

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

January 2026



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Happy New Year!

Well, it's 2026 and the beginning of a new year. We survived Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the Christmas rush. Now it is time to sit back and think about those New Year's resolutions that many of us made. It is said, according to a 2022 survey that 37% of folks in the United States make resolutions ranging from weight loss, to exercise, to stopping some of those annoying habits that we have picked up this past year. We eat too much. We drink perhaps too much. Those that smoke, smoke too much. We make those resolutions with all the best intentions, but that same survey points out that our New Year's resolutions usually last less than 4 months. We turn away because it's too hard to turn away from the perceived pleasures of our annoying habits.

One resolution that should be so easy to achieve is to set aside time to read and study the scriptures. To dive into the word of God. To see what God has laid out for our lives. To serve Him and to serve our neighbors.

Sounds easy, doesn't it? Is it? We get caught up in the business of our everyday life and say we will read later. We will study later. We will pray later.

Advent has just ended, and we do not know when our Lord will come again. He will come again, and we need to be ready. We can't put off until tomorrow, because we never know if tomorrow will ever come. We need to be diligent and focused on that one resolution that should stand out at the top of our daily "to do" list. May God continue to lead your life in service and your New Year's resolution be one that you will follow through with every day of the new year.

God bless.

Father Carl





PARISH PRAYER LIST

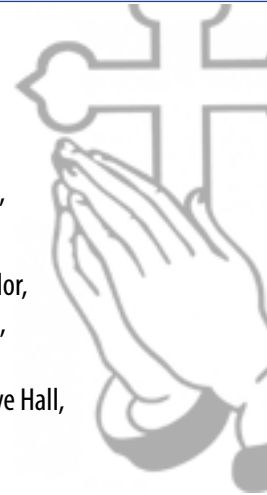
OUR PARISH: Our staff, our vestry and its officers, and our ministries and committees.

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Ron & Marcy Chrisner, Birgitt Brevard, Grayson Arauz, Joe D, John Frombach, Bryan Clifton, Skip, Fr. Joe Rushton, Nick Codd, Bill Johnston, Sara Price, Jack Panuska, Rochelle Desimone, Katherine Wauhopp, Victoria Desilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: Bobbie Spicer, Nicole, Sharon Trezise, Andi Mangels, Janet B., Shelia, Alex Naylor, Leann, David, Gene, Diane Frank, Faye Graham, Harry Spahn, Teresa, Anne Siddoway, Steve, Robyn Diesel, The Walsh Family, Terri & Ron Rickards, Marie Duffy, Jim, Michael Wertz, Pat Borkowski, Willem & Joyce, Kelly, Claudia & Bill Troy, Jennifer Giro, Deanna Turner, Ladd Layton, Alisha Kornfuehrer, Bob Spradlin, Steve Hall, Bobby Wertz, Anne Grabenstein, Nicki Ridenour, David, Phyllis, Linda Rolfes

FOR THE DEPARTED

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

- 05 Emily Cathell
- 08 Landon Arauz
- 08 Ann Dougherty
- 09 Marcy Chrisner
- 13 Tim DeSilver
- 18 Joe Dougherty
- 19 Ron Chrisner
- 22 Dryden Brous
- 24 Rudy Brevard
- 28 Amy Quemore

For missed birthdays or anniversaries, notify the church office to update our files.

YOUR VESTRY

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

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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

JANUARY 2025

- 01/12 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
- 01/18 Hope4Recovery 4 p.m.
- 01/18 First gLOVE Drive Collection
- 01/25 Second gLOVE Drive Collection

SAVE THESE DATES FOR FEBRUARY

- 02/01 Annual Meeting after 9 a.m. Service
Pancake Breakfast
- 02/08 Souper Bowl Sunday Collection
- 02/20 Gathering at Windmill Creek 5 - 7 p.m.
- 02/27 Diocesan Convention
Princess Royale, Ocean City, Maryland
- 02/28 Diocesan Convention
Princess Royale, Ocean City, Maryland

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.

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



▶ CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – 24TH 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 18, 2026 and Sunday, January 25, 2026 to be distributed 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.



LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN!

Our gatherings at the Windmill Creek Vineyard and Winery will continue this year. **So mark your calendars!**



**Friday, February 20
5 - 7 p.m.**

**WINDMILL CREEK
VINEYARD AND WINERY**

11206 Worcester Hwy.,
Berlin, MD 21111

**For more information,
call Jackie at 443.735.4275.**

▶ ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 1, 2026**. There will be a **single service at 9 a.m.** followed by pancake breakfast and the annual meeting. **The Nominating Committee (Birgitt Brevard, Monica Martin, Sue Flaherty) 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 2027 and subsequently the Delegates to attend the convention in 2028.

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



▶ 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 8, 2026)**. 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.





CHRISTMAS AT HOPE4RECOVERY

Members of the Ocean Cluster of churches, the Episcopal churches in the Ocean City area, filled Christmas bags (boxes were too small for the number of items we collected) for residents of the Hope4Recovery (H4R) House. We had warm hats, socks, T-shirts, toiletries and of course candy. People also donated board games, playing cards and a popcorn popper that went to the House for general use.

The Ocean Cluster has been supporting H4R for several years, in an effort to help residents reintegrate into daily life. The House is a residential treatment center/halfway house for men in recovery from addiction. They can have up to 12 residents, and just now there are 12. We have watched residents progress from newcomers who must stay on campus to people who are able to get jobs and work in the community to residents who graduate and move on. The Cluster takes them dinner once a month; we stay and enjoy food and fellowship with them (though sometimes, like during football season, the meals are eaten quickly). And they join us in the annual Cluster picnic in the summer.



If you would like more information or to be involved in this mission, contact Jackie Carey at 443.735.4275.



SHELL DECOUPAGE CLASS

On Tuesday, December 9, a small group of friends came together for an hour and a half to try some arts and crafts. Our teacher provided all materials and her time at no cost - just to show us how "shell decoupage" works.

Shell decoupage works by adhering thin paper (napkins or tissue) onto a seashell using Mod Podge or lacquer, molding it to the shell, smoothing out wrinkles, trimming excess, and sealing it with top coats, turning shells into jewelry, trinket dishes, or ornaments.



We created two pieces each and were pretty proud of our results.



Thank You, Renae!





REPRESENTING DURING THE OCEAN CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

Hot chocolate, coffee, and sweet delights drew a crowd at the December 6 Christmas parade. Even Santa stopped to warm up. Thanks to the volunteers for braving the cold.

And while some were outside cheering on the parade, others started decorating the Christmas tree in the parish hall. We are well on the way to be ready for all the upcoming festivities.



► SHARE THE RIDE RESOURCE *(Melanie Konoski)*

I would like to create a **Share the Ride** resource for any parishioner in need. If you need a ride to and from church each or any Sunday, **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.





JOLLY OLD SAINT NICK HAD THE CHILDREN'S FULL ATTENTION.





THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A beloved tradition - enjoyed by all.





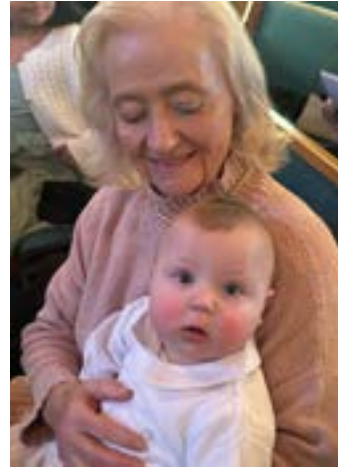
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



FOUR BAPTISMS AND TWO COMMUNIONS

What better way to celebrate the first Sunday after Christmas!







CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Love, Care, Give: Our Call to Serve in 2026

September 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Church of the Holy Spirit,
As the Church of the Holy Spirit enters our Stewardship season of reflection and renewal, we ask you to prayerfully consider supporting your church. It is a sacred responsibility, one that calls us to remember our gifts of time, talents, and treasure that we have been given by God.

Stewardship is an expression of our gratitude. As we reflect on our 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 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 a caring heart. When we give willingly and joyfully, we are engaging in the mission and ministries of Church of the Holy Spirit.

Church of the Holy Spirit continues to be 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 God's love with each other and within our community.

Thank you for the ways you have already shown your commitment to Church of the Holy Spirit and for the ways you will continue to help our parish thrive. As we focus on stewardship in the coming months, we invite you to consider how you can be part of this vital ministry. Every offering of your time, talents, and treasures, has a meaningful impact when done in the spirit of faith.

You will find enclosed, with this letter, a giving card for 2026 to place in the basket at service on Sunday or to mail to the church office. Please consider returning your giving card as soon as possible and not later than November 30, 2025. This will allow time to prepare the budget for our annual meeting in January 2026.

You can reach any member of the Stewardship Committee in person, by phone, text, or email with questions. May God bless each of you abundantly as you discern how to live out this call to serve at Church of the Holy Spirit.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Monica Martin, Katie Coffman, Terry Moody
The Stewardship Committee

Giving Card for 2026


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 2026.

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 mailed or handed directly to either the office or the 2025-2026



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.

If we would like to learn more about:

<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Guild	<input type="checkbox"/> Lecter
<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Server	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry
<input type="checkbox"/> Property (Building/Grounds)	<input type="checkbox"/> Outreach
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Counter	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Latino Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Ushery/Greeter

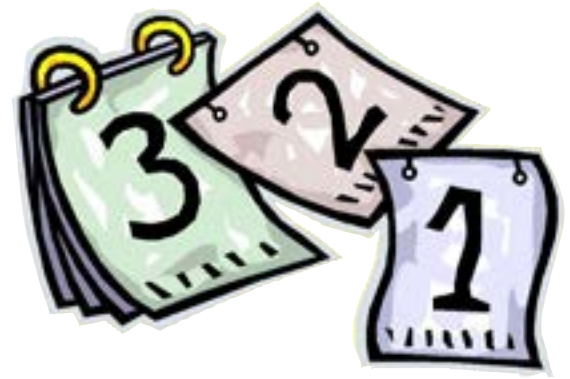





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

8 a.m.

10 a.m.



USHERS/GREETERS

04	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Phyllis Brian & Ann Dougherty
11	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Joe Dougherty & Monica Martin
18	Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey	Marena & Melanie Konoski
25	Jackie Carey	Ann Dougherty & Marena Konoski

LECTORS

04	Tom DiGirolamo	Kate Hemming
11	Jane DiGirolamo	Joe Dougherty
18	Birgitt Brevard	Melanie Konoski
25	Tom DiGirolamo	Marena Konoski

ACOLYTES

04	Tom DiGirolamo	Melanie Konoski
11	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
18	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
25	Tom DiGirolamo	Diane Frombach

CHALICE BEARER

04	Jackie Carey	Melanie Konoski
11	Jackie Carey	John Frombach
18	Jackie Carey	Monica Martin
25	Jackie Carey	Diane Frombach

ALTAR GUILD

04	Jane DiGirolamo & Barbara Wachter
11	Sue Flaherty & Diane Frombach
18	Monica Martin & Barbara Wachter
25	Sue Flaherty & Diane Frombach

COUNTERS

04	Rudy Brevard & Ann Dougherty
11	Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter
18	Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski
25	Ann Dougherty & Claudia Quemore

COFFEE HOUR

04	Pancake Breakfast
11	Marena & Melanie Konoski
18	Diane Frombach
25	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.





JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4 EUCCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m.	5	6	7 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.	8 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.	9	10
11 EUCCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m.	12 VESTRY MEETING 7 p.m.	13	14 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.	15 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.	16	17
18 EUCCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY-4 p.m. First gLOVE Drive Collection	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day 	20	21 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.	22 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. FEBRUARY DOVE Content Deadline	23	24
25 EUCCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. Second gLOVE Drive Collection	26	27	28 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.	29 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.	30	31

► SHOUT OUT TO ALL WHO SEND PHOTOGRAPHS
Thank You! Your photos and your efforts to improve this newsletter are highly appreciated. Just please keep in mind that not all can be included to avoid duplication and overload. You are wonderful!

OCEAN CITY 2026

Major Events

AGH PENGUIN SWIM (JAN 1, 2026): Dive into the Atlantic at 91st Street to support local charities, a classic OCMD New Year's Day tradition.
DREAMFEST (JAN 15-17, 2026): A three-day music festival at the Performing Arts Center featuring tribute bands (Pointer Sisters, Shadows of the 60's), celebrating MLK Jr. Day.

Arts & Culture

ART LEAGUE EXHIBITS: Check out new shows like "Shared Visions" and "My Happy Place" at the Art League of Ocean City.
FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTION (JAN 2, 2026): Opening reception at the Art League for their new exhibits.

Business & Networking

CHAMBER MIXERS: The Ocean City Chamber of Commerce hosts networking events, including a Joint Winter Mixer at Ocean Downs Casino (Jan 21).



**WORCESTER COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS JANUARY 2026**

01/01 - 01/02 ALL DAY
01/19 ALL DAY
01/20 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
01/28 ALL DAY
01/29 ALL DAY
01/30 ALL DAY

Schools Closed: Winter Break
Schools/Offices Closed:
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Board of Education Meeting
Early Dismissal for All Students / HS Exams
Early Dismissal for All Students / HS Exams
Schools Closed for Students:
Professional Day

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

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





Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., and often referred to shorthand as MLK Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed on the third Monday of January each year. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law and civil society. The movement led to several groundbreaking legislative reforms in the United States.

Born in 1929, Martin Luther King Jr.'s actual birthday is January 15 (which in 1929 fell on a Tuesday). The earliest Monday for this holiday is January 15 and the latest is January 21. The Monday observance is similar for those federal holidays which fall under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later on January 20, 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. Official observance in each state's law as well as federal law occurred in 2000.



HISTORY

PROPOSALS

The initial idea of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions in contract negotiations. After King's death, Representative John Conyers (a Democrat from Michigan) and Senator Edward Brooke (a Republican from Massachusetts) introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national/official holiday. The bill first came to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979. It fell five votes short of the number needed for passage. Two of the main arguments mentioned by opponents were that a paid holiday for federal employees would be too expensive and that a holiday to honor a private citizen would be contrary to longstanding tradition (King had never held public office). Only two other figures have national holidays in the U.S. honoring them: George Washington and Christopher Columbus.

Soon after, the King Center turned to support from the corporate community and the general public. The success of this strategy was cemented when musician Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to popularize the campaign in 1980 and hosted the Rally for Peace Press Conference in 1981. Six million signatures were collected for a petition to Congress to pass the law, termed by a 2006 article in *The Nation* as "the largest petition in favor of an issue in U.S. history".

Senators Jesse Helms and John Porter East (both North Carolina Republicans) led the opposition to the holiday and questioned whether King was important enough to receive such an honor. Helms criticized King's opposition to the Vietnam War and accused him of espousing "action-oriented Marxism". Helms led a filibuster against the bill and on October 3, 1983, submitted a 300-page document to the Senate alleging that King had associations with communists. Democratic New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan declared Helms' document a "packet of filth", threw it on the Senate floor, and stomped on it.

FEDERAL PASSAGE

President Ronald Reagan initially opposed the establishment of the holiday, stating in a letter to former New Hampshire governor Meldrim Thomson that he believed the momentum for establishing it to be "based on an image, not reality." When asked to comment on Helms' accusations that King was a communist, the president said "We'll know in thirty-five years, won't we", referring to the eventual release of FBI surveillance tapes that had previously been sealed.[9] But on November 2, 1983, Reagan signed a bill into law, proposed by Representative Katie Hall of Indiana, to create a federal holiday honoring King. The final vote in the House of Representatives on Au-





gust 2, 1983, was 338–90 (242–4 in the House Democratic Caucus and 89–77 in the House Republican Conference) with 5 members voting present or abstaining, while the final vote in the Senate on October 19, 1983, was 78–22 (41–4 in the Senate Democratic Caucus and 37–18 in the Senate Republican Conference), both veto-proof margins. The holiday was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986. It is observed on the third Monday of January.

The bill also established the “Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday Commission” to oversee observance of the holiday, and Coretta Scott King, King’s wife, was made a member of this commission for life by President George H. W. Bush in May 1989.

STATE PASSAGE

Although the federal holiday honoring King was signed into law in 1983 and took effect three years later, not every U.S. state chose to observe the January holiday at the state level until 1991, when the New Hampshire legisla-



ture created “Civil Rights Day” and abolished its April “Fast Day”. In 1999, New Hampshire became the last state to name a holiday after King, which they first celebrated in January 2000 – the first nationwide celebration of the day with this name.

In 1986, Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt, a Democrat, created a paid state MLK holiday in Arizona by executive order just before he left office, but in 1987, his Republican successor Evan Mecham, citing an attorney general’s opinion that Babbitt’s order was illegal, reversed Babbitt’s decision days after taking office. Later that year, Mecham proclaimed the third Sunday in January to be “Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day” in Arizona, albeit as an unpaid holiday. This proposal was rejected by the state Senate the following year. In 1990, Arizona voters were given the opportunity to vote on giving state employees a paid MLK holiday. That same year, the National Football League threatened to move Super Bowl XXVII, which was planned for Arizona in 1993, if the MLK holiday was voted down. In the November 1990 election, the voters were offered two King Day options: Proposition 301, which replaced Columbus Day on the list of paid state holidays, and Proposition 302, which merged Lincoln’s and Washington’s birthdays into one paid holiday to make room for MLK Day. Both measures failed to pass, with only 49% of voters approving Proposition 302, the more popular of the two options; although some who voted “no” on 302 voted “yes” on Proposition 301. Consequently, the state lost the chance to host Super Bowl XXVII, which was subsequently held at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. In a 1992 referendum, the voters, this time given only one option for a paid King Day, approved state-level recognition of the holiday.

On May 2, 2000, South Carolina governor Jim Hodges signed a bill to make King’s birthday an official state holiday. South Carolina was the last state to recognize the day as a paid holiday for all state employees. Before the bill, employees could choose between celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day or one of three Confederate holidays.

ALTERNATIVE NAMES

While all states now observe the holiday, some did not name the day after King. For example, in New Hampshire, the holiday was known as “Civil Rights Day” until 1999, when the State Legislature voted to change the name of the holiday to Martin Luther King Day.

For more information, 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 and serves until November 2025.
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 February 2026 issue of "THE DOVE" is **Thursday, January 22, 2026.**

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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SERVICES

8 a.m.

In-Person Holy Eucharist Rite II and live-streamed and posted to YouTube

10 a.m.

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The Right Reverend James J. Shand, *Assisting Bishop of Easton*
The Reverend Carl E. Mosley, *Priest-In-Charge*
Andy E. Diaz Reyes, *Lay Latino Pastor*
Bonnie Rease, *Parish Administrator*
Monica Martin, *Senior Warden* • John Frombach, *Junior Warden*
Kathy Elmer, *Sunday School* • Tim DeSilver, *Music Minister*



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