

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 Phone: 301-249-9199

Parish Office Email: office@stedwardbowie.com



MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 P.M.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 A.M.

Tuesday, Thursday - 7:30 P.M.

MASSES FOR THE HOME BOUND:

TheSundayMass.org.

HOLY HOUR: First Friday—9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

During Advent -Saturdays-4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSION):

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

During Advent-Wednesdays –7:00 P.M-8:00 P.M.

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.

PASTORAL STAFF:

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www.stedwardbowie.com

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS:

E-NOTES/FLOCKNOTES TEXT MESSAGING:

Text: 84576/Keyword: Confessor

BOWIE FOOD PANTRY:

Food is collected in bins at the doors every first Sunday of the month and taken to the Bowie Food Pantry.

SCHOOL:

SPX Regional Catholic School is our shared school of the four Bowie parishes.

Our registered families/students get a special tuition to SPX (Pre-K to 8)

LITURGY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30pm	All Souls+
Sun	7:30am	Nancy & Tom Janoski+
	9:30am	Tom Janoski+
	11:30am	Timothy Washington+
Mon	8:45am	Dorothy Krall+
Tues	7:30am	Mary Dolan+
Wed	8:45am	Gerald Markey+
Thu	7:30p	Edward Druga+
Fri	8:45am	Veronica Balletine+
Sat	5:30pm	Dominic & Grace Vicino

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Pat Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Michael & Barbara Fitzurka, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Florence Zook, Lorraine Washington, Octavia Blake, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Connie Poppe, Theresa Surette, Ron Kunz.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, Terry & Cindy Sowada, Teresa Fraser, Rosemarie Quezada, Maria Xiques, Steve Giant, Marjorie Porter, Dick Bradie, Nicholas Barrett, Susan Zinampan, John Keys, Joni Seith, Drew Snapkowski, Phylis McNamara, Luis Miranda, Dolores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferrri, Denise Townes, Mike Sullivan, Patty Byrne, Christine Leacock, Christine Branche, Rhonda Jackson, Bobby Ose, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan, Rachel Wills, Mary DePaul, Vicky & Al Ose, Margie Price, Marcus Allen, Manny Jones, Viviana Brandes, Eric Seith, Kim Lewis, Jillian Fletcher, Daniella Mayers, Toni Boudreau, Nadia Bonachea, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson, Neil Collins.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS GROUP ROSARY



America Needs Fatima asks us to say a group rosary in December for the intention of keeping Christ in Christmas. Note that the word Christmas begins with Christ. We will do our rosary on Saturday, December 7th, at 12:30pm in the church. Our rosary will be one of over 20,000 that will be said around the U.S.

during the month of December. Hope you will be able to join us.

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

Grace Vicino, Leo Cummins and Sadie Miller

Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

BAPTISM CLASS

The next **Baptism class** will be held on December 15th in classroom 6 after the 11:30am Mass. You must be registered members of the parish prior to the Baptism of your child.



SCHOENSTATT PILGRIM MOTHER

St. Edward's has this picture of the Blessed Mother. It is available to keep in your home for a month at a time. You and your family should give her a place of honor in your home, entrust to her your worries and anxieties, trust in her intercessory power and keep a prayerful atmosphere near the image. Pray the rosary each day and reflect on how the story of Christ and Mary touches your personal and family life. If you and your family would like to house the picture of the Shoenstatt Pilgrim Mother, please contact Vicky Venida at 301-390-9290 or Angie Cipolla at 301-249-9199.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please join us to celebrate Mass Monday, December 9th, at 8:45am, 4:30pm and 7:30pm.

This Feast Day as been moved to a Monday because December 8th is a Sunday. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.



FAITH FORMATION



From the Desk of Our Pastor, Rev. Scott Holmer

Advent begins with a command to be watchful - to be alert. What does it mean to be an alert person?

The opposite of an alert person is a distracted person. It isn't that the distracted person isn't paying attention. It is that he or she is paying attention to the wrong things.

Unfortunately, we live in an age of distraction. We get distracted by our smart phones, our televisions, our computers - by anything with a screen. We even get distracted by our own thoughts running through our heads. Many have forgotten what we human beings should be trying to pay attention to in the first place.

Advent reminds us that we are supposed to pay attention to what God is doing or is going to do in our world. The only way we can become aware of the presence of God is to become silent. Our God comes to us very gently at Christmas on a silent night. We can miss Him if our hearts are not silent. We will miss Him if we do not take the silence of Advent to heart.

In our age, Jesus comes to us silently in the Eucharist. We will be having Eucharistic Adoration every Saturday afternoon in Advent from 4pm-5pm during confession. If you desire a silent heart, a heart that is sensitive to the presence of God in our world, come and spend some time with Jesus in Adoration. God bless,
Fr. Scott

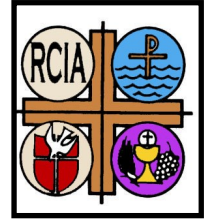
JUSTICE AND SERVICE MINISTRY

JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Maryland Catholic Conference's Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN) for an easy and effective way to contact your elected officials and make your voice heard on the issues that matter to us as Catholics. Membership in CAN not only helps us to stay informed about legislative issues and activities, but provides a way for members to directly connect with lawmakers and fellow Catholics. Go to our Justice and Service Ministry which can be found on our website under Ministries (Social & Stewardship) click CAN to sign up.

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

Adults seeking information regarding joining the Catholic Church AND Catholics in need of 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation AND Catholics who desire to learn more about their faith are invited to attend R.C.I.A. Classes have begun but if interested, please contact the office.



YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!

All those in the 9th thru 12th grades are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, December 1st, at 3:45pm-6:30pm. Meeting at Larkin Chase to play BINGO with the residents. Pizza at Three Brothers after. Hope to see you there! Permission slips are required. Questions? Contact Karen Italiano – youth@stedwardbowie.com



PARISH SUPPORT

Last week's Offertory: N/A at publication time
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:
\$7,541.00, \$9,598.00, \$15,486.00



#iGiveCatholic

For the first time, the Archdiocese of Washington is participating in the #iGive Catholic Giving Day! St. Edward the Confessor is one of the many parishes and schools in the ADW who is participating on December 3rd as part of the #Giving

Tuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. There are so many, many things that we can do for our parish, our parishioners and our community with your donations. Simply go to the #iGiveCatholic website and type in St. Edward the Confessor OR go to our website (www.stedwardbowie.com) and click the "Donate" button. Early giving has already begun. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

Sunday, December 1

Donut Sunday	after all Masses-hall
RCIA-Rite of Acceptance	9:30am Mass
Youth Group	3:45pm Larkin Chase

Tuesday, December 3

Youth Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm-church
CCD(CL-1-3)	6:30pm-classrooms

Wednesday, December 4

Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm-church
RCIC	5:30pm-classrooms
CCD-K through Level 5	6:30pm-classrooms
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm-church
Advent Confessions	7:00-8pm-church

Thursday, December 5

Reconciliation-Parent Session	7:00pm-hall
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Friday, December 6

First Friday Holy Hour	9:30am-church
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Saturday, December 7

Keep Christ in Christmas Group Rosary (12:30pm-church)	
Advent Holy Hour	4:00pm-church
Young Adults	6:45pm-Fr. Scott's



ST. EDWARD'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next Young Adult Group of St. Edward's will be held on December 7th.

All Young Adults (ages 21-35-married and single) are invited the 1st Saturday of every month to gather about 6:45pm over at Fr. Scott's place for fellowship and food/beverages.

WELCOME

Welcome to the newest members of our parish family!

The DeSeve Family
The Gbaba-Jancithe Family
The Geonzon Family
The Ramirez-Ayala Family
The Rolens Family
Jeanne Tripp
The Wallace Family



GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree is up and ready to bless our community! Coming soon. Keep your eyes open!

Please be sure to record your tag number/name/contact information on the gift list. Please return wrapped gifts with tags by December 8th at 12:30pm. Please wrap gift cards/small gifts in a larger package or place them in the designated box. Please contact Stacy at bakerinmd@aol.com with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Thank you... Thank you... Thank you
The Christmas Market Crafters want to thank all who participated in making the Christmas Market a great success.....to the crafters who donated their finished items..... to the bakers..... to those who donated to Santa Seconds.....and thank you to the tireless crafters who donated their time and energy week after week to make it all happen. You are wonderful. Thank you.....See you next year!

CHRISTMAS MARKET RAFFLE WINNERS

Basket of Cheer-James Afueh
BCT Tickets – Bill Dziwura
Nationals Blanket – Toni Painter
Captials Blanket – Vicky Venida
Ravens Blanket – Nisha Estrada
Reindeer Center – Barb Thieman
Christmas Tree – Bill Dziwura
Ladder Display – Danielle Kirchue
Redskins Blanket – Maude Jennings
Orioles Blanket – Nisha Estrada
All Season – Marianne Sokol

Please contact the office to collect your winnings if you have not already done so!

NEED HELP?

CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

1-800-712-HELP or visit our website:
pregnancycenters.org

Handmaid of the Lord:

A Musical Meditation



**December 8, Sunday, 4:30 pm
St. Edward the Confessor Church
1940 Mitchellville Rd, Bowie, Maryland**

WITH
THE CONMIGOS CHOIR
ST. EDWARDS ADULT CHOIR
THE PRIEST BRIDGE SINGERS
GUEST SINGER FROM ST. COLUMBA CHILDREN'S CHOIR