

A newsletter from us for all of you.

# THE DOVE

**JANUARY 2025 - 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"*



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### 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. They feel he should not return to work and stay close to them in case problems arise. 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,

*January 1st brings with it the beginning of a new year, 2025. We step back and wonder where did 2024 go. There has been so much happening with the church this past year. We have seen various successful fund-raisers, which, along with the enthusiasm and willingness to serve the ministries and outreach programs of the parish and the optimism for growth and vitality, move the Church of the Holy Spirit forward with renewed vigor.*

*There has been sadness as well. We have had loved ones and friends pass onto glory this past year. We know that their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed are resting in peace. We have had illness and surgeries that have kept many from returning to the church, but their faith remains a vital part of their recovery as they trust in the healing power of our Lord and Savior.*

*Now is not the time to sit back and dwell on the past. Now is the time to rise and move forward into the new year, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ as we strive to reach out to others. Let them see the joy that can be accomplished and the happiness that can be gained by loving our neighbors as ourselves.*

**May 2025 be a joyous time for all of us. God bless.**

*Father Carl E. Mosley*





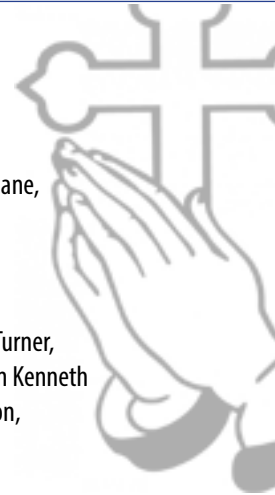
## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**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 Wauhohp, Katherine Wauhohp, Victoria DeSilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl

**OUR EXTENDED FAMILY:** Austin, Steve, Robyn Diesel, 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

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



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01/05 Emily Cathell
- 01/08 Landon Arauz
- 01/08 Ann Dougherty
- 01/13 Tim DeSilver
- 01/15 John Stephen Frombach III
- 01/18 Joe Dougherty
- 01/22 Dryden Brous
- 01/24 Rudy Brevard
- 01/28 Amy Quemore

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

### OPERATING INCOME/VESTRY APPROVED 12/09/2024

	November	YTD	YTD Budget
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	\$11,758	\$136,141	\$127,243
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	\$16,345	\$143,400	\$137,293
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	(\$4,587)	(\$7,259)	(\$10,050)

### 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

### JANUARY 2025

- 01/13 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
- 01/18 Marigot Beach Condo Board Meeting 10 a.m.
- 01/19 Hope4Recovery 4 p.m.
- 01/20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day All Day

### 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

(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.





▶ **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!**

▶ **SNEAK PREVIEW OF A WINTER EVENT**

*(Jackie Carey)*

**Mark your calendars for February 22, 5 to 7 p.m.** The Ocean Cluster of churches will be having another wine and dine event at **Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery in Berlin.** The event in the fall was such fun, we decided to do it again in February, which always needs cheering up.



For more information about cluster activities, contact Jackie Carey at 443.735-4275.

▶ **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – 23RD ANNUAL gLOVEs DRIVE**



**In time for Valentine’s Day giving ... Open your heart and share the gift of warmth.**

The Church of the Holy Spirit continues its outreach program during the winter season. This time of year finds us in need of new gLOVEs, socks, blankets, and hats (especially for men). Other items needed are sleeping bags, ponchos, hand- and foot-warmers, wipes, deodorant, and soap.

**Items will be collected on Sunday, January 12 and Sunday, January 19 to be distributed to Diakonia by Valentine’s Day.**

Please place donations in the bins located at the entrance to the church.

**FROM YOUR HEART TO THEIRS!**

For questions, call or see Katie Coffman.



▶ **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – “SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY**

The Church of the Holy Spirit, in support of the local food pantries, encourages parish members to **donate cans of soup from now until Super Bowl Sunday (February 9).** Items can be placed in the baskets at the back of the church.

Let’s share our blessings with individuals and families in need of a warm meal.

**WE CAN DO IT! THANKS!**

For questions, call or see Terry Moody.





# December at the Church of the Holy Spirit



**Sunday, December 1:  
Lighting of the  
1st Advent Candle**



**Wednesday, December 11:  
A Celebration of  
Our Lady of Guadalupe**



**Alex is Leaving for New York  
to Go to Music School**

► **Always Beautiful Parish Hall Decorations**



Take a look at other December events on pages 6 through 11.

## ► ABOUT OUR SURVEYS

We pride ourselves on being 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!**



## 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.**





## ▶ ANGEL TREE PROJECT SUCCESS *(Sue Flaherty)*

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Angel Tree project a success. Colorfully wrapped presents were delivered to five area families with a total of 16 children. We were also able to provide Food Lion gift cards and tins of homemade cookies to each of the families. The parents send their thanks and hugs for the assistance we were able to offer. It would have been wonderful to see the smiles on Christmas morning!

A big thank you to Monica Martin, Ann Dougherty, Barbara Wachter, and Brooklyn Elmer who helped with the wrapping, sorting, and delivering of the gifts, as well as to all those who shopped for gifts and/or provided financial assistance to this program.

**We are continuing to collect cash donations. If you are able to help, please contact the church office at [office@holyspiritoc.org](mailto:office@holyspiritoc.org).**



## ▶ SWEET TREATS *(Monica Martin)*

We were able to deliver over 40 tins filled with cookies and candy to Shepherd's Crook and provided a tin of cookies/candy for each Christmas family. **Thank you to all who contributed and helped fill the tins.**



## ▶ NEVER MISS THE COHS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

You don't know what you are missing: eggs, sausage, scrapple, biscuits, sweet treats, and so much more. Check the calendar for the next breakfast. Don't miss it!

**Thank you to all who contribute and to all who work the kitchen.**





## ► WARM SMILES & HOT COFFEE

Fun at the 2024 Ocean City Christmas Parade. We offered hot coffee, donuts, and muffins. Next year we plan for hot chocolate and more - maybe even costumes.



## ► OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE...

Three trees with gift cards totalling \$500, \$300, and \$200 were raffled off. The cards ranged from restaurant coupons to grocery gift cards. This year's winners were Katie Coffman (\$500), Sue Flaherty (\$300), and Bonnie Rease (\$200). **Thank you to our sponsors and congratulations to the winners!**





## ▶ GOOD OLD SAINT NICK CAME TO VISIT

On Sunday December 15, Saint Nicholas and his helper stopped by sharing sweets and his story. **It sure felt like Christmas.**



## ▶ CHRISTMAS FOR HOPE4RECOVERY *(Jackie Carey)*

On December 17, members of the Ocean Cluster of churches filled bags with Christmas goodies for the residents of Hope4Recovery House. This is a residential treatment/halfway house for men in recovery. The Ocean Cluster has been supporting them in their journey for several years. We bring dinner to them monthly, and we have gift drives at Christmas and Easter, not to mention a paper/nonperishable goods drive in the summer.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the churches, we filled 12 bags (one for each resident) with socks, T-shirts, hats, gloves, toiletries and candy. We also received lots of games, which we gave to the house for all to use.

**If you are interested in being part of this ministry (making and delivering food monthly and socializing with the residents, or filling bags or in any way), contact Jackie Carey at 443.735.4275.**

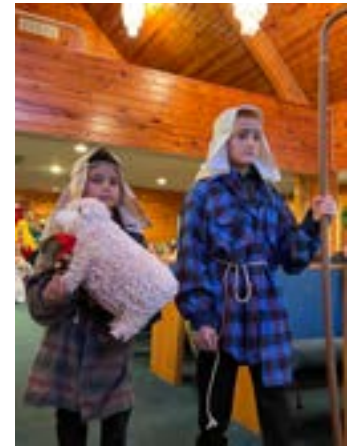






## ▶ FINALLY - THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Sunday, December 22, the long-awaited Christmas Pageant was a treat for all who attended church. Children and adults alike had such fun during this production. It was a joy for all. Thank you!







## ▶ A SERVICE OF BAPTISMS

“We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.”





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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.*

**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:**



\_\_\_ 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

**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)

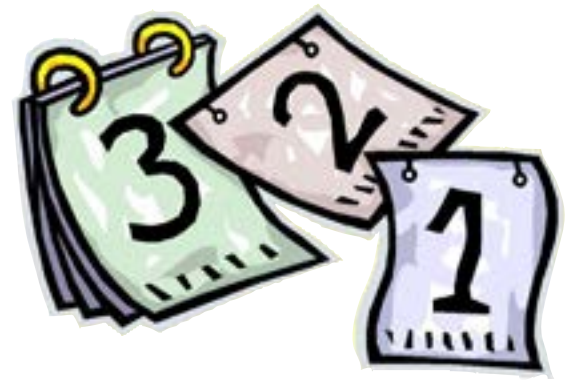
Robert Wauhup, a parishioner who has attended the 8 a.m. service, was recently brought home, and he is doing better. His wife Katherine is seeking help for assistance with caregiving. Robert has dementia but is physically active. He is a retired fireman from the Philadelphia area. They live in Montego 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 Wauhup at 443.880.1710.**





# YOUR SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY



8 a.m.

10 a.m.

## USHERS/GREETERS

05	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Phyllis Brian
12	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty
19	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty
26	Jackie Carey	Phyllis Brian

## LECTORS

05	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski
12	Birgitt Brevard	Joe Dougherty
19	Birgitt Brevard	John Frombach
26	Jane DiGirolamo	Monica Martin

## ACOLYTES

05	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
12	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
19	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach
26	Jackie Carey	John Frombach

## CHALICE BEARER

05	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
12	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
19	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach
26	Jackie Carey	John Frombach

## ALTAR GUILD

05	Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter
12	Sue Flaherty & Monica Martin
19	Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter
26	Sue Flaherty & Monica Martin

## COUNTERS

05	Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty
12	Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
19	Rudy Brevard & Melanie Konoski
26	Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski

## COFFEE HOUR

05	Pancake Breakfast
12	Diane Frombach
19	Monica Martin
26	Marena & Melanie Konoski

## 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.





# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT - 8 & 10 a.m. PANCAKE BREAKFAST - After 5 10 a.m. Service			AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
6	7	8	9	10	11	
EUCARIST - 8 & 10 a.m.	VESTRY MEETING - 7 p.m.		AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		MARIGOT BEACH CONDO BOARD MEETING - 10 a.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT - 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY - 4 p.m.	DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 		AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. <b>Deadline for February DOVE</b>	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
EUCARIST - 8 & 10 a.m.			AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m.	AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m.		
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF OCEAN CITY**

MORE EVENTS & INFO, CLICK [HERE](#)



**WORCESTER COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS JANUARY 2025**

01/01	All Day	<b>Winter Break: Schools Closed</b>
01/20	All Day	<b>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Schools Closed</b>
1/24	All Day	<b>End of Second Marking Period (46 Days)</b>
01/27	All Day	<b>Professional Day Schools Closed for Students</b>

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





## ▶ DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (More info [here](#))

Martin Luther King Jr. (born Michael King Jr.; January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister, activist, and political philosopher who was one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968.

King advanced civil rights for people of color in the United States through the use of nonviolent resistance and nonviolent civil disobedience against Jim Crow laws and other forms of legalized discrimination.

A black church leader, King participated in and led marches for the right to vote, desegregation, labor rights, and other civil rights. He oversaw the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott and later became the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). As president of the SCLC, he led the unsuccessful Albany Movement in Albany, Georgia, and helped organize some of the nonviolent 1963 protests in Birmingham, Alabama. King was one of the leaders of the 1963 March on Washington, where he delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, and helped organize two of the three Selma to Montgomery marches during the 1965 Selma voting rights movement. The civil rights movement achieved pivotal legislative gains in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. There were several dramatic standoffs with segregationist authorities, who often responded violently.

King was jailed several times. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) director J. Edgar Hoover considered King a radical and made him an object of the FBI's COINTELPRO from 1963 forward. FBI agents investigated him for possible communist ties, spied on his personal life, and secretly recorded him. In 1964, the FBI mailed King a threatening anonymous letter, which he interpreted as an attempt to make him commit suicide. On October 14, 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance. In his final years, he expanded his focus to include opposition towards poverty and the Vietnam War.

In 1968, King was planning a national occupation of Washington, D.C., to be called the Poor People's Campaign, when he was assassinated on April 4 in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray, a fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was convicted of the assassination, though the King family believes he was a scapegoat; the assassination remains the subject of conspiracy theories. King's death was followed by national mourning, as well as anger leading to riots in many U.S. cities. King was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2003. Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a holiday in cities and states throughout the United States beginning in 1971; the federal holiday was first observed in 1986. The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 2011.







## EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION - BIRTH

Michael King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta; he was the second of three children born to Michael King Sr. and Alberta King (née Williams). Alberta's father, Adam Daniel Williams, was a minister in rural Georgia, moved to Atlanta in 1893, and became pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in the following year. Williams married Jennie Celeste Parks. Michael Sr. was born to sharecroppers James Albert and Delia King of Stockbridge, Georgia; he was of African-Irish descent. As an adolescent, Michael Sr. left his parents' farm and walked to Atlanta, where he attained a high school education, and enrolled in Morehouse College to study for entry to the ministry. Michael Sr. and Alberta began dating in 1920, and married on November 25, 1926. Until Jennie's death in 1941, their home was on the second floor of Alberta's parents' Victorian house, where King was born. Michael Jr. had an older sister, Christine King Farris, and a younger brother, Alfred Daniel "A. D." King.

Shortly after marrying Alberta, Michael King Sr. became assistant pastor of the Ebenezer church. Senior pastor Williams died in the spring of 1931 and that fall Michael Sr. took the role. With support from his wife, he raised attendance from six hundred to several thousand. In 1934, the church sent King Sr. on a multinational trip; one of the stops on the trip was Berlin for the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance [BWA]). He also visited sites in Germany that are associated with the Reformation leader Martin Luther. In reaction to the rise of Nazism, the BWA made a resolution saying, "This Congress deplores and condemns as a violation of the law of God the Heavenly Father, all racial animosity, and every form of oppression or unfair discrimination toward the Jews, toward colored people, or toward subject races in any part of the world." After returning home in August 1934, Michael Sr. changed his name to Martin Luther King Sr. and his five-year-old son's name to Martin Luther King Jr.

At his childhood home, Martin King Jr. and his two siblings read aloud the Bible as instructed by their father. After dinner, Martin Jr.'s grandmother Jennie, whom he affectionately referred to as "Mama", told lively stories from the Bible. Martin Jr.'s father regularly used whippings to discipline his children, sometimes having them whip each other. Martin Sr. later remarked, "[Martin Jr.] was the most peculiar child whenever you whipped him. He'd stand there, and the tears would run down, and he'd never cry." Once, when Martin Jr. witnessed his brother A.D. emotionally upset his sister Christine, he took a telephone and knocked A.D. unconscious with it. When Martin Jr. and his brother were playing at their home, A.D. slid from a banister and hit Jennie, causing her to fall unresponsive. Martin Jr. believing her dead, blamed himself and attempted suicide by jumping from a second-story window, but rose from the ground after hearing that she was alive.

Martin King Jr. became friends with a white boy whose father owned a business across the street from his home. In September 1935, when the boys were about six years old, they started school. King had to attend a school for black children, Yonge Street Elementary School, while his playmate went to a separate school for white children only. Soon afterwards, the parents of the white boy stopped allowing King to play with their son, stating to him, "we are white, and you are colored". When King relayed this to his parents, they talked with him about the history of slavery and racism in America, which King would later say made him "determined to hate every white person". His parents instructed him that it was his Christian duty to love everyone.



# 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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## QUOTE FOR DECEMBER

*"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all."*

— Josiyah Martin



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