

# *St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church*

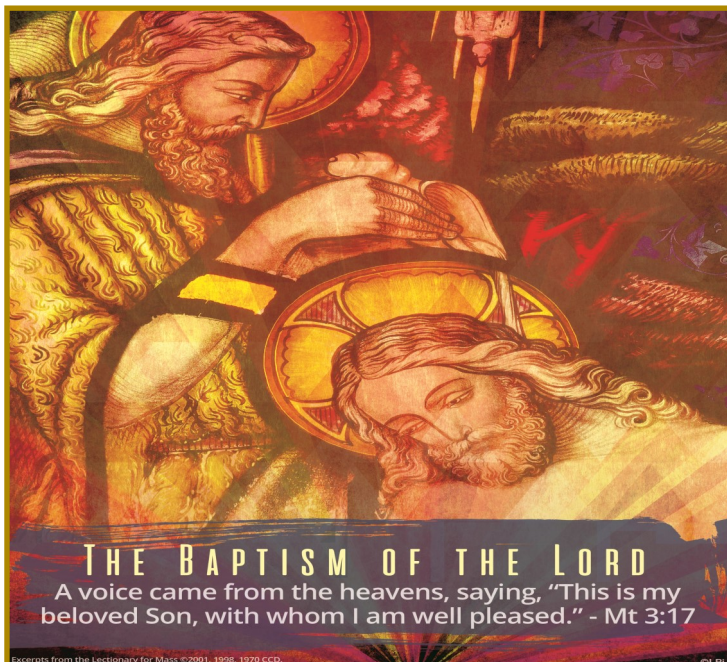
*We are a family of faith-filled disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, living the Gospel through worship and service*

**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](mailto: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:**

**Rev. Scott S. Holmer, Pastor**

**[pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com)**

**Deacon David J. Barnes, Permanent Deacon**

**[deacon@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:deacon@stedwardbowie.com)**

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## **OFFICE STAFF:**

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## **MINISTRY STAFF:**

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**[youth@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:youth@stedwardbowie.com)**

**Megan Weeks, Music Director**

**[music@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:music@stedwardbowie.com)**

## **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 wonderful that we begin Ordinary Time with the last two lines of the Gospel this

Sunday being: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

We have heard it so many times - God loves us. We have heard it countless times from our religion education classes that we took as children. We take it for granted. We know it in our minds but have we experienced it in our hearts?

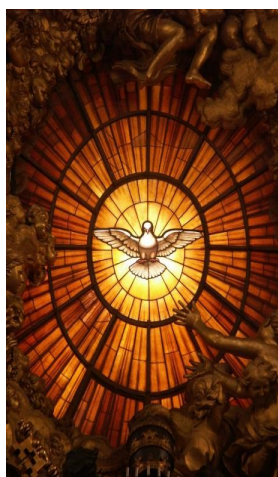
The mystical life, the experience of God's love, is not just something for the "super-spiritual" to experience. Every Christian is invited to experience the Love of God. Jesus says that if we want to experience the love of God, or as He puts it, if we want to receive the Holy Spirit, all we have to do is ask for it. Then comes the tough part - we have to wait to receive it. This requires that we look at prayer as more than just a one-way street where we ask God for stuff and then get back to our daily routine. It requires that we ask God for the Holy Spirit and then wait to receive it in faith. This is exceedingly difficult to do in our modern age because it requires that we do things our work obsessed culture distains. Encountering God's love requires that we be passive, unproductive and patient. It requires us to be still. This is why monks and nuns cherish silence - because it is in that silence that our turbulent lives and minds start to calm, and our souls can be surprised by God's love in the depths of our hearts.

God bless,  
Fr. Scott

**LIVE CHRIST SHARE  
CHRIST**

LCSC next session will be held on Saturday, January 18th, at 10:00am. All parishioners are encouraged and most welcome to attend.

**Our topic of the month  
will be:**  
***Consecrated to God***



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

All those in the 9th thru 12th grades are invited to Youth Group on Sunday, January 19th, at 6:30pm-8:30pm in the hall.

Our topic will be : **"Life is Choices"**

Hot Dogs/Mac & Cheese Night!!!

Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Karen Italiano – [youth@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:youth@stedwardbowie.com)



**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. Registration forms in the church



**ANY UPDATES??**



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

## **LITURGY AND PRAYERS**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat	5:30pm	Bob Reynolds+
Sun	7:30am	Billy Painter+
	9:30am	Michele LeRo+
	11:30am	Divine Fomunyan & family
Mon	8:45am	Pat Dolan+
Tues	7:30pm	Wilma Brown+
Wed	8:45am	Billy Painter+
Thu	7:30pm	NO MASS
Fri	8:45am	Mark Garner+
Sat	5:30pm	Matthew Kalo+

### **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, Joe Welch, Russ Ideo, Bruno Seppi.

### **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, Jennifer Solomon, Andrew Yeshnik, Herb Cox, Faye Clark, Bobby Citrano, Fran Hendricks, McLeod Farr, Cristina Leacock, Sharon Stevenson, Neil Collins, Patrick Roucier, Gary Ludka.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:**

**Patricia Holson, sister of Fr. Paul Hill**

**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 the homebound.

Call the Parish Office at (301) 249-9199 to arrange this service.

### **VISITING PRIEST FROM UNBOUND**

### **CELEBRATING ALL MASSES JANUARY 18TH & 19TH**



Ordained at St Peter's Basilica in Rome for the Diocese of Albany, New York, Father David Noone has served in parishes and as a hospital chaplain in Albany, London, England, and Dunedin, New Zealand. He also served in the office of student affairs at the University of Notre

Dame. Currently he assists at parishes and on a local army base in Fayetteville, North Carolina. When Father Noone is not conducting parish missions and days of recollection, he's involved with an outreach in Haiti, which paved the way for Father Noone preaching for Unbound. . Father Noone believes we all have the same ministry: to realize we are God's instruments, through which He accesses others' lives, and enters ours through theirs.

**The poor and marginalized, whom Unbound has recognized as having potential, may not be developed without help. My job is to help connect both groups in need; one needing to give and the other needing to help realize their potential. I never expected to find such a meaningful ministry. — Father Noone**

### **BAPTISM CLASS**

**The next Baptism class** will be held on January 19th in classroom 6 after the 11:30am Mass. You must be registered members of the parish prior to the Baptism of your child.



### **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.



## EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT ST. EDWARD'S

### Saturday, January 11

Mass & Sandwich Sunday 5:30pm-church then hall

### Sunday, January 12

CCD-PreK and K 9:30am-hall  
Children's Liturgy during 9:30am Mass  
HS Confirmation 10:30am-hall

### Tuesday, January 14

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

### Wednesday, January 15

Children's Choir 5:30pm-church  
RCIC 5:30pm-classrooms  
CCD (K-5) 6:30pm-classrooms  
Adult Choir 7:30pm-church

### Thursday, January 16

**NO 7:30PM MASS**

### Saturday, January 18

Live Christ Share Christ 10:00am-hall

## PARISH SUPPORT

Last week's Offertory: \$15,218.00.  
Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.  
The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:  
\$8,401.00, \$7,309.00, \$7,451.00.

## NEED HELP?

### CRISIS PREGNANCY-WE CAN HELP

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

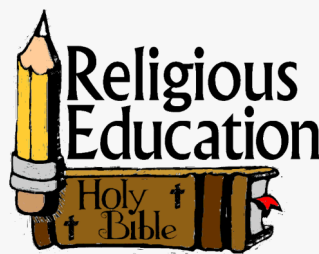
### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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.

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

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDED



St. Edward's is looking for a Director of Religious Education who is a prayerful practicing Catholic, in good standing, and committed to passing on the teachings of the Catholic faith. Please submit via email a letter of interest and resume to [pastor@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:pastor@stedwardbowie.com) if you are interested. If you have further questions, please call the office at (301) 249-9199.

## SPX REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

### SPX REGIONAL SCHOOL-OPEN HOUSE

St. Pius X Regional School Open House—Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm Saint Pius X Regional School, a National Blue-Ribbon School, will host an Open House on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 3:00

pm. Families are invited to tour the campus, and meet faculty, administration, students and parents. Prospective families will also learn more about the exceptional academic curriculum and new Early Learning Program which will be opening in 2020. Please visit [stpiusbowie.org](http://stpiusbowie.org) for more information about our school.



# MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH EXTRODINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR MASS AND THE HOME-BOUND



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) performs a great service in distributing Holy Communion

to God's people. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Church in this capacity, and of course, requires a love and reverence for the Eucharist.

EMHC assist with distribution of the Eucharist and cleaning vessels after Mass. Come 15 early minutes and report in for gathered prayer in east lobby by sacristy. Stay on 10 minutes after Mass for cleaning and set-up of next Mass.

Training is provided. For more information, please see the website or send an email to: [kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net](mailto:kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net)

## EXTRAORINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOME-BOUND

In many cases the homebound lay ministers are already serving the church at Mass, and this is an added ministry for them. Yet it is not required of Church EMHC nor if you wish to serve as EMHC to the homebound are you obligated to as serve at Mass as well.

The homebound ministers assist with distribution of the Eucharist to persons in need of it and who request the visit. The clergy do visit the homebound on a rotating basis, so you are helping them. Receive the Eucharist in a pyx container at close of weekend Masses to go to those homebound persons, and drive out to see them. Or, receive the Eucharist during the week (arranged) for a visit to the homebound, providing Communion to them. You may also assist in our weekly Communion Services in the various assisted living homes (Woodward/Brookdale, Larkin Chase and Evergreen/Willows) on Sundays with a rotating schedule of teams – at least 2 per team.

On Thursday morning a team has a Communion Service at Woodward/Brookdale Estates and hopefully soon back at Larkin Chase.

***Larkin Chase- we are currently in need of three groups of two or three who are willing to go on Thursday mornings about 9:30am and provide a Communion Service to the residents or visit them individually and provide Communion to them. Each group would commit to one week a month. Fr. Scott currently visits the first Thursday of each month.***

For more information, please see the website or send an email to: Trainer of all EMHC-Kathy Brady at [kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net](mailto:kathy.brady.pt@verizon.net)

To request Communion to a homebound parishioner and/or to be put on the rotation schedules and/or to be put on the list of EMHC to the home-bound (after training) contact: Coordinator Mary Gurlacz at [mgurlacz@gmail.com](mailto:mgurlacz@gmail.com)

## ALTAR SERVERS

Being an altar server is a sacred privilege and a very special responsibility. Your main responsibility is to assist the priest at the altar. This might entail holding a book, bringing things to and from the altar, washing their hands, etc.



Training is provided. For more information, please see the website or send an email to: Coordinator-Mike Pickett [mwpickett@gmail.com](mailto:mwpickett@gmail.com)

***Parents, thank you for encouraging your children to consider this important ministry and thank you ahead of time for making sure your children fulfill their commitment at the altar. You are the primary educators of your children and any help you can provide them to assist them to grow in this ministry is essential. Thank you!!!***

