

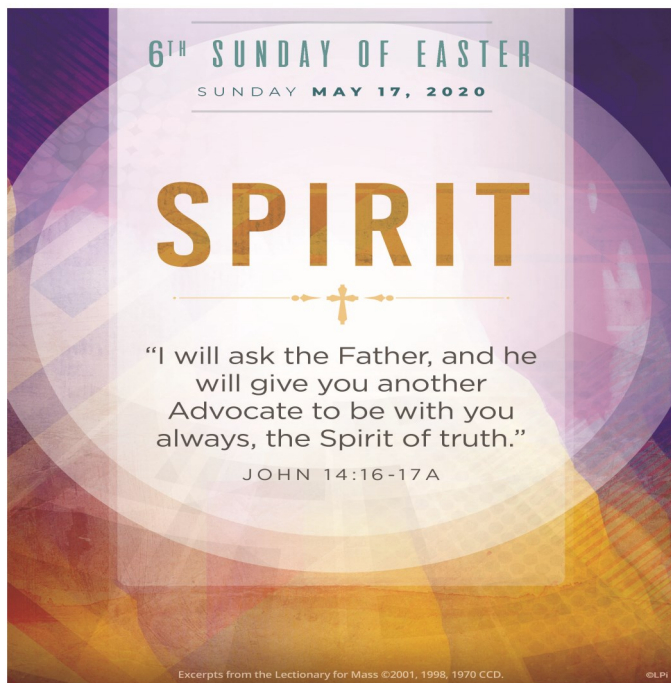
St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

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

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TV AND/OR STREAMING MASSES:

TheSundayMass.org. & www.adw.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION): 'DRIVE THRU'

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. –cancelled if raining

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.

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.stedwardbowie.com

ONLINE GIVING:

Found on website's home page-press the "Online Giving" button

PARISH NEWSLETTER:

Emailed Tuesdays and Fridays

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS:

FLOCKNOTES TEXT/EMAIL:

Text: 84576/Keyword: Confessor OR stedwardbowie.flocknote.com

STAYING CONNECTED



From the desk of the parish secretary:

Anne Brennan

My Fellow Edwardians,
As we continue to go through this Coronavirus, we had hoped to create a sense of being connected as a parish throughout these uncertain days and our only way to communicate with the majority of the parish is through our website and our newsletter, “The Edwardian” using our cell phone and email system called Flocknote.

One of our projects as a staff was to personally call all of our parishioners. To our surprise, we found that one quarter of those we had reached out to have had their phones disconnected. Maybe, like so many of us, cancelled the land lines and are just currently using their cell phones (one-third of calls we had called did not answer and

their mailbox was full) or maybe had moved. Of course, unless the parish office is notified of this type of information (leaving the parish, moving, adding a cell phone or email as additional or only means of communication), we really cannot connect and keep you informed as to what is happening here at St. Edward’s. I urge all of you who are receiving this bulletin in the mail to contact the office (301-249-9199 ext. 1) as soon as possible so that we may update our records in order to keep you informed.

At some point, we will be able to open the doors and begin to celebrate Mass as a parish again but until we are given a date and instructions, we will not know what Mass will “look like”. Are we going to have the limit the amount of people who are attending? Will we have to remain at 6-foot distance? Are masks going to be required to be worn? Will Holy Communion be able to be distributed? Like yourselves, we do not have the answers yet.

As mentioned above, we are keeping everyone informed via the website and the newsletter so if you do not have a computer and/or a smart phone, we have no way of notifying you of what is happening at the parish in a timely fashion other than mailing you the weekly bulletin. The last thing that anyone wants to happen is to have parishioners turned away from attending Mass because they were not informed as to the restrictions that may be placed on us.

I, again, urge you to contact me via phone 301-249-9199 ext. 1 or email me at office@stedwardbowie.com with updated information. If you do not have a computer/email but live with someone who does, ask them to give us their information (name, cell and email) and we can connect that way.

Be assured of our prayers for you and until we can meet again, I remain your friendly neighborhood parish secretary.

God bless you all,
Anne

LITURGY AND PRAYERS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Sat | Richard Thieman+ |
| Sun | Tommaso & Maria Farone |
| Mon | Rev. Patrick W. Kemp+ |
| Tue | Rev. Charles Green+ |
| Wed | Joseph Ideo+ |
| Thu | Maria Isabel Pelaez+ |
| Fri | Michael Ballentine+ |
| Sat | Rev. Charles Green+ |

Please be assured that these Masses are being offered up for your friends and loved one. Although we cannot publicly celebrate the Mass, Fr. Scott continues to celebrate the Holy Mass privately.

When we are able to celebrate together, please feel free to reschedule an "Announced Mass" that took place between March 14th and the re-opening of the church.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Pat Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Michael & Barbara Fitzurka, Lourdes Flaim, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Connie Poppe, Bob & Theresa Surette, Martha Seppi, Steve Duhig, Carolyn Eaglin.

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, 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, Susan Weigel, Mary Lopardo, Savannah Skow, Steven Franklin.

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

**Philip Falgiani, Minnie Holley's brother
John Bente**

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

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You.*

Amen.

WATCH THE HOLY MASS, ROSARY AND OTHER DEVOTIONS



[https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states
Mother of God -](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live/united-states/Mother%20of%20God)

<https://www.saintmarymotherofgod.org/>

<https://standrewapostle.org/#>

[https://www.facebook.com/
holyfamilycatholicparish/](https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilycatholicparish/)

Please contact www.adw.org for more options.

PARISH SUPPORT

VARIOUS WAYS TO FINANCIALLY HELP ST. EDWARD'S.

Thank you all so very much for supporting the parish by so many various means. It is so heart warming to see our parish family all pitching in to make sure that we can carry on this difficult time Please prayer for us and be assured of our prayers for you.

I would like to go over the various means that you can choose to give:

1. Drop off your offering at the office. 16304 Pond Meadow Lane, Bowie, MD 20716. The first door you come to has a mail slot. Just put it through the slot. Due to the Governor's order, I am not allowed to open the door and invite you in. I'm so sorry about that, you really don't realize how much you miss people until you are not allowed to see them....and with no notice to boot!
2. Mail in your offering to the above address.
3. Direct bill pay from the back. You can, in most cases, set up a payment for weekly bi-weekly, bi-monthly or monthly all without leaving your home. This is usually a free service most banks provide. You just need the parish name, street address and envelope number.
4. Finally, our new on-giving service. On the website home page, scroll down and click on the "Online Giving" button and it will take you straight to the site. One little hint, there is a drop box so that you can decide where you would like your offering applied. Please use the drop down box and select an option.

We can't thank you enough for your financial support especially in a time where so many have been furloughed or have lost their jobs all together.

Online Giving



"DRIVE THRU" CONFESSIONS

DRIVE THRU CONFESSIONS HALTED FOR THE TIME BEING.

The "Drive-Thru" Confessions are held on Saturdays from 4-5pm or until the last car leaves.

Guidelines:

In order to protect the priest and all who come for confession,

TURN OFF YOUR CAR

Your car must be turned off not only in front of the priest for confession but as you wait your turn to go.

Only one person per car until further notice.

Roll your window down just crack as to be able to hear and be heard.

Thank you for your cooperation.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Let's all get to know each other better as we pray for one another and look out for one another.

Meet Steve Duhig:

Hello, my name is Steve Duhig and I shortly after I was born, I was Baptized a Catholic, in the parish of St. Edward the Confessor in Essex, England, Steven went to the neighboring St. Edward the Confessor Primary (Elementary School), run by the Sisters of Mercy.

After unexpectedly passing examinations at age 11, I then attended classical secondary education at Campion Catholic Grammar School, where I gained ordinary certificates for seven subjects and advanced college entrance certificates for Economics and Geography, but he never went on to college.

In 1975, having moved with my mother into a truly rural situation, and instead of staying unemployed, I began a 23-year long career with the British Government. I accumulated diverse and rare experience over those years because I spent time in almost every specialist area in one of the biggest welfare schemes in the world. I finished my career, after a spell in Head Office with an office overlooking St. Paul's Cathedral, as a decision maker for the East of England equivalent of Workman's Compensation.

My birthplace is part of London today, but I have lived in many different kinds of homes from tower concrete apartments, to a 15th century thatched cottage. I settled down in an apartment overlooking the north bank of the River Thames estuary for 18 years. I immediately became an active member of my local Parish, Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Helen in Westcliff-on-Sea.

I met my wonderful wife-to-be in a very early internet Catholic Online discussion group on CompuServe. We were the first of two couples from those early discussion group days to get married.

In 1998, I immigrated to USA and was welcomed by many in the Parish with a big party at David and Sandy Barnes' home. I had just completed training as a Lector in the UK and took up lecturing at St. Edwards, with much encouragement from Deacon Kevin Barry, our Parish Priest, Father Kehoe and the congregation.

(part 2 continues on Friday)

