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: 301-249-9199 **Email:** office@stedwardbowie.com **Religious Ed.: 301-249-9599**

PASTORAL STAFF:
Rev. Scott S. Holmer, Administrator
Deacon David J. Barnes, Permanent Deacon
Angela Cipolla, Pastoral Assistant

OFFICE STAFF:
Margaret Creveling, Bookkeeper
Anne Brennan, Parish Secretary
Phuong Tran, Maintenance

MINISTRY STAFF:
Maureen Curtis, Religious Education Director
Megan Weeks, Music Director
Allison Freeman, Accompanist

PARISH E-NOTES:
If we don't have your current email address or if you are not yet registered here, please call the parish office.

PARISH WEB SITE:
www.stedwardbowie.org

MASSES FOR THE HOME BOUND:
TheSundayMass.org.

MASSES:
Saturday Vigil – 5:30 P.M.
Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.
1:30 P.M.—3rd Sunday Filipino Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 A.M.
Tuesday, Thursday - 7:30 P.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 ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:
Call Fr. Scott for Anointing of the Sick. Upon a parishioner's death, please call us as soon as possible.

School: St. Pius X Regional Catholic School is our shared school of the four Bowie parishes.

Food for Bowie Pantry: Collected in bins at doors every first Sunday of the month.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.	5:30 pm	Tom Estok+
Sun.	7:30 am	Penny Droski (liv.)
	9:30 am	Stan Sokol+
	11:30 am	Lilia Chua Mangampo+
	1:30 pm	Leonardo Flores+
Mon.	8:45 am	George Bibbins+
Tues.	7:30 pm	Penny Droski (liv.)
Wed.	8:45 am	William Schultz (liv.)
Thu.	7:30 pm	Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Behr+
Fri.	8:45 am	Lyle Stolz+
Sat.	5:30 pm	Dominic Vicino (liv.)

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Bob Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Theresa Brice, Barbara Fitzurka, Anthony Colbert, Perla Alega, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Dominic Vicino, Florence Zook, George Vincent, Lorraine Washington., Barbara Glab.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, Barry Hobart, Cindy Sowada, Teresa Fraser, Louise Hooven, Rosemarie Quezada, Maria Xiques, Steve Giant, Marjorie Porter, Dick Bradie, Anna Marie Smith, Nicholas Barrett, Susan Zinampan, John Keys, Joni Seith, Drew Snapkowski, Susan Borshel, Phylis McNamara, Luis Miranda, Chadwick Poppe, Delores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Richard Kuntz, Dorothy Sedwick, Cheryl Henretty, Jack Connors, Don DeSilva, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferri, Denise Townes, Penny Droski.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK OR 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. You can have Masses offered, by request.

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

LaVerne Brown and Robert Barnes

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Fr. Scott and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Call the Parish Office at (301) 249-9199 to arrange this service. We also have monthly Mass at Pin Oak, Larkin Chase, and Emeritus at Woodward Residences.

ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sun. Jun. 17 Donut Sunday-after all Masses—Last Dount Sunday until September.

Baptism class –12:30pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Religious Education classes (CCD) for the 2018-19 school year has begun. All families must re-register every year.
If your child was registered during the 2017-18 school year, the registration period will end on June 24; a late fee will apply if you register after this date.
Registration instructions and forms can be found in the hall in the classroom area or on the parish website: www.stedwardbowie.org.

All children who do not attend Catholic school should participate in the Religious Education program. Students are prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation within the program. Please contact Maureen Curtis at (301) 249-9199 or e-mail at mcurtis@stedwardbowie.org with any questions you might have.

QUO VADIS AND FIAT CAMPS

The Office of Priest Vocations' annual *Quo Vadis* Camp for young men in high school will be held once again at Mount St. Mary's Seminary on July 15-18, 2018!
Website: www.dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-camp

Additionally, the Archdiocese of Washington and the Archdiocese of Baltimore are co-hosting *Fiat* Camp for young women in high school at Mount St. Mary's on July 27-29, 2018.
Website: https://www.quovadisfiat.org/fiat-home

EWTN'S DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

The program is set to air on June 20th at 10:00pm featuring our own Scott Zeiss playing the role of St. Athanasius of Alexandria.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrYWrmzVJ_Y

From the Desk of Rev. Scott Holmer….

The purpose of the Son of Man becoming flesh in the person of Jesus was to establish the Kingdom of God - to make it on earth as it is in heaven. However, when pressed to describe what the Kingdom of God is like, Jesus resorts to examples of organic life. The Kingdom of God is not like another human kingdom or government. It is more than just another human organization. The Kingdom of God is like a living being, an organism, which draws the rest of creation, both in purgatory, earth and in heaven, into its life.

For this reason, Jesus favors images of plant life to describe the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. Even though the seed is small, it draws the rest of the lifeless soil around it into its vegetative life. The soil stops being soil and begins a new life as part of the plant.

It is the same with us human beings. When we enter the Kingdom of God, we become something new. We start to participate in the divine life of the Kingdom of God and give up our old ways. This Kingdom of God is not only rooted in this world - its branches are also rooted in heaven. Even the angels, represented by the birds in the Gospel, can dwell in its branches. By drawing all things to Himself, by drawing all things into His Life, Jesus brings something new into creation - the Kingdom of God.

God bless,
Fr. Scott

ATTENTION CHRISTMAS MARKET CRAFTERS……

The Craft Workshops on Thursdays, at 6:30 in classroom 6. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary. We are also looking for a co-chair as well. Call Sandy for more information at 443.292.8400.

PARISH SUPPORT:
Last week's Offertory: $10,028.00.
Our weekly Offertory goal is $9,000.00.
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were: $13,386.00, $8,952.00, $8,701.00.

BOWIE FOOD PANTRY

St. Edward's Community Outreach (formally St. Vincent de Paul) will be collecting during the month of June, Healthy Snacks for the Bowie Food Pantry. They provide healthy snacks to area children during the month of July. Because of summer vacation, children in the school breakfast and lunch program do not receive these meals. We will collect individual non-perishable milk boxes (horizon), juice boxes 100% juice, 1 oz. boxes of raisins, and 1 serving size cereals. Please place in the plastic bins at the entrances.

THE LADIES OF ST. EDWARD'S PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Please join us and mark your calendar for the last Friday of every month. Our next meeting will be May 25th at 10am in the hall.

No matter where you are in your journey, come join us as we focus on what we already have and all the ways God has already blessed us.

You will be renewed, your attitude will be affected and JOY will overflow.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

If you are interested, please contact Kathy Brady at Kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net or call her at:
301-249-2850. Training provided.