



THE DOVE

September 2020

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

During the State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Virus

The Mass Schedule:

Sunday Eucharist will Held at 8:00 and 10:00

Either in the Church or the Parish Hall

Greeters will Assist on Arrival – Please Come Celebrate the Eucharist

**The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
The Reverend Joseph Rushton, Rector
Alisha King, Intern Deacon
Bonnie Rease, Bookkeeper and Secretary to the Rector**

**Monica Martin, Senior Warden
Cal Hook, Junior Warden
Kathy Elmer, Sunday School
Tim DeSilver, Music Minister**

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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

My Dear Church of the Holy Spirit Family,



We have now completed our eighth weekend with Sunday Services of Holy Eucharist at 8am and 10am inside church property. We have been conducting services, one in the Nave (main body) of the church and the other in the parish hall. Both areas for worship have been clearly marked indicating seating that is at minimum six feet away from others.

Our parishioners and guests have been wonderful in accepting the conditions for attendance and the changes in our worship experience. We have made adjustments for receiving Holy Communion – all intended to safely minimize movement from our seats as we maintain a prayerful and hospitable experience.

Those attending on Sunday have expressed gratitude for being back inside the church. We are sharing in a way that the 8am and 10am services are alternately conducted in the parish hall and the main church. There is additional space to safely accommodate more attendees at either service.

The reopening of the church requires both in-person services as well as an online presence. We have corrected technical difficulties that had prevented us from delivering what we hope will be typical Sunday standard. We have invested in additional technology and devices that will allow us to consistently record our services, which will be made available on YouTube.

In addition, we will “Live Stream” (with a few seconds delay) to celebrate Sunday at the Church of the Holy Spirit from your home.

PLEASE STAY SAFE.

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**

*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: Sue, Desirae Godwin, Kyle, Gail Dunbar, Barbara Wachter,
Father Joseph Rushton, Lloyd Martin; Jack Panuska,
Miriam Murphy, Alice Jones, Alex Strebe, Richard Taylor



Our Extended Family: John Rease, Linda Rolfes, Ziggy, Mary, Pat Hutchison, Chuck Spanninger, Jody Farley, Ron Jones,
The Jackson Family, Sabrina & Joey Helms, Margo Cahill, Karl, Sawyer, The Numbers Family,
Chuck Evans, Nancy Meadows, Kim Whaley, Ann Ezzo, Robert Vaughan, Regina Eckard,
Mike Brian, Charles Spanninger III, Joan Faulkner, Jeff, Kathy, Patti, Ann O'Donnell, Tim, Cara,
Analise, Katherine DeSilver, Ruth



Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays

09/03 Josh Dougherty	09/13 Savannah Frombach
09/06 James Schiffler	09/16 Timothy DeSilver
09/07 Christopher Martin	09/20 Carolyn Johnston
09/07 Nicole Schiffler	09/26 Pat Panuska
09/10 Cheryl Spanninger	09/29 Cal Hook

September Anniversaries

Cris Rattay & Jane Alexander

*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.*

	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Income	\$7,604	\$59,179	\$55,040	\$102,400
Expenses	\$10,382	\$68,589	\$69,373	\$119,360
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,778)	(\$9,410)	(\$14,333)	(\$16,960)



Save the Date Update - No Annual Crab Feast in 2020

*The Annual Crab Feast Fundraiser - Tentatively Scheduled for Sunday October 4
..... has been cancelled, hope to be back next year!*



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.

Prayer #27 - For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts
of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease;
that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Worcester County GOLD School Supplies

Thank you very much to everyone for your contributions to the school supply drive this year.

I initially had concerns, due to circumstances related to the Covid-19 pandemic, especially since many people have not yet returned to church for Sunday services. I was not sure we would be able to sponsor the number of children as done in recent years. I took a leap of faith and you did not disappoint!

We filled ten backpacks to the brim and delivered them to Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity).

May God bless you all!



Submitted by Sue Flaherty

The Church of the Holy Spirit – The Ocean Cluster of Episcopal Churches

The Ocean Cluster of the three local Episcopal churches (Church of the Holy Spirit in North Ocean City, St. Paul's by-the Sea in South Ocean City, and St. Paul's in Berlin) has not been meeting on a regular basis due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, a decision was made to continue to bring a meal to the Hope4Recovery House once a month. Our efforts to assist the residents while they are in recovery would not be hampered by Covid-19.

Cooking and sharing of a meal with the residents was no longer possible as done in the past. The Ocean Cluster agreed to support local restaurants by ordering food and taking the meals to Hope4Recovery during the pandemic.

In August a suggestion was made and agreed to by The Ocean Cluster and Hope4Recovery. A cookout for the residents would be a nice change. All the ingredients for the cookout were delivered to Hope4Recovery. Unfortunately that happened to be a rainy Sunday. Residents who were there for the food delivery were very pleased and when the weather cooperated the cookout was a welcome event.

Submitted by Jackie Carey

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.

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CONFIRMATION

RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop.

Those baptized as adults, unless baptized with laying on of hands by a bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.

(From The Book of Common Prayer, Page 412)

In Baptism, we were marked with “sacred oil” Chrism and claimed as Christ’s forever. For many in the Episcopal tradition, we were brought to the Church very young. Promises were made on our behalf. We started our faith-filled journey with the guidance of those who presented us for Baptism.

Now, years down the road, the gift to follow Jesus is there for us to claim!

This brings us to CONFIRMATION – RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH – REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS. Each of these are similar processes. We now have the opportunity to come before the Bishop and make promises for ourselves to be blessed.

These sacramental activities are celebrations within the Church community. Individuals proclaim their belief in God and the desire to recommit their lives to a faith-filled life.

Religious education is undertaken prior to the ceremony.

Classes will begin in September (via Zoom) and continue for a period of eight weeks. Bishop Santosh Marray’s visit to the Church of the Holy Spirit will be in November 2020.

Please contact Father Rushton at 410-279-2582 to express your interest in Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation of Baptism.

Submitted by Father Rushton



September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 8a & 10a Eucharist	7 Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day!	8	9	10	11	12
13 8a & 10a Eucharist	14 7p Vestry	15	16	17	18	19
20 8a & 10a Eucharist	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 8a & 10a Eucharist	28	29	30	31		