

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

DECEMBER 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 with his health and is able to resume some physical activities. He has been talking with his transplant team about his progress and ability to return to work. They feel physically he would be capable of doing the work required of him; however, the risk is his exposure to others in the work environment. At this time, they feel he should not return to work prior to the spring and as late as July (one year from surgery). He has been praying for the congregation and misses seeing everyone. At this time, there is no decision made about when he will return. Updates will continue to be provided as they are available. **Please continue to keep him and Nick in your prayers!**



Dear Church Family,

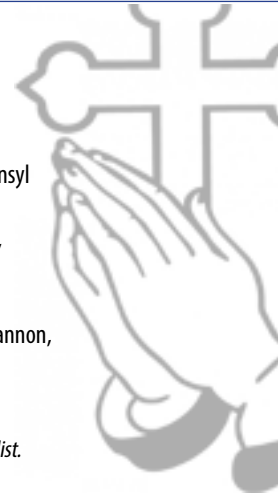
We are now in the season of Advent, a four-week season of preparation leading up to the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior. The season of preparation began in the fourth and fifth centuries as a forty-day season, preparing new Christians for baptism. Over time, that season of preparation became connected to the second coming of Christ. By the Middle Ages, Advent was connected to the first coming that we celebrate at Christmas.

Today you and I are caught up with “the holidays,” Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s. We lose sight of the meaning of the Advent season. Perhaps we focus too much on the Christmas celebration of the first coming and need to step back and focus on the second coming of Christ. How do we prepare? We know how to decorate the house, bake cookies or those traditional dinners. We forget how to prepare ourselves for the second coming of our Lord. Have we loved our neighbors as ourselves? Have we shown others the love that Christ demonstrated and outlined to us in scriptures?

*As we observe the forty days of Advent, may all of us see the gifts that God has given to us in the symbol of the Advent wreath. **The candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love light for us the way to follow.***

Have a very Blessed Advent Season.
Father Carl E. Mosley





PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Alex DeSilver, Virginia Mosley, 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: Austin, Patti, 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: Kurt Quemore

Please notify the office or complete a yellow prayer card to include loved ones on our prayer list and to remove loved ones from our prayer list.

*Memorial Cards are available through the Parish Office

In the unfortunate event that a member of your family requires hospitalization or other acute care, notify the parish office at 410.723.1973 or Father Rushton at 410.279.2582.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/03 Sue & John Flaherty
- 12/06 Christine & Joel Brous
- 12/14 Phyllis & Mike Brian
- 12/15 Carolyn & Bill Johnston

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can update our files.

OPERATING INCOME/VESTRY APPROVED 11/11/2024

	September	YTD	YTD Budget
OPERATING INCOME	\$18,812	\$124,383	\$115,415
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$14,736	\$127,054	\$123,678
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$4,076	(\$2,671)	(\$8,263)

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 12/01 ROSA PARKS DAY
- 12/03 GIVING TUESDAY
- 12/04 NATIONAL COOKIE DAY
- 12/05 ST. NICHOLAS DAY
- 12/07 PEARL HARBOR DAY
- 12/12 POINSETTIA DAY
- 12/20 UGLY SWEATER DAY
- 12/21 WINTER SOLSTICE
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 12/26 BOXING DAY
- 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 12/09 Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall) 7 p.m.
- 12/11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Service 9:30 p.m.
- 12/15 Hope4Recovery 4 p.m.
- 12/29 Baptism(s) 10 a.m.

HOLD THE DATE

- 02/02 Single Service 9 a.m.
- Pancake Breakfast, Annual Meeting
- 02/23 Bishop's Visit (Confirmations) 10 a.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
- 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

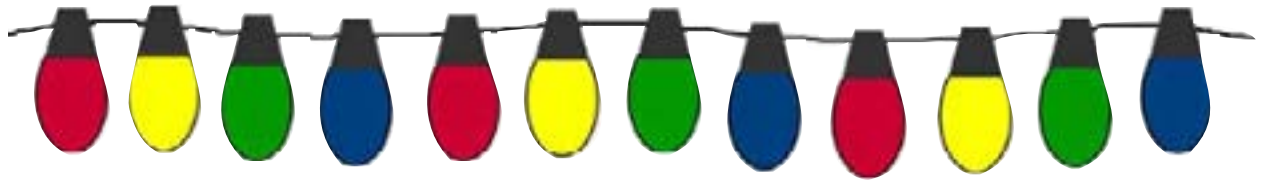


Open the camera app on your phone. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view. Tap the notification that has popped up. Now you are linked to the church's website.





Merry Christmas • Feliz Navidad • Frohe Weihnachten • Joyeux Noël • щасливого Різдва • Buon Natale



2024 DECEMBER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

12/01 1st Sunday of Advent

12/01 Decorate Parish Hall for Christmas After 10 a.m. Service

12/03 Advent Study Program (Part 1) with Father Mosley 6 p.m.

12/08 2nd Sunday of Advent

12/08 Pancake Breakfast After 10 a.m. Service

12/08 Christmas Tree Raffle Drawing

12/08 Christmas Cookies for Shepherd's Crook

12/10 Advent Study Program (Part 2) with Father Mosley 6 p.m.

12/15 3rd Sunday of Advent

12/15 Visit from St. Nicholas After 10 a.m. Service

12/15 Angel Tree Gifts Deadline

12/17 Advent Study Program (Part 3) with Father Mosley 6 p.m.

12/20 Christmas for Hope4Recovery (Assembly & Delivery)

12/22 4th Sunday of Advent

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 (Tuesday) Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m.

12/25 (Wednesday) NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

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YOUR CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 2025 CALENDAR IS READY

For a donation of **\$15** (or more) it can be yours!

All photos were taken of Church of the Holy Spirit parishioners, visitors, and events. Dates and times of events to be held at the church are subject to change.
For copies of the calendar contact the church office or ask any of the vestry members.





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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





► **SHARE THE RIDE RESOURCE**



(Melanie Konoski)

I'd 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, **reach out to 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.

► **CAREGIVER HELP NEEDED FOR FELLOW PARISHIONER**



(Monica Martin)

Robert Wauhoh, 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 caregiving. 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 Wauhoh at 443.880.1710.**

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.

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I/we would like to learn more about:



___ Altar Guild

___ Altar Server

___ Property (Building/Grounds)

___ Coffee Hour

___ Counter

___ Episcopal Church Workers (ECW)

___ Fund Raising

___ Home Visitation

___ Latino Ministry

___ Lector

___ Music Ministry

___ Outreach

___ Publicity

___ Stewardship

___ Sunday School

___ Youth Group

___ Usher/Greeter



'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.**

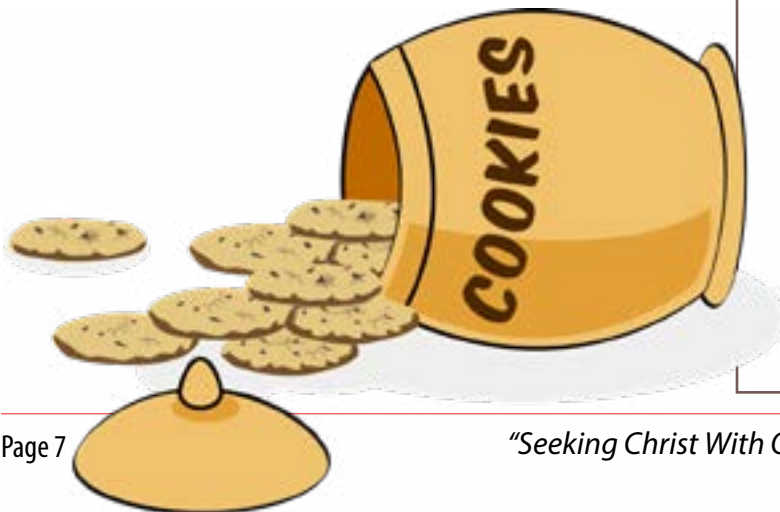
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► **CHRISTMAS COOKIES
FOR SHEPHERD'S CROOK**

We are **collecting CHRISTMAS TINS** through December 8 and are **asking for donations of WRAPPED CHRISTMAS CANDY AND COOKIES.**

Tins will be filled on December 8 following pancake breakfast and the Christmas tree gift card raffle!

All are welcome to help fill the tins which will be delivered to St. Paul's by-the-Sea for guests at Shepherd's Crook.



CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 11 • BEGINNING AT 9:30 P.M.
AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

WE WILL BEGIN WITH REFRESHMENTS, FOLLOWED BY:

A MARIACHI CONCERT
FOLKLORIC DANCES IN HONOR OF THE VIRGIN
WE WILL CONCLUDE THE CELEBRATION WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST AND THE TRADITIONAL MAÑANITAS TO THE VIRGIN.

Will be a joyful night please join us

10001 COASTAL HWY. OCEAN CITY, MD 21842

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
CELEBRATION**

In keeping with the Latino Mission at the Church of the Holy Spirit, we will be hosting the **Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, an event celebrated in the Latino Community, on **Wednesday, December 11 beginning at 9:30 p.m.** with refreshments, dances, and Mariachi music.

We will then have a procession from the parish hall to the church where we will have a bilingual service to celebrate the Eucharist.

All are invited to attend!

This will be quite an event and we anticipate a large attendance from the community.

We hope you can join us.





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

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

Please drop off your gifts at the church by **Sunday, December 15**. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped but remember to use the tag to label your gifts.

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

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Christmas for Hope4Recovery

Once again it's time to think about **Christmas for Hope4Recovery**, a treatment house for men in recovery. Many of the 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 and the like, along with, perhaps, games for the house (apparently adult coloring books and colored pencils are popular), toiletries and, of course, candy. We started out filling Christmas boxes but the churches were so generous that we had to move to bags to hold all the items.

WHAT WE NEED THIS YEAR: White T-shirts (large or extra large), hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries (but non-liquid, please), games, candy. If something else strikes your fancy, by all means add it to the collection.

WHAT WE DO NOT NEED: Socks, as we have a LOT left over from the Easter boxes.

HOW MANY BAGS: **12 bags**, as that will be enough for the residents and maybe **a bag or two extra** in case someone new comes in.

COLLECTION STARTS: **November 24**

ASSEMBLY & DELIVERY: **December 20**
If you'd like to help with that, you would be more than welcome.

For more information, you can call Jackie Carey at 443.735.4275.



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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 COHS members 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, contact the church office, Monica Martin, Ann Dougherty, or Barbara Wachter. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what goes on at the leadership level in the church. **No experience needed!**

▶ ABOUT OUR SURVEYS

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming to parishioners and visitors to the Church of the Holy Spirit (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 fill out the surveys we have included in the Sunday bulletins (they are also available at the back of the church.) Circle the most appropriate response and feel free to add any comments.

Please return your survey to the box in the back of the church. THANK YOU!



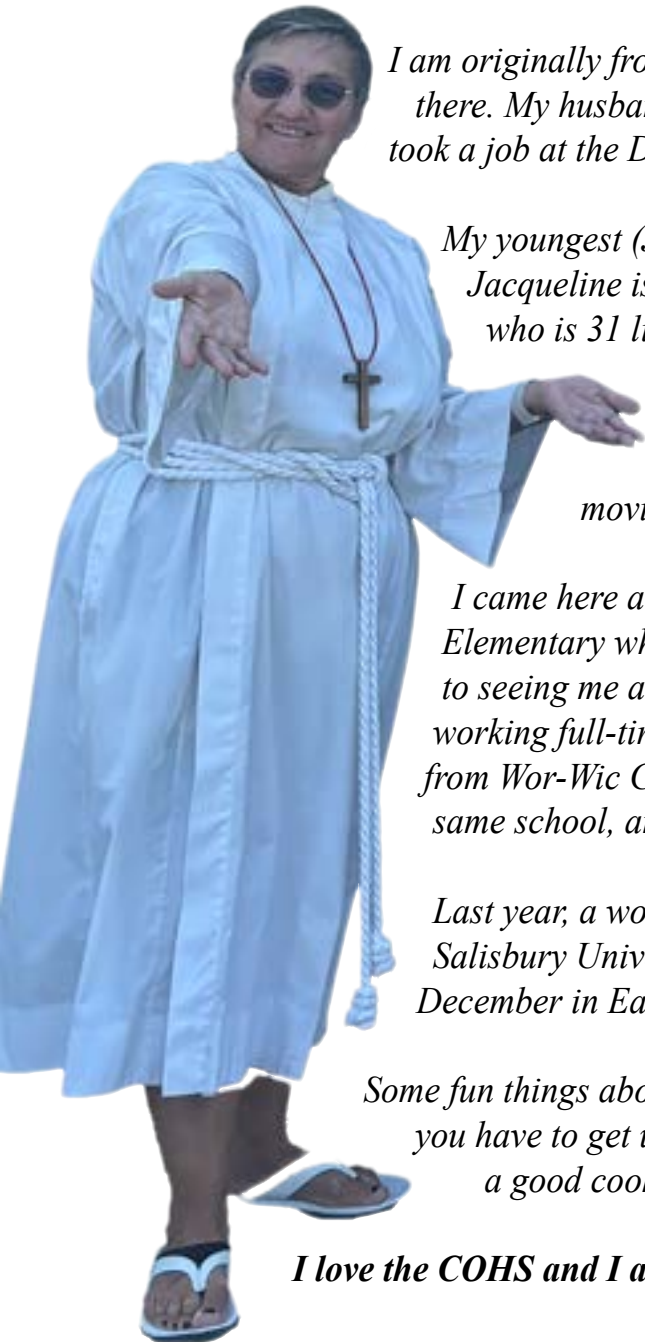


► THE STORY ABOUT YOU...

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!**

"YOU GOTTA GET USED TO ME"

*I'm **Diane Frombach** and I have been a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit (COHS) for over 20 years. Let me start from the beginning.*



I am originally from Philadelphia and my whole family was born there. My husband brought us here to the Eastern Shore when he took a job at the Delaware Elevator Company in 1998.

My youngest (John III) was still in diapers. My oldest daughter Jacqueline is 35 and lives in Austin Texas. My daughter Alicia who is 31 lives here in Salisbury with her husband and my two grandchildren Savannah 11 and Wyatt 8. My son is no longer in diapers, he is 28, was in the Marines, and now is a traveler. He is in the process of moving to Colorado.

I came here a stay-at-home mom but volunteered for Buckingham Elementary where my son attended pre-k. School officials got used to seeing me around and eventually offered me a job. I began working full-time in 2001. In 2008, I earned an associates degree from Wor-Wic Community College to secure my job. I am still at the same school, and this year is the beginning of my 23rd year.

Last year, a wonderful opportunity presented itself through Salisbury University and I will earn my bachelor's degree in December in Early Childhood Education.

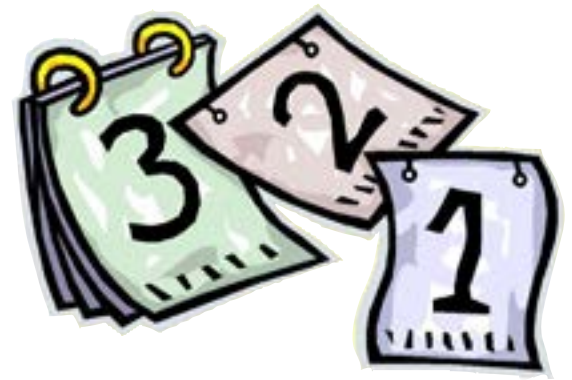
Some fun things about me: I LOVE to play bingo; I have a personality you have to get used to; I am a baker, and, by the size of my husband, a good cook.

I love the COHS and I am proud to be a member of this congregation!





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER



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

USHERS/GREETERS

01	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
08	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
15	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
22	Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
24	SINGLE SERVICE AT 6 P.M.	Ann Dougherty
29	Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty

LECTORS

01	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski
08	Birgitt Brevard	Joe Dougherty
15	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski
22	Jane DiGirolamo	Joe Dougherty
24	SINGLE SERVICE AT 6 P.M.	Marena Konoski
29	Jane DiGirolamo	Melanie Konoski

ACOLYTES

01	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach
08	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
15	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
22	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
24	SINGLE SERVICE AT 6 P.M.	Jackie Carey
29	Jackie Carey	John Frombach

CHALICE BEARER

01	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach
08	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
15	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
22	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
24	SINGLE SERVICE AT 6 P.M.	Jackie Carey
29	Jackie Carey	John Frombach

ALTAR GUILD

01	Monica Martin & Barbara Wachter
08	Sue Flaherty & Monica Martin
15	Sue Flaherty & Diane Frombach
22	Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter
24	Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter
29	Sue Flaherty & Monica Martin

COUNTERS

01	Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
08	Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
15	Ann Dougherty & Melanie Konoski
22	Melanie Konoski & Barbara Wachter
24	Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
29	Ann Dougherty & Melanie Konoski

COFFEE HOUR

01	Pancake Breakfast
08	Marena & Melanie Konoski
15	Monica Martin
22	Diane Frombach
29	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.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. DECORATE PARISH HALL - After 10 a.m. Service</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>ADVENT STUDY Parish Hall - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>2nd Sunday of Advent LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT - 8 & 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - After 10 a.m. Service Christmas Cookies for Sheperd's Crook Christmas Tree Raffle Drawing</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>VESTRY MEETING - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>ADVENT STUDY Parish Hall - 6 p.m.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.</p> <p>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SERVICE - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Advent EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. Visit from St. Nicholas - After 10 a.m. Service Angel Tree Gift Deadline HOPE4RECOVERY - 4 p.m.</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>ADVENT STUDY Parish Hall - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CHRISTMAS FOR HOPE4RECOVERY - Assembly & Distribution</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4th Sunday of Advent LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT - 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Pageant - 10 a.m. Prepare/Decorate Church for Christmas Eve - After 10 a.m. Service</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - 6 p.m.</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>NO SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p>26</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>EUCCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. Baptism(s) - During 10 a.m. Service</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>DEADLINE: JANUARY 2025 DOVE</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bring on the NEW YEAR!</p> 				

OCEAN CITY EVENTS

- 11/21-12/31 5:30-9:30 p.m. **Winterfest of Lights**
Northside Park, 125th Street
Ocean City, Maryland
- 12/07 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Ocean City Christmas Parade**
Old Landing Road North to 120th Street
Ocean City, Maryland
- 12/07 5-8 p.m. **Christmas Boat Parade**
Harpoon Hanna's
Fenwick Island, Delaware
- Ocean City Convention Center** (4001 Coastal Highway • Ocean City, Maryland):
 - 12/08 3-5 p.m. **Mid Atlantic Symphony – Holiday Joy**
 - 12/10 7-9 p.m. **Vienna Boys Choir**
Performing Christmas In Vienna
 - 12/14 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Ocean City Comic Con**

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



**WORCESTER COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2024**

- 12/03 5 - 8 p.m. **Board of Education
Public Budget Input
Meeting**
- 12/17 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Board of Education
Meeting**
- 12/20 All Day **Early Dismissal
for All Students**
- 12/23 - 01/01 All Day **Winter Break:
Schools Closed**

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





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▶ **ROSA PARKS DAY** (More info [here](#))

Rosa Parks Day honors the American Civil Rights hero on December 1, the day she refused to give up her seat for a white passenger while riding a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus. In some states it's also celebrated on February 4, her birthday, or the first Monday after her birthday – February 5 in 2024.

▶ **GIVING TUESDAY** (More info [here](#))

Giving Tuesday (December 3) is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

▶ **NATIONAL COOKIE DAY** (More info [here](#))

National Cookie Day (December 4) is celebrated in various ways across the country. Some people choose to host cookie exchange parties, while others treat themselves to cookie assortments delivered right to their doorstep. You can also take this day as an opportunity to try out new cookie recipes, sharing your sugary creations with those around you.

▶ **ST. NICHOLAS DAY** (More info [here](#))

Saint Nicholas Day, also called the Feast of Saint Nicholas, observed on December 6 (and/or its eve on December 5) in Western Christian countries, and on December 19 in Eastern Christian countries using the old church calendar, is the feast day of Saint Nicholas of Myra; it falls within the season of Advent. It is celebrated as a Christian festival with particular regard to Saint Nicholas' reputation as a bringer of gifts, as well as through the attendance of church services.

▶ **PEARL HARBOR DAY** (More info [here](#))

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day, is observed annually in the United States on December 7, to remember and honor the 2,403 Americans who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, which led to the United States declaring war on Japan the next day and thus entering World War II.

▶ **POINSETTIA DAY** (More info [here](#))

On December 12 we are celebrating the beautiful plant we've come to associate with Christmas. December 12th is Poinsettia Day. The date marks the death of Joel Roberts Poinsett, an American botanist, physician and Minister to Mexico who in 1828 sent cuttings of the plant he'd discovered in Southern Mexico to his home in Charleston, South Carolina. Botanically, the plant is known as Euphorbia Pulcherrima.





▶ **UGLY SWEATER DAY** (More info [here](#))

Every third Friday of December (December 20), people all over the nation trade their casual garments for something more festive for Ugly Sweater Day. Whether you find a hidden gem to wear, or you make your own, one thing is for sure — this holiday will certainly have you laughing all day long!

▶ **WINTER SOLSTICE** (More info [here](#))

The winter solstice (December 21), also called the hibernal solstice, occurs when either of Earth's poles reaches its maximum tilt away from the Sun. This happens twice yearly, once in each hemisphere (Northern and Southern). For that hemisphere, the winter solstice is the day with the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year, and when the Sun is at its lowest daily maximum elevation in the sky.

▶ **CHRISTMAS EVE** (More info [here](#))

Christmas Eve is the evening or entire day before Christmas, the festival commemorating the birth of Jesus. Christmas Day is observed around the world, and Christmas Eve is widely observed as a full or partial holiday in anticipation of Christmas Day. Together, both days are considered one of the most culturally significant celebrations in Christendom and Western society.

▶ **CHRISTMAS DAY** (More info [here](#))

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. It is a feast central to Christianity. In the liturgical year, preparation for Christmas begins on the First Sunday of Advent (the fourth Sunday before), and it is followed by Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night.

▶ **BOXING DAY** (More info [here](#))

Boxing Day is a holiday celebrated after Christmas Day, occurring on the second day of Christmastide (December 26). Boxing Day was once a day to donate gifts to those in need, but it has evolved to become a part of Christmas festivities, with many people choosing to shop for deals on Boxing Day. It originated in the United Kingdom and is celebrated in several Commonwealth nations.

▶ **NEW YEAR'S EVE** (More info [here](#))

In the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Eve, also known as Old Year's Day, is the evening or the entire day of the last day of the year, December 31. In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated with dancing, eating, drinking, and watching or lighting fireworks. Some Christians attend a watchnight service. The celebrations generally go on past midnight into New Year's Day, January 1.

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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 **JANUARY 2025** issue of "THE DOVE" is **Monday, December 30, 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 December 30 deadline.

QUOTE FOR DECEMBER

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

— Luke 2:14



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