

# *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

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## **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](http://TheSundayMass.org).

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

## **PASTORAL STAFF:**

Rev. Scott S. Holmer, Pastor

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## **PARISH WEB SITE:**

[www.stedwardbowie.com](http://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**

Throughout the Advent season, we pay a lot of attention to Mary. Today, we pay attention to the role that Joseph has to play. His role is very similar to ours.

It took great courage for Mary to say, "yes," to the Archangel Gabriel and become the Mother of God. Her "yes" made it possible for the whole human race to be healed. The question now comes to Joseph. Will he say "yes" and invite Mary into his home?

This is not an easy "yes" for Joseph to say. She has become pregnant out of wedlock with a child that is not his own.

If Joseph says "yes" to Mary, his friends will make fun of him and belittle him. He will be the joke of the town. He will be the subject of shame.

Imagine if Joseph did not invite Mary and Jesus into his home. Sure, he would have spared himself some embarrassment. However, he would have missed out on being part of the greatest adventure in human history. By welcoming Mary and Jesus into his home, by welcoming Mary and Jesus into his life, Joseph was able to experience a love and graces that his neighbors couldn't possibly imagine.

Given the recent public sins of our clergy, out of shame, it can be hard to still invite Mary, the Church, the bearer of Christ into our homes. What will the neighbors think? However, if we want to experience the same transformative love and grace that Joseph experienced in his life, we need to listen to the encouragement of our guardian angels more than the ridicule of our neighbors and make a place for Mary and her Son, Jesus, in our homes.

God bless,  
Fr. Scott

**ST. EDWARD'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

The next Young Adult Group of St. Edward's will be held on January 4th.

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.



**YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!**

All those in the 9th thru 12th grades are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, January 5th, at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the hall.

Our topic will be : "The Father's Love." Love and Pizza!!!

Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Karen Italiano – youth@stedwardbowie.com



**COMING BACK IN JANUARY**

**Ministries of the month** is coming back in January. Keep an eye out for ways that you can serve both God and the parish.

**St. Edward's Ladies Prayer and Fellowship** will be back the last Friday of the month on January 31st.



## LITURGY AND PRAYERS

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30pm	Gabriel Mbelede+
Sun	7:30am	Fay Clark+
	9:30am	Denise Yarian+
	11:30am	Regina & Johnson Fombang+
Mon	8:45am	Rev. Scott Holmer (liv.)
Tues	4:00pm	Odike Family (liv.)
	6:30pm	Richard & Agnes Thieman+
	10:00pm	In Thanksgiving for Parishioners Prayers
Wed	7:30am	Jerry & Betty Kemp+
	10:00am	Francis Cipolla+
Thu	7:30pm	Rev. Patrick Lewis (liv.)
Fri	8:45am	Stan Sokol+
Sat	5:30pm	Nancy McNulty+

### 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, 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, Toni Boudreau, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson, Neil Collins, Patrick Roucier.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

**Maria Gancayco and Thomas Bennett**

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

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK / 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 as well.

### CHRISTMAS EVE LIVING GOSPEL

**REMINDER:** The rehearsal held on:

**Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the church.**  
We are also requesting parent help needed in coordinating the rehearsal and during the Mass.



### ST. EDWARD'S IS HIRING!!!

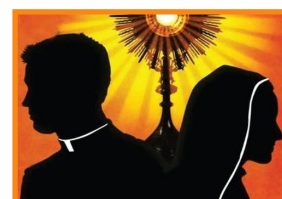
### PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

As many of you have heard the sad news, our exceptional music director Megan Weeks will be stepping down at the end of the academic year. If you are interested in being the new Part-Time Music Director here at St. Edward's, please contact Fr. Scott Holmer at [pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com) or (301) 249-9199 for more details.



### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE:

**PRIESTHOOD AND  
RELIGIOUS LIFE**



## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

### Saturday, December 21

Advent Holy Hour 4:00pm-church

### Sunday, December 22

CCD-PreK and K 9:30am-hall  
Children's Liturgy during 9:30am Mass  
HS Confirmation 10:30am-hall  
NO RCIA

### Monday, December 23

Living Gospel Rehearsal 7:00pm-church

### Tuesday, December 24

OFFICE CLOSED  
Christmas Eve Masses- 4:00pm  
6:00pm  
10:00pm

### Wednesday, December 25

OFFICE CLOSED  
Christmas Day Masses- 7:30am  
10:00am

## GIVING TREE

### A HUGE "GIVING TREE" THANK YOU!!!!

Once again, thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Ed's, we were able to provide a bit of Christmas Cheer to those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. God bless you all!!-



## PARISH SUPPORT

Last week's Offertory: \$7,451.00.  
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.  
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:  
\$12,081.00, \$14,706.00, \$8,416.00.

## 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](mailto:office@stedwardbowie.com) or 301-249-9199.

## NEED HELP?

### CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

1-800-712-HELP or visit our website:  
[pregnancycenters.org](http://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.

# CHRISTMAS THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

## Christmas Eve, December 24th

*Vigil Nativity of Our Lord*

Mass

4:00 PM Children's Choir-Youth Ensemble

6:30 PM Conmigos Choir

10:00 PM Adult Choir

*30 minute prelude prior to each Mass*

## Christmas Day, December 25th

*Nativity of Our Lord*

Mass

7:30 AM Cantor/Music

10:00 AM Cantor/Music

## New Year's Eve , December 31st

*Vigil Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Mother of God*

Mass

5:30 PM

## New Year's Day, January 1st

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Mother of God*

Mass

10:00 AM

