

# *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](mailto: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](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

[pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com)

Deacon David J. Barnes, Permanent Deacon

[deacon@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:deacon@stedwardbowie.com)

Angela Cipolla, Pastoral Assistant

[pa@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pa@stedwardbowie.com)

## **OFFICE STAFF:**

Anne Brennan, Parish Secretary

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[bookkeeper@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:bookkeeper@stedwardbowie.com)

Tim Curtis, Maintenance Supervisor

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## **MINISTRY STAFF:**

Maureen Curtis, Religious Education Director

[religioused@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:religioused@stedwardbowie.com)

Karen Italiano, Youth Minister

[youth@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:youth@stedwardbowie.com)

Megan Weeks, Music Director

[music@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:music@stedwardbowie.com)

## **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**

We often think of the Holy Family as living a pristine and perfect life here

on earth. We see the Holy Family from the *inside* since we look them with eyes of faith. But from the *outside*, things look embarrassing:

Mary became pregnant out of wedlock with a child that was not Joseph's. Joseph almost divorced Mary when he learned the news but decided to help her raise her child instead. Not only are the neighbors judging Mary for what they think is adultery but they are also judging Joseph for overlooking Mary's transgressions. Perhaps this is why in Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem, nobody would let Joseph and his pregnant wife Mary into their house. To make matters even worse, they were forced to leave the country for Egypt when Jesus was just a toddler. They then returned to a backwater town of Nazareth to start a simple and poor life together. After Joseph died, Jesus decided to change his career from carpentry and become a religious professional. He stirred up a lot of trouble. After three years, He was thrown in jail for heresy and blasphemy and was given the death penalty. His poor mother was left behind as a grieving widow. From the outside, Jesus, Mary and Joseph looked like a pretty unholy family. But from the *inside* we can see that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were holy because we know that they did the only thing necessary for holiness - they were obedient to God.

Mary obeyed the angel who announced that she was to bear the Son of God. Joseph obeyed the angel in his dream who told him to take Mary into his home. Joseph obeyed the angel to flee to Egypt and return to Nazareth. And Jesus obeyed the will of His Father in Heaven even unto humiliation and death.

We do not achieve holiness by impressing our neighbors with our wealth or by showing off the accomplishments of our children. It is what happens *inside* a family, whether a family obeys God, that makes a family holy. And sometimes all it takes for a family to be inspired to be holy is for one member to enthusiastically say "Yes" to God.

Merry Christmas,  
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](mailto: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	Nancy McNulty+
Sun	7:30am	Helen Hartnett+
	9:30am	Divine Fomunyan & family
	11:30am	Mary & Daniel Fomunyan (liv.)
Mon	8:45am	Wilfred Anakor+
Tues	5:30pm	Gregory Alheid+
Wed	10:00am	Robert Pfeiffer+
Thu	7:30pm	Michele LoRe+
Fri	8:45am	Jerry Syfert+
Sat	5:30pm	Christopher Edward Parenteau+

### PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE:

### PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE



## 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!

### 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, Joe Welch, Russ Ideo.

### 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 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.

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS



Fr. Scott and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and the homebound.

Call the Parish Office at (301) 249-9199 to arrange this service.

### HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER???



1. Call or email the office

2. Register online

3. Pick up a registration form in the church

## 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.

St Matthias Church  
Grief Support Group



## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

### Tuesday, December 31

Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Vigil Mass 5:30pm

### Wednesday, January 1

OFFICE CLOSED  
Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Mass 10:00am

### Saturday, January 4

Young Adult Gathering 6:30pm-Fr. Scott's

### Sunday, January 5

Donut Sunday after all Masses-hall  
CCD-PreK and K 9:30am-hall  
Children's Liturgy during 9:30am Mass  
RCIA 10:45am-Office  
Youth Group 6:30pm-hall

## PARISH SUPPORT

Last week's Offertory: \$7,309.00.  
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.

The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:  
\$7,451.00, \$12,081.00, \$14,706.00.

## EVENTS AROUND THE ADW

### NATIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Nativities from Around the World are on display at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America from November 28, 2019 through January 6, 2020. Warm your heart and see the Holy Family through the eyes of those from many other cultures as you view over 150 Nativities from countries all over the world. This special collection speaks to the universality of our faith. The Monastery is located at 1400 Quincy Street N.E., Washington, DC 20017



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

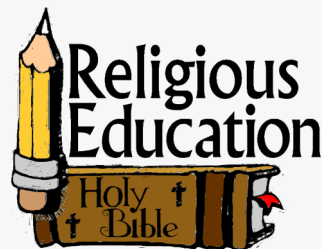


### PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

St. Edward's is looking for a Music Director. Please see the website for more details. If you are interested, please send your resume to Fr. Scott Holmer at [pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com) or contact the office (301) 249-9199 for more details.

### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR NEEDED

St. Edward's is looking for a part-time Facilities Maintenance Supervisor. Job responsibilities include monitoring the upkeep of the buildings and grounds, coordination and supervision of project management of outside contractors and one maintenance employee. Experience in facilities or property management is a plus. Please call the office (301) 249-9199 or send your resume to [pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com) if interested.



### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDED

St. Edward's is looking for a Director of Religious Education who is a prayerful practicing Catholic, in good standing, and committed to passing on the teachings of the Catholic faith. Please submit via email a letter of interest and resume to [pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com) if you are interested. If you have further questions, please call the office at (301) 249-9199.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**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**

