

The Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit

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Our Vision

We are a parish inspired by the call of the Holy Spirit to be a caring and welcoming family growing in faith. We cherish everyone's gifts and are witnesses of Jesus in our community.



Our Mission

CCHS is a parish community whose clergy, staff, parishioners and ministries are committed to following Christ as disciples. Our focus is on Evangelization, Social Justice and Youth Ministry.

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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



Welcome

We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the Eucharist. We invite you to become part of our parish family. Please fill out a Parish Registration form, which can be found on our website, www.holyspiritweb.org, and return it to the parish office. We're so glad you're here, and we hope that you will come back again.



Christmas Mass Schedule has changed.
Please see page 3

Please Note - Incense will be used
at all weekend Masses throughout Advent

Mass Schedule & Worship Sites

Saturday

4:00 PM Mullica Hill PC

Sunday

Social Distancing Protocol

Registration Required

www.holyspiritweb.org

8:00 AM Mullica Hill PC

9:00 AM Woodstown PC

2 Lamplighter Drive • Woodstown

10:30 AM Mullica Hill PC

10:30 is Live Streamed

YouTube - cchs mullica hill nj

Daily Masses

9:00 AM M, W & F (MHPC)
and Live Streamed

7:30 AM T, TH (WPC)

Confessions

After 9:00 AM Mass on Monday

Office Locations and Hours

Parish Office

Located in Mullica Hill

856-478-2294 x1002

Office Hours

M - TH: 9:00 AM - Noon & 1- 4 PM

F: Closed

Faith Formation Office

Located in Mullica Hill Parish Center

856-478-9694

Monday—Thursday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

OUR PARISH

Serving Our Parish Community

Rev. Michael Field
Pastor

Rev. Joseph Pham
Parochial Vicar

Dr. Joseph Webb
Deacon Joe

Robert Fanelli
Deacon Bob
Parish Manager
856-478-2294; x 1004

Teresa Ruehlickie
Office Manager; x1002

Felicia Mitchell
Bookkeeper; x 1006

Jim Rementer
Director of Liturgy & Music; x 1003

Fran DeMarzio
Faith Formation Coordinator; x 2004

Faye Botto
Admin Asst - Faith Formation; x2002

office@holyspiritweb.org



Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be received in the office by **Wednesday, 10 days prior** to the weekend of publication.

They may be e-mailed to office@holyspiritweb.org.

Bulletin Insert - Requests must be forwarded to the office three weeks *in advance* of the desired publication date.

Once approval is given, the requesting group will be responsible for putting the inserts into the bulletins.

Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is currently being offered on Monday morning following the 9am Mass in the Mullica Hill Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office to let us know that you would like to receive the Sacrament.

Baptism

Baptism Request Forms are available at www.holyspiritweb.org. A Baptism Preparation Workshop held on the 1st Sunday of the month, must be scheduled by the parents. Please call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms are currently being celebrated one family at a time each weekend following the 4pm Mass on Saturday and following the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday in the Mullica Hill Parish Center.

Marriage

Please call the parish office for an appointment at least one year before the wedding to begin preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process designed for adults interested in becoming Catholic and adults who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation.

Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick

If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or be visited by an Extraordinary Minister to receive Communion, please call the parish office.



3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

How many times when you were growing up did your parents tell you to do something that you didn't want to do? Perhaps you would start grumbling and resisting, but then they would say to you "Do as you're told". So off you would go to do what you were told, probably not very happy about it and definitely not sensing the urge to rejoice. Now, imagine how you would feel if the same scenario happened to you as an adult. Would you willingly fulfill your responsibility?

If you are familiar with the Scriptural stories of Isaiah, Mary, and Paul, then you know that none of them asked God for the responsibilities He gave them. Isaiah was sent by God to bring His message to the Jews returning from exile in Babylon; Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel who told her she would conceive through the Holy Spirit; Paul was knocked to the ground and made blind on his way to Damascus before becoming a missionary to the Gentiles. Granted, we don't exactly know their initial thoughts, but today's readings clearly state how they reacted to God's command. Isaiah said "I rejoice heartily in the Lord...," Mary, in her beautiful response known as the Magnificat, said, "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior;" and St. Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians said, "Rejoice always." The common word, as you can see, is "rejoice." How appropriate these readings are, because today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is Gaudete Sunday, the Latin word which means "rejoice."

Through our Baptism, we are each given the responsibility to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to serve the people of God. Do we grumble about it or do we rejoice in the Lord? Some of you might look at the Gospel and say "John didn't sound like he was rejoicing." True, John was a different personality, but he willingly spread the message that gave everyone cause to rejoice: the coming of the Messiah. So must we. Gaudete!

***May Our Loving God and Father Abundantly Bless You!
Deacon Bob***



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council is looking for two new members. If you are interested, please contact the parish office,

**Noteworthy Items**

1. Carpet Replacement in MHPG (Catholic Strong)
Estimates are in, awaiting Diocesan approval
2. Energy Savings Program:
Estimates are in, awaiting Diocesan approval

LECTORS**The Word of God**

Zoom, December 15th and 17th from 7-9pm. Call the Parish Office if you have questions or would like an Application Form.

INTERESTED IN BEING A LECTOR

The Diocese is providing Virtual Lector Training on

**INTERESTED IN BEING AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Diocese is providing Virtual Training December 15th
7:00—9:00 PM

Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions or would like an Application.

BEREAVEMENT-SUPPORT MINISTRY

- Are you a good listener?
- Do you have good communication skill?
- Would you send a note or call someone?
- Would you make dinner for a family or a widow or widower?

We are in the beginning stages of forming a Bereavement Ministry and need your help. Please contact me if you are interested in any aspect of this rewarding Ministry.

Faye Botto 856-478-9694 ext. 2002
fbotto@holyspiritweb.org

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE B

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Advent • John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sharing the Gospel

People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success thanks to all of you. Without your generosity we would have not been able to feed so many families. Thank you for making those families have a memorable Thanksgiving.



"Challenging Minds, Building Faith"

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The students, faculty, and staff are getting into a nice rhythm at St. Michael the Archangel Regional School.

If you know of a child that would like to experience first-hand how we are fulfilling our mission of "**Challenging Minds, Building Faith**" our school does have a few seats remaining. We are also looking to expand our PreK-3 program, where children can attend half days or full days, two to five days a week. Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our school family.

God Bless,
Kelly Riordan, Advancement Director 856-881-0067x213



GLoucester CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

- Private Tours of Gloucester Catholic** for prospective students occur every day". If you would like to schedule a tour please email Mr. Tom Flynn at tflynn@gchsrams.org in the Admissions.

- Attention Gloucester Catholic Alumni** We want to make sure that you are receiving all our print publications and email communications. If you are not, we would ask you that you take a moment to update your information by visiting the secure link on our webpage:

<https://app.etapestry.com/.../GloucesterCat.../gcalumni.html>

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Please contact GC at gchartsnews@gchsrams.org to share your GOOD NEWS for future editions of Ramblings.

Once a Ram always a Ram!

Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.
We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.

OCTOBER 2020 ♦ STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Collected:	\$ 52,494
Budgeted:	\$ 62,124
Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (9,630)

YTD Collection:	\$ 216,630
YTD Budgeted:	\$ 246,964
YTD Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (30,334)



Please consider e-giving. Log on to www.holyspiritweb.org and click the e-giving link to sign up today!

Thank You to those who have already chosen to enroll in e-giving. Special thanks to those who remember the parish in their will.

Fiscal Year: July 1 - June 30

Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit

You, our parish family, have always been very generous in supporting our church. We realize these past few months have been difficult and many have lost their jobs and income.

If you are able to help our parish, we ask that you continue your financial offering by giving electronically, or by mailing your check to the parish. Your offerings are vital to the lifeblood of our church. More information can be found on the parish website: www.holyspiritweb.org

2nd Collection
December 13, 2020
Retired Religious

2nd Collection
December 20, 2020
Maintenance Fund

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Donate by December 31, 2020

The CARS program accepts any type of vehicle, running or non-running, including cars, vans, SUV's, trucks, boats, mobile homes, motorcycles, golf carts, scooters, etc.

Free towing and an IRS tax deduction form will be provided for your vehicle donation. To donate, call 1-877-586-9227.
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All proceeds benefit needy individuals and families in parishes, and throughout the six counties of South Jersey.

If you have any questions about this program, contact
Kevin Hickey, Executive Director 856-942-4104
Kevin.Hickey@CamdenDiocese.org

During this trying time
when Masses cannot be
attended, please join us
in using this prayer
in making a
Spiritual Communion.



Personal Reflection

How has the pandemic made you more aware of the basic needs of others?

How are you practicing the Corporal Works of Mercy in your family?

What action can you take to ensure long term, personal relationship with God and Church?

Increased reception of the sacraments?
Scripture Study? A stronger prayer life?

TALKING CATHOLIC PRESENTS
Local YouTube shows and audio podcasts with information for all Catholics to help grow their faith and vocation
Talking.CatholicStarHerald.org

Working with Today's Youth

How to Become a Priest

Joyful Disciple

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Interviews with great Catholics

Finding inspiration in our saints

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My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least Spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

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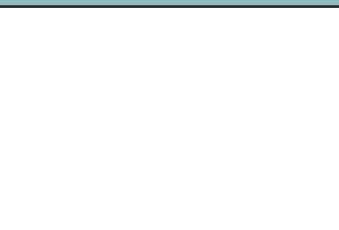
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