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Church: 1940 Mitchellville Road, Bowie, Md. 20716

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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Scott S. Holmer, Pastor
Deacon David J. Barnes, Permanent Deacon
Angela Cipolla, Pastoral Assistant

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Margaret Creveling, Bookkeeper
Phuong Tran, Maintenance

MINISTRY STAFF:

Maureen Curtis, Religious Education Director
Megan Weeks, Music Director

PARISH TIMELY E-NOTES:

If we don't have yet your current email address or if you are not yet registered here, please call the parish

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.stedwardbowie.org

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 5:30 P.M.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M.

Check inside schedule for extra Sunday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 A.M.*

Tuesday - 7:30 P.M.*

* Check inside bulletin to verify or call 301-249-9199

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

INFANTS' SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Class required for first time—The next **baptism class** will be on **August 20, 2017, 12:30 -1:30pm**. All others—call the rectory office 301-249-9199 to start the process for your child's baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

New couples—contact pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired date. Couples in civil marriages—contact pastor for assistance for a validation.

DEATH AND DYING:

Call Fr. Holmer 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.

Food for Bowie Pantry: Collected in bins at doors every first Sunday of the month.

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BOWIE, MD 20716

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat	5:30pm	Clement Braszo
	7:30am	Elizabeth 'Betty' Clarke
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Joy Denise Sisson
Mon	8:45am	+ Mary Dolan
Tue	7:30 pm	+ Rosemary Haft
Wed	8:45am	+ Guillermo Alessandri Sr.
Fri	8:45am	Rachel Clark Shornak
Sat	5:30pm	+ Louis Dover
Sun	7:30am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	+ Mr. Loos
	11:30pm	+ Phillip Pacquin Sr.

ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Wed	Aug 23	Fun day mtg. 7pm (Rectory)
Thu	Aug 24	Christmas Craft Workshop 7pm
Sat	Aug 26	Confession 4-5pm

ATTN: Altar Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Team C is scheduled to serve next weekend, Aug 19/20. Schedules are posted in the working sacristy and on our website. If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please make arrangements for a sub.

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PRAY FOR THESE PARISHIONERS: Marcus Allen, George Bibbins, Gerry Blake, James Brandes, Theresa Brice, Gloria Cierlitsky, Carolyn Eaglin, Barbara Fitzurka, Lourdes Flaim, Joan Heldt, Maude Jennings, Eric Meadows, Bernadette New, Rino Ocampo, Janet Nti, Johanna Palmer, Bob Reynolds, Martha Seppi, Teresa Surette, Grace Vicino, Rosemary Walsh, Fran Blasko.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nicholas Barrett, David Brandes, Edward Brandes, David Canterbury, Corinne Cook, Duncan Fraser, Teresa Fraser, Barry Hobart, Dolores McCarthy, Madeline Mitchell, Mary Nelson, Kathleen Jopson, Rocky Seppi, Elizabeth Startzel, Phyllis Wilson, Maria Xiques, Chanda Poppe, Madeline Mitchell, Jules Frazer, Louise Hooven.

Prayers for our Sick or 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. You can have Masses prayed for a request.

Communion under both kinds is usually offered on weekend Masses; if we have the lay ministers to offer it.

Communion in the Pew At Mass, if you need a minister/priest to come to you in the pew, then let an usher know so to tell them to do so for you.

GLUTEN-FREE HOLY COMMUNION The presider at Sunday Mass has a pyx with gluten-free Eucharist for communicants in his line. (If you are new to requesting such a host, or the priest is a guest, then let him know to be ready for you.)

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS AND HOMEBOUND MASSES

Fr. Holmer and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Call the Rectory Office at (301) 249-9199 to arrange this service. We also have monthly Mass at Pin Oak, Larkin Chase, and Emeritus at Woodward residences.

MEDIA: MASS FOR SHUT-INS TV Channel CW50 Sundays at 10:30 AM

Radio Channel: WCBM-680 on Sundays at 9am and 6pm Passionist Mass via internet—TheSundayMass.org

Catholic Radio – Sirius XM – 129 is the Catholic Channel +130 is EWTN

Catholic TV—EWTN

Parish Website—www.stedwardbowie.org



From the Desk of Rev. Fr. Scott Holmer

The Gospel today features one of the most jarring lines in all of Sacred Scripture. A woman comes up to Jesus repeatedly and asks to have her Son healed from demonic possession. Jesus finally turns to her and says, “It is not right to take the food of the children and give it to the dogs.” Jesus is trying to explain that his mission is primarily to the house of Israel. However, he tries to dismiss this Canaanite woman in a very abrupt and rude way.

I often wondered, “Why on earth did Jesus rebuke this woman in this way? This doesn’t sound like Jesus? Why on earth would St. Matthew include this story in the Gospel that makes Jesus seem so rude?” The reason the disciples remembered this story was not due to Jesus’ callous remark. It was because the woman showed such great humility in her response: “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”

Think of how the story could have ended. The woman could have left Jesus feeling slighted. She could have been at the market the next day complaining with the other Canaanite women about what a jerk Jesus had been to her. She could have left angry and offend.

However, the woman knew that Jesus would be able to help her daughter. She knew because she had great faith. The woman in great humility swallowed her pride and was willing to accept any “scrap” of grace that Jesus was willing to give. Because of her great faith, Jesus did as she wished and He healed her daughter that very hour.

As a priest, I sometimes get the opportunity to speak with those who have stopped going to Mass. They will sometimes tell me that something a priest said, or something the Church teaches, or the behavior of another Catholic, deeply offended or angered them. Sometimes their anger and offense is justified. However, their offense and anger causes them to cease attending Mass in protest.

We live in an age where becoming angry and offended is fashionable. However, if we are going to live in the Church, we also need to forgive those who anger and offend us—even if that person was a priest or religious sister who should have known better. Our Father in heaven forgives us as we forgive those who have sinned against us. The virtue of the Canaanite woman was her humility which gave her the wisdom the necessity of being with Jesus Christ.

God bless,
Fr. Holmer

PARISH SUPPORT:

Last week’s Offertory : \$8,199.46
Our weekly offertory goal is \$9000.00
The previous 4 week Sunday Collections were : \$15,000.51; \$8,745.36; \$10,761.80, 8091.28,

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Preparation for: FUN DAY on October 1st

Calling all parishioners! Bring your enthusiasm and your big ideas to our Parish Fun Day planning meeting on **Wednesday, August 23 at 7pm at the Rectory Office** (the blue house). This upcoming event, scheduled for **October 1st, Sunday**, is the largest social event of our parish. Let’s make it a real **FUNDAY for everyone.**

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

Adults seeking information regarding joining the Catholic Church and Catholics seeking to learn more about their faith are invited to attend R.C.I.A. classes which will begin in the fall. If interested, please call Fr. Holmer at (301) 249-9199.

Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Classes is on-going. Information can be found in the CCD hall and online on our website, www.stedwardbowie.org. You may also register online. Late fees now apply for returning families.

Attention All Middle School Students!

You are invited to a **“Back to School Dance!”** party. Saturday, **August 19th; 7-10 p.m.** Catch up with your friends before school starts at the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door. Ticket price includes ticket vouchers good for 1 soda and 1 entrée (hot dog, slice of pizza, or burger). All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Charity Fund. For advanced tickets, Call George Riddle at telephone # 490-972-5285

Run for Vocations, Sunday, October 22, 2017

Runners and walkers of all experience levels are encouraged to join with priests, seminarians, and lay people from throughout the Archdiocese in this year’s Run for Vocations/Marine Corps 10K race! Run for Vocations began in 1999 as a program to pray and sacrifice for future priests and the Church. RFV participants, either individually or as part of a team, enlist donations from supporters which directly benefit the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Parish Secretary Needed

St. Edward's needs a parish secretary. Responsibilities include: typing, establishing/maintaining electronic databases for mailing lists and reports, managing telephone calls, maintaining the office calendar and the google calendar, maintaining the weekly parish bulletin, handling correspondence and document preparation, scheduling meetings and events, and other office duties.

Graduation from high school is required. Some college, business school and/or formal secretarial training is preferred. Candidates must have the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing as well as have excellent organizational and people skills. Candidates must also be fluent in Microsoft (Word and Publisher.) Knowledge of ParishSoft, our Church management software is a plus. Good working knowledge of Catholic terms and practices is essential.

This job operates in an office setting. The role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets, and fax machines.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Holmer at (301) 249-9199 or e-mail him at scott.holmer@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Music Accompanist Needed

St. Edward's needs a music accompanist who can play the piano and/or the organ. An accompanist is needed to help rehearse with our Youth Choir, Children's Choir, Adult Choir, and Cantors. Candidates also need to be able to play at some Masses on the weekends. **If you are interested, please contact Megan Weeks at (301) 249-9199 or e-mail her at music.stedwards@gmail.com.**

Annual Crab Feast

When: September 2, 2017

Where: Boswell Hall Sacred Heart Council #2577
6111 Columbian Way, Bowie, MD 20715.

Tickets: Adults \$45, Seniors 65+ \$30, Children ages 6-12 \$15, Children under 6 Eat Free.

Advance Ticket Sales and Information:

Rich Oriolo (240) 593-0939, roriolo@live.com

Matt Warehime (301) 352-7082, mwarehime@kofc2577.com

Bill Sapero (410) 703-4231, bsapero@kofc2577.com

Donny Restly, Boswell Hall Manager (301) 262-1041

Food includes: Streamed Crabs, Maryland Crab Soup, Pulled BBQ, Pork Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cobb, French Fries, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Salad Rolls, Ice Cream Bar, Soda, Beer on Tap.

Open to the Public

Annual Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Dinner

Center for Deaf Ministries

Saturday, November 18 10am-4pm

7202 Buchanan St..
Landover Hills, MD

Adults—\$15.00

Children Ages 5-12—\$7.00

Children under 5 Free

This year's Holiday Bazaar will support the Department of Special Needs 2017 Capital Campaign to support essential updates to the kitchen, meeting space, and bathrooms at the center.

Contact Jennifer Coleman:

colemanjm@adw.org for donation items, cash raffle tickets, or more information.

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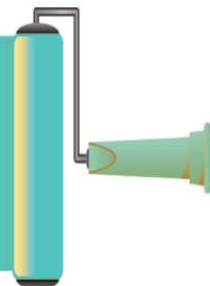


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