

From the Principal's Desk

June 4, 2020

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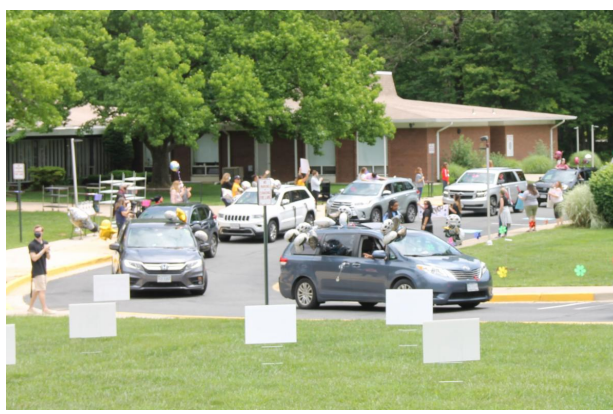
"What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus"

It was all just amazing!

I have never doubted the love that exists across the Holy Spirit School community, but it was shown in spades this week!

The 8th grade Car Parade was phenomenal! Father O'Donohue said he was not sure what to expect when he came out to see it, but it was well beyond anything he could have imagined. The greater community that turned out to cheer for the 8th graders and their families was just outstanding! Thank you all so much for being a part of this special send-off.





We were blessed to celebrate the 8th Grade Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony last night. So fitting that the class was able to come together again for the celebration of the Mass before saying "good-bye."



As I told folks last night, by our records twelve of the members of the Class of 2020 have been here at Holy Spirit since prekindergarten - that's ten years. Another ten of the students arrived in kindergarten - that's nine years. Never again will that happen in the academic careers of these students.

Additionally, by our count, for twenty-one families, this was it - their youngest or only child graduated last night.

Whether it be the graduating class or families who are departing due to moves or personal situations, I cannot express enough my gratitude for all that each of your families has done to build the Holy Spirit community whether it be over one, five, or ten years.

We are here when you are ready for a visit or when life brings you back our way. We will miss each and every one of your children.

When we begin the 2020/2021 academic year, the school will begin its 55th year - think of the thousands of children who have been educated within this school community. Life takes many twists and turns - certainly the ones we took this Spring probably could not have been imagined - but the School is strong and ready to embark on a new school year. We are blessed to be supported by a vibrant parish and a pastor who is a true supporter of Catholic education.

Once we officially cap off this year (the last day of school is technically Monday, June 8th), the administration and faculty will finish report cards, "take down" the building so that it can be deep cleaned over the coming months, take a deep breath and then be able to dive into what is to come. We will be seeking input from families as we draft plans; we know you have thoughts on the good, the bad, and the ugly from the Spring. As I have said, we are ready for the challenge and we are anxiously looking forward to engaging with you, educating your children, and continuing the strong tradition of excellence that is Holy Spirit School.

With regard to report cards - we will mail those out to families as soon as they are ready; ideally during the week of June 8th.

The Summer Reading List will be posted to the school website on Monday, June 8th.

Summer Math work in IXL will be included with report cards.

We have recently been contacted by the yearbook company and informed that the printer has only recently re-opened so it will be another several weeks before we can expect to see those arrive. Once they do, we will let everyone know and provide an opportunity to pick those up.

I wish you all the most wonderful of Summers. As usual, this newsletter will continue through the Summer weeks, so please be sure to take a look in order to know where we are as we prepare for the coming academic term.

One final Marian Prayer Service for the Year



On our last day of school, Monday, June 8th, we will have available to you our last Marian Prayer Service of the year. This one will be on Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and there is a final blessing from Father O'Donohue, as well. Please look for the link on the Family Information (Daily Prayer) page in PowerLearning and on the teachers' PL pages too.

I hope that you have participated in each of the services that have been posted. These monthly assemblies were a wonderful addition to our school year and I believe a fruitful endeavor as we continue to teach the children about our wonderful Faith.

Outdoor classroom assistance...

Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to offer assistance with the outdoor classrooms. We will post specific dates and times when we will be working on the various phases in the hopes that our families will be able to volunteer some time and labor.

Thank you for all you are doing and for your continued support of Holy Spirit School.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Book Return Is Bittersweet



We have so enjoyed seeing everyone during the book return days! Thank you to everyone for being so flexible as I know many of you are coming to campus several days in a row.

There are a few "odds and ends" of things that are still here. If you believe you are missing something, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

One More Group to Go!

Friday, June 5th - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Grades Pk - 2 (No students or family members should exit cars.)

Grade 2 - cars should enter the campus using the 2nd entrance on Woodland Way that goes to the back of the school.

Grade 1 - cars should enter the campus using the 1st entrance on Woodland Way and follow the signage and directions to flow through the upper parking lot.

Kindergarten and Prekindergarten - cars should enter the campus using the 1st entrance on Woodland Way and line up in the lower parking lot in the traditional car line

pattern. Watch for directional signs as to which line to get into when you arrive.

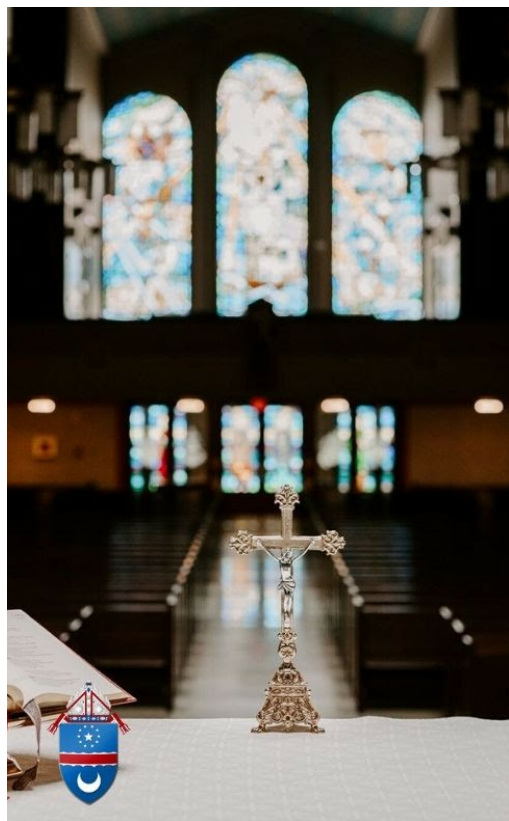
Teachers will be stationed such that as you pull through, they will hand you student belongings and receive back textbooks, etc.

Donations of used uniforms must be in a separate bag with a label indicating uniform donation. All uniforms must be clean and in good condition.

Please note that if your child has lost or damaged (beyond normal wear and tear) any textbooks, you will be billed for the replacement of them.



Join Bishop Burbidge Monday June 8th at 12:05 pm for a live-streamed Mass from our Facebook and Youtube channels



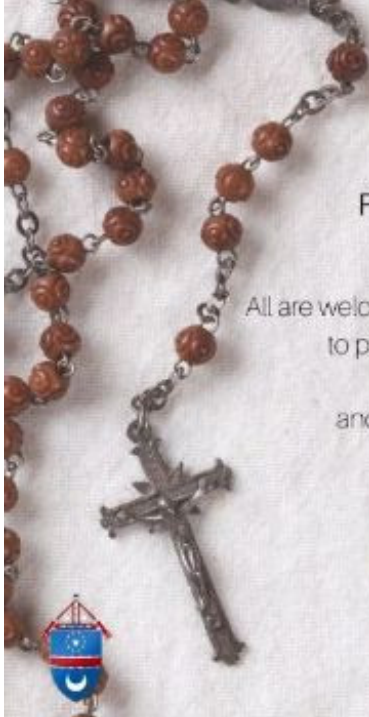
Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice

Celebrated by
Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

Monday, June 8, 2020
12:05 PM
Cathedral of St. Thomas More
Arlington, VA

Livestream the Mass at:
[YouTube.com/ArlingtonDiocese](https://www.youtube.com/ArlingtonDiocese)
or
[Facebook.com/ArlingtonDiocese](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonDiocese)

Statement by Bishop Burbidge



Rosary

FOR THE PRESERVATION OF
PEACE AND JUSTICE

All are welcome to join a Rosary Conference Call
to pray for peace and justice in our nation.
Led by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge
and members of the Diocese of Arlington

Monday, June 8, 2020
7:00 PM (EST)

To join, call: (605) 313-5111
Access code: 840082

Pray with Bishop Burbidge and people across the Diocese next Monday evening via phone for the intention of preserving Peace and Justice in our world.

Keep your child engaged, entertained, and challenged at home.



STAY AT HOME



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\$100
Per Week

Sanitized kit will be delivered and picked up from your home. Different robots to build each week.

Register Now!



For more info email Mr. Sibal - bsibal@holyspiritflames.org

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Epic! At home access - Free until June 30, 2020.

Go to <https://www.getepic.com/> to learn how to access Epic! For free.

After June 30th, families can continue having access to Epic! At home for \$7.99 a month.

Epic! Is an award-winning subscription service, which gives millions of families and classrooms instant, unlimited access to thousands of books, videos, and quizzes from leading publishers to help kids everywhere read, learn, and grow.

Students at Holy Spirit School have access to Epic during school hours through the school library's PowerLearning page or through their teacher's Epic account.

IRISH WHISKEY CAKE PICKUPS UP AND RUNNING!



[WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US/
WHISKEYCAKES2020/](http://WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US/WHISKEYCAKES2020/)

**Monthly Infant
Diaper Collection**

After All Masses
June 13-14th



Bins are located
outside the church
**Diapers sizes 4 & 5 are
most needed!**



**HOLY Spirit
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The graphic features a central cyan box with text and a baby illustration, surrounded by a grid of 16 icons representing various baby items: a plate with a fork, a diaper, a stroller, a bottle, a duck, footprints, a bib, a pacifier, a teddy bear, a baby on a board, alphabet blocks, a panda, a baby bottle, and a baby in a stroller.



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SUMMER 2020



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GETTING STARTED

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE

STAY CONNECTED

Information, especially now, is constantly changing. Stay up-to-date on the latest back-to-school uniform information by opting into our emails, or following us on social! This is where we'll be communicating COVID-19-related safety updates, sharing at-home resources, announcing discounts, etc. We promise we won't overwhelm your inbox! We're just sending the important stuff, focused on making back-to-school shopping as safe and easy as possible this year.

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