

THE DOVE May 2023

# **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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All Calls to the Parish Office are Forwarded to Father Rushton

8:00 am / In-Person Holy Eucharist Rite II and Recorded Service Posted to YouTube

10:00 am / In-Person Holy Eucharist Rite II and Virtual Attendance via Zoom Posted to Facebook

The Office Sends a Weekly Email with links to the Posted Services

The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton The Reverend Joseph Rushton, Rector 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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## From the Rector

Dear Church of the Holy Spirit Family:

I wish to express my thanks to all the members of our church family including those who gather with us weekly, join us when they are in town, or connect to our worship services by way of Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook. Many individuals contribute to our weekly celebrations: our church secretary, altar guild, musicians, guest pianist, readers, ministers of communion, greeters, ushers, and those who prepare refreshments for our fellowship gathering following the Sunday service. Many others donate to purchase the flowers which grace our sanctuary and especially at our Easter services. Everyone mentioned above loves and serves the church.

One additional ministry to spotlight is the care and education of our children at Sunday School. The wonderful Easter Egg hunt delighted those who searched for eggs. Smiles and joy were experienced by all. Thanks be to God for the love and service offered by Kathy Elmer and Caleb Elmer. The Sunday School year ends on May 7 with the presentation of Sunday School pins acknowledging the faithful commitment of our students to their Religious Education.

Our worship continues. We are amid the seven-week Easter Season. Our gospel lessons have moved from the Evangelist Luke to the Evangelist John.

In last week's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks regarding Himself. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10: 7-10)

The next three Sunday gospel readings will recount earlier periods of ministry of our Savior. Jesus will explain that He has come to teach about the Father who created us. Jesus was sent to be among us. The Father has entrusted our care to Jesus, the anointed Messiah of God. Jesus instructs his disciples that He will not always be with them. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit of God will continue to teach them and remind them of their time with Jesus.

On the last Sunday of Easter, the Gospel will call to mind Jesus' prayer to the Father on our behalf.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed." (John 17: 1-5)

On the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (May 28), we will celebrate Pentecost. The Holy Spirit appears and is received by the Apostles. This emboldens them to leave their home and proclaim Jesus as the Risen Lord and the Anointed of God. The message moves beyond the small group of believers. The Church has its beginning.

I wish you a safe and happy end of Spring and the commencement of Summer in Ocean City. Let us go forth in peace to love and serve our creator and all of God's creation. Hope to see you at Church!

In Christ, Father Joseph Rushton

The Dove welcomes comments, suggestions, and articles. Contact Katie or Terry at 410-641-6326 or <u>TheDove@sprynet.com</u>

## LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Parish Family: Jack Panuska; Rochelle Desimone; Joe D.; Bob Wauhop; Katherine Wauhop; Victoria DeSilver; Jane Florentino; Jane; Cris; Carol Lee Hensyl; Father Joseph Rushton



Extended Family: Bryan; Kelly Green; Regina; Gail Lewis; Amy Curry; Aaron Call; Jennifer Giro; Rosa Lee; Pam Barrier; Gen Haller; The Payne Family; Judah; Deanna Turner; Ron Jones; Ladd Layton; Alisha Kornfuehrer; Edith Vogl; Bob Spradlin; Flo Donoway; Steve Hall; Bobby Wertz; Ronin Kenneth Haines; Joan Faulkner; Dee, Lane & Liam; Anne Grabenstein; Bruce; Nicki Ridenour; David; Phyllis; Jane E.; Sandy; Jim Popa; Marian Cannon; Linda Rolfes; Ziggy; Mary; Sabrina & Joey Helms; Margo Cahill; Nancy Meadows

For The Departed:



Ocean Cluster - Thursday May 4 at 2:30 PM Sunday School - Last Day is May 7. Sunday School Pin Day! Vestry Meeting - Monday May 8 at 7:00 PM



	Mar	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	2023 Budget	
Income	\$10,133	\$34,952	\$28,853	\$123,335	
Expenses	\$10,245	\$31,503	\$32,994	\$129,115	
Net Income/Loss	(\$112)	\$3,449	(\$4,141)	(\$5,780)	



Pancake Breakfast - Sunday May 7 after the 10:00 Service As always, anyone wishing to enjoy or participate is welcome. ..... Thanks, Jack Panuska



*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.* 





Church of the Holy Spirit – Sunday School News

Just a quick reminder that Sunday school will end for this year on May 7, 2023. On that day we will celebrate PIN DAY and I have high hopes that all will attend as our whole Sunday school has achieved what we set as our goal.

Everyone has shown me how important it was to learn about their faith and we have all made it to earning our yearly attendance pin!!!

## HIP HIP HOORAY

I am bursting with pride.

Onto the latest news our Easter Egg Hunt was a success as always and it was so nice of Will who won the big prize to give it to our guest who was visiting. Also his dad won the Jelly Bean Contest and gave his jelly beans away!

My last wish is for everyone to have a safe and happy summer and hope to see you all back in Sunday school on September 10, 2023.

God Bless, Mrs. Kathy





## **Church of the Holy Spirit – Welcomes New Members**

**Rochelle Desimone** was born in Union Town Pennsylvania. She has two children, Lauren and Bruce. She also has two granddaughters, Grace, who is 14 and Elizabeth, who is 27. Rochelle retired after working as a teacher for 30 years. During her career, she has taught Business and English in Prince County, PA and in Washington, DC.

Rochelle began attending the Church of the Holy Spirit in 2021. She has been coming ever since and has officially become a member of our church. Rochelle would like to share that she is a supporter of the Oils of the Bible and would be thrilled to share a demo with the congregation.



**Patti and Steve Trowbridge** are also from Pennsylvania. They have moved a total of 16 times before settling down near Ocean City, MD. Some places they have lived include Houston, New York, and Delaware, where they currently reside.

Patti is a retired Pre-K teacher from Waters Run, Delaware. Steve was an employee of Sherwin-Williams before starting his own business called, "Guns and Hoses". He sells paint sprayers and pressure washers. They have a son, Matt, who is 35 years old.

Please welcome Rochelle, Patti, and Steve to the Church of the Holy Spirit!

Submitted by Diane Frombach and Monica Martin





Sunday - May 14, 2023

Monday - May 29, 2023



Church of the Holy Spirit – Parish Picnic Sunday June 4, 2023

## Come One, Come All-It is Time for our Annual Picnic!

Location: Showell Park, 11281 Racetrack Road, Berlin, MD 21811

Date: Sunday June 4, 2023

Time: 3:00pm until all the food is gone!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Fried Chicken will be provided.

Side Dishes are very welcome! Please let Melanie Konoski know what food you plan to bring and she will compile a list. You can contact Melanie at 443-497-2163 or <u>mamemik@gmail.com</u> for more information.

There are restroom facilities, plenty of parking, picnic tables, grills, two playgrounds, baseball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, and volleyball nets.

Please bring sports equipment, lawn chairs, blankets, sun block, or whatever you want to enjoy the picnic.

Hope to see many of you there! Melanie Konoski





JOIN US AS DIFFERENT HOUSES OF WORSHIP COME TOGETHER IN PRAYER & SONG TO CELEBRATE AND SHOW SUPPORT FOR NORTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY SCHOOLS, SCHOOL STAFF & CHILDREN, AND FAMILIES

DATE: Tuesday May 2, 2023

**TIME**: 5:00pm—5:45pm

## WHERE: YOUR CHOICE

BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL— Contact Frank Harpster (814)279-5732 SHOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—Contact Arthur Rutberg (772)579-6886 OCEAN CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL—Contact Monica Martin (443)235-8942 BERLIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL—Contact Teola Brittingham (410)641-0850 STEPHEN DECATUR MIDDLE SCHOOL—Contact Beverly Manuel (410)603-5890 STEPHEN DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL—Contact Mark Piedmonte (610)428-3135

THERE WILL BE A LARGER GATHERING AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00PM AT STEPHEN DECATUR PARK IN BERLIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICES AT THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS FOR ADDITIONAL PRAYER, MUSIC, AND REFRESHMENTS. IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER, WE WILL All GATHER AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN OCEAN PINES at 5:00PM.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION AND OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP AS WE JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS, OUR CHILDREN, AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY.

PLEASE MEET AT THE FLAGPOLE OF THE SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE (see above) AT 5:00 PM. THE GROUP WILL MARCH AROUND THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IN PRAYER. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WALK PLEASE BRING A CHAIR AND PRAY IN PLACE. EVERYONE WILL THEN MEET BACK AT THE FLAGPOLE TO FINISH PRAYERS.

AFTER THE WALKS AT THE SCHOOLS, EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO COME TO STEPHEN DECATUR PARK IN BERLIN TO JOIN TOGETHER AS ONE VOICE IN PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP TO ENJOY THE LIVE MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS.



### The Ocean Cluster - Update!

The Ocean Cluster is comprised of the three Episcopal churches in the local area, Church of the Holy Spirit (north Ocean City), St. Paul's by-the-Sea (south Ocean City) and St. Paul's (Berlin). The Ocean Cluster organizes events among our three churches and works together providing outreach to those in need.

The Ocean Cluster continues to support Hope4Recovery located in Berlin. Hope4Recovery is a treatment center for men recovering from addictions. The group prepares and delivers dinner one Sunday every month. The Church of the Holy Spirit will provide the bread and salads for the meal on Sunday, May 21.

Once again, the Ocean Cluster filled Easter bags for the residents of the Hope4Recovery House. This has become an annual event, and the residents are thrilled. This year we included T-shirts, toothbrushes and toothpaste and lots and lots of candy. We also filled a couple of bags with items for the House, such as playing cards and games. Many thanks to everyone that donated items for the bags, we could not have done it without you!

We continue to take dinner to the House monthly and at last are able to stay and share the meal with the residents. Conversation flows as food is enjoyed. It's a positive experience for all of us.

The next committee meeting of the Ocean Cluster is at the Church of the Holy Spirit on Thursday, May 4 at 2:30pm. All are welcome!

Please see or call Jackie Carey at 443-735-4275 for more information about the Ocean Cluster or details about the monthly dinner for Hope4Recovery. The committee welcomes and appreciates all assistance from parish members to expand the Ocean Cluster activities!





#### Greeter - 8:00 Service

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

#### Lector - 8:00 Service

- 07 Jackie Carey
- 14 Birgitt Brevard
- 21 Jackie Carey
- 28 Birgitt Brevard

#### Acolyte - 8:00 Service

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

#### Chalice Bearer - 8:00 Service

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



#### Altar Guild

- 07 Diane Frombach and Monica Martin
- 14 Sue Flaherty and Barbara Wachter
- 21 Diane Frombach and Monica Martin
- 28 Bonnie Rease and Barbara Wachter

#### Greeter - 10:00 Service

- 07 Kay Saxon
- 14 Ann Dougherty
- 21 Joe Dougherty
- 28 Kay Saxon

#### Lector - 10:00 Service

- 07 Marena Konoski
- 14 John Frombach
- 21 Joe Dougherty
- 28 Marena Konoski

#### Acolyte - 10:00 Service

- 07 Marena Konoski
- 14 John Frombach
- 21 Marena Konoski
- 28 Marena Konoski

#### Chalice Bearer - 10:00 Service

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

#### **Coffee Hour**

- 07 Pancake Breakfast
- 14 Melanie Konoski and Marena Konoski
- 21 Monica Martin
- 28 Diane Frombach

#### **Recorders**

- 07 Rudy Brevard and Ann Dougherty
- 14 Rudy Brevard and Ann Dougherty
- 21 Sue Flaherty and Barbara Wachter
- 28 Ann Dougherty and Barbara Wachter

#### Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5:00p Clergy Conference Dinner	2 5:00p Prayer Walk & Vigil for Schools (see page 6)	3 6:00p AA Meeting	4 2:30p Ocean Cluster Meeting 7:00p AA Meeting	5	6 10:00a – 12:00n Condo Meeting
7 8a & 10a Eucharist Sunday School Pins Pancake Breakfast	8 Vestry 7p	9	10 6:00p AA Meeting	11 7:00p AA Meeting	12	13
14 8a & 10a Eucharist Happy Mothers Day	15	16	17 6:00p AA Meeting	18 7:00p AA Meeting	19	20
21 8a & 10a Eucharist Hope4Recovery Dinner 4p	22	23	24 6:00p AA Meeting	25 7:00p AA Meeting	26	<b>27</b> 9:00a – 12:00n Condo Meeting
28 8a & 10a Eucharist Pentecost Sunday	29 Memorial Day to remember our military, especially those that lost their life for our country	30				