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# From the Principal's Desk

December 5, 2019

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**Holy Spirit School**  
*Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts*  
**2019 / 2020**

**"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"**

## The Season of Advent Has Begun





We began our season of preparation here at school with an Advent prayer service on Monday. During that service, Father O'Donohue blessed our school Advent wreath and we prayed that the Light of Christ may come into all parts of our lives and the lives of those around us. We also began decorating our Jesse Trees; each day an aspect of the history of the Old Testament is represented via ornaments made by the students with explanations of those symbols incorporated into our morning prayers.

Tomorrow, Friday, December 6th is our annual Giving Mass. Please join us at the 9:00 am Mass as the children present all of the donated toys to members of the Fairfax County Police Motorcycle Squad. It is a sight to see as the children traverse the space between the school and church with all of the gifts.



Tomorrow is also the feast of St. Nicholas! Students are asked to bring an extra shoe to school in order to place it in the hallway in the hopes of a special treat appearing!

Additionally, 1st Trimester report cards for grades K-8 go home on Friday.

Much is happening over the last two weeks before the Christmas break. Please keep the following in the back of your mind and the front of your calendar!:

Monday, 12/9 - Mass 9:00 am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, 12/11 - Band & Choir Christmas Concert - 7:00 pm

Thursday, 12/12 - NJHS Christmas Dress Down Day to benefit Catholic Charities' We Care Week

Wednesday, 12/11 - Friday, 12/13 - Santa Boutique

Monday, 12/16 - Middle School Geography Bee - 10:00 am

Tuesday, 12/17 - K-4 Christmas Program - 7:00 pm\*\*\*\*

Wednesday, 12/18 - Spirit Day (wear your spirit gear)

Thursday, 12/19 - 5th Grade Nativity Pageant - 2:00 pm

Friday, 12/20 - 11:30 am dismissal for all students - no Extended Day

We return from the Christmas break on Monday, January 6th.

**\*\*\*\*Please be sure to look at the information below with regard to costume pieces for the show! Additionally, take note that the gymnasium doors will not open for seating until 6:30 pm.**

Have a terrific weekend and thank you for supporting all that we do here at Holy Spirit.

*-Maureen Ashby*

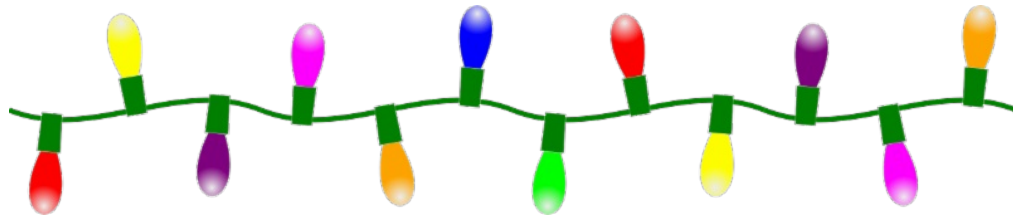
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Tomorrow, Friday, December 6th  
is our annual Giving Mass and the  
last day to donate a new,  
unwrapped toy to Santa's Ride

Thank you to all who have already  
given as we strive to reach our goal  
of 500 toys.





**Costume & Call Sheet for the Christmas  
Musical:  
All About That Baby**

The Christmas Performance is December 17th @ 7:00 pm.

Grades K-3: Please plan to bring your child to their classroom NO earlier than 6:15 pm and NO LATER than 6:30 pm.

Grade 4: Please plan to bring your child to their classroom NO earlier than 6:00 pm and NO LATER than 6:15 pm.

Students will begin to line up at 6:45 pm.

The show begins promptly at 7:00 pm. Doors DO NOT open until 6:30pm.

**Kindergarten- "Sheep"**

The Kindergarteners will wear their gym uniform sweatshirts and pants inside out, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with floppy sheep ears and a Christmas bow tie.

**1st Grade- "Angels"**

The 1st graders will wear their gym uniform sweatshirts and pants inside out with a solid white Adult Men's Large short-sleeve T-shirt over their gym uniform sweatshirt, white socks and black uniform shoes. They will be provided with halos and wings.

**2nd Grade- "Townpeople"**

The 2nd graders will wear long sleeve light brown shirts and black pants, black socks and brown shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical.

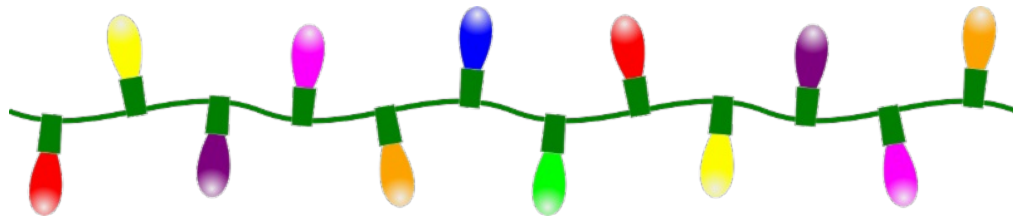
**3rd Grade- "Shepherds"**

The 3rd graders will wear long sleeve dark brown shirts and khaki pants, brown socks and brown shoes. They will be provided with head scarves to keep them looking Biblical.



### 4th Grade- Main Cast

Please see your child's Fourth Grade Music Power Learning Page regarding costume essentials for the individual cast member.



If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Mr. Toussaint @ [atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org).

Thank you so much for your cooperation in making this year's Christmas Musical a great memory for you and your child!  
Blessings, Mr. Toussaint

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## Are you ready?!



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The NJHS is sponsoring a school-wide dress down day on December 12, 2019. Please bring in a one dollar (\$1.00) donation to participate. All funds are going to benefit **Catholic Charities We Care Week.**

Please dress up as the category that applies to  
you:

Pre-K - 2nd are Reindeer

3rd - 5th are Elves

Middle School are Mr. or Mrs. Claus

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## SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

... Is coming to our school soon

**DATE:** Thursday & Friday,  
December 12 & 13

**TIME:** 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

**PLACE:** In the multipurpose room basement

Get that special gift for everyone on your list

Please look for information that came home  
with your student.

This is a completely voluntary program and meant to provide a fun  
"shopping" experience for little ones in order to provide them an  
opportunity to surprise their family members with a small  
gift/trinket.

Homeroom teachers will have information on "shopping" times for  
their classes.

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# *Christmas Card Sale*

## *Keep Christ in* **CHRISTMAS**

*After All Masses,  
Nov 16 - Dec 8*



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**



Profits help support vocations & other charitable causes





**High School Youth Group**  
**Christmas  
Coat Drive!**

**December 7-8th**

**Drop off items in bins  
in Church vestibule or  
outside the Youth**



- Items Needed:**
- Gloves
  - Winter Jackets
  - Sweaters
  - Wool Hats
  - Hooded
  - Sweatshirts
  - Scarves

Questions? [youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us)

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# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Hosted  
by the



All proceeds go to the school

**Sunday**  
**December 8**

**with Santa!**

School Cafeteria  
After the 7:30, 9:00 &  
10:30 AM Masses



Pancakes, Sausage,  
Fruit, Orange Juice,  
Coffee, & More!  
Adults \$5 Children \$3  
(Max family cost: \$15)

**HOLY  
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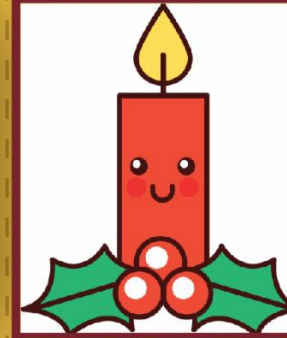
# Children's Advent Event

Collecting New Books and Toys for  
INOVA Fairfax Children's Hospital!

**Sunday,  
December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**After 9AM Mass  
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**

**Next to Knights of Columbus  
Christmas Pancake Breakfast!**



**Join us!**

- **Arts & Crafts**
- **Storytime & Games**
- **Cookies**
- **Learn about St. Nicholas  
& other Advent traditions**



(For families with children 5th grade and younger)

For more information,  
[squirose@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:squirose@holyspiritchurch.us)

**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
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The Knights of Columbus invite you to:

# Men's Day of Recollection

Join other men from Holy Spirit Parish for a day of spiritual recollection.

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

10:00am-1:00pm

Quinn Room  
(School Building)

Extend this faith experience!

- That Man is You at 7:30am
- Mass at 9:00am
- Confession at 3:30pm

Morning refreshments and lunch provided.

Contact [knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:knights@holyspiritchurch.us)



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# 2020

## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARISH CELEBRATION

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 31, 2019

### JOIN US!

2020

## FAMILY FUN!

- MUSIC FOR ALL AGES
- A FAMILY DANCE AND LINE DANCING
- CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- PHOTO BOOTH FOR YOUR LAST 2019 PHOTOS

### NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS

6:30 - 8:00 PM IN THE SCHOOL  
CATERED FAMILY DINNER  
RESERVATION ONLY

8:00 - 10:30 PM IN THE GYM  
DANCE AND FAMILY FUN  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### REGISTER TODAY

ON-LINE RESERVATIONS  
PREFERRED  
[HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US](http://HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US)

PAPER RESERVATIONS  
AVAILABLE IN THE RECTORY

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, DEVOTIONAL EVENTS

5:30 - 6:30 PM  
MASS

6:30 - 11:00 PM  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

11:00 - 11:30 PM  
BENEDICTION

11:30 PM - 12:30 AM  
MIDNIGHT MASS



**CELEBRATE WITH US!**  
**Catered Family Buffet Menu**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adult Menu</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Salad</b> MIXED GREEN LETTUCE SALAD WITH CHAMPAGNE VINAIGRETTE DRESSING AND GRILLED PEARS, SAGE BLEU CHEESE &amp; PECANS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Entree</b> SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB RUBBED WITH ROSEMARY SEA SALT, HERBED AU JUS AND HORSERADISH CREME FRAICHE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CEDAR PLANK SHORT SMOKED SALMON BRUSHED WITH DIJON MUSTARD, CRANBERRY GLAZED AND CRISP FRIZZLED LEEK CROWN</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sides</b> TORTELLINI CASSEROLE WITH ROASTED MUSHROOMS &amp; WALNUTS, MAPLE BROWN BUTTER SAUCE, FRIED SAGE RICE PILAF ROASTED PARSLIED POTATOES SAUTED VEGETABLES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Youth Menu</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Entree</b> CHICKEN TENDERS SERVED WITH HONEY MUSTARD OR BBQ DIPPING SAUCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BAKED CREAMY MACARONI &amp; FOUR CHEESES WITH BREAD CRUMB TOPPING</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL MENUS</b> ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH COUNTRY BREAD BASKET WITH CREAMERY BUTTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dessert</b> DESSERT SERVED BY THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Beverages</b> AN ASSORTMENT OF SOFT DRINKS &amp; WATER, TEA AND COFFEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEER &amp; WINE AVAILABLE AT AN ADDITIONAL COST</p>
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**RESERVATION FORM FOR CATERED DINNER**

Seating is limited. Reservations Required, deadlines:

Online: December 27, 2019

Check/ Paper: December 20, 2019

Reservations and payment for the Catered Family Dinner  
to be held on December 31, 2019 should be made  
online at [www.HolySpiritChurch.us](http://www.HolySpiritChurch.us). Click on the  
Red "New Year's Eve" button to make your dinner  
reservation and payment.

**Catered Dinner Admission Fees (family maximum charge: \$75.00)**

• Age 4 and under: Free • Ages 5-11: \$10.00 • Ages 12 and over: \$20.00

Online dinner reservations are preferred. However, paper reservation forms are available in the rectory  
office. Payment is required when filling out the paper Reservation Form.



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled

"December 5, 2019 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:

1. Yearbook Ordering flyer
2. Santa's Ride Toy Drive flyer
3. NJHS Christmas Dress Down Day flyer
4. Santa's Boutique flyer
5. All About That Baby - K-4 Costume Call Sheet

Parish Flyers:

1. Christmas Card sale flyer
2. Christmas Coat Drive flyer
3. Parish Pancake Breakfast flyer
4. Men's Day of Recollection flyer
5. Children's Advent Event flyer
6. New Year's Eve Parish Celebration flyer

Community Flyers:

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