

**SANCTUARY LAMP-** For the week of March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> the Tabernacle Sanctuary Lamp will burn for special intention. The Sanctuary Lamp in the St. Thomas of Villanova shrine will burn for the special intention M.E.R.. If you would like to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a deceased relative or friend or for a special intention, contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per week.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK** - Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, recovering from surgery, aging and in need of our prayers, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through their faith. **We Pray for** – Ed Broderick, Bertha Noseworthy, Glen Bursey, Sophia Ribble, Gerry Perry, Elizabeth Hayden, David Roche, Colby Chipman, Emily Kenny, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Jeffrey Hollings, Donna Power, Marjorie Melnik, Bernadette Dawe, Doreen Wiseman & Cara Coleman.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:**

Dear Parishioners, Fr. Fleming would like to begin regular visitation of the sick and homebound of our parish. If you or someone you know, would like to have a visit from the priest, please contact the parish office.

**THE 2023 ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. JOHN'S CHRISM MASS** - The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the ministerial priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the priests to take back to their parishes. The 2023 Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on **Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend this celebration and it will be live-streamed at [www.thebasilica.net](http://www.thebasilica.net) and at [www.thebasilica.church](http://www.thebasilica.church)).

**SUNDAY MASS TIME** - The Parish Council of St. Edward's Parish has recommended that we move to one Mass on Sunday morning. This has been anticipated since the formation of the newly amalgamated parish, and it seems that the right time is approaching. One Sunday morning Mass will comfortably accommodate the current number of parishioners, and it will alleviate the workload of those involved in various ministries. The current proposal is to move to **one Mass on Sunday morning at 10am beginning on Pentecost Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. We invite your feedback. If you have any thoughts, questions, or concerns, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Fleming. As well, you may write your comments on a piece of paper and place them in the collection box before or after Mass over the next few weeks. We pray this will be a welcome change, and it will give us the joy of joining together for a common celebration of Mass on Sunday.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES** - Please note the following times for Lenten Penitential Services, which will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for individual confession. Fr. Fleming and Fr. Kolonel will be present at both services.  
**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at St. Kevin's in the Goulds,  
**Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at St. Edward's in CBS

**EASTER FLOWERS** - Please help us beautify our Church for the Easter Season. Envelopes for your donation are available at the entrance of the Church. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

**PASSION PLAY** - Come join us on **Sunday, April 2nd, 7:30pm** in the church for the choir's presentation of The Passion. A goodwill offering will be collected for the local food bank.

**MASS SCHEDULE** - **March 28 – April 2 INTENTION**

Tues. - March 28	- 10 am	-	Spec. int. – Michelle Martin – Spec. Int. Allan & Barbara McBride
Wed. – March 29	- 10 am	-	Edward & Rita Stapleton/Stapleton & Lawlor Families- Jerry Shave
Thurs. – March 30	- 10 am-	-	Sylvia Thornhill – Michael Brazil
Fri. - March 31	- 7pm	-	Loyola Mackey – Kevin Delaney
Palm Sat.- April 1	- 4 pm	-	Mary Shea – Wallace & Mildred Jennings/Josephine Neary/Gleeson & Everson families
Palm Sun. - April 2	- 11:00 am	-	All Parishioners

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – will be held Friday evenings during Lent following 7pm Mass.

**CONFESSIONS** - Saturdays - **3:00 pm – 3:45 pm**  
Sundays – **8:45 am – 9:15 am**  
Wednesdays - **10:30 – 11:00 am**  
**or by appointment**

**RETURN TO AUTOMATIC DONATIONS** – We are pleased to announce that as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 our Parish will again be able to process automatic donations from your bank account. To sign up for automatic withdrawals you are required to complete a Pre-authorized Debit form at the Parish Office.

**IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE** - Effective April 1<sup>st</sup> anyone writing a cheque to the parish please write to **St. Edward's Parish**. Thank you.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** **March 18 & 19**

Sunday offering env.	-	\$2,351.00	Sunday offering loose	-	\$298.60
Initial offering env.	-	\$ 20.00	Dues	-	\$ 90.00
Ash Wed. env.	-	\$ 20.00	Good Friday env.	-	\$ 30.00
Archdiocesan assessment	\$	438.00	Flowers	-	\$ 35.00
Food bank env.	-	\$ 165.00			

**Received with deep appreciation and gratitude.**

**FOUNDER'S DAY MASS Knights of Columbus** - Celebrates the date when Blessed Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus - Wednesday **March 29, 2023, 7:00 pm** at The Cathedral Basilica of St John the Baptist, St John's. The public is invited to the Mass.

**50/50 TICKETS** - Knights of Columbus is selling a \$ 25.00 50/50 ticket. Potential prize of \$125,000. Parishioners who are interested in a ticket can contact Len Furlong- 834-3842 ljpp\_44@hotmail.com or Ray Johnson - 689-4777 rayjohnson262@gmail.com or Steve Dray -834-8628 [sdray@nl.rogers.com](mailto:sdray@nl.rogers.com) **Deadline April 15, 2023**

**Easter Week Schedule**

Palm Saturday/Sunday	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	4pm
	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am ( <b>note: One Sunday Mass Only</b> )
Holy Thursday	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm Mass of The Lord's Supper 8 – 10pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Good Friday	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am Stations of the Cross with Children 11 – 2pm Church open for Prayer 3pm The Passion of the Lord
Easter Vigil	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30pm
Easter Sunday -	April 9 <sup>th</sup>	11am ( <b>note: One Sunday Mass Only</b> )

**MINISTRIES:**

**Palm Saturday, April 1 - 4:00 pm**

- 1<sup>st</sup> R - Jennifer Hutchings
- 2<sup>nd</sup> R & IP - Maureen Porter
- Passion N - Gennie Murphy
- Speaker - Darrell Long
- Usher - Jim Woodrow – Barbara Wakeham-Murphy
- EM - Mary Ryan
- Sacristan - Lorna Clark

**Palm Sunday, April 2 - 11:00 am**

- 1<sup>st</sup> R - Sherry Doyle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> R & IP - Richard Fahey
- Passion N - Carol Barron
- Speaker - Marguerite Greene
- Usher - Steve Dray – Paul Kelly
- EM - Dave Kenny
- Sacristan - Carol Gollop

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 26, 2023**



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**Parish Priest – Fr. James Fleming**  
**Administrative Assistant – Jennifer Hutchings**  
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**Parish Council Chair – Dave Locke**  
**Liturgy Committee Chair – Monika Behr**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8:30 am – 4:00 pm**  
**Wednesday – 8:30 am – 12:00 noon**  
**Closed daily 12 -1 pm**