

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

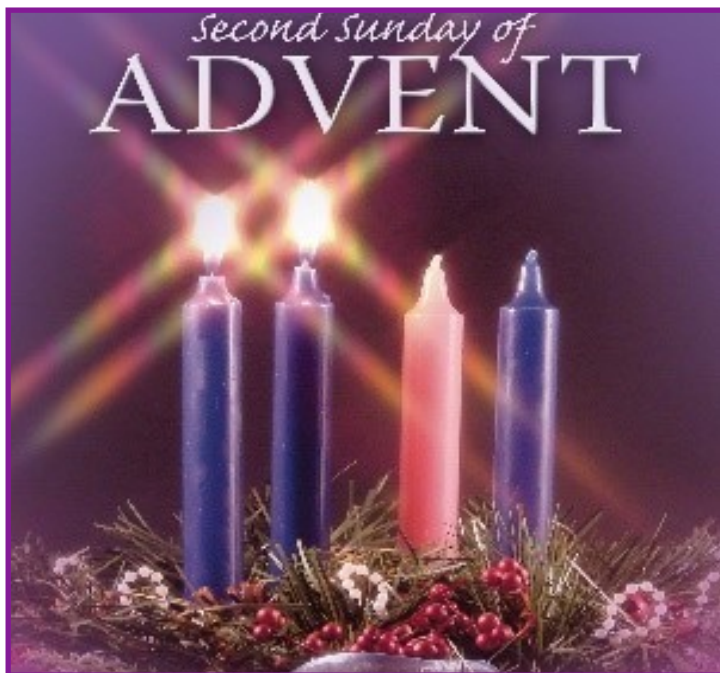
We are a family of faith-filled disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living the Gospel through worship and service

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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pastor@stedwardbowie.com

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deacon@stedwardbowie.com

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religioused@stedwardbowie.com

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youth@stedwardbowie.com

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PARISH WEB SITE:

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)

FAITH FORMATION



From the Desk of Our Pastor: Rev. Scott Holmer

Several weekends ago, we had our Christmas Market.

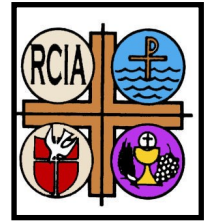
It was a tremendous success both as a community building event and as a fundraiser. Many people participated, and the fair exceeded all expectations generating over \$5,200! The funds will be used to help pay to renovate and update our church kitchen. I want to thank Sandy Barnes for her enthusiastic leadership and for everyone who volunteered to make our Christmas Craft Fair such a great event. After a few months of adjustment, I am getting a handle on balancing not only my responsibilities here at St. Edward's as your pastor but also with the additional positions that Archbishop Gregory has assigned me. I have finally been able to work into my schedule as an adjunct faculty member of the Saint John Paul II Seminary, as Spiritual Director to a group of Seminarians, as well as being assigned the Chaplain of Home Schoolers for the Archdiocese. It has been a great joy for me in taking part in the formation of our future priests. Behind the scenes, we have been working on reformatting our bulletin and website to inform our parishioners of all that is going on here at St. Edward's, as well as text messaging service called "Flocknote", offering a new parent program for all children receiving Sacraments this year so that they make this holy journey together. The list goes on and on.

In other news, I am excited to let you know that we have three people in our RCIA - two of whom are preparing for Baptism. They have been meeting every Sunday at 10:30am learning about the Catholic faith. As the Scripture tells us, they are "preparing the way of the Lord, and making straight His paths." Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Sacraments. May you know the comfort of the Holy Spirit this Advent as we continue to draw closer to Christmas!

God bless,
Fr. Scott

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.



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group meeting will take place on December 14th, at 8:30am in the hall. All men aged 18 and over are invited to attend.



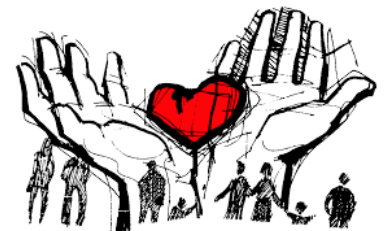
YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!

All those in the 9th thru 12th grades are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, December 15th, at 6:00pm-8:30pm at Fr. Scott's for our Christmas Party. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Karen Italiano – youth@stedwardbowie.com

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

LCSC next session will be held on Friday, December 20th, at 7:00pm. All parishioners are encouraged and most welcome to attend.

**Our topic of the
month will be:
*Loving Your
Neighbor***



LITURGY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30pm	Dominic & Grace Vicino+
Sun	7:30am	Jerry Syfert+
	9:30am	Joseph P. McElroy+
	11:30am	Special intention for God's guidance & protection for the CWA members & Family
Mon	8:45am	Deacon Tom Elliot+
	4:30pm	Merle Yuduc+
	7:30pm	Grace Vicino+
Tues	7:30am	Sylvia Ideo+
Wed	8:45am	Francis Cipolla+
Thu	7:30p	Peggy Suntum+
Fri	8:45am	Pat Dolan+
Sat	5:30pm	Virginia & Tony Grandovic (liv.)

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, Vicky Ose, Margie Price, Marcus Allen, Manny Jones, Viviana Brandes, Eric Seith, Kim Lewis, Jillian Fletcher, Daniella Mayers, Toni Boudreau, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson, Neil Collins.

THE ST. EDWARD'S MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS "The Handmaid of the Lord"



A Musical Meditation on Sunday, December 8th, at 4:30pm in the church. See the website for more information.

All free-will donations will be greatly appreciated.

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

Claire Scalise

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.

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 Monday because December 8th is a Sunday. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.



PARISH SUPPORT

Last week's Offertory: 14,706.00.
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:
\$8,416.00, \$7,541.00, \$9,598.00.

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) and click CAN to sign up.



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

Saturday, December 7

Advent Holy Hour 4:00pm-church
Young Adults 6:45pm-Fr. Scott's

Sunday, December 8

CCD-PreK and K 9:30am-hall
Children's Liturgy during 9:30am Mass
High School Confirmation Class 10:30am-classroom
RCIA 10:45am-office
Handmaid of the Lord Concert 4:30pm-church

Monday, December 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass Times: 8:45am, 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

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

Saturday, December 14

Men's Group 8:30am-hall
Advent Holy Hour 4:00pm-church

NEED HELP?

CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

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

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

St Matthias the Apostle Parish welcomes all those who have faced a significant loss to join its on-going Grief Support Group. Participants experience the support and caring of other grieving persons, as well as receive helpful information about grieving and the grief process. Sessions are held **every Saturday from 9am – 10:30am** in the school library. For more information contact: Miriam Jacik, MSN, MS Psychology, the Group Coordinator at 301-345-6054.

GIVING TREE



Please return wrapped gifts with tags by December 8th at 12:30pm to the church.

Please be sure to record your tag number/name/contact information on the gift list. 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!

WELCOME

New to the parish? Visiting? Have questions? Give the office a call. We are happy to help!

Have questions about your new parish? Look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We are happy to help!

HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER???

- 1.Call or email the office
- 2.Register online
- 3.Pick up a registration form in the church



ANY UPDATES???



Have you recently changed your phone number or email address? Remember to contact the Parish Office with any changes in your mailing address, email address or phone number. We appreciate your help in keeping our records accurate. Contact us at: office@stedwardbowie.com or 301-249-9199.

CHRISTMAS EVE LIVING GOSPEL

We will once again present a Living Gospel during the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24

Rehearsal
Monday, December 23
7:00pm

Parent help needed
in coordinating
the rehearsal and
the Mass



Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade are invited to participate There are not any speaking parts

Children can sing in the choir and participate in the Living Gospel

Costumes are provided

(we can always use donations of costumes for shepherds and angels)

If your child would like to participate sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084facae2fa31-christmas1>

Questions??

Please contact Maureen Curtis at religioused@stedwardbowie.com or 301 249-9199