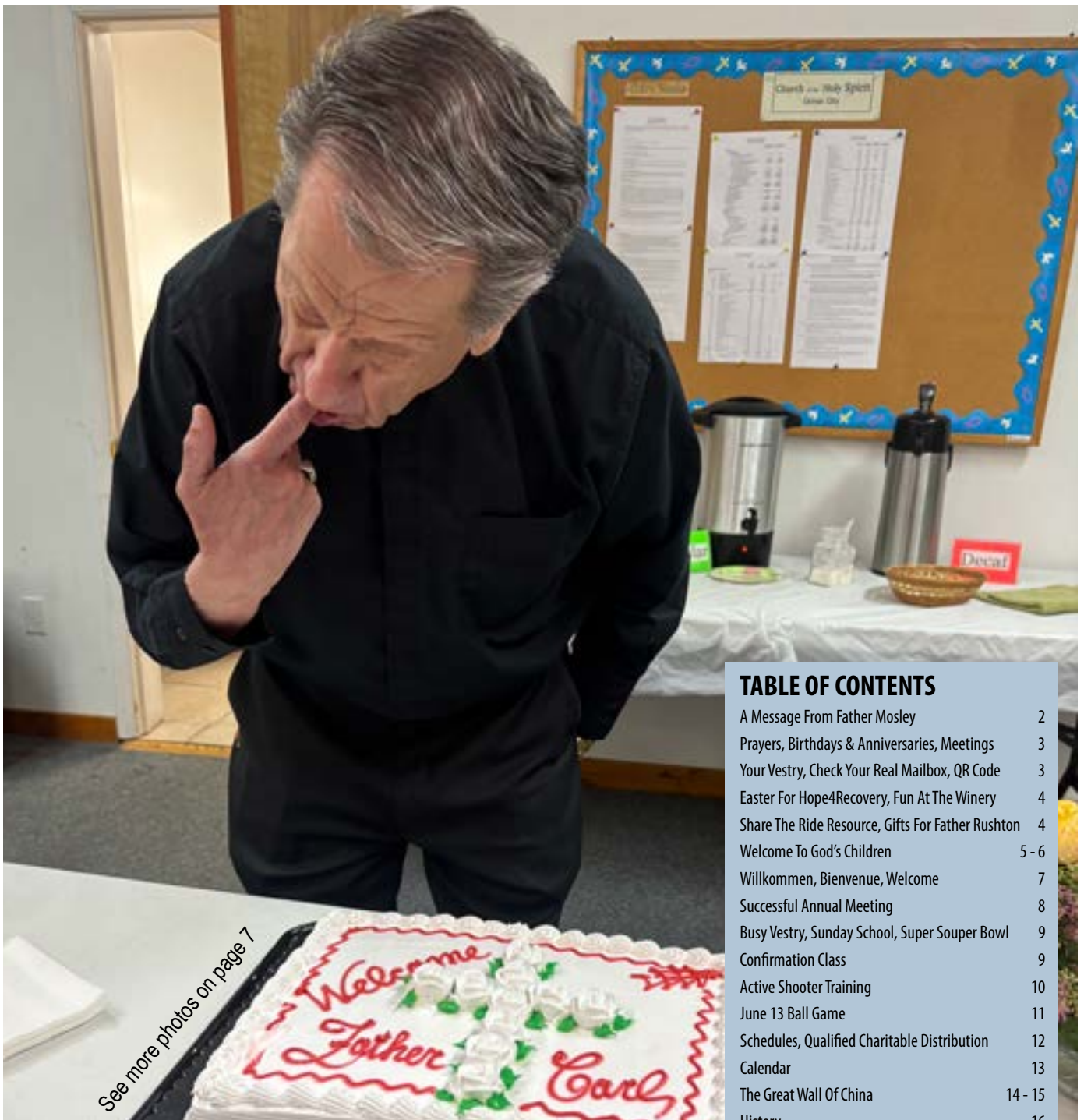


A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

March 2025 - CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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



Dear Church Family,

By the time that this newsletter is sent out it will be approximately three weeks until the official start of spring. March 20 is marked on the calendar and we wonder when we are going to be getting those springtime temperatures. I think all of us are tired of the freezing temperatures and wind chills in the “teens.”

From an unknown author *“Spring: a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.”* We are waiting for that change, to see the spring flowers and the trees to regain their green foliage to give us the shade for the summer that will come right behind.

With the Lenten season we are also reminded of the change that is perhaps needed in each and every one of us. A change to see the beauty in others rather than let their harsh words or actions blind us to the beauty within each of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Change is never easy. Many do not want to step out of the comfort zone that we built around us. We don’t want to make that first

step to change not only ourselves but to help to change those around us, to know the love that God provides to all his creation,

So don’t wait for that Spring season to change. Reach out to Christ and ask for that forgiveness which will allow you to change. The reward is a gift that cannot be measured in human terms.

**God bless,
Father Carl**





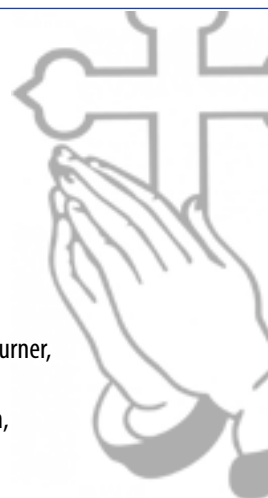
PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Skip, Virginia Mosley, Fr. Joe Rushton, Nick Codd, Bill Johnston, John Frombach, Sara Price, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Bob Wauhoh, Katherine Wauhoh, 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

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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01	Bill Mowell	03/22	Marshall Van de Wyngaerde
03/05	Alex DeSilver	03/25	Jessica Fry
03/06	Shianne Martin	03/25	Michael Konoski
03/15	Birgitt Brevard	03/31	Kate Hemming
03/15	Conor Pellingier	ANNIVERSARIES	
03/15	Will Pellingier	03/17	Skip & Jackie Carey
03/18	Elliana Arauz	03/17	Marti McNiff & Suzi Windemuth

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

YOUR VESTRY

2025: Birgitt Brevard, Sue Flaherty
2026: Marena Konoski, Monica Martin
2027: Ann Dougherty, Barbara Wachter

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



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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

MARCH 2025

03/04	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Service, Imposition of Ashes	6 p.m.
03/05	Ash Wednesday Service	Noon
03/09	Daylight Saving Start	
03/06-08	Diocesan Convention	
03/10	Vestry Meeting	7 p.m.
03/16	Hope4Recovery	4 p.m.
03/17	St. Patrick's Day	

HOLD THE DATE

04/13	Palm Sunday
04/17	Maundy Thursday
04/18	Good Friday
04/19	Holy Saturday
04/20	Easter Sunday
04/21	Easter Monday

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.

▶ CHECK YOUR REAL MAILBOX!

The churches of the Ocean Cluster (Episcopal churches in the Ocean City area) are planning their annual Lenten postcard prayer project. We will be sending out a postcard to each parishioner, randomly selected from all the church members, asking them to pray during Lent for another randomly selected parishioner. **Know that while you are praying for someone, someone is praying for you.**



Vestry meeting minutes, 2025 approved budget and financial statements are posted in the parish hall outside of the kitchen.





2025 Easter for Hope4Recovery

This is a little early, but we will be filling Easter bags for the Hope4Recovery House. We are looking for socks and T-shirts. Large and extra-large are probably good sizes for the shirts. Toiletries, non-liquid, are also welcome. We do this annually and the residents of H4R are endlessly grateful.

For those of you who don't know, Hope4Recovery is a treatment/halfway house for men in recovery. Many of them arrive at the House with nothing, which is why we are soliciting socks, T-shirts and the like.

If you don't want to shop, monetary donations are always welcome. Be generous.

WHAT WE NEED: T-shirts (large, extra large), socks, non-liquid toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, chapstick, razors, etc.), individually wrapped candy, games, adult coloring books and colored pencils, and more.

COLLECTION STARTS: **March 30**

ASSEMBLY & DELIVERY: **April 16**

We also provide dinner for the residents on a monthly basis; if you'd like to be involved, we would love to have you! Just ask about it!

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



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▶ YOU MISSED OUR FUN AT THE WINERY

On Saturday, February 22, we came together at the Windmill Creek Vinyard and Winery in Berlin. We enjoyed wine and food and the good company of friends.

For anyone who wasn't able to join us - don't worry, Jackie is already planning the next outing. Just be on the lookout. Information is forthcoming.



▶ GIFTS DELIVERED TO FATHER RUSHTON



Frame with photos of parishioners of 8 and 10 a.m. services. and many personal notes.



Hot/cold beverage tumbler with photo of COHS and message.



▶ 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**. Also, if any parishioner would like to provide transportation to and from church each Sunday, please contact Melanie Konoski.





Welcome to God's Children!

"Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit;
empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life."
Amen.







“Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome!” (Birgitt Brevard)

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, the Church of the Holy Spirit family officially welcomed Father Carl Mosley as Priest-In-Charge. Father Mosley and his beautiful wife, Virginia, are not new to this church and we are blessed to have them in our midst. We are very happy to have Father Mosley permanently on-board to guide us.

We appreciate his “on-point” sermons, his support of our outreach efforts, and never-ending quest for \$1000 donations. Father Mosley has already implemented a few adjustments - let’s see what else he has in store for us. We are ready for him! But is he ready for us...?





▶ **SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING** (Birgitt Brevard)

Father Mosley opened the meeting with a prayer and welcome message, followed by reports from the registrar, the treasurer, the senior and junior wardens, and all the ministries (property, Sunday school, ECW, outreach, mission cluster, fundraising, fellowship, stewardship, and communications). All in attendance were updated on the upcoming 157th Diocesan Convention and called to volunteer as alternates for the 2026 convention. Ann Dougherty and Barbara Wachter agreed to serve as vestry members for the 2025 - 2027 term. This and more provided a wealth of information regarding the “business” of COHS.

NAMES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Senior Warden = Monica Martin; Junior Warden = John Frombach; Registrar = Jackie Carey; Treasurer = Melanie Konoski; Property = Ann Dougherty; Sunday School = Kathy Elmer; Outreach = Sue Flaherty; Mission Cluster = Jackie Carey; Fundraising = Marena Konoski; Fellowship = Marena Konoski; Stewardship = Monica Martin; Communications = Birgitt Brevard



PARISHIONERS’ SURVEY SUMMARY

Most people feel confident in the COHS leadership. Although Father Rushton was missed, they were thinking that COHS was running great and they were happy that Father Carl and Deacon Alisha have stepped up strongly. They also strongly approve the integration of Spanish translation into the 10 a.m. service and appreciate the diversity in the church. The majority like 9 a.m. services on a quarterly basis. They have always felt very valued at COHS, they love their COHS family, they feel they belong at COHS. Most use the weekly bulletin to track what’s going on at church. They rarely watch the service on YouTube because they attend in person, however they appreciate that it is available.

VISITORS’ SURVEY SUMMARY

Those visitors who completed the survey stated that they felt welcomed and comfortable at COHS and they acknowledged the good inside and outside appearance of the church. They most likely will recommend us to friends and family. The duration of the 10 a.m. service was good and very comfortable. They really appreciated the Spanish translation and the warm welcome.





► BUSY AT VESTRY

Full house at the February vestry meeting. Vestry meetings are open to all who are interested.

Come, visit, join.



► SMILING FACES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

The young leading the younger - a bright future.



► CONFIRMATION CLASS IN SESSION

A classroom full of students - a beautiful sight to see.



► SUPER "SOUPER" BOWL *(Terry Moody)*



Thanks again to our parish family and visitors who donated to the "Souper Bowl" food drive in 2025. We collected over 300 non-perishable food items, including 130 cans of soup. All donations will be delivered to the Spirit Kitchen food pantry in Berlin to help our neighbors in need of a warm meal.





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.

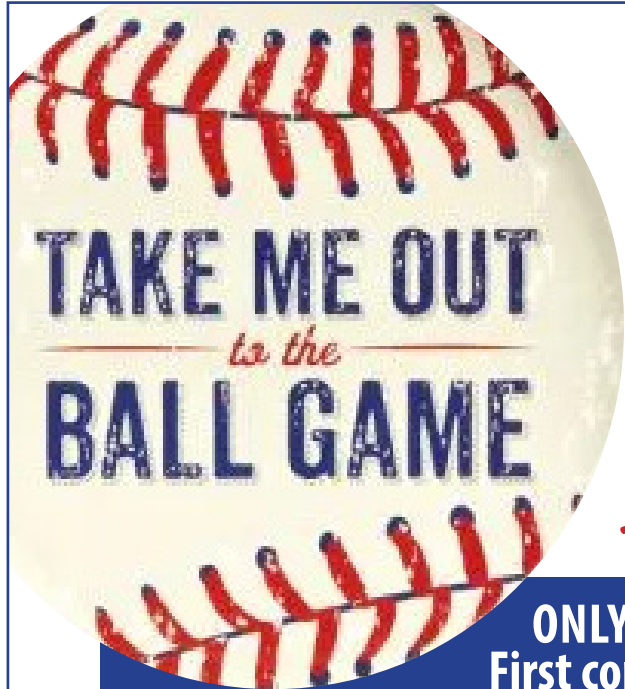
The sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church.



For questions, please call the church office at 410.723.1973.

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JOIN US AT THE **JUNE 13** BALL GAME

Let's do it in style!

**ONLY 25 SEATS AVAILABLE.
First come - First serve! No exceptions.**

- WHO:** Church of the Holy Spirit
- WHEN:** **June 13, 2025**
- WHERE:** Arthur W. Perdue Stadium
6400 Hobbs Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804
- WHAT:** **Luxury Suite Night with the Shorebirds!
DELMARVA Shorebirds vs. Salem Red Sox**
- DOORS OPEN:** 6:05 p.m.
- GAME TIME:** 7:05 p.m.
- TRANSPORTATION:** On Your Own or Share A Ride
- COST:** **\$45** (all included)
- SIGNUP:** Contact the **Church Office** at **410.723.1973**
or ask a **Vestry Member**
- PAYMENT:** **All payments are due by May 11, 2025**
Make checks out to "Church of the Holy Spirit"



Our Shorebirds Luxury Suite includes:

- "The Starter" Buffet (drinks, peanuts, popcorn, chips & salsa)
- Fully Furnished Suite with Television
- Balcony Seating with Padded Seat Bottoms
- Personal Suite Attendant
- Private Restroom
- Inside Window Seats
- Group Welcome on Videoboard
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Lot A Parking Pass

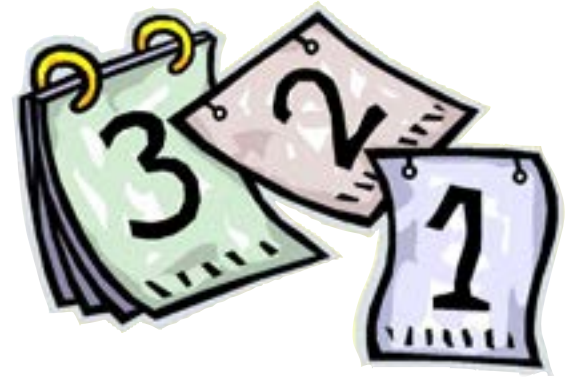


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YOUR SCHEDULE FOR MARCH



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

USHERS/GREETERS

02	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty & Marena Konoski
04	Volunteers - Shrove Tuesday - 6 p.m.	
05	Volunteers - Ash Wednesday - Noon	
09	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Ann & Joe Dougherty
16	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Phyllis Brian & Marena Konoski
23	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Ann & Joe Dougherty
30	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Ann & Joe Dougherty

LECTORS

02	Jane DiGirolamo	Marena Konoski
04	Volunteers - Shrove Tuesday - 6 p.m.	
05	Volunteers - Ash Wednesday - Noon	
09	Birgitt Brevard	Joe Dougherty
16	Jane DiGirolamo	John Frombach
23	Birgitt Brevard	Diane Frombach
30	Birgitt Brevard	Marena Konoski

ACOLYTES

02	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
04	Volunteers - Shrove Tuesday - 6 p.m.	
05	Volunteers - Ash Wednesday - Noon	
09	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
16	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
23	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
30	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach

CHALICE BEARER

02	Jackie Carey	Carolyn Johnston
09	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
16	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
23	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
30	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach

ALTAR GUILD

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

COUNTERS

02	Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski
04	Ann Dougherty & Melanie Konoski
05	Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty
09	Rudy Brevard & Melanie Konoski
16	Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski
23	Ann Dougherty & Sue Flaherty
30	Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter

COFFEE HOUR

02	Pancake Breakfast
04	Pancake Dinner
09	Monica Martin
16	Diane Frombach
23	Marena & Melanie Konoski
30	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.





MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m.</p> <p>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</p>	3	<p>4 SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Dinner - 6 p.m. Followed by Shrove Tuesday Service/ Imposition of Ashes</p>	<p>5 ASH WEDNESDAY Service - Noon</p> <p>AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>DIOCESAN CONVENTION: March 6 - 8</p>
<p>9 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m.</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING (Start)</p>	<p>10 VESTRY MEETING 7 p.m.</p>	11	<p>12 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.</p>	<p>13 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.</p>	14	15
<p>16 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m.</p> <p>HOPE4RECOVERY 4 p.m.</p>	<p>17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p> 	18	<p>19 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.</p>	<p>20 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.</p>	21	<p>22 APRIL DOVE Content Deadline</p>
<p>23 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m.</p>	24	<p>25 THE ANNUNCIATION</p>	<p>26 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.</p>	<p>27 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.</p>	28	29
<p>30 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m.</p>	31					

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF OCEAN CITY



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MARCH 2025

- 03/04** 9 - 10:30 a.m. **Special Meeting of the Board of Education Session**
- 03/12** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Blueprint Learning Session: Pillars Two & Four**
- 03/15** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. **WCPS Job Fair**
- 03/18** 5 - 7 p.m. **Board of Education Meeting**
- 03/26** 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **Special Meeting of the Board of Education Session**

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

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





THE NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD:

► 1. THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Great Wall of China, extensive bulwark erected in ancient China, is one of the largest building-construction projects ever undertaken. The Great Wall actually consists of numerous walls—many of them parallel to each other—built over some two millennia across northern China and southern Mongolia. The most extensive and best-preserved version of the wall dates from the Ming dynasty (1368–1644) and runs for some 5,500 miles (8,850 km) east to west from Mount Hu near Dandong, southeastern Liaoning province, to Jiayu Pass west of Jiuquan, northwestern Gansu province. This wall often traces the crestlines of hills and mountains as it snakes across the Chinese countryside, and about one-fourth of its length consists solely of natural barriers such as rivers and mountain ridges. Nearly all of the rest (about 70 percent of the total length) is actual constructed wall, with the small remaining stretches constituting ditches or moats. Although lengthy sections of the wall are now in ruins or have disappeared completely, it is still one of the more remarkable structures on Earth. The Great Wall was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987.

Large parts of the fortification system date from the 7th through the 4th century BCE. In the 3rd century BCE Shihuangdi (Qin Shihuang), the first emperor of a united China (under the Qin dynasty), connected a number of existing defensive walls into a single system. Traditionally, the eastern terminus of the wall was considered to be Shanhai Pass (Shanhaiguan) in eastern Hebei province along the coast of the Bo Hai (Gulf of Chihli), and the wall's length—without its branches and other secondary sections—was thought to extend for some 4,160 miles (6,700 km). However, government-sponsored investigations that began in the 1990s revealed sections of wall in Liaoning, and aerial and satellite surveillance eventually proved that this wall stretched continuously through much of the province. The greater total length of the Ming wall was announced in 2009.

HISTORY OF CONSTRUCTION

The Great Wall developed from the disparate border fortifications and castles of individual Chinese kingdoms. For several centuries these kingdoms probably were as concerned with protection from their near neighbours as they were with the threat of barbarian invasions or raids.

About the 7th century BCE the state of Chu started to construct a permanent defensive system. Known as the "Square Wall," this fortification was situated in the northern part of the kingdom's capital province. From the 6th to the 4th century other states followed Chu's example. In the southern part of the Qi state an extensive perimeter wall was gradually created using existing river dikes, newly constructed bulwarks, and areas of impassable mountain terrain. The Qi wall was made mainly of earth and stone and termi-





nated at the shores of the Yellow Sea. In the Zhongshan state a wall system was built to thwart invasion from the states of Zhao and Qin in the southwest. There were two defensive lines in the Wei state: the Hexi (“West of the [Yellow] River”) and Henan (“South of the River”) walls. The Hexi Wall was a fortification against the Qin state and western nomads. Built during the reign of King Hui (370–335 BCE), it was expanded from the dikes on the Luo River on the western border. It started in the south near Xiangyuan Cave, east of Mount Hua, and ended at Guyang in what is now the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Henan Wall, built to protect Daliang (the capital, now Kaifeng), was repaired and extended in King Hui’s later years. The Zheng state also built a wall system, which was rebuilt by the Han state after it conquered Zheng. The state of Zhao completed a southern wall and a northern wall; the southern wall was built mainly as a defense against the Wei state.

After administrative reorganization was carried out by Shang Yang (died 338 BCE), the Qin state grew politically and militarily to become the strongest among the seven states, but it was frequently raided by the Donghu and Loufan, two nomadic peoples from the north. Therefore, the Qin erected a wall that started from Lintiao, went north along the Liupan Mountains, and ended at the Huang He (Yellow River).

In the Yan state two separate defensive lines were prepared—the Northern Wall and the Yishui Wall—in an effort to defend the kingdom from attacks by northern groups such as the Donghu, Linhu, and Loufan, as well as by the Qi state in the south. The Yishui Wall was expanded from the dike of the Yi River as a defense line against Qi and Zhao, its two main rival states. It began southwest of Yi City, the capital, and ended south of Wen’an. In 290 BCE the Yan state built the Northern Wall along the Yan Mountains, starting from the northeast in the area of Zhangjiakou in Hebei, passing over the Liao River, and extending to the ancient city of Xiangping (modern Liaoyang). This was the last segment of the Great Wall to be erected during the Zhanguo (Warring States) period.

In 221 BCE Shihuangdi, the first Qin emperor, completed his annexation of Qi and thus unified China. He ordered removal of the fortifications set up between the previous states because they served only as obstacles to internal movements and administration. In addition, he sent Gen. Meng Tian to garrison the northern border against incursions of the nomadic Xiongnu and to link the existing wall segments in Qin, Yan, and Zhao into the so-called “10,000-Li Long Wall” (2 li equal approximately 0.6 mile [1 km]). This period of construction began about 214 BCE and lasted a decade. Hundreds of thousands of soldiers and conscripted workers laboured on the project. With the fall of the Qin dynasty after Shihuangdi’s death, however, the wall was left largely ungarrisoned and fell into disrepair.

THE HAN THROUGH YUAN DYNASTIES

During the reign of the Han emperor Wudi (141–87 BCE), the wall was strengthened as part of an overall campaign against the Xiongnu. From that period the Great Wall also contributed to the exploitation of farmland in northern and western China and to the growth of the trade route that came to be known as the Silk Road. In 121 BCE a 20-year project of construction was started on the Hexi Wall (generally known as the Side Wall) between Yongdeng (now in Gansu) in the east and Lake Lop Nur (now in Xinjiang) in the west. According to Juyan Hanjian (“Juyan Correspondence of the Han”), the strongpoints set up along the wall included “a beacon every 5 li, a tower every 10 li, a fort every 30 li, and a castle every 100 li.”

For more, click [HERE](#)





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



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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 Reverend Carl E. Mosley, *Priest-In-Charge*
The Reverend Alisha M. King, *Deacon-in-Residence*
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