

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

NOVEMBER 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 YouTube

The Right Reverend Santosh K. Marray, *Bishop of Easton*

The Reverend Joseph M. Rushton, *Rector*

The Reverend Carl E. Mosley, *Interim/Supply*

The Reverend Alisha M. King, *Deacon-in-Residence*

Andy E. Diaz Reyes, *Latino Mission Coordinator*

Bonnie Rease, *Bookkeeper and Secretary to the Rector*

Monica Martin, *Senior Warden* • John Frombach, *Junior Warden*

Kathy Elmer, *Sunday School* • Tim DeSilver, *Music Minister*

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



Father Rushton - Update

Father Rushton continues to make progress towards recovery. He reports the doctors are continuing to modify medications for him. Leadership has been in contact with him mostly through email and he is aware of all that is going on at the Church of the Holy Spirit (COHS.) He misses everyone at COHS and is looking forward to hopefully returning in early 2025! Please continue to pray for him and Nick through this process.

Message from the Latino Missioner serving the Diocese of Easton at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Ocean City, MD.



I have been asked by Father Rushton to write an article about the role and work of a Latino missionary in The Episcopal Church. I don't know where to start but here I go!

A unique aspect of Latino missionary work in the Episcopal Church is the blending of Episcopal traditions with Latino cultural expressions. Latino missionaries often incorporate traditional Latin American music, language, and cultural practices into Episcopal worship, creating a more inclusive atmosphere for Latino congregants. Services are frequently held in both English and Spanish, accommodating language preferences and helping bridge generational divides within the community.

In some congregations, Latino missionaries have introduced bilingual worship, fostering inclusivity for both Latino and non-Latino members. This dual-language approach helps break down cultural barriers and enriches the spiritual lives of all congregants. Moreover, by embracing cultural symbols like the Virgin de Guadalupe, Quinceañeras, and celebrating important Latin American religious festivals, such as Día de los Muertos, Latino missionaries create a familiar, welcoming environment that honors the heritage of Latino members.

As a Latino missionary I understand and I work hard to educate the non-Latino congregants about the importance of hospitality, especially for immigrants who may feel isolated or unwelcome in their new surroundings; working hard to ensure that the church is not just a place of worship but a community hub where individuals feel seen, supported, and connected. These efforts build trust and help to foster a sense of belonging, which is crucial for both spiritual and personal well-being.

My dream and goal as an Episcopalian Latino missionary is to close the cultural gap and bring together hand-in-hand all brothers and sisters in the congregation where I'm assigned to serve and the wider diocese of Easton to work together to share The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to everybody regardless of the language, cultural, and social background, through Evangelism and Revival.

Andy E. Diaz Reyes

Assistant Latino missionary of The Diocese of Easton assigned to The Church of the Holy Spirit Ocean City, MD





PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Alex DeSilver, Virginia Mosley, John Flaherty, Fr. Joe Rushton, Nick Codd, Bill Johnston, John Frombach, Sara Price, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Bob Wauhup, Katherine Wauhup, Victoria DeSilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl

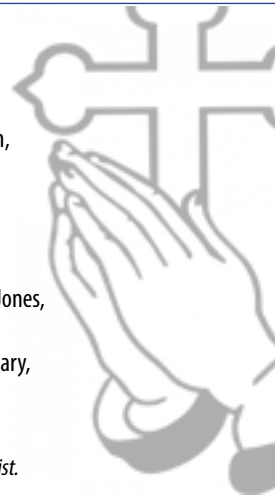
OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Steve, Fr. Mark Cyr, Robyn Diesel, Donna Stokes & Family, The Walsh Family, Terri & Ron Rickards, Marie Duffy, Marisa Amberg, Jim; Janetta & Ron Mescola, Michael Wertz, Pat Borkowski, Willem & Joyce, Kelly, Chas Kinelski, Wendy Purnell, Claudia & Bill Troy, J. Paul, Jennifer Giro, Rosa Lee, Pam Barrier, 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, Sandy, Jim Popa, Marian Cannon, Linda Rolfes, Ziggy, Mary, Sabrina & Joey Helms, Nancy Meadows

FOR THE DEPARTED: Gloria Lebling, Joanne Garrison

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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/12	Tyler Betz	
11/14	Jerry Elmer	
11/16	Joel Brous	ANNIVERSARIES
11/17	Hattie Brous	11/02 Melanie & Michael Konoski
11/23	Seamus Betz	11/16 Marshall Van de Wyngaerde & Hon-Cheong Chan
11/23	Brooklyn Elmer	11/27 Victoria & Tim DeSilver
11/23	Jessica Elmer	
11/28	Tom DiGirolamo	If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can update our files.

OPERATING INCOME/VESTRY APPROVED 10/14/2024

	September	YTD	YTD Budget
OPERATING INCOME	\$16,301	\$105,571	\$99,607
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$13,895	\$112,318	\$111,338
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$2,406	(\$6,747)	(\$11,731)

YOUR VESTRY

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

Monica Martin, Sr. Warden	443.235.8942
John Frombach, Jr. Warden	443.497.2039
Melanie Konoski, Treasurer	443.497.2163
Jackie Carey, Registrar	443.735.4275
Bonnie Rease, Bookkeeper/Secretary	
Tim DeSilver, Music Minister	
Kathy Elmer, Sunday School	

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

NOVEMBER

NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH
 AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH
 NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK

11/03-09		
11/05	ELECTION DAY	
11/09	WORLD FREEDOM DAY	
11/11	VETERANS' DAY	
11/17	SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS' DAY	
11/29	BLACK FRIDAY	
11/29	NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY	
11/03	All Saints Day Single Service	9 a.m.
	Pancake Breakfast	
11/11	Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall)	7 p.m.
11/17	Hope4Recovery	4 p.m.
11/27	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6 p.m.
11/28	Thanksgiving Day	

HOLD THE DATE

12/7	Decorate Parish Hall for Christmas	
12/8	Christmas Tree Raffle Drawing	
12/11	"Our Lady of Guadalupe" Service (Wednesday) tbd	
12/15	Visit from St. Nicholas	after 10 a.m. Service
12/22	Sunday School Christmas Pageant	during 10 a.m. Service
12/22	Prepare/Decorate Church for Christmas Eve Service	after 10 a.m. Service
12/24	Christmas Eve Service (Tuesday)	6 p.m.
12/25	No Service on Christmas Day (Wednesday)	
12/29	Baptisms - tentative	during 10 a.m. Service

AA MEETINGS (Parish Hall)

Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.
 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.

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.





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A HEART FOR STEWARDSHIP: OUR CALL TO SERVE in 2025

September 2024

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Friends of the Church of the Holy Spirit,

We hope this letter finds you well, filled with the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the Church of the Holy Spirit enters a special season of reflection and renewal, we want to speak to you about an essential aspect of our Christian life - stewardship.

Stewardship is an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us. It is a sacred responsibility, one that calls us to care for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure entrusted to us by our Creator. As we reflect on these blessings, we are reminded that everything we have is not truly ours but has been generously given to us to manage, nurture, and share for the good of others and the glory of God.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7, Paul writes, *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* True stewardship flows from the heart. When we give willingly and joyfully, we participate in the work of God in ways that transform lives, strengthen our Church of the Holy Spirit, and build a more vibrant community of faith.

Church of the Holy Spirit has always been a place of fellowship, growth, and worship, made possible through the generosity and service of our parish family. Whether through your financial contributions, volunteer efforts, or prayers, your stewardship allows us to reach out to those in need, sustain our ministries, and share the message of the Gospel in a world hungry for hope.

As we focus on stewardship in the coming months, we invite you to consider how you can be part of this vital ministry. Perhaps God is calling you to serve in new ways, share your gifts more fully, or give generously in response to His love. Every offering - large or small - makes a profound impact when done in the spirit of faith.

Let us also remember that stewardship is not a one-time event but a way of life. It is how we live out our faith daily, responding to God's grace by offering our lives in service to Him and others. In doing so, we grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, experiencing His blessings in new and unexpected ways.

Thank you for the ways you have already shown your commitment to Church of the Holy Spirit and for the ways we know you will continue to help our parish thrive. Together, let us embrace the call to be faithful stewards, trusting that God will multiply our efforts for His kingdom.

You will find enclosed a giving card for 2025 to return at Sunday services or by mail. May God bless each of you abundantly as you discern how to live out this call to serve at Church of the Holy Spirit. Please see, call, text, or email any member of The Stewardship Committee with questions.

Please consider returning your giving card as soon as possible and not later than December 15, 2024. This will allow time to prepare the budget for 2025 to present at our annual meeting for questions and comments.

Yours in Christ,

Monica Martin, Katie Coffman, Terry Moody

The Stewardship Committee





Giving Card for 2025

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

I/we will contribute \$ _____ to our Church of the Holy Spirit in 2025.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____



Would you like to be included in the Parish directory? _____
Would you like to learn more about Legacy Giving? _____
Do you want Envelopes for your Contributions? _____

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



► CAREGIVER HELP NEEDED FOR FELLOW PARISHIONER

(Monica Martin)

Robert Wauhop, a parishioner who has attended the 8 a.m. service, was recently brought home, and he is doing better. His wife Katherine is seeking help for assistance with care-giving. Robert has dementia but is physically active. He is a retired fireman from the Philadelphia area. They live in Montego Bay and are in their 80s. Kathy has some physical limitations with mobility. She has reached out to see if a parish member would be willing to provide some caregiving for which they would be compensated. She is looking for some socialization for Robert and occasionally to take him out.

If this is something you may be able to help with, please contact **Katherine Wauhop at 443.880.1710.**

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

I/we would like to learn more about:



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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property (Building/Grounds) | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Hour | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counter | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Episcopal Church Workers (ECW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher/Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino Ministry | |





► YOUR SURVEY RESPONSES (Monica Martin)

In October, surveys were put in the Sunday bulletin as part of the Stewardship campaign. A total of 7 surveys were returned and we wanted to share these responses with you. We asked members and visitors to respond to the following statement:

“In your own worlds, tell us what the Church of the Holy Spirit means to you.” (What are your experiences: What brings you back? How would you describe us to a friend?)

“Inclusive & welcoming! Gospel focused sermons. Sunday School - including children in church programs. Local outreach focus and generosity of people at Holy Spirit to outreach programs. A lot of help from a small church!”
- *anonymous*

“The warm and welcoming atmosphere are what brings me back. The clergy and congregation are always friendly and provide a family feeling to everyone.”
- *anonymous*

“This is the most welcoming church that my husband and I have ever been to. We look forward to Sundays and all other activities thru out the year. You feel at home in God’s home. You feel God’s love in the people here and know that if you need anything they are here for you. It’s one big family caring for one another in God’s love.”
- *anonymous*

“Friendly people. I came knowing no one and felt welcomed. I attended many local churches, this was the friendly one - especially Gloria.”
- *Phyllis Brian*

“COHS is a small church. I enjoy the feeling of Church family and the welcoming environment. I enjoy hearing the gospel messages. Members/visitors are caring and respectful towards each other. For a small church, we do a lot of outreach.”
- *Monica Martin*

“When I first walked into this church I felt a very comforting feeling just by the way of the room, the magnificent stained glass and the welcoming parishioners to this day. I still feel that presence of comfort from the Holy Spirit. So thankful for this place and all who make it.”
- *anonymous*

“A teaching ministry with sermons that provide insight into the mysteries that “passeth all understanding”. A faithful community of believers with respect for the gospel.”
- *anonymous*

Thank you to everyone who completed the surveys. We ask that everyone consider filling out the additional survey on the next page. We will also have copies in the back of the Church.





▶ PARISHIONER SURVEY

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming church to parishioners and visitors to COHS. In an effort to ensure we are making the best decisions on behalf of the COHS, we would appreciate YOUR feedback to help us move forward. Please circle the most appropriate response and feel free to add any comments. **Please return this survey to the box in the back of the church. THANK YOU!**

1. I feel confident that the COHS **Leadership/Vestry are adequately managing** Church Business/Worship during Father Rushton's absence.

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

2. I like the integration of Spanish translation of readings and other communication during the 10 a.m. worship service.

Do you speak Spanish? Yes _____ No _____

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

3. I like having joint worship services (9 a.m.) on a quarterly basis.

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

4. I feel like I am a valued member of our congregation. If not, please elaborate?

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

5. I depend on the Sunday bulletin in it's current form being emailed to me weekly? If so, how do you use it (print out, just to review)?

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

6. I watch the Sunday service on You Tube when I am not able to attend.

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

7. I would like to volunteer but I am anxious or I am not sure how I can help. Please speak to Father Carl, Deacon Alisha, or Father Rushton (after his return) with any questions.

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

8. I would like to volunteer. Here is what I would like to do: _____

9. Would you like to see Worship Services return as they were prior to Covid-19? (Gifts carried to altar & passing the donation plate.)

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Neutral** **Disagree** **Strongly Disagree**

COMMENT: _____

10. Please identify if there is any other feedback/suggestions you would like to provide in the space below.

COMMENT: _____





▶ CHRISTMAS FOR HOPE4RECOVERY

(Jackie Carey)

It's time to think about Christmas for Hope4Recovery, a treatment house for men in recovery. Many residents come straight from rehab, so often have none of what could be considered essentials.



At Christmas, the Episcopal churches in the area fill bags with T-shirts, socks, gloves, scarves, etc., along with games for the house (adult coloring books and colored pencils are popular), toiletries, and candy. Initially, we filled Christmas boxes but the churches were so generous that we had to move to bags to hold all items.

This year we are looking for white T-shirts (large or extra large), hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries (non-liquid), games, candy. We do not need socks, as we have a LOT left over from the Easter boxes. If something else strikes your fancy, by all means add it to the collection.

We plan to fill 12 bags. That will be enough for the residents and maybe a bag or two left over in case someone new comes in.

We'll start collecting **November 24**, and we'll **fill and deliver them on December 20**. You very welcome to help.

For more information, call Jackie at 443.735.4275.

▶ 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.



▶ DID YOU KNOW

... what a great time we had getting together on Sunday, October 27 at the **Windmill Creek Winery** with our friends from local Episcopal churches? Food and wine were tasty; conversations were insightful and inspiring. We are looking forward to the next gathering.

"A toast to love, to laughter, to happily ever after."



▶ ANGEL TREE (Sue Flaherty)

We will be working with **Worcester G.O.L.D.** to provide holiday gifts for families this year. Tags with requested items will be **available no later than November 27**, hopefully sooner. Gifts should be **returned to the church with the original tags loosely attached by December 15**. Wrapping is optional.





'tis the SEASON 2024 Christmas Tree Raffle



We will be doing the "CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE" again this year. We will be raffling off 3 small Christmas Trees stuffed with gift cards. The trees will have gift cards totaling \$500, \$300, and \$200. Just like the past 3 years we want this to be a success and we hope you can help.

TICKET SALE STARTS: **Sunday, October 27, 2024**

TICKETS AVAILABLE: **8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Services**

COSTS: **\$5 for Single Ticket**
\$10 for 3 Tickets

DRAWING: **Sunday, December 8, 2024**
(just in time for Christmas gifts)

Please contact Marena at 443.944. 3276 or Monica Martin at 443.235.8942 for tickets.

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▶ ANNUAL MEETING *(Monica Martin)*

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 2, 2025**. There will be a single service at 9 a.m. followed by pancake breakfast and the annual meeting. **The Nominating Committee is looking for members from COHS to run for vestry.**

Eligibility criteria for candidates include:

1. Baptized/confirmed member of the Episcopal Church;
2. Member in good standing at COHS;
3. At least 18 years of age.

We are also looking for volunteers to be Alternates for the Annual Convention for the Diocese of Easton in 2026 and subsequently the Delegates to attend the convention in 2027.

For additional information and/or to be considered for nomination, please contact the church office, Monica Martin, Ann Dougherty, or Barbara Wachter. This is always a great opportunity to learn more about what goes on at the leadership level in the church. **No experience needed!**



▶ DECORATING OF THE CHURCH HALL *(Monica & Marena)*

Please join us in decorating the church hall on **Saturday, December 7 at 10 a.m.** There will be refreshments to enjoy. We are also looking for **help selling tickets for the Christmas tree gift card raffle and refreshments** in front of the church during the parade.

Let Monica (443.235.8942) or Marena (443.944.3276) know if you can help.





▶ **IT'S A HIT!** *(Monica Martin)*

Thank you to all our volunteers, donors, and attendees for this year's crab feast. We had a packed house and feedback on the food was that it was the best yet. Sue greeted everyone with her wonderful smile, service from the kitchen and on the floor was smooth, and Marena and Martha rocked it with the 50/50 and Chance Auction. It is wonderful to see many of our guests from the community return year after year to support this event. The funds raised will continue to support COHS and outreach programs.

We are happy to report the total money raised was \$6,118.00. (Ticket sales: \$4830; Donations: \$125; 50/50: \$260; and Chance Auction: \$843.) We are thankful for the staff at **Higgin's Crab House** and **Rippon's Seafood** for their hard work and for continuing to support the Church of the Holy Spirit with this fundraiser.

The tentative date for 2025 is Sunday, October 5 from 2-5 p.m.







"Blessed are you,
Lord God, maker of
all living creatures.
You called forth fish
in the sea, birds in
the air and animals
on the land."

Thank you all for joining
Father Carl E. Mosley on
Sunday, October 6 for "The
Blessing of the Animals."





“Every quinceañera celebration is as unique as the young lady being honored”

A quinceañera is a celebration of a young woman’s 15th birthday and transition from childhood to adulthood.

The Church of the Holy Spirit was honored to host these celebrations on Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 20.





▶ 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!**

"FLYING HIGH WITH MONICA"

*I, **Monica Martin**, am from Montgomery County, Maryland, and moved several different times within that county. In 1992 I moved full-time to Ocean City where I had met my future husband, Lloyd. I was raised in the Catholic church from birth through college, attending all Catholic schools. As I prepared to get married, I explored different churches and denominations and came to love the Episcopal church. Lloyd was baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal church and I was received in 1994. In 1995, we were married at St. Paul's by-the-Sea, and our two sons, Christopher and Steven, were baptized there. Around 2003, we moved to Church of the Holy Spirit which has always been a very welcoming and friendly church. I am very grateful for the many people I have come to know since being a member.*

Although I am the youngest of six children, I tend to be a quiet and introverted person; however, I have challenged myself over the years to go outside my comfort zone and at times can be a risk taker. While in college, I was employed one summer as an "Encyclopedia Sales Person" and traveled through part of the United States and solicited on different military bases. What an experience that was, and all the time not realizing we were not supposed to be soliciting on the military bases. Going into total strangers' homes alone, walking around alone at a young age and being female was probably not the best idea.

I think this idea of going into strangers' homes and never knowing what to expect was a common theme in my life as I had a career in social work for over 30 years working in Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, and as a Mobile Crisis Worker. My radar for danger has probably been set at a much lower level than most but at the same time I believe this had served me well in my career.

Other exciting adventures included bungee jumping, ziplining, roller coaster rides of all sorts, and my most favorite of all – skydiving, which I have had the pleasure of doing twice now, with my most recent experience in September 2024. This is such an exhilarating experience and I hope to do it again when I turn 60! Anyone like to join me?!

I retired from full-time employment with the State of Maryland in 2021 and again in 2024 after working part-time for the health department. I am so blessed to have the opportunity to help care for my 3 grandchildren - Haisley, Weston, and Justin. They bring such joy to our lives. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to meet at least Haisley and Weston, who have also played "Baby Jesus" during COHS Christmas Pageant. I am hoping Justin will continue the tradition this year.





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER



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

USHERS/GREETERS

- 03 SINGLE SERVICE at 9 a.m.: Jackie Carey**
 10 Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey Joe Dougherty
 17 Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey Ann Dougherty
 24 Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey Joe Dougherty

LECTORS

- 03 SINGLE SERVICE at 9 a.m.: Birgitt Brevard**
 10 Birgitt Brevard John Frombach
 17 Jane DiGirolamo Joe Dougherty
 24 Birgitt Brevard Melanie Konoski

ACOLYTES

- 03 SINGLE SERVICE at 9 a.m.: Diane Frombach**
 10 Jackie Carey Melanie Konoski
 17 Jackie Carey Monica Martin
 24 Jackie Carey Carolyn Johnston

CHALICE BEARER

- 03 SINGLE SERVICE at 9 a.m.: Diane Frombach**
 10 Jackie Carey Melanie Konoski
 17 Jackie Carey Monica Martin
 24 Jackie Carey Carolyn Johnston

ALTAR GUILD

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

COUNTERS

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

COFFEE HOUR

- 03 Pancake Breakfast
 10 Monica Martin
 17 Marena & Melanie Konoski
 24 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.





November

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

					1	2
3 ALL SAINTS DAY SINGLE SERVICE - 9 a.m. 	4 PANCAKE BREAKFAST After Service 	5	6 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	7 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	8	9
10 LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT - 8 & 10 a.m.	11 VESTRY MEETING - 7 p.m. 	12	13 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	14 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	15	16
17 EUCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY - 4 p.m.	18	19	20 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	21 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.	22 DEADLINE: DECEMBER DOVE	23
24 LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT - 8 & 10 a.m.	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE - 6 p.m.	28 	29 	30

OCEAN CITY EVENTS

- 10/31 12-7 p.m. **OC RV & Van Lifestyle Show**
- 11/01-02 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Ocean City Convention Center
- 11/03 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 4001 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, Maryland
Mid-town
- 11/29 5-9 p.m. **Ice Ice Berlin & Tree Lighting**
Downtown Berlin, Main Street
Berlin, Maryland
- 11/21-12/31 5:30-9:30 p.m. **Winterfest of Lights**
Northside Park, 125th Street
Ocean City, Maryland

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



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOVEMBER 2024

- 11/01 All Day **End of First Marking Period (43 Days)**
- 11/04 All Day **Professional Day: Schools Closed for Students**
- 11/05 All Day **Election Day/Countywide PD Day: Schools Closed for Students**
- 11/27-29 All Day **Thanksgiving Break: Schools/Offices Closed**

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





▶ NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH (More info [here](#))

Each year, November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month. While all adoption-related issues are important, the particular focus of this month is the adoption of children currently in foster care.

The first major effort to promote awareness of the need for adoptive families for children in the foster care system came in 1976, when Massachusetts governor Mike Dukakis initiated Adoption Week, an idea that grew in popularity and spread throughout the nation.

▶ AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH (More info [here](#))

November is American Diabetes Month®, but this isn't a time to celebrate. It's a time to rally against the diabetes epidemic. The ADA is leading the charge through research, education, and advocacy. Join us to uplift your loved ones living with diabetes and help all those in need across America.

▶ NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER APPRECIATION WEEK (More info [here](#))

Each year, The Humane Society of the United States (The HSUS) celebrates National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week during the first full week of November, as a way to honor animal shelters and the dedicated people who work to protect animals. Animal shelters are vital resources for their communities. A shelter is a safe haven for animals, and a great place to adopt a new family pet.

▶ ELECTION DAY (More info [here](#))

Each state sets its own voter ID rules. And most require voters to bring identification to vote in person. Know the voter ID laws in your state before going to the polls.

The next presidential election will be on **November 5, 2024**. But the dates of other elections can vary. Learn when you can vote for your federal, state, and local representatives.

▶ WORLD FREEDOM DAY (More info [here](#))

World Freedom Day is a United States federal observance declared by then-President George W. Bush to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of communist rule in Central and Eastern Europe. It started in 2001 and is celebrated on **November 9**.

▶ SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS' DAY (More info [here](#))

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, there were over 500,000 substitute teachers in 2020. These educators fill the shoes of the class's regular teacher for half a day up to several weeks. Substitutes apply to teach in a school district. They will receive notice from the district of an opening sometimes hours before they are needed. Other times, substitutes fill in for a teacher when they are scheduled to be away.

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▶ VETERANS' DAY (More info [here](#))

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on **November 11**, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. It began and now coincides with other holidays, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are commemorated in other countries, marking the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

▶ ALL SAINTS DAY (More info [here](#))

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, the Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Hallows, the Solemnity of All Saints, and Halloween, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints of the Church, whether they are known or unknown.

From the 4th century, feasts commemorating all Christian martyrs were held in various places, on various dates near Easter and Pentecost. In the 9th century, some churches in the British Isles began holding the commemoration of all saints on November 1, and in the 9th century this was extended to the whole Catholic Church by Pope Gregory IV.

▶ THANKSGIVING (More info [here](#))

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in October and November in the United States, Canada, Saint Lucia, Liberia, and unofficially in countries like Brazil, Germany, and the Philippines. It is also observed in the Dutch town of Leiden and the Australian territory of Norfolk Island. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessings of the harvest and of the preceding year. Various similarly named harvest festival holidays occur throughout the world during autumn.

▶ NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY (More info [here](#))

Native American Heritage Day is a civil holiday that is celebrated on the **day after Thanksgiving** also known as "Black Friday". According to SAMHSA, "As of 2021, there are 574 federally recognized Tribes in the United States. However, numerous others are still advocating for recognition". Many tribes have not been recognized yet, and a lot of this comes from lack of history. There have been a lot of struggles and fighting for this holiday to even be recognized by some and for the Native American Culture to be seen.

▶ BLACK FRIDAY (More info [here](#))

Black Friday is the **Friday after Thanksgiving** in the United States. It traditionally marks the start of the Christmas shopping season in the United States. Many stores offer highly promoted sales at discounted prices and often open early, sometimes as early as midnight or even on Thanksgiving. Some stores' sales continue to Monday ("Cyber Monday") or for a week ("Cyber Week").





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.
September	2023	Reverend Alisha M. King joins Reverend Joseph Michael Rushton as Deacon-In-Residence at The Church of the Holy Spirit.



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SUBMISSIONS

The content deadline for the December 2024 issue of "THE DOVE" is Friday, November 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 November 22 deadline.

QUOTE FOR NOVEMBER

"To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step."

— Rosa Parks



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