

A newsletter from us for all of you.

THE DOVE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

March 2026



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WHEN THE POWER OF LOVE OVERCOMES THE LOVE OF POWER, THE WORLD WILL KNOW PEACE

- Jimi Hendrix

Jimi Hendrix, the legendary musician, once said, “When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.” This quote is a powerful reminder of the essential role love plays in creating a harmonious and peaceful world. Hendrix not only highlights the issue of individuals being driven by the love of power but also offers a profound solution — to let the power of love prevail. At its core, this quote emphasizes the need to prioritize love and compassion over the desire for power and control. It suggests that when people are motivated by genuine love for one another and the world around them, peace can be achieved. Love, in this context, goes beyond romantic or familial love; it encompasses empathy, kindness, and understanding for all living beings. The significance of Hendrix’s quote lies in its ability to challenge the conventional notions of power that often lead to conflict and suffering. Throughout history, humankind has witnessed countless instances where the love of power has brought destruction, pain, and division. Whether on a global scale through wars waged by power-hungry leaders or on a personal level through relationships of dominance and manipulation, the love of power has consistently hindered the realization of true peace.

Read more [here...](#)

Inspired by The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry’s sermon. See more on pages 8-9.

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

- Matthew 22, 34-40

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Read more [here...](#)





PARISH PRAYER LIST

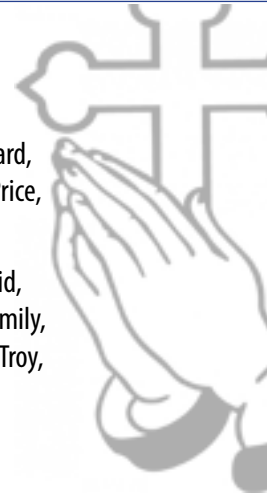
OUR PARISH: Our staff, our vestry and its officers, and our ministries and committees.

OUR PARISH FAMILY: Claudia Quemore, Jack Panuska, 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, Rochelle Desimone, Katherine Wauhoh, Victoria DeSilver, Jane Florentino, Jane, Cris, Carol Lee Hensyl

OUR EXTENDED FAMILY: 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.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

| | | | |
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| 01 | Bill Mowell | 18 | Elliana Arauz |
| 05 | Alex DeSilver | 22 | Marshall Van de Wyngaerde |
| 06 | Shianne Martin | 25 | Michael Konoski |
| 12 | Andy Diaz | 31 | Kate Hemming |
| 15 | Birgitt Brevard | | |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| 17 | Skip & Jackie Carey |
| 17 | Marti McNiff & Suzi Windemuth |

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

YOUR VESTRY

2026: Marena Konoski, Monica Martin
2027: Ann Dougherty, Barbara Wachter
2028: Alex DeSilver, Sue Flaherty

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|---|--------------|
| 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 2026

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|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 03/01 | Bishop Shand Visitation | 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. |
| | Confirmations at 10 a.m. Service | |
| 03/08 | Daylight Saving Time | |
| 03/09 | Vestry Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| 03/15 | Hope4Recovery Meeting | 4 p.m. |
| 03/17 | St. Patrick's Day | |
| 03/29 | Palm Sunday | 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. |

SAVE THESE DATES FOR APRIL

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| 04/02 | Maundy Thursday | 7 p.m. |
| 04/03 | Good Friday | Noon |
| | Stations of the Cross | |
| 04/05 | Easter Sunday | 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. |
| | Easter Egg Hunt After 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.



2026 Easter for Hope4Recovery

The Ocean Cluster will be collecting items to put in Easter bags for residents of Hope4Recovery House (H4R). H4R is a residential treatment facility in Berlin for men in recovery from addiction. We have been taking them meals on a monthly basis for years, but we also give them goodies at Christmas and Easter.

This year we are looking for socks and non-liquid toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, chapstick, razors, and the like). Many arrive with nothing, so what we can provide is very welcome. And for fun, Easter candy! Not to mention games and other amusements, such as adult coloring books and colored pencils, for the house.

We will start collecting on March 1. We plan to fill and deliver the bags on March 26, the last day to contribute would be March 22.

If you would like to participate but don't want to shop, monetary donations are always welcome.

For more information, call Jackie at 443.735.4275.



PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS

If the Post Office has done its job, you have gotten or will soon be getting a **card asking you to pray for another parishioner during Lent**. The other half of the story is that someone got (or will get) a card asking them to pray for you.

This is a project the Ocean Cluster of churches has undertaken in Lent for several years. The selection of who prays for whom is random, but it will be a member of Church of the Holy Spirit. The prayer can be as simple or as complex as you like. It can be as simple as "O God, please bless N (the person you are praying for)." If you know of a special need your person has, you could certainly mention that. **And remember that someone is praying for you.**



WHO DOESN'T LIKE FUN!

As you can see from the pictures, we had a blast. There were about 26 of us, but Windmill Creek had the room set up so that no one felt cramped and there was space to move around. It was cozy but not stifling. The wait staff could not have been more pleasant and helpful, especially considering how many of us there were. Lots of people from Holy Spirit (we do like a good party!) and quite a few from St. Paul's Berlin. There was plenty of good food, talk, laughter and fellowship.

For more information, call Jackie at 443.735.4275.





A VALENTINE'S DAY SURPRISE FOR THE CLUSTER

We continue to take dinner to the Hope4Recovery (H4R) House on a monthly basis. In February, we delivered a late lunch on Sunday, the 15th. We were excited about the food we were delivering: short ribs, au gratin potatoes, antipasto salads, fresh baked breads, Oreo cookies, and a bowl of deliciously whipped-up dessert.



However, the surprise was given by the H4R residents to us - a sweet yellow sheet cake and Valentine's cards for all of us. What a wonderful gesture! And, as you can imagine, we truly enjoyed the wonderful food together with our friends at the Hope4Recovery House. **This was the perfect closing for a Sunday!**

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

(Photos below are of volunteers, NOT residents.)



► "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY SCORE

The collections for the annual **gLOVEs** and **Souper Bowl Sunday** drives were absolutely amazing, despite the weather and church closings in January!

Church of the Holy Spirit volunteers shared your very generous donations with five food pantries, covering all local communities. Thanks to your support, we provided items to the food pantries at Saint Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in South Ocean City, Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in North Ocean City, Diakonia in West Ocean City, Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin, and The Community Church in Ocean Pines!





▶ 2026 ANNUAL MEETING



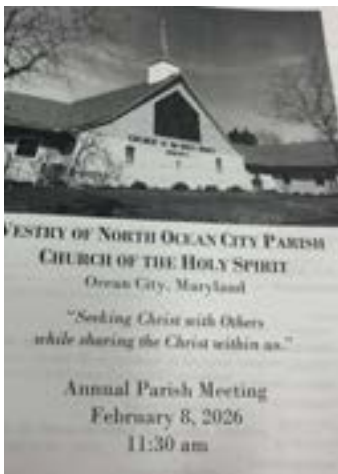
The 2026 annual meeting was held on Sunday February 8 after a single service and pancake breakfast. Fr. Carl Mosley called the annual meeting to order and opened with a prayer. Registrar Jackie Carey certified that we had a quorum.

Bonnie Rease and Claudia Quemore were elected as alternate delegates for the 2027 convention, which means they will be the delegates for the 2028 convention. **Alex DeSilver and Sue Flaherty** were elected to the vestry for term 2026-2028.

Attendees received reports on registry, treasury, budget, senior warden, junior warden, property, Sunday school, outreach, mission cluster, fundraising, fellowship, stewardship, and communication. **One young lady went above and beyond:** Marena Konoski created a beautiful PowerPoint presentation about us and our activities here at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

The 2026 annual meeting clearly displayed that the Church of the Holy Spirit continues to be a productive and loving church, defined by a balance of servant-hearted humility and strategic direction.

For questions or a copy of the annual meeting report, contact the parish office at 410.723.1973.



▶ **SHARE THE RIDE RESOURCE** *(Melanie Konoski)*

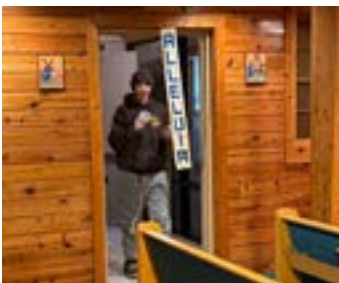
I would like to create a **Share the Ride** resource for any parishioner in need. If you need a ride to and from church each or any Sunday, **reach out to Melanie Konoski at 443.497.2163**. Also, if any parishioner would like to provide transportation to and from church each Sunday, please contact Melanie Konoski.





► SHROVE TUESDAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a pancake dinner, joyfully feasting and making noise in preparation for Lent, focusing on "shriving" (confession and absolution).



► ASH WEDNESDAY AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19).





We Came - We Listened - We Learned

Attending for COTHS were Father Carl Mosley (the boss), Birgitt & Rudolph Brevard (delegates, photographer, altar transport), Marena & Melanie Konoski (alternates), Ann and Joe Dougherty, Barbara Wachter, Marena & Melanie Konoski (greeters, ushers, chalice bearers), Christopher & Steve Martin (they made lifting the altar look easy), Dave (a friend of the Brevards who came running to help lift the altar onto the truck), Tom DiGirolamo (altar pick-up support)

On **February 27 and 28**, clergy, lay delegates, and faithful members from across Maryland's Eastern Shore gathered for the **158th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton** to celebrate life together in Christ. This year we came together at the **Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City, Maryland**.

The theme, **"Coming Together in Love,"** called 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. Staff and volunteers from the Diocese of Easton and other parishes worked hard to provide attendees with necessary materials and tech support.

DAY ONE started with Morning Prayer and two Business Sessions that included: Report from the Standing Committee, 2026 Budget Presentation & Adoption, Treasurer's Report, Board of Managers' Report, and Dispatch of Business with Announcements.

After lunch, we all convened for Plenary Sessions on Embracing Mutual Reconciliations. We were introduced to **"Mutual Invitation & Listening Without Feedback"** - which is a communication method that ensures everyone has the opportunity to speak in a group setting. In this approach, no one has more authority than anyone else; each participant is invited to share their thoughts, and after doing so, they have the privilege to invite the next speaker. This method fosters an inclusive environment where all voices are valued. As a way to practice this conversation method, we were asked to answer three questions regarding Lectio Divina (Isaiah 58: 9b-12).

After that, the Discernment Committee reported on actions, milestones, activities, progress, next steps, and more. This was followed by a report from the Steering Committee for Healing and Reconciliation; and a table conversation with five questions to provide feedback to the Steering Committee and the Diocesan Convention. For example: How were we feeling about their efforts now vs. a year ago? **At this time the Church of the Holy Spirit showed up!** We recorded honestly and truthfully, asking for clear, concise, and direct communication. Notes from all participants were collected at the end of this session.

After closing prayer, we left and came back together for a 5 p.m. reception, followed by a Banquet with **Keynote Speaker The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry**, former Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. For his full bio, read [here](#)...



His powerful message was: **"Take time to heal! Wilderness is a season, often a temporary, challenging, and lonely period of testing, refining, and spiritual growth, designed to break, shape, and prepare for a new, purposeful phase."**



DAY TWO started with breakfast and 9 a.m. Convention Eucharist - a beautiful and moving service with the most uplifting sermon, given by The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry. He shared stories from his childhood highlighting how his parents and grandmother were key figures in his upbringing. He reminded us of the most important commandment, **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."** This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **"Love your neighbor as yourself."**





He also told us that Jimi Hendrix once said, **“When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.”**

After the service, we had to get back to the business of the Diocese. This included announcements and presentations by Camp Wright, Children’s Home Foundation, Green Hill Church, and Rising Generations. After that, more information about General Convention Resolutions, Constitution & Canon Resolutions and Debate. Then we were provided another sumptuous lunch.

The last orders of business included more Debates, Courtesy Resolutions, and Announcements. Information regarding next year’s 159th Conventions were not available. Details are still being discussed. After the Concluding Prayer it was “Gavel Down!” End of the 158th Convention. **Certainly an inspiring, mind provoking, and strongly recommended event .**

Detailed information can be found [here...](#)



More about the altar in the April edition of the Dove.





► CANDY FOR EASTER EGGS

This year's Easter Egg Hunt is on April 5 after the 10 a.m. service and we would like to sweeten the hunt.

Please donate small wrapped candy to fit inside the eggs.

A basket for the donations will be placed in the back of the church in March.

For questions, ask Kathy Elmer, our Sunday School teacher.



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*
- 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 Included
- 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.





YOUR SCHEDULE FOR MARCH



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

USHERS/GREETERS

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| 01 | Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey | Melanie Konoski & Phyllis Brian |
| 08 | Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey | Ann & Joe Dougherty |
| 15 | Jackie Carey | Joe Dougherty & Melanie Konoski |
| 22 | Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey | Ann Dougherty & Marena Konoski |
| 29 | Birgitt Brevard & Jackie Carey | Joe Dougherty & Monica Martin |

LECTORS

| | | |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|
| 01 | Tom DiGirolamo | Melanie Konoski |
| 08 | Birgitt Brevard | Kate Hemming |
| 15 | Jane DiGirolamo | Joe Dougherty |
| 22 | Tom DiGirolamo | Marena Konoski |
| 29 | Birgitt Brevard | Monica Martin |

ACOLYTES

| | | |
|----|----------------|-----------------|
| 01 | Tom DiGirolamo | Diane Frombach |
| 08 | Jackie Carey | Monica Martin |
| 15 | Jackie Carey | Marena Konoski |
| 22 | Tom DiGirolamo | Melanie Konoski |
| 29 | Jackie Carey | John Frombach |

CHALICE BEARER

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| 01 | Jackie Carey | Diane Frombach |
| 08 | Jackie Carey | Monica Martin |
| 15 | Jackie Carey | Marena Konoski |
| 22 | Jackie Carey | Melanie Konoski |
| 29 | Jackie Carey | John Frombach |

ALTAR GUILD

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|----|-----------------------------------|
| 01 | Jane DiGirolamo & Barbara Wachter |
| 08 | Monica Martin & Diane Frombach |
| 15 | Monica Martin & Barbara Wachter |
| 22 | Sue Flaherty & Diane Frombach |
| 29 | Jane DiGirolamo & Barbara Wachter |

COUNTERS

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| 01 | Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski |
| 08 | Ann Dougherty & Barbara Wachter |
| 15 | Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski |
| 22 | Ann Dougherty & Claudia Quemore |
| 29 | Sue Flaherty & Melanie Konoski |

COFFEE HOUR

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| 01 | Pancake Breakfast |
| 08 | Marena & Melanie Konoski |
| 15 | Diane Frombach |
| 22 | Monica Martin |
| 29 | Marena & Melanie Konoski |

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (Melanie S. Konoski)

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

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a distribution from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. You must be age 70½ or older to make a qualified charitable distribution, which is not taxed and does not get included in your taxable income.

If you qualify, QCDs can also count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) that anyone age 73 or older must meet each year if they have a traditional IRA. Also important: You don't have to itemize on your tax return to take advantage of a QCD.

To see if you meet the qualifications to process a QCD, please contact your tax preparer or your financial advisor. This may be a good opportunity for you to satisfy your pledge or make a one-time donation to benefit you and the church.





March

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. Bishop Shand Visits Both Services Confirmations at 10 a.m. | 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. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  | 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 |
| 15 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. HOPE4RECOVERY 4 p.m. | 16 | 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY  | 18 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m. | 19 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. | 20 | 21 |
| 22 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. APRIL DOVE Content Deadline | 23 | 24 | 25 AA MEETING Parish Hall 6 p.m. | 26 AA MEETING Parish Hall 7 p.m. | 27 | 28 |
| 29 EUCHARIST 8 & 10 a.m. PALM SUNDAY | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

▶ 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

- 03/04 HADES TOWN
- 03/05-08 OC FILM FESTIVAL
- 03/05 PATTON OSWALT: EFFERVESCENT
- 03/14 ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MARCH 2026

- 03/04 ALL DAY **Early Dismissal for Students: Professional Development**
- 02/17 5:30 - 8 p.m. **Board of Education Meeting**

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

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





About the Star-Spangled Banner

On March 3, 1931, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution (46 Stat. 1508) making the Star-Spangled Banner the official national anthem of the United States, which President Herbert Hoover signed into law.

The lyrics come from the "Defence of Fort M'Henry", a poem written by American lawyer Francis Scott Key on September 14, 1814, after he witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry by the British Royal Navy during the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the large U.S. flag, with 15 stars and 15 stripes, known as the Star-Spangled Banner, flying triumphantly above the fort after the battle.

The poem was set to the music of a popular British song written by John Stafford Smith for the Anacreontic Society, a gentlemen's club in London. Smith's song, "The Anacreontic Song", with various lyrics, was already popular in the United States. This setting, renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner", soon became a popular patriotic song. With a range of 19 semitones, it is known for being very difficult to sing, in part because the melody sung today is the soprano part. Although the poem has four stanzas, typically only the first is performed with the other three being rarely sung.

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

About Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time is a system for uniformly advancing clocks, so as to extend daylight hours during conventional waking time in the summer months. In countries in the Northern Hemisphere, clocks are usually set ahead one hour in late March or in April and are set back one hour in late October or November.

The practice was first suggested in a whimsical essay by Benjamin Franklin in 1784. In 1907 an Englishman, William Willett, campaigned for setting the clock ahead by 80 minutes in four moves of 20 minutes each during April and the reverse in September. In 1909 the British House of Commons rejected a bill to advance the clock by one hour in the spring and return to Greenwich Mean Time in the autumn.

Several countries, including Australia, Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, adopted summer Daylight Saving Time during World War I to conserve fuel by reducing the need for artificial light. During World War II clocks were kept continuously advanced by an hour in some countries—e.g., in the United States from February 9, 1942, to September 30, 1945; and England used "double summer time" during part of the year, advancing clocks two hours from Standard Time during the summer and one hour during the winter months.

In the United States, Daylight Saving Time formerly began on the last Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October. In 1986 the U.S. Congress passed a law that, beginning the following year, moved up the start of Daylight Saving Time to the first Sunday in April but kept its end date the same. In 2007 Daylight Saving Time changed again in the United States, as the start date was moved to the second Sunday in March and the end date to the first Sunday in November. In most of the countries of western Europe, Daylight Saving Time starts on the last Sunday in March and ends on the last Sunday in October.

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





About St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is the feast day of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.



WHY IS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATED ON MARCH 17TH?

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 because, according to legend, it marks the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. While the exact date of his death isn't known, by the time he died, perhaps in 461, he had significantly influenced the religious landscape of the country.

Initially, St. Patrick's Day was a religious feast day in Ireland, marked by church services and feasts. However, Irish immigrants, particularly in the United States, transformed it into a more secular celebration. This shift included parades, the wearing of green, and other festivities that highlighted Irish culture and heritage. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762.



In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day remains a religious occasion, often observed with prayers for peace. However, the secular aspects of the celebration, including parades, have been adopted in Ireland as well, largely to attract tourists. The holiday has become a global celebration of Irish culture, with people of all backgrounds participating in the festivities.

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





ABOUT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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| March | 1968 | Ground broken for the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. |
| June 23 | 1968 | First service, the Rev William R. Dewees rector; one service average; attendance 33. |
| July 14 | 1968 | Building dedicated and blessed. |
| Sept. 1 | 1968 | Last service for the first year. Building completed in fall. |
| June - August | 1969 | Same as previous year. |
| | 1970-75 | Two services held each Sunday. June-first Sunday of September. Some of the priests were William Dewees, Elmer Baker, L. Barton, Edward Bushong. Average attendance 45. |
| May 30-Sept 5 | 1976 | Two services (more at 8.) Priests: Walt Reuschling and N. Acton. Average attendance 66. Steeple added. |
| May 29-Sept.18 | 1977 | Two services. Priests: N. Acton and L Barton. Average attendance 95 (again, more at 8.) |
| May 28-Sept 17 | 1978 | Two services. Vicar Walt Reuschling. Average attendance about 95. About equal attendance at services. |
| | 1979 thru 1984 | Pattern about the same as 1979. Attendance increases gradually to about 110, flags and fair linens dedicated in 1979 and mid-week prayer service added in 1984. |
| May 26 | 1985 | Chapel becomes a year-round mission and John Wright is the vicar. Two services May thru Oct. Attendance about 97. One service Oct. thru Dec. Attendance about 71. |
| | 1986 | One service Jan thru May and Sept thru Dec. Two services May thru Sept. John Wright vicar. John Wright completes 21 months of service, June 1985 to Feb. 1987 |
| | 1987 | One service winter months, two in summer. John Wright, John Hurd, and Norbert served as priests. Average attendance drops to 50s. December 1 – Full time Vicar Larry Hill begins service. |
| | 1988 | Two services in the summer: Saturday evening at 6 p.m. and one on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Attendance begins to build to average 66. |
| | 1989 | Average attendance 89 in 1989. Trailer used for Sunday School. |
| | 1990 | Average attendance 103 October 1 - parish hall dedicated. |
| Jan. 25 | 1991 | Chapel receives parish status and is called Church of the Holy Spirit. Two services for longer time of the year. Average attendance 154. |
| | 1992 | Continued growth - average attendance 178. |
| | 1993 | Fall of 1993: Additions begin to church and parish hall. |
| | 1994 | New additions dedicated in March. Father Nickerson and Father Larry Hill serve as priests. Two services year-round. Average attendance 166. |
| | 1995 | Larry Hill leaves as rector in Nov. and Father Nickerson fills in. |
| June 17 | 1996 | Ronald Robinson begins as new Rector. Average attendance 124. |
| | 1997 | R. Robinson rector. Two services, one midweek on Wed. Average attendance 151. |
| | 1998 | R. Robinson rector. Two Sunday services. Average attendance 165. |
| Jan.17 | 1999 | R. Robertson's last service and now only one service with Graham Rowley or Richard Swartout. Average attendance drops to 96. |
| | 2000 | Rev. Philip Houghton becomes rector May 7 and serves until Oct. 29. Rev Bill Truitt begins services on Nov. 5. Only one service during this year. Average attendance 84. |
| | 2001 | Easter Sunday begins two services. Rev. Truitt serves thru May. Father Bryan Glancey and Father Ken Thom (priests from SPBTS) begin serving in June. Average attendance 92. |
| | 2002 | Father Bryan Glancey and Father Ken Thom continue to serve. Average attendance 96. |
| | 2003 | Father Walt Reuschling begins serving Jan.26. Average attendance at the two services 100. Father Glenn A. Duffy called as rector and begins services June 1. Average attendance 109. |
| | 2004 | Father Glenn A. Duffy, rector. Average attendance grows to 145. |
| | 2005 | Father Glenn A. Duffy, rector. Mortgage paid off for parish house and church additions in June. Average attendance 121. |
| | 2006 | Average attendance 126. |
| | 2007 | Parishioner since 2000, Carl Mosley ordained as deacon by the Rt. Rev. James Shand, Bishop of Easton; Average attendance 112. |
| | 2008 | 900 sq. ft. addition for new kitchen started. Average attendance 108. |
| | 2009 | Average attendance 101. |
| | 2010 | Kitchen completed. Average attendance 101. |
| | 2011 | Average Attendance 101. |
| | 2012 | After completing seminary and a Master's Degree from 2008-2011 through the Nashotah House in Wisconsin, Deacon Carl Mosely ordained a priest by the Rt. Rev. James Shand, Bishop of Easton. Barry Neville of St. Paul's Berlin served at Holy Spirit from Jun.-Dec. as part of his educational program to become an ordained deacon. Average attendance 95. |
| | 2013 | After serving as assistant priest at Holy Spirit and supply priest in the Diocese of Easton, Father Carl Mosley was appointed to St. Mary's in Bridgeville, Delaware. Average attendance 96. |
| | 2014 | Father Glenn A. Duffy retires after the December 7th annual meeting. Father G. Allen LaMontagne begins serving as priest-in-charge on Dec.14. Average attendance 84. |
| | 2015 | Parishioner since October 2014, Deacon Sherry Snyder begins service in June. Average attendance 74. |
| | 2016 | Father G. Allen LaMontagne retires on September 30. The Reverend Doctor Mark Cyr is brought in as Interim Rector on November 1. Average attendance 75 |
| October 1 | 2017 | The Reverend Joseph Michael Rushton becomes rector. |
| January 21 | 2018 | Welcoming a new rector & renewal of ministry service with Bishop Santosh Kumar Marray April 22. 50th Anniversary Celebration. |
| September | 2023 | Reverend Alisha M. King joins Reverend Joseph Michael Rushton as Deacon-In-Residence and serves until November 2025. |
| February | 2025 | Father Joseph Rushton retires and Father Carl Mosley is appointed Priest-In-Charge. |



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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*
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