



THE DOVE

December 2018

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Sunday Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:00am
Sunday School at 10:00am

NEW Office Hours (October 2018)
7:00am to 12:00pm - Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:00am to 9:00am - Tuesday and Thursday

The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
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“Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us”



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Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing the Christ Within Us

From the Rector

There is a debate, although not a too serious one as to what is the “Most Wonderful Time of the Year”. For some it is the Christmas Season, for others it’s the lazy days of Summer and for others is the time when the “kids go back to School.” Wherever you position yourself on that issue, time moves on and once again the seasons keep on changing.

For we Christians all around the world the New Year is upon us, that is the season of Advent when our Church year begins. During this year we will primarily read from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke the Evangelist. Luke will present to us the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

AS ALWAYS, WE BEGIN AGAIN: and so, it is with Advent, as we recall not only the ends of days and the beginning of the days of Jesus, Emmanuel “God with us.”

The first Sunday of Advent we read:

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Luke 21:25-28.

The second Sunday of Advent we read:

“the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,” The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see salvation of God.” Luke 3:1-6

The third Sunday of Advent we read:

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ... As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Luke 3:7,8,10,11,15 and 16.

The fourth Sunday of Advent we read:

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." Luke 1:41-49

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THEN COMES CHRISTMAS

Luke the Evangelist will tell us: “... a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. There will be angels, shepherds, animals and finally visitors from the East who will come to see this Child who will be our Savior and Lord.” Luke 2:1-20

We will once again remember, celebrate and rejoice in the wonderful things our God does for us!

I encourage you to enjoy every bit of the season of celebration that will surround us. Take pleasure in the twinkling lights, the beautiful displays and the hopes and dreams of the child within us all. Be gracious in our willingness to extend and receive hospitality. Share what you have and bless others as you are blessed.

The God who made us has given us a tremendous and immeasurable gift. The Creator has come among us in the person of the Son, the Word made flesh. Jesus for us, has become the Christ, the chosen one of God who bids us all to rejoice. This bidding further calls us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ. We are called to share in the Love of God for us, by in turn loving all as brothers and sisters.

May this Christmas season truly be a time of joy, peace, love and happiness for all!

In Christ's Love,

-Father Joe Rushton

Christmas Blessing

May God bless you and let this Christmas season bring comfort and joy to you and your family.

Let the Lord guide you this Christmas season and warm your hearts all winter long.



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: Pat Panuska; Tinker Dennis; Barbara Wachter; Martha Stone;
John Frombach; Don Dennis; Michael Konoski; Alice Jones;
Miriam Murphy; Penny Morrow; Bishop Santosh Marray;
Alex Strebe; Richard Taylor; Jeff



Our Extended Family: Claude Ricard; Sharon; John Snyder; Benjamin Honess; Mary, Kathleen and Kayla Rushton;
Anne Siddoway; Darin Phillips; Aiden Runkins; Wayne Purnell; Sam Mooney; Max Long;
Veronique Sippel; Regina Eckerd; Richard Tesar; Dawn Schollian; Bob Biddle; Bob Cribb;
Ann O'Donnell; Sandy Pope; Tim; Cara; Analise; John Frombach, Sr.; Katherine DeSilver;
Ruth; Mary D'Agostino

For The Deceased: Deacon Barry Neville; Sevin "Sam" Domangue; Jean Bertram



Birthdays and Anniversaries

December Birthdays

12/02 Sadie Holter	12/26 Marti McNiff
12/04 Katie Coffman	12/27 Jane Alexander
12/06 Ewan Betz	12/28 Martha Stone
12/18 Jacqueline Frombach	12/30 Steven Martin
12/25 Melissa Evans-Holter	

December Anniversaries

12/03 Sue & John Flaherty
12/06 Christine & Joel Brous
12/15 Carolyn & Bill Johnston

*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.*

Sunday School - Sundays during the 10:00 Service

Vestry Meeting - Monday December 10 at 7:00 PM

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) - Sunday December 16 after the 10:00 Service

Annual Meeting and Election of the Vestry - Sunday February 10 after the 10:00 Service



Pancake Breakfast - Sunday December 2 after the 10:00 Service

As always, anyone wishing to participate is welcome.

..... Thanks, Jack Panuska

	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
Income	\$9,786	\$93,581	\$102,070	\$121,900
Expenses	\$12,162	\$106,682	\$101,601	\$124,408
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,376)	(\$13,101)	\$469	(\$2,508)



Special Dates in December - See page 4 of The Dove for details.

Christmas Eve Eucharist - will be celebrated on Monday December 24 at 6:00.

Announcements

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

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 10 following the 10:00 service. The church is looking for two individuals to run for vestry during the annual meeting. For more information, see Monica Martin, Cal Hook, or Father Rushton. Vestry members are responsible for helping with decision making for the daily operations of the church. Duties include attending and participating in monthly meetings. Please give careful consideration to this call of service to our church

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and wish all of you a Merry Christmas Season!

Monica Martin



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

The ECW met on November 11. Officers elected were Monica Martin, President; Diane Frombach, Vice President; and Sue Flaherty, Treasurer. Activities were planned for the upcoming year to include the cookie drive, support our troops, Carrabba's fundraiser, collection of blankets and socks for residents at Berlin Nursing Home and the annual indoor yard sale.

On December 1, the ECW will spear head decorating the Church Hall beginning at 10am. All are welcome to join us. This coincides with the Ocean City Christmas Parade which begins at 11 am and the staging takes place outside Church of the Holy Spirit. It is always enjoyable to listen to music of local high school bands and other participants in the parade as we decorate the hall.

The ECW will be collecting Christmas cookie tins thru December 16. We will also be collecting Christmas cookies and candies to be placed in the tins on December 16. On December 16, we will fill all the tins which will be provided to the families adopted for Christmas. The remaining tins will be delivered to Shepherd's Crook to be dispersed along with other foods for those in need. If you would like to donate Christmas tins, you can place them in the container in the Church Hall.

At the last meeting, the ECW voted to make the following donations: \$100 to NOEL and \$100 to the Thanksgiving Dinner provided at the Ocean City Baptist Church. Donations will be made to the Church of the Holy Spirit in memory of Naomi Popolo and Sam Domangue. A donation will also be made to Church of the Holy Spirit in celebration of Gloria Lebling and her service to our church and the ECW.

The next meeting will take place on December 16 to fill the cookie tins. We invite all women of the Episcopal Church to join us regardless of age!

Submitted by Monica Martin

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Special Dates in December

Saturday December 1 - Decorating the Parish Hall for Christmas at 10:00 AM

Sunday December 16 - Children's Christmas Pageant during the 10:00 Service

Sunday December 23 - Decorating the Church for Christmas after the 10:00 Service

Monday December 24 - Christmas Eve Eucharist on December 24 at 6:00 PM

Announcements

Church of the Holy Spirit – In Loving Memory of Sevim “Sam” Domangue



Sevim T. “Sam” Domangue, age 84, of Ocean City died Monday, November 5, 2018 at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Berlin. Mrs. Domangue was born in Zonguldak, Turkey and was the daughter of the late Muhittin Tuncok.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Harris J. Domangue; one son: Ersin L. Domangue and wife Jacqueline of Woodbine, Maryland; two daughters, Lale D. LaPointe of Selbyville and Suzy L. LaPointe Browne and husband Thom of Arizona; one brother, Mete Tuncok; seven grandchildren, Leanne LaPointe, Nicholas LaPointe, Joshua Domague, Sarah Domague, Aaron Domague, Jared Domague, Harris Domague; and two great-grandchildren, Alexandra Strebe and Desirae Godwin.

She retired from Singer-Link as a Mechanical Engineer. She was a very active member of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 16 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City, with Rev. Joseph Rushton officiating.

Church of the Holy Spirit – Holy Baptism of Myles Joseph Parenti

On November 25, Father Ruston and Deacon Bunting baptized Myles Joseph Parenti, son of Heather and Jim Parenti, younger brother of McKenna and Max.

Myles’ Godparents are Nicole Schiffler and John Maniatty.



Announcements

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Outreach

The church will again sponsor Worcester GOLD through their Helping Hands for the Holidays program to provide Christmas gifts and a holiday meal for local children and their families. We are sponsoring a total of 18 children and 6 families this year. The Angel Tree is set up in the parish hall. Please take a tag or two as you are able and shop for the children. Wrapped gifts are due by December 9. Monetary donations are welcome to purchase items. If you have questions, contact Sue Flaherty at 410-430-2100.

The ECW will be collecting Christmas tins thru December 16. Christmas cookies or candies to be placed in the tins can be delivered to the Parish Hall on December 16. The tins will be distributed to the families adopted for Christmas and to Shepherd's Crook. If you would like to donate Christmas tins, please place them in the container in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, contact Monica Martin at 443-235-8942.

The ECW plans to collect items for our troops during January, more details coming soon!

"Souper Bowl" Sunday is planned for February 3 to collect canned soups for Shepherd's Crook.

Valentine "gLOVES" drive is planned for February 17 to collect new gloves, hats, blankets, and scarves for the N.O.E.L. (Nothing Other than Eating and Loving) Community.

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Stewardship Matters

Your Stewardship Committee met to discuss the 2019 Giving Campaign. The committee this year is chaired by Janie Penn and includes Father Rushton, Katie Coffman, Monica Martin, Terry Moody, and Bonnie Rease.

The Stewardship Committee requests that all parishioners and regular visitors who love the Church of the Holy Spirit carefully consider their annual pledge for 2019. In addition to your pledge, there are also many opportunities to assist in church activities listed on the back of the giving card.

Questions and feedback are encouraged from the entire congregation because stewardship involves each and every member of the Church of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome at Stewardship meetings. Please contact any member listed above at the Sunday services or at the phone numbers listed in the parish directory to bring your questions and comments to the Stewardship Committee. You can also write a note or call the church office at 410-723-1973.

Please give careful consideration to make a pledge and talk with stewardship parish members about why you do or do not pledge. We appreciate all feedback.

Please return your "giving card" today and support your church family.

Extra cards are available in the back of the church or by emailing Katie Coffman at ccoffman02@sprynet.com

With thanks and appreciation – Our 2019 Stewardship Committee!



Community

The Diocese of Easton – Children's Home Foundation

Please consider making a contribution to the Children's Home Foundation (CHF) of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, a ministry of the Diocese of Easton. Proceeds are used to provide high school graduates and non-traditional students an opportunity to pursue their education at career and technology schools.

...YOUR GIFTS MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!!!

The Diocese of Easton – Camp Wright

Camp Wright of the Diocese of Easton provides day and resident camp programs during the summer. Registration is open and scholarships are available based on need.

Activities include boating, team sports, swimming, arts, nature exploration, and environmental activities.



Please contact the church office at 410-723-1973 for more information.

The Noel Community – Annual Dinner on Christmas Day

The Noel Community is preparing for our 21st annual Christmas dinner. Noel will prepare and serve a free ham dinner with all the trimmings from 11:00 to 2:00 at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church on 3rd Street in Ocean City.

This event has become an important part of Christmas celebration for many including the homeless, unemployed, underemployed, shut-in, and those who are alone. All items are free and all are welcome.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to the Noel Community and place in the collection plate or mail to:

The Noel Community
302 North Baltimore Avenue
Ocean City MD, 21842

Donations of cookies, brownies, and cupcakes will be accepted on Monday December 24 from 10:00 to 12:00 at St. Paul's by-the-Sea. The Noel Community appreciates the generosity of The Church of the Holy Spirit in supporting our efforts to make the Christmas celebration special for many in our community. We hope you can join us again this year.

*Faithfully Yours,
The Noel Community*



Schedules for December

Altar Guild

- 02 - Bonnie Rease and Carol Sperling
- 09 - Sue Flaherty and Helene Clifton
- 16 - Diane Frombach and Barbara Wachter
- 23 - Bonnie Rease and Carol Sperling
- 30 - Sue Flaherty and Helene Clifton

Usher & Greeters

- 02 - Jeanne Schiffler and Marena Konoski
- 09 - Pat & Jack Panuska
- 16 - Helene Clifton and Joe Dougherty
- 23 - Cal Hook
- 30 - Marie & Charlie Judd

Acolytes - 8:00 Service

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

Acolytes - 10:00 Service

- 02 - Diane Frombach
- 09 - Marena Konoski
- 16 - Cheryl Spaninger
- 23 - Monica Martin
- 30 - Melanie Konoski

Lector - 8:00 Service

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

Lector - 10:00 Service

- 02 - Monica Martin
- 09 - Cal Hook
- 16 - Cheryl Spaninger
- 23 - Joe Dougherty
- 30 - Monica Martin

Chalice Bearer - 8:00 Service

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

Chalice Bearer - 10:00 Service

- 02 - Melanie Konoski
- 09 - John Frombach
- 16 - Monica Martin
- 23 - Monica Martin
- 30 - Diane Frombach



Coffee Hour

- 02 - Pancake Breakfast
- 09 - Monica Martin
- 16 - Chris Brous
- 23 - Melanie and Marena Konoski
- 30 - Diane Frombach

Recorders

- 02 - Barbara Wachter and Helene Clifton
- 09 - Jane Florentino and Melanie Konoski
- 16 - Jane Florentino and Melanie Konoski
- 23 - Ann Dougherty and Mary Holt
- 30 - Ann Dougherty and Mary Holt

Life is not Tied with a Bow, but it is still a Gift.

Schedule for Christmas



Usher & Greeters

12/24 6:00 PM - Volunteers Needed

Acolytes

12/24 6:00 PM - Volunteers Needed

Torch Bearers

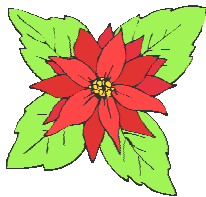
12/24 6:00 PM - Volunteers Needed

Lector

12/24 6:00 PM - Volunteers Needed

Chalice Bearers

12/24 6:00 PM - Volunteers Needed



**Christmas Decoration Fund
(Greenery, Wreaths, Poinsettias)**



Gift Given By:

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please Return Form and Money by December 9th

December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Decorate Parish Hall for Christmas 10a
2 8a & 10a Eucharist Pancake Breakfast	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 8a & 10a Eucharist	10 Vestry 7p	11 Ministry Schedules Due	12	13	14	15
16 8a & 10a Eucharist Christmas Pageant ECW – Cookies	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 8a & 10a Eucharist Decorate Church for Christmas	24 Christmas Eve 6p Eucharist	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed NOEL Dinner 11a at St. Paul's B-T-S	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
30 8a & 10a Eucharist	31 Office Closed					