

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

FEBRUARY 2024 - 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 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*

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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,

Here we are entering the month of February 2024. This year the four weeks of February are divided into the final two weeks of the Epiphany season where we read about the initial ministry once John the Baptist has been arrested and imprisoned and Jesus begins his ministry independent of John. Then in the first two Sundays of the Lenten season we hear of Jesus being baptized by John in the Jordan river, and a voice from heaven proclaims Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God. Following this scene, Jesus sets off to the wilderness for a 40 day period of prayer, fasting and contemplation.

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Mark 1:29-39:2-12

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

"So, whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.



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





“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

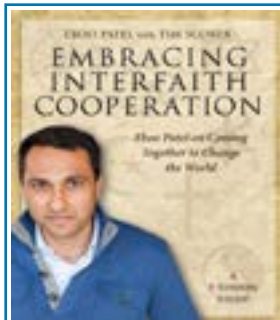
As you read through this February issue of the Dove, you will find both educational opportunities and outreach opportunities to offer support to some of our local brothers and sisters in need of food and protection from the cold. Please be as generous as possible as you share your time and financial resources.

May God continue to grant us the blessing of safety and health for a love-filled 2024!

In Christ’s Love,
Father Joe Rushton



Open the camera app on your phone. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view. Tap the notification that has popped up. Now you are linked to the church’s website.



THE FIVE-SESSIONS:
 SESSION 1: Interfaith Cooperation in American History
 SESSION 2: Interfaith Literacy
 SESSION 3: The Science of Interfaith Cooperation
 SESSION 4: The Art of Interfaith Leadership
 SESSION 5: The Role of Colleges, Seminaries and Houses of Worship

**Lent Adult Study Program
EMBRACING INTERFAITH COOPERATION**

Join us in this five-session video discussion series with interfaith commentator Eboo Patel as he explores what it means to be “literate” about other faiths, how interfaith cooperation “works” and why, the skills needed for interfaith cooperation and the significant role that our institutions, including colleges and faith communities, can play in this process.

Our study program begins February 21 and we will meet on each of the following Wednesdays during Lent. The afternoon sessions will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening sessions will begin at 6 p.m. We will gather in the parish hall and may share in a snack/light supper, then view one session of the DVD followed by an educational discussion and sharing of thoughts for those who wish.

Contact Fr. Rushton if you have interest or questions.
Sign-up Sheet in the parish hall





PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

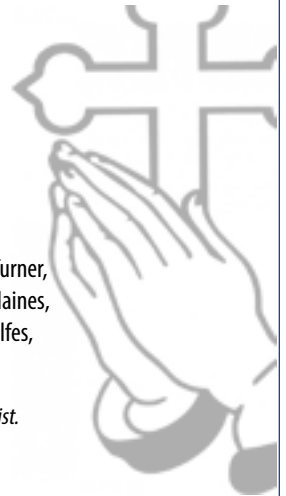
OUR PARISH FAMILY: John Frombach, Cal Hook, Sara & Frank Price, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Joe D., Bob Wauhoh, Katherine Wauhoh, Victoria DeSilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl, Fr. Joe Rushton

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Michael Wertz, Mary Pines, Pat Borkowski, 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, 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, notify the parish office at 410.723.1973 or Father Rushton at 410.279.2582.




FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02/01 Weston Thomas Martin
- 02/02 Sue Flaherty
- 02/07 Benjamin Hemming
- 02/15 Jack Panuska
- 02/23 Sara Price
- 02/24 Robert Wauhoh
- 02/26 Diane Frombach

ANNIVERSARIES

- 02/14 Frank & Sara Price

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.



OPERATING INCOME/VESTRY APPROVED 01/08/24

	December	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
OPERATING INCOME	\$9,909	\$146,486	\$123,335
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$13,469	\$138,902	\$129,115
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$3,560)	\$7,584	(\$5,780)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

February	Black History Month	
02/02	Groundhog Day	
02/04	Single Service	9 a.m.
	Pancake Breakfast	10 a.m.
	<i>(Parish Hall)</i>	
	Annual Meeting	11 a.m.
	<i>(Parish Hall)</i>	
02/06	Convocation Meeting	
02/12	Vestry Meeting	7 p.m.
02/13	Shrove Tuesday	
	Pancake Supper	6 p.m.
	<i>(Parish Hall)</i>	
	<i>Followed by Farewell to the Alleluia Service and Imposition of Ashes</i>	
02/14	Valentine's Day	
02/14	Ash Wednesday Service	Noon
02/18	Hope4Recovery Dinner	4 p.m.
02/19	Presidents' Day	
LENT ADULT STUDY PROGRAM "EMBRACING INTERFAITH COOPERATION"		
02/21, 02/28	Parish Hall	1 and 6 p.m.
03/06, 03/13, 03/20	Parish Hall	1 and 6 p.m.
AA Group will meet in the church on these Wednesdays.		
AA MEETINGS	Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.	
<i>(Parish Hall)</i>	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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Church of the Holy Spirit - ANNUAL MEETING FOR 2024

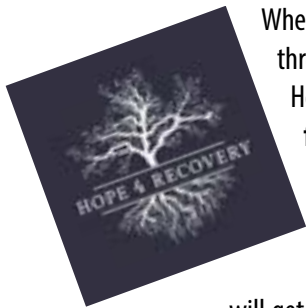
Mark your calendars for our annual meeting scheduled for **February 4, 2024**, in the parish hall.

There is **only one service that Sunday at 9 a.m.**, followed by a Pancake Breakfast and then the **Annual Meeting will start around 11 a.m.**

We hope everyone will join us to hear the report looking back on parish finances and ministries in 2023, then explore our 2024 budget and planned activities. **We will elect two vestry members for three-year terms beginning in 2024 and two alternates for the 2025 Diocesan Convention.**

If you are interested in joining our vestry or becoming a convention alternate, contact any member of our nominating committee: Monica Martin, Jackie Carey, or Marena Konoski.

3-PARISH CLUSTER PROJECTS



When the bishop suggested clusters of churches throughout the diocese, we thought we would have events that all three churches could do together. We had 3-parish picnics, 3-parish pilgrimages in Lent, and bringing dinner to Hope4Recovery House in Berlin on a monthly basis. Covid put an end to most of that, although **we did continue feeding the residents of Hope4Recovery** (we ordered in food for them). Since the end of Covid, we are staying to eat with the residents, which we all find enjoyable. I am proud to say that Holy Spirit has seven people who are actively involved in this ministry.

The cluster is planning a postcard prayer project in Lent this year. Here is how it works: You will get a postcard with the name of a randomly chosen parishioner, age 13 and up, from one of the three churches asking you to pray for them during Lent. Your name will also be sent to a randomly chosen parishioner from one of the churches, asking them to pray for you. We started this a couple of years ago at the instigation of Fr. Michael Moyer, at the time rector of St. Paul's Berlin, who had done it at a previous church. The project was well-received then and we are hoping it will be again this year. So when you get your postcard, that's what it's about.



Contact Jackie Carey for more details.

Ocean Cluster
Diocese of Easton

Ocean Cluster Hope4Recovery 2024 Sunday Dinner Plan												
	1/21/23	2/18/23	3/17/23	4/21/23	5/19/23	*NOTE* 2nd Sunday 6/9/23	7/21/23	8/18/23	9/15/23	10/20/23	11/17/23	12/15/23
Main Dish	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin
Salad / Bread	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S
Dessert / Beverages	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit	St Paul's B-T-S	St Paul's Berlin	Holy Spirit

Dinners are at 4pm in the conference room of the H4R Recovery Center, 10226 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, MD. Dinners are the 3rd Sunday unless noted.





PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Church of the Holy Spirit has a Property Committee comprised of members of the congregation including the Senior and Junior Wardens. The committee meets quarterly. Father Rushton attends the meetings. The committee inspects the interior and exterior of the church and property to determine the highest priorities while working with a very limited budget.



THE PRIMARY FOCUS IS SAFETY.

The Property Committee needs your assistance:

- 1) Can you refer a contractor to repair the steps and replace the concrete walk on the North West side of the church from the parish hall to the parking lot? (this project was approved by the Vestry)
- 2) Can you refer a contractor to replace the two exterior doors on the South West side of the church?
- 3) Do you have a few hours each month to help clean up the property? This includes raking, weeding, and clipping the bushes.
- 4) Please consider contributing funds to help support these projects. Your check noting "Parish Projects" in the memo line will go directly to these activities. There is also a bucket for cash contributions on the back wall.

Please see or call Bill Mowell, Ann Dougherty, or Katie Coffman if you have any questions.

"SOUP"er BOWL SUNDAY

The Church of the Holy Spirit in support of the local Food Pantries encourages parish members to **donate cans of soup from now until Super Bowl Sunday** (February 11). Items can be placed in the baskets at the back of the church. Let's share our blessings with individuals and families in need of a warm meal.

Please see or call Terry Moody, if you have any questions.



22ND ANNUAL gLOVEs DRIVE

This Valentine's Day ... Open your hearts and share the gift of warmth.

Church of the Holy Spirit continues its outreach program during the winter season. This time of year finds us in **need of new gLOVEs, socks, blankets, and hats** (especially for men).

Items will be collected on **February 4**. Please place donations in the bins located at the entrance to the church.

Please call or see **Katie Coffman**, if you have any questions.

SHARE THE RIDE RESOURCE

I would like to create a **Share the Ride** resource for any parishioner in need. If you need a ride to and from church each or any Sunday, please **contact Melanie Konoski at 443.497.2163**.

By the same token, if any parishioner would like to provide transportation to and from church each Sunday, please also contact Melanie Konoski.



THE STORY ABOUT YOU...

Every person has a story and we want to know. We would like to highlight one person per month in the DOVE. **So why don't you share your "life's adventure"**. Email your story to **bsbrevard@yahoo.com**. Either **type directly into your email** or **send as an attachment in Word**. Font size no larger than 12 points and no more than one side of an 8.5" x 11" page. Please also email a photo of yourself you would like us to use (high resolution jpg or png file). **Please label your email with "THAT'S MY STORY"**. Read the following story from our first volunteer. This may give you an idea of what is expected. **Have fun!**

Hi, Everybody,

*I'm **Rudolph Brevard**, but everyone just calls me **Rudy**. I grew up in Washington, DC, with my parents, two brothers, and sister. I lived in DC through high school then I moved to Maryland just before joining the Army. I always look back on my childhood with great memories of playing with my friends. There were at least 30 kids on my block with always some type of baseball, kickball, or other games happening. Being the youngest of four kids, the reins were a littler looser because I can just remember being outside all day with my friends, then making the mad dash home to beat my mother's warning to "you better be inside before the streetlights come on." I really enjoyed being with my friends, but I think the two things that stick out the most with me from those times are family gatherings and my love for the theater.*



*Back in the '70s after Alex Haley's *Roots* played on television, my father's side of the family undertook an effort to bring the family together. The first reunion was just family in the D.C. area, but over time these annual events grew to close to 600 family members across the U.S. getting together on the last full weekend in June to celebrate the family. COVID put a temporary halt to the reunions, but 2024 will be the first reunion in four years. I can also recall the day my father loaded us up in the car for a family outing. I was in the 3rd grade at the time, and he took us to the Carter Barron Amphitheatre in Rock Creek Park. We saw Sister Selina, one of the free plays running during that summer season. That was my first play and since then I've always been on the lookout for the next performance or adventure.*

Both my parents were federal employees and like them, I followed suit. My first job was working at the Department of Treasury when I was sixteen. From the Treasury, the Army, D.C. Government, Environmental Protection Agency, or volunteering with the Town of Ocean City, I can't remember a time when I didn't work for some type of government agency. The Army took me all over the world. From Germany, where I met my wife Birgitt, going on 39 years, and where our son Jonathan was born; to the Middle East; and to Korea. The travel and being immersed in different cultures were fascinating, but also being in places where history was being made was exciting. I remember being in West Berlin during the fall of the Berlin Wall. Like all entrepreneurs, there was a guy renting hammers and chisels, so I got one and climbed into the opening, knocking out pieces of the wall.



We've had many adventures over the years, but we're so excited about continuing this one here in Ocean City. We try to get involved in many parts of the community, whether it's volunteering with the National Aquarium Seal Response Team, Town of Ocean City Community Emergency Response Team and Ethics Commission, Local AARP Chapter; or the Church of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to meeting you. So, if you see me around, please say hi.

Rudy





HERE'S THE STORY BEHIND BLACK HISTORY MONTH — AND WHY IT'S CELEBRATED IN FEBRUARY (link [here](#))

Every February, the U.S. honors the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape the nation. Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history.

This year's theme, Black Health and Wellness, pays homage to medical scholars and health care providers. The theme is especially timely as we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately affected minority communities and placed unique burdens on Black health care professionals.

"There is no American history without African American history," said Sara Clarke Kaplan, executive director of the Antiracist Research & Policy Center at American University in Washington, D.C. The Black experience, she said, is embedded in "everything we think of as 'American history.'"

Critics have long argued that Black history should be taught and celebrated year-round, not just during one month each year.

It was Carter G. Woodson, the "father of Black history," who first set out in 1926 to designate a time to promote and educate people about Black history and culture, according to W. Marvin Dulaney. He is a historian and the president of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

Woodson envisioned a weeklong celebration to encourage the coordinated teaching of Black history in public schools. He designated the second week of February as Negro History Week and galvanized fellow historians through the Association for



At the March on Washington on Aug. 28, 1963, African Americans carry placards demanding equal rights, integrated schools, decent housing and an end to bias. Warren K Leffler/Universal History Archive/Getty Images

the Study of Negro Life and History, which he founded in 1915. (ASNLH later became ASALH.)

The idea wasn't to place limitations but really to focus and broaden the nation's consciousness.

"Woodson's goal from the very beginning was to make the celebration of Black history in the field of history a 'serious area of study,'" said Albert Broussard, a professor of Afro-American history at Texas A&M University.

The idea eventually grew in acceptance, and by the late 1960s, Negro History Week had evolved into what is now known as Black History Month. Protests around racial injustice, inequality and anti-imperialism that were occurring in many parts of the U.S. were pivotal to the change.

ABOUT PRESIDENTS' DAY (link [here](#))

The origin of Presidents' Day lies in the 1880s, when the birthday of Washington—commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and the first president of the United States—was first celebrated as a federal holiday. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved a number of federal holidays to Mondays. The change was designed to schedule certain holidays so that workers had a number of long weekends throughout the year, but it has been opposed by those who believe that those holidays should be celebrated on the dates they actually commemorate.

During debate on the bill, it was proposed that Washington's Birthday be renamed Presidents' Day to honour the birthdays of both Washington (February 22) and Lincoln (February 12); although Lincoln's birthday was celebrated in many states, it was never an official federal holiday. Following much discussion, Congress rejected the name change. After the bill went into effect in 1971, however, Presidents' Day became the commonly accepted name, due in part to retailers' use of that name to promote sales and the holiday's proximity to Lincoln's birthday.





ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY [\(link here\)](#)

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine and through later folk traditions, it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Saint Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: tradition maintains that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry by the Roman emperor; an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.



Shrine of St. Valentine in Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church in Dublin, Ireland

The 8th-century Gelasian Sacramentary recorded the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion for couples to express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. In the 19th century, handmade cards gave way to mass-produced greetings. In Italy, Saint Valentine's keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).

Saint Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country, although it is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church. Many parts of the Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day on July 6 in honor of Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and on July 30 in honor of Hieromartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

ABOUT GROUNDHOG DAY [\(link here\)](#)

Groundhog Day (Pennsylvania German: Grund'sau däk, Grundsaudaag, Grundsow Dawg, Murmeltiertag; Nova Scotia: Daks Day) is a tradition observed in the United States and Canada on February 2 of every year starting in the 16th century.[citation needed] It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early.

While the tradition remains popular in the 21st century, studies have found no consistent association between a groundhog seeing its shadow and the subsequent arrival time of spring-like weather.

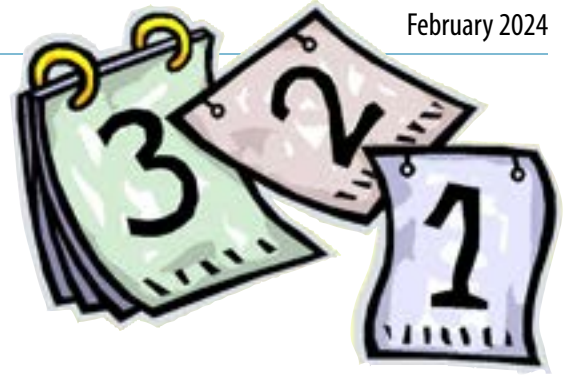
The weather lore was brought from German-speaking areas where the badger (German: Dachs) is the forecasting animal. It is related to the lore that clear weather on the Christian festival of Candlemas forebodes a prolonged winter.

The Groundhog Day ceremony held at Punxsutawney in western Pennsylvania, centering on a semi-mythical groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil, has become the most frequently attended ceremony. Grundsow Lodges in Pennsylvania Dutch Country in the southeastern part of the state observe the occasion as well. Other cities in the United States and Canada also have adopted the event.





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY



8 a.m.

10 a.m.

USHERS/GREETERS

04	Single Service at 9 a.m. Ann Dougherty & Jackie Carey	
11	Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
14	Ash Wednesday Service at Noon Volunteers Needed	
18	Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
25	Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty

LECTORS

04	Single Service at 9 a.m. Birgitt Brevard, Jackie Carey, Marena Konoski, Diane Frombach	
11	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski
14	Ash Wednesday Service at Noon Volunteers Needed	
18	Birgitt Brevard	Joe Dougherty
25	Birgitt Brevard	Diane Frombach

ACOLYTES

04	Single Service at 9 a.m. Marena Konoski	
11	Jackie Carey	Marena Konoski
14	Ash Wednesday Service at Noon Volunteers Needed	
18	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
25	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach

CHALICE BEARER

04	Single Service at 9 a.m. Carolyn Johnston	
11	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
14	Ash Wednesday Service at Noon Volunteers Needed	
18	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach
25	Jackie Carey	John Frombach

ALTAR GUILD

04	Monica Martin & Barbara Wachter
11	Sue Flaherty & Diane Frombach
14	Volunteers Needed
18	Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter
25	Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter

COUNTERS

04	Jane Florentino & Melanie Konoski
11	Jane Florentino & Melanie Konoski
18	Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty
25	Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty

COFFEE HOUR

04	Pancake Breakfast
11	Diane Frombach
18	Melanie & Marena Konoski
25	Monica Martin

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (Melanie S. Konoski)

Are you aware of the option to donate to the Church of the Holy Spirit as a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. You must be age 70½ or older to make a qualified charitable distribution, which is not taxed and does not get included in your taxable income.

If you qualify, QCDs can also count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) that anyone age 73 or older must meet each year if they have a traditional IRA. Also important: You don't have to itemize on your tax return to take advantage of a QCD.

To see if you meet the qualifications to process a QCD, please contact your tax preparer or your financial advisor. This may be a good opportunity for you to satisfy your pledge at Holy Spirit or a one-time donation to benefit you and the church.





BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2024 FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	1 	2
SINGLE SERVICE - 9 a.m. Pancake Breakfast Parish Hall - 10 a.m. Annual Meeting Parish Hall - 11 a.m.	5	CONVOCATION MEETING	6	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	7	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.
11 EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m.	12 VESTRY MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	13 SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper Parish Hall - 6 p.m. <i>Followed by Farewell to the Alleluia Service and Imposition of Ashes</i>	14 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - NOON AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. VALENTINE'S DAY 	15 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	16	17
18 EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY DINNER- 4 p.m.	19 	20	21 AA MEETING Church - 6 p.m. LENT ADULT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall- 1 & 6 p.m.	22 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH DOVE CONTENT	23	24
25 EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m.	26	27	28 AA MEETING Church - 6 p.m. LENT ADULT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall- 1 & 6 p.m.	29 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	1	2

OCEAN CITY EVENTS

- 02/02 **FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION: FEBRUARY**
Art League of Ocean City
502 94th Street, Ocean City, MD 21842
- 02/02 - 04 **Delmarva Wool and Fiber Expo 2024**
Roland Powell Convention Center, Ocean City MD
- 02/04 7 p.m. **The Four Phantoms**
OC Performing Arts Center
4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD
- 02/24 **Shore Craft Beer Love on Tap**
SEACRETS®
117 49th Street, Ocean City, MD 21842
- 02/29 7 p.m. **Wheel of Fortune Live!**
OC Performing Arts Center
4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD

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



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 2024

- 13 9 a.m. **Board of Education:**
- 14 All Day **Annual Budget Work Session**
- 19 All Day **Early Dismissal for Students:**
- 20 10 a.m. **Professional Development**
- Schools/Offices Closed:**
- Presidents' Day**
- Board of Education Meeting**

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 March 2024 issue of "THE DOVE" Thursday, February 22, 2024.

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 February 22 deadline.

QUOTE FOR FEBRUARY

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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