

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

MARCH 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,

During the month of March 2024 our Gospel texts tell us of the final period of Jesus’ life on earth. We hear of Jesus’ behavior stirring up controversy and his popularity becoming too much for the religious leaders to tolerate. Then the plotting to get Jesus out of the way begins and the decision that he must die is made, arranged, and executed.

But the lesson goes beyond the death and grave. While an empty grave leads to much confusion and grief the story continues with Jesus being raised to new life by the Heavenly Father.

MARCH 3, 2024 *Third Sunday of Lent – Year B*

John 2:13-22

Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace! His disciples remembered that it was written, Zeal for your house will consume me.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

MARCH 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B

John 3:14-21

Here we find what is likely the most quoted Bible verse from John the Evangelist’s testament on the life of Jesus.

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

MARCH 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B

John 12:20-33

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.”





“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

MARCH 24, 2024

Palm/Passion Sunday – Year B

Mark 14:1-15:47

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

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.”

MARCH 31, 2024

Easter Sunday – Year B

Mark 16:1-8

So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So, they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

As you read through this March issue of the Dove, you will find how we as the Church of the Holy Spirit will commemorate the suffering, death, and rising of Jesus to new life. Please join us in the celebration/commemoration of God’s ongoing love for all of creation.

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.

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 2 p.m. We will gather in the parish hall and may share a snack, 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.

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





PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

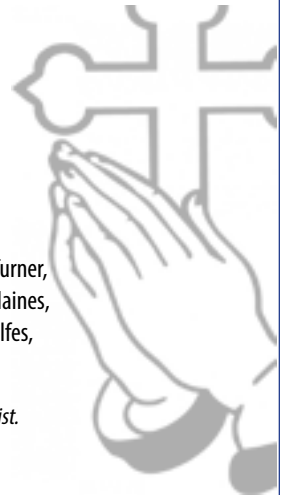
OUR PARISH FAMILY: John Frombach, Cal Hook, Sara & Frank Price, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Joe D., Bob Wauhoh, Katherine Wauhoh, Victoria DeSilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl, Fr. Joe Rushton

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.




MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01	Bill Mowell
03/05	Alex DeSilver
03/06	Shianne Martin
03/15	Birgitt Brevard
03/15	Conor Pellingier
03/15	Will Pellingier
03/18	Elliana Arauz
03/22	Marshall Van de Wyngaerde
03/25	Jessica Fry
03/25	Michael Konoski
03/31	Marie Bahno

ANNIVERSARIES

03/17	Skip & Jackie Carey
03/17	Marti McNiff & Suzi Windemuth



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 02/11/24

	January	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
OPERATING INCOME	\$12,874	\$12,874	\$10,725
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$11,592	\$11,592	\$12,271
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$1,282	\$1,282	(\$1,546)



UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

MARCH Women's History Month
Irish American Heritage Month

03/07 - 09 Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton
PART I – VIA ZOOM: Thursday, March 7th: 5:30 pm
 EUCHARIST & RECEPTION (optional): Friday, March 8th: 6:00pm
 Emmanuel Church, Chestertown
PART II – IN-PERSON: Saturday, March 9th: 9:00 am
 Washington College, Gibson Center for the Arts, Decker Theatre

03/11 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
03/17 St. Partick's Day
03/17 Hope4Recovery 4 p.m.
03/24 Palm Sunday Services 8 & 10 a.m.
03/29 Good Friday Service Noon
03/31 Easter Sunday Services 8 & 10 a.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt after 10 a.m. Service

There will be no service on Maundy Thursday or Holy Saturday.

04/08 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
04/20 Marigot Beach Annual Meeting 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
04/21 Bishop's Visit - Single Service (followed by potluck) 9 a.m.
04/29 Clergy/Spouse Retreat Service 5 p.m.

LENT ADULT STUDY PROGRAM "EMBRACING INTERFAITH COOPERATION"
03/06, 03/13, 03/20 Parish Hall 2 p.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

2024: Ann Dougherty, Barbara Wachter
2025: Birgitt Brevard, Sue Flaherty
2026: Marena Konoski, Monica Martin

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






The Church of The Holy Spirit 2024 BUDGET SUMMARY

Vestry Approved
01/08/2024

OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSE

INCOME

	2023 Approved Budget	2024 Approved Budget	Change 2024 Over/(Under) 2023
Fundraisers	8,000	8,000	0
Plate Offerings	7,800	3,500	(4,300)
Pledge Payments	106,335	124,000	17,665
Rectors Discretionary Fund	600	600	0
Kitchen Revenue	600	600	0
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	123,335	136,700	13,365

Bank Service Charges	38	40	2
Cleaning Service	5,640	5,922	282
Clergy	60,900	63,945	3,045
Rector's Discretionary Fund	600	600	0
Diocesan Convention Exp.	465	300	(165)
Dues & Memberships	88	105	17
Disability Insurance	145	145	0
Property & Liability Insurance	4,519	5,348	829
Licenses & Permits	103	103	0
Building Maintenance	3,000	3,000	0
Equipment & Fixtures	6,748	7,300	552
Grounds Maintenance	1,770	1,770	0
Music & Copyright	260	260	0
Office Supplies	775	2,095	1,320
Diocesan Pledge	11,166	16,308	5,142
Postage and Delivery	110	150	40
Supplies-Altar	500	500	0
Supplies-Church School	155	155	0
Supplies-Kitchen	785	850	65
Paper and Other Building Supplies	225	450	225
Supply Clergy	1,000	1,000	0
Telephone	2,400	2,549	149
Travel		2,153	2,153
Utilities-Gas	3,800	3,800	0
Utilities-Electric	4,200	5,784	1,584
Secretary/PR Tax/Supply Musicians	18,473	19,996	1,523
Worship/Ministry	1,250	1,350	100
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	129,115	145,978	16,863

NET OPERATING INCOME / (LOSS) **(5,780)** **(9,278)** **(3,498)**



CONGRATULATIONS CONOR!

The **Ocean City Police Department** gave a huge shout out to **Conor**. **Conor is a 5th grader at Berlin Intermediate School**. He won the **Silver award** on February 22 at the Worcester County Public Schools MD Media Expo for his picture **"Police on Horseback."** He took this picture during the **2023 Oceans Calling Festival**.





REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING (Jackie Carey)

As usual, the February 4th annual meeting was preceded by a single worship service where attendees of both the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services were able to see and interact with each other. Then there was a pancake breakfast, another opportunity for fellowship.

Fr. Rushton called the annual meeting to order at 11 a.m. Registrar Diane Frombach certified that a forum was present.

Fr. Rushton said we had a good year. He added that Cal Hook would be stepping down as Junior Warden as soon as Steve Trowbridge could be received into the Episcopal Church, probably in April. Cal will continue to be a valued resource for the Property Committee. Other resources include Joe Dougherty and John Frombach. We have been "refreshing" our aging furnaces – i.e., we have replaced two of them. And we are in good enough financial shape that we were able to pay 100 percent of our requested amount to the diocese.

Sunday School is doing well and we have some new children who attend (hopefully Ms. Kathy will never retire, although her faithful helper Caleb has moved on to other roles. Ewan Betz is the new assistant.). There has been pretty good participation in church activities, although more, such as acolytes, chalciers, etc. would be welcome.

Diane reported that we welcomed four new members in 2023. We had four baptisms in 2023, and ended the year with 76 baptized communicants in good standing, including 10 under the age of 16, and 28 other active communicants, for a total of 104 full- and part-time members, an increase from last year,

Birgitt and Rudy Brevard were elected as alternate delegates for the 2025 convention, which means they will be the delegates for the 2026 convention.

Marena Konoski and Monica Martin were elected to the vestry.

Treasurer Melanie Konoski said we ended the year with a net gain of \$1580. The money in the restricted fund (formerly the investment fund) was invested in a CD at Shore United Bank at an interest rate of 5 percent. We transferred 10 percent of the fund-raising money to the account, in an amount of \$1290. Both pledge income and fund-raisers were over budget in 2023. Some of our expenses were over budget, due to unforeseen circumstances. Two capital projects were completed in 2023: two HVAC systems were replaced, with the money coming from the furnace fund, and a new altar carpet was installed, paid by a donation from a parishioner.

The 2024 budget, approved by the vestry at the January 2024 meeting, shows an expected loss of \$9278. However, if our fund-raisers are as successful in 2024 as they were in 2023, it would help close the shortfall.

Monica Martin thanked everyone who has worked so hard to make Church of the Holy Spirit the success it is.

Cal Hook's report of his duties as Junior Warden included all the times he has opened the church for work to be done, contracts he has signed and a description of his other duties, such as keeping the church grounds looking lovely.

Ann Dougherty reported for the Property Committee that several projects were completed, though there are more in the works. Top priorities are replacing the parking lot steps and the deteriorating walkway and replacing the exterior doors on the southwest side of the building.

Kathy Elmer said that Sunday School has seven children, ages 5 to 13. The group has been active in church projects, such as filling tins with cookies at Christmas, collecting canned goods for food pantries, and the Christmas pageant. She thanked Fr. Rushton for including the children in the services, and he thanked her and the children for their efforts.

As always, outreach projects by Church of the Holy Spirit are strong. Sue Flaherty listed a few of programs we supported: Worcester County G.O.L.D.'s backpack project for back to school, the Angel Tree, the gLOVEs drive, and the SOUPer Bowl Sunday drive for canned goods for local food pantries. Kay Saxon added that we put two Church of the Holy Spirit signs at the annual Relay for Life fund-raiser for cancer research.

Jackie Carey reported for the Ocean Cluster of Churches that we continue to provide monthly dinners for the Hope4Recovery House, a treatment and halfway house for men in recovery from addiction. Cluster also sponsors Christmas and Easter bags for the residents and a paper/non-perishable goods drive.

Marena Konoski said we had three successful fund-raisers this year – the quarter auction, the crab feast and the Christmas tree gift card raffle. The combined net total of the three was \$12,899.

Marena told of fellowship opportunities. They included the pancake breakfasts, a potluck lunch at the bishop's annual visit, the annual parish picnic and, new this year, a gathering at Windmill Creek Winery. She added that the cornhole champions, she and Carolyn Johnston, will take on all comers at the next picnic.

Jackie spoke of stewardship and how Holy Spirit needs our time and talents, but also our treasure, namely giving. No amount is too big or too small, and every donation is kept private.

Birgitt Brevard thanked everyone who has helped her with the Dove and encouraged people to take pictures for her to include.

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Monica reported that St. Paul's by-the-Sea has had a change in leadership and has taken over managing N.O.E.L. Church of the Holy Spirit is no longer involved.

Katie Coffman asked for applause for Caleb Elmer for his years of helping with Sunday School. She added that he now has his driver's license, has graduated to cooking eggs at the pancake breakfasts and is a voting member of the church. Those present responded vigorously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.





▶ LENTEN PRAYER PROJECT (Jackie Carey)



The postcards for the Cluster Lenten prayer project went out in a timely fashion to all participants. We hope everyone is appreciating knowing someone is praying for them, as they are praying for someone as well.

Here's an example for a prayer to protect a friend:

Thank you for _____ presence in my life. I ask that you would watch over _____ and lead _____ into hope and blessing. I trust that you will protect and hold _____ when life is hard. Lord, help me to be a good friend.



▶ "SOUP"er BOWL SUNDAY (Terry Moody)

The Church of the Holy Spirit responded with incredible generosity to again make the "SOUP"er Bowl Sunday food collection a success. The many cans of soup and other non-perishable foods were provided to Sarah's Pantry serving individuals and families in the local areas.

Special thanks to the Ewan and Seamus Betz for making the signs for the bins and for sorting, packing, and delivering the items. Thank you all for your generous donations!



▶ 22ND ANNUAL gLOVES DRIVE (Katie Coffman)

Thanks to ALL who opened their hearts to share the gift of warmth for Valentine's Day at the 22nd Annual gLOVES drive. Special thanks to Ewan and Seamus Betz for making the signs for the collection bins.



The gloves, hats, socks, blankets, and other items collected at our gLOVES drive were delivered to and distributed by Spirit Kitchen, Diakonia, Shepherd's Crook, and Worcester County Social Services. Together, we were able to warm the hearts and hands of our neighbors in need. **From Your Heart to Theirs!**

▶ SHARE THE RIDE RESOURCE (Melanie Konoski)

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.



▶ HOPE4RECOVERY 2024 SUNDAY DINNER PLAN (Jackie Carey)

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

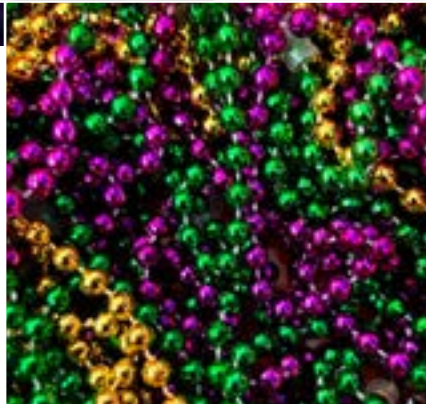
Dinners are at 4pm in the conference room of the H4R Recovery Center, 10226 Old Ocean City Boulevard, Berlin, MD. Dinners are the 3rd Sunday unless noted.





SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper



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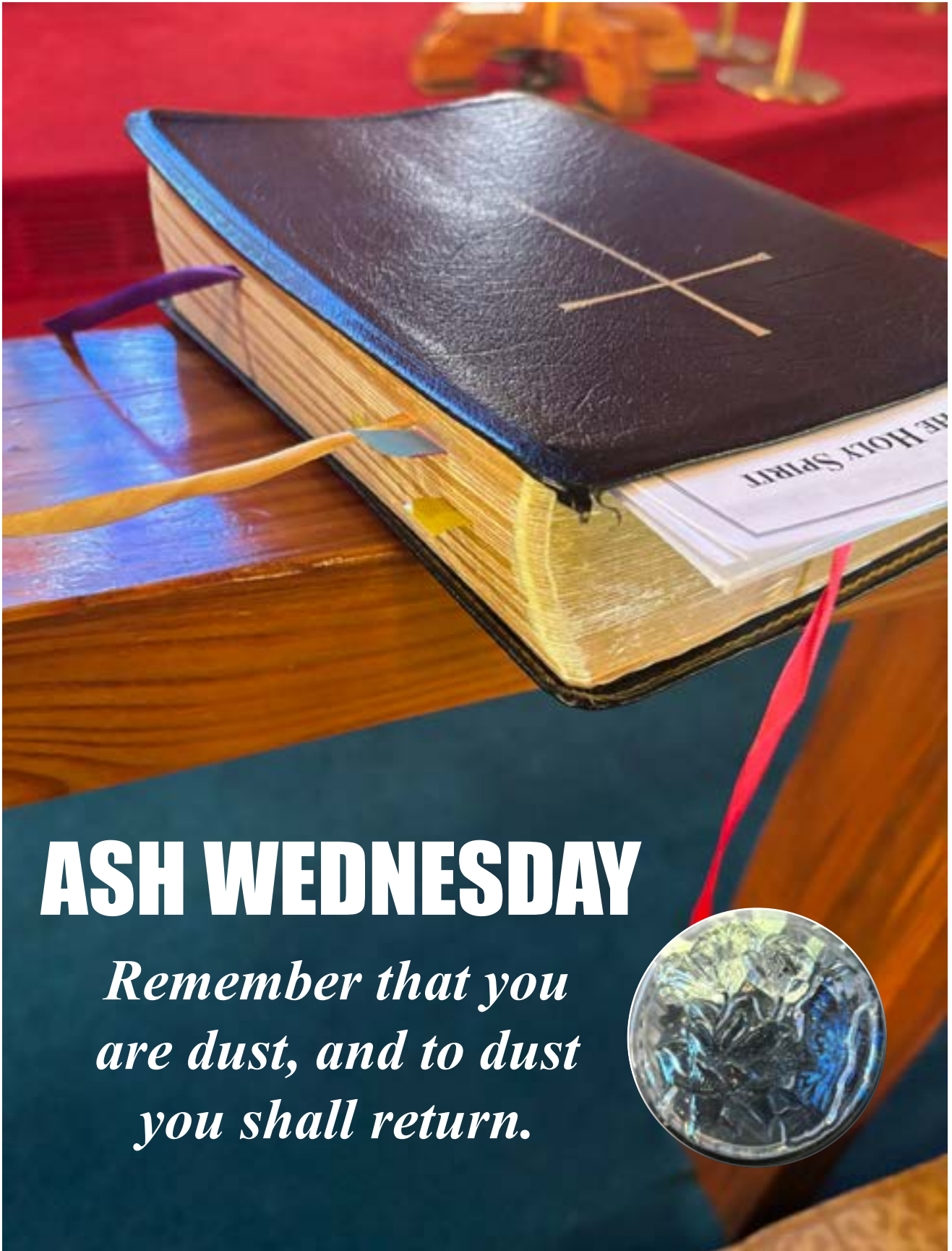




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FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA





ASH WEDNESDAY

*Remember that you
are dust, and to dust
you shall return.*



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". Have fun!**

I am Joseph Michael Rushton, currently serving as Rector of The Church of the Holy Spirit in North Ocean City, MD. Born and raised just east of Baltimore, I am the fourth of six children in my family. My mom worked at home caring for her brood and my father left each morning around 3 a.m. for his job as a milk man delivering to homes, schools, and churches in the east side of Baltimore city.

Our family life centered around the home, the church, the parish Catholic elementary and high school which all of us attended. Being six children born within eight years there was one year when all six of us were in grade school together. The life of the church was central to our lives. For the boys there were opportunities for serving as altar boys, choir boys, lectors, and scouts. My Irish twin, Jimmy and I were side by side in each of these activities. Being just shy of ½ mile from our house, there were well worn walking paths between church/school/scouts and our family home.



I spent a lot of time with the sisters/nuns and priests from the parish. Jimmy and I were always available for school chores around both the school and parish church. People there knew that we were dependable and capable and over time we were trusted with greater responsibilities. I found the work important and the example of the nuns and priests as valuable and worthy of imitation.

Towards my sophomore year in high school, I began thinking about how I would like to spend my life and how I could contribute to my family, my church and the people who relied on both faith and religion. The life of the "religious," shorthand for nuns, priests, and faithful followers of Jesus, was becoming more attractive and increasingly important. I began to explore the priesthood with the local parish priests and then with the diocesan office.

I deeply considered starting my studies at a college seminary as a residential student in West Baltimore. There were financial constraints as my father was already retired and although I had saved a few thousand dollars that amount of money wouldn't take me very far. To my surprise I was awarded a four-year full-tuition scholarship to any Maryland state university. For my dad that sealed the deal: no way would I be giving up "free tuition" to borrow money. To my benefit, just in time for my junior year the scholarship became available for use at any Maryland college and I transferred to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, where I finished my BA degree in sociology with minors in philosophy (required for theology graduate work) and performing arts. Then off to graduate school at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana for a Master's of Divinity degree and seminary formation and preparation for priesthood.

Following seminary, I entered a two-year internship in a Roman Catholic parish in Timonium, MD during which time I was ordained both deacon and priest. I later served in two parishes, one in Severna Park, MD and the second back in Timonium, MD. My ministry centered around leading worship, preaching, teaching and youth ministry, including involvement with a Catholic elementary school.

In 1987, I knew for sure that I loved the priesthood but was suffering from the lack of a loving committed relationship with one other. Because of my congregation's love and goodness of fit with the priesthood, I withdrew from parish ministry and took a leave of absence from the Archdiocese of Baltimore and pursued a Master's Degree in Social Work and was licensed by the State of Maryland. I worked as a therapist and in clinical research with adults who experienced serious and persistent mental illness. I saw this as non-parochial continuation of my priestly ministry.

In 1990 I chose to return to the church for service as a priest. The Episcopal Church, via the Diocese of Maryland and following an additional year of seminary education, received my priestly ordination, and welcomed me to serve again in the role of priest and pastor. I was called to serve as Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit, in Ocean City, MD. This came about after serving in two other dioceses in the previous ten years.

I currently live in a condo in North Ocean City and maintain a home in Severna Park, MD with my husband Nick Codd. We have officially been married for twenty years (when it became legal in Massachusetts). We each have one dog, Weaver and Fezziwig. They get along great and visit each other very often.





ABOUT EASTER [click here](#)

Easter, principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier.

The English word Easter, which parallels the German word Ostern, is of uncertain origin. One view, expounded by the Venerable Bede in the 8th century, was that it derived from Eostre, or Eostræ, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility. This view presumes—as does the view associating the origin of Christmas on December 25 with pagan celebrations of the winter solstice—that Christians appropriated pagan names and holidays for their highest festivals. Given the determination with which Christians combated all forms of paganism (the belief in multiple deities), this appears a rather dubious presumption.

There is now widespread consensus that the word derives from the Christian designation of Easter week as *in albis*, a Latin phrase that was understood as the plural of *alba* ("dawn") and became *eostarum* in Old High German, the precursor of the modern German and English term. The Latin and Greek *Pascha* ("Pass-over") provides the root for *Pâques*, the French word for Easter.



Raphael: Resurrection of Christ

THE DATE OF EASTER AND ITS CONTROVERSIES

Fixing the date on which the Resurrection of Jesus was to be observed and celebrated triggered a major controversy in early Christianity in which an Eastern and a Western position can be distinguished. The dispute, known as the Paschal controversies, was not definitively resolved until the 8th century. In Asia Minor, Christians observed the day of the Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated the Passover offering—that is, on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring, 14 Nisan (see Jewish calendar). The Resurrection, then, was observed two days later, on 16 Nisan, regardless of the day of the week. In the West the Resurrection of Jesus was celebrated on the first day of the week, Sunday, when Jesus had risen from the dead. Consequently, Easter was always celebrated on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the month of Nisan.

Increasingly, the churches opted for the Sunday celebration, and the Quartodecimans ("14th day" proponents) remained a minority. The Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). Easter, therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Eastern Orthodox churches use a slightly different calculation based on the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar (which is 13 days ahead of the former), with the result that the Orthodox Easter celebration usually occurs later than that celebrated by Protestants and Roman Catholics. Moreover, the Orthodox tradition prohibits Easter from being celebrated before or at the same time as Passover.

In the 20th century several attempts were made to arrive at a fixed date for Easter, with the Sunday following the second Saturday in April specifically proposed. While this proposal and others had many supporters, none came to fruition. Renewed interest in a fixed date arose in the early 21st century, resulting from discussions involving the leaders of Eastern Orthodox, Syriac Orthodox, Coptic, Anglican, and Roman Catholic churches, but formal agreement on such a date remained elusive.

LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES

In the Christian calendar, Easter follows Lent, the period of 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter, which traditionally is observed by acts of penance and fasting. Easter is immediately preceded by Holy Week, which includes Maundy Thursday, the commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples; Good Friday, the day of his Crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, the transition between Crucifixion and Resurrection. Liturgically, Easter comes after

the Great Vigil, which was originally observed sometime between sunset on Easter Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday. Later it would be celebrated in Western churches on Saturday evening, then on Saturday afternoon, and finally on Sunday morning. In 1955 the Roman Catholic Church set the time for the vigil at 10 PM, which allowed for the Easter mass to be celebrated after midnight. In the Orthodox traditions the vigil continues to be an important liturgical event, while in Protestant churches it is little known.

By the 4th century the Easter vigil was well established in various liturgical expressions. It was characterized by a spirit of joyful anticipation of the Resurrection and—because of the belief that Jesus' Second Coming would occur on Easter—the return of Jesus. In the Roman Catholic tradition the vigil has four parts: the celebration of lights focused on the Paschal candle; the service of lessons called the prophecies; the administration of the sacraments of baptism and confirmation to adult converts; and the Easter mass. The use of the Paschal candle, to denote the appearance of light out of darkness through the Resurrection, was first recorded in the year 384; by the 10th century it had gained general usage. The prominence of baptism at Easter goes back to early Christianity, probably the 4th century, when baptism was administered only once a year, at Easter. In the Roman Catholic service the priest blesses the water to be used in the forthcoming year for baptism, with the faithful taking some of that water with them to receive protection from vicissitudes. Lutheran and Anglican churches use variations of this vigil service.

All Christian traditions have their own special liturgical emphases for Easter. The Easter sunrise service, for example, is a distinctive Protestant observance in North America. The practice may derive from the Gospel narrative of Jesus' Resurrection, which states that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb "while it was still dark" (John 20:1) or as dawn was breaking (Matthew 28:1 and Luke 24:1). It is a service of jubilation that takes place as the sun rises to dispel the darkness.

EASTER CUSTOMS

Easter, like Christmas, has accumulated a great many traditions, some of which have little to do with the Christian celebration of the Resurrection but derive from folk customs. The custom of the Easter lamb appropriates both the appellation used for Jesus in Scripture ("behold the lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world," John 1:29) and the lamb's role as a sacrificial animal in ancient Israel. In antiquity Christians placed lamb meat under the altar, had it blessed, and then ate it on Easter. Since the 12th century the Lenten fast has ended on Easter with meals including eggs, ham, cheeses, bread, and sweets that have been blessed for the occasion.

The use of painted and decorated Easter eggs was first recorded in the 13th century. The church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week, but chickens continued to lay eggs during that week, and the notion of specially identifying those as "Holy Week" eggs brought about their decoration. The egg itself became a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell. In the Orthodox tradition eggs are painted red to symbolize the blood Jesus shed on the cross.

Easter egg hunts are popular among children in the United States. First lady Lucy Hayes, the wife of Pres. Rutherford B. Hayes, is often credited with sponsoring the first annual Easter egg roll (an event where children and their parents were invited to roll their eggs on the Monday following Easter) on the White House lawn, in 1878. That year the event was moved to the White House from the grounds of the U.S. Capitol Building, where large numbers of children had gathered beginning in the early 1870s to roll their eggs and play on Easter Monday. Members of Congress were dismayed by the large crowds on Capitol Hill and feared that the foot traffic was damaging the grounds. By 1876 Congress and Pres. Ulysses S. Grant passed a law that forbade the practice of egg rolling on Capitol Hill. Some historical records note that the Hayes first opened the White House lawn to egg rolling festivities the following year, in 1877, after a young boy asked President Hayes directly for permission to use the space.

The custom of associating a rabbit or bunny with Easter arose in Protestant areas in Europe in the 17th century but did not become common until the 19th century. The Easter rabbit is said to lay the eggs as well as decorate and hide them. In the United States the Easter rabbit also leaves children baskets with toys and candies on Easter morning. In a way, this was a manifestation of the Protestant rejection of Catholic Easter customs. In some European countries, however, other animals—in Switzerland the cuckoo, in Westphalia the fox—brought the Easter eggs.





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Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8, and during October in Canada, corresponding with the celebration of Persons Day on October 18.

The commemoration began in 1978 as "Women's History day" in Sonoma County, California, and was championed by Gerda Lerner and the National Women's History Alliance to be recognized as a national week (1980) and then month (1987) in the United States, spreading internationally after that.

In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as Women's History Month. Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1988, U.S. presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month of March as Women's History Month on occasion.

State departments of education also began to encourage celebrations of Women's History Month as a way to promote equality among the sexes in the classroom. Maryland, Pennsylvania, Alaska, New York, Oregon, and other states developed and distributed curriculum materials in all of their public schools, which prompted educational events such as essay contests. Within a few years, thousands of schools and communities began to celebrate of Women's History Month. They planned engaging and stimulating programs about women's roles in history and society, with support and encouragement from governors, city councils, school boards, and the U.S. Congress.

In March 2011, the Obama administration released a report, *Women in America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being*, showing women's status in the U.S. in 2011 and how it had changed over time. This report was the first comprehensive federal report on women since the report produced by the Commission on the Status of Women in 1963.

Some organizations have issued statements marking Women's History Month, for example the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee.

A President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in History in America recently sponsored hearings in many parts of the country. The Women's Progress Commission will soon conduct hearings to promote interest in preserving areas that are relevant in American women's history. Some of the groups promoting this interest are state historical societies, women's organizations, and groups such as the Girl Scouts of the USA.





IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH [\(link here\)](#)

Irish Heritage Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is known as Irish-American Heritage Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada. It was first celebrated by proclamation of the President and Congress in the United States to honor the achievements and contributions of Irish Americans. The heritage month is in March to coincide with Saint Patrick's Day, the Irish national holiday on March 17. Heritage Months are usually proclaimed by nations to celebrate centuries of contributions by a group to a country.

Saint Patrick's Day is a Catholic religious holiday that honors the saint, who introduced Christianity to Ireland in the early fifth century. It has developed in the United States as a celebration of all things Irish. With large ethnic Irish populations, Boston and New York City both claim the world's first Saint Patrick's Day parade, while Philadelphia claims to be the second oldest behind New York City. In New York City, it occurred on March 17, 1762, featuring Irish soldiers serving in the British military protecting the Colonies during the French and Indian War. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman, of Scottish descent, attended the New York Saint Patrick's Day parade and gave a speech to attendees. This was a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and prejudice to find acceptance in the United States. In 1960 John F. Kennedy was elected as the first Irish American Catholic President; in 1961 he was in New York to review the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

In tribute to all Irish Americans, the US Congress, by Public Law 101-418, designated March 1991 as "Irish-American Heritage Month"- Congress again proclaimed March as Irish-American Heritage Month for 1995 and 1996.

Within the authority of the executive branch, the President of the United States has also issued a proclamation each year since 1991.

Each year in March, the Irish Taoiseach visits the United States for Saint Patrick's Day. A Shamrock Ceremony takes place in the morning at the White House where a crystal bowl containing shamrock, a traditional symbol of Ireland, is presented to the President in the Oval Office. This is followed by a Friends of Ireland luncheon hosted by the House Speaker in the U.S. Capitol or the Rayburn House Office Building. The luncheon is attended by the President, Vice President, the Taoiseach, the Speaker, and other officials. In the evening, a Saint Patrick's Day Reception takes place at the White House.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY [\(link here\)](#)

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: Lá Fhéile Pádraig, lit. 'the Day of the Festival of Patrick'), is a religious and cultural holiday held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. 385 – c. 461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (especially the Church of Ireland), the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and, by extension, celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilíthe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians who belong to liturgical denominations also attend church services and historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol were lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, the Canadian provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador (for provincial government employees), and the British Overseas Territory of Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated in the United Kingdom, Canada, Brazil, United States, Argentina, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand, especially amongst Irish diaspora. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries than any other national festival. Modern celebrations have been greatly influenced by those of the Irish diaspora, particularly those that developed in North America. However, there has been criticism of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations for having become too commercialised and for fostering negative stereotypes of the Irish people.



Saint Patrick depicted in a stained-glass window at Saint Benin's Church, Ireland





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

8 a.m. **10 a.m.**

USHERS/GREETERS

03	Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
10	Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
17	Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
24	Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
31	Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty

LECTORS

03	Birgitt Brevard	Monica Martin
10	Birgitt Brevard	John Frombach
17	Birgitt Brevard	Melanie Konoski
24	Birgitt Brevard	Joe Dougherty

Good Friday Service at Noon

Birgitt Brevard, Jackie Carey

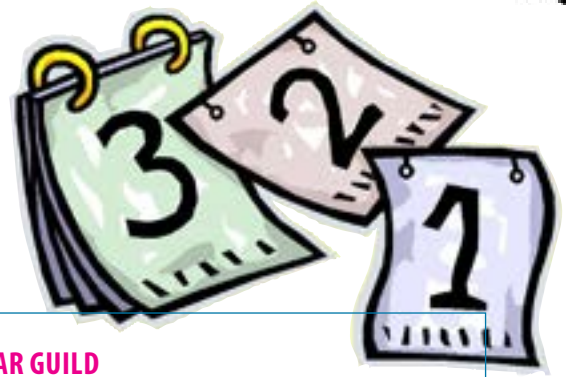
31	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski
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ACOLYTES

03	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
10	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
17	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
24	Jackie Carey	Marena Konoski
31	Jackie Carey	Marena Konoski

CHALICE BEARER

03	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
10	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach
17	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
24	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
31	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston



ALTAR GUILD

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

COUNTERS

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

COFFEE HOUR

03	Pancake Breakfast
10	Melanie & Marena Konoski
17	Diane Frombach
24	Monica Martin
31	Diane Frombach

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 or make a one-time donation to benefit you and the church.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m.			LENT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall - 2 p.m. AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. 156th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton		
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m.	VESTRY MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		LENT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall - 2 p.m. AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY - 4 p.m. St. Patrick's Day			LENT STUDY PROGRAM Parish Hall - 2 p.m. AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL DOVE CONTENT	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PALM SUNDAY SERVICES - 8 & 10 a.m.			AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - Noon	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES - 8 & 10 a.m.						

OCEAN CITY EVENTS

- 03/01 6 - 10 p.m. OC PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD
 - 03/01 6 - 10 p.m. 2024 OC Chamber Annual Awards Celebration
 - 03/09 7 - 10 p.m. John Waters LIVE - "Hairspray" movie
 - 03/29 - 30 12 - 5 p.m. 2024 Easter Kids Fun Fair
 - 03/29 - 30 12 - 5 p.m. Home, Condo and Outdoor Show with Art and Craft Fair
 - 03/07 - 10 Ocean City 8th Annual Film Festival
502 94TH STREET, Ocean City, MD
 - 03/16 12 - 2 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Parade
CONVENES ON 60TH STREET, Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD
 - 1 - 4 p.m. St. Patrick's Day 5K
OCEAN CITY BOARDWALK, 309 North Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD
 - 03/18 7 - 9 p.m. The Simon & Garfunkel Story
OC PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD
 - 03/23 12 - 6 p.m. 2024 Ocean City Job Fair and Business Expo
PRINCESS ROYALE, 9100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD
 - 03/30 12 - 5 p.m. Trimper Rides Grand Re-Opening Weekend
TRIMPER RIDES, 700 South Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, MD
- MORE INFO: <https://www.oceancity.com>



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MARCH 2024

- 13 All Day Early Dismissal for Students: Professional Development
- 19 5:30 - 8 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 27 All Day Early Dismissal for Students
- 28 - 29 All Day Schools/Offices Closed: Spring 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.



THE DOVE



SUBMISSIONS

The content deadline for the April 2024 issue of "THE DOVE" Friday, March 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 March 22 deadline.

QUOTE FOR MARCH

"Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."

— ALBERT EINSTEIN



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