

# 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:**

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

## **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	Shirley Discher+
Sun.	7:30 am	Alice Wolford+
	9:30 am	Shirley Discher+
	11:30 am	Octavia Blake (liv.)
Mon.	8:45am	Karin McCabe+
Tues.	7:30 pm	Mary DePaul (liv.)
Wed.	8:45 am	Paul Blasko, Sr.+
Thu.	7:30 pm	Jose Ponce++
Fri.	8:45 am	Karin McCabe+
Sat.	5:30 pm	Atul D'Costa+

### PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:

Johanna Palmer, Bob Reynolds, Fran Blasko, Barbara Fitzurka, Perla Alega, Lourdes Flaim, Pat Welch, Florence Zook, Lorraine Washington, Octavia Blake, Peggy Brown, Mary Ann Boyer, Karen Tallmadge.

### OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ann Gray, 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, Jimmy Tomasetti, Connor Keys, Edith Sullivan, Rachel Wills, Tim Seppi, Mary DePaul, Vicky & Al Ose, Francis Looney, Margie Price, Kathy Klopfer.

### 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 offered, by request.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD:

**Mirah Chabbrah and Raymond E. Schmidt**

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



### ST. EDWARD'S EVENTS

Sun.	Jan. 6	Donut Sunday-after all Masses CCD-Pre-K During the 9:30am Mass-hall Children's Liturgy-9:30am Mass RCIA-10:30am-12:00pm-office Youth Group-6:30pm-hall
Mon.	Jan 7	Youth Choir Rehearsal-7:30pm
Tue.	Jan. 8	CCD—K-5-4:15-5:30pm CCD-CL1-CL3- 6:30-8:00pm
Wed.	Jan. 9	CCD-RCIC-5:30-6:30pm CCD-K-5-6:30-7:45pm Children's Choir-5:30-6:30pm Adult Choir-7:30pm

### PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

#### **Personal Retreat Day at Our Lady of Bethesda: January 11th & March 22nd.**

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells us to "*Come away with me,*" ... to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. In the short, focused, weekday hours from 8:30am - 4pm, an experienced retreat master will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. With time for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions, and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and hot lunch, you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. **Upcoming dates for this personal experience are: Jan 11 & March 22. \$120 per person.** Registration required:[www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org)  
Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

### STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

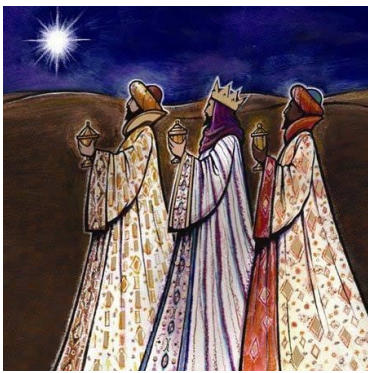
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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE ARE OUR  
VALID EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

**NO MEMBER OF STAFF WILL EVER  
CONTACT YOU VIA EMAIL OR PHONE  
FOR MONEY OR GIFT CARDS, ETC.**

**CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU RECEIVE  
SUCH A SOLICITATION OR ARE UNSURE.**

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANUARY 6, 2019



### From the Desk of Rev. Scott Holmer

Whenever I hear of the Magi following the star to Bethlehem, I think of our astronomers today who look up to the stars to learn the answers to the great questions we have like: "Where do we come from? How did we get here? And

what is the fate of all creation?"

Before the work of the astronomer, Edwin Hubble, in the early 20th century, the scientific consensus was that the universe did not have a beginning. The idea that creation had a beginning was considered absurd and ridiculous. Einstein in his early career even created something called the cosmological constant to doctor his equations to avoid having to admit that the universe had a beginning. He later admitted it was the biggest mistake of his career. There was tremendous resistance to Hubble's evidence because as the first chairman of NASA's Lunar Exploration Committee, Robert Jastrow, put it so well in his book God and the Astronomers: "For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance, he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries."

Fortunately, respect for truth and evidence won out at the "Big Bang" theory, which posits that there is a beginning of the universe, is now the scientific consensus. And if the universe has a beginning, there must be something or someone to begin it. We call that First Cause: God. Thanks to Edwin Hubble, atheism became unscientific. For the astronomers, like the Magi, they followed the stars and it led them to God.

God bless,  
Fr. Scott

### MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

#### NEEDED: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS FOR ALL MASSES

Please contact the office 301-249-9199 or [office@stedwardbowie.com](mailto:office@stedwardbowie.com). Training is available.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Adults must be-Fully Initiated Adults.

**Altar Servers:** Fourth grade (having received First Holy Communion) and up are eligible. Adults, too! Service hours can be used for this ministry.

### PARISH SUPPORT:

Last week's Offertory: \$7,681.00.

Our weekly Offertory goal is \$9,000.00.

The previous 3 week Sunday Collections were:  
\$10,569.00, \$7,350.00, \$8,732.00.

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

All those in High School are welcome to join us for "Resolutions" and games on Sunday,

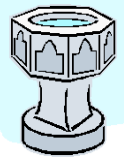
January 6th, from 6:30-8:30pm in the hall.

**Bring your favorite game to play and a friend.....or two!**



### BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be held on January 20th in classroom 6 after the 11:30am Mass. You must be registered members of the parish prior to the Baptism of your child.



### ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 1-3 pm

Saint Pius X Regional School, a 2016 national Blue-Ribbon school, will host an open house on Sunday, January 27, 2019, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Families are invited to tour the campus and meet faculty, administration, students and parents. Prospective families will also learn more about the academic program and extra-curricular activities. Please visit [stpiusbowie.org](http://stpiusbowie.org) for more information about our school.



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Regional School