

# *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**

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## **PASTORAL STAFF:**

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## **MINISTRY STAFF:**

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## **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](http://TheSundayMass.org).**

**HOLY HOUR: First Friday—9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.**

**During Advent -Saturdays-4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(CONFESSION):**

**Saturday: 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. & by appointment**

**During Advent-Wednesdays –7:00 P.M-8:00 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.**

**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.**

## **PARISH WEB SITE:**

**[www.stedwardbowie.com](http://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**

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this bulletin article. Sadly, at the end of academic year, we will be losing three spectacular employees here at St.

Edward's: Tim Curtis, our facilities maintenance supervisor, Maureen Curtis, our Director of Religious Education, and Megan Weeks, our Director of Music. In so many ways, these three people are the heart and soul of this parish and it breaks my heart to see them go.

Tim has been my right hand man when it has come to helping me with the numerous legal and facility issues here at St. Edward's. His positive attitude and his proactive spirit to keep the parish ship shape will be sorely missed.

Megan, our enthusiastic, dynamic, and multi-talented music director, has saturated the timbers of St. Edward's with her melodic voice for years. She is a natural leader. Her magnum opus, her growth and leadership of the adult choir has been nothing short of outstanding.

Maureen, by her devotion, work ethic, and self-sacrificing service has been the beating heart of this parish. I, and many others, cannot imagine St. Edward's without her. She was so much more than just a Director of Religious Education. She has made St. Edward's a loving and welcoming home for parishioners.

I wish I had more space to sing all the praises of these three but there is only so much room in a bulletin article. Some of you have asked, "Fr. Scott, you do not seem your usual self?" Now you know the reason why. I will miss Tim, Maureen and Megan so very much. Please keep them in your prayers and remember to thank them for all their hard work as they begin another chapter in their lives.

God bless,  
Fr. Scott

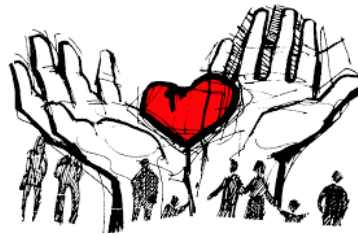
**YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!**

All those in the 9th thru 12th grades are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, December 15th, at 6:00pm-8:30pm at Fr. Scott's for our Christmas Party. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Karen Italiano –



**LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST**

LCSC next session will be held on Friday, December 20th, at 7:00pm. All parishioners are encouraged and most welcome to attend.



**Our topic of the  
month will be:  
*Loving Your  
Neighbor***

**ST. EDWARD'S IS HIRING!!!**

**PART- TIME MUSIC DIRECTOR  
NEEDED**

As many of you have heard the sad news, our exceptional music director Megan Weeks will be stepping down at the end of the academic year. If you are interested in being the new Part-Time Music Director here at St. Edward's, please contact Fr. Scott Holmer at [pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com) or (301) 249-9199 for more details.



## LITURGY AND PRAYERS

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30pm	Virginia & Tony Grandovic (liv.)
Sun	7:30am	Deacon Tom Elliott+
	9:30am	Irene Ngonini & Qhawe Mlisa+
	11:30am	Kate & Grayton Fomunyam (liv.)
Mon	8:45am	Judy Daniels+
Tues	7:30am	Scott Rhiengrover (liv.)
Wed	8:45am	Nancy McNulty+
Thu	7:30pm	Joseph Ralph Lewis+
Fri	8:45am	Jerry R. Syfert+
Sat	5:30pm	Gabriel Mbelede+

### 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.

### 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 Scaldaferri, 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, Daniella Mayers, Toni Boudreau, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson, Neil Collins.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

**Shawn Flaherty**

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

### 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.



### BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be held on December 15th in classroom 6 after the 11:30am Mass. You must be registered members of the parish prior to the Baptism of your child.

### CHRISTMAS EVE LIVING GOSPEL

We will once again present a Living Gospel during the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Children in Kindergarten through Fifth grade are invited to participate. There are not any speaking parts. Children can sing in the choir and participate in the Living Gospel.

Costumes are provided but we can always use donations of costumes for shepherds and angels.

If your child would like to participate sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084facae2fa31-christmas1>

There will be a rehearsal held on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the church.

We are also requesting parent help needed in coordinating the rehearsal and during the Mass.



### BLESS ME FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED.....



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available Wednesdays in Advent from 7:00-8:00pm, in addition to the regular time on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00pm. Don't let ANYTHING separate you from the love of Jesus.

## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

### Sunday, December 15

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

### Tuesday, December 17

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

### Wednesday, December 18

Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm-church  
RCIC 5:30pm-classrooms  
CCD-K through Level 5 6:30pm-classrooms  
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-church  
Advent Confessions 7:00-8pm-church

### Friday, December 20

Live Christ Share Christ 7:00pm-hall

### Saturday, December 21

Advent Holy Hour 4:00pm-church

## ST. EDWARD'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

### THANKS FOR THANKSGIVING!

Many thanks to all who donated to our Thanksgiving Baskets this year. Your generosity of giving canned goods and turkey \$\$\$\$\$ is much appreciated. Thank you to our delivers: Liz Burger, Beth Eloshway, Chris Garner, Kathy Guitierrez, Bob Martin and George Vincent.



**Thank You Messages For  
Thanksgiving Dinner**

## PARISH SUPPORT

**Last week's Offertory: \$12,081.00.  
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.**

**The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:  
\$14,706.00, \$8,416.00, \$7,541.00.**

## 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!

### HOW TO REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER???

1. Call or email the office
2. Register online
3. Pick up a registration form in  
the church



### ANY UPDATES??



Have you recently changed your  
phone number or email address?  
Remember to contact the Parish Of-  
fice with any changes in your mail-  
ing address, email address or phone number. We  
appreciate your help in keeping our records ac-  
curate. Contact us at:  
[office@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:office@stedwardbowie.com) or 301-249-9199.

## NEED HELP?

### CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

*1-800-712-HELP or visit our website:  
[pregnancycenters.org](http://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.

# **CHRISTMAS THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

## **Christmas Eve, December 24th**

*Vigil Nativity of Our Lord*

**Mass**

4:00 PM Children's Choir-Youth Ensemble

6:30 PM Conmigos Choir

10:00 PM Adult Choir

*30 minute prelude prior to each Mass*

## **Christmas Day, December 25th**

*Nativity of Our Lord*

**Mass**

7:30 AM Cantor/Music

10:00 AM Cantor/Music

## **New Year's Eve , December 31st**

*Vigil Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Mother of God*

**Mass**

5:30 PM

## **New Year's Day, January 1st**

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Mother of God*

**Mass**

10:00 AM

