



THE DOVE

April 2020

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

During the State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Virus:

Sunday Services, Sunday School, and all Events at the Church are Cancelled

Calls to the Parish Office will be forwarded to Father Rushton

**The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
The Reverend Joseph Rushton, Rector
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“Seeking Christ With Others While Sharing The Christ Within Us”



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From the Rector

My Dear Church of the Holy Spirit Family,

It has been nearly three weeks since we have been able to gather as a church family and I have sorely missed you. We can pray on our own or with our family and households. I find this as a necessary substitute for our typical way of being a church family.



This past Sunday, March 29 2020, we were happy to be able to share with you a recorded service of Morning Prayer. This is a practice Father Matthew D’Amario (Rector, St. Paul’s by-the-Sea) and I plan to continue, while seeking additional ways of being present with our congregations.

Holy Week including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday are less than a week away and plans for “Virtual Services” are in progress.

During this week I plan to begin to experiment with virtual gatherings via ZOOM, a computer application where we can join each other from our computers, tablets or mobile phones. This is a free service (like FaceTime). Learn a bit about ZOOM. <https://zoom.us/>

PLEASE STAY SAFE

PLEASE STAY HOME (as much as possible)

PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

PLEASE KNOW THAT I CAN BE REACHED AT ANY TIME BY PHONE 410-279-2582.

**In Christ,
Father Rushton**



The Dove welcomes comments, suggestions, and articles.
Contact Katie or Terry at 410-641-6326 or TheDove@sprynet.com

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Parish Family: Lloyd Martin, Jack Panuska, Tinker Dennis, Alice Jones,
Miriam Murphy, Alex Strebe, Richard Taylor



Our Extended Family: Margo Cahill, Dick Winkler, Karl, Sawyer, Chuck Evans, Nancy Meadows, Kim Whaley, Ann Ezzo,
Robert Vaughan, The Numbers Family, Regina Eckard, Mike Brian, Charles Spanninger III,
Joan Faulkner, Dottie Meadows, Scott Whaley, Raymond LaManque, Kenneth Pickell,
Diana Hess-Fisher, David C., Lisa Walker, Michael Labonte, Gen Haller, Claude Ricar, Sharon,
John Snyder, Jeff, Kathy, Patti, Ann O'Donnell, Tim, Cara, Analise, Katherine DeSilver, Ruth

For The Deceased: Ed Owings



Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

04/02 Joe Rushton

04/20 Suzi Windemuth

04/17 Bonnie Morison

April Anniversaries

04/22 Cathy & Lee Evans

04/22 Monica & Lloyd Martin

04/25 Lynda & Jonathan Cook

*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, we are very sorry!
Please notify the church office with the appropriate date so we can update our files.*

	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Income	\$7,681	\$18,655	\$15,645	\$102,400
Expenses	\$10,451	\$20,476	\$21,138	\$119,360
Net Income/Loss	(\$2,770)	(\$1,821)	(\$5,493)	(\$16,960)



Prayers and Thanksgivings in the Book of Common Prayer

Prayer #3 - For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:
Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love;
and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth;
that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer #9 - For Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift:
Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge,
the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.
Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Easter Sunday Prayer – (from *Living-Prayers.com*)

**O Lord, How amazing is your love, a love that overcomes, endures and redeems.
How astounding is your life, a life that sustains, heals and creates.
How awesome is your hope, a hope that promises, restores and inspires.
How absorbing is your truth, a truth that releases, changes and rebuilds.**



**How we worship you, as we remember the moment when your love conquered.
When out of the cave of sorrow Jesus arose to release forgiveness to the world.
And each time we encounter this resurrection day we are again lifted to an eternal place.
Our sin, brokenness and darkness fall away and your light and peace flood our lives.
How we thank you for this incredible celebration we call Easter. Amen.**

The Church of the Holy Spirit – Pledge Offerings

Fellow Parishioners,

As the Church of the Holy Spirit leadership considers alternative ways to engage our parish during this extraordinary time, the business of the church continues. Some of our expenses will decrease due to the suspension of traditional services inside the church, but many of our monthly expenses will continue such as some payroll and all utility costs.

During this time of suspended church activities, you may mail your pledge offerings to the church at the address below as you are able. We appreciate your continued support as we navigate these unusual circumstances.

Remember, Father Rushton is available to speak with you any time as you need. He can be reached by calling the church office at 410-723-1973 or his cell phone at 410-279-2582.

Thank you.

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The Church of the Holy Spirit – The Pastoral Care Team



Please contact Father Rushton at 410-279-2582 if you know of a parishioner who is ill or in the hospital. A member of the Pastoral Care Team can reach out and they will be included in the Prayer Chain.

If you are interested in being part of the Pastoral Care Team or the Prayer Chain, you can reach Alisha King at 410-845-8842 or Kay Saxon at 410-641-8438.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8	9 Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 Vestry 7p	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	