

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

SEPTEMBER 2023 - CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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SERVICES (The office sends a weekly email with links to the posted services.)

8 a.m. In-Person Holy Eucharist Rite II and virtual attendance via Zoom posted to YouTube
10 a.m. In-Person Holy Eucharist Rite II and virtual attendance via Zoom posted to Facebook

The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, *Bishop of Easton*
The Reverend Joseph Rushton, *Rector*
The Reverend Alisha M. King, *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"



FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Church of the Holy Spirit Family,

As we are coming upon the official close of the Summer 2023, this September our scriptures will tell of the disciples coming to new and fuller understanding of who this Jesus is that has called them, that they have chosen to follow. As we follow along with the disciples may we rediscover how Jesus is calling us to deeper commitment to continuing the work of Jesus in our daily lives.

September 3, 2023
Matthew 16:21-28

14th Sunday after Pentecost

“... want to become my follower ... deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

September 10, 2023
Matthew 18:15-20

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Forgiveness and reconciliation are essential to Christian living.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

September 17, 2023
Matthew 18:21-35

16th Sunday after Pentecost

“So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. ...

So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

September 24, 2023
Matthew 20:1-16

17th Sunday after Pentecost

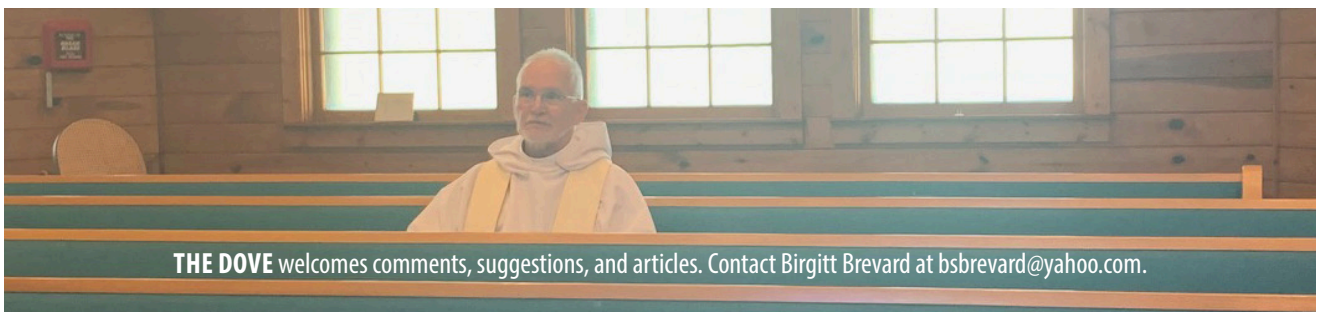
“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

“Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first. When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Here in the Ocean City area as the Summer 2023 season gives way to the Fall let us look upon those who will come among us and welcome them and believe that all are God’s children, our neighbors and our sisters and brothers. Let them see in us the loving presence of God among us.

Please be well and stay safe.

Faithfully yours,
Father Joe Rushton



THE DOVE welcomes comments, suggestions, and articles. Contact Birgitt Brevard at bsbrevard@yahoo.com.





PARISH PRAYER LIST

OUR PARISH: Our staff, our vestry and its officers, and our ministries and committees.

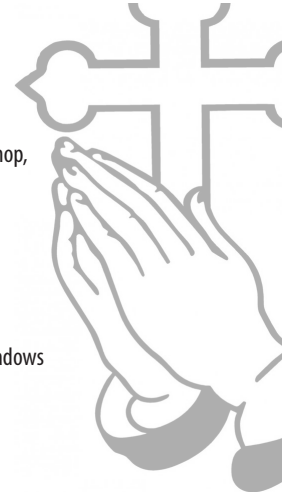
OUR PARISH FAMILY: Sara & Frank Price; Helene Clifton, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Joe D., Bob Wauhopp, Katherine Wauhopp, Victoria Desilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl, Fr. Joe Rushton

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: John Haller, Chas Kinelski, Wendy Purnell, Claudia & Bill Troy, J. Paul, The Family of Katherine Werner, The Cymek Family, Jasmine, Katherine J, Bryan, Regina, 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

Please notify the office or complete a yellow prayer card to include loved ones on our prayer list and to remove loved ones from our prayer list.

**Memorial Cards are available through the Parish Office*

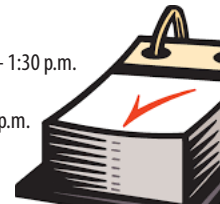
In the unfortunate event that a member of your family requires hospitalization or other acute care, please notify the parish office at 410.723.1973 or Father Rushton at 410.279.2582.



BUDGET			
	July	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
OPERATING INCOME	\$11,353	\$76,938	\$67,280
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$9,806	\$74,524	\$74,364
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$1,547	\$2,414	(\$7,084)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

09/11	Vestry Meeting	7 p.m.
09/16	Century 1 Condominium Meeting	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
09/17	Hope4Recovery	4 p.m.
09/30	Sun Gate Condominium Meeting	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
10/01	Crab Feast	2 - 5 p.m.
10/08	Property Committee Meeting	9 a.m.



AA Meetings: Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.
(Parish Hall) Parish Hall is reserved from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
Parish Hall is reserved from 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

YOUR VESTRY

2023: Jackie Carey, Marena Konoski
2024: Ann Dougherty, Barbara Wachter
2025: Birgitt Brevard, Sue Flaherty
 Monica Martin, *Sr. Warden* 443.235.8942
 Cal Hook, *Jr. Warden* 302.775.4043
 Melanie Konoski, *Treasurer* 443.497.2163
 Diane Fromback, *Registrar* 443.523.4519
 Bonnie Rease, *Bookkeeper/Secretary*
 Tim DeSilver, *Music Minister*
 Kathy Elmer, *Sunday School*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/03 Josh Dougherty
 09/07 L. Christopher Martin
 09/10 Jonathan Brevard
 09/16 Timothy Jacob DeSilver
 09/20 Carolyn Johnston
 09/26 Pat Panuska
 09/29 Cal Hook

ANNIVERSARIES

09/20 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.





HELLO PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS,

Unfortunately, our lunch cruise tentatively set for September 23, 2023 is booked! Obviously, it is very popular. There are no cruises in October.

I will be sure to get us signed up early next year. I received such a positive response from all of you and look forward to planning this event next year, so stay tuned!

In the meantime, we have our annual crab feast to look forward to on Sunday, October 1, 2023! (More on page 10)

Thank you for your support! Be on the lookout for more pop-up events throughout the rest of this year and in the future. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to send them to me. I would love to hear from you at mamemik@gmail.com.

Sincerely, Melanie

You are appreciated!

The Church of the Holy Spirit thanks you all for your commitment.

The Episcopal Church defines stewardship as: *What I do, with all that I have, after I say, "I believe."* It is using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do. Christian stewardship is the grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ.

3 Types of Stewardship:

Motivation, Capacity, and Action

4 Principals of Stewardship:

Ownership, Responsibility, Accountability, and Reward

This is **YOUR opportunity to take charge** and support your Church of the Holy Spirit.

Just choose one of the suggested projects below and make it your own. **We need your creativity and "go getter" spirit.** You certainly may come up with your own idea in case none of the suggestions appeal to you. In any case, contact the church office at 410.723.1973.

I want to lead the following activity:

- Homework Helpers
- Chair Tai Chi
- Chair Yoga
- A trip to the National Cathedral in Washington DC
- A trip to Sight & Sound Theatres in Pennsylvania
- Visit a Shorebirds game
- Personalized bricks for new sidewalk
- Self-defense class
- Community clean-up event for children and adults
- Book club
- Car clinic
- Movie night(s)

Here are just a few benefits to serving:

- Serving others gives us a deeper purpose.
- It helps us establish a connection with others.
- It allows us to follow God's example.
- Serving others teaches us about humility.
- Serving others allows us to become selfless.
- It advances the teachings of God.
- Serving helps us make a difference in other people's lives.





2023 Quarter Auction: A Huge Success!

This article was written by our very own and wonderful JACKIE.

The quarter auction is in our rear-view mirror now, but that doesn't mean it's forgotten. **We raised a near-record amount of money, \$4661, to be exact, and definitely had a record amount of fun.** Not to mention a lot of work!

I would like to thank everyone who donated items or money, solicited items, packaged what we got into attractive items, helped set up and take down, ran the kitchen, worked the door, took care of the money, gave advice. **In particular, I want to thank Melanie Konoski, Marena Konoski, Diane Frombach, Monica Martin, and Martha Ann Stone, the indefatigable committee. And extra-special thanks to Martha Ann, who has always been our guide to making the auction a success. More thanks go to the entire Dougherty family, Barbara Wachter, Sue Flaherty, Diane and John Frombach, Bea and Rudy Brevard. Ewan Betz, Seamus Betz, and Claire Cook were tireless in running quarters around** (thank heavens for young legs!).

Thanks to everyone who brought food (**it wouldn't be an auction without Pat Panuska's sloppy joes**) and desserts. Hot dogs from 7-Eleven were popular too – thank you, Monica.

And deepest thanks to everyone in the congregation who supported us: **Donna Adams, Jane Alexander & Cris Rattay, Marie Bahno & Deb Conran, Phyllis Brian, Christine Brous, Skip and Jackie Carey, Hon-Cheong Chan & Marshall Van de Wyngaerde, Katie Coffman & Terry Moody, Tim DeSilver, The Dougherty Family, Kathy Elmer, Sue Flaherty, Diane & John Frombach, Carol Lee Hensyl, Marena Konoski, Melanie Konoski, Carolyn Lowe, Monica Martin, Cathy Moody, Bill Mowell, Patty Mowell, Eileen Owings, Pat Panuska, Frank & Sara Price, Bill & Carol Richardson, Harriet Ritter, Kay Saxon, Bette Schmidt, Pat Shaw, Jodi Stone, Leslie Wendorf**

And, of course, **Martha Ann Stone**, whose vision and hard work make all of this possible.



And we are grateful to the merchants who succumbed to pleading for donations; support them if you can.

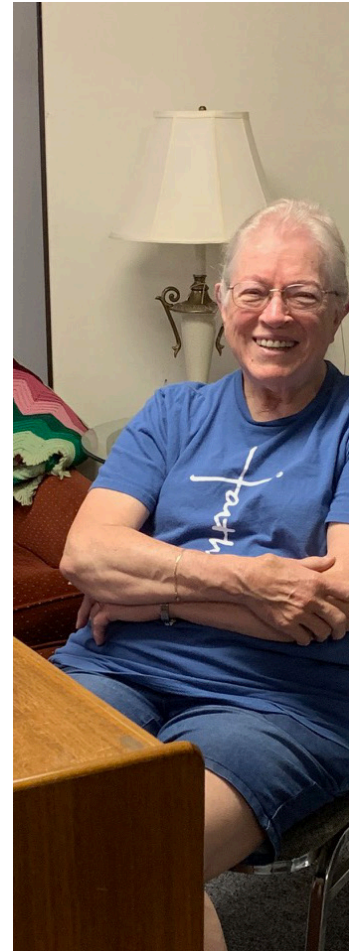
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| 7-Eleven (13900 Coastal Hwy.) | K-Coast Surf Shop |
| 7-Eleven (Ocean Pines) | Kitty's Flowers |
| A Bagel And... | Layton's (92nd St.) |
| Abi's Diner | Liquid Assets/Our Harvest |
| Alley Oops | Lost Treasure Golf |
| Avenue Apothecary & Spa | Mio's Italian Restaurant |
| Beach Memories | My Backyard |
| Berlin Pizza | Ocean City Florist |
| Capricho's Books | Old Pro Golf |
| Castle in the Sand | One Society Salon |
| Domino's | Original Greene Turtle (North OC) |
| Don's Seafood & Chophouse | Paradise Grill & Pizzeria |
| Friendship Exxon Food Mart | Produce 54 Market |
| Fager's/Atlantic Hotel | Racetrack Auto |
| Fisher's Popcorn | Rippons Seafood |
| Food Lion (Berlin) | Rita's World of Wine |
| Food Lion (Ocean Pines) | Seaside Country Store |
| Fox Theatres | Shotti's Point |
| Fox's Pizza Den | Southgate Grill |
| Grab 'n' Go Taco | Staples |
| Greene Turtle (West OC) | Sweet Dispositions |
| Greyhound Indie Books | Treasure Chest |
| Hungry Donut | Victorian Charm |
| Jiffy Lube | Warren's Station |

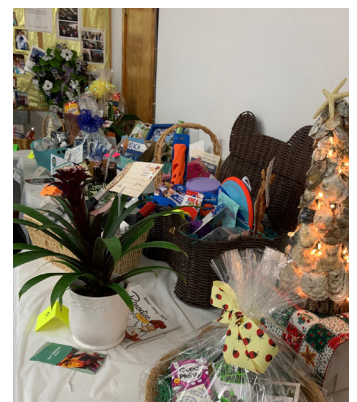
Rest up, because we'll be back bigger and better next year!

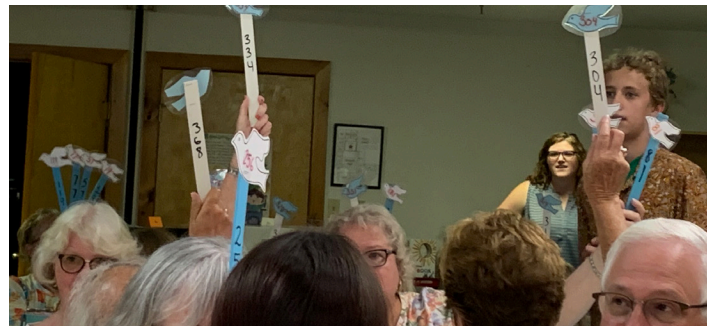
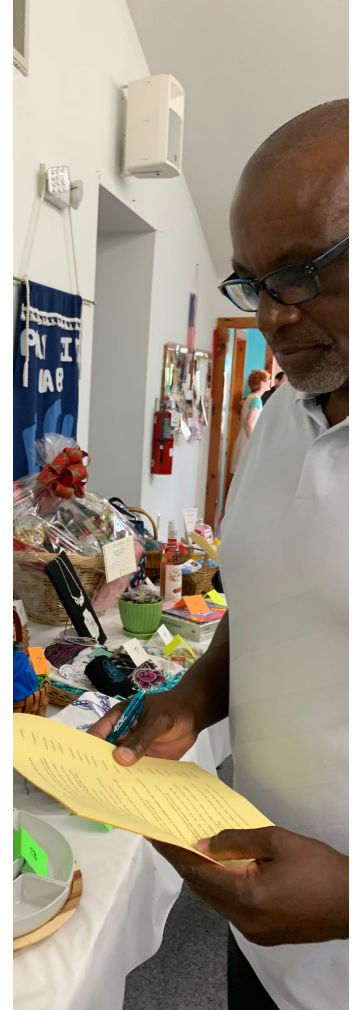
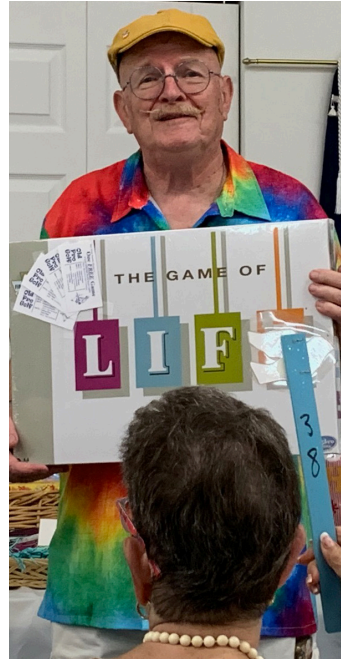
(photos of the event on pages 6 - 9)













Church Of The Holy Spirit Crab & Chicken Feast

(Limited tickets available at the door.)

DATE: Sunday, October 1

TIME: 2 - 5 p.m.

WHERE: Church of the Holy Spirit
10001 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

COST: \$45 (Adults)
\$20 (Children 6 - 10)
Free (Children 6 and under)

DINE IN: Includes crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, lemonade, ice tea, soda, desserts.
(Please bring your own mallets!)

CARRY OUT AVAILABLE: Includes 6 crabs, 2 pieces of fried chicken, corn on the cob, hush puppies, drink, and dessert.

Crabs are medium-large to large from Rippon's Seafood and the fried chicken is provided by Higgins Crab House.

CHANCE AUCTION &

50/50 RAFFLE: For tickets, contact the office at **410.723.1973** or Monica at **443.235.8942**

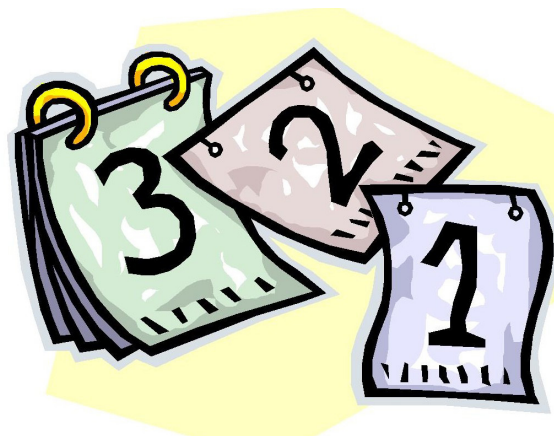
PROCEEDS: Benefit Church of the Holy Spirit

REFUNDS: Provided only in the event we need to cancel the crab feast.





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER



8 a.m. 10 a.m.

USHERS/GREETERS

03 Skip & Jackie Carey
 10 Skip & Jackie Carey
 17 Skip & Jackie Carey
 24 Skip & Jackie Carey

LECTORS

03 Birgitt Brevard
 10 Birgitt Brevard
 17 Jackie Carey
 24 Jackie Carey

ACOLYTES

03 Skip Carey
 10 Skip Carey
 17 Skip Carey
 24 Skip Carey

CHALICE BEARER

03 Skip Carey
 10 Skip Carey
 17 Skip Carey
 24 Skip Carey

Joe Dougherty
 Kay Saxon
 Ann Dougherty
 Joe Dougherty

John Veldhuis
 John Frombach
 Marena Konoski
 Joe Dougherty

Marena Konoski
 John Frombach
 Marena Konoski
 John Frombach

Melanie Konoski
 Diane Frombach
 Carolyn Johnston
 Diane Frombach

ALTAR GUILD

03 Diane Frombach & Monica Martin
 10 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
 17 Diane Frombach & Monica Martin
 24 Sue Flaherty & Bonnie Rese

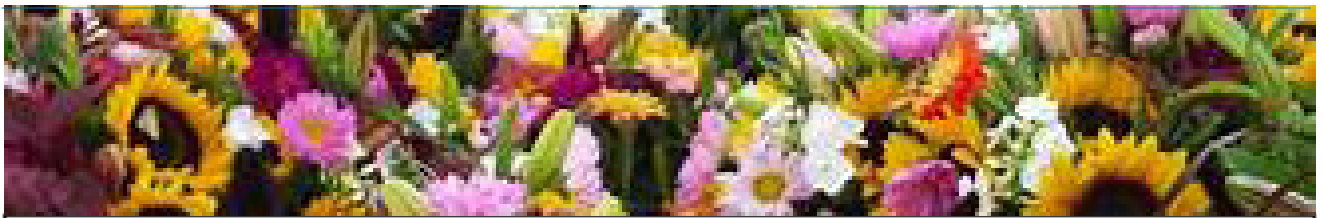
COUNTERS

03 Jane Florentino & Melanie Konoski
 10 Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty
 17 Ann Dougherty & Sue Flaherty
 24 Sue Flaherty & Ann Dougherty

COFFEE HOUR

03 Diane Frombach
 10 Marena & Melanie Konoski
 17 Monica Martin
 24 Marti McNiff & Suzi Windemuth





SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
8 & 10 a.m. EUCCHARIST 3	4	5	AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m. 6	AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. 7	8	9
8 & 10 a.m. EUCCHARIST 10	VESTRY MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. 11	12	AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m. 13	AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. 14	15	CENTURY 1 CONDO MTG. Parish Hall 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 16
8 & 10 a.m. EUCCHARIST HOPE4RECOVERY 4 p.m. 17	18	19	AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m. 20	AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. 21	Submission Deadline for September DOVE Newsletter 22	23
8 & 10 a.m. EUCCHARIST 24	25	26	AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m. 27	AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. 28	29	SUN GATE CONDO MTG. Parish Hall 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 30

OCEAN CITY EVENTS

- 06/11 - 09/3 Sundaes in the Park & Fireworks
- 09/8 - 9 Wine on the Beach
- 09/13 - 17 OC Bike Week
- 10/4 - 8 Endless Summer Cruisin'
- 10/19 - 21 O.C.toberfest
- 10/19 - 22 Sunfest
- 11/17 - 12/31 Winterfest

MORE INFO: <https://www.oceancity.com>



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS -SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4 Schools/Offices Closed - All Day
- 5 FIRST Day of School - All Day
- 19 Board of Education Meeting
11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MORE INFO: <https://www.worcesterk12.org>





ABOUT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



March	1968	Ground broken for the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.
June 23	1968	First service, the Rev William R. Dewees rector; one service average; attendance 33.
July 14	1968	Building dedicated and blessed.
Sept. 1	1968	Last service for the first year. Building completed in fall.
June - August	1969	Same as previous year.
	1970-75	Two services held each Sunday. June-first Sunday of September. Some of the priests were William Dewees, Elmer Baker, L. Barton, Edward Bushong. Average attendance 45.
May 30-Sept 5	1976	Two services (more at 8.) Priests: Walt Reuschling and N. Acton. Average attendance 66. Steeple added.
May 29-Sept. 18	1977	Two services. Priests: N. Acton and L. Barton. Average attendance 95 (again, more at 8.)
May 28-Sept 17	1978	Two services. Vicar Walt Reuschling. Average attendance about 95. About equal attendance at services.
	1979 thru 1984	Pattern about the same as 1979. Attendance increases gradually to about 110, flags and fair linens dedicated in 1979 and mid-week prayer service added in 1984.
May 26	1985	Chapel becomes a year-round mission and John Wright is the vicar. Two services May thru Oct. Attendance about 97. One service Oct. thru Dec. Attendance about 71.
	1986	One service Jan thru May and Sept thru Dec. Two services May thru Sept. John Wright vicar. John Wright completes 21 months of service, June 1985 to Feb. 1987
	1987	One service winter months, two in summer. John Wright, John Hurd, and Norbert served as priests. Average attendance drops to 50s. December 1 – Full time Vicar Larry Hill begins service.
	1988	Two services in the summer: Saturday evening at 6 p.m. and one on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Attendance begins to build to average 66.
	1989	Average attendance 89 in 1989. Trailer used for Sunday School.
	1990	Average attendance 103 October 1 - parish hall dedicated.
Jan. 25	1991	Chapel receives parish status and is called Church of the Holy Spirit. Two services for longer time of the year. Average attendance 154.
	1992	Continued growth - average attendance 178.
	1993	Fall of 1993: Additions begin to church and parish hall.
	1994	New additions dedicated in March. Father Nickerson and Father Larry Hill serve as priests. Two services year-round. Average attendance 166.
	1995	Larry Hill leaves as rector in Nov. and Father Nickerson fills in.
June 17	1996	Ronald Robinson begins as new Rector. Average attendance 124.
	1997	R. Robinson rector. Two services, one midweek on Wed. Average attendance 151.
	1998	R. Robinson rector. Two Sunday services. Average attendance 165.
Jan. 17	1999	R. Robertson's last service and now only one service with Graham Rowley or Richard Swartout. Average attendance drops to 96.
	2000	Rev. Philip Houghton becomes rector May 7 and serves until Oct. 29. Rev Bill Truitt begins services on Nov. 5. Only one service during this year. Average attendance 84.
	2001	Easter Sunday begins two services. Rev. Truitt serves thru May. Father Bryan Glancey and Father Ken Thom (priests from SPBTS) begin serving in June. Average attendance 92.
	2002	Father Bryan Glancey and Father Ken Thom continue to serve. Average attendance 96.
	2003	Father Walt Reuschling begins serving Jan.26. Average attendance at the two services 100. Father Glenn A. Duffy called as rector and begins services June 1. Average attendance 109.
	2004	Father Glenn A. Duffy, rector. Average attendance grows to 145.
	2005	Father Glenn A. Duffy, rector. Mortgage paid off for parish house and church additions in June. Average attendance 121.
	2006	Average attendance 126.
	2007	Parishioner since 2000, Carl Mosley ordained as deacon by the Rt. Rev. James Shand, Bishop of Easton; Average attendance 112.
	2008	900 sq. ft. addition for new kitchen started. Average attendance 108.
	2009	Average attendance 101.
	2010	Kitchen completed. Average attendance 101.
	2011	Average Attendance 101.
	2012	After completing seminary and a Master's Degree from 2008-2011 through the Nashotah House in Wisconsin, Deacon Carl Mosely ordained a priest by the Rt. Rev. James Shand, Bishop of Easton. Barry Neville of St. Paul's Berlin served at Holy Spirit from Jun.-Dec. as part of his educational program to become an ordained deacon. Average attendance 95.
	2013	After serving as assistant priest at Holy Spirit and supply priest in the Diocese of Easton, Father Carl Mosley was appointed to St. Mary's in Bridgeville, Delaware. Average attendance 96.
	2014	Father Glenn A. Duffy retires after the December 7th annual meeting. Father G. Allen LaMontagne begins serving as priest-in-charge on Dec.14. Average attendance 84.
	2015	Parishioner since October 2014, Deacon Sherry Snyder begins service in June. Average attendance 74.
	2016	Father G. Allen LaMontagne retires on September 30. The Reverend Doctor Mark Cyr is brought in as Interim Rector on November 1. Average attendance 75
October 1	2017	The Reverend Joseph Michael Rushton becomes rector.
January 21	2018	Welcoming a new rector & renewal of ministry service with Bishop Santosh Kumar Marray April 22. 50th Anniversary Celebration.



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SUBMISSIONS

The content deadline for the October 2023 issue of "THE DOVE" is Friday, September 22, 2023.

Please submit your content in Microsoft Word document with text only, no designs. Email your letters, ideas, articles, comments, information, photos, questions - carefully labeled to **Birgitt Brevard at bsbrevard@yahoo.com**.

NOTE: Dates, times, locations mentioned in this newsletter are subject to change. All information has been edited to the best of our abilities. Be kind and understanding. PEACE!

REMEMBER the September 22 deadline.

QUOTE FOR SEPTEMBER

"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day."

— Dalai Lama



"Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us"

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