



**THE DOVE**  
**May 2020**

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**During the State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Virus:**

**Sunday Services, Sunday School, and all Events at the Church  
are Cancelled Through May 2020 – Updates provided when available**

**Links to Morning Prayers for Sunday services will be Emailed**

**The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton  
The Reverend Joseph Rushton, Rector  
Alisha King, Intern Deacon  
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*“Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us”*



**The Dove – Church of the Holy Spirit – May 2020**  
**Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us**

**From the Rector**

**My Dear Church of the Holy Spirit Family,**

The past four weeks have flown, and I hardly know what has transpired aside from the non-stop updates and analysis of the Covid-19 Pandemic. I have learned enough to stay home as much as I can, venture out to walk Weaver (the dog), and other times only as necessary.

My eyes are blurry from participating in too many Zoom meetings for a variety of reasons. I miss seeing our parish family.

Easter Sunday was a special treat as many of our families from Holy Spirit and St. Paul's by-the-Sea gathered for the drive-in Eucharist at the Red Doors Community Center, where the parking lot was the most conducive property available to us for our use. It was wonderful to see the smiling faces and children waving frantically when entering and leaving the parking lot.

Father Matthew and I are grateful to have been able to reach out and provide Morning Prayers services on the other Sundays. We hope to have a second drive-in service for Pentecost on May 31, if we can adhere to all State of Maryland and Diocese of Easton guidelines.

Exactly what restrictions will be in force for Maryland during the month of May are not clear. We will do our best to keep up to date and will adhere to them for the safety and security of all.

I am confident that in God's time - all will be well, we will return to a less restrictive living, and we will gather again and experience anew the Joy of Easter: That Christ is Risen Indeed.

**PLEASE STAY SAFE**

**PLEASE STAY HOME (as much as possible)**

**PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**PLEASE KNOW THAT I CAN BE REACHED AT ANY TIME BY PHONE 410-279-2582.**

**In Christ,  
Father Rushton**



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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: Father Joseph Rushton, Lloyd Martin, Jack Panuska,  
Tinker Dennis, Miriam Murphy, Alice Jones, Alex Strebe,  
Richard Taylor

Our Extended Family: Margo Cahill, Karl, Sawyer, Chuck Evans, Nancy Meadows, Kim Whaley, Ann Ezzo,  
Robert Vaughan, The Numbers Family, Regina Eckard, Mike Brian, Charles Spanninger III,  
Joan Faulkner, Dottie Meadows, Scott Whaley, Raymond LaManque, Kenneth Pickell,  
Diana Hess-Fisher, David C., Lisa Walker, Jeff, Kathy, Patti, Ann O'Donnell, Tim, Cara,  
Analise, Katherine DeSilver, Ruth

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.*

### May Birthdays

05/09 Caleb Elmer	05/21 George Brous
05/09 Patrick Reid	05/22 Alicia Frombach
05/12 Kathy Elmer	05/26 Jason Chrysanthis
05/14 Caroline Cathell	05/27 Jake Dougherty
	05/29 Rosella Hemming

### May Anniversaries

05/05 Katherine & Robert Wauhop  
05/14 Diane & John Frombach

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Income	\$8,535	\$27,190	\$23,470	\$102,400
Expenses	\$10,859	\$31,334	\$31,206	\$119,360
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,324)	(\$4,144)	(\$7,736)	(\$16,960)



**\*\* Pending Vestry Approval \*\***

## Prayers and Thanksgivings in the Book of Common Prayer

### Prayer #3 - For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:  
Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;  
break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love;  
and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth;  
that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer #9 - For Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift:  
Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge,  
the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.  
Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# Announcements

## The Church of the Holy Spirit – Update on Sunday Services (from the Parish Office)

Fellow Parishioners,

We have received new guidance from the Diocese of Easton that there will be no traditional services held in church buildings through the end of May. We will continue to provide virtual Morning Prayers services each Sunday.

We hope you are enjoying these services.

Please stay safe!

## The Church of the Holy Spirit – Pledge Offerings (from the Parish Office)

Fellow Parishioners,

Thank you to all who have been mailing your offerings to the church. Your support has enabled us to keep our bills up to date so far. However, our cash is dwindling considerably each month so your continued support is much needed. During this time of suspended church activities, please mail your offerings to the church at the address below as you are able.

Your church leadership is looking into the programs available to help during the COVID-19 difficulty. We have not received any assistance and have no guarantee that we will receive any financial support. The church is operating on your offerings and appreciates your continued generosity.

We pray everyone is well and look forward to the time when we can meet again in person! In the meantime, we hope you are enjoying our virtual Sunday Services. We appreciate the many kind notes and emails.

Remember, Father Rushton is available to speak with you any time as you need. He can be reached by calling the church office at 410-723-1973 or his cell phone at 410-279-2582.

Thank you.

Church of the Holy Spirit  
10001 Coastal Highway  
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## 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 Alisha King at 410-845-8842 or Kay Saxon at 410-641-8438.

# Pictures



**Drive-In Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
April 12, 2020**

**Episcopal Churches of Ocean City, Maryland**

**Saint Paul's by-the-Sea  
Father Matthew D'Amario, Rector  
Laura McCarthy, Deacon Postulate (Greeter)**

**Church of the Holy Spirit  
Father Joseph Rushton, Rector  
Alisha King, Deacon Postulate (Greeter)**



# Community

## The Ocean Cluster - Church of the Holy Spirit (Ocean City), St. Paul's by-the-Sea (Ocean City), St. Paul's (Berlin)



Several years ago, the three Episcopal churches in the Ocean City and Berlin area formed The Ocean Cluster as part of Bishop Santosh Marray's effort to have churches in the diocese that are located near each other, engage together in social and outreach activities. The Ocean Cluster meets quarterly to discuss mission, outreach, and events among our three churches.

Past events have included three parish pilgrimages, quiet days, picnics, and ministry to Hope4Recovery.

Members from Church of the Holy Spirit are Father Rushton and Jackie Carey.

- **Hope4Recovery** – 10226 Old Ocean City Blvd in Berlin; across the street from the Barrett Building.
  - ++ **Monthly Dinners** - Third Sunday each month at 4:00. Everyone is welcome. Bring food or smiles! We hope and pray for the residents to feel welcome and part of a family. **(Coming again soon!)**
  - ++ **Paper Goods Drive** - After a successful drive in Advent, the Ocean Cluster is planning to again collect paper goods. Items sought include paper towels, paper napkins, toilet paper, dishwasher liquid, laundry detergent, cups, financial donations, etc. Call Jackie Carey at 443-735-4275 for more details.
- **Next Ocean Cluster Meeting** – To Be Determined due to the Covid-19 virus!

Please come and enjoy our events with the three nearby Episcopal churches and the local community!

## The Ocean Cluster - Hope4Recovery House

Hope4Recovery is a halfway house for men in recovery from addiction. Last year, the Ocean Cluster of churches (see above) agreed to help residents re-enter the community. The group decided family-style meals would be warm and welcoming. Each month, a church in the Cluster provides either the main dish and sides; salad and bread; or dessert.

In April, Church of the Holy Spirit was responsible for bringing the main dish and sides to Hope4Recovery. Since we were planning to have our annual fund-raising dinner catered by Carrabba's on April 19, we were hoping to invite the residents as our guests to join us, the same as last year.

Due to the Covid-19 virus and the subsequent shutdown orders, the fundraiser did not take place. The members of the Ocean Cluster decided to continue to support the residents of Hope4Recovery. We approached restaurants that were preparing take-out meals to provide food to the residents while supporting a local restaurant. To our great delight, Carrabba's agreed to feed a dozen people at a very attractive price. The three churches in the Ocean Cluster split the cost. The residents at Hope4Recovery were very pleased to have us remember them in such a delicious way.

Next month, the Church of the Holy Spirit is responsible for taking bread and salad; let's hope we will actually be able to do it.

*Submitted by Jackie Carey*



# May 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>	11 7p Vestry	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 <b>Happy Memorial Day!</b>	26	27	28	29	30