

# THE DOVE

May 2017

## 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**

**The Rev. Dr. Mark Cyr, Interim**

**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 – Church of the Holy Spirit – May 2017**  
**Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing the Christ Within Us**

**Easter has come and gone. What do we do now?**

Easter is the highlight of our Church year. It is the glorious victory which we proudly proclaim whenever we say “He is risen. Alleluia!” It is the fulfillment of God’s promise that darkness will not conquer light. But Easter comes before our church year is half over. There are many days, weeks and months left where we still need to deal with the darkness and light of our world, as well as in our personal lives. In order to fully realize the glory of Easter, we must continue the journey through Pentecost – recognizing that Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit did not leave us after Easter – but continue with us daily. The glory of Easter is an ongoing event.

We all know that our church calendar is based upon the life of Jesus. But do we also realize that our journey from Christmas and Epiphany through Lent and Holy Week to Easter and beyond is a reflection of our journey as Christians? From Birth and Baptism we grow, with increasing awareness and understanding of God’s love for us, even in the midst of life’s difficulties, to an adult appreciation of our faith represented in Holy Week. But Easter is not the end of our church year. The Christian story is just beginning. The focus now shifts to the disciples and their struggles, and the apostles who carry on the faith after the disciples are martyred.

What have we learned so far in our Church year that we can take with us, now that the specialness of Holy Week has passed and we settle into our everyday lives again? First and foremost, we remember the life and example of our Lord. Jesus taught us many things through his life and teachings – to love others unconditionally, to be patient with God, to care for those less fortunate than ourselves, to forgive not just once – but over and over again, to turn the other cheek on those who would do us harm and to pray, unceasingly. The disciples teach us that even in the midst of life’s difficulties, God is with us – to the end. The many Saints of the church teach us that God’s grace is unceasing and ever-present. The community of our Church of the Holy Spirit teaches us that people are in our lives who care for and about us, even as they struggle as we do to understand and live our faith.

I am sure the disciples must have asked themselves “What now?” after Jesus’ resurrection and ascension. What they did is the model for our life after Easter also. They stayed together. They continued to pray and seek God’s will. They went out and told others what they had seen and experienced. They continued to be a community of faith, helping and caring for each other and those around them. They tried to live the life Jesus lived, knowing that they could not do it alone. They needed to be involved in a faith community.



We, also, cannot be faithful alone. Our church community is an important part of our life of faith. Being involved with others who are also trying to live as Jesus lived is an important part of our Christianity. Be with us on Sundays as we continue to learn and try to live the faith that is God’s gift to us.

May your faith bring you peace and joy in this Easter Season.

Faithfully yours, Fr. Mark

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**Happy Mother's Day!**



The mother of three notoriously unruly youngsters was asked whether or not she'd have children - if she had it to do over again.



"Yes," she replied. "But not the same ones!"

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*The Dove welcomes comments, suggestions, and articles.  
Contact Katie or Terry at 410-641-6326 or [TheDove@sprynet.com](mailto:TheDove@sprynet.com)*

## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

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



Our Extended Family: Sue Breindenstein; Blaine Tarranto; The Matteson Family; The Courtney Family; Jeremy LaPone;  
Dan LeCates; Regina Eckerd; 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:



### May Birthdays

05/01 Jean Jones	05/22 Alicia Frombach
05/07 H. Matthew Latshaw	05/23 Michael Evans
05/09 Caleb Elmer	05/25 Abigail Fry
05/09 Patrick Reid	05/26 Jason Chrysanthis
05/12 Kathy Elmer	05/27 Jake Dougherty
05/21 George Brous	05/29 Rosella Hemming

### May Anniversaries

05/14 Diane & John Frombach  
05/20 Elaine & Don Krueger

*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 May 8th at 7:00 PM**

**Sunday School - Every Sunday during the 10:00 Service**

**ECW (Episcopal Church Women) - Sunday May 7th after the 10:00 Service**



**Pancake Breakfast - Sunday May 7th after the 10:00 Service**  
**As always, anyone wishing to participate is welcome.**

*..... Thanks, Jack Panuska*

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$7,131	\$25,241
Expenses	\$9,467	\$30,733
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,336)	(\$5,492)



**Water Jug Collections for May 2017**  
**will be used for supplies needed for the Spring Clean-Up.**



**Join the fun at the annual Spring Clean-Up and Lunch on Sunday May 21st**  
**... starting after the 10:00 Service (come enjoy time together!)**



**Please make sure to welcome our newcomers and visitors vacationing in Ocean City.**  
**A friendly smile and quiet conversation after service will make our guests feel comfortable.**

# Announcements

## Church of the Holy Spirit - Update from the Senior Warden

On behalf of the Church, I would like to thank the Search and Profile Committees. The Profile Committee did a wonderful job describing who we are today and all the great work we do in the community. This profile will be put on the new website in the process of being updated. The Search committee has worked diligently in choosing the transition style for calling a Rector and has been communicating with the vestry about progress. Representatives from the committee have also communicated with the congregation during the 8am and 10am services. Although this is an anxiety provoking experience for us as a church, it is also exciting as we move closer towards calling our new Rector. I am very optimistic that the Bishop will be providing names of candidates who will be a good fit for Church of the Holy Spirit!

The Diocese is making a significant financial investment in 2017 to kick-start an updated Safe Church program that will ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers, and children for decades to come. On May 6, there will be a “train the trainer” session for those interested in providing the training in their Church Clusters. Currently, three individuals in the Ocean Cluster plan to participate in the training. If you are interested, contact Bonnie in the church office.

Thank you to everyone who was able to assist with the Three Parish Pilgrimage Dinner. We were able to provide an assortment of soups, salads and of course desserts to approximately 40 guests. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship and it was a wonderful experience to have Bishop Santosh Marray and his wife join our congregations for this event.

Monica Martin



## Church of the Holy Spirit - Update from the Search Committee



On behalf of the Search Committee, we are happy to report that our parish profile and other requested paperwork has been compiled and submitted to Canon Patrick Collins of the Diocese of Easton. This information describes in rich detail the qualities of the Church of the Holy Spirit parish and congregation. The Diocese of Easton has posted this information on a job posting website available to clergy interested in seeking potential opportunities for parishes that are conducting active searches for new priests.

After several weeks in publication, Canon Patrick Collins will collect the names of interested candidates. Then the Diocese of Easton will review potential candidates for appropriate credentials and forward the qualified applications to the Search Committee by mid May. Working at the direction of the Church of the Holy Spirit Vestry, our committee will develop an equitable process for consideration and interviews, all of which will hopefully conclude with a recommendation for hire. Please keep our search efforts in your prayers as we work together on the calling of our new priest.

*Submitted by Jackie Carey and Jonathan Cook, Co-Chairs of The Search Committee*

# Announcements

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

The ECW hosted another successful Carrabba's Fundraiser on Sunday April 23. We served 109 dinners for a profit of \$1,322 including \$160 donated back from the 50/50 drawing won by Deacon Sherry. The ECW will give 10% of the funds raised which is \$132 to the youth groups. We were blessed by another visit from Bishop Santosh Marray at the dinner.

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 and May will be used to purchase items for the Clean-Up. The ECW will provide another wonderful lunch for all the helpers. Spring Clean-Up is being extended to the Nursery area as well!

Please sign up in May to help with lunch preparation, outdoor clean-up, or in the nursery. It is always a fun day!

The next meeting for the ECW will be on Sunday, May 7 following the 10:00 service. We invite all women of the Episcopal Church to join us.

*Submitted by Monica Martin*

## Church of the Holy Spirit – Sunday School

In Sunday school we are coming to an end for this season. May 7 will be our last day until we start back up in September. On that day we will receive our yearly pin and acknowledgements.

We just had our annual Easter egg hunt and prizes were all around! Our Jelly-Bean Guessing contest was won by Caleb Elmer this year! To all the children that were in my class as well as the youth of our church have a SAFE and HAPPY SUMMER!

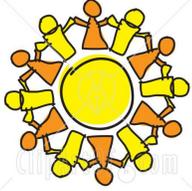
See you all September 10 for the first day of Sunday school.

*Thanks and God Bless, Mrs. Kathy*



# Announcements

## Church of the Holy Spirit – The Pastoral Care Team



Please contact Father Mark, Deacon Sherry, or Kay Saxon if you 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. If you are interested in being part of the Pastoral Care Team or the Prayer Chain, you can reach Kay at 410-641-8438.

Penny Morrow has returned home from rehab after a recent fall. Due to the nature of her injury, she is restricted from doing anything. If you are interested in delivering a meal to her and her husband, Ralph, you can contact Karen Cramer from St. Paul's by-the-Sea who is coordinating meals. You can reach Karen at 410-641-8171 or email at [karjack35@verizon.net](mailto:karjack35@verizon.net).

If you would like to send Penny a card her mailing address: 9832 Hastings Lane, Ocean City MD, 21842.

## Church of the Holy Spirit – Property Committee

Since the last edition of The Dove, much work has been completed on the property.



We have a new roof!

The white fence damaged by the Nor'easter in January 2016 has been taken apart and removed. There are a few remaining fence posts that will be disposed of soon. The St. Francis of Assisi statue has been replaced. Thank you to Father Mark and Deacon Sherry for blessing our new statue. The ramp to the Church Hall has been stained with a slip resistant coating. The rails along the steps and the ramp area have been tightened up for safety.

Special thanks to Bob Wachter from the 8:00 service who has taken over the lawn this summer. Bob is a very valuable addition to the care of our property.

If you see something on the church property that needs attention, please notify the church office. A meeting will be scheduled in May for the Property Committee.

*Submitted by Monica Martin*

## Church of the Holy Spirit – Fundraiser on Monday July 24

On Monday July 24 during the evening (time to be determined), the church is planning a Quarter Auction/Paddle Party at Church of the Holy Spirit.

This event is an opportunity to welcome the community to the Church of the Holy Spirit and to raise funds to support our church. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Monica Martin or Martha Stone. More details to come! Please mark your calendar.

# Community

**The Ocean Cluster - 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 at the Atlantic United Methodist Church located on 4th Street and Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City. The meeting will complete America's Original Sin by Jim Wallis. Discussions for the next book will be part of the meeting. Please contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658, for more information.
- **Three Parish Pilgrimage** - In keeping with tradition, the three Episcopal churches hosted the Parish Pilgrimage on the Wednesday before Easter. This was a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with members of other local Episcopal Churches. Bishop Santosh Marray and his wife joined us this year for the Pilgrimage!

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

## **National Day of Prayer**

**Everyone is invited to participate in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday May 4th at 12:00 noon in front of City Hall. Members of the community will pray for our nation, leaders, community and more.**

**Government leaders, ministers, and citizens of Ocean City will participate. Rain or shine!**



# Schedules for May

## Altar Guild

07 - Bonnie Rease and Carol Sperling  
14 - Sue Flaherty and Helene Clifton  
21 - Diane Frombach and Barbara Wachter  
28 - Bonnie Rease and Carol Sperling

## Usher & Greeters

07 - Sam & Harris Donangue  
14 - Pat & Jack Panuska  
21 - Joe Dougherty and Helene Clifton  
28 - Gloria Lebling and Jeanne Schiffler

## Acolytes - 8:00 Service

07 - Jackie Carey  
14 - Skip Carey  
21 - Jackie Carey  
28 - Skip Carey

## Acolytes - 10:00 Service

07 - Alex Strebe  
14 - Marena Konoski  
21 - Cheryl Spanniger  
28 - Diane Frombach

## Lector - 8:00 Service

07 - Skip Carey  
14 - Jackie Carey  
21 - Skip Carey  
28 - Jackie Carey

## Lector - 10:00 Service

07 - Jonathan Cook  
14 - Alex Strebe  
21 - Alex DeSilver  
28 - Monica Martin

## Chalice Bearer - 8:00 Service

07 - Jackie Carey  
14 - Skip Carey  
21 - Jackie Carey  
28 - Skip Carey

## Chalice Bearer - 10:00 Service

07 - Carolyn Johnston  
14 - Melanie Konoski  
21 - John Frombach  
28 - Monica Martin

## Nursery

07 - Heather Parenti  
14 - Melissa Reid  
21 - Kay Saxon  
28 - Carol Chrysanthis



## Coffee Hour

07 - Pancake Breakfast  
14 - Diane Frombach  
21 - Monica Martin  
28 - Chris Brous

## Recorders

07 - Joe Dougherty and Marie Judd  
14 - Joe Dougherty and Marie Judd  
21 - Jane Florentino and Melanie Konoski  
28 - Jane Florentino and Melanie Konoski

**If we tossed our problems in a pile and saw the others - we would grab ours back!**



# May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Bible Study 5:30p	4 Book Club 7p	5	6 Safe Church - Train the Trainer
7 8a & 10a Eucharist  Pancake Breakfast ECW	8 Vestry 7p	9	10 Bible Study 5:30p	11	12	13
14 8a & 10a Eucharist  Happy Mother's Day!		16	17 Bible Study 5:30p	18	19	20
21 8a & 10a Eucharist  Spring Clean-up	22	23	24 Bible Study 5:30p	25	26	27
28 8a & 10a Eucharist	29	30	31 Bible Study 5:30p			