Parish Mission Statement
We, of St. Edward, are a large parish family diverse in age, community and background. We are united by a shared Catholic faith, offering hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our baptismal commitment is continually renewed by living and proclaiming the word of God, through our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The proclaiming of our faith is found in our example and participation in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in Christ during our journey of a lifetime.
Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The church teaches that St. Faustina, a 20th-century Polish nun, recorded revelations that she received from Jesus who, as she wrote in her diary, desired that “a Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls.” The readings tell the story of God’s abundant mercy and love for us. We ask for the grace to more clearly respond to these great signs and wonders of mercy and love that God continues to bestow on us and our world.

FIRST READING: In Acts, Luke offers several descriptions of how the Risen Christ and the gifts of the Spirit given at Pentecost had transformed the followers of Jesus. The disciples, in the name of the Risen Christ, were able to perform many signs and wonders. People were awed, overwhelmed, and attracted all at the same time.

“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting”

SECOND READING: Easter’s victory comes only after the Cross. So it was for Jesus, so it will be for John, who is imprisoned on the island of Patmos because of his witness to Jesus. His vision of the victorious Lord sustains and encourages him. His vision is likewise a call to make known what he sees and hears.

GOSPEL: The Risen Christ comes into the midst of his fearful disciples, bringing them peace, gifting them with the Spirit, and sending them to bring forgiveness. Thomas, who was absent, does not believe the witness of the others. A week later, he is with the disciples gathered again behind locked doors. Jesus invites Thomas to see, to touch, and to believe; Jesus pronounces a blessing on all who will believe without seeing. We are among them.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.
Next Sunday morning, May 5th, St. Edward parishioners will be volunteering to help at Westmoreland Manor taking residents waiting in the lobby area in wheelchairs to the Chapel for Mass and then returning them back to the lobby area when Mass is over. If you can help, please be at Westmoreland Manor before 10:00am. Mass begins at 10:30am. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

No clearances are needed to volunteer. More information by calling Katie at 724–216-7461. Thank you for caring this Easter Season!

QUEEN OF ANGELS SCRIPS - You can help support Queen of Angels Catholic School by purchasing scrips this weekend after Masses.

FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION - Will take place this Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00am in Edwardian Hall.

BISHOP MALESIC TO LEAD DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION - Bishop Malesic will lead an outdoor service and eucharistic procession for Divine Mercy Sunday this afternoon at 3 p.m. in St. Clair Park on North Maple Avenue, Greensburg. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on North Main Street. All are welcome.

BULLETIN SPONSOR RENEWAL - Rick Cortez of Diocesan, our bulletin company, is currently working to renew our current bulletin advertisers and to solicit new sponsors. Business Owners, Professional People and Self Employed from the parish are welcome to take out an ad on the back of the bulletin which benefits your business and the parish. Please call Rick at 412-292-0132 or rickwcortez@aol.com if your business is interested in placing an advertisement on the back of the bulletin. Our weekly bulletin is totally supported by the sponsors that appear on the back page. There is no cost at all to the parish.

WINE & CHEESE TASTING - Holy Family Church in West Newton is sponsoring a Wine & Cheese Tasting Event on Saturday, May 11th from 7:930pm at The Greenhouse Winery, Rillton. Only 120 tickets sold. The cost is $20 per person. Enjoy an evening of wine & cheese tasting and finger foods. Tickets by calling 724-256-6042. First come, first served. Get your tickets soon.

WOMEN’S EMAUS RETREAT - An Emmaus Retreat will be held for women to explore a deeper relationship with God May 17-20 at St. Emma Retreat House, Greensburg. It is based on the Emmaus encounter in the Gospel of Luke. The cost is $160, which includes room, meals and snacks. Contact Pat Rohland at 412-889-3141 or patr.emmauseast@gmail.com.

ST. BARBARA CHURCH BINGO - Will take place this Wednesday, May 1st. Doors open at 5pm and games begin at 6:45pm. Packages start at $27. Full kitchen/free coffee. Call 724-744-4584 for more information.

ST. EDWARD TRIPS AVAILABLE - “Million Dollar Quartet” at Mountain Playhouse—Green Gables Restaurant on October 10th. Choice of Meal. Cost is $96.00 and due by August 23rd. Bermuda Cruise - September 28-October 3. 6 days and 5 nights on the Royal Caribbean International—Grandeur of the Seas. Deluxe Roundtrip Motor Coach to Baltimore. Visit the port of King’s Wharf. All meals and entertainment on board. Receive a $50 per cabin Shipboard Credit. Cost per double occupancy—$725.00 inside stateroom. $825 Ocean View Stateroom. Final payment by June 10th. A Passport is required. Please call Dee at 724-446-7772 for information and registration on all trips.

Faith Formation News grades 1 to 5
Vacation Bible school – Avalanche Ranch is coming! June 10-13 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for 4 year old’s, Kindergarten through 5th grade. Grades 6-12 are invited to help. We will also need some adult volunteers – clearances will be needed for all adults who volunteer. Please let Cheryl know if you are available to help.

Second grade: First Communion rehearsal is on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 19 at the 9:00 Mass.

Please keep our second grade students in your prayers as they get closer to receiving their First Holy Communion.

Middle Youth Ministry grades 6 to 8
Upcoming dates for 8th grade Confirmation students: Sunday, May 5 or May 19 Challenger Baseball game (helping children with special needs play a baseball game at West Point Ballfields in Greensburg 12:30 – 3:00 pm) Permission forms must be submitted in order to participate.

Confirmation Rehearsal is scheduled on Tuesday, May 21 6:30 pm at St. Agnes Church. This is mandatory and your sponsor or one parent is required to attend.

Please keep our eighth grade students in your prayers as they continue on their journey to prepare for Confirmation.

High School Youth Ministry grades 9-12
Students are working hard to plan vacation bible school in June. If you would like to help – please let us know!

Catholic Youth Day at Cedar Point - HURRY! Only a limited amount of seats! Get your reservation in now!!

When: Tuesday, June 18
Time: Departing at 6:00 a.m., will be three separate buses. Departure locations are dependent upon the areas of the registrants, and to be determined by June 10. We will do our best to have registrants depart on a bus closest to their home locations, but this is not guaranteed. We should arrive back from Cedar Point at approximately Midnight.

Who: 6th-12th grade during the 2018-2019 school year.

Cost: $90 registration fee includes lunch, all-you-can-drink wristband, catered dinner in the park, ticket to the park and motor coach transportation.

Please contact Cheryl Hall ASAP at 724-446-5197 to register. All students attending must register with their parish. Friends are welcome!

Adult Formation corner
Congratulations to Tyler Livingston who joined our faith by receiving Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass! May God continue to bless him! We warmly welcome him and continue to keep him in our prayers.

Thank you to all those who helped with the Easter Vigil social! Special thanks to The RCIA team for volunteering their time to help share our faith with Tyler, Dave Caspar, Linda Foster, Diane Sarocky, Tom Comini, Deacon John, Scott Kristoff and Whitey Karr. It was a beautiful evening to celebrate.

NEWS FROM CHERYL HALL
Coordinator of Catechesis
Once I was dead, 
but now I am alive forever and ever. 
— Revelation 1:18a

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter

**Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena

**Tuesday:** St. Pius V

**Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker

**Thursday:** St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer; Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

**Friday:** Ss. Philip and James; First Friday

**Saturday:** First Saturday

**ST. EDWARD SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR LEASE**

The renovations to our school buildings are almost complete. CTS Construction & Remodeling, LLC (Tom Arnold) have been working diligently to finish the school buildings for leasing. Please help us by getting the word out among your family and friends. Please see the information below:

The 8000+ SF school buildings are listed for lease with Realty One Group/Commercial. Located on this private property, the buildings are ideal for office use, child or adult daycare centers, training facilities or many other potential uses. There is ample outdoor recreation and parking available for the ideal tenant. Please contact Jaime Bongiorno-Deyarmin with any ideas or potential tenants. She can be reached at 724-941-1427 or 412-316-7464.

**PARISH PRAYER CHAIN**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS** - Even though you may write your prayer intentions in our Prayer Book in the church vestibule, you will also need to call our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Karen Rumbaugh if you would like your intentions placed on our Parish Prayer Chain. She can be reached at 724-864-5066 or e-mail her at km.fedor@hotmail.com.

**PARISHIONERS ARE NEEDED TO PRAY FOR PRAYER INTENTIONS!** - Parishioners are needed to pray for the prayer intentions received. Please send your e-mail address to Karen Rumbaugh at km.fedor@hotmail.com so she can place you on the e-mail list to receive prayer intentions for our parish.

**SEEING IS BELIEVING**

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones’ faces near and far, “Doubting Thomas” could be our patron saint: “Unless I see, I will not believe!” But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas’s doubt, or love “doubters” who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn’t scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that “Jesus is risen!” but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus’ healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, “our brother John” doesn’t just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus’ life-giving words, “Do not be afraid.” Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

**ST. EDWARD PARISH TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS!**

In the year 2020, our parish here at St. Edward will celebrate 100 years! Mark your calendar for October 25, 2020 when Bishop Edward Malesic will celebrate our 100th Anniversary Mass here at St. Edward at 3:00 PM.

Many events will be happening throughout this year and next year and many volunteers will be needed. More news will follow in the upcoming bulletins.

Preliminary plans are underway for a St. Edward School reunion for all who attended St. Edward School from its opening to its closing in 2004. Whitey Karr will be the Chairperson for this reunion. If you have questions or want further information, you can reach out to Whitey at whiteykarr@hotmail.com.
God’s beautiful plan of redemption called upon the faith, hope and love of Mary. Because she said yes, Christ was born and we are redeemed. It makes sense that those who confess Jesus Christ as their Lord also show honor and respect to his mother, Mary. And if we love Jesus Christ, we love Mary, because she gave him life and nurtured and cared for him until his public ministry began.

FLOWERS FOR MARY - During the month of May, we would like to have a different family (one a week) to be responsible for placing fresh flowers before the Blessed Mother statue. One fresh array of your garden flowers will do nicely! Try to have a fresh bouquet ready for the Saturday evening Mass each week. A vase will be provided if needed. A schedule of weeks can be found on the bulletin board in the church vestibule for your family to reserve. A beautiful gesture and God will bless you!

2019 DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL
Open Your Heart to Hope

Parish Goal $85,000.00
Gifts to Date $59,150.00
224 Families have responded - 39%

We have surpassed our Diocesan Assessment! We are now working towards our parish goal! All monies received now will be returned to the parish. If you have not participated this year, please consider a gift or pledge. Additional envelopes are available on the bulletin table. Our volunteer workers will begin making calls and visits in the month of May. Thank you to all those who have responded to help spread the Good News to do the work of our Risen Lord.

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ST. EDWARD GOLF OUTING
Friday, June 14

The St. Edward Parish Golf Outing sponsored by Casper Paving and Shuster Building Components is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 14th at the Madison Club with a shotgun start at 9:00am. This is a 4-person scramble. Fee is $90 per person/$360 per foursome. The fee includes Continental Breakfast, Green Fees, Cart Rental, Hot Dog at the turn, and Buffet Dinner at the Madison Club… PLUS, a chance to win Skill prizes, door prizes and team awards. Registration forms are available on the bulletin table. There is a limit of 128 golfers or 32 teams.

TICKETS FOR SALE - The Golf Outing Committee will be selling $2.00 tickets this weekend and next weekend, May 4/5 in the church vestibule. Tickets are $2.00 each and the winning number will be determined by the Friday, May 24th Pick 3 PA Lottery 7pm drawing. The winner of the ticket can bring a foursome to the Golf Outing on June 14th free of charge or take a $200 cash prize.

SPONSORS NEEDED! - We are in need of Tee, Gift or Ad Sponsors. Do you have any “new” unused items or gift cards/certificates that you are not using? Please consider donating them for prizes! Anyone can put an ad in our program that is given to all the golfers. Sponsor forms are available on the parish bulletin table. More information by calling the parish office at 724-446-5197 or Mike Ochap at 724-433-2181 or e-mail stedwardgolfouting@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the church.

FACEBOOK

We now have a face book page for St. Edward! Please visit https://www.facebook.com/StEdwardHerminie or follow the link on our parish website http://www.saint-edward.org