

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

DECEMBER 2023 - CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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Father Joseph M. Rushton's cell: 410.279.2582 (All calls to the Parish Office are forwarded to Father Rushton.)

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

8 a.m. In-Person Holy Eucharist Rite II and live-streamed and posted to YouTube

10 a.m. In-Person Holy Eucharist Rite II and live-streamed and posted to Facebook

The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, *Bishop of Easton*

The Reverend Joseph M. 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*



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



FROM THE RECTOR



My Dear Church of the Holy Spirit Family,

I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Time marches on and a New Year is here. For us Christians all around the world the New Year begins on December 3, 2023, as does the season of Advent when our Church year begins. During this year we will primarily read from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to both the Evangelists Mark and John. They 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 end of days and the beginning of the days of Jesus, Emmanuel “God with us.”

Advent 1 - Mark 13:24-37

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

Advent 2 - Mark 1:1-8

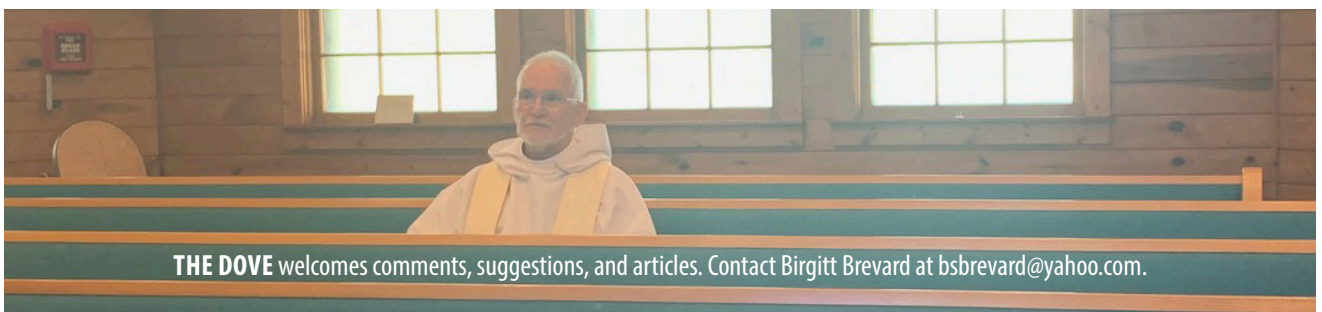
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as it is written in the prophet Isaiah. I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

Advent 3 - John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah said.”

Advent 4 - Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.”



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





THEN COMES CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

I invite you to plan and make some space in your life this Advent season to remember those you love and to be aware in our day to day living that there will be opportunities to share your love with others who may find few people around them who love them. There are some who live in our Ocean City community who through a variety of circumstances have very few connections to others and are hard pressed to find reason to be joyful in the season. Maybe we can find an opportunity to spread the Love of God in this season. Simple acts of kindness, simple gifts to various charities and causes can help the joy of this season reach beyond our household or our church family.

May the Advent and Christmas Seasons be filled with the joy, peace, happiness, and love that you share, and you receive.

Merry Christmas!

*In Christ's Love,
Father Joe Rushton*



Harris John Domangue

Harris John Domangue, age 92, of Salisbury, MD died Sunday, November 12, 2023. He was born in Morgan City, LA and was the son of Easton Domangue and Lillian (Fangue) Domangue.

He retired from Northrup Grumman as an Electrical Engineer. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City and the Coastal Realtors Association in Ocean City.

He is survived by his children, Lale D. LaPointe of Selbyville, DE, Ersin L. Domangue and wife Jacqueline of Woodbine, MD and Suzy LaPointe Brown and husband Thom of Arizona; two sisters, Nell Collingan of Lafayette, LA and Patricia Landry of Morgan City, LA; seven grandchildren, Leanne LaPointe, Nicholas LaPointe, Joshua Domangue, Sarah Gue, Aaron Domangue, Jarad Domangue and Harris Domangue; great grandchildren, Alexandra Strebe, Desirae Godwin, Brooklyn Gue, Ashton Gue, and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sevim T. Domangue; a brother, Gerald Domangue and two sisters, Ruby Varmun and Shirley Bruoussard.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at Bishop-Hastings Funeral Home in Selbyville. The burial was at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock, MD.





PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY: John Frombach, Cal Hook, Sara & Frank Price, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Joe D., Bob Wauhoh, Katherine Wauhoh, Victoria DeSilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl, Fr. Joe Rushton

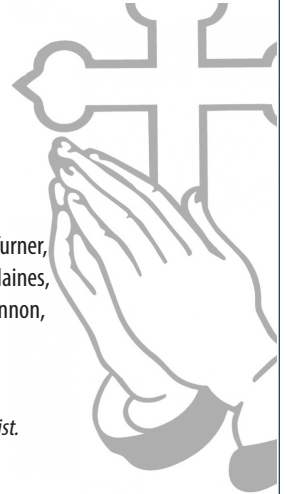
OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Mary Pines, Pat Borkowski, Robyn Van Bruggen, Willem & Joyce, Kelly, John Haller, Chas Kinelski, Wendy Purnell, Claudia & Bill Troy, J. Paul, Jennifer Giro, Rosa Lee, Pam Barrier, Gen Haller, The Payne Family, Judah, Deanna Turner, Ron Jones, Ladd Layton, Alisha Kornfuehrer, Edith 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: Harris Domangue

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, notify the parish office at 410.723.1973 or Father Rushton at 410.279.2582.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/02	Carol Lee Hensyl	12/27	Jane Alexander
12/04	Katie Coffman	12/28	Martha Ann Stone
12/06	Ewan Betz	12/30	Steven Martin
12/16	Will Cathell		
12/13	Donna Adams		
12/18	Jacqueline Rose Frombach		
12/26	Marti McNiff		

ANNIVERSARIES

12/03	Sue & John Flaherty
12/06	Christine & Joel Brous
12/14	Phyllis & Mike Brian
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.

BUDGET

	October	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
OPERATING INCOME	\$18,031	\$123,128	\$104,093
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$14,261	\$114,276	\$105,542
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$3,770	\$8,852	(\$1,449)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

12/02	Parish Hall Decorating for Christmas	10 a.m.
	Coffee and donuts provided.	
12/03	Pancake Breakfast & Christmas Tree Raffle	
	1st Sunday of Advent	
12/10	St. Nicholas Visit	after 10 a.m. Service
	Angel Tree gifts must be in by today.	
12/10	Hope4Recovery Dinner	4 p.m.
12/11	Vestry Meeting	7 p.m.
12/17	Sunday School Pageant	during 10 a.m. Service
	Filling Christmas tins for Shepherd's Crook.	
	Hope4Recovery gifts must be in by today.	
12/18	Christmas Tins Delivery to Shepherd's Crook	
12/24	Church Decorating for Christmas	after 10 a.m. Service
12/24	Christmas Eve Service	6 p.m.

ADVENT ADULT STUDY PROGRAM

Wednesdays: 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20
1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Parish Hall
AA Group will meet in the church on these Wednesdays.

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
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| Monica Martin, Sr. Warden | 443.235.8942 |
| Cal Hook, Jr. Warden | 302.775.4043 |
| Melanie Konoski, Treasurer | 443.497.2163 |
| Diane Frombach, Registrar | 443.523.4519 |
| Bonnie Rease, Bookkeeper/Secretary | |
| Tim DeSilver, Music Minister | |
| Kathy Elmer, Sunday School | |





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 Principles of Stewardship:

Ownership, Responsibility, Accountability, and Reward

Stewardship letters and cards were mailed in October.

See page 6 of The Dove for copies.



Tom and Jane DiGirolamo



*Originally from New Jersey, **Tom and Jane DiGirolamo** have recently moved from Annapolis, Maryland to Selbyville, Delaware.*

Tom is a former Federal Magistrate Judge. Jane worked in fundraising and communications for schools, health-care facilities, universities, and other nonprofits.

They have two children and five grandchildren. Their daughter Kristen lives in Richmond, Virginia, with her husband, Davis and their daughters - Emma (9) and Maddie (4). Their son, Michael and his wife Ursula live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with their three children - Claire (3) and twins Andy and Lucia (11 months).

Tom has taken up golf in his retirement and is always looking for other novice golfers to play with. They both like to walk, bike, read, and travel.





STEWARDSHIP MATTERS



Dear Parish Family and Friends,

It is time for the Stewardship Committee at the Church of the Holy Spirit to begin our annual Giving Campaign for 2024. The Stewardship Committee requests all parishioners to prayerfully consider their annual pledge. Through the faithful and generous support of our members and visitors we have been able to continue the spiritual mission at Church of the Holy Spirit in Ocean City, Maryland.

Visitors are an intrinsic part of the success of the church. Please consider joining our parish. We are always happy and appreciative to see our summer and off-season visitors return to worship at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

We finished your Church of the Holy Spirit brochure. It is a tool to share basic information and hopefully spark some interest in people to learn about our church. If you want to share a few details with friends, family, anyone who may want to know, please pick up a copy in the Parish Office or call or email the church to mail a copy to the individual or family.

We are grateful that the outreach of our parish has continued. The needs of many individuals and families within our local area have been supported by members of our church with donations and volunteer time. The church assists the Shepherd's Crook patrons, Hope4Recovery residents, children served by the Worcester County G.O.L.D. program, the N.O.E.L. Community, and other groups that provide services to those in need in our community.

Returning the enclosed giving card provides guidance to plan for the coming year at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Questions and feedback are encouraged because stewardship involves everyone who attends the Church of the Holy Spirit. Your giving card and giving statement are confidential. Our documented church policy indicates that only our secretary and recorder have knowledge of this information. The rector may request details, but this is not done routinely by our current rector.

The Stewardship Committee members this year are Father Rushton, Katie Coffman, Melanie Konoski, Monica Martin, Terry Moody, and Bonnie Rease. You may contact any member of the Stewardship Committee with questions or comments, email the office at office@holyspiritoc.org, or call Father Rushton at 410.723.1973.

Offering envelopes will be available at the beginning of the year. If you are making your donations online and do not need the box of offering envelopes, please let us know.

Please return your giving card and support your church family. The offering envelopes will be available on December 17.

**With thanks and appreciation
for your generosity –
The Stewardship Committee!**

GIVING CARD FOR 2024

In support of the Ministries and Activities of the Church of the Holy Spirit
in Ocean City Maryland with Thanks to God for our Many Blessings.

I/we will contribute \$ _____ to our Church of the Holy Spirit in 2024.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Would you like to be included in the Parish directory? _____

Would you like to learn more about Legacy Giving? _____

Contributions can be raised or lowered anytime by calling the office at 410.723.1973.





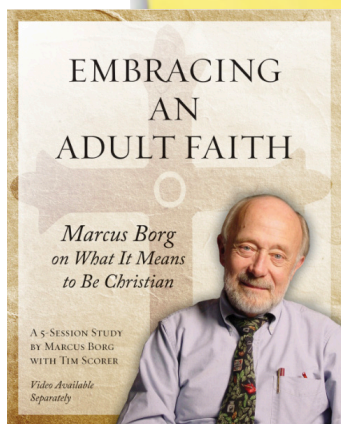
Christmas Tree Raffle

IT'S BACK! We will be doing the Christmas Tree Raffle again this year. **Tickets are already available. Tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10.** We will be raffling off 3 small Christmas Trees loaded with gift cards. The trees will have gift cards totaling \$500, \$300, and \$200.

The **drawing will be held during the pancake breakfast on Sunday, December 3** (just in time for Christmas gifts). Tickets will be available during the 8 a.m. (Martha Stone) and 10 a.m. services (Monica Martin). This has been a successful event in the past 2 years and we hope you can help to make it another success. You can also contact Monica at 443.235.8942 for tickets.

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE – GIFT CARDS

Christmas Tree	\$500	Christmas Tree	\$300	Christmas Tree	\$200
Francis Scott Key	\$200	Ruth's Chris Steakhouse	\$100	Old Pro Golf	\$90
Windmill Creek Winery	\$50	Walmart	\$30	Home Goods	\$50
Fager's Island	\$50	Texas Roadhouse	\$25	Starbucks	\$25
Walmart	\$50	IHOP	\$25	Food Lion	\$25
Panera Bread	\$35	Countryside Café	\$25	CVS	\$10
Outback Steakhouse	\$25	Yellow Fins	\$25		
Countryside Café	\$25	Kitty's Flowers	\$25		
Starbucks	\$25	Chipotle	\$25		
Marina Deck	\$25	Starbucks	\$20		
Dunkin Donuts	\$15				



Advent Adult Study Program: EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH

This is a five-session video discussion series for those who are seeking a richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology. Who was Jesus? Who is God? What is salvation? How do we practice our faith? How do we live in community?

Our study program began on November 29, 2023. We will meet on each of the following Wednesdays during Advent. Sessions are in the afternoon at 1 p.m. and in the evening at 6 p.m. Sessions run between 60 and 90 minutes. We gather in the parish hall and we may share a snack or light supper, then view of one session of the DVD followed by an educational discussion and sharing of thoughts for those who wish.

We are using a DVD: **Embracing an Adult Faith - Marcus Borg on What it Means to be Christian.** Marcus Joel Borg (March 11, 1942 - January 21, 2015) was an American New Testament scholar and theologian. He was among the most widely known and influential voices in Progressive Christianity.

Contact Fr. Rushton if you have interest or questions.



The church is **COLLECTING DECORATIVE COOKIE TINS** thru December 17. They can be dropped off in the box in the Church Hall. We are also collecting Christmas cookies and candy to **fill the tins on December 17.** Volunteers needed to fill the tins which will be **delivered to Shepherd's Crook on December 18.**





We prayed - sang - ate - played - together

2023 "All Saints' Sunday" service was followed by a pancake breakfast prepared by our church's wonderful volunteers. Young and old(er) church members celebrated the Communion of Saints – those who are with God – those who are on their way to heaven – and those who are still with us.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy." -St. Francis



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COMMUNITY



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH WITH WORCESTER G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity)

We are working with Worcester G.O.L.D. for our annual Christmas Angel Tree program. Tags with the names of children and gift requests are available at the church. Please use the tag to label your gifts. All tags should be loosely attached, as they will be replaced before delivery.

Please drop off your gifts at the church by **Sunday, December 10**. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped but remember to use the tag to label your gifts.

Monetary donations are always welcome to purchase gifts. Donations can be placed in the collection plate on Sunday. Please make checks available to "Church of the Holy Spirit" with "Christmas Angel Tree" indicated on the lower left or use an offering envelope with "Christmas Angel Tree" written on the envelope front for cash donations. Checks may also be mailed to "Church of the Holy Spirit at 10001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842."



The Ocean Cluster of Churches, comprising St. Paul's Berlin, St. Paul's by-the-Sea and Church of the Holy Spirit, is planning its annual Christmas gift bag (we switched to bags a couple of years ago, as we received too many items for traditional Christmas boxes) **drive for the Hope4Recovery House**. The House assists men who are in recovery from addiction. The Cluster has been supporting this mission for several years, mostly in the form of monthly dinners which we prepare, take to the House and share with residents.

In the bags, we supply T-shirts, socks, and non-liquid toiletries. We currently have a lot of T-shirts on hand, as well as a few pairs of socks. More socks would be welcome, as well as hats, gloves, and mufflers. In addition, we supply games, both for individuals and for the house, and other amusements. Adult coloring books are welcome (we do have colored pencils on hand). And of course candy and other sweet treats! There are 10 residents; we try to collect enough to fill 12 bags, the extras to be used in case new men move in.

We will be collecting items for the gift bags ending December 17, after which we will fill the bags and deliver them to the House.

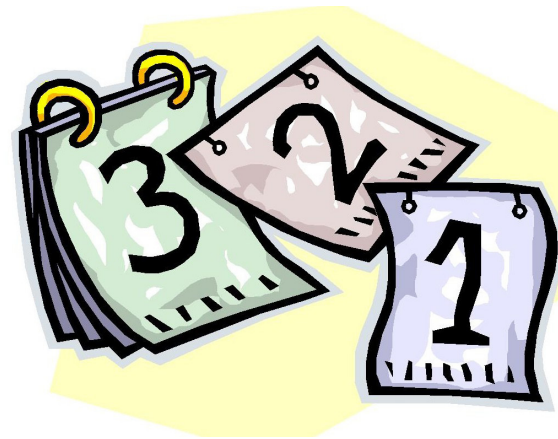
If you would like to support these efforts and feel like shopping, items can be dropped off at your church. If you would like to support these efforts and do not feel like shopping, checks are always welcome. Make them out to your church and put Hope4Recovery (or just H4R) on the memo line so the money will come to the right place.

Thank you for everything you do!





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER



8 a.m.	10 a.m.
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USHERS/GREETERS

03	Skip & Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
10	Skip & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
17	Skip & Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
24	Skip & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty

6 p.m. - Christmas Eve

Ann Dougherty & Jackie Carey

31	Skip & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
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LECTORS

03	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
10	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski
17	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
24	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski

6 p.m. - Christmas Eve

Jackie Carey, Joe Dougherty, Marena Konoski

31	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
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ACOLYTES

03	Skip Carey	Monica Martin
10	Skip Carey	Marena Konoski
17	Skip Carey	John Frombach
24	Skip Carey	Marena Konoski

6 p.m. - Christmas Eve

Skip Carey

31	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
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CHALICE BEARER

03	Skip Carey	Melanie Konoski
10	Skip Carey	Carolyn Johnston
17	Skip Carey	Diane Frombach
24	Skip Carey	Melanie Konoski

6 p.m. - Christmas Eve

Carolyn Johnston

31	Skip Carey	Diane Frombach
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ALTAR GUILD

- 03 Monica Martin & Barbara Wachter
- 10 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 17 Sue Flaherty & Diane Frombach
- 24 Bonnie Rease & Barbara Wachter
- 31 Diane Frombach & Monica Martin

COUNTERS

- 03 Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
- 10 Ann Dougherty & Melanie Konoski
- 17 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 24 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 24 Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
- 31 Jane Florentino & Melanie Konoski

COFFEE HOUR

- 03 Pancake Breakfast
- 10 Melanie & Marena Konoski
- 17 Ann Dougherty & Bonnie Rease
- 24 Diane Frombach
- 26 Monica Martin





	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
							Parish Hall Decorating - 10 a.m.
						1	2
ADVENT 1	EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Christmas Tree Raffle 3	4	5	ADULT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall - 1 & 6 p.m. AA MEETING Church - 6 p.m. 6	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. 7	8	9
ADVENT 2	EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. St. Nicholas' Visit - after 10 a.m. Service HOPE4RECOVERY DINNER- 4 p.m. 10	VESTRY MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. 11	12	ADULT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall - 1 & 6 p.m. AA MEETING Church - 6 p.m. 13	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. 14	15	16
ADVENT 3	EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday School Pageant - during 10 a.m. Service CHRISTMAS COOKIES' & CANDIES' TINS FILLING 17	CHRISTMAS COOKIES' & CANDIES' TINS - delivery to Shepherd's Crook today 18	19	ADULT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall - 1 & 6 p.m. AA MEETING Church - 6 p.m. 20	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. 21	SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR JANUARY DOVE CONTENT 22	23
ADVENT 4	EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. Church Decorating - after 10 a.m. Service CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 6 p.m. 24	25	26	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. 27	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. 28	29	30
	EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. 31						

OCEAN CITY EVENTS

- 11/17 - 12/31 Winterfest of Lights
Northside Park
- 12/04 Ocean City Christmas Parade
- 12/05 Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum
Open House
- 12/05 Mid-Atlantic Symphony's "Holiday Joy"
Ocean City Performing Arts Center
- 12/05 Winterfest of Lights Jingle Bell 5K Run
Run through Ocean City's Winterfest of Lights
display in the Jingle Bell 5K Run.
The race starts at 5 p.m. at Northside Park.
- 12/11 Ocean City Comic Con
Roland E. Powell Convention Center
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Celebration and Fireworks
Free fireworks display at Northside Park.

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



**WORCESTER COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2023**

- 05 8 - 6 p.m.
Public Budget Input Meeting
- 19 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Board of Education Meeting
- 21 All Day
Early Dismissal for Students
- 22 All Day
Schools Closed: Winter Break

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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REMEMBER the December 22 deadline.

QUOTE FOR DECEMBER

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

— JOHN 1:14



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