

# From the Principal's Desk

March 28, 2019



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## Holy Spirit School *Inspiring Minds / Igniting Hearts* 2018 / 2019

**"Let us love one another because love is from God"**

## Driving in and around Holy Spirit

Throughout our 50+ years, the Holy Spirit School community has always striven to be a good neighbor to those who live in and around the campus. With that in mind, I was quite concerned when I received a phone call yesterday from someone who lives on Woodland Way who told me that she had literally almost been run over by one of our families as she walked across Woodland Way and onto the campus. This incident was also reported to me by one of our school families who witnessed the event.

Everyone has places to be but the safety of pedestrians (we also have students who walk to and from school) should be paramount for everyone as you drive along Woodland Way and while driving on the school campus.

With that in mind, I realize that Wednesday was an anomaly in that no one was in the lower parking lot and the gate from Braddock Road was not closed during arrival due to a "perfect storm" of events leading to things within the school building needing to be taken of prior to the start of the day. Regardless of whether the Braddock Road gate is open during arrival or dismissal times, please only enter the campus from Woodland Way and please follow the traffic pattern that has been in place for several years now.

We have had several minor car accidents on the campus this year - really there should be none if everyone remembers to slow down and follow the procedures that are in place for arrival and dismissal.

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# Mr. Peace Reaching Hearts. Changing Lives.



Yesterday the students participated in a couple of assemblies with Mr. Peace, Kevin Szawala.

Mr. Peace spoke to the younger students with a presentation entitled "Bullying: Look At The Heart First". This talk centered on the "need to treat everyone like you treat your best friend and see them for their heart first and foremost." He spoke to the students about how one word or action, positive or negative, can change a life forever. Be sure to ask your student about the "M" on everyone's hand.

The presentation to the Middle School students was entitled "Positive Life Choices: Be Your Best Self". The talk aimed to motivate students to do their best and give their greatest effort. He spoke to them about how the opposite of success is not failure, rather giving up and provided reminders to always think positive no matter our circumstances.

In addition to the formal presentations, Mr. Peace visit the students during their lunch periods.

Thank you to the PTO for helping to sponsor this event for the students. For more information, please visit [www.mrpeace.org](http://www.mrpeace.org).

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The next PTO sponsored parent education event will be Monday, April 1st when Mr. Kirk Martin presents his "Celebrate Calm" program. See the information below.

We will transition to the Spring uniform on Monday, April 1st; until that time regardless of temperature, students are expected to be in the Winter uniform.

As it is quickly approaching, please remember that Holy Thursday, April 18th is an 11:30 dismissal day and there is NO afternoon extended day. We are off from school completely beginning on Good Friday, April 19th and return from break on Monday, April 29th.

I prayerfully hope that you and your children will participate in all of the Triduum events that Holy Spirit Parish or your own parish offer. Holy Week and all that it entails is the foundation of our Faith - we are an Easter people.

We will continue the item collection for the Democratic Republic of Congo throughout the Lenten season. Please see the flyer for information on the types of items that are being sought.

I hope to see many of you at the PTO Talent Showcase on April 6th. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, they will be on sale until April 1st.

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Roller skating begins next Monday, April 1st

[Please click here to sign up to assist!](#)

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

**CelebrateCalm™**.com

**Stop Defiance, Disrespect & Yelling**  
with America's Calm Coach Kirk Martin & his son, Casey

Perfect for  
parents with  
kids ages 2-22.

**FREE**  
**Workshop!**



**Kirk will demonstrate 10 ways to:**

- Get your kids to listen the first time.
- Stop defiance, disrespect and yelling.
- Stop whining, tantrums and sibling fights.
- Get kids off video games/screens without a fight.
- Create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime.

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**School Gym**

*"Practical, relevant and laugh-out-loud funny"*

For information, contact  
PTOpresident@holyspiritflames.org  
or visit holyspiritflames.org



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**Who Doesn't Love Chick-fil-A?**

What an easy way to support our school!

# SPIRIT WEEK

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Holy Spirit Catholic School

April 8 - 12, 2019  
6:00AM - 10:00PM

Come out and support your school during Spirit Week. Say 'Spirit Week' when you order and a percentage will be donated to Holy Spirit Catholic School.



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# Holy Spirit School

## 5K Spirit Run

An easy and fun way to support  
Holy Spirit School's Resource Program!



**May 18,**  
**2019**  
**LAKE**  
**ACCOTINK**  
**PARK**



**Holy Spirit**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
*Inspiring Minds | Igniting Hearts*

Online registration required.  
Reduced price through April 15<sup>th</sup>!

Visit [HolySpiritFlames.org](http://HolySpiritFlames.org)



# Field Day



Let the games begin!

**HAVE FUN** while  
earning volunteer  
hours & help  
make Field Day a  
success!

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

8 am – 1 pm

Sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/CauQvOu>

Lots of volunteer opportunities to bring food and supplies!

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Parents who volunteer to be coaches must be fully Child Protection Compliant in order to participate in Field Day**

Questions? Contact Jessica Driscoll at [jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com)

[Click here to sign up!](#)

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# Holy Spirit NVJCYO

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Information and registration:  
[HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth](http://HolySpiritChurch.us/Youth)

Saturdays

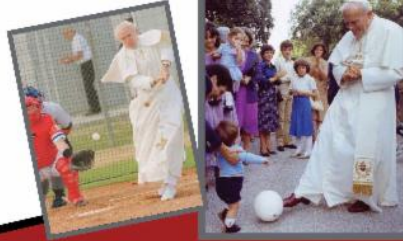
April 27-  
June 8

Practice Only  
Skills  
Development

Grades  
1-8

“Sports contribute to the love of life, teaches sacrifice, respect and responsibility, leading to the full development of every human person.”

-St. John Paul II



Teams Forming

Register Today!

**Assistant Coaches Needed!**

Interested in coaching?

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



2019 All Saints  
Five Car Raffle

**5-2019 Vehicles & 20 Cash Prize Drawings**

**This year's raffle will contribute to:**

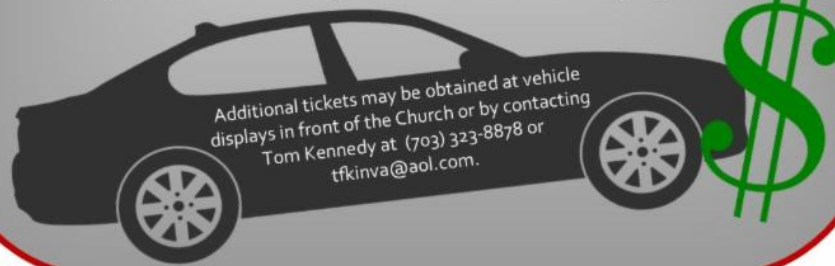
- Improved lighting, painting and upgrades for the newly designated Quinn Room (previously Meeting Room #3) for Parish and School activities
  - New wall pads for the school gym
- Supporting the Holy Spirit Middle School Youth Ministry Boot Camp

**Raffle ticket purchases:** all checks must be made out to "All Saints Church".

**Mail-in returns:** must be mailed to All Saints Catholic Church. The yellow card included with tickets makes this return easy.

**Collection Basket Returns:** tickets may be return tickets (sealed in the return envelopes provided with the yellow card) within the collection basket at Holy Spirit.

**\*\*\*All tickets must be returned within the collection basket no later than April 28th or postmarked for mailing to All Saints no later than April 30th.**





**Bring your family to enjoy homemade  
soup every Friday in Lent.**

**Fridays March 8 - April 12  
School Cafeteria**

**5:30 -7:00 PM Soup Suppers**

*Free will donations accepted.*

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Soup Makers  
Needed!**

Contact Carol Eldridge  
(703) 978-7141 or  
cle74@hotmail.com

OR

[www.holyspirtchurch.us](http://www.holyspirtchurch.us)

**Volunteer!**



March 6 - April 14

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

Join us as we pray outside of a Falls Church abortion clinic.

**SIGN UP TODAY**

**[HolySpiritChurch.us/RespectLife](https://HolySpiritChurch.us/RespectLife)**

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Sponsored by Holy Spirit's Good Samaritan Society

# THE *Soul* OF THE *Apostolate*

Talk led by Fr. John O'Donohue

An introduction to Dom Jean-Baptiste Chautard's classic work on Catholic spirituality.

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

10-11:30 a.m.

Quinn Room

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*The Soul of the Apostolate* is available online and in local Catholic bookstores.



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# VIRGINIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us to stop pro-abortion  
extremism in Virginia!

**APRIL 3, 2019**

11:00 a.m. Rally at the State Capital  
12:00 p.m. March for Life



**TAKE THE BUS TO RICHMOND!**

7:30 am Mass at Holy Spirit, 8:00 am Meet for bus departure

Reserve your seat at

[HolySpiritChurch.us/RespectLife](http://HolySpiritChurch.us/RespectLife)

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Marian Homes, Inc.

# Document Shredding Event

A Knights of Columbus Charity  
maintaining group homes for intellectually disabled individuals



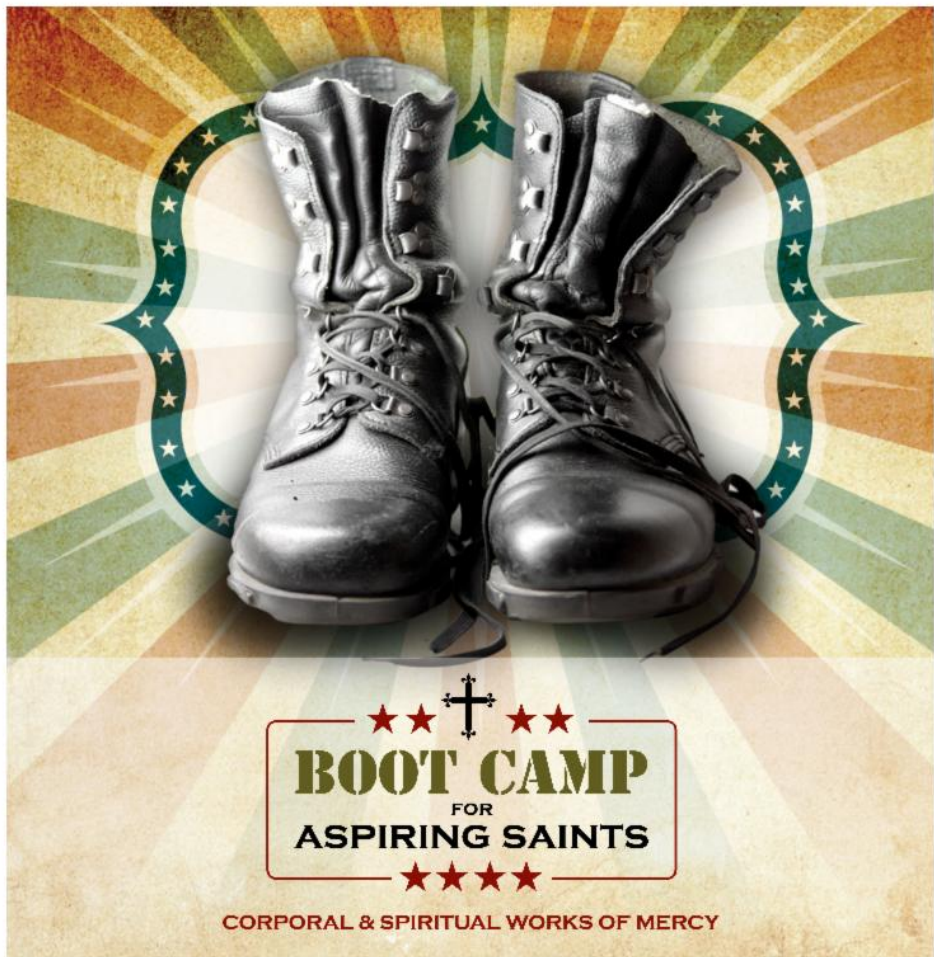
**April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 AM - 1 PM**  
**Upper Parking Lot**

**BRING** your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.  
**NO** newspapers, magazines, card board, 3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.

(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:  
Andrew Tremel at [Knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:Knights@holyspiritchurch.us)

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**“We only have one life and it is worth living it well.”**

~ Blessed Chiara Luce Badano

**JULY 15-19, 2019**  
INFORMATION & REGISTRATION  
[HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US/BOOTCAMP](http://HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US/BOOTCAMP)

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**YOUTH**  
HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Open to all 6th through 8th graders (includes rising 6th and 9th graders)



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**ATHENS**  
Paul's Dangerous Journey  
to Share the Truth

**2019  
VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
JUNE  
24-28<sup>TH</sup>  
9AM-12 NOON  
LUNCH INCLUDED!**

**Adult and Youth  
Volunteers Needed!**  
(Children of adult volunteers are free!)

Open to all youth Rising K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Register at [holyspiritchurch.us/vbs](http://holyspiritchurch.us/vbs)**  
Cost is \$65 first child, \$35 second child, \$30 third child,  
4th and subsequent children come for free

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SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "March 28, 2019" (or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

School Flyers:



1. PTO Talent Showcase Reservation form
2. PTO Talent Showcase - Art Show Sign-up - flyer
3. PTO Parent Presentation - Celebrate Calm - flyer
4. PTO Chik-fil-a Fundraiser - flyer
5. Spring Soccer - flyer
6. DRC collection drive - flyer

5K Race Information:

1. Race flyer
2. Why We Race Letter
3. Sponsorship Information

Parish Flyers:

1. All Saints Car Raffle - flyer
2. Adult Volleyball - flyer
3. Lenten Soup Suppers - flyer
4. CYO Tennis Signups - flyer
5. The Soul of the Apostolate - flyer
6. Virginia March for Life - flyer
7. VBS - flyer
8. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp - flyer
9. Document Shredding Event - flyer

Community Flyers:

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