

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS FOR FUNERALS

We are looking for men and women with daytime availability to be trained to Altar Serve at funeral Masses. Typically, funerals are held late morning Tuesdays through Saturdays. No prior experience is needed, but you will be helping with incense. Interested in learning more? Contact Jen Mayer at adults@spxbowie.org

SERVE IN CAFE PIUS

Would you like Cafe Pius to be open more often! US TOO!! We need to consistently have our current volunteer spots filled before we can commit to more. So sign-up to serve in Cafe Pius at bit.ly/cafeplus

ADW ANNIVERSARY MASS

This year, Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation to Marriage on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 10 am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by **Friday, February 5, 2026** to attend the Mass and/ or receive a certificate from Cardinal Robert McElroy in honor of their anniversary year.

Contact Jen Buter, our parish secretary, at office@spxbowie.org or 301-262-214 with the following information: names for the certificate, anniversary year, will the couple attend the Mass?, number of children coming to the Mass, any special story they would like the ADW to know about them. (Could end up being printed)

2025 CONTRIBUTOR STATEMENTS

The 2025 Contributor statement that details your giving to SPX were sent out last week. Questions? Please contact the Rectory Office at office@spxbowie.org or 301-262-2141.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS NEXT WEEKEND

February 8 is World Marriage Day. All married couples are invited to renew their vows during Mass the weekend of February 7 & 8.

EMERGENCY NOVENA FOR PEACE

Join us in praying the Emergency Novena for Peace, Justice & the Protection of Human Dignity. Download it at spxbowie.org/itsyourmove or see the attached handout.

SODALITY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

All are invited to attend the Sodality Meeting next **Sunday, February 8, 2026**. We will gather to pray the Rosary at 8:45 am, attend 9:30 am Mass followed by our meeting at 10:30 am in Cafe Pius. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

1:10 BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Are you ready to have your child baptized? We've designed our class, called 1:10, to help guide you through the spiritual and practical elements of the Baptism Ceremony. We see this opportunity as the beginning of a partnership with you to help your child have a lifelong relationship with Jesus and His Church.

Our next class will be held on Sunday, February 8th at 1:10pm via ZOOM. You must be a registered member of SPX to attend this class. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/spxbaptism>

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Begin Lent by receiving Ashes either at Mass or while remaining in your car on Wed. February 18.

Masses will be celebrated at **9:00 am (In person)** and **7:00 pm (In person & SPX Online)**

Drive Up Ashes will be offer from **12 - 12:30 pm** and **6 - 6:30 pm** in front of the Church.

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REQUEST

Are you celebrating a wedding anniversary in January? Your parish family would love to celebrate with you! Please email your names and number of years married to communications@spxbowie.org by Wednesday, February 4.

SPX REGIONAL SCHOOL GALENTINE'S PURSE BINGO

Join us on Friday, February 20 for Purse Bingo! Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm in Fr. Nelson Gym. \$25 entry includes 20 bingo games and a door prize raffle ticket. Additional costs for more raffle tickets, the 50/50 raffle, bingo daubers, additional game cards, and light refreshments.

Purchase Tickets here:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/d3910200-2553-4214-9138-db4f6a0792bf>

ONLINE GIVING

We know that schedules are crazy, but the work of SPX is ongoing. Please consider enrolling in online giving so that you can support our parish even when you're not physically present on a weekend. It streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help SPX grow our ministries that share God's love with Bowie Bob & Bowie Barb. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up at spxbowie.org/give.

Emergency Novena for Peace, Justice & the Protection of Human Dignity Through the Intercession of Servant of God Dorothy Day

By Brick House in the City

God of all peoples,
Your heart aches for every person who suffers.
You are near to the brokenhearted
and close to those crushed by injustice.

We bring before You the violence of our time,
the fear that grips many communities,
and the despair that tempts us to believe
nothing can change.

Through the witness of Servant of God
Dorothy Day, stir us from passivity,
move us toward our suffering neighbors,
and teach us to love in ways that
change the world.

Servant of God Dorothy Day,
you chose the way of radical love
in a violent world.
You trusted that small acts of faithfulness could
reshape history.
You believe every human life mattered.
Intercede for us.

Pray that our nation may be healed of cruelty.
Pray that fear may not have the final word. Pray
that we may become builders of peace, even
when peace feels impossible. Help us to live the
Gospel with integrity, to love without conditions,
and to seek justice without ceasing.

God of mercy,
Receive the prayers we have placed before You.
Hold close those who are suffering.
Protect those who are in danger.
Strengthen those who labor for peace.
Remain with us in the days ahead.
Do not let our hearts grow hard or
our hope grow thin.
Make us instruments of your compassion
In a wounded world.
Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

We must cry out against injustice
or by our silence consent to it.
If we keep silent, the very stones of the street will cry out.
- Dorothy Day

I am afraid of what is before us,
because what we sow we will reap.
It is an exercise in courage to write these words, to speak in this way
when it is revolting to consider how much we profess and how little we perform.
God help us.
- Dorothy Day, Sept. 1971

