

St. Edward's Music Ministry

Singing is praying. When one sings, one prays twice.

-so said the great St. Augustine

St. Edward's Music Ministry invites you to join with us as we make music for our Lord. St. Edward's is blessed to have over 100 men, women, and children participating in our music ministry as cantors and/or choir members and instrumentalists. We are so fortunate to have many different opportunities to serve our Parish.

Bell Choir - The Bell Choir is open to adults and students (9th grade on up) who have some musical background. We concentrate on playing in the church for Advent, Christmas, and Easter. Rehearsals are scheduled on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm a few weeks in advance of when the Bell Choir plays. (Directed by Terry Halverson bellchoir@stedwardsny.com).

Cantors - Cantors are a vital part of our music ministry at St. Edward's. Cantors are considered ministers of the Word, and they must communicate in a way that invites active participation from the assembly. Understanding and appreciation of Scripture, vocal facility, poetic interpretation, and expressive skills are most important to the role of the cantor. All those interested in proclaiming God's word in song are encouraged to consider this ministry. Cantors lead music at Masses throughout the year on a rotating basis. We rehearse on the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Church and welcome new members. (Contact Mary Jo Brue maryjo.brue@stedwardsny.org).

Choristers - The Choristers, St. Edward's children's choir, is open to all children in grades 1 through 6. The Choristers will begin rehearsals on Thursday, October 17, at 4:30PM in the Chapel. The children are not only learning about our Catholic music traditions, they are learning about the Mass and about our faith. We enjoy making music together and singing at Mass, as well as having a great time at rehearsals. Please encourage your child to join the Choristers – all are welcome! (Directed by Mary Jo Brue maryjo.brue@stedwardsny.org).

Funeral Choir - Our funeral choir, which meets on an as-needed basis, provides musical comfort and solace to the bereaved families at the funerals of their loved ones. The Funeral Choir is available on short notice and since funerals are generally in the morning at St. Edward's, many of our members are retired or otherwise free in the morning. Occasional rehearsals keep the Funeral Choir polished and accomplished. If you are available, please consider joining this worthwhile ministry. (Contact Mary Jo Brue maryjo.brue@stedwardsny.org).

Thursday Choir - The Thursday Choir, St. Edward's Contemporary Ensemble, rehearses on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. All singers and instrumentalists in 9th grade and up are welcome. The Contemporary Ensemble plays a mix of traditional Catholic hymns and beautiful new contemporary music that expands upon our Catholic tradition. Rehearsals are relaxed and fun, and members of the group enjoy the many friendships that have developed as well as the challenge of learning new music. Consider sharing your talents with the Thursday Choir – we would love to have you join us! (Directed by Mary Jo Brue maryjo.brue@stedwardsny.org).

Wednesday Choir - St. Edward's Wednesday Choir, our traditional adult choir, meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church to sing, share stories, laugh, and support one another. The Wednesday Choir sings a wide range of beautiful music in four-part harmony. We enjoy making music together as well as the added bonus of fellowship and support that come from singing together. We invite new choir members in all parts, as well as instrumentalists, to sing with us! (Directed by Andrew Sutton andrew.sutton@stedwardsny.org).

Youth Ensemble - The St. Edward's Youth Ensemble is a group of singers and instrumentalists in 7th to 10th grade who come together to share their love of music. Rehearsals are generally held on Monday evenings, and we sing and play at one mass a month. It is a great opportunity to make new friends, have a great time, and learn about the mass and our Lord in a relaxed environment. If you are looking for a way to have a fun time while also sharing your gift of music with our community, we would love to have you come make music with us. (Directed by Andrew Sutton andrew.sutton@stedwardsny.org).

Thinking of joining us? We hope to see you at rehearsal! Contact any member of St. Edward's Music Ministry with questions, or contact Mary Jo at 371-7372 X223 or maryjo.brue@stedwardsny.org.