

THE DOVE

April 2017

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Sunday Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00

Sunday School at 10:00

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton

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The Rev. Sherry Snyder, Deacon

Monica Martin, Sr. Warden

Tim DeSilver, Timea Bodi, Alex DeSilver, Music Team

Bonnie Rease, Parish Secretary

Kathy Elmer, Sunday School

“Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us”



The Dove – The Church of the Holy Spirit – April 2017
Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing the Christ Within Us

WHAT IS FAITH?

As defined in a dictionary Faith is complete trust or confidence in someone or something. It is also a belief that is not based on proof.

I searched the Book of Common Prayer for a definition of faith but came up short. Faith is mentioned many times in our Prayer Book – in Collects and Prayers primarily, but I was not able to find a definition of faith. The closest I could find was in the Outline of the Faith (commonly called the Catechism) which begins on page 845. (This is a must read for all Episcopalians!)

What is the Christian hope? (Page 861) tells us that “The Christian hope is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life, and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God’s purpose for the world.” This hope is definitely faith based – we believe without any proof that Christ will return and God has a plan for us and the world.

What, then, is our assurance as Christians? (Page 862) takes this hope one step further by reminding us that “Our assurance as Christians is that nothing, not even death, shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

We, as Christians and Episcopalians tend to think of faith primarily in terms of belief in God and Jesus Christ and all they stand for. But faith is not limited to religion. One of my friends recently wrote about faith as it regards to a football game: “A play happened where one player ran up toward the goal as fast as he could, reached a certain point, and turned, ready to catch the ball, already on its way to him. He had been slowed by a second, and so missed it. But a “flag” happened at the other end of the field. The penalty was to re-play! A penalty!!! On the replay -- exactly as before, but without the delay -- he turned with his arm open to the ball, and it went right into it!!! This is the result of FAITH! He knew it was to be thrown to him; he knew when to turn to receive; and he caught it -- because of the discipline the two of them had gone through many, many times - prepared for this moment. Faith made it pay off!!! Because of discipline!!! He did what discipline had taught; and what discipline had determined to happen, did happen.”

This is a wonderful way to look at faith – even the part where the penalty was to try again. God gives us as many do-overs as we want!! That is part of our faith, too! I bring this up because we will be celebrating Easter on April 16. The day we believe changed everything for everyone. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This by itself is a difficult concept to understand, let alone believe without proof. That is where the discipline my friend mentions is so important. Faith is important, but without discipline, faith can easily wane and become something we merely say rather than something we believe and live with our whole being.

The season of Lent, which leads to Easter, is our time to practice discipline. But it is not the only time. Let us make a habit of practicing our faith and exercising our discipline that these two, together, may bring us to a deeper knowledge of the love of God and strengthen our trust and confidence in God’s love and mercy.

May God bless you in this holy season.

Faithfully yours,
Fr. Mark



Easter Prayer

God our Father, by raising Christ your Son you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

*The Dove welcomes comments, suggestions, and articles.
Contact Katie or Terry at 410-641-6326 or TheDove@sprynet.com*

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Parish Family: Penny Morrow, Marie Judd, Alice Jones,
Sam Domangue, Alex Strebe, James Schiffler,
Richard Taylor, Naomi Popolo, Jeff, Joan Downing



Our Extended Family: Blaine Tarranto, The Matteson Family, The Courtney Family, Jeremy LaPone, Dan LeCates,
Regina Eckerd, John Ganley, Stacy Milius, Laura Pochinski, Andrew Santiago, Helen, Anne,
Ron Jones, Pam, Jeff, Gail, John, Glenn, Ann O'Donnell, Sandy Pope, Tim, Cara, Analise,
John Frombach, Sr., Katherine DeSilver, Ruth

The Deceased:



April Birthdays

04/15 Marie Judd 04/17 Bonnie Morison
04/16 Mary Ann O'Keane

April Anniversaries

04/13 Judy & Michael Evans
04/22 Monica & Lloyd Martin
04/25 Lynda & Jonathan Cook

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, we are very sorry!
Please notify the church office with the appropriate date so we can update our files.*

Vestry Meeting - Monday April 10th at 7:00 PM

Sunday School - Every Sunday during the 10:00 Service

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) - Sunday April 9th after the 10:00 Service



Pancake Breakfast - Sunday April 2nd after the 10:00 Service
As always, anyone wishing to participate is welcome.

..... Thanks, Jack Panuska

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$5,889	\$18,110
Expenses	\$9,683	\$21,266
Net Income/Loss	(\$3,794)	(\$3,156)



Water Jug Collections for April 2017

will be use for supplies needed for the Spring Clean-Up.



Easter Week Schedule - See Page 4 of The Dove for full details.

ECW Fundraiser - Carrabbas Dinner on Sunday April 23rd from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Mark your calendars, see Page 7 of The Dove for more information.



Please join the fun for the Spring Clean-Up on Sunday May 21st
Starting at 10:00 AM at the Church of the Holy Spirit



Announcements

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Update from the Senior Warden

In February, our St. Francis of Assisi statue was destroyed by the winds from one of the storms. On a Sunday in April, Cheryl Spanninger read a very creative poem she had written requesting donations to replace the statue. The goal was to raise \$250. By the end of coffee hour, she had raised the \$250 including a \$100 donation from a visitor. A member of the parish matched the donations bringing the total to \$500. This is another wonderful example, not only of our church family coming through when there is a request for donations made, but also the generosity of the visitors who come to the Church of The Holy Spirit. Thank you to all who were able to contribute! We are in the process of finding the perfect statue.

We have made some progress with other projects that have been in the works. We are working with InfoRailway, to provide Web Hosting and Development for the church website. We will be able to upload pictures, The Dove, advertise events, and more. We will keep you posted!

Soon, we will be getting a new roof which had been damaged from the Nor'easter in January 2016. Thank you to several of our church members who reviewed the bids provided by various companies. A recommendation was made to the Vestry who voted on Spicer Brothers to replace the roof.

Monica Martin



The Church of the Holy Spirit – Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

The ECW is off to a great start selling tickets for the Carrabba's Dinner on Sunday April 23 from 4pm to 6pm. There are a limited number of tickets available. Tickets are \$15 to Dine-In or Carry-Out. Tickets are available at the church office or on Sundays. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle and a Chinese Auction. Auction items will be on display following the 10:00 service several weeks prior to the dinner. You can purchase tickets for the auction when the items are displayed or at the dinner. Tickets are 7 for \$5 and you do not need to be present to win. If you would like to like to donate an item for the Chinese auction, see Diane Frombach.

Upcoming activities for the ECW include a collection of blankets and socks for residents at Berlin Nursing Home. We will start collecting items at the end of April. They will be delivered in May for Mother's Day and for (an early) Father's Day!

The Annual Spring Clean-Up will take place on Sunday, May 21 following the 10:00 service. Monies collected in the jug at the back of the church during April will be used to purchase items for the Clean-Up. The ECW will provide another wonderful lunch for all the helpers. Clean-Up is being extended to the Nursery area as well! You can sign up in May to help with lunch preparation, outdoor clean-up, or in the nursery.



This month, the ECW has voted to donate \$100 to The Cricket Center for the upcoming "Walk for Kids" held on April 30 on the Boardwalk and \$75 to Believe In Tomorrow for a half page announcement for the church in the program for their Gala on April 1 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront Hotel.

The next meeting for the ECW will be on Sunday, April 9 following the 10:00 service. We invite all women of the Episcopal Church to join us.

Submitted by Monica Martin

Announcements

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Easter Schedule

- April 9 - Palm Sunday Services at 8 am & 10 am
- April 12 - A Three Parish Pilgrimage at 5 pm (see below for details)
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm
- April 14 - Good Friday Services at 12 noon
- April 16 - Easter Sunday Services at 8 am & 10 am (both with music)



A Three Parish Pilgrimage For Wednesday in Holy Week - April 12, 2017
Everyone is invited to participate in all or part of our Annual Pilgrimage Experience.
Bishop Santosh Marray is joining the pilgrimage this year!

St. Paul's Berlin

5:00 pm

Evening Prayer

Church of the Holy Spirit

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Simple Lenten Supper

(Please sign up, so we know how many will be attending Supper)

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Closing Devotions

EASTER LILIES

*** DUE BY PALM SUNDAY April 9 ***

\$ 8.00 Per Plant

(Money Should Accompany Form)

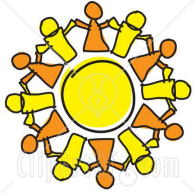
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The Church of the Holy Spirit – The Pastoral Care Team



If you are interested in being part of the Pastoral Care Team or the Prayer Chain, contact Kay Saxon at 410-641-8438.

Please let Kay know of any parishioner who is ill or in the hospital. A member of the Pastoral Care Team can reach out to them and they will be included in the Prayer Chain.

Church of the Holy Spirit – Sunday School The Corner

We are now in the season of Lent and have been talking about what we would give up or do for this season. This year we have talked about doing something nice for someone everyday instead of giving up something since our lessons have geared around forgiveness and helping others.



We are getting into the spirit of Easter and as always we will have our Easter egg hunt and Jellybean contest. We are starting to talk about Palm Sunday and Easter week and have had some very good discussions in class.

Sunday school is coming to an end soon for this year, six more weeks, so remember to send in your weekly donations as we are doing really good and our box is filling up! Can't wait to find out what our total donations are for church this year!! Pin Day will be Sunday May 7 so try to make sure you are present that day as we will also have our end of Sunday school celebration on that day.

Thanks and God Bless, Mrs. Kathy

Church of the Holy Spirit – Youth Group Meeting

Attention: Youth Group, Upper-School Students and Parents!!

On Sunday April 2 we would like to have a meeting following the 10:00am service to brainstorm ideas as to how to proceed with our Youth Group without leaders. We want to hear from YOU, what you want from your church. Please bring your ideas, hopes, questions or comments to the meeting. We will keep it as brief as you would like, but we need to put a plan in place for the future of our church...our children!

Submitted by Melanie Konoski

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Property Committee



Spring is here and there is work to be done!

The roof will be replaced, the outside will be cleaned up, the white fencing will be removed, the shed will be painted and the nursery will receive a good cleaning. Also, we are currently gathering estimates for the cost of replacing the sign in front of the church.

If you see something on the church property that needs attention, please notify John Frombach or the office.

Submitted by Monica Martin

Announcements

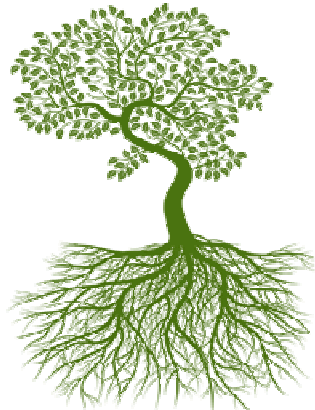
The Church of the Holy Spirit – Endowment Fund

The Vestry is interested in starting an endowment fund. This will benefit the Church of the Holy Spirit by providing a future legacy for our church and our family members. See below for more details.

Submitted by Monica Martin

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ENDOWMENT FUND

"The greatest thing
this generation
can do is
lay a few
stepping stones
for the next
generation."
-Charles F. Kettering



WE ARE SEEKING INDIVIDUALS WITH SOME FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE WHO ARE WILLING TO BE PART OF A SHORT-TERM COMMITTEE TO HELP ESTABLISH THE MISSION, PURPOSE AND GOALS FOR OUR ENDOWMENT FUND.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 9TH TO BE PART OF THIS REWARDING EXPERIENCE THAT CAN HAVE A LONG LASTING IMPACT ON THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH!



The Church of the Holy Spirit – Update from the Search Committee



Jonathan and Jackie met with the Vestry and presented the Parish Profile. The Vestry unanimously, among many compliments, approved the Profile and agreed to send it to the Bishop for his consideration. As soon as the Bishop approves it, the Parish Profile will be made available to all members of the Church of the Holy Spirit so you can see what we have been doing.

Jonathan and Jackie are scheduled to meet with Patrick Collins, Canon to the Ordinary. Canon Collins is basically the Bishop's right hand man. We will be discussing the Parish Profile and what our next steps will be. By the time you read this, we will have had the meeting. We will update you at church during the announcements and in the next Dove.

Meanwhile, please keep us and our work in your prayers, as you are in ours.

Submitted by Jackie Carey, Co-Chair of The Search Committee

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Benefits: Episcopal Church Women

Join us for Dinner at
Church of The Holy Spirit

WHEN: Sunday, April 23 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: 100th Street & Coastal Hwy
Ocean City, MD

COST: \$15

*INCLUDES: Chicken Bryan, Penne Pomodoro,
Caesar Salad, Garlic Breadsticks, Ice Tea, Lemonade
(Desserts available for purchase at \$1)*



To purchase tickets contact: Church Office at (410) 723-1973 or
Monica Martin at (443) 235-8942

Community

**The Ocean Cluster - The Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal (Ocean City),
St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal (Ocean City), St. Paul's Episcopal (Berlin),
and St. Peter's Lutheran (Ocean City)**



The Ocean Cluster met on March 8 and will continue to meet quarterly to discuss our mission, outreach, and events among the different churches. The next meeting is June 14 at 1:00 pm at St. Paul's in Berlin.

Members from the Church of the Holy Spirit: Father Mark Cyr, Jackie Carey, Pat Hesselbein, Monica Martin, and Cheryl Spanninger.

If you have suggestions for activities, please contact a member of the Cluster.

- **Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 5:30pm at Church of The Holy Spirit, open to everyone. Father Matthew from St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church leads Bible Study. The group is currently studying the Acts of the Apostles. A prayer service immediately follows the Bible Study.
- **Book Club** - The first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm, **please note** - the April meeting has been moved up a week and will be held on Thursday, March 30 at the Atlantic United Methodist Church located on 4th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City. The next meeting covers Chapters 6 through 8 of America's Original Sin by Jim Wallis. Please contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658, for more information.
- **Racing Demon** - On April 6 and April 7 at 7:30pm, St. Peter's Lutheran Church will host The Bethany Area Repertory Theater's "*Racing Demon, a staged Reading of a Lenten Experience*" by David Hare. The performance will be directed by Reverend Rusty Hesse. It features Reverend Gregg from St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Reverend Matthew from St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, and Reverend Michael from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Berlin. Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Bethany Area Repertory Theater Scholarship Program and area churches. Please call 302-539-7324 for tickets.
- **Three Parish Pilgrimage** - In keeping with tradition, the three Episcopal churches will be hosting the Parish Pilgrimage on Wednesday April 12 beginning at 5pm. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with members of other local Episcopal Churches. Bishop Santosh Marray is joining us this year for the Pilgrimage! Please see the announcement on page 4 for all details.

We hope you will be able to participate and enjoy the events.



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Always give to homeless

Pope discusses how to respond to beggars

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — People who don't give money to the homeless because they think it will be spent on alcohol and not food should ask themselves what guilty pleasures they are secretly spending money on, Pope Francis said.

"There are many excuses" to justify why one doesn't lend a hand when asked by a person begging on the street, he said in an interview published the day before the beginning of Lent.

But giving something to some-

one in need "is always right," and it should be done with respect and compassion because "tossing money and not looking in (their) eyes is not a Christian" way of behaving, he said.

The interview, published Feb. 28, was conducted by the monthly magazine, "Scarp de' Tennis" (Tennis Shoes), which serves homeless and marginalized people in Milan and is run by the local and national Caritas branches. The pope was scheduled to visit Milan March 25.

Of the several questions the pope was asked, one focused on whether he thought giving money to people begging on the street was the right thing to do.

One thing people may tell themselves to feel better about not giving anything, the pope said, is "I give money and then he spends it on drinking a glass of wine."

But, the pope said, if "a glass of wine is the only happiness he has in life, that's OK. Instead, ask yourself what do you do on the sly? What happiness do you seek in secret?"

'You are luckier'

Or, another way to look at it, the pope said, is recognize how "you are luckier, with a house, a wife, children" and then ask why should the responsibility to help be pushed onto someone else.

The way one reaches out to the person asking for help is important, he said, and must be done "by looking them in the eyes and touching their hands."

When encountering people who live on the street, the pope said he always greets them and sometimes inquires about their lives and background.

It's important to be sincere because "people who live on the streets understand right away when the other person is really interested" in them as a person or when they just feel pity, he said.

When the interviewer asked why the pope thought the poor were capable of changing the world, he said that in Buenos Aires, he saw more solidarity in the slums than in less poor neighborhoods, where "I encountered more selfishness."

Also, he said, problems are more evident in the poor neighborhoods, for example with substance abuse, but only because it's more covered up in other neighborhoods where users are "white-collar" abusers.



Schedules for April

Altar Guild

- 02 - Sue Flaherty and Helene Clifton
- 09 - Diane Frombach and Barbara Wachter
- 13 >> **Maundy Thursday - All Available after 7pm Service**
- 15 >> **Holy Saturday - All Available to Set-Up for Easter**
- 16 - Bonnie Rease and Carol Sperling
- 23 - Sue Flaherty and Helene Clifton
- 30 - Diane Frombach and Barbara Wachter

Usher & Greeters

- 02 - Sam & Harris Domangue
- 09 - Joe Dougherty and Helene Clifton
- 16 - Gloria Lebling and Jeanne Schiffler
- 23 - Naomi Popolo and Cal Hook
- 30 - Marie & Charlie Judd

Acolytes - 8:00 Service

- 02 - Jackie Carey
- 09 - Skip Carey
- >> **Maundy Thursday 7pm**
- >> **Good Friday 12:00 Noon**
- 16 - Jackie Carey
- 23 - Skip Carey
- 30 - Jackie Carey

Acolytes - 10:00 Service

- 02 - Alex Strebe
- 09 - Marena Konoski
- 13 **Volunteer Needed**
- 14 **Volunteer Needed**
- 16 - Cheryl Spanniger
- 23 - Diane Frombach
- 30 - Monica Martin

Lector - 8:00 Service

- 02 - Skip Carey
- 09 - Jackie Carey
- 16 - Skip Carey
- 23 - Jackie Carey
- 30 - Skip Carey

Lector - 10:00 Service

- 02 - Jonathan Cook
- 09 - Alex Strebe
- 16 - Alex DeSilver
- 23 - Monica Martin
- 30 - Joe Dougherty

Chalice Bearer - 8:00 Service

- 02 - Jackie Carey
- 09 - Skip Carey
- >> **Maundy Thursday 7pm**
- >> **Good Friday 12:00 Noon**
- 16 - Jackie Carey
- 23 - Skip Carey
- 30 - Jackie Carey

Chalice Bearer - 10:00 Service

- 02 - Carolyn Johnston
- 09 - Melanie Konoski
- 13 **Volunteer Needed**
- 14 **Volunteer Needed**
- 16 - Monica Martin
- 23 - John Frombach
- 30 - Diane Frombach

Nursery

- 02 - Melissa Reid
- 09 - Kay Saxon
- 16 - Carol Chrysanthis
- 23 - Sam Domangue
- 30 - Ann Dougherty



Coffee Hour

- 02 - Pancake Breakfast
- 09 - Melissa Reid
- 16 - Diane Frombach
- 23 - Kay Saxon and Donna Adams
- 30 - Melanie Konoski

Recorders

- 02 - Ann Dougherty and Melanie Konoski
- 09 - Ann Dougherty and Naomi Popolo
- 16 - Ann Dougherty and Naomi Popolo
- 23 - Barbara Wachter and Helene Clifton
- 30 - Barbara Wachter and Helene Clifton

Exercise Daily - Walk with the Lord

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8a & 10a Eucharist Pancake Breakfast	3	4	5 Bible Study 5:30p	6 Book Club 7p	7	8
9 8a & 10a Eucharist ECW Palm Sunday	10 Vestry 7p	11	12 Three Parish Pilgrimage 5p	13 Maundy Thursday Service 7p	14 Good Friday Service 12 noon	15
16 8a & 10a Eucharist (Music both Services) Easter Sunday	17	18	19 Bible Study 5:30p	20	21	22
23 8a & 10a Eucharist Carrabbas Dinner 4p	24	25	26 Bible Study 5:30p	27	28	29
30 8a & 10a Eucharist						