

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.

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

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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

Whenever I hear of the Magi following the star to Bethlehem, I think of our

astronomers today who look up to the stars to learn the answers to the great questions we have like: "Where do we come from? How did we get here? And what is the fate of all creation?"

Before the work of the astronomer, Edwin Hubble, in the early 20th century, the scientific consensus was that the universe did not have a beginning. The idea that creation had a beginning was considered absurd and ridiculous. Einstein in his early career even created something called the cosmological constant to doctor his equations to avoid having to admit that the universe had a beginning. He later admitted it was the biggest mistake of his career. There was tremendous resistance to Hubble's evidence because as the first chairman of NASA's Lunar Exploration Committee, Robert Jastrow, put it so well in his book God and the Astronomers: "For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

Fortunately, respect for truth and evidence won out at the "Big Bang" theory, which posits that there is a beginning of the universe, is now the scientific consensus. And if the universe has a beginning, there must be something or someone to begin it. We call that First Cause: God. Thanks to Edwin Hubble, atheism became unscientific. For the astronomers, like the Magi, they followed the stars and it led them to God.

God bless,
Fr. Scott

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



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group meeting will take place on January 11th, at 8:30am in the hall. All men aged 18 and over are invited to attend.



LIVE CHRIST SHARE
CHRIST

LCSC next session will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at 10:00am. All parishioners are encouraged and most welcome to attend.

Our topic of the month will be:
Consecrated to God



LITURGY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Sat | 5:30pm | Christopher Edward Parenteau+ |
| Sun | 7:30am | Irene Nelisa Ngonini (liv.) |
| | 9:30am | Michele LeRo+ |
| | 11:30am | Divine Fomunyan & family |
| Mon | 8:45am | Marion Ward+ |
| Tues | 7:30pm | Billy Painter+ |
| Wed | 8:45am | Francis Cipolla+ |
| Thu | 7:30pm | NO MASS |
| Fri | 8:45am | Pasquale & Stella Leopardi+ |
| Sat | 5:30pm | Bob Reynolds+ |

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE:

PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE



WELCOME

Welcome to the newest members of our parish family!
Zachary Powell

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.



HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER???

1. Call or email the office
2. Register online
3. Registration forms in the church

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!

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.

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.

St Matthias Church
Grief Support Group

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

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

Tuesday, January 7

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

Wednesday, January 8

Children's Choir 5:30pm-church
 RCIA 5:30pm-classrooms
 CCD (K-5) 6:30pm-classrooms
 Adult Choir 7:30pm-church

Thursday, January 9

NO 7:30PM MASS

Saturday, January 11

Men's Group 8:30am-hall
 Mass & Sandwich Sunday 5:30pm-church then hall

PARISH SUPPORT

Last week's Offertory: \$8,401.00
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:
\$7,309.00, \$7,451.00, \$12,081.00.

PERSONAL AND FAMILY PRAY LIFE

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.



ST. EDWARD'S IS HIRING!!!

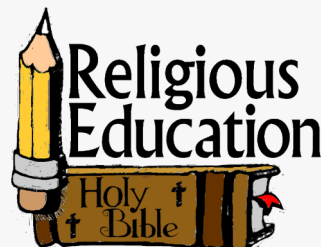


PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

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 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 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 if you are interested. If you have further questions, please call the office at (301) 249-9199.

MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH EXTRODINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR MASS AND THE HOME-BOUND



Eucharistic Ministers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) performs a great service in distributing Holy Communion

to God's people. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Church in this capacity, and of course, requires a love and reverence for the Eucharist.

EMHC assist with distribution of the Eucharist and cleaning vessels after Mass. Come 15 early minutes and report in for gathered prayer in east lobby by sacristy. Stay on 10 minutes after Mass for cleaning and set-up of next Mass.

Training is provided. For more information, please see the website or send an email to: kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net

EXTRAORINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOME-BOUND

In many cases the homebound lay ministers are already serving the church at Mass, and this is an added ministry for them. Yet it is not required of Church EMHC nor if you wish to serve as EMHC to the homebound are you obligated to as serve at Mass as well.

The homebound ministers assist with distribution of the Eucharist to persons in need of it and who request the visit. The clergy do visit the homebound on a rotating basis, so you are helping them. Receive the Eucharist in a pyx container at close of weekend Masses to go to those homebound persons, and drive out to see them. Or, receive the Eucharist during the week (arranged) for a visit to the homebound, providing Communion to them.

You may also assist in our weekly Communion Services in the various assisted living homes (Woodward/Brookedale, Larkin Chase and Evergreen/Willows) on Sundays with a rotating schedule of teams – at least 2 per team.

On Thursday morning a team has a Communion Service at Woodward/Brookedale Estates and hopefully soon back at Larkin Chase.

Larkin Chase- we are currently in need of three groups of two or three who are willing to go on Thursday mornings about 9:30am and provide a Communion Service to the residents or visit them individually and provide Communion to them. Each group would commit to one week a month. Fr. Scott currently visits the first Thursday of each month.

For more information, please see the website or send an email to: Trainer of all EMHC-Kathy Brady at kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net

To request Communion to a homebound parishioner and/or to be put on the rotation schedules and/or to be put on the list of EMHC to the home-bound (after training) contact: Coordinator Mary Gurlacz at mgurlacz@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Being an altar server is a sacred privilege and a very special responsibility. Your main responsibility is to assist the priest at the altar. This might entail holding a book, bringing things to and from the altar, washing their hands, etc.



Training is provided. For more information, please see the website or send an email to: Coordinator-Mike Pickett mwpickett@gmail.com

Parents, thank you for encouraging your children to consider this important ministry and thank you ahead of time for making sure your children fulfill their commitment at the altar. You are the primary educators of your children and any help you can provide them to assist them to grow in this ministry is essential. Thank you!!!

