

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

We are a family of faith-filled disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living the Gospel through worship and service

Church: 1940 Mitchellville Road, Bowie, Md. 20716

Parish Office & Mailing Address: 16304 Pond Meadow Lane, Bowie, Md. 20716

Parish Office: 301-249-9199

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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Scott S. Holmer, Administrator
Deacon David J. Barnes, Permanent Deacon
Angela Cipolla, Pastoral Assistant

OFFICE STAFF:

Margaret Creveling, Bookkeeper
Anne Brennan, Parish Secretary
Phuong Tran, Maintenance

MINISTRY STAFF:

Maureen Curtis, Religious Education Director
Megan Weeks, Music Director
Allison Freeman, Accompanist

PARISH E-NOTES:

If we don't have your current email address or if you are not yet registered here, please call the parish office.

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.stedwardbowie.org

MASSES FOR THE HOME BOUND:

TheSundayMass.org

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 P.M.
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.
1:30 P.M.—3rd Sunday Filipino Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 A.M.
Tuesday, Thursday - 7:30 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. & by appointment

INFANT SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Class required. Call the parish office 301-249-9199 to start the process for your child's baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

New couples—contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Couples in civil marriages—contact the pastor for assistance for a validation.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call Fr. Scott for Anointing of the Sick. Upon a parishioner's death, please call us as soon as possible.

School: St. Pius X Regional Catholic School is our shared school of the four Bowie parishes.

Food for Bowie Pantry: Collected in bins at doors every first Sunday of the month.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.	5:30 pm	Albert & Magdalane Melnichak+
Sun.	7:30 am	George Bibbins+
	9:30 am	Joseph W. Simko
	11:30am	Maria & Thomas Faraone+
Mon.	8:45 am	Francis Cipolla+
Tues.	7:30 pm	Alexander MacCrawley+
Wed.	8:45 am	Max Muller+
Thu.	7:30 pm	Rosemary Hanyok+
Fri.	8:45am	George Stanley Brandes+
Sat.	5:30 pm	Greg & Sarah Portner (liv.)

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Bob Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Theresa Brice, Barbara Fitzerka, Anthony Colbert, Perla Alega, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Dominic Vicino, Florence Zook, George Vincent, Lorraine Washington.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, Karin McCabe, Barry Hobart, Cindy Sowada, Teresa Fraser, Louise Hooven, Rosemarie Quezada, Maria Xiques, Steve Giant, Marjorie Porter, Dick Bradie, Anna Marie Smith, Nicholas Barrett, Susan Zinampan, John Keys, Joni Seith, Drew Snapkowski, Susan Borshel, Phylis McNamara, Luis Miranda, Chadwick Poppe, Delores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Richard Kuntz, Dorothy Sedwick, Cheryl Henretty, Jack Connors, Don DeSilva, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferrri.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK OR THOSE IN NEED

We offer a few ways for intercessory prayer. You can write a petition in our blue book in church (by the Marian area). You can have them included on our email prayer alerts. You can have Masses offered, by request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Fr. Scott and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Call the Parish Office at (301) 249-9199 to arrange this service. We also have monthly Mass at Pin Oak, Larkin Chase, and Emeritus at Woodward Residences.

BULLETIN PRAYER POLICY:

Please note that unless a person has been listed to remain permanently, names will remain in the bulletin for one month. Please call the office at 301-249-9199 ext. 0, to have an individual listed.

ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Mon. May 28	Office Closed
Sat. Jun. 2	Philippine Independence Day Festival 9:00am-5:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Religious Education classes (CCD) for the 2018-19 school year has begun. All families must re-register every year.

If your child was registered during the 2017-18 school year, the registration period will end on June 24; a late fee will apply if you register after this date. Registration instructions and forms can be found in the hall in the classroom area or on the parish website: www.stedwardbowie.org.

All children who do not attend Catholic school should participate in the Religious Education program. Students are prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation within the program. Please contact Maureen Curtis at (301) 249-9199 or e-mail at mcurtis@stedwardbowie.org with any questions you might have.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):

Adults seeking information regarding joining the Catholic Church and Catholics seeking to learn more about their faith are invited to attend R.C.I.A. classes which will begin in the fall. If interested, please call Fr. Scott at (301) 249-9199.

R.C.I.Y.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Young Adults):

High School students who are behind in their Sacraments or are looking to learn more about their faith are invited to join R.C.I.Y.A. that focuses on their journey with a group made up of their peers. If interested, please call Fr. Scott at (301) 249-9199.





**From the Desk of
Rev.
Scott Holmer....**

Since we celebrated Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is really doing something here at St. Edwards. Last weekend, we had our second youth group gathering. Three of the Blue Nuns also showed up. We spent time just hanging out and eating pizza followed by yours truly attempting to prove

the existence of God via St. Thomas' five ways. After the minds of the children of God were illumined, we went outside to play ultimate frisbee with the blue nuns and our seminarian Julian. One of the blue nuns, in full habit of course, went up for the frisbee and got her legs taken out from underneath her by a diving opponent. However, the coolest thing was that she came down with the frisbee! It could have made the NFL highlight reel. It is exciting to see how our youth group is really taking off.

On a totally different note, this Sunday is Trinity Sunday. It is by far the most difficult Sunday to preach on given the ease one can fall into heresy when we speak of the Trinity. Officially, the teaching of the Church is that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all God yet there are not three gods but one God. As a mystery of faith, our reason cannot comprehend this but perhaps our hearts can intuit it's truth. Just because God is one doesn't mean that God is alone or lonely. God can be an *eternally* loving God because love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit had no beginning and has no end. God did not create love - it is part of His very essence. And when we live in love, we live in God.

God bless,
Fr. Scott

PART TIME YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

St. Edward's needs a part-time youth minister. Responsibilities include providing vision, leading and coordinating youth group gatherings two Sunday evenings a month from 7pm-9pm, retreat experiences, and service opportunities for our youth in grades 9 through 12. Candidates need to be conscientious, enthusiastic, proactive, and be a practicing Catholic with a good knowledge of the faith.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Scott at (301) 249-9199 or e-mail him at scott.holmer@gmail.com for more information.

PARISH SUPPORT:

**Last week's Offertory: \$8,701.00
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:
\$9,741.00, \$14,438.00, \$8,879.00.**

BOWIE FOOD PANTRY

Next Sunday, June 3rd, is the First Sunday of the month and we ask that you bring donations of **up-to-date**, nonperishable food items for the Bowie Food Pantry and drop them in the bins located at each of the church door entrances. Thanks for your support!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "**Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi**" and an **increase in Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life on June 8th from 9:30am-10:30am.**

Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the Ordination of our Priests on June 16! This year's Ordinandi:

**Deacon Oscar Astigarraga
Deacon Andrew Clyne
Deacon Kevin Fields**

Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us, ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because it leads to God, to sharing in God's own life." – Pope John Paul II

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

If you are interested, please contact Kathy Brady at Kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net or call her at [301-249-2850](tel:301-249-2850). Training provided.

**CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP
1-800-712-HELP or visit our website:
pregnancycenters.org**