

A newsletter from us for all of you.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

February 2026



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REMEMBER HUMANITY!

The timeless mariner's prayer written by poet Winfred E Garrison begins, *"Oh God, Thy sea is so great, and my boat is so small."* It is a reminder of our humanity and our seeming smallness in the face of turbulent times.

We are a mere speck in the shifting sands that surround us. That speck of sand in itself does not have power. But you and I do have the power to change that sand into mighty castles in the sand to remind us of the beauty that can come out of so little.

So it is in the uncertainties that we face in the world, our nation, and our communities. We've seen in the news media all that is going on in our cities and communities. We do have the power to change that chaos into good. Through prayer and showing the love of God in how we treat others,

we can perhaps change the mindset to one of love, acceptance, and respect for our fellow man.

Let us continue to reach out to those who are hurting. To those that have lost their way in the teachings of Jesus. To those that need to know that they are loved and are not alone.

God bless.

Father Carl



*"Life is short.
We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those
who walk this way with us.
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind."*

- Henri-Frédéric Amiel





PARISH PRAYER LIST

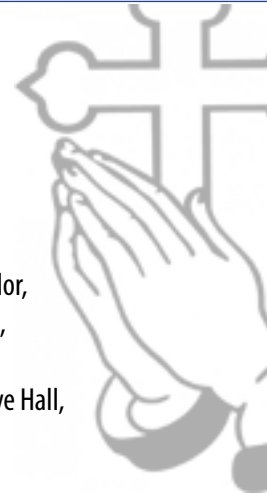
OUR PARISH: Our staff, our vestry and its officers, and our ministries and committees.

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Lloyd Martin; 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 Wauhoh, 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.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Frank & Sara Price

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

YOUR VESTRY

2026: Birgitt Brevard, Sue Flaherty
2027: Ann Dougherty, Barbara Wachter
2028: Marena Konoski, Monica Martin

Monica Martin, *Sr. Warden* 443.235.8942
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 Jackie Carey, *Registrar* 443.735.4275
 Bonnie Rease, *Parish Administrator*
 Tim DeSilver, *Music Minister*
 Kathy Elmer, *Sunday School*



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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2025

- 02/01 Annual Meeting after 9 a.m. Service
Pancake Breakfast
- 02/08 Souper Bowl Sunday Collection
- 02/09 Vestry Meeting 7 p.m.
- 02/15 Hope4Recovery Meeting 4 p.m.
- 02/17 Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper 6 p.m.
Service & Imposition of Ashes 7 p.m.
- 02/18 Ash Wednesday Service Noon
- 02/20 Gathering at Windmill Creek 5 - 7 p.m.
- 02/27 & 28 Diocesan Convention
Princess Royale, Ocean City, Maryland

SAVE THESE DATES FOR MARCH

- 03/01 Bishop Shand Visitation 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Confirmations at 10 a.m. Service

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.





JOIN US AT THE JUNE 19 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 19, 2026
- WHERE:** Arthur W. Perdue Stadium
6400 Hobbs Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804
- WHAT:** **Luxury Suite Night with the Shorebirds!**
DELMARVA Shorebirds vs. Myrtle Beach Pelicans
- DOORS OPEN:** 6:05 p.m.
- GAME TIME:** 7:05 p.m.
- TRANSPORTATION:** On Your Own or Share A Ride
- COST:** **\$40** (all included)
- SIGNUP:** Contact the **Church Office** at **410.723.1973**
or ask a **Vestry Member**
- PAYMENT:** **All payments are due by May 10, 2026**
Make checks out to "Church of the Holy Spirit"



Our Shorebirds Luxury Suite includes:

- Fully Furnished Suite with Television
- Private Restroom
- Limited Refreshments Available
- Balcony Seating with Padded Seat Bottoms
- Inside Window Seats
- 10 Lot A Parking Passes (please share your ride)
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Group Welcome on Videoboard
- Fireworks

Same price for every attendee - no discounts.





158TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EASTON

February 27 - 28, 2026

Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center, Ocean City, Maryland

“Coming Together In Love”

“Let Us Consider How To Encourage One Another In Love And Good Deeds.”
(Hebrews 10:24)

The 158th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton gathers clergy, lay delegates, and faithful members from across Maryland’s Eastern Shore to celebrate our life together in Christ. This sacred time of worship, fellowship, and shared discernment reflects who we are as a community rooted in faith and united in mission.

This year’s theme, **“Coming Together in Love,”** calls us to embrace the transforming power of God’s love as we listen, learn, and labor side by side for the sake of the Gospel. In a world often marked by division, we affirm our call to reconciliation, compassion, and hope — building bridges of understanding and grace within our churches and communities.

We are delighted to gather in person this year at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City, Maryland, where our diocesan family will join in worship, conversation, and collaboration. As the primary governing body of the Diocese, the Annual Convention offers an opportunity to reflect on the past year’s ministry, discern new directions, and make decisions that shape our common life.

We welcome all clergy, delegates, alternates, visitors, and friends to this milestone gathering as we joyfully come together in love to celebrate God’s abundant blessings and renew our commitment to serve Christ in all persons.



We are blessed to welcome **The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry**, former Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, as our special guest for Convention 2026. Renowned for proclaiming the transforming and reconciling power of God’s love, Bishop Curry will join us as the Keynote Speaker at our Friday evening Banquet Dinner and as the Preacher for our Saturday morning Eucharist. The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry served as the 27th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church. Bishop Curry retired in 2024 following more than 40 years of ordained ministry.

For more information and to register, [click here.](#)

If you would like to volunteer for the convention, call the parish office at 410.723.1973.

CLUSTER UPDATES

We continue to take dinner to the Hope4Recovery House on a monthly basis. This month it’s on February 15 and we are on the roster for salad and bread. So if you’d like to bring something that would fit that category of salad and bread, that would be great.



We’re also planning another event at Windmill Creek Winery and Farm Kitchen. The event involves food and wine, not to mention fellowship. The date is February 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. Mark your calendar!

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

OUTREACH UPDATES *(Sue Flaherty)*

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year’s Angel Tree project a success. Boxes of wrapped presents and two bikes were delivered to four area families with a total of 15 children. We provided Food Lion gift cards and treats to each of the families. The parents send their thanks and hugs for the assistance we were able to offer. I only wish that we could have been there to see the smiles on Christmas morning!



A big thank you to Martha Stone, Ann Dougherty, and Monica Martin who helped with wrapping, sorting, and delivering of the gifts, as well as to all those who shopped for gifts and/or contributed funds to make this program a success.

► **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.





FIVE EFFECTIVE TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS:

- **Be Skeptical of Unsolicited Communications:** Always question unexpected calls, emails, or messages, especially those asking for personal information.
- **Never Send Money via Gift Cards or Wire Transfers:** Legitimate businesses will not ask for payment in these forms.
- **Use Strong Passwords and Two-Factor Authentication:** Protect your online accounts with complex passwords and enable two-factor authentication whenever possible.
- **Verify Sources:** If contacted by a company or government agency, independently verify their contact information before responding.
- **Stay Informed About Common Scams:** Regularly educate yourself on the latest scams and tactics used by fraudsters to stay one step ahead.

AVOIDING TAX SCAMS A FACT SHEET ABOUT TAXES

or IRS to find out if you owe tax debt.

Tax Fraud and Scams: Be Aware
 Tax Fraud is all too common these days – and the Comptroller wants to ensure you do not fall victim to scams and fraud.
 There are many types of tax-related fraud and scams to watch out for, but some of the most common include the following:

Tax Preparer Fraud: Taxpayers should be very careful when choosing a tax preparer. While most preparers provide excellent service to their clients, a few unscrupulous return preparers file false and fraudulent tax returns and ultimately defraud their clients. It is important to know that even if someone else prepares your return, you are ultimately responsible for all the information on the tax return. Find more information below.

Tax Refraud: Criminals will use stolen personal information, such as your name and Social Security Number, to file false tax returns. They use the identifying information they have obtained illegally to file a tax return in your name and claim the refund that rightfully belongs to you.

Identity Theft: Identity theft places a burden on its victims and presents a challenge to businesses, organizations and government agencies. Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses your stolen social security number to file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund.

Debt Collection Scams: Persons who are not authorized by the federal IRS or the Comptroller may contact you, usually by telephone or email, and demand immediate payment of tax debt. These criminals sometimes pose as employees of the IRS or the State, or may pretend to be an outside collections agency acting on behalf of the IRS or Comptroller to collect tax debt. If you receive a call – hang up. If you receive an email – delete the email. You can contact the Comptroller

The Comptroller of Maryland: Working to Protect Taxpayers
 The Office of the Comptroller has a rigorous process, sophisticated data processing systems, and trained staff dedicated to the task of detecting and preventing tax refund fraud. Tax refund fraud is often detected when two people file tax returns for the same year using the same name and Social Security Number. As part of our efforts to combat fraud, the Comptroller blocks suspicious tax returns and suspicious tax preparation businesses after being identified by the Comptroller's nationally-recognized fraud unit using state-of-the-art technology. In calendar year 2023, we identified and blocked more than 17,000 fraudulent returns and denied over \$76m worth of fraudulent refunds.

If you have received a letter from the Comptroller of Maryland advising you that an attempt was made to file a fraudulent return:

- It will not affect your valid return.
- We have removed the invalid return from your account.
- We have taken the appropriate steps to place an identity theft indicator on your social security number (and your spouse's, if applicable) to ensure future filings are manually reviewed.

You do NOT need to do anything further with the Comptroller's Office or send any additional documentation. Submission of the IRS Form 14039 Identity Theft Affidavit will delay the processing of your return.

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You can find out more [here](#).





RULE #1 TO AVOID ANY SCAMS: Never give out any personal information over the phone. That includes your name, address, and birthdate. Scammers can use just a little to take a lot!

AVOIDING TAX SCAMS

A FACT SHEET ABOUT TAXES

What To Do If You Suspect You Are A Victim of Fraud or Scams:

If you suspect you have been the victim of fraud, immediately report the issue to the Comptroller's Office by calling **1-800-MD-TAXES (1-800-638-2937)** or **410-260-7980** in Central Maryland.

You will also need to contact the Internal Revenue Service for further information regarding your federal return at 1-800-829-1040 or refer online to www.irs.gov/Individuals/Identity-Protection

The Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit can give you step-by-step advice on how to protect yourself from identity thieves using, or continuing to use, your personal information. Contact the Identity Theft Unit by calling **(410) 576-6491** or by sending an e-mail to idtheft@oag.state.md.us.

We also encourage you to contact the following organizations if you suspect fraud:

- **IRS Identity Theft Department:** irs.gov/identitytheft
- **Federal Trade Commission:** 1-877-438-4338 www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft

Selecting a Reputable Tax Preparer:

There are various types of tax return preparers, including certified public accountants, enrolled agents, attorneys, and many others who don't have a professional credential. You expect your preparer to be skilled in tax preparation and to accurately file your income tax return. You trust him or her with your most personal information and details of your financial life. Most tax return preparers provide outstanding and professional tax services. However, each year,

some taxpayers are hurt financially because they choose the wrong tax return preparer.

Signs your tax preparer may be fraudulent:

- The person doesn't have a Preparer Tax Identification Number, or PTIN. All paid preparers are required to register with the IRS and get a PTIN, which should be included on your tax return.
 - o To check that your preparer is legitimate, go to the IRS to search the "Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications."
 - o Visit the Department of Labor's list of licensed Maryland tax preparers on their website.
- You are asked to sign a blank or partially filled-out tax return, or it is filled out in pencil. Do not sign it as you are liable for the final tax return that is submitted, even if the information is changed after you have signed. Verify that all of the information included on the form is correct before signing.
- You aren't asked to provide a W-2 or other proof of your earnings, deductions or credits.
- Your preparation fee is based on a percentage of your refund. This can lead to a preparer inflating deductions or credits.
- A preparer asks you to pay him or her any taxes or penalties owed. You should always (only) make payments directly to the IRS or Comptroller of Maryland (Agency).

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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

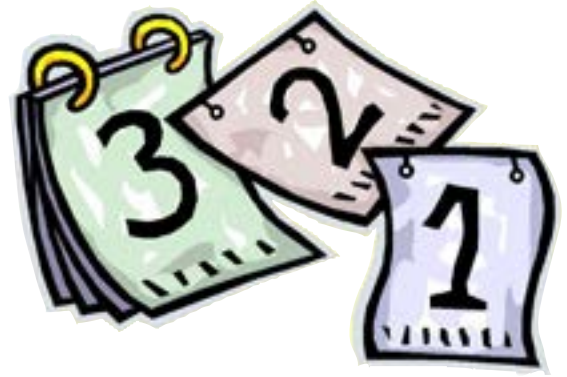





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

8 a.m.

10 a.m.



USHERS/GREETERS

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| 01 | Single Service at 9 a.m. | Phyllis Brian & Ann Dougherty |
| 08 | Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey | Ann & Joe Dougherty |
| 15 | Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey | Joe Dougherty & Marena Konoski |
| 18 | Ash Wednesday at Noon | Birgitt Brevard & Joe Dougherty |
| 22 | Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey | Ann Dougherty & Diane Frombach |

LECTORS

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|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 01 | Single Service at 9 a.m. | Jackie Carey, Marena Konoski,
Monica Martin |
| 08 | Birgitt Brevard | Kate Hemming |
| 15 | Birgitt Brevard | Joe Dougherty |
| 18 | Ash Wednesday at Noon | Birgitt Brevard, Joe Dougherty |
| 22 | Jane DiGirolamo | Diane Frombach |

ACOLYTES

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| 01 | Single Service at 9 a.m. | Jackie Carey |
| 08 | Jackie Carey | Monica Martin |
| 15 | Jackie Carey | Melanie Konoski |
| 18 | Ash Wednesday at Noon | Jackie Carey |
| 22 | Jackie Carey | John Frombach |

CHALICE BEARER

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| 01 | Single Service at 9 a.m. | Jackie Carey |
| 08 | Jackie Carey | Monica Martin |
| 15 | Jackie Carey | Melanie Konoski |
| 18 | Ash Wednesday at Noon | Jackie Carey |
| 22 | Jackie Carey | John Frombach |

ALTAR GUILD

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|-----------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 01 | Single Service at 9 a.m. | Diane Frombach & Barbara Wachter |
| 08 | Sue Flaherty & Monica Martin | |
| 15 | Monica Martin & Barbara Wachter | |
| 17 | Shrove Tuesday at 6 p.m. | Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter |
| 18 | Ash Wednesday at Noon | Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter |
| 22 | Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter | |

COUNTERS

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|----|---------------------------------|
| 01 | Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski |
| 08 | Sue Flaherty & Barbara Wachter |
| 15 | Ann Dougherty & Melanie Konoski |
| 22 | Ann Dougherty & Claudia Quemore |

COFFEE HOUR

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|----|--------------------------|
| 01 | Pancake Breakfast |
| 08 | Marena & Melanie Konoski |
| 15 | Diane Frombach |
| 17 | Pancake Supper |
| 22 | 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.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 EUCHARIST - 9 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING After Service PANCAKE BREAKFAST	2	3	4 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.	5 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.	6	7
8 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. SOUPER BOWL Sunday Collection	9 VESTRY MEETING 7 p.m.	10	11 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.	12 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 
15 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY 4 p.m.	16 PRESIDENTS' DAY 	17 SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper - 6 p.m. Service- 7 p.m.	18 AA MEETING Parish Hall - 6 p.m. ASH WEDNESDAY Service - Noon	19 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.	20 GATHERING AT WINDMILL CREEK 5 - 7 p.m.	21
22 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. FEBRUARY DOVE Content Deadline	23	24	25 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m.	26 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m.	27 DIOCESAN CONVENTION Princess Royale, Ocean City, Maryland	28
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► 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

- 02/07 6TH ANNUAL MAC & CHEESE COOKOFF BENEFIT
- 02/10 STORY TIME AT THE MUSEUM
- 02/12 ART UNCORKED: A DINNER PAIRING ART & WINE
- 02/13 TODDLER TIME AT THE MUSEUM
- 02/14 VALENTINE DINNER DANCE
- 02/14 VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE MUSEUM
- 02/14 WINTER PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
- 02/14 LITTLE EXPLORERS: FOSSILS
- 02/21 FORBIDDEN BROADWAY: GREATEST HITS, VOL. 1 - SAT. SHOWING
- 02/22 FORBIDDEN BROADWAY: GREATEST HITS, VOL. 1 - SUN. SHOWING
- 02/24 TRIVIA NIGHT
- 02/28 TOTS- TO - TEENS: FOSSILS



**WORCESTER COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 2026**

- 02/03 10 A.M. - NOON **Board of Education Work Session**
- 02/04 ALL DAY **Early Dismissal for All Students:
Professional Development**
- 02/16 ALL DAY **Schools/Offices Closed:**
- 02/17 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Presidents' Day
Board of Education Meeting**

MORE INFO ABOUT THESE EVENTS, CLICK [HERE](#)

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





About Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Saint Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: tradition maintains that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry by the Roman emperor; an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution.

The 8th-century Gelasian Sacramentary recorded the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries, when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion for couples to express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. In the 19th century, handmade cards gave way to mass-produced greetings. In Italy, Saint Valentine's keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).

For more information, click [here](#).

About Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday or Pancake Day) is the final day of Shrovetide, which marks the end of the pre-Lenten season. Lent begins the following day with Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is observed in many Christian countries through participating in confession, the ritual burning of the previous year's Holy Week palms, finalizing one's Lenten sacrifice, as well as eating pancakes and other sweets.

Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Western-rite Orthodox Christians, and Roman Catholics, who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with." This moveable feast is determined by the date of Easter. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word shrive, meaning absolution following confession. Christians traditionally visit their church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their soul, thus being shriven (absolved) before the start of Lent.

As this is the last day of the Christian liturgical season historically known as Carnival or Shrovetide, before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one might give up as their Lenten sacrifice for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations. The term Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Many Christian congregations thus observe the day through eating pancakes or, more specifically, the holding of pancake breakfasts, as well as the ringing of church bells to remind people to repent of their sins before the start of Lent. On Shrove Tuesday, churches also burn the palms distributed during the previous year's Palm Sunday liturgies to make the ashes used during the services held on the very next day, Ash Wednesday.

In some Christian countries, especially those where the day is called Mardi Gras or a translation thereof, it is a carnival day, the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent. Additionally, since 1958, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus on Shrove Tuesday.

For more information, click [here](#).





About Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Western Christian denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and marks the first day of Lent: the seven weeks of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving before the arrival of Easter.



Ash Wednesday is observed by Christians of the Catholic, Lutheran, Moravian, Anglican (Episcopalian), and United Protestant denominations, as well as by some churches in the Reformed (including certain Congregationalist, Continental Reformed, and Presbyterian churches), Baptist, Methodist and Nazarene traditions.

Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed with fasting and abstinence from meat in several Christian denominations. As it is the first day of Lent, many Christians begin Ash Wednesday by marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and making a Lenten sacrifice that they will not partake of until the arrival of Eastertide.

Many Christians attend special Ash Wednesday church services at which churchgoers receive ash on their foreheads or the top of their heads, as the wearing of ashes has been a sign of repentance since biblical times. The imposition of ashes is typically done with the sign of the cross, signifying that the recipient is a follower of Jesus. Ash Wednesday derives its name from this practice, in which the words accompany the placement (imposition) of ashes, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations.

Ash Wednesday is observed by numerous denominations within Western Christianity. Latin Church Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and Moravians observe it. Churches in the United Protestant tradition, such as the Church of North India, Church of South India, and United Church of Canada honour Ash Wednesday too.

For more information, click [here](#).

About Good Friday

Good Friday, also known as Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, or Friday of the Passion of the Lord, is a solemn Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary (Golgotha). It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum.



Members of many Christian denominations, including the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican, Methodist, Oriental Orthodox, United Protestant and some Reformed traditions (including certain Continental Reformed, Presbyterian and Congregationalist churches), observe Good Friday with fasting and church services. In many Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican and Methodist churches, the Service of the Great Three Hours' Agony is held from noon until 3 p.m.—the hours the Bible records darkness covering the land until Jesus' death on the cross. In the Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican traditions of Christianity, the Stations of the Cross are prayed in the evening of Good Friday, as with other Fridays of Lent. Communicants of the Moravian Church have a Good Friday tradition of cleaning gravestones in Moravian cemeteries.

The date of Good Friday varies from one year to the next in both the Gregorian and Julian calendars. Eastern and Western Christianity disagree over the computation of the date of Easter and therefore of Good Friday. Good Friday is a widely instituted legal holiday around the world. Some predominantly Christian countries, such as Germany, have laws prohibiting certain acts—public dancing, horse racing—in remembrance of the sombre nature of Good Friday.

The term Good Friday comes from the sense 'pious, holy' of the word good. Less common examples of expressions based on this obsolete sense of good include 'the good book' for the Bible, 'good tide' for Christmas or Shrovetide, and Good Wednesday for the Wednesday in Holy Week. With regard to the usual sense of the word good, "Christians believe that Jesus's death on the cross was the ultimate sacrifice for humanity's sins, saving mankind from death."

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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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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10 a.m.

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The Reverend Carl E. Mosley, *Priest-In-Charge*
Andy E. Diaz Reyes, *Lay Latino Pastor*
Bonnie Rease, *Parish Administrator*
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