

# *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: 301-249-9199**

**Email: [office@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:office@stedwardbowie.com)**



## **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**  
**Karen Italiano, Youth Minister**  
**Megan Weeks, Music Director**

## **PARISH E-NOTES/FLOCKNOTES TEXT MESSAGING:**

**Text: 84576/Keyword: Confessor**

## **PARISH WEB SITE:**

**[www.stedwardbowie.com](http://www.stedwardbowie.com)**

## **MASSES FOR THE HOME BOUND:**

**[TheSundayMass.org](http://TheSundayMass.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.**

**HOLY HOUR: First Friday—9:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M.**

**Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm in Lent**

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):**

**Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. & by appointment**

**Wednesday: 7:00-8:00pm in Lent**

## **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.**

**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	Thomas Estok+
Sun.	7:30 am	Barry Hobart+
	9:30 am	Pat Dolan+
	11:30 am	John & Cookie Mulqueen (liv.)
Mon.	8:45am	Joseph Santini+
Tues.	7:30 pm	Joe Childs+
Wed.	8:45 am	Marguerite Collins+
Thu.	7:30 pm	John Neal+
Fri.	7:30 pm	NO MASS-GOOD FRIDAY
Sat.	8:00 pm	William Adman James+

### PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Pat & Bob Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Barbara Fitzerka, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Florence Zook, Lorraine Washington, Octavia Blake, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Joyce Edgington, George Vincent.

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, Terry & Cindy Sowada, Teresa Fraser, Louise Hooven, Rosemarie Quezada, Maria Xiques, Steve Giant, Marjorie Porter, Dick Bradie, Nicholas Barrett, Susan Zinampan, John Keys, Joni Seith, Drew Snapkowski, Phylis McNamara, Luis Miranda, Dolores McCarthy, Sandy Capps, Richard Kuntz, Valerie Seppi Sedwick, Cheryl Henretty, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferrri, Denise Townes, Mike Sullivan, Patty Byrne, Christine Leacock, Christine Branche, Rhonda Jackson, Gladys Boluda, Bobby Ose, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan, Rachel Wills, Mary DePaul, Vicky & Al Ose, Francis Looney, Margie Price, Kathy Klopfer, Marcus Allen, Manny Jones, William Brandes, Viviana Brandes, Eric Seith, Kim Lewis, Jillian Fletcher, Erin McClelland.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

**Jaime Guba, Richard Staskavage & Terry Devaney**

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

### 2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

The annual Jubilarian Celebration of Marriage Mass honors couples married 25,30,35,40,50 and 51+ years. It will be held Sunday, June 16, 2019, at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call (301-249-9199) or email (office@stedwardbowie.com) the parish office to register. **The deadline to register is Monday, April 22th.**

### YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS!!!!!!

All those in High School are welcome to join us for **Stations of the Cross & a BBQ** on Sunday, April 14th, from 6:30-8:30pm in the hall. **Please bring chips and drinks to share.**



### ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sat.	Apr. 13	Sandwich Sunday-6:30pm-hall
Sun.	Apr. 14	CCD-Pre-K during 9:30am Mass-hall Children's Liturgy-9:30am Mass
Wed.	Apr. 17	Last Confession before Easter-7:00pm
Thu.	Apr. 18	Office Closed
Fri.	Apr. 19	Office Closed
Mon.	Apr. 22	Office Closed

**\*\* Please refer to the flyer and website for the Holy Week Schedule\*\***

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL-FINANCIAL AID

**\*APRIL 17 DEADLINE\***

**To download, go to the school website and download a copy of School Tuition Aid Program Application . Hard copies are also available in the school office.**

Applications must be scanned and emailed to Therese Hungate at [thungate@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:thungate@stpiusbowie.org) **by noon on Wednesday, April 17.** If necessary, you may submit a hard copy to the school office.

### BOOST PROGRAM

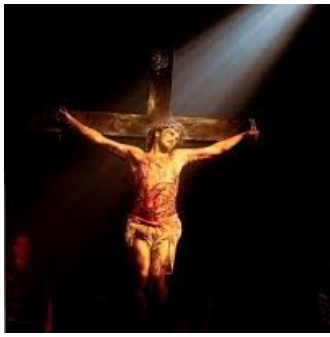
Maryland's Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program, or **BOOST**, provides scholarship assistance to lower-income parents to enable them to choose Catholic schools as an educational option for their children. The Maryland General Assembly created BOOST in 2016 to provide students with scholarships toward attending a nonpublic school in order to choose the best educational option for them. It provides scholarships for students who are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program to attend eligible **nonpublic** schools. Awards are granted based on household income, with the lowest income served first. **The deadline to apply is April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Visit [www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST) for more information.

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Many thanks for your continued generosity. We were able to deliver 156 bags of groceries to the Bowie Food Bank. They are most appreciative.

*Thank You*



**From the Desk of Rev. Scott Holmer**

I often get asked the question from kids at St. Pius X school, why did they crucify Jesus? He seems like such a nice loving guy? Why would people want to put a person like Jesus to death?

There is something encouraging about the kids not understanding why Jesus is put to death. They are not yet fully aware of how powerful a force envy, jealousy and outright hatred can be. They are not aware of how dark the dark side of humanity can get.

Holy Week is considered holy not because of what we human beings do in it but what God does through it. Judas betrays Jesus, Peter falls prey to cowardice and denies Jesus three times, Jesus is handed over by the very people who should celebrate his messiahship and kingship. The secular authorities torture and kill the Son of God. During Holy Week, our sinful and fallen humanity is put on full display.

We like to think that we would have acted better if we were in the shoes of Judas, Peter, Pilate or the Sanhedrin. However, to do so would miss the point of Palm Sunday. There is a dark side to all of us. When God calls us to follow Him towards a virtuous life, the darkness of anger, greed, jealousy, cowardice, or pride tempt us to put down our Crosses and follow the evil one instead.

The good news is that Holy Week helps to illuminate how powerful our dark side can be. We realize that without Jesus, without a Savior, we are lost. And the reason that Good Friday is good is because, out of love, Jesus chose not to let the darkness of our humanity ultimately triumph. He laid down His life to melt our hearts that had been hardened by anger, greed, cowardice and pride, so that we might dwell with Him bathed in the light of His glory.

God Bless,  
Fr. Scott

**PARISH SUPPORT:**

Last week's Offertory: \$15,770.00.

Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.

The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were: \$9,082.00, \$8,340.00, \$9,909.00.

**MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH**  
**FAITH FORMATION**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN (CCD)**

School aged children from Kindergarten through Eighth grade learn about their Catholic faith either by attending Catholic school or the parish Religious Education Program (also called CCD). The parish Religious Education Program includes preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration, for children who do not attend Catholic school, will kick off with in person registration after all the Masses on May 4/5.

**ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOL SHOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM.**

Contact Maureen Curtis at [religioused@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:religioused@stedwardbowie.com) or 301 249-9199 with any questions or for more information.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group provides all high school students of the parish with a better understanding of their Catholic faith as it is applied to issues that they must face in today's world. We provide a social environment where these young people can meet with their peers. They will be guided to lead and organize spiritual activities, take part in activities both in the parish and the community, as well as plan fun and social events.

**For more information, send an email to Karen Italiano: [youth@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:youth@stedwardbowie.com)**

**RCIA**

It is a class on Becoming Fully Catholic. The letters stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

The September to May classes meet to help people to know the Catholic faith, in order to join into it, or just to know it better, or to know it better so as to receive more Sacraments and be a full participant.

Classes are held on Sunday mornings after the 9:30am Mass from September through Pentecost.

**RCIA is a journey in faith for:**

**the unchurched**

**the unbaptized**

**baptized Christians seeking a new way**

Contact Anne Brennan at [office@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:office@stedwardbowie.com) or 301 249-9199 with any questions or more information.

**MEN'S GROUP**

St. Edward's Men's Group meets every first Saturday from 8:30am-10:30am. It is open to all men between the ages of 18 and up. Fr. Scott and Roy Littlefield, our parish council president, lead the group. We are living in a confusing time where men are becoming increasingly isolated, lost and ultimately bored. This group helps to illuminate what virtuous masculinity looks like through our Catholic faith. The purpose of the group is to discover what it means to be a good man, husband and father by developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and ultimately our Heavenly Father.

Email-office@stedwardbowie.com or call 301 249-9199 information.

*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!