Medfield
Norfolk
Catholic
Collaborative
St. Edward & St. Jude

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses indoors with the Social Distancing Section available.

Monday - Friday
St. Edward: 9am

Saturday
St. Edward: 4pm
St. Jude: 5pm

Sunday
St. Jude:
8am **
10:30am Family Mass (***Masks required***)

St. Edward:
9am ** Family Mass (***Masks required***)
12pm
5:30pm

**televised and live-streamed

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

***St. Jude* (side parking lot):**
Monday - Friday
10:15-10:45am

Sunday
9:00-9:30am

CONFESSIONS

St. Edward (in the chapel):
Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00pm

St. Jude (Crying Room, left of altar):
Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:30 pm

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stedadmin@ejcatholic.org or stjudeadmin@ejcatholic.org

to be put on the list.

www.ejcatholic.org

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Extended Family Members,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Even though it is the Second Sunday of Advent already, I think it's alright to still talk about Thanksgiving. Father Gregory and I shared our experiences attending the Inter-faith Thanksgiving Prayer Services that were held in Medfield and Wrentham. We both experienced the joy of meeting members of other congregations and getting better acquainted with the clergy of the area. I am sure God was pleased to see such unity amongst His body.

This Wednesday we celebrate the Immaculate Conception, that **Mary** was conceived without the stain of original sin on her soul. (Jesus was conceived without original sin on the Annunciation, March 25.) It is a holy day of obligation in the United States since she is the Patroness of our country. Masses for this holy day will be at St. Jude's on Tuesday evening, 7 PM and Wednesday morning at St Edward's, 9 AM.

During this season of Advent, we have been told to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Holy Mother Church's calendar has given us four weeks of preparation for Christmas this year. Let us make sure that each of us takes advantage of this time and be ready when the Expectant Christ arrives. Advent is an excellent time to ask ourselves, "How do I spend my time waiting?" Someone who lives a "normal" lifespan will spend a full three years of their life waiting. Whether it be in the doctor's office, dentist's office, traffic, public transportation, checkout line, on hold, we are given opportunities to make use of that time rather than wishing "things were different" (and the various ways we express that!) We could use that time to pray, perhaps for the people we are waiting with. We could make a list of who to pray for. We can download apps on our smartphones that help us pray the rosary, the Examen, or read the Bible. During this time of waiting for the Newborn Savior, let us make better use of the time we wait!

Finally, please consider bringing a donation to church for the food pantry your parish is supporting. (Norfolk - after school snacks and toiletries. Medfield - please see this bulletin) The need is always there. We ask you to kindly take advantage of this convenient way to help.

Gratefully yours in the Expectant Christ,
Fr. Steve

from This Week In Church Signs: "A long time ago, in a Galilee far far away….The King was born!"

St. Edward Offertory

Mass attendance 11/20 &11/21	**$ 2,059**
Mass attendance 11/27 & 11/28	**$ 3,270**

St. Jude Offertory

Mass attendance 11/20 & 11/21:	**$ 2,837**
Mass attendance 11/27 & 11/28	**$ 2,023**

From 2021 to 2023, the Synod will be a **journey of sharing, reflecting, and listening** at all levels across the entire Church! The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life.

What can I do to participate in the synod?

Please take a simple survey by going to our website at ejcatholic.org.

Hold on, what exactly is a synod?

A synod is a gathering, traditionally of bishops, that helps the Church to walk forward together in the same direction. The word "synod" comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning "the same way" or "**the same path**."

Synods were common in the first centuries of the Christianity, giving bishops the opportunities to meet and discuss issues of importance for the life of the Church.

What's unique about this synod on synodality?

Unlike past synods, this one isn't about addressing a particular issue but about becoming who God calls us to be as a Church, all of us together, amidst the reality of today's world! The Synod starting in October 2021 is totally **unprecedented**: The aim is not just to talk *about* synodality, but to **put synodality into practice from now onwards,** in every diocese, parish, and country across the whole world. This calls all of us, at every level of the Church, to renew our way of being and working together moving forward.

The path to a Church that listens and walks together starts with you and me. Let's walk forward together!

Thank you for your participation!

Mass INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec. 4	**4pm**	**Adam Opiela**
Sun. Dec. 5	**8am**	**Lillian DeLorier Moore**
	9am	**Dorothy Caprio, 9th anniversary**
	10:30	**Lawrence, Nora & Ann Connolly**
	12pm	**Devlin and Vitello Families**
Mon. Dec. 6	**9am**	**People of the Collaborative**
Tue. Dec. 7	**9am**	**Peter Anderson**
Wed. Dec. 8	**9am**	**Sister Maria Concepta, living intentions Feast Day**
Thu. Dec. 9	**9am**	**Those fallen away from the faith**
Fri. Dec. 10	**9am**	**Maureen Heavey, month's mind**
Sat. Dec. 11	**4pm**	**George Healey**
	5pm	**Bill and Vina Lang**
Sun. Dec. 12	**9am**	**Ralph Vacca, 2nd anniversary**
	12pm	**Jack and Barry McCoy**
	5:30	

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 05, 2021
SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:
For God will show all the earth your splendor:
you will be named by God forever
the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. (Bar 5:4)

Psalm:
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
(Ps 126)

Second Reading:
And this is my prayer:
that your love may increase ever more and more
in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value,
so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of
Christ. (Phil 1:9-10)

Gospel:
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Mk 7:37)

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:
Baruch offers the captive Israelites in Babylon a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. What aspects of your relationship with God are in need of restoration?
Second Reading:
Paul offers an opening prayer of joy for the believers in the city of Philippi. As the season of Advent continues, what brings joy to your life?
Gospel:
With Luke placing the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its historical and political context, he communicates the idea that God is acting in real, human history. What do you see as the power of this assertion?

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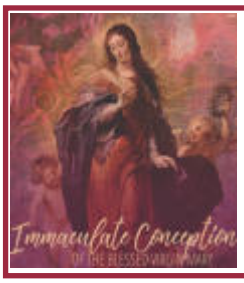
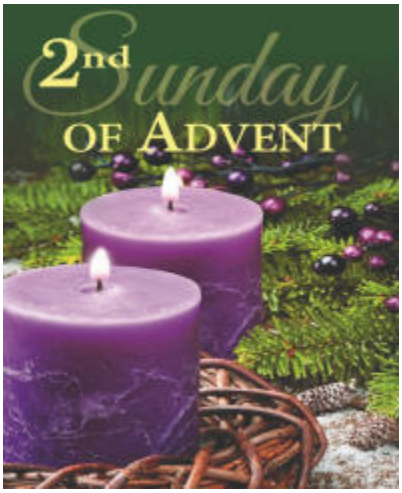


Mass Schedule for the
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tuesday, December 7th,(Vigil), 7pm St. Jude
Wednesday, December 8th, 9am St. Edward



Faith FORMATION

Faith Formation Upcoming Events: Save the Dates
First Reconciliation Services:

St. Jude	St. Edward
December 4th	December 11th
11:30am or 1:30pm	11:30am, 1pm, or 2:30pm

Families, please make sure you have signed up for a time.

Family Faith Fundays: 12/5 and 12/12

- After the 9am Mass at St. Edwards
- After the 10:30am Mass at St. Jude

with Sacrament of the Sick

Saturday

December 18, 2021

9am

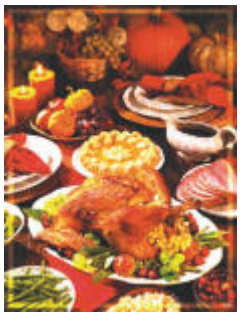
St. Jude Parish

86 Main Street

Norfolk, MA 02056

All are welcome to attend, pray and support those on the journey of recovery.

Thanksgiving Baskets – Thank You for your Generosity



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at
St. Jude Parish with the Thanksgiving baskets this year!
We could not have done it without:
The generous parishioners who put the baskets together for Hillcrest residents!
The 30 teens who helped pack cars with the baskets and delivered the baskets to the residents at Hillcrest Village!
The drivers who took time out of their weekend to help deliver the baskets to Hillcrest Village!
The residents at Hillcrest Village were delighted to receive their turkey baskets!

Road to Hope

- Family and friends can learn to cope with their loved one's addiction by learning how to "detach," which is the opposite of the process of attachment and slavery to a substance, behavior, person, or object.
- AL-ANON provides practical help in learning to detach, specifically so that the friends and family learn not to suffer because of the actions, reactions, or behaviors of their loved ones.
- St. Paul reminds us that there will be trials and tribulations "this side of heaven." He reminds us, too, that in our suffering we can draw especially near to Christ and to our faith.

You are invited to contact Beth Budny at 774-277-5191 or bbudny@ejcatholic.org with questions or to connect with an I THIRST Spiritual Companion.

Healthy Mind; Healthy Life
A winter program to promote mental wellbeing

Begins on January 4th 2022
Every Tuesday at 6:30 – 7:30 PM
FREE – sponsored by the iThirst Ministry
In person at St. Jude; Zoom if weather is inclement

Keep your mind healthy during the long winter months by kicking off the New Year with a new program! Join Angela Cote, a member of the iThirst Ministry and creator of Sacred Tree Yoga & Wellness for "Healthy Mind; Healthy Life".

About the program

Let's learn and practice mindfulness through interactive and engaging mental focused exercises and activities such as guided visualization, breathe work, inspirations, discussions and more. During this program, you will learn the effects of mindfulness on the brain while reducing stress, anxiety, and worry while improving memory, focus, and positivity. Participants will strengthen equanimity which is the steadiness of the mind even during challenging times. This program is welcoming, casual and comfortable.

Register:
Registration is now open.
Email Beth Budny at bbudny@ejcatholic.org
Registration deadline ends January 3rd.

If you have any prayer requests that we may lift up at Mass and include in our daily prayers, please email Deacon Fred *at fhorgan@ejcatholic.org*

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St. Edward Parish
Jesse Tree 2021

The St. Edward's Jesse Tree has been an Advent tradition in our parish for many years.

The generosity of our parishioners has helped the more needy families of St. Mary of The Angels Parish and its surrounding communities of Dorchester, Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. In recent years, this same spirit of giving has been extended to The South Boston – Seaport Collaborative.

2021 marks the return of the Jesse Tree to our Narthex. Like last year, the receiving parishes have asked that all our giving be done with $25.00 gift cards. The Jesse Tree will be set up in the Narthex for the weekend of November 20-21. As we did last year, the parish office will establish a Sign-Up Genius in which you can go online and select the gift cards that you wish to donate, including the number of cards and for which of the following retail stores: Target, Marshalls/TJMaxx and Old Navy. The link to the Sign-Up Genius will be provided in the weekly email.

PLEASE NOTE: Only gift cards; no clothing gifts can be accepted.

The Gift cards can be dropped in the box in the Narthex or the Locked Drop Box that is located at the entrance to the Church doors starting on Monday, November 22nd. The boxes will be emptied each day.

Similar to last year, we have a goal of 600 gift cards. The Sign-Up Genius will be updated so that we can all monitor our progress. The final day for donating gift cards will be Monday, December 13th.
Thank you!!!

ST. JUDE PARISH
Gift Cards to Support the
Santa Foundation – Christmas 2021

Our Parish has supported the Santa Foundation for many years with presents from our Giving Tree. This year because of the ongoing Covid-19 Virus we would like to support the Santa Foundation like we did last year. It has been suggested that our Parish collect Gift Cards for their families.
Particular Gift Cards suggested by the Santa Foundation for Their Families:
Kohls Barnes & Noble Home Depot Stop & Shop Target Walmart Old Navy Marshalls HomeGoods Shaw's Big Y Market Basket CVS Wegmans Bed, Bath & Beyond VISA Amazon Walgreens TJ Maxx Movie Gift Cards

Suggested Amount for Gift Cards for Families:
$25 with the receipt attached and the amount written on the card. Folks can hand in as many cards as they would like.

How to Get the Gift Cards to St Jude:
(Please do not leave Gift Cards in the Church Unattended.)
Mail to St. Jude Rectory (86 Main Street, PO Box 305, Norfolk 02056) or drop them off at St. Jude Rectory or put in locked box outside of St. Jude Rectory.

Drop off Dates Outside of the Church:
Saturday, November 20, 27 and December 4 outside before the 5pm Mass
Sunday, November 21, 28 and December 5 outside before the 8am and 10:30am Mass

Call or Email Mary Sheedy with questions:
marysheedy@comcast.net or 508-320-6918

Please keep in your prayers
Daniel Kane (Army),
Michael A. Kiessling (Army),
Michael O'Farrell (Navy),
Eric J. Doucette (Coast Guard),
Matthew Murby (Coast Guard),
Lucas D. LeBleu (Air Force),
Scott H. Grealish (Marine Corps),
John Sharkey (Army),
Jake Munger (Marine Corps)
Timothy Irwin (Marine Corps),
Alex Burrell (Navy),
John Donald Tamulionis (Army),
Peter Barrette, (Navy),
Mark FitzPatrick, (Army),
Scott Woodward, (Army)
who are courageously serving our country.
Also, please Remember in your prayers
Everyone Deployed.

Prayers for Our Service Men and Women
We would like to offer our prayers for the service men and women in our community. If there is someone in our church community or someone you would like to honor who is serving our country, please email
Louise Caussade, stjudeadmin@ejcatholic.org or
Eileen Trinity, stedadmin@ejcatholic.org

Christmas Schedule 2021

St. Edward the Confessor Church

Christmas Eve Masses

2pm	Outdoors Medfield High School Park & Pray
4pm	Indoors at St. Edward
8pm	Indoors at St. Edward

Christmas Day Masses

9am	Indoors at St. Edward
11:30am	Indoors at St. Edward

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, January 1st: Holy Day Mass - 10am

St. Jude Church

Christmas Eve Masses

3pm	Outdoors Park and Pray
5pm	Indoors at St. Jude
9pm	Indoors at St. Jude

Christmas Day Masses

9am	Indoors at St. Jude
12am	Indoors at St. Jude

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Friday, December 31st: Vigil Mass – 4 PM
All indoor Masses will be streamed. St. Edward 4 pm and 9 am Masses will be televised (subject to change).

Dignity Matters

This non-profit organization collects personal products and underwear for women and girls who are homeless or living in very low income situations, in order to help them stay healthy, regain self-confidence, and live with basic dignity. Donations of pads (all types, including Depends), tampons, new underwear and new/ gently used bras may be left in the blue bin in the lobby.

Prayer for Racial Healing*

God of Justice, God of Mercy, God of Wisdom
Triune God, in your Love you create all people in your image, without exception.
Through your goodness,
† Open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being.
† Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family.
† Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others.
† Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change.
Strengthen our resolve
† to make amends for past injustices and
† to right the wrongs of history.
Fill us with courage that
† we might seek to heal wounds,
† we might build bridges,
† we might forgive, and,
† we might accept forgiveness,
and that
† we might establish peace and equality for all in our communities.
We ask all this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*Adapted from Catholic Charities USA *Prayer for Racial Healing*

The Norfolk Food Pantry

As we being the Season of Advent, let us remember those who are less fortunate. The Food Pantry is accepting afterschool snacks, as well as, any toiletries (soap, toothpaste and brushes, tissues, etc.)
The Norfolk Food Pantry is thankful for our generous contributions and support which benefits all the members of our community.

Per Town of Norfolk: No open packages, no expired dates, no packages without expiration dates appearing can be accepted.

The following are the **Medfield Food Cupboard's** current needs :

Flour Sugar Oil Boost Ensure 100% Juice

Thank you for all your efforts. We try to be specific so that people know what we really need, but as always, **any donations are greatly appreciated**. ***Thank you for your generosity!***

Kids Movie Day 12/11 from 1-3pm

Our names are Abby Bligh, Anna Koch, and Claire Di-Gregorio. We are 16 years old and we are having a movie day at St. Edwards church! W**e have 15 spots for ages 5-10** so make sure to sign up soon! We will provide snacks but we ask if your child has an allergy, to please bring their own snacks. There will be a donation box there to optionally donate to Helping Hands Food Packing Event. **This movie day will take place on Sat. Dec.11 from 1-3. Please sign up by December 8th and hope to see you there!**

We will be watching the movie Klaus (PG)

For any questions please feel free to contact Abby, Claire, or Anna at ajkoch2024@email.medfield.net cfd-igregorio2024@email.medfield.net or aabligh2024@email.medfield.net

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