



**PASTOR**  
**REV. PETER B. LISZEWSKI**

**SUNDAY MASS**  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Monday - Friday @ 8:00am  
No Mass on Thursdays

**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday: 3:00-3:30pm and by appointment

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**ST. EDWARD MISSION STATEMENT**  
The Parish Family of St. Edward the Confessor, a Roman Catholic faith community, strives to be the living expression of Christian faith in our worship and in our community by welcoming all who seek to enrich their relationship with our one true God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayer For The Coronavirus

Dear Lord, we ask for your divine intervention to bring a quick end to this pandemic. Please heal the sick and comfort the grieving. May your peace replace every worried, anxious, and fearful thought. We ask for strength, protection, and energy for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers. We pray for wisdom, knowledge, and guidance for leaders in every arena.

Please reverse and minimize the financial devastation that is occurring. Please provide for all who are displaced and in need in any way. We ask for your grace and mercy and for you to do what only you can do. May people look to you to be their source of help, strength, and hope during these uncertain times. In the name of Jesus, we ask these things.

Amen

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday Vigil, March 28, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm †MARY GRAZEN

by Julieanne, Joe, Karla and Clara

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00am LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF THE MIRANDA & SOUZA  
FAMILIES by Mabel

**Monday, March 30, 2020**

8:00am PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

8:00am †LEO BOURQUE

by Laura & Dolores

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

8:00am †MARCO DUMAS AND

†DOUGLAS ZEPKA

by the family

**Thursday, April 2, 2020**

NO MORNING MASS

**Friday, April 3, 2020**

8:00am †DONNA MORIARTY by the family

**Saturday Vigil, April 4, 2020**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:00pm †LAURETTE DROUIN

by Albert & Carolyn

**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00am LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS  
OF THE ST. EDWARD LADIES GUILD

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*PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT  
THERE ARE NO PUBLIC  
MASSES OR PARISH  
GATHERINGS AT THIS TIME.*

### **The Sanctuary Candle**

Burns this week in memory of  
Marco Dumas & Douglas Zepka  
By the family

### **The Blessed Mother Candle**

Burns this week in memory of  
Ray Lazzarin  
By Ella, Mike & family

### **The Saint Joseph Candle**

Burns this week in memory of  
Paula Fontanella  
By Lana & Jane

### **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

***WE ASK THAT EVERYONE  
CONTINUE PRAYING FOR OUR FIRST  
RESPONDERS, ALL HEALTHCARE  
PERSONEL, ALL THOSE THAT HAVE  
BEEN INFECTED WITH COVID-19 AND  
THAT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE STAY CALM  
AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AS  
SAFELY AS POSSIBLE.***

The church will be open until 3:30  
p.m. to give parishioners the  
opportunity for private prayer in  
these challenging times.

For the safety of everyone, due to the  
threat of the Coronavirus the church  
office will be closing at noon until further  
notice. You may mail your weekly  
offerings to:

St. Edward Church  
27 Church Street, Stafford  
Springs, CT 06076.

# Lockdown

*By Brother Richard Hendrik (3-13-20)*

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death. **But** They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise you can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet, the sky is no longer thick with fumes but blue and grey and clear. They say that in the streets of Assisi people are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them. They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound. Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighborhood so that the elders may have someone to call on. Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, and the weary. All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting. All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new way. All over the world people are waking up to a new reality To how big we really are. To how little control we really have. To what really matters. **To Love.** So we pray and we remember that, yes there is fear, but there does not have to be hate. Yes there is isolation, but there does not have to be loneliness. Yes there is panic buying, but there does not have to be meanness. Yes there is sickness, but there does not have to be disease of the soul. Yes there is even death, but there can always be a rebirth of love. Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now. Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic The birds are singing again The sky is clearing, Spring is coming, And **we are always encompassed by Love.** Open the windows of your soul and though you may not be able to touch across the empty square, Sing.

*St. Roch, in your far journeys, you healed in a marvelous way with your health-giving touch, the sick who were struck with the deadly plague. Hail, angelic St. Roch, who, by the intervention of a heavenly messenger, obtained from God the privilege of preserving from the plague all those who invoke you. Pray for us, O Blessed Roch, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Oh God, who engraved on a tablet, by the hand of an angel, the promise made to Blessed Roch of preserving from the plague whosoever should invoke his name, grant, by his merits and prayers, that we may be delivered from the plague of both soul and body. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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