



Mass Intentions

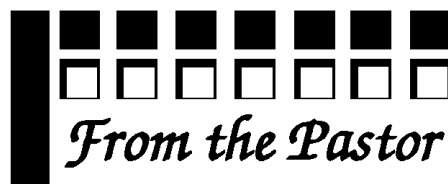
MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1ST
AND NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

- MONDAY**
9:00 AM Betty & Ed Goodnow – Lynn & Jeff Pitts
9:00 AM Roger Lavine – The Ladies of Note
- TUESDAY**
9:00 AM John James – Donna & Howard Steggs
9:00 AM Teddy Craig – Cathy & Kevin Smith
- WEDNESDAY**
9:00 AM Isabelle Martin – Jackie & Chuck Taylor
9:00 AM Jack Johnson – Jackie & Chuck Taylor
- THURSDAY** NO LITURGY SCHEDULED
- FRIDAY**
9:00 AM Alfred Bopp – This Family
9:00 AM Eleanor Bell – The Cimmino Family
9:00 AM Florinda Ferreira – Frank & Elizabeth Catanzaro
- SATURDAY**
4:30 PM Donald J. Mooney – The McCann Family
4:30 PM Mary Ford – The Thompson Family
- SUNDAY**
7:45 AM Matthew Conway, Sr. – The Conway Family
7:45 AM Mary Fontaine – Ann Vergopia
9:00 AM For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM James L. Crecca – Mr. & Mrs. Brett Miller & Sons
10:30 AM Catherine Berghammer – Peg & Charlie Scherzinger
10:30 AM Anne & Al Turgeon – Carol & Bill Dobbins
12:00 PM Gerald Yerdon – Mr. & Mrs. Randy Trahan
12:00 PM August Van Patten – Mr. & Mrs. Donald Carson

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS
MAY 6TH & 7TH

MASS	LECTOR	ALTAR SERVER
4:30 PM	Annette Morere Joe Burger	Janice Kuglin
7:45 AM	Dick Moran Debby Bates	Joseph Capo
9:00 AM	Ed Smith Phil Barrett	John Tyrell
10:30 AM	Christine Cimmino Kathy Murphy	Bill Pomeroy
12:00 PM	Erin Dahl Don Nolan	Dave Selig

SACRIFICIAL GIVING AND STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
The collection for Sunday, April 23rd was \$15,476.50. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.



The **CHAPEL SANCTUARY LIGHT** for the month of May burns in memory of **JANE SALA** at the request of Lisa and Ron Crowell and Family.
The **CHURCH SANCTUARY LIGHT** for the month of May burns in memory of **THE O'DONNELL AND PINCHON FAMILIES** at the request of Tom and Pat O'Donnell.

WELCOME

We welcome Bev Breen to our parish staff. She will join us as a secretary/receptionist replacing Maggie Hume. We wish to thank Maggie for her service to the parish and wish her well in the years ahead. Meanwhile stop and say hello to Bev as she begins her new position.

Thank You Now that our Faith Formation sessions have ended for the 2005-06 school year, we would like to take the opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to all our wonderful **CATECHISTS**. They are the backbone of our Faith Formation program. We have been truly blessed by the outstanding effort of our catechists. They volunteer their valuable time and effort to help our children and young adults grow in their Catholic faith.
As we prepare for the next school year, give some thought to becoming a catechist and working with these wonderful faith-filled people who are enriching the youth of our parish.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for **Edward B. Rogan** will be held in the chapel the evening of Friday, May 5th at 6:00 PM. Parish members are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ray and Maureen Norris who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 14, 2006. An anniversary Mass was celebrated for them at St. Edward's on April 29th.



Congratulations to **JUSTIN GALCHIN** and **LAURA CHERA** who were married on April 29, 2006.



Third Sunday of Easter

Many years ago as I began my ministry as a catechist, I faced a room full of seventh graders on a warm summer's evening. Having never taught young people of this age, I was unsure of what effect if any I would have on them. At the end of a particularly trying evening in which I spoke to a room full of mostly blank faces, I could tell that my humble explanation of the particular lesson for the evening had not gone over well. I asked if anyone had any questions. One hand came up. "Why did you teach us this?" she said.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus has appeared to his disciples after his resurrection. Once he made it clear to them that he really had returned, he expressed a bit of disappointment in the fact that after all of his preaching, his miracles, his explanations of the prophets, the Law of Moses, and the Psalms, his own disciples still didn't seem to believe it was really him. Finally, in verse 45, Luke writes: "Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

We are taught that our faculties make us capable of "coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God." But if we are ever to be able to form a personal relationship with God, it was necessary to give us both the revelation (in his son Jesus Christ) and the capacity to welcome this revelation in faith. (CCC 35) If even Jesus' disciples had trouble understanding their faith, we know how much harder we must work to preserve it.

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11TH ANNUAL YARD SALE

On Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM the Knights of Columbus will have their 11th Annual Yard Sale at the Whitman Day Care Center, 495 Clifton Park Center Rd., Clifton Park. We are asking for any and all contributions of good, clean, saleable items that you may have stored away for the right time....well, now is the time! "Old Fashioned Baked Goods" would also be appreciated. Please phone any of the following locations for information about drop-off:

- 2 Sun Valley Ln., 877-5353
25 Firestone Ln., 877-6209
1604 Crescent Rd., 371-7509
40 Glenbrook Ct., 371-5507

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There are many television shows with themes of communicating with the dead. Do these things really happen and if so, does the Church have a viewpoint?

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People are naturally curious about the future and especially what happens after death. Whenever a discussion comes up about life in heaven or Catholic customs regarding burial, there are always questions about belief in ghosts, people coming back to haunt others, etc. All this is fueled by some pretty amazing stories about people's experiences with ghosts, or young children seeing deceased relatives that they never met in life, or other unexplainable occurrences dealing with the deceased. With such intense interest, no wonder these shows are so popular.

There are many different practices and beliefs about the afterlife. Catholics believe in an afterlife and we also believe we communicate with those who have died, but in a rather unique way. All people, living and deceased, belong to the one Body of Christ from whom we can not be separated. When the Church prays or worships or expresses herself, it is the one Body that does so. We speak of the communion of saints; we ask the intercession of those who have gone before us; we believe we shall see them again. In life and in death, we belong to Christ as his Body the Church. It's not just a vision or a voice from the grave. It is the hope and promise of eternal life. Faith does not attempt to explain the strange occurrences that are so glorified on television and in the movies. We place our confidence and interest and hope in Jesus.

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Readings for the Week of April 30, 2006

- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29/ Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/ Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/ 1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



BAPTISMAL CLASS will be held on Saturday, May 13th 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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish family **SKYLAR ANN EAGLE, AVERY PAUL KNIGHT, DANIEL JOSEPH MILLER, HALEY ELIZABETH OSKOREP, ORIA JADE PIPPERT,** and **JAMES THOMAS REDICK** who were baptized on April 23, 2006.

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.

The monthly **ROSARY SUPPLY EXCHANGE** will take place on Monday, May 8th, after the 9 AM Mass (about 9:45 AM). Any questions or problems please phone Peg Clarke, 371-9461.



Join us for a
Pot Luck Dinner
7:00 PM in the parish social hall. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend. For more information call Vi, 371-8227, or Rosemary, 371-7509.

St. Edward's Women's Club will hold their annual Pot Luck Dinner on Thursday, May 4th at

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The parish nurses will be available to take your blood pressure after all the Masses next weekend, May 6th & 7th.

MAGNIFICAT is a ministry to Catholic women whose objectives are to encourage growth in holiness and ministry. An essential function of Magnificat is the Magnificat Meal, which offers women a chance to share and enjoy one another in an atmosphere of God's presence and love, while providing a time for communal praise and worship. A highlight of the Meal is a personal testimony where one woman shares her personal experience of God's action in her life and provides a time for healing prayer or confession. For more information about Magnificat, or to be placed on our mailing list, please take one of the brochures available in the pamphlet rack, or call Jean, 371-9591, or Marie, 371-7911.



MONDAY, MAY 1ST

Parish Office Hours: 9AM – 4PM

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND

Parish Office Hours: 9AM–4PM

Bible Camp Registration: begins today, 10AM-3PM

Knights of Columbus: 7:30PM, Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD

Parish Office Hours: 9AM–4PM

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

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-4PM

First Eucharist Rehearsal: 4PM in Church

Hosanna Prayer Group: 7:30PM

Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal: 7PM

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

Parish Office Hours: 9AM-12NOON

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

First Eucharist: 10AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30PM, Chapel

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

Blood Pressure Screening: after Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

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

Blood Pressure Screening: after each Mass

Baptisms: 1PM

SCRIPTURAL CONFERENCE: May 19th, 6:30 PM and May 20th, 8:30 AM at St. Edward's. Led by Fr. Bill Halbing. Topic: How the Holy Spirit is Speaking to the Church Today. Registration at the door is \$20.00 for both days (no one day registration). Register before May 1st and the price is \$15.00. For more information contact Deacon Jerry & Marie Grigaitis, 371-7911 or dcnjmrigaitis@aol.com.



Please remember in your prayers:

The father of William J. Foley, **JOHN W. FOLEY** who died on April 14, 2006
The wife of Kenneth J. Rafferty, **BEATRICE RAFFERTY** who died on April 19, 2006