



THE DOVE

March 2018

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sunday Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:00am
Sunday School at 10:00am
Office Hours 9:00am to 12:00pm, Monday thru Friday

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
The Rev. Joseph Rushton, Rector
The Rev. Dick Bunting, Deacon
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“Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us”



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From the Rector

It seems like a little more than a week ago that I was preparing my letter related to the Christmas season and here it is late February, the temperature reached 75 degrees today and now I sit before my computer in shorts and a tee shirt. The seasons and how they change.

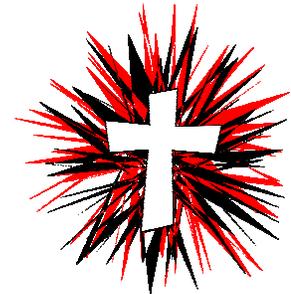
Our Church is now officially one week into the Lenten season. Ashes have been distributed at two services and a period of contemplation, reflection and repentance has been opened for those of us willing to partake. We have an opportunity to make this period count. We can try to step away from our many means of being connected and unplug. Find some quiet time for solitude to reflect on the path we are following in our day to day living. (The irony is not lost on me, that I am offering advice to disconnect as I am very connected and attempting to invade your solitude with this reflection.)

I don't take nearly enough time in quiet contemplation, even as I prepare my sermons. For me it is initially a labor of input – via reading: scripture, commentaries on scriptures, blogs about scripture and listening to audio files and podcasts about the Sunday readings and finally having discussions with other preachers about approaches for bringing God's words to the people of our respective parishes. Finally, I come to a period to set all those connections aside, rest with the scripture, and allow God to help me sort it out. I don't expect God to dictate what I am to speak to you, but in my solitude allow God's presence to wash over me and then set before me a path to explore.

This meditation is not the exclusive property of priests and leaders within the Church. It is an invitation and process that is open to all and very much a part of being a follower of Jesus.

The Christian life is about praying, thinking, sharing, reflecting and the discerning a path forward for our living and then taking real steps to walk that path.

As our Lenten scriptures progress, we will read and hear about Jesus determining what it means to the beloved Son of God and what it will entail to carry out the work God has given Him to do. He will find some support among his followers as he will find misunderstanding and abandonment from others. He struggles and expresses a wish that things could be different but ultimately accepts the path and conduct that will lead Him to the cross.



The cross is the destination of Lent and it comes with an invitation for us to accept the cross and continue on the path back to God. That is how Lent ends but there is always more the next time, the Rest of the Story.

*In Christ,
Father Rushton*

*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: John Frombach; Don Dennis; Jude Walsh; Alice Jones;
Michael Konoski; Bishop Santosh Marray; Miriam Murphy;
Penny Morrow; Sam Domangue; Alex Strebe; Jeff;
James Schiffler; Richard Taylor; Naomi Popolo;
Dick MacDonald



Our Extended Family: Sawyer, Veronique Sippel; Pat Murrell; Max Long; Val Shearer; Regina Eckerd;
Richard Tesar; Betty Jeanne O'Neill; Jim; Bob Cribb; Ann O'Donnell; Sandy Pope;
Tim; Cara; Analise; John Frombach, Sr.; Katherine DeSilver; Ruth, Sam Mooney;
Gail & Dave; Karl; Jean Bertram; Tom Henchcliffe

For The Deceased:



*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.*

March Birthdays

03/05 Alex DeSilver	03/24 Miriam Murphy
03/05 Jonathan Cook	03/25 Michael Konoski
03/18 Charles Judd	03/25 Jessica Fry
03/21 Joan Downing	03/29 Charles Wehland
03/23 Tyler Cook	

March Anniversaries

03/17 Jackie and Skip Carey

Sunday School - Every Sunday during the 10:00 Service

Vestry Meeting - Monday March 12 at 7:00 PM

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) - Sunday March 11 after the 10:00 Service



Pancake Breakfast - Sunday March 4 after the 10:00 Service

As always, anyone wishing to participate is welcome.

..... Thanks, Jack Panuska

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$12,275	\$132,822
Expenses	\$10,130	\$122,287
Net Income/Loss	\$2,145	\$10,536



Water Jug Collections for March 2018

Please be generous!!



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

Thanks to our Newly Elected Vestry Members Jackie Carey, Diane Frombach (2nd Term), Bob Wachter!

**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

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

On January 21, the Renewal of Ministry Celebration was well attended by parishioners, members of the cluster churches, and other clergy from the diocese. Bishop San led the service and in his sermon reminded us that we, the congregation, are in a partnership with Father Rushton as we move forward together to do God's work. For me, this stresses the belief that we are each important, not only in the eyes of God, but as members of the Church of the Holy Spirit. Thank you to everyone who was able to be part of the service and assist with the reception (see pictures on page 7).

On February 4, we had approximately 30 parishioners who enjoyed a wonderful pancake breakfast followed by the annual meeting. It was great to see representation of parishioners from both the 8am and 10am service. At the meeting, we were reminded that this year will be our 50th Anniversary as a church and plans will be underway to celebrate this milestone. Congratulations and welcome to Jackie Carey, Bob Wachter and Diane Frombach who were voted in as members of the vestry. Thank you to Bill Johnston (6 years) and to Helene Clifton (3 years) for their service on the vestry and to the Church of the Holy Spirit. We will miss your presence and valuable input!

Monica Martin



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

The ECW collected items for members of the US Troops. We were able to fill boxes with assortments of necessities and snacks for 5 troop members which were shipped for Valentine's Day.



Thank you to everyone who was able to donate items and monies to support our troops.

The next meeting for the ECW is March 11 following 10:00 service.

Submitted by Monica Martin

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Altar Flowers / Sanctuary Candles

There are several Sundays available to give Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candles in loving memory of someone, thanksgivings, and celebrations.

The charts are on the wall in the back of the church. Please ask the greeter for more information.

Sign up soon for the next available date! The cost is \$25 for flowers or \$4 for the candle.

Your thoughtfulness of memories for your loved ones, thanksgivings, or special events creates a warm and beautiful altar for celebrating Holy Eucharist each Sunday.

Announcements

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Easter Schedule

March 25 - Palm Sunday Services at 8 am & 10 am
March 28 - Three Parish Pilgrimage at 5 pm (see below for details)
March 29 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm
March 30 - Good Friday Services at 12 noon
April 1 - Easter Sunday Services at 8 am & 10 am



Three Parish Pilgrimage For Wednesday in Holy Week - March 28, 2018

Everyone is invited to participate in all or part of our Annual Pilgrimage Experience.

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

5:00 pm

Evening Prayer

St Paul's Berlin

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Simple Lenten Supper

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

Church of the Holy Spirit

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Compline

EASTER LILIES

*** DUE BY PALM SUNDAY March 25 ***

\$ 8.00 Per Plant

(Money Should Accompany Form)

Flower Gift Given By:

Given in: _____ Memory of: _____ Thanksgiving for: _____



Announcements

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Outreach

Worcester Gold is not planning an Easter event so Holy Spirit will not fill baskets this year. If anyone has an Easter project, please contact Sue Flaherty or myself.

Worcester Gold is suggesting additional support for the School Supplies Drive or Christmas gifts.

The Food Drive is tentatively planned for April. Father Rushton has written a letter which will be forwarded to the ACME corporate office and hopefully final plans can be made. Details will be published as soon as available.

Submitted by Phyllis Brian



The Church of the Holy Spirit – “Souper Bowl Thanks!”

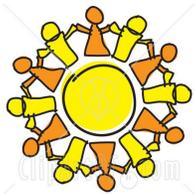


The Parishioners of the Church of the Holy Spirit responded with incredible generosity to make “Souper Bowl” Sunday a success again this year. The cans of soup and other non-perishable foods were distributed from a local food pantry.

We are always very grateful for the food left in the back of the church each Sunday. Please continue to donate non-perishable items such as soups, tuna, canned meats, stews, ravioli, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, and jelly.

Thanks Again for Your Generosity, Terry Moody

The Church of the Holy Spirit – The Pastoral Care Team



Please contact Father Rushton at 410-279-2582 if you know of a parishioner who is ill or in the hospital. A member of the Pastoral Care Team can reach out 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 Saxon at 410-641-8438.

Announcements

Church of the Holy Spirit - Giving Card for 2018

Please give prayerful consideration to support the Ministries of the Church of the Holy Spirit and help your Vestry prepare to cover expenses in 2018.

I/we will contribute \$_____ to our Church of the Holy Spirit for the remainder of 2018.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



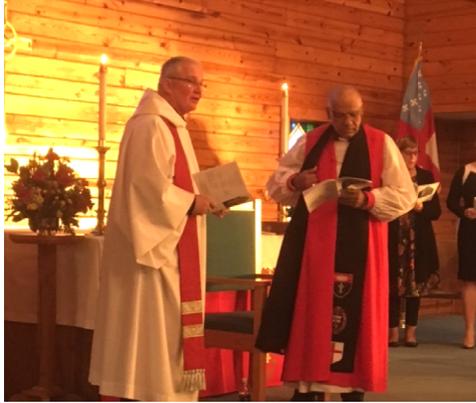
Would you like to be included in the parish directory? _____

You can place your Giving Card in the Sunday collection, call the office at 410-723-1973, or mail it to your parish family at the address below:

Church of the Holy Spirit
10001 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842

Contributions can be raised or lowered anytime during the year

Pictures



January 21, 2018

Bishop Santosh Marray celebrated the Institution and Induction of Reverend Joseph Rushton as the new Rector with the Church of the Holy Spirit.



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)**



The Ocean Cluster meets quarterly to discuss mission, outreach, and events among the different churches. The next meeting date and time is to be determined. All are welcome to join us.

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

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

- **Three Parish Pilgrimage** – In keeping with tradition, the three Episcopal churches will be hosting the Parish Pilgrimage on Wednesday March 28 beginning at 5pm. This is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with members of other local Episcopal Churches. Please see the announcement on page 4 for all details.
- **Dedication of Fellowship Commons at St. Paul's by-the-Sea** – Bishop Santosh Marray will celebrate the dedication of the new building on Saturday April 28 at 1pm at St. Paul's by-the-Sea.
- **Three Parish Picnic** – Picnic plans are underway to gather in September at Decatur Park in Berlin.

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

Clergy United for Reconciliation and Equality (CURE)

The CURE clergy are organizing a four part series called "Your Neighbor's Faith" to be held on consecutive Thursdays from 7:00p to 8:30p beginning March 1, 2018.

March 1 - Judaism at Temple Bat Yam (11036 Worcester Highway, Berlin)

March 8 - Catholicism at Holy Savior (17th Street, Ocean City)

March 15- Protestantism at Church of the Holy Spirit (100th Street, Ocean City)

March 22 - Islam at Islamic Center (12507 Sunset Ave Unit 24, West Ocean City)

The Noel Community – Thanks to Church of the Holy Spirit

The Noel Community thanks everyone for the gloves, hats, and socks donated at our 16th annual gLOVEs drive over the Valentine Day season. The generous gifts are appreciated by those who received your donations. The items were distributed by a local food pantry that provides social services to individuals and families in our area. Together, we were able to warm the hearts and hands of our friends in need.

From Your Heart to Theirs!
The Noel Community



Schedules for March

Altar Guild

04 - Bonnie Rease and Carol Sperling
11 - Sue Flaherty and Helene Clifton
18 - Diane Frombach and Barbara Wachter
25 - Bonnie Rease and Carol Sperling

Usher & Greeters

04 - Sam & Harris Domangue
11 - Helene Clifton and Joe Dougherty
18 - Jeanne Schiffler and Marena Konoski
25 - Cal Hook and Naomi Popolo

Acolytes - 8:00 Service

04 - Jackie Carey
11 - Skip Carey
18 - Jackie Carey
25 - Skip Carey

Acolytes - 10:00 Service

04 - Diane Frombach
11 - Cheryl Spanninger
18 - Melanie Konoski
25 - Monica Martin

Lector - 8:00 Service

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18 - Carolyn Johnston
25 - John Frombach



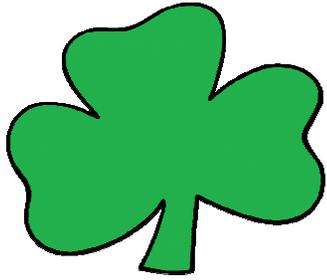
Coffee Hour

04 - Pancake Breakfast
11 - Christine Brous
18 - Monica Martin
25 - Kay Saxon

Recorders

04 - Joe Dougherty and Marie Judd
11 - Joe Dougherty and Marie Judd
18 - Barbara Wachter and Helene Clifton
25 - Barbara Wachter and Helene Clifton

Give others more than they expect and do it cheerfully.



March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 CURE 7p Judaism - Temple Bat Yam (Berlin)	2	3
4 8a & 10a Eucharist Pancake Breakfast	5	6	7	8 CURE 7p Catholicism - Holy Savior (OC)	9	10
11 8a & 10a Eucharist ECW	12 Vestry 7p	13	14	15 CURE 7p Protestantism - Church of the Holy Spirit (OC)	16	17
18 8a & 10a Eucharist	19	20	21	22 CURE 7p Islam - Islamic Center (WOC)	23	24
25 8a & 10a Eucharist Palm Sunday	26	27	28 Three Parish Pilgrimage 5p Start at SPBTS	29 Maundy Thursday 7p	30 Good Friday 12n	31