVERS** are available in the files outside the sacristy.



**SAVE THE DATE**

Our annual baseball trip to Yankee Stadium has been scheduled for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Yankees will be playing the Oakland Athletics. Additional information will be available as the date draws closer.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The theme for the 2006 **Catholic Relief Services Collection** is *Jesus in Disguise*. The Catholic community in the United States is committed to solidarity with the poor and the vulnerable all over the world. Please help by giving to the collection next weekend. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church agencies that build international solidarity and relief efforts. Ministries include relief and resettlement services to the victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters, development programs to improve the living conditions of the poor, advocacy on behalf of the powerless, and peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence. There is a special envelope for this collection.

**NEW FUNERAL GUIDELINES**

In response to many requests for a consistent and pastoral approach to the celebration of funeral services, Bishop Hubbard has approved new diocesan guidelines for music and the eulogy or reflection on the life of the deceased. Please consult with your parish staff or the diocesan website: [www.rcda.org/offices/prayerandworship/guidelines](http://www.rcda.org/offices/prayerandworship/guidelines) when your family is preparing a funeral liturgy.

**GENERAL CEMETERY CLEANUP** in Diocesan

Cemeteries will begin on or about April 1<sup>st</sup>. All grave decorations will be removed and discarded by cemetery staff. Lot owners should remove decorations they wish to save prior to this date. Please call the cemetery office or click on [www.rcdacemeteries.org](http://www.rcdacemeteries.org) for more information.



**EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of flowers for Easter, please use the special "Easter Flowers" envelope from your church envelopes, or place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket by April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to include an intention, please place the necessary information inside the envelope. Due to space availability, please keep your intention requests brief. If necessary, we will have to edit or shorten your request. We will publish the intentions received in the bulletin of Easter Sunday and also remember all donors and their intentions at Mass.



Third Sunday of Lent

In our daily lives, we are constantly trying to clean things out. Cluttered closets or basements often lead to garage sales or donations to our favorite charities. Perhaps we've let our exercise routines fall away, so with renewed vigor we try to clean out our bodies and live a healthier lifestyle. In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we clean out the sins we have been carrying and ask for God's forgiveness.

Today's Gospel reading from John relates the story of Jesus entering the temple in Jerusalem. What he found so disturbed him that he drove out every animal being sold and overturned the tables of those who had turned that house of God into a marketplace. When he was challenged with proving he had the authority to take such action, Jesus proclaimed he would rebuild the temple within three days of its destruction. Of course, he was speaking of his own body, his temple which would be sacrificed on the cross.

In this third week of the Lenten season, we need to remember that this is a time of penance, of cleaning out our own selves of all that is hurting us and hurting God. This interior penance, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, is necessary first in order to allow us to fulfill our desire to change our lives and return our hearts to God. (CCC 1431) With interior penance, we will then begin to truthfully express visible signs and expressions of our conversion and restoration to God's loving grace.

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**A RETREAT FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** will be held on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM at Our Lady of Victory Church, 55 N. Lake Ave., Troy. The day will include prayer, creative activities, music, social time, and will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist. Registration is due by March 24<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$15.00 per retreatant. For registration forms visit the Diocesan website: [www.rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org) and click on the "What's New" icon; or phone David Amico at the Diocesan Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, 453-7730.

**OUR DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers the brother of Peg Clarke, **ROGER LAVINE**, who died on February 21, 2006.

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*Why must godparents get a certificate from their parish to be godparents but a best man or maid of honor do not? Aren't they both participating in a sacrament? Don't they have the same*

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*requirements?*

The short answer is no. Both are important participants in the sacrament, but they serve different purposes and functions. In Baptism, godparents, or sponsors, are those who present a child or adult candidate to the Church for baptism. Their role is to help the person being baptized to develop their understanding and practice of the faith. They do so by their own example of faith, as well as by answering questions and helping the newly baptized become an active member of the community of the Church. In the case of an infant, they assist the parents in whatever way possible to raise the child in faith. Most importantly, godparents and sponsors should pray for the newly baptized often, supporting them by their prayers. Therefore at least one godparent for a child and a sponsor for an adult must be Catholic. The other godparent can be a baptized non-Catholic and is called a Christian witness.

Witnesses to marriage do not have a spiritual obligation. Their purpose is more of a legal function. They, like the priest or deacon, are witnesses to the vows exchanged between the husband and wife, who are the ministers of the sacrament. Therefore there are no requirements concerning religion. This obviously does not prohibit the best man and maid of honor from spiritually supporting a newly married couple or helping them in whatever way possible, but the Church does not require anything more than meeting the eligibility requirements of age.

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**SPANISH SPEAKING VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

**CARE LINKS**, our Faith in Action program devoted to helping local seniors stay in their own homes for as long as possible, needs a volunteer who speaks Spanish. If you speak Spanish and would be willing to share a little of your time to help a senior in our community, please call Carol Silvera at **CARE LINKS**, 371-5179.

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**BAPTISMAL CLASS** will be held on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM. This class is for parents wishing to have their child baptized. Both parents are expected to attend this class. Please call the parish office at 371-7372 to register.

### PRAYER

**ST. EDWARD'S MINISTERS OF PRAYER – PRAYER CHAIN:** For immediate requests for Prayer call Betsy 371-6494 or Dee 371-7956 to begin the Prayer Chain.

**HOSANNA PRAYER GROUP:** Join us for charismatic prayer, worship and song every Thursday at 7:30PM in the parish classrooms. For more information call Don at 371-6843. All are welcome.

All are invited to attend the **CHRISM MASS** with Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. A choir of high school and college age singers and instrumentalists is being formed for this celebration. Please contact Glenn Osborne, [gosborne@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gosborne@nycap.rr.com), or the Office of Prayer and Worship, [prayer&worship@rcda.org](mailto:prayer&worship@rcda.org), or phone 453-6645 for further information or to volunteer.



You are invited to a Family Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> following the 4:30 PM Mass. The Dinner will

take place in the St. Edward's social hall. Each family that signs up is asked to bring a beverage to share (soda or juice) and one of the following: main dish, salad, side dish, or dessert. Please RSVP by March 29<sup>th</sup> with food selection and number attending. More information and sign-up sheets can be found in the gathering area or by contacting Lynn & Bill Collins at 348-2157 or [blcollins119@yahoo.com](mailto:blcollins119@yahoo.com).

**CARD PARTY AND FASHION SHOW** to benefit St. Ambrose School: Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> from 12 NOON – 3 PM at the St. Ambrose Gym. Admission is \$5.00. For more information call Grace Selkis at 783-5623.

The Thirty-Third Annual **SPRING ENRICHMENT** will take place from May 15 – May 18, 2006 at the College of St. Rose, Albany, NY. This year's theme is: *LIFE IS CHRIST*. Watch for the Spring Enrichment brochure in the April 6<sup>th</sup> issue of THE EVANGELIST.



### MONDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

**Parish Office Hours:** 9AM – 4PM

**6<sup>TH</sup> Grade Seder Meal:** 4:30PM

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

**Parish Office Hours:** 9AM–4PM

**Knights of Columbus:** 7:30PM, Social Hall

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

**Parish Office Hours:** 9AM–4PM

**St. Edward's Choir Rehearsal:** 7 PM in Church

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>

**Parish Office Hours:** 9AM-4PM

**6th Grade Seder Meal:** 4:30PM

**Hosanna Prayer Group:** 7:30PM

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

**Parish Office Hours:** 9AM-12NOON

**Stations of the Cross:** after the 9AM Mass

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 3:30PM, Chapel

**St. Edward's Choir:** 4:30PM Mass

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>

**Children's Liturgy of the Word & Nursery:** 9AM Mass

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** 10:30AM Mass

**Afterglow of the Eucharist:** after the 12 Noon Mass

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*And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17*

### Readings for the Week of March 19, 2006

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25; Scrutinies (Cycle A): Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/ Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/ Eph 2:4-10/ Jn 3:14-21; Scrutinies (Cycle A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38