

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 Ln., Bowie, Md. 20716

Rectory Office: 301-249-9199

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Religious Ed.: 301-249-9599



PASTORAL STAFF:

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

OFFICE STAFF:

Margaret Creveling, Bookkeeper
Anne Brennan, Parish Secretary
Phuong Tran, Maintenance

MINISTRY STAFF:

Maureen Curtis, Religious Education Director
Megan Weeks, Music Director

PARISH TIMELY E-NOTES:

If we don't yet have 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

INFANTS' SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Class required for first time. 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.	5:30 pm	+ Lillie Dover
Sun.	7:30 am	Jeannette LaValley
	9:30 am	+ Robert B. Folsom
	11:30am	+ Victoria Ofoegbu
Mon.	8:45 am	+ Andrea Guiang
Tue.	7:30 pm	Priest's Intentions
Wed.	8:45 am	Vocations
Fri.	8:45 am	+ Mark Wilson
Sat.	5:30 pm	+ Philip Pacquin, Sr.
Sun.	7:30 am	+ Neil MacFarlan
	9:30 am	Parishioners
	11:30am	+ Bridget Bronder

PRAY FOR THESE PARISHIONERS: Marcus Allen, George Bibbins, Gerry Blake, James Brandes, Theresa Brice, Gloria Cierlitsky, Carolyn Eaglin, Barbara Fitzurka, Lourdes Flain, Joan Heldt, Maude Jennings, Eric Meadows, Bernadette New, Rino Ocampo, Janet Nti, Johanna Palmer, Bob Reynolds, Martha Seppi, Alice Showell, 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, Jules Frazer, Louise Hooven, Mark Wilson

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.

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education classes started on Tuesday, September 12th, Wednesday, September 13th, and Sunday, September 17th. Please register if you have not done so yet. Information is in the CCD hall or on the parish website www.stedwardbowie.org.

Religious Education Needs A Pre-K Teacher

A kindergarten teacher is needed on Tuesday afternoons at 4:15. Please contact Maureen Curtis at 301-249-9599 or mecnyfan@msn.com if you are able to volunteer.

ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sun	Sep 24	12:30 Baptism Class
		9:30 Pre-K at Mass
		10:30 Sacrament Class
Tue..	Sep. 26	4:15pm CCD Level K-5
		6:30pm CCC Confirmation Levels
Wed.	Sep. 27	6:30pm CCD Level K-5
Thu..	Sep 28	7:00 Fun Day Meeting—Office

Altar Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Team A is scheduled to serve next weekend, Sep. 30/Oct 1. Schedules are posted in the working sacristy and on our website. If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please make arrangements to find a sub.

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.

Communion in the Pew At Mass, if you need a minister/priest to come to you in the pew, please tell an usher of your need.

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.

ROSARY CLUB

For girls ages 10 - 16 begins Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM (meet monthly) in the Saint John Paul II Classroom located in the upstairs of the office at Ascension Church in Bowie, MD. We will learn how to make knotted rosaries that will be donated to our military. Come and enjoy the company of other young women while growing in faith. Please contact Kristen Bryant (ascensionbowieyg@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

From the Desk of Rev. Fr. Scott Holmer

I cannot believe it but we are getting close to our biggest event of the year at St. Edwards on October 1st - Fun Day! I hope to see many of you there. I also spoke with Fr. Barry recently and he tells me he will also be there for Fun Day. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with him as well.

You might also have noticed that we have put up our beautiful Our Lady of Fatima Statue behind the Church. Just in time for the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun that happened on October 13, 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. This miracle was performed by our Lady to show the truth to the people that three children, Lucia Santos, Francisco Marto and his sister Jacinta, were indeed seeing our Blessed Mother. She requested that they offer up their sufferings for the salvation of souls, to pray the Rosary every day, and to increase devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On October 13, 1917, according to many witnesses, after a period of rain, the dark clouds broke and the sun appeared as an opaque, spinning disc in the sky. It was said to be significantly duller than normal, and to cast multicolored lights across the landscape, the people, and the surrounding clouds. The sun was then reported to have careened towards the earth before zig-zagging back to its normal position.

The Rosary is a simple yet highly effective prayer. It transforms our world around us with its peace. If we pray it with same childlike devotion as the visionary children at Fatima, perhaps we will have our own miracles here at St. Edwards. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

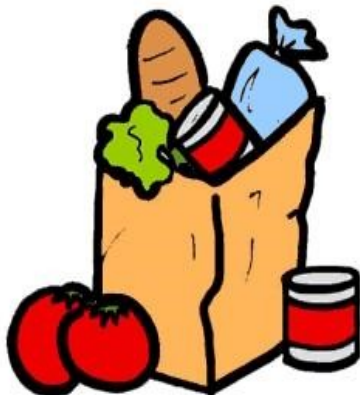
God Bless,
Fr. Scott

USED BOOKS for Fun Day

New addition to Fun Day – A Book Store. Yes, a book store. It's time to clear out book shelves, basements, attics, garages, etc., and bring your new/used books to church in bags and place next to the yellow bins for Fun Day. If you have many, many books, call Sandy at [443.292.8400](tel:443.292.8400) for pick-up."

BOWIE FOOD PANTRY

Next Sunday, October 1st, is the First Sunday of the month and we ask that you bring donations of up-to-date, nonperishable food items for the Bowie Food Pantry and drop them in the bins located at each of the Church entrances. Thanks for your support!



PARISH SUPPORT:

Last week's Offertory : **\$8,132.89**
Our weekly offertory goal is **\$9,000.00.**
The previous 4 week Sunday Collections were:
\$9,196.00, \$17,224.35, \$7,313.30.



Call to Music Ministry

The choirs are starting rehearsals! Join us this week for song, prayer, and fellowship. Go to the church website or email Megan Weeks at music.stedwards@gmail.com to learn more about each choir.

Children's Choir: Wednesdays 5:30-6:30
Youth Choir: Mondays 7:30-8:30
Adult Choir: Wednesdays 7:30-9:30

INVITATION TO THE ST. THERESE STUDY GROUP

St. Thérèse Study Group, **He is My Heaven: A Study of the Life and Writings of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity.**

Our sessions begin next week (see schedule below). Both the morning and evening groups will meet in Whitmarsh Hall, which is in the basement of the Hogan Education Center.

This is a five week study. We will cover the same material on Wednesday morning and Thursday evening each week, so please know that you are welcome to attend whichever session best fits your schedule in any given week.

**Wednesday mornings following the 8:00 Mass
8:45-10:15 a.m.**

**September 20, September 27, October 4,
October 11, October 18**

**Thursday evenings
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**September 21, September 28, October 5,
October 12, October 19**

DONUT DAY (THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH) NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

All that is required for 9:30 mass is refreshing the donuts, coffee, juice, etc., to set up for 11:30mass and clean up is all that is required for 1130 mass. If you are able to help please contact me at atc5869@yahoo.com or [240-765-9085](tel:240-765-9085). Kindly, Kelly Foster.