

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

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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.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:45 A.M.
Tuesday, Thursday - 7:30 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday: 7:00-8:00 P.M. during Advent
By appointment

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.

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, BOWIE, MD 20716

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat.	5:30 pm	+ Sylvia Ideo
Sun.	7:30 am	+ Salvatore Tomasetti
	9:30 am	+ Joey Di Bernardo
	11:30 am	+ Angelita Santos
Mon.	8:45 am	+ Ralph DiNardo
Tue.	7:30 pm	+ Deceased Priests
Wed.	8:45 am	+ Pat Dolan
Thu.	7:30 pm	+ Deceased Deacons
Fri.	8:45 am	+ Pasquale and Stella Leopardi
Sat.	5:30 pm	+ George Bibbins
Sun.	7:30 am	+ George Bibbins
	9:30 am	+ George Bibbins
	11:30 am	+ Mary C. Hickey

Altar Servers, Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Team C is scheduled to serve next weekend, December 16th and 17th. 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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Many thanks for your generosity in donating turkey \$\$ and canned food, for preparing baskets and delivering to the schools. We provided turkeys and food to 24 families and 65 Sisters of the Servants of the Lord. We are truly blessed.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS MARKET CRAFT FAIR RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS!!!!

Redskin/Raven Baskets
1st Prize—S. O'Brien
2nd Prize—Pat Day
3rd Prize—Rafi Sayasa
Christmas Trimmings-Liz Burger
2' Lighted Christmas Tree-Toni Painter
Toy Solder- Bridges Family
Wine Wagon-Leslie Ferrari
Lighted Wreath-Jim Murphy
Christmas Arrangement-Barth Family
Small Lighted Christmas Tree-Gerald McCrilla
Doll House- Sayasa Family

ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sat.	Dec. 9	7:00pm	Curcillo in church hall
Sun.	Dec. 10	9:30am	Children's Liturgy/PreK
		10:30am	RCIA in parish office
Tue.	Dec. 12	4:15pm	L K-5
		6:30pm	CL 1,2,3
Wed.	Dec. 13	6:30pm	L K-5
		7:00pm—8:00pm	Confessions
Thu.	Dec. 14	6:00pm	Holy Hour-Adoration

PRAY FOR THESE PARISHIONERS: Marcus Allen, 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, Alice Showell, Teresa Surette, Grace Vicino, Rosemary Walsh, Fran Blasko, Micky Ideo John Hanna

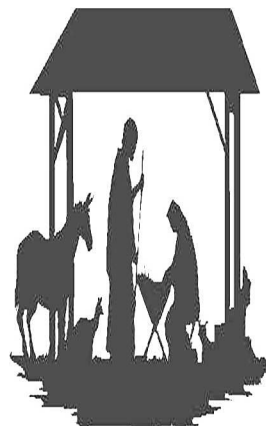
OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nicholas Barrett, David Brandes, Edward Brandes, David Canterbury, Corinne Cook, Duncan Fraser, Teresa Fraser, Barry Hobart, Dolores McCarthy, Madeline Mitchell, Mary Nelson, Kathleen Jopson, Rocky Seppi, Elizabeth Startzel, Phyllis Wilson, Maria Xiques, Chanda Poppe, Jules Frazer, Louise Hooven, Mark Wilson, Dwayne Frost, Valerie Sedwick, Sr. Maria Frederico, Joanne Sakraida, Carolyn Kunst

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK OR 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. You can have Masses prayed for a request.

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 prior to Mass.

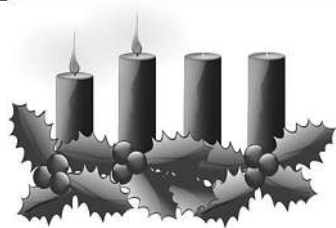
SIMBANG GABI 2017



St. Edward's will host 3 nights of this 9 day Advent Novena Mass, December 15th, 16th and 17th.

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Holy Mass. See the flyer in next week's bulletin for information.



From the Desk of Rev. Scott Holmer

Last weekend, we had our Christmas Craft Fair. It was a tremendous success both as a community building event

and as a fundraiser. Many people participated and the fair exceeded all expectations generating over \$4,000! The funds will be used to pay for our new chairs and tables that we have in our parish hall. I want to thank Sandy Barnes for her enthusiastic leadership and for everyone who volunteered to make our Christmas Craft Fair such a great event.

After a few months of adjustment, I am getting a handle on all of my new administrative responsibilities here at St. Edward's. I have finally been able to work into my schedule teaching at St. Pius X once a week. It has been a great joy for me to be back in the classroom with the 5th graders on Wednesday mornings!

Behind the scenes, we have been working on a training plan for the altar servers. At each weekend Mass during Advent at the East entrance, there will be a volunteer who will be updating our current contact information we have for altar servers. If you are an altar server, please stop by after the weekend Masses to make sure we have your correct contact information. Also, if you are interested in becoming an altar server, please sign up after the Sunday Masses at the East entrance of the Church.

In other news, I am excited to let you know that we have five people in our RCIA - two of whom are preparing for baptism. They have been meeting every Sunday at 10:30am learning about the Catholic faith. As the Scripture tells us, they are "preparing the way of the Lord, and making straight His paths." Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive their Sacraments. May you know the comfort of the Holy Spirit this Advent as we continue to draw closer to Christmas!

God Bless,

Fr. Scott

PARISH SUPPORT:

Last week's Offertory : \$9,664.12.

Our weekly offertory goal is \$9,000.00.

The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were: \$7,726.78, \$8,846.59, \$10,825.15.

GIVING TREE

Please return wrapped gifts with tags by December 10th at 12:30pm. Thank you for your generosity!

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS

We are currently updating our contact information for all altar servers here at St. Edward's. At the end of each Mass during Advent at the East entrance, please check in with our volunteers, Michael Pickett or Vincent Iweanoge, to make sure we have your correct altar server contact information. Also, if you are in the 4th grade or older, have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion and are currently continuing in your Religious Education and are interested in becoming an altar server, please check in with them.

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. Need a little more time? Make an appointment with Fr. Scott. Call the parish office at 301-249-9199.

Don't let ANYTHING separate you from the love of Christ.



RECONCILIATION

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!!

Prepare your hearts for Jesus. Please join us in a Holy Hour of Adoration on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm.

Sit in silence, pray the rosary, read and meditate on some spiritual writings or lives of the Saints or journal.

Allow Jesus to speak to you. What does HE want to give YOU for Christmas?

Come and See.....

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