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



PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Scott S. Holmer, Pastor 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 Karen Italiano, Youth Minister Megan Weeks, Music Director

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.com MASSES FOR THE HOME BOUND:

TheSundayMass.org.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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Sat.	5:30 pm	All Souls+
Sun.	7:30 am	Christopher Mathers+
	9:30 am	All Souls+
	11:30 am	Francis Cipolla+
Mon.	8:45 am	All Souls+
Tues.	7:30 pm	All Souls+
Wed.	8:45 am	All Souls+
Thu.	7:30 pm	All Souols+
Fri.	8:45 am	All Souls+
Sat.	5:30 pm	All Souls+

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Bob Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Theresa Brice, Barbara Fitzurka, Anthony Colbert, Perla Alega, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Florence Zook, Lorraine Washington, Octavia Blake, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Pat Barry, Kathy Loos, Rosemarie Jamison, Theresa Surette.

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, Dolores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Richard Kuntz, Valerie Sedwick, Cheryl Henretty, Jack Connors, Don DeSilva, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferri, Denise Townes, Penny Droski, Mike Sullivan, Patty Byrne, Joe Brynes, Christine Leacock, Christine Branche, Rhonda Jackson, Gladys Boluda, Bobby Ose, Karin McCabe, Jimmy Tomasetti, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan.

NOVEMBER IS MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Pray for the dead and the dead will pray for you. November is the month of All Souls. Please find envelopes in all the pews to write down the names of your loved ones. We will put the envelopes on the altar November 2nd in remembrance of all those whom we

have lost in this life. The envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November and will be added to as necessary.



EVERY VOTE COUNTS!!!!

Early voting: Oct 25 -Nov 1. Election Day: November 6



ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS Nov. 3 Christmas Market Craft Fair Sat. 9:00am-4:00 pm-hall Also after 5:30 Mass Sun. Nov 4. Christmas Market Craft Fair After all Masses NO CCD-Pre-K During the 9:30am Mass-hall NO Children's Liturgy-9:30am Mass RCIA-10:30am-12:00pm-office Youth Group-Stump the Priest 6:30pm-8:30pm-hall Mon. Nov. 5 Youth Choir Rehearsals 7:30-9:30pm NO CCD—K-5 Tue. Nov. 6 4:15-5:30pm NO CCD-CL1-CL3 6:30-8:00pm Wed. Nov. 7 CCD-RCIC 5:30-6:30pm CCD-K-5 6:30-7:45pm Children's Choir 5:30-6:30pm Adult Choir 7:30-8:30pm Sandwich Sunday Sat. Nov. 10 6:30pm-hall

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!

All those in High School are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 4th, from 6:30-8:30pm in the hall for our <u>"STUMP THE PRIEST"</u>. Gotta ???-See if Fr. Scott has the answer!!

Bring a friend!



BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be on November 18th in classroom 6 after the 11:30am Mass.

You must be registered members of the parish prior to the Baptism of your child.



CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

1-800-712-HELP or visit our website: pregnancycenters.org

From the Desk of Rev. Scott Holmer



This weekend, you will see included in our bulletin our Annual Financial Report. Thanks to the amazing generosity of parishioners like you we are financially stable here at St. Edward's. Our offertory in the 2018

fiscal year is up 2.8% from 2017. This has allowed me to do things like hire our new youth minister Karen Italiano without running a deficit.

I was concerned that we were going to see a decrease in attendance and giving due to the scandals in the Church hierarchy. Unfortunately, our October headcount, where we count how many parishioners come to Mass in the month of October, dropped 4%. This indicates that on average 27 less people are coming to Mass each weekend in 2018. However, our last financial statement for the month of September shows that our offertory is actually up 7.5% year to date in comparison to last year.

One big upcoming expenditure is the total replacement of the original flat roof around the Church (not the East and West extensions). This should finally stop the numerous leaks we have been having. It will cost \$93,992.00. Right now, the Archdiocese is reviewing the contract.

Given the recent mass shootings, especially in places of worship, I will also be exploring with the parish council hiring security for all weekend Masses, which could be a large additional expense. I am also still in the process of exploring the feasibility of expanding the parish hall and moving the offices into the Church to be able to keep the Church open for people who want to pray during the day.

My vision is that St. Edward's will continue to grow as a place of communion in south Bowie where people can encounter Jesus in beautiful worship and support each other in love. Thank you so much for your continual generous support of our St. Edward the Confessor parish.

God bless,

Fr. Scott

NEW-FIRST FRIDAY-HOLY HOUR

Please join us the for the next First Friday Holy Hour on December 7th.

Come spend some time with Jesus. Please join us in a Holy Hour of Adoration on the First Friday of every month from 9:30am-10:30am.

Sit in silence, pray the rosary, read and meditate on some spiritual writings or lives of the Saints or journal.



PARISH SUPPORT:

Last week's Offertory: \$7,791.00. Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00. The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were: \$9,070.00, \$10,550.00, \$12,699.00.

CHRISTMAS MARKET IS HERE......

Special Christmas Market Craft Fair for Parishioners Only. After all of the November 3rd and 4th Masses.



Please come out to support this Christmas Market for all proceeds will be going to renovate the kitchen!!!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY



Once again, we will be providing Thanksgiving baskets to those in need. We ask the six area Elementary Schools to let us know of 5 or 6 families in their schools who may appreciate Thanksgiving meals. Please donate from the list

below. You may bring items and place them in the baskets at the entrances from now until Nov.17-18th. You may also place envelopes marked "Turkey \$\$\$\$" in the Collection Baskets at Mass. Help would be appreciated to assemble the baskets on Sun., Nov. 18th, at 12:30 pm. Please notify Rosemary at rovin14@verizon.net if you can help deliver on Nov. 19^{tth}, at 9 am.

STUFFING, CRANBERRY SAUCE, GRAVY, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, PIE MIX, PIE CRUST MIX, BOXED OR CANNED WHITE POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES AND CORN MUFFIN MIX. NO FRESH PRODUCE.

NEEDED: USHERS FOR ALL MASSES

Please contact the office 301-249-9199 or office@stedwardbowie.com. We will put you in contact with the Head Usher of the Mass that you wish to serve. Confirmation age and up are eligible. Service hours can be used for this ministry.

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