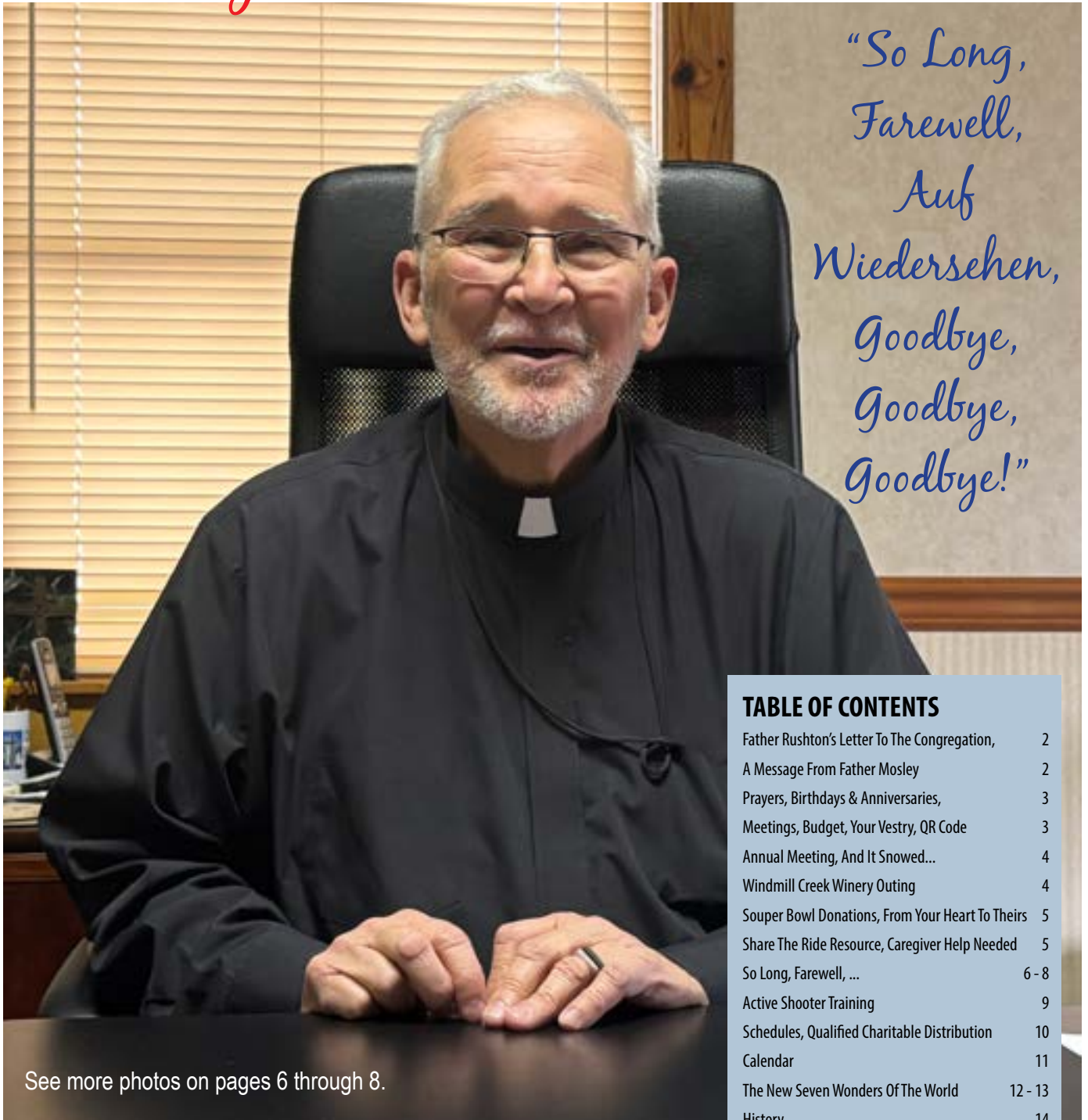


A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

February 2025 - CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



*“So Long,
Farewell,
Auf
Wiedersehen,
Goodbye,
Goodbye,
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See more photos on pages 6 through 8.

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“Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us”



Dear Holy Spirit Family,

I have traveled quite a road to recovery since my double lung transplant in late June 2024. The road has taken twists and turns in these past months with periods of great progress, amidst several minor setbacks. The parish leadership, Diocesan offices and I have been in ongoing conversations about various events and developments.

The Vestry and Secretary have been diligently keeping you well- and promptly informed of my medical progress. I now communicate directly with all of you.

The staff of the University of Maryland Medical Center and its various affiliated services have been wonderful to me. The post-transplant care keeps expanding their service and guidance. It has been within the past six weeks that we have been working on an extended treatment plan. Within that I have been instructed that despite my exceptionally good recovery from surgery, my transplanted lungs need to be continually protected from the serious risks associated with being exposed to large groups of people. This will be a long-term risk with no foreseeable end date.

It is therefore with mixed feelings of sadness and loss that I have decided that I am unable to continue my commitment to serve as Rector of the Church of the Holy Spirit. My thoughts are that it would be unfair for me to hold onto my ministry at Holy Spirit until some undetermined time when I could be medically released to safely resume parish ministry.

I am grateful that the parish has been in the continued loving care of the executive and elected members of the Vestry, the ongoing ministry of our Deacon, the newly minted Latino Minister and the well-known and loved The Rev. Carl E. Mosley as Interim/Supply Priest. A special note of thanks to Bonnie Rease, Secretary to the Rector, who along with others has stepped up yet again to provide the care necessary to keep the parish moving forward.

Upon the invitation of the Senor Warden, Monica Martin, I am grateful to accept the offer to come to the Church of the Holy Spirit and preside at the Sunday Eucharist on Sunday, January 26, 2025, for both the 8 am and 10 am services. I am incredibly happy for Nick and me to share the Sunday services within the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Wishing you God's blessings in this coming New Year of 2025!

**Faithfully yours,
Father Rushton**

Dear Church Family,

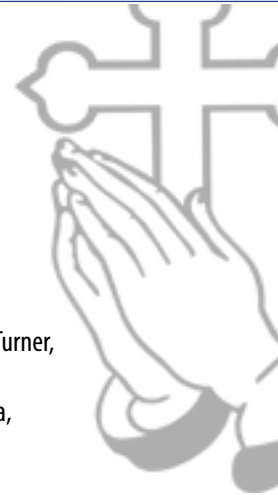
As I sit back and look outside at the melting snow I can't wait for some warmer weather. Warmer weather however begins to reveal what lies beneath the freshly fallen snow. Many of us enjoy the beauty of the white frozen landscape but as the snow disappears it reveals what some see as the ugliness that is left behind. We see dead lawns, barren trees, flower beds that look like they will never recover. But with that barren ground and landscape comes the growth and beauty of the spring. What appears lost or forlorn will once again regain its life and beauty. This winter season will pass, and in another few months we will be complaining about the heat and humidity.

So it is as we approach the Lenten season. We look forward to March and the beginning of Lent. A season of growth and renewal in the new life that Christ has promised us in the scriptures.

Seasons come and go. Father Rushton's retirement brings with it the end of a season. A season of growth and building within the church. His leadership has given to the parish so many memories, and his inspiration to those that he has met and mentored over the past seven years remains as a part of his legacy within the walls of the church and the community of faith that he has left behind. The bar that he has set for all of us to follow is high. As we enter that next season in the life of The Church of the Holy Spirit, may we all strive to live up to that level of service that he has given to us, to meet the needs of those that we meet each day.

**God bless.
Father Carl**





PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY: 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, Skip

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

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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02/01 Weston Thomas Martin
- 02/02 Sue Flaherty
- 02/07 Benjamin Hemming
- 02/15 Jack Panuska
- 02/23 Sara Price
- 02/23 Grace Quemore
- 02/26 Diane Frombach
- 02/27 Virginia Mosley

ANNIVERSARIES

- 02/14 Frank & Sara Price

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

OPERATING INCOME/VESTRY APPROVED 01/13/2025

| | December | YTD | Budget YTD |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| OPERATING INCOME | \$13,162 | \$149,303 | \$139,062 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | \$13,273 | \$156,673 | \$153,136 |
| NET INCOME (LOSS) | (\$111) | (\$7,370) | (\$14,074) |

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

FEBRUARY 2025

- 02/02 Single Service 9 a.m.
- Pancake Breakfast, Annual Meeting
- 02/09 Souper Bowl Donations Due
- 02/10 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
- 02/16 Hope4Recovery 4 p.m.
- 02/22 Windmill Creek Winery Outing 5 - 7 p.m.
- 02/23 Bishop's Visit (Confirmations) 10 a.m.

HOLD THE DATE

- 03/04 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Service**
- 03/05 Ash Wednesday Service** Noon

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

Sunday, February 2, 2025

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 more 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!



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AND IT SNOWED, AND IT SNOWED, AND IT SNOWED



▶ LET'S CHASE THE DREARY AWAY! *(Jackie Carey)*

February is the dreariest month and it certainly seems like the longest one. Will it ever end? **The Ocean Cluster of churches, members of the three Episcopal churches in the area, have a plan to chase the dreary away!**

It's actually a repeat of an event we had in October (which is not a dreary month at all) – a gathering with wine and food at **Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery in Berlin**. The first event was such fun that we decided to do it again, and we picked February because everyone will need cheering up.

We enjoyed wine (other beverages, hard and soft, are available, but it is a winery after all) and food and the good company of others, some familiar faces, some new. Food ranges from snacks to appetizers to meals. And what is more cheering than food, especially around people having fun?

The date is February 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. You don't need to pre-register to attend, but if you could let Jackie know that you are thinking of it, it would help with planning. And if you decide at the last minute to come, that's perfectly fine.

For more information, or to say you'll come, call Jackie at 443.735.4275.





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.

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▶ FROM YOUR HEART TO THEIRS *(Katie Coffman)*

Thanks to all of our parish family and visitors who opened their hearts to share the gift of warmth in time for Valentine's Day at the 23rd Annual gLOVEs drive at the Church of the Holy Spirit.



The very generous donations of gloves, hats, socks, blankets, hand warmers, coats, toiletries, and other items collected at our gLOVEs drive will be distributed by Diakonia, Spirit Kitchen, and Shepherd's Crook. Together, we have warmed the hearts and hands of our neighbors for 23 years.

▶ 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.**





"So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye, Goodbye, Goodbye!" (Birgitt Brevard)

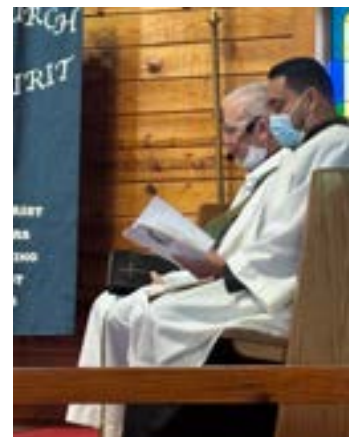
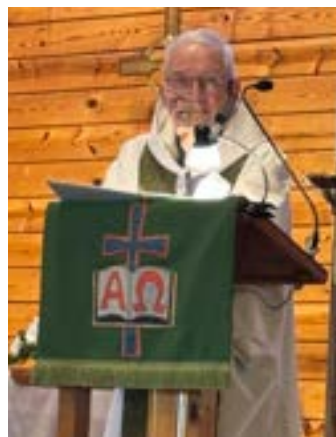
Sunday, January 26, was a bittersweet celebration for the whole Church of the Holy Spirit family. Our beloved Father Rushton led us through his last services. His team of doctors has advised him to stay close to them and away from crowds. He was given the gift of two lungs and he has to take care of that gift, of himself.

While we certainly understand Father Rushton's decision, we are still sad to see him go. We will always miss him and he will be in our hearts. However, we are grateful for his recovery and for the time he shared with us. His sermons, stories, and sometimes corny jokes will not be forgotten, as well as that boyish twinkle in his eyes and smirk on his face.

We continue to pray for your and Nick's happiness and health! Be safe, friend!

*"In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.
For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed."*

Author Unknown









BE PREPARED FOR AN

ACTIVE SHOOTER

This training will help you to stay safe!

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6 - 7 p.m.

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Parish Hall

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Take an active role in your safety!

Please sign up for the training by April 14, 2025.

The sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church.



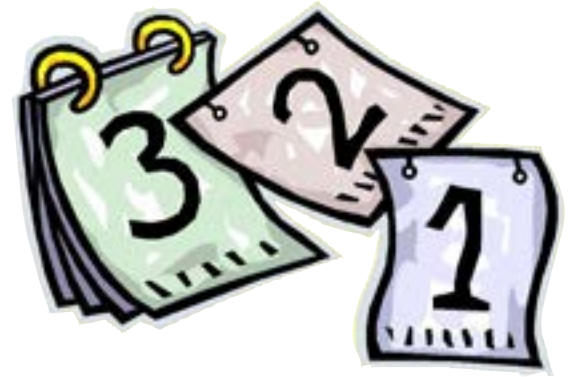
For questions, please call the church office at 410.723.1973.

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YOUR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY



8 a.m.

10 a.m.

USHERS/GREETERS

- 02 One Service at 9 a.m.: Jackie Carey & Marena Konoski
- 09 Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey Joe Dougherty
- 16 Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey Ann Dougherty
- 23 Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey Phyllis Brian

LECTORS

- 02 One Service at 9 a.m.: Birgitt Brevard
- 09 Birgitt Brevard Joe Dougherty
- 16 Tom DiGirolamo Marena Konoski
- 23 Tom DiGirolamo Joe Dougherty

ACOLYTES

- 02 One Service at 9 a.m.: Carolyn Johnston
- 09 Jackie Carey Melanie Konoski
- 16 Jackie Carey Diane Frombach
- 23 Jackie Carey Monica Martin

CHALICE BEARER

- 02 One Service at 9 a.m.: Carolyn Johnston
- 09 Jackie Carey Melanie Konoski
- 16 Jackie Carey Diane Frombach
- 23 Jackie Carey Monica Martin

ALTAR GUILD

- 02 Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter
- 09 Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter
- 16 Diane Frombach & Monica Martin
- 23 Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter

COUNTERS

- 02 Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty
- 09 Rudy Brevard & Melanie Konoski
- 16 Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
- 23 Ann Dougherty & Sue Flaherty

COFFEE HOUR

- 02 Pancake Breakfast
- 09 Diane Frombach
- 16 Monica Martin
- 23 Marena & Melanie Konoski

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (Melanie S. Konoski)

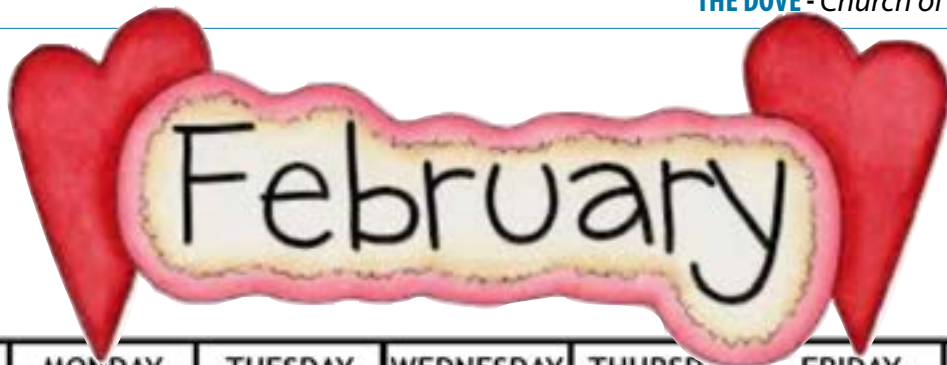
Are you aware of the option to donate to the Church of the Holy Spirit as a Qualified Charitable Distribution?

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.





| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 EUCHARIST - Single Service at 9 a.m. PANCAKE BREAKFAST & ANNUAL MEETING After Service | 3 | 4 | 5 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. | 6 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 EUCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. SOUPER BOWL Donations Due | 10 VESTRY MEETING - 7 p.m. | 11 | 12 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. | 13 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. | 14 VALENTINES' DAY  | 15 |
| 16 EUCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY - 4 p.m. | 17 PRESIDENTS' DAY  | 18 | 19 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. | 20 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. | 21 | 22 WINDMILL CREEK WINERY OUTING - 5-7 p.m. Deadline for March DOVE |
| 23 EUCHARIST - 8 & 10 a.m. BISHOP'S VISIT (Confirmations) - 10 a.m. Service | 24 | 25 | 26 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. | 27 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 7 p.m. | 28 | |

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF OCEAN CITY

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



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 2025

- 02/11 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. **DATE CHANGE: Board of Education Budget Work Session**
- 02/17 All Day **Presidents' Day: Schools Closed**
- 02/18 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **Board of Education Meeting**

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





► NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

(More information on each individual Wonder of the World to follow in the next months.)

In 2000 a Swiss foundation launched a campaign to determine the New Seven Wonders of the World. Given that the original Seven Wonders list was compiled in the 2nd century BCE—and that only one entrant is still standing (the Pyramids of Giza)—it seemed time for an update. And people around the world apparently agreed, as more than 100 million votes were cast on the Internet or by text messaging. The final results, which were announced in 2007, were met with cheers as well as some jeers—a number of prominent contenders, such as Athens's Acropolis, failed to make the cut. Do you agree with the new list?

GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Great might be an understatement. One of the world's largest building-construction projects, the Great Wall of China is widely thought to be about 5,500 miles (8,850 km) long; a disputed Chinese study, however, claims the length is 13,170 miles (21,200 km). Work began in the 7th century BCE and continued for two millennia. Although called a "wall," the structure actually features two parallel walls for lengthy stretches. In addition, watchtowers and barracks dot the bulwark. One not-so-great thing about the wall, however, was its effectiveness. Although it was built to prevent invasions and raids, the wall largely failed to provide actual security. Instead, scholars have noted that it served more as "political propaganda."



CHICHÉN ITZÁ

Chichén Itzá is a Mayan city on the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico, which flourished in the 9th and 10th centuries CE. Under the Mayan tribe Itzá—who were strongly influenced by the Toltecs—a number of important monuments and temples were built. Among the most notable is the stepped pyramid El Castillo ("The Castle"), which rises 79 feet (24 meters) above the Main Plaza. A testament to the Mayans' astronomical abilities, the structure features a total of 365 steps, the number of days in the solar year. During the spring and autumnal equinoxes, the setting sun casts shadows on the pyramid that give the appearance of a serpent slithering down the north stairway; at the base is a stone snake head. Life there was not all work and science, however. Chichén Itzá is home to the largest tlachtli (a type of sporting field) in the Americas. On that field the residents played a ritual ball game popular throughout pre-Columbian Mesoamerica.



PETRA

The ancient city of Petra, Jordan, is located in a remote valley, nestled among sandstone mountains and cliffs. It was purported to be one of the places where Moses struck a rock and water gushed forth. Later the Nabataeans, an Arab tribe, made it their capital, and during this time it flourished, becoming an important trade center, especially for spices. Noted carvers, the Nabataeans chiseled dwellings, temples, and tombs into the sandstone, which changed color with the shifting sun. In addition, they constructed a water system that allowed for lush gardens and farming. At its height, Petra reportedly had a population of 30,000. The city began to decline, however, as trade routes shifted. A major earthquake in 363 CE caused more difficulty, and after another tremor hit in 551, Petra was gradually abandoned. Although rediscovered in 1912, it was largely ignored by archaeologists until the late 20th century, and many questions remain about the city.





MACHU PICCHU

This Incan site near Cuzco, Peru, was “discovered” in 1911 by Hiram Bingham, who believed it was Vilcabamba, a secret Incan stronghold used during the 16th-century rebellion against Spanish rule. Although that claim was later disproved, the purpose of Machu Picchu has confounded scholars. Bingham believed it was home to the “Virgins of the Sun,” women who lived in convents under a vow of chastity. Others think that it was likely a pilgrimage site, while some believe it was a royal retreat. (One thing it apparently should not be is the site of a beer commercial. In 2000 a crane being used for such an ad fell and cracked a monument.) What is known is that Machu Picchu is one of the few major pre-Columbian ruins found nearly intact. Despite its relative isolation high in the Andes Mountains, it features agricultural terraces, plazas, residential areas, and temples.



CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Christ the Redeemer, a colossal statue of Jesus, stands atop Mount Corcovado in Rio de Janeiro. Its origins date to just after World War I, when some Brazilians feared a “tide of godlessness.” They proposed a statue, which was ultimately designed by Heitor da Silva Costa, Carlos Oswald, and Paul Landowski. Construction began in 1926 and was completed five years later. The resulting monument stands 98 feet (30 meters) tall—not including its base, which is about 26 feet (8 meters) high—and its outstretched arms span 92 feet (28 meters). It is the largest Art Deco sculpture in the world. Christ the Redeemer is made of reinforced concrete and is covered in approximately six million tiles. Somewhat disconcertingly, the statue has often been struck by lightning, and in 2014 the tip of Jesus’s right thumb was damaged during a storm.



COLOSSEUM

The Colosseum in Rome was built in the first century by order of the Emperor Vespasian. A feat of engineering, the amphitheater measures 620 by 513 feet (189 by 156 meters) and features a complex system of vaults. It was capable of holding 50,000 spectators, who watched a variety of events. Perhaps most notable were gladiator fights, though men battling animals was also common. In addition, water was sometimes pumped into the Colosseum for mock naval engagements. However, the belief that Christians were martyred there—namely, by being thrown to lions—is debated. According to some estimates, about 500,000 people died in the Colosseum. Additionally, so many animals were captured and then killed there that certain species reportedly became extinct.



TAJ MAHAL

This mausoleum complex in Agra, India, is regarded as one of the world’s most iconic monuments and is perhaps the finest example of Mughal architecture. It was built by Emperor Shah Jahān (reigned 1628–58) to honor his wife Mumtāz Mahal (“Chosen One of the Palace”), who died in 1631 giving birth to their 14th child. It took about 22 years and 20,000 workers to construct the complex, which includes an immense garden with a reflecting pool. The mausoleum is made of white marble that features semiprecious stones in geometric and floral patterns. Its majestic central dome is surrounded by four smaller domes. According to some reports, Shah Jahān wished to have his own mausoleum made out of black marble. However, he was deposed by one of his sons before any work began.





ABOUT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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| 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. |
| February | 2025 | Father Joseph Rushton retires and Father Carl Mosley is appointed Priest-In-Charge. |



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SUBMISSIONS

The content deadline for the **MARCH 2025** issue of "THE DOVE" is **Saturday, February 22, 2025.**

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.**

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The Right Reverend Santosh K. Marray, *Bishop of Easton*
The Reverend Carl E. Mosley, *Priest-In-Charge*
The Reverend Alisha M. King, *Deacon-in-Residence*
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