

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

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, and 9:30am

TV AND/OR STREAMING MASSES:

St. Edward's—YouTube-9:30am Sundays—Subscribe to St. Edward's Catholic Church (3rd result)

TheSundayMass.org & www.adw.org

DAILY MASSES:

Tuesdays and Thursdays -7:30pm

Wednesdays and Fridays - 8:45am

Please enter through the main doors

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)-Park in the back-enter through the Religious Education (CCD) door.

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 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.

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www.stedwardbowie.com

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Found on website's home page—press the “Online Giving” button

PARISH NEWSLETTER:

Emailed Wednesdays

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS:

FLOCKNOTES TEXT/EMAIL:

**Text: 84576/Keyword: Confessor OR
stedwardbowie.flocknote.com**

LITURGY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30pm	Richard Thieman+
Sun	7:30am	John Bente+
	9:30am	David Williams+
Tue	7:30pm	NO MASS
Wed	8:45am	NO MASS
Thu	7:30pm	NO MASS
Fri	8:45am	NO MASS
Sat	5:30pm	Jean Cleary+

Please note that there will no longer be a Monday morning Mass, but be assured that these Masses are being offered up for your friends and loved ones unless we are able to move them to the closest open spot. The same will be in effect for any 11:30am Masses, which have been temporarily suspended until more people become comfortable enough to attend Mass. Thank you for your patience in this difficult time.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

There will be **NO daily Masses** at the following times:

July 27th through the 31st

August 10th through the 14th

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Pat Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Michael & Barbara Fitzurka, Lourdes Flaim, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Connie Poppe, Bob & Theresa Surette, Martha Seppi, Steve Duhig, Carolyn Eaglin, Jim Sullivan, Nancy Looney, Lichee Williams.

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, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson, Neil Collins, Patrick Roucier, Gary Ludka, Susan Weigel, Mary Lopardo, Savannah Skow, Cebe Vicino, Teresa Collins, Greg Hill, Amanda Thomas, Jodie Jago, Cindy Maguire, Maddie Kelly.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC



O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, We, your children of every nation, Turn to you in this pandemic.

Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, And obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

**AN EXCERPT FROM:
Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena**

"I will first, dearest daughter, speak to thee of the dignity of priests, having placed them where they are through My goodness, over and above the general love which I have had to My creatures, creating you in My image and likeness and re-creating you all to the life of grace in the Blood of My Only-begotten Son, whence you have arrived at such excellence, through the union which I made of My Deity with human nature; so that in this you have greater dignity and excellence than the angels, for I took your human nature and not that of the angels. Wherefore, as I have said to you, I, God, have become man, and man has become God by the union of My Divine Nature with your human nature. This greatness is given in general to all rational creatures, but, among these I have especially chosen My ministers for the sake of your salvation, so that, through them, the Blood of the humble and immaculate Lamb, My Only-begotten Son, may be administered to you."— St. Catherine Of Siena, p. 137-8

The priests who have lovingly served St. Edward's over the years;
Fr. Ernest Gatto, Fr. Patrick Kemp, Fr. Thomas Kehoe, Fr. William Foley,
Fr. John Barry and Fr. Scott Holmer



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



Do you love your faith and want to share it with others? Does it bring you joy to pass down our Church's teaching to the next generation? Then consider becoming a catechist in the St. Edward's religious education program! There are several classes in need of catechists for the 2020-21 year, which will be conducted online. There is also a need for substitutes. All catechists receive training from the DREs and must be background-checked by the archdiocese. If you are interested, please contact the DREs: Dan and Bethany Meola, religioused@stedwardbowie.com.

Classes are taught by volunteer Catechists. Catechists do not have to be professional teachers; the most important qualification is a desire to share your Catholic faith with the children of our parish. The textbooks come with teacher manuals. This year (2020-21), the classes will be offered online due to the coronavirus pandemic. Tech training will be provided to all catechists.

There is always a need for substitute teachers to be available when a Catechist can't be in class. Sometimes the need is known a few weeks in advance but at others, it is a last-minute notice.

There is also a volunteer opportunity for those who can't make a weekly commitment but still want to be a part of the faith journey of the children of our parish. During the year we have several retreats for the students and their families who are preparing to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. If there is anyone who would like to help plan and lead these retreats, please contact Dan and Bethany Meola for detailed information at religioused@stedwardbowie.com.

All volunteers must have a background check completed through the Archdiocese before they can work with children.

Please contact Dan and Bethany Meola if you are able to help with any of the above opportunities at religioused@stedwardbowie.com or call the office at 301-249-9199 ext. 1.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW EDWARDIANS

MEET THE SNELLINGS FAMILY

Hello,

We are the Snellings Family. Dave, Lisa, Sabrina, Jacob, Joanna and Simon. We have been attending St. Edward's since 1990. We got married and moved to Bowie in 1988. We lived less than five minutes from St. Edward's and didn't know it existed until we moved to Pointer Ridge and found it accidentally.



While Sabrina was not baptized at St. Edward's, she and the rest of our kids received all Sacraments here. They all attended St. Pius X School. Our son Jake was the first home grown Edwardian man to enter the Seminary to discern the priesthood in the inaugural class of St. John Paul II Seminary (Blessed at that time) and he discerned out. He attended a Quo Vadis camp one summer and met a seminarian named Scott Holmer way back when. Jake did a short stint as the high school youth group minister. He is now engaged to be married in November (postponed from April due to the coronavirus). Our daughter, Sabrina, married her husband Brian at St. Edward's.

I was tricked (LOL) into helping distribute palms on Palm Sunday 1991 and ended up as part of the usher ministry until just recently and we have all been involved in the parish life ever since. I am one of two weekend sacristans here at St. Edward's. My wife Lisa and I are both EMHCs, Lisa is a part of the EMHC ministry to the home bound. All our kids have served as altar servers. I was the director of the altar server ministry for over ten years. I was involved with the high school youth group while all four of our kids were in high school. I have served on both the parish council and liturgy committees.

When you are first married and starting a family, you join a parish. It never goes through your head, that one day, you will be one of those families that have been around for thirty years and the parish will become an integral part of your life. We are now back to being able to attend Mass. It is during times like the last couple of months that you realize getting back to Mass, how much you miss seeing your St Edward's family, the people we see Sunday in and Sunday out for thirty years. Holy Mary Mother of God and Our Mother, Pray for Us!