

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

APRIL 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 K. 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*

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,

The Gospel passage chosen for Easter Sunday tells of an empty grave which leads to much confusion and grief. The story continues with Jesus being raised to new life by the Heavenly Father. What follows is Jesus, the Risen Christ, making appearances to some disciples and reinforcing the lessons taught by Jesus during his walks among them.

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.

APRIL 7, 2024 *Second Sunday of Easter – Year B* **John 20:19-31**
“Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.





APRIL 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter – Year B

Luke 24:36b-48

“Thus, it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

APRIL 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

John 10:11-18

“For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

APRIL 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B

John 15:1-8

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

As you read through this April 2024 issue of the Dove, you will find how we as the Church of the Holy Spirit will joyfully celebrate the Risen Christ as our worship speaks: “Alleluia Christ is Risen – The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia.”

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.





PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

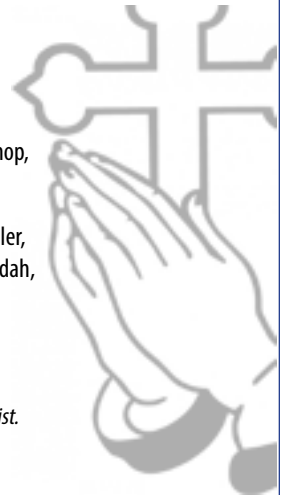
OUR PARISH FAMILY: Bill Johnston, John Frombach, Sara & Frank Price, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Joe D., Bob Wauhoh, Katherine Wauhoh, Victoria DeSilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl, Fr. Joe Rushton

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Janetta & Ron Mescola, 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.




APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04/02 Joe Rushton
- 04/14 Patricia Shaw
- 04/20 Suzi Windemuth
- 04/29 Deb Conran

ANNIVERSARIES

- 04/22 Cathy & Lee Evans
- 04/22 Lloyd & Monica Martin

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 03/11/24

	February	YTD Feb.	YTD Budget
OPERATING INCOME	\$7,370	\$20,243	\$21,450
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$12,797	\$24,389	\$24,819
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(\$5,427)	(\$4,146)	(\$3,369)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

APRIL

- Celebrate Diversity Month
- School Library Month
- Dog Appreciation Month
- Jazz Appreciation Month
- National Volunteer Month
- Parkinson's Awareness Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month

04/01 April Fools' Day

04/25 National Take Our Children to Work Day

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** 9 a.m.
(followed by potluck)

04/21 **Hope4Recovery** 4 p.m.

04/29 **Clergy/Spouse Retreat Service Dinner** 5 p.m. / 6 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
 Melanie Konoski, Treasurer 443.497.2163
 Jackie Carey, Registrar 443.735.4275
 Bonnie Rease, Bookkeeper/Secretary
 Tim DeSilver, Music Minister
 Kathy Elmer, Sunday School






► **ABOUT THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION** (Terry Moody and Katie Coffman, *Delegates*)

The **156th Convention of the Diocese of Easton** was a three-day event including a Zoom meeting, an in-person worship service at Emmanuel Church in Chestertown, and the convening of delegates and clergy at Washington College in Chestertown.

March 7th was a Zoom meeting. Clergy and lay persons representing the Northern, Middle, and Southern Convocations were elected to ministries, positions, and committees in the Diocese of Easton. The Agenda, Rules of Order, and Resolutions were debated, followed by votes.

March 8th was an evening of worship followed by a reception at Emmanuel Church in Chestertown.

March 9th was held on the beautiful and historic campus of Washington College in Chestertown. Activities for the day included introductions of the new clergy members, the budget presentation and approval, and a report which gave a positive account on the financial health of the Diocese of Easton. The afternoon was devoted to break-out groups which enabled the interaction with both clergy and delegates from other churches. Discussion topics were Evangelism, Stewardship, Leadership and Formation. Ideas and suggestions from the groups will be formulated into a report and presented at next year's convention which will be held in Kent Island.

A special thank you to Melanie and Marena Konoski, our convention alternates. They attended both the Zoom and Convention meetings. **The Church of the Holy Spirit was represented in full force!**



► **CAL HOOK**

Parishioners may continue sending condolences to Cal's niece and her husband: Janetta & Ron Mescola 709 North Shore Drive Milford, DE. 19963

Cal was a terrific person, parishioner, and role model. May he rest in peace and continue to watch over us from heaven. Cal is dearly missed by his Church of the Holy Spirit family.





► **TIM KENNARD RIVER RUN CHAMPIONS** (Katie Coffman)

Terry and I ran the 10-miler at the **19th annual Tim Kennard River Run on March 3, 2024**. Salisbury Bible Fellowship (1500 Court Plaza Ln.) provided their support and their facility for the race start and finish. They made race day a day of service for their church.

The Pelling family also participated in the race. Tom and Conor ran the 10-miler. Donna and Will ran the 5K. Will and Conor were among the youngest participants. Both took home medals! Will placed first in his age group. He ran the 5K in 25:31 minutes at a 8:12 minute per mile pace. Will is 10 years old and finished 31st out of 176 runners. Conor placed 2nd in his age group with a smile at the finish line. **A great day for the Pelling family.**

► **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 PROJECTS: CANDY, CANDY, AND MORE CANDY (Jackie Carey)

As part of the Ocean Cluster of Churches' support of the Hope4Recovery House, we filled bags for Easter with socks, T-shirts, and candy. We do this annually, as well as at Christmas, and we have a paper/non-perishable goods drive in early summer.

Hope4Recovery House is a treatment/halfway house for men in recovery from addiction. The Cluster (St. Paul's Berlin, St. Paul's by-the-Sea and Holy Spirit) have been taking meals to the residents once a month for quite a few years. We initially stayed and shared the meal with the men, but Covid-19 put an end to that. (We sent take-out meals for the duration of the pandemic.) Now that we can socialize again, we stay and eat with the residents, who have expressed gratitude for the food and the fellowship.

For more information or to become involved with this mission, contact Jackie at 443.735.4275.



HOPE4RECOVERY 2024 SUNDAY DINNER PLAN 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.

APRIL FOOLS'DAY [Click here](#)

April Fools' Day, in most countries the first day of April. It received its name from the custom of playing practical jokes on this day—for example, telling friends that their shoelaces are untied or sending them on so-called fools' errands. Although the day has been observed for centuries, its true origins are unknown and effectively unknowable. It resembles festivals such as the Hilaria of ancient Rome, held on March 25, and the Holi celebration in India, which ends on March 31.

Some have proposed that the modern custom originated in France, officially with the Edict of Roussillon (promulgated in August 1564), in which Charles IX decreed that the new year would no longer begin on Easter, as had been common throughout Christendom, but rather on January 1. Because Easter was a lunar and therefore moveable date, those who clung to the old ways were the "April Fools." Others have suggested that the timing of the day may be related to the vernal equinox (March 21), a time when people are fooled by sudden changes in the weather.

There are variations between countries in the celebration of April Fools' Day, but all have in common an excuse to make someone play the fool. In France, for example, the fooled person is called poisson d'avril ("April fish"), perhaps in reference to a young fish and hence to one that is easily caught; it is common for French children to pin a paper fish to the backs of unsuspecting friends. In Scotland the day is Gowkie Day, for the gowk, or cuckoo, a symbol of the fool and the cuckold, which suggests that it may have been associated at one time with sexual license; on the following day signs reading "kick me" are pinned to friends' backs. In many countries newspapers and the other media participate—for example, with false headlines or news stories.





► 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 **Marena Konoski** and currently serve as a Vestry member for the Church. I was born to Melanie and Michael Konoski in the summer of 2002 as their only child (though if you ask, I have two siblings named China and Kai). I have grown up in the church looking to partake in anything that I could, from being a torch bearer to vestry member.*

In my 12 years of school, I had learned to play the cello, piano, and flute (key word being learned, because if you ask me how to play it today, that would be a different story.) I took "Theatre" for three years and performed in two school plays while being a part of the crew in another. Along with spending my high school time at Stephen Decatur, I travelled to Worcester Tech for three years, where I was taught Business, Finance and Marketing and took part in FBLA, Fu-

ture Business Leaders of America. My final year at Worcester Tech was in its culinary arts department, working towards a certification in the baking and pastry arts under the American Culinary Federation. The end of my senior year was one that was never seen before, as COVID-19 had shut down everything. Like the rest of the world, all school activities were cancelled and it kept me from seeing my friends and spending the last of our high school days together. Though in darkness comes light, and what had come out of the unknown was the first graduation procession to take place on the Ocean City boardwalk. I, along with the rest of the class of 2020, had our cars decorated and drove down the boardwalk to be celebrated by our teachers, friends, family, and the public. That was an event that I will not forget.



I continued my education at Wor-Wic Community College for 2½ years to gain an Associates Degree in General Studies. I took classes that varied from Statistics to Art History to Earth & Space Science, splitting time on campus and online. I worked at Mio Fratello from 2018 to 2022, working various jobs but spent the longest time as the head expeditor and a food runner. The summer of 2021 was also spent working for Dolle's Candyland. I was working at their 120th location and eventually running it for a portion of the summer. In 2022, I started working for Shore United Bank as a part-time teller, and have now become a personal banker and will be celebrating my 2-year anniversary in May. My travelling adventures have taken me to Disney-Universal, New York City, St. Augustine, and Las Vegas, with hopes of heading to Italy at the end of October of this year. One of the coolest things that I have found myself taking an interest in is CrossFit, a sport that combines weightlifting, cardio, and gymnastics. It is an international sport that consists of millions of people ranging in all different ages and walks of life. Most recently, I competed in my first Open, a three-week competition that is "open" to everyone within the CrossFit community. This builds up to a week-long competition called the Games where the world's best athletes compete for the title of Fittest on Earth.



*The best way to describe who I am is by using the painting "Dogs Playing Poker", change the background to the beach, have several of the dogs wear Ravens jerseys, and the others wear Harry Potter apparel and more specifically the House of Gryffindor. Add some barbells and dumbbells and there you have it. **Thank you!***





PALM SUNDAY







YOUR SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

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

USHERS/GREETERS

07	Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
14	Skip & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
21	Single Service at 9 a.m. Ann Dougherty & Jackie Carey	
28	Skip & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty

LECTORS

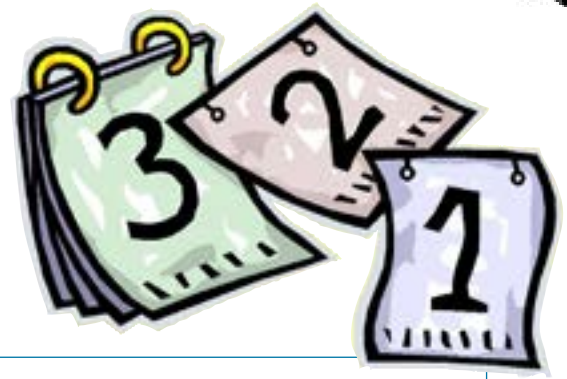
07	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski
14	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
21	Single Service at 9 a.m. Monica Martin & Marena Konoski	
28	Birgitt Brevard	Joe Dougherty

ACOLYTES

07	Jackie Carey	Marena Konoski
14	Skip Carey	John Frombach
21	Single Service at 9 a.m. Marena Konoski	
28	Skip Carey	Melanie Konoski

CHALICE BEARER

07	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
14	Skip Carey	Diane Frombach
21	Single Service at 9 a.m. Jackie Carey	
28	Skip Carey	Diane Frombach



ALTAR GUILD

- 07 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 14 Diane Frombach & Monica Martin
- 21 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 28 Diane Frombach & Monica Martin

COUNTERS

- 07 Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty
- 14 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 21 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 28 Ann Dougherty & Melanie Konoski

COFFEE HOUR

- 07 Pancake Breakfast
- 14 Melanie & Marena Konoski
- 21 Pot Luck
- 28 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 or make a one-time donation to benefit you and the church.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	EASTER MONDAY  1	2	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. 7	VESTRY MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. 8	9	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. 14	15	16	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		MARIGOT BEACH CONDO MEETING Parish Hall 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 20
SINGLE SERVICE - 9 a.m. Bishop's Visit Pot Luck Following HOPE4RECOVERY - 4 p.m. 21	SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY DOVE CONTENT 22	23	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. 28	CLERGY/SPOUSE RETREAT Service - 5 p.m. Dinner - 6 p.m. 29	30				

OCEAN CITY EVENTS

OC PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

4001 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD

- 04/01 7 - 9 p.m. **The Price is Right LIVE!**
- 04/08 7 - 9 p.m. **Come From Away**
- 04/15 7 - 9 p.m. **Dinosaur World Live**
- 04/26 - 28 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Ward World Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition & Art Festival**
- 04/27 - 28 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. **Anime Ocean City**

- 04/14 - 28 **Ocean City Restaurant Week**
Throughout Ocean City
- 04/30 1 - 6 p.m. **36th Annual OC Chamber Cup Golf Tournament**
OCEAN CITY GOLF CLUB
11401 Country Club Dr., Berlin

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



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS APRIL 2024

- 01 All Day **Schools/Offices Closed: Spring Break**
- 04 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. **Special Meeting of the Board of Education**
- 10 All Day **Early Dismissal for Students: Professional Development**
- 11 8 - 8:30 a.m. **End of Third Marking Period**
- 12 All Day **Schools Closed for Students: Professional Day**
- 06 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **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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REMEMBER the April 22 deadline.

QUOTE FOR APRIL

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." — Booker T. Washington



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