

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

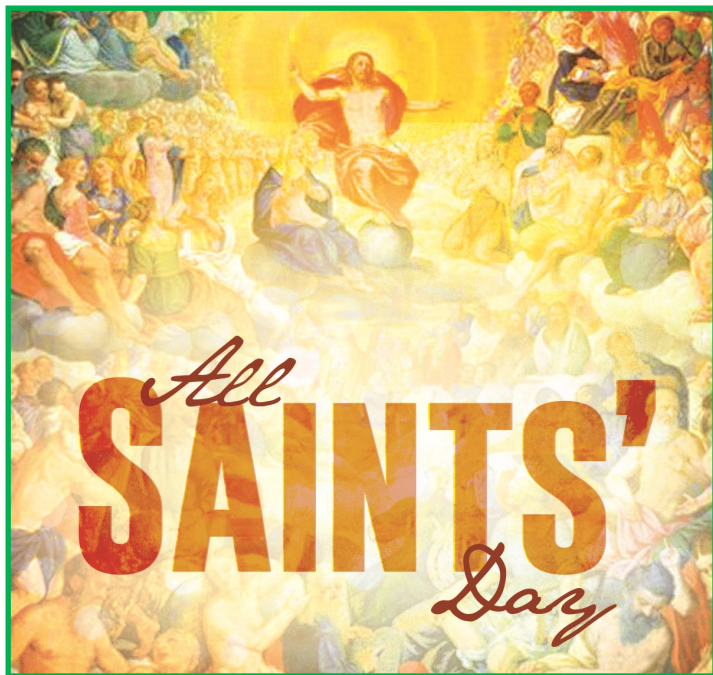
*We are a family of faith-filled disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living
the Gospel through worship and service*

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:

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pastor@stedwardbowie.com

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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)

LITURGY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30 pm	Msgr. Maurice O'Connell+
Sun	7:30 am	Victor Ulbright+
	9:30 am	Antoinette Patterson
	11:30 am	John R. Dennin, Sr.+
Mon	8:45am	Dr. James Swearengen+
Tues	7:30 pm	Primativa Malasig Agcaoili+
Wed	8:45 am	Gerald Rathjen+
Thu	7:30 pm	Tim Curran+
Fri	8:45 am	Gabriela Fabres+
	4:30pm	Karin McCabe+
	7:30pm	Dorothy Heckman
Sat	8:45am	Deceased Parishioners of this year
	5:30 pm	All Souls

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, Grace Vicino, Theresa Surette.

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, Phylis McNamara, 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, Mary DePaul, Vicky & Al Ose, Margie Price, Marcus Allen, Manny Jones, Viviana Brandes, Eric Seith, Kim Lewis, Jillian Fletcher, Daniella Mayers, Toni Boudreau, Nadia Bonachea, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson.

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.



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.23 -24. You may also place envelopes marked "Turkey \$\$\$\$\$" in the Collection Baskets at Mass.

Help would be appreciated to assemble the baskets on Sunday, November 24th, at 12:30 pm. Please notify Rosemary at rovin14@verizon.net if you can help deliver on Monday, November 25th, at 9 am.

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

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

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.



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

MASS SCHEDULE:

October 31st (Vigil Mass)

7:30pm

November 1st

8:45am, 4:30pm and 7:30pm



THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

MASS SCHEDULE:

November 2nd

8:45am

FAITH FORMATION



From the Desk of Our Pastor, Rev. Scott Holmer

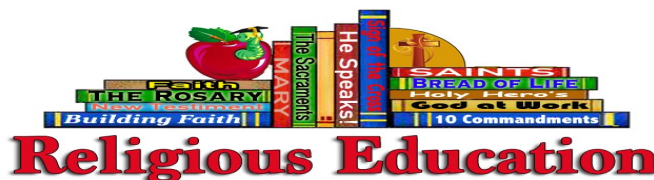
Jesus addresses His parable in the Gospel today to those who are convinced of their own righteousness and despise everyone else. It is strange how

these two things go together. When we are convinced we are perfect, we blame everyone else around us for what is wrong with the world.

I was raised during a time that cultivated a conviction of righteousness under the guise of building up self-esteem. If we got a bad grade in class, it wasn't our fault, it was the teacher's fault for not making the class more interesting or for making the test too hard. If we didn't get enough time on the field in sports, it wasn't our fault for being out of shape, it was because the coach wasn't being fair. If we got dumped, it wasn't our fault, it was that there just aren't that many good men or women out there anymore. When we are convinced of our own righteousness, we are convinced we have no faults. We then despise how all the sins in the world are caused by the rest of humanity.

The way to break out of this trap of pride is to pray to see things from God's perspective. God reveals reality to us. He reveals that we have some gifts and some faults. The devil wants us to be unrealistic and say we have no gifts to make us despair or say we have no faults to convince us of our own righteousness. However, if we are truly humble, we will see the truth - that we are sinners who have the potential to be saints.

God bless,
Fr. Scott



The new High School Confirmation class has begun. It's not too late to join.

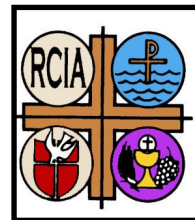
CATECHIST(S) needed for this class; it will meet 2 times per month on a Sunday morning following the 9:30am Mass (at 10:30am). We are looking for people who would like to work with High School students on a team that can serve on a rotating basis if there are enough volunteers.

Please contact Maureen Curtis at: religioused@stedwardbowie.com or 301 249-9199 to register your children for classes or for more information or to volunteer to teach the High School Confirmation class.

All are invited to our annual Confirmation Saint Fair. The Confirmation candidates will have their saints on display in the church on Tuesday, October 29th, and Wednesday, October 30th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Please support our candidates by stopping in and learning about the various saints!

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):

Adults seeking information regarding joining the Catholic Church AND Catholics in need of 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation AND Catholics who desire to learn more about their faith are invited to attend R.C.I.A. Classes have begun but if interested, please contact the office.



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group meeting will take place on November 9th at 8:30am in the hall. All men aged 18 and over are invited to attend.



YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!

All those in the 9th thru 12th grades are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, November 3rd, at 6:30pm. Join a fun and spirit filled group! Make new friends! Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Karen Italiano – youth@stedwardbowie.com

Topic: My Favorite Saints
Everyone is invited to share stories of their favorite saints. Bring your favorite dessert!



EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

Sunday, October 27

CCD-PreK and K	9:30am-hall
Children's Liturgy	during 9:30am Mass
RCIA	10:45am-office

Tuesday, October 29

Youth Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm-church
Confirmation Levels 1-3	6:30pm-classrooms
Saint Fair	6:30pm-7:30pm-church

Wednesday, October 30

Children's Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm-church
RCIC	5:30pm-classrooms
CCD-K through Level 5	6:30pm-classrooms
Saint Fair	6:30pm-7:30pm-church
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm-church

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for additional servers. If you have a child in the 4th grade or up who has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and are parishioners, please contact Mike Pickett at mwpickett@gmail.com to let him know of their interest. A training session will be scheduled in the near future.



Thursday, October 31

All Saints Vigil Mass	7:30pm
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Friday, November 1

OFFICE CLOSED
All Saints Mass Schedule: 8:45am, 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Saturday, November 2

All Souls Mass	8:45am
Young Adults	6:30-Fr. Scott's

CHRISTMAS MARKET IS COMING.....

Mark your calendars for November 16th (9-4pm-Public) & 17th (after all Masses for parishioners only!)

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

Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses every weekend in the East Wing & at the Christmas Market as well!!

We are in need of **BAKED GOODS.....**
AND SANTA'S SECONDS.

If you have gently used items that you no longer want, please consider donating them to Santa's Seconds. Please no clothing, books or electronics. We will be accepting items starting on Monday, October 28th, at the office.

Proceeds from the Christmas Market will be raising money for our new kitchen and supporting our church needs.



ST. EDWARD'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next Young Adult Group of St. Edward's will be held on November 2nd. 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.

NEED HELP?

CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

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

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!

PARISH SUPPORT

Last week's Offertory: \$8,258.00.
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:
\$8,782.00, \$13,576.00, \$8,167.00.

NEWS AND EVENTS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION 2019

The second collection for November 2 and 3, 2019 is for the Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. Archdiocese of Washington priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community to continue Christ's mission for decades. Let's join together to help to provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. Please use the envelopes that have been mailed to your homes from the Archdiocese and/or the special collection envelopes that will be placed in the pews for the weekend of November 2 and 3. You can support the Retired Priests Collection online at www.adw.org/rpc. You can also give through your smart phone by texting "Priest" to (301) 231-1816. A text with a link to a secure form will be sent back to you to complete your generous gift for this important collection.



RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION 2019

adw.org/rpc • #LivesofService

Saturday, November 2 – Sunday, November 10, 2019

Theme: Mercy, Forgiveness and Healing

Join us for the **Opening
International Day of Prayer**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • NOON MASS

**FREE
EVENT**

CELEBRANT and GUEST SPEAKERS for International Day of Prayer



Msgr. Charles
Pope



Abby
Johnson



Fr. Ubald
Rugirangoga



Fr. Chris
Alar, M.I.C.



Kristan
Hawkins



Ted Flynn -
Emcee

The 27th International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition, in collaboration with the Marian Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life and others are asking for individuals, families, prayer groups and parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from **November 2-10, 2019**. **The Opening International Day of Prayer** will be held on **Saturday November 2nd**, from **8:30am to 4:30pm** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.** The day will include speakers, music, a

Procession of the Nations, all-day Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at noon, and the four mysteries of the Rosary recited by representatives of African, Asian, North and South American, and European nations in their native languages.

Confirmed speakers for this year's Opening International Day of Prayer are:

Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood director whose story inspired the new movie and best-selling DVD *Unplanned*.

Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, Rwandan healing priest, genocide survivor and author of the new book *Forgiveness Makes You Free*.

Fr. Chris Alar, M.I.C., Director of the Association of Marian Helpers and author of the new book, *After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and You*.

Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America.

Monsignor Charles Pope, Pastor of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish in Washington, D.C. He is a popular blogger, speaker and author.