

January 20, 2022



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Celebrate Life!

We have so much to be grateful and thankful for in our lives! Let's celebrate and spread the joy we possess as Catholics to others!

Today we took time as a school community to participate in a Walking Rosary. We prayed for an end to abortion and for the courage for all to stand up for the lives of the unborn. In waves, the students traversed the campus and prayed with our 8th grade class acting as prayer leaders. I do believe it is a strong lesson for children to experience the power of prayer as we humble ourselves to let God know we do not have all the answers and that we ask for the intercession of our Mother Mary to take our prayers directly to her Son.

I hope that your families are set to participate in the March for Life tomorrow. We are fortunate that our parish offers easy ways to be involved. For those with middle school students, in particular, tonight's Holy Hour is geared towards our young people - the next leaders of our Church and our nation. All families are welcomed to participate in all of the planned events - check out the parish website for more information (www.holyspiritchurch.us).

Below is the flyer for our "One Big Baby Shower". This life affirming service project for our students during Catholic Schools Week needs your support. Please take a look as we are hoping for all donations to be received by Monday, January 24th and we have received very limited donations thus far.

We are actively seeking individuals to be on our substitute teacher list. If you have an interest in assisting in this way, please contact Mrs. Evans (nevans@holyspiritflames.org).

We know that many students in our community have received the COVID vaccination and/or booster in the past several weeks. For purposes of contact tracing, if you would please consider sharing that information with Mrs. Wild, it is appreciated (awild@holyspiritflames.org).

Thank you for all you continue to do to support the mission of Holy Spirit School.

One Big Baby Shower



Who: Mothers and their babies living in the slums of Haiti

What: Buddy classes will partner together to assemble newborn kits.

A "kit" consists of a onesie, receiving blanket, two cloth diapers with pins, a wash cloth and a piece of vinyl table cloth used for a changing pad.



When: Items to be collected **Friday, Jan. 14- Mon. Jan. 24**

Why: A gift of a newborn kit provides struggling mothers with clothes, diapers and other items to keep their new babies safe and healthy. These basic items provide mothers with the tools and supplies they would otherwise not have access to.

We need your help!

We are asking all students to donate **\$2.00** to help purchase cloth diapers, diaper pins and tablecloths for the kits **in addition to the following:**

- PreKindergarten -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (any color)
- Kindergarten -- baby wash cloths **QTY: Package of 6-12** (any color/design)
- 1st grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 2nd grade -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (any color)
- 3rd grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 4th grade -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (any color)
- 5th grade -- baby wash cloths **QTY: Package of 6-12** (any color/design)
- 6th grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 7th grade -- onesie **QTY: 4** (short sleeve; any color)
- 8th grade -- receiving blanket **QTY: 3** (any color)

Stella Marina, an Operation Starfish project, was founded in 2014 to help **provide clean birthing kits to the midwives in northern Haiti**. With the support of **Food For The Poor**, they are able to ship the kits and other supplies to Cap Haitian, Haiti. The shipping container with our kits will be going to Haiti in this spring.

We will need parent volunteers to help the students during the service project. Look for a sign up!



Schedule of Events 2022

Monday, January 31

- **"Parent Appreciation Day"**
- Look for your parent "thank you" in the morning carpool line.
- Prayer Service – 8:30am

Tuesday, February 1

- **"Faculty and Staff Appreciation" Day**
- PTO "surprise" for the faculty; look for a signup genius
- This is a great opportunity for your student(s) to write a note of appreciation to their teacher(s).

Wednesday, February 2

- **"Service Day"**
- Students will put together newborn care kits to donate to *Stella Marina*
- Our goal is to donate 450 care kits
- See the flyer listing what items each grade is donating plus \$2 from every student
- Parent volunteers needed look for the signup genius

Thursday, February 3

- **"Student Appreciation" Day**
- Dress-down day (follow school policy for dress-down days)
- Students will have movie/popcorn in the afternoon

Friday, February 4


- **"Clergy Appreciation Day"**
 - 9:00am School Mass
 - Students will honor not only the work that Father O'Donohue, Father Carroll, Father Wooten, Deacon Grodek and Deacon D'Souza do within the school and parish community, but also the efforts of those involved with the parish Religious Education office and youth ministry.
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Holy Spirit School Celebrates
National Catholic Schools Week

Come check us out!

**Open House - Sunday, Jan 30
1 - 2:30pm**

www.holyspiritflames.org


The logo for Holy Spirit Catholic Church, featuring a stylized flame above the text "HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH".

Holy Hour for Life

All Are invited!

Thursday,
Jan 20, 2022
7:45 - 9PM

YOUTH

A highly ornate golden monstrance with a central circular window, surrounded by intricate carvings and radiating spikes, set against a background of white lace curtains.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

Communications is very important and in the technological age, it is critical we capitalize on the ever-changing environment to keep everyone up to date. We are launching a new application called Connect1.io. It will help with coordinating volunteer activities, community directory, and a prayer board. We will use field day as our test case. The PTO will have several training & orientation sessions in February and March. The app can be downloaded on both Android and iPhone and your account can be accessed from a computer. Please see the flyer for a few highlights; more information will be forthcoming.

Featured Vacancies:

PTO Board Nominations/Elections are right around the corner. Start thinking now about whether you would like to hold a position, or perhaps know someone that does!

If you see an event that you are interested in participating, please send inquiries to the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - PTOvpmembership@holyspiritflames.org connect with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Spring Fundraiser: Do you like barbecue, golf, and spring weather? If so, then the Spring Fundraiser is right for you. The initial work has been done; we need a volunteer to see it through! As committee chair for this fundraiser, you will fulfill your hours for the year.

Amazon Smile: Did you know you can earn money for our wonderful school just by using AmazonSmile for all your Amazon purchases? Simply open the Amazon app, type in Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>), look for Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Annandale and sign up. 5% of all eligible purchases will go directly to the school. Last year the school received \$725 just through purchases you'd normally make anyway. This year we have a goal of \$800 raised through Amazon Smile. This is a very simple way for us to earn money where we already shop. Please reach out to Katherine Osborne (kosborne1023@yahoo.com) with any questions. Happy Shopping!

Recess Duty Survey: Want to have your voice heard and provide your input to the schools recess duty program. Now is your chance. Follow the link below to a quick survey and be heard.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17tskvSciqr5-fQl_Pwm3A8CO1koMcory8qMUackCo/edit

Important upcoming dates to remember:

January 31 – Book Fair

January 31 – February 4 – Catholic Schools Week

February 6 – February 11 – Book Fair!!!

- 6th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 7th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
- 8th, 9th, 10th 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 11th 8:00 am - 11:30 am

February 15 – PTO Meeting, 6:30–8:30 pm. Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/88005951581?pwd=NUxTS0Fhc0dUQXEzaWJIZnpjOHVFZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 0595 158, Passcode:

884234

February 23 – Talent Show Audition Sign-up (see information below)

February 28 – Used Uniform Sale

March 26 – Spring Fundraiser

March 30 – April 1 – Science Fair

April 9 – Talent Show

April 30 – Spring Fling

May 1 – May 7 – Teachers Appreciation Week

May 14 – Field Day

Committee Vacancies:

Spring Fundraising (Golf/BBQ) – Chair and Co-Chair

Virtual Fundraising – Chair

Amplifying Information:

Talent Show Auditions will be held on February 23, 2022, after school in the Quinn Room. The Talent Show will be on April 9, 2022, and the PTO is looking for singers, actors, jugglers, magicians, musicians, comedians, dancers, and clowns - to name a few. Please see attached sign-up form due on February 16th. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with the show, please contact Joe Terpenning at jterpenning@infinitetech.org.



Three Engagement Functions in One App

1. Volunteering
2. Community Directory and Talent Center
3. Prayer Board



Volunteering



- ✓ Secure and Only Accessible by School Community
- ✓ Digital Volunteering Board with all Events in One Place
- ✓ Talent Linking to Volunteer Roles
- ✓ Track Virtus Training Status for Volunteers
- ✓ Define Volunteer Points – NO MORE HOURS TRACKING
- ✓ Gaming – Earn Points, Advance in Levels, Attain Status
- ✓ New Award Center to Recognize Volunteers

Community Directory and Talent Center

- ✓ Community Contact Information at Your Fingertips
- ✓ Easily Filter by Grade, Teacher, Talent or More
- ✓ New Talent Center – See Talents / Skills of Parents
- ✓ Automatically Get Directions Through Google Maps
- ✓ Separate Faculty vs. Family Contact Pages



Prayer Board



- ✓ Saint Avatars to Represent Your Family in the App
- ✓ Request Prayers from Your Community
- ✓ See Prayers of Community on "Prayer Board"
- ✓ Answer Prayers with a Single Click
- ✓ Gaming – Achieve Increasing Status to Sainthood by Answering More Prayers

Visit www.connect1.io or download the app by searching for "Connect1 Mobile" in your AppStore or PlayStore

Talent Showcase!!!

See the links below in the Family Folder section for sign ups for both performers and volunteers

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase

SIGNUP/ AUDITION FORM

When: February 23, 2022

Where: Holy Spirit Gym
Time: 3:15 - 5:30pm

Auditions/registrations are open to all students who want to perform in the show on April 9, 2022.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

SINGERS, ACTORS, JUGGLERS, MAGICIANS, MUSICIANS, COMEDIANS, MARITAL ARTISTS, DANCERS, CLOWNS

*** ANY TYPE OF PERFORMANCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO ***

Performer Participation Form (for students): complete this if you wish to perform in the show. This slip is due ONE WEEK prior to the day of the audition/registration. Performers who sign up to perform will perform. No one will be able to sign up prior to the day of the audition/registration. Please arrive on time to maintain the high safety standards of Holy Spirit.

PERFORMER PARTICIPATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Performing with (if in a group): _____

Talent/Act: _____

Everyone who signs up to perform will perform. Please keep the act to 4 minutes. If you cannot make it on February 23 but want to perform, email the Performing (performer@holyspiritflames.org) to discuss. At this time the signups will be held live in the gym. This may change. Students will be asked to all socially distant with masks on until they are called to review their act. Forms will not be available to fill out on the day of signups, and forms will not be provided. Please note that there will not be provided this year for precautions so please send your student in with a snack to have during the signup event.

NOTES FOR AUDITION MONITORS:

TIME LENGTH: _____

SONG NAME: _____

SEAS: _____

For Singers: Using a karaoke version of song or regular version. _____

Holy Spirit School's Annual Talent Showcase

When: April 9, 2022

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!

Volunteers are needed to help make this year's talent show awesome!! We are currently planning a live event and need a lot of help. All manner of jobs from small to large are needed, and all help is appreciated. Jobs and openings may change if the event format changes. Updates to the signup and notifications will be sent as they become available. Please click the signup link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A9A92EA31-holy9>

PTO Board 2021/2022

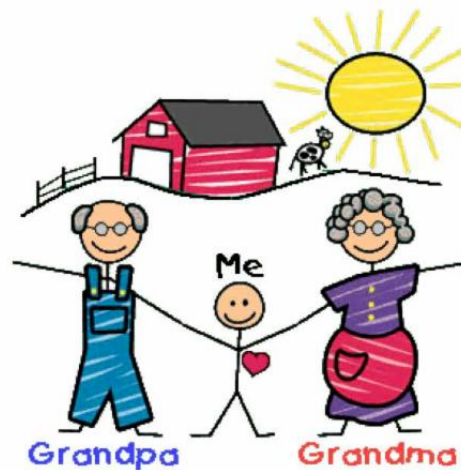
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Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org
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Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@holyspiritflames.org
Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteering

Please remember that you must be fully compliant with the Child Protection policies of the Diocese in order to perform recess duty and to volunteer in activities where students are present.

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Unknown



February 11th
is
GRANDPARENT'S DAY at Holy Spirit School!

9:00 AM Mass followed by classroom visits

Students come to school at the normal time. Grandparents join them for 9:00 AM Mass. Grandparents meet grandchildren in the school between 8:30 and 8:45AM for the walk to church. After Mass, Grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren in the classrooms for refreshments and a short visit.

Students without Grandparents available are encouraged to 'adopt' a grandparent for the morning. This could be a friend or neighbor. Please send us a note if such an arrangement is being made



A reminder that masks are required for indoor school-related events.



SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIRS

Books bring us together!

Visit our Book Fair in the school library
Sunday Feb 6 - Friday Feb 11

Hours:
Sunday 10 AM - 2 PM
Monday 8 AM - 6 PM SPECIAL EVENING HOURS
Tuesday - Thursday 8 AM - 3 PM
Friday 8 AM - 11:30 AM

25% of all proceeds go to the school library.

New to the school?
[Click Here for more information and FAQs](#)

**[Click here to set up the EWallet and visit the
online Book Fair](#)**



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**Scholastic Book Fair Info and
FAQs**

**EWallet and online Book Fair
link**



Art Club is coming to Holy Spirit!

**Attention 6th, 7th, 8th grade students,
Come and take your Art skills to the next level with
your classmates and Mrs. Liss!**

When: January 12, January 26th, February 9th, February 23rd, March 16th,
March 30th, April 13th, April 27th, May 11th, May 25th.

Time: 3:30 to 4:30

Where: Art Room

Fee: \$25

Students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat after school.

Please note: Art Room is a Nut Free room

We will only be able to accept 15 students into this club. To sign up please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4DA4A62FA6F85-artclub>

If you have any questions please contact us by email (iliss@holyspiritflames.org)

MS Art Club
Signup

COVID-19 Dashboard Information

Virginia Department of Health - Level of Community Transmission: **High**
Updated weekly on Mondays using data through previous Saturday.

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/community-transmission/>

Holy Spirit School - Total new COVID positive cases while on campus during the infectious period (student and/or faculty/staff): **3**

Time period: January 14 - January 20, 2022

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your child to school

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever (100.0F) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home, contact your physician, and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household is currently being tested for COVID-19, please keep everyone home until the test results are received.

If your child has received a COVID-19 vaccine and you would like to share that information with the school nurse, it may prove helpful if and when there is a need to contact trace in your child's class.

Parish Happenings!



Family Bingo for Life

*"praise you for I am wondrously made."
Psalm 139:14*

All proceeds will go to support efforts to protect the unborn.


Saturday, January 22nd

Holy Spirit School Cafeteria
Doors Open 6 PM | Games Begin 7 PM

Admission	Prizes	Snacks Sold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Includes Book of 3 Cards) • All proceeds will go to support efforts to protect the unborn. • Players 12 Years and Older: \$5 • Players Under 12 Years: \$3 • Extra Cards \$1 • Free for children under 5 years who are not playing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash Bingo Prizes • Additional prizes for other games • All children will receive a prize. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza • Hot Dogs • Nachos • Soft Drinks

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **HOLY SPIRIT**
Catholic Church

For info, contact knights@holyspiritchurch.us.
Event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Holy Spirit Council. Don't miss it!



HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

March for Life
Friday, January 21st

Travel with us to the March!

Breakfast 7:30 - 10:30 AM
School Cafeteria
Special Mass 10:15 AM

*Sign up is first come, first serve.
Breakfast is \$5/person, \$20/family*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

To reserve a bus seat, visit the parish web site,
WWW.HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US



WINTER RETREAT
INTO HIS MARVELOUS
LIGHT

All High Schoolers are welcome to our Annual Winter Retreat!

Friday, Feb 11 – Sunday, Feb 13

No matter where we are in life, sometimes we just need time to retreat and be with the Lord. We are offering you the opportunity to do exactly that! All high schoolers are invited to retreat with us for a weekend of prayer, rest, talks, fun, and fellowship.

This is one of the best weekends of the year! We guarantee you'll love it and come back changed, refreshed, and revitalized.

Cost: \$95 per teen

Spots limited...register today on the website!
www.holyspiritchurch.us

Car Raffle

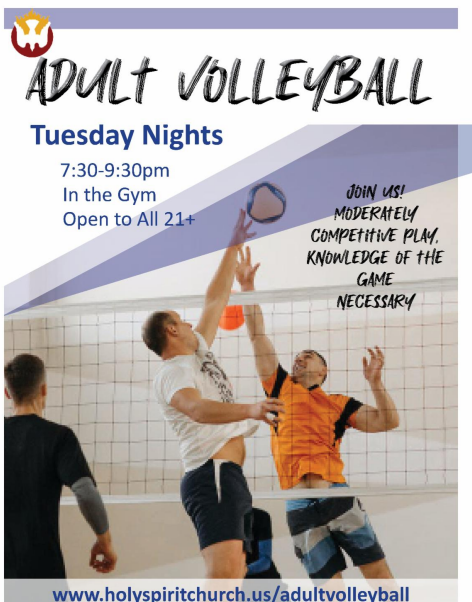
4 - 2022 VEHICLES plus
21 CASH Drawings
1-\$5.00 Ticket
gives you a chance to win all 25 prizes, including:

2022 HONDA ODYSSEY VAN
2022 GMC CANYON TRUCK
2022 BUICK ENCORE
2022 HONDA CIVIC

plus 21 CASH Drawings totaling \$40,000
Drawings held April 30, 2022
Beginning at 1:00pm at
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH
9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA 20110
703-368-4500 • www.allsaintsva.org
Sponsored by: ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

For tickets contact Tom Kennedy at
tfkinya@aol.com

Cars Provided By: Joyce Koons of Manassas Permit number G-21-01390-082027



ADULT VOLLEYBALL
Tuesday Nights
7:30-9:30pm
In the Gym
Open to All 21+

JOIN US!
MODERATELY
COMPETITIVE PLAY.
KNOWLEDGE OF THE
GAME
NECESSARY

www.holyspiritchurch.us/adultvolleyball



Seasons of Hope 2022
Grief Support Group
"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted"

January 22, 10:30 AM
Parish Center large meeting room.
The Grief Support Group is for anyone in our parish who has lost a loved one. The program we use is Catholic and Biblically based and will meet for six consecutive Saturdays. All materials are free. All are welcome.

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Holy Spirit Parish
Good Samaritan Society**

Serve those in need through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Spirit Conference



Attend parish funerals and wakes to support the deceased and their loved ones.



Grieve the loss of a loved one and encourage others who are grieving through the Seasons of Hope grief support group.



Pray for the needs of the parish or ask for prayers for your own needs.



Sew sheets and coverlets for preschoolers individually or as a group.



Feed the poor through the regular St. Lucy Food drives in the parish and the monthly food collection for the Sisters of Saint Joseph.



Knit or crochet items for babies, the homeless, and deployed members of the military.



Bake cookies for prisoners at Christian retreats.



Support the needs of diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services as they help legal migrants set up their homes in our area.



Help the needy through four community service organizations:

accacares.org
www.echo-inc.org
www.fairfaxfish.org
facetscares.org



**10 great ways
to be a
Good Samaritan
in our community**



**Find out about how you
can help by emailing
gss@holyspirtchurch.us
or going to
[holyspirtchurch.us/
ministries/service/good-
samaritan-society/](http://holyspirtchurch.us/ministries/service/good-samaritan-society/)**

Community Happenings!



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "January 20, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. PTO Talent Showcase flyer
2. PTO Talent Showcase Volunteer flyer
3. PTO Connect One App flyer
4. Catholic Schools Week Schedule
5. Catholic Schools Week Service Project Flyer
6. Grandparents Day flyer

7. MS Art Club flyer
8. Book Fair flyer
9. Overview of Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program

Parish Flyers:

1. March for Life - flyer
2. HS Winter Retreat - flyer
3. BINGO - flyer
4. Adult Volleyball - flyer
5. Car Raffle - flyers
6. Seasons of Hope - flyer
7. Good Samaritan Society - flyer

Community Flyers: