

# *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**

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**DIVINE MERCY  
SUNDAY**

#### **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.**

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

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

#### **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	Josephine Vitto+
Sun.	7:30 am	Gerard F. Kemp+
	9:30 am	Bill Prevo & Family (liv.)
	11:30 am	James & Ella Neal+
Mon.	8:45am	Edward Wineke+
Tues.	7:30 pm	Henry Gramlich (liv.)
Wed.	8:45 am	William Phillips+
Thu.	7:30 pm	Pat Dolan+
Fri.	8:45 am	Edward & Marian Brandes+
Sat.	5:30 pm	Joseph W. Simko+

### 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, Cheryl Henretty, Terese Welch, James Scaldaferrri, Denise Townes, Mike Sullivan, Patty Byrne, Christine Leacock, Christine Branche, Rhonda Jackson, Bobby Ose, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan, Rachel Wills, Mary DePaul, Vicky & Al Ose, Francis Looney, Margie Price, Kathy Klopfer, Marcus Allen, Manny Jones, Viviana Brandes, Eric Seith, Kim Lewis, Jillian Fletcher, Erin McClelland.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

#### **Raymond Partenheimer and William Brandes**

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

### MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR ST. ANN'S

St. Ann's has let us know they have the following needs:

Soft hairbrushes (not baby hairbrushes, but soft bristled adult hairbrushes)

Women's underwear (panties sizes 8-9-10-11; bras 36-38 B, C, D)

Children's socks

Little girls camisole undershirts sizes 4-5-6

"Boppy" baby pillows and boppy pillow covers

Toiletries (lotions, sprays, etc.) from Bath & Bodyworks (or similar products)

Metro Smartrip cards or Uber or Lyft gift cards. Having this method of transportation available is a big help to the mothers when the weather is bad and/or public transportation is not a good option.

Please drop off all items you may have for the collection for St. Ann's at Mass on May 11 and 12 in the bins marked for donations for St. Ann's at the entrances to the church.

If you have any questions, you can call Tim Looney @ 301-805-1352. For more information about St. Ann's see their website at <http://www.stanns.org/>

### ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sun.	Apr. 28	Confirmation-2pm
Mon.	Apr. 29	Youth Choir-7:30pm
Tue.	Apr. 30	CCD-K-5-4:15-5:30pm 1st Communion Practice-5:30pm CCD-CL1-CL3-6:30-8:00pm
Wed.	May 1	CCD-RCIC-5:30-6:30pm CCD-K-5-6:30-7:45pm Children's Choir-5:30-6:30pm
Thu.	May 2	Christmas Market Crafters-6:30pm-hall
Fri.	May 3	First Friday Holy Hour-9:30am
Sat.	May 4	First Communion-11am Ministries of the Month-after all Masses Young Adult-7pm
Sun.	May 5	Donut Sunday-after all Masses Youth Group-6:30pm-hall

### FIRST FRIDAY-HOLY HOUR

Please join us for First Friday Holy Hour on May 3rd at 9:30am.

Come spend some time with Jesus. Please join us in a Holy Hour of Adoration on the First Friday of every month from 9:30am-10:30am.

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



### YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS IN MAY!!!!!!

**May 5<sup>th</sup>- Cinco De Mayo Themed Youth Night/ Mother's Day cards from 6:30-8:30pm**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>- 1st High School Youth Retreat from 12:30-4:30pm in the hall.**

If you can come to the 11:30 Mass, we will be sitting together. Our theme is Becoming Disciples of Jesus. Please rsvp Karen at [youth@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:youth@stedwardbowie.com) to make sure we have enough food for everyone!





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

This Sunday our Confirmandi will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Dorsonville will seal our young people with the Holy Spirit and unite them ever more closely to the divine life of Jesus Christ. Please keep them in your

prayers that they may remain in communion with Jesus throughout their lives. Then, the following Saturday, we will have our children receive their first communion.

In the first few centuries of the Church, when adults were baptized, they were immediately confirmed by the bishop and then received their first communion. However, as the Church grew rapidly, bishops did not have the opportunity to be present for all of the baptisms of infants. As a result, confirmation got pushed further and further from baptism. One bishop was known for his sanctity because he actually got off of his horse to confirm people!

One of the scriptural bases for Confirmation comes from the book of Acts: "Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the Word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8-14-17) In this Scripture passage, we see that the gift of the Holy Spirit is conferred on the newly baptized by an apostle laying his hands on their head. Today, the gift of the Holy Spirit will be conferred on our Confirmandi by a successor of the apostles, Bishop Dorsonville. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will bear great fruit in their lives!

God Bless,  
Fr. Scott

**MEN'S GROUP-CHANGE OF DATE**

The Men's Group will meet on the 2nd Saturday of May instead of the usual 1st Saturday due to First Holy Communion.

All men of the parish aged 18 and older are invited to meet on Saturday, May 11th, at 8:30am in the hall. This change is for May only.



**PARISH SUPPORT:**

Last week's Offertory: \$7,819.00.

Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.

The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were: \$9,838.00, \$15,770.00, \$9,082.00.

**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 NO 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.