

March 18, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2020/2021
"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

Another trimester in the books!

By the time you read this, hopefully you have seen your child's 2nd trimester report. A hearty congratulations to all of the children on their efforts and success thus far.

This is a great time to remind your children that the year is not yet over and to encourage them to put their best foot forward each day. Checking to be sure that your child has all of the supplies he/she needs for the final marking period is helpful and models to your child that you are invested in helping them stay attentive and engaged through to June.

Below you will find information regarding our annual 5K Spirit Run which benefits the school's Resource Department. I hope that you will consider registering and/or becoming a financial sponsor.

The Resource Department at Holy Spirit touches the lives of a considerable number of the children here. From students with identified learning differences who need modifications or accommodations in order to successfully access the curriculum; to little ones beginning their journey to learning to read and who benefit from small group instruction; to students who get a little extra assistance "just because" a Resource teacher happens to be in their classroom; the team of teachers in the department are amazing and are the heart of our inclusive school environment.

I certainly pray that this Lenten season has been fruitful for each of our families. I am grateful for all those families who have directed their almsgiving to our Lenten project.

Knowing that Holy Week begins on March 29th, I hope that you will begin to make your plans to participate fully in the Easter Triduum. These three days are the essence of our Faith as they are the commemoration of the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are an Easter

people!

A poster for Holy Week Schedule. At the top left is the logo for Holy Spirit Catholic Church, featuring a stylized 'W' with a flame above it. The title 'Holy Week Schedule' is prominently displayed in the center. To the left of the text is a large, dark grey cross. The background is a soft, colorful gradient of pink, purple, and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The schedule is organized by day, with each day's events listed in a clear, readable font.

HOLY Spirit
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
Adoration until midnight

Good Friday
Confessions 9:00-11:00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 6:45pm
Good Friday Tenebrae 7:30pm

Holy Saturday
Confessions 9:30 - 11:30am
Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm

Easter Sunday
Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am,
11:00am, 12:45pm, & 6:00pm

A few reminders:

Friday, March 19 - **NO school for students**; teacher professional development day

Monday, March 22 - **Crazy Sock Day** in recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness

Monday, March 22 - **Stations of the Cross** - grades 6-8

Tuesday, March 23 - **Vocations Awareness Day** - 8th Grade

Tuesday, March 23 - **Middle School Parent Meeting** regarding The Gift of Human Sexuality program

Wednesday, March 24 - **Confessions** - grades 5-8

Thursday, March 25 - **St. Isidore of Seville** prayer service

Thursday, March 25 - PTO sponsored - **Dr. Ray Guarendi talk** - 7:00pm via Zoom

Friday, March 26 - **Spring Pictures** - order forms went home with students; see below, as well

Friday, March 26 - **Used Uniform Sale** - 4:00 - 7:00pm

Monday, 29 - **Stations of the Cross** - grades Prek - 5

Tuesday, March 30 - **Move Up Night** - parent meeting for rising 6th graders - 6:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesday, March 31 - **Confessions** - grades 2-4

April 1 - **Living Stations of the Cross** presented by the 8th grade

April 2 - April 11 - **Easter break**

April 12 - Return to school - **Spring uniform begins**

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

**5K Hybrid Spirit Run
Benefiting the Holy Spirit School Resource
Department
Saturday, May 15, 2021**



Congratulations Maddie K on winning the t-shirt design contest!

Are you faster than Father?

It is time to show off your speed and your school spirit by registering for the annual 5K Spirit Run!

The early registration fee through April 16 is \$25 for adults, \$20 for under 8, and free under 5.

[Click here to register](#)

Why We Race

Last year marked the 5th Anniversary of the 5K Spirit Run and the Holy Spirit community stayed strong as we took the race virtual! Thank you to everyone who participated in their neighborhoods and local parks, or on their treadmills and those who sent pictures. We truly are #holyspiritstrong! It was so fun to have a Facebook Live event with Father leading us in prayer and then officially starting the Virtual 5K Spirit Run.

Even though we were not able to gather as a group, the money from race registrations, generous donations, and business sponsors made it a successful fund-raiser. The money we raise each year helps to financially support our Resource Program. Our four-member Resource Team provides academic support for students with mild to moderate learning disabilities, Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism, Intellectual disabilities, and other special needs.

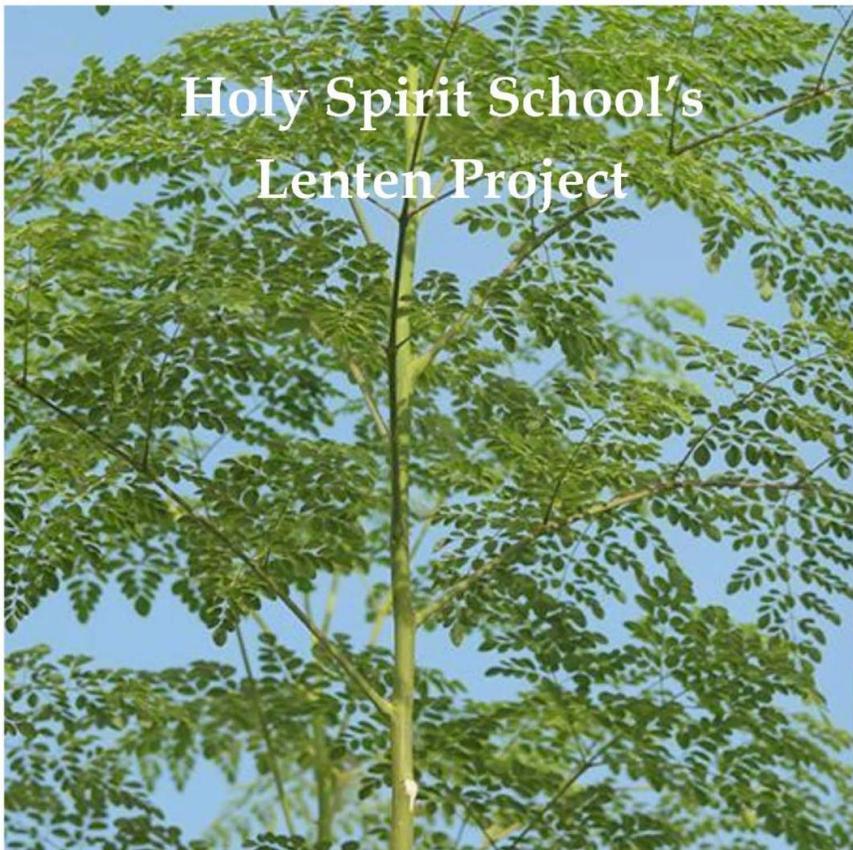
Holy Spirit School has been a leader in inclusive education in our diocese for many years due to the services our Resource Program provides.

Our Reading Resource component not only supports students identified as needing reading intervention but also regularly assesses students in elementary grades to identify students who may need small group early reading intervention.

This year, due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions, we are going to hold a Hybrid 5K Spirit Run on May 15, 2021, at Holy Spirit School. We will have an in-person 5k route starting at Holy Spirit School and you will also be able to participate virtually.

Please consider making a donation, or becoming a business sponsor. By supporting the 5K Spirit Run you are saying that you support Catholic inclusive education for all students.

[Click here for Sponsorship Information](#)



Holy Spirit School's Lenten Project

Thank you to those who have made our tree project a part of your Lenten sacrifice. We have thus far raised just over \$2,290.00!

**So, will we keep going?
Of course!**

As you might imagine, a project like this has many components to it, so although we have reached the initial goal of raising enough money for the seeds, we will now look to contribute to other needs.

This project lists items from wheelbarrows, to watering cans, to plant food, etc. so, we will continue on in order to make the biggest impact we can.

Through charitable works and sacrifices, help us to raise \$1500.00 this Lenten season to purchase seeds for 6000 trees to populate a tree nursery near a newly built village in Balan, Haiti.

Operation Starfish was established in 1998 by Nativity Parish in Burke. Since its inception, 11 "Nativity Villages" have been completed and the 12th is nearing completion. Operation Starfish works in close connection with Food for the Poor to accomplish their ambitious goals.

Our own Ms. Garcia (PreK teacher) has participated in this mission work and has had the privilege of traveling to Haiti.

As we continue to explore and expand on this year's theme of caring for God's creation, this is a wonderful example for the children how the good works of ourselves and others can have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others.

The current village is being built in Balan and the project goal is to plant 6000 trees—primarily

fruit and moringa trees which are high in fibre, zinc, and help regulate blood sugar. This project will help with reforestation, soil erosion, and provide shade. The trees will also absorb pollutants, and provide oxygen through photosynthesis. In addition, they will be a food source.

So, how is this a Lenten project?

Teachers will be explaining the project to the children and showing them a part of a video so they can see the village under construction and “meet” some of the families who are beneficiaries. We are hoping that through small sacrifices (for instance, if your family decides to forgo eating out during Lent, that a small portion of what is saved might be donated to the cause. Or, if your child decides to “add” to their Lenten journey by doing something extra at home to help out, that some small change might be provided that they can then donate.

Collection containers will be available in the classrooms and we will track, as a school, our progress.

Truly this is not meant to be just a donation, but instead a great way to converse with your child about the season of Lent and the ultimate sacrifice that Our Lord made for us.



Used Uniform Sale - COMING SOON!!!



When: Friday, March 26

Time: 4-7

Where: Holy Spirit School – Quinn Room

Cost: \$5 per item (\$1 for socks/tights)

How to Pay: Cash or Check (made out to the Holy Spirit PTO)

ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE HELP STOCK the SALE!!!

**DONATE ANY USED UNIFORMS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED to THE OFFICE or
SEE MELANIE in VANPOOL SLOT 2**

Important Details-

- **Masks will be required**
- **Limited volume of shoppers at one time, as needed**
- **Enter and exit through the Quinn Room's SIDE DOOR**
- **Plan ahead - bring a list of items and sizes needed**
- **Shopping preference - one shopper per family, if possible**

Support this PTO Fundraiser While Getting a Great Deal!

Spring Pictures Friday, March 26th

Students are welcome to wear their BEST DRESS for the Spring pictures.

They may not wear athletic wear, jeans, spaghetti strap dresses or tops, tank tops, open toed shoes or shoes of any sort with an open back.

Spring pictures let you be you!

Order before Picture Day on: **mylifetouch.com**



Friday, March 26, 2021
Holy Spirit School

- ① Visit: **mylifetouch.com**
- ② Enter your Picture Day ID: **EVTMNRMRK**
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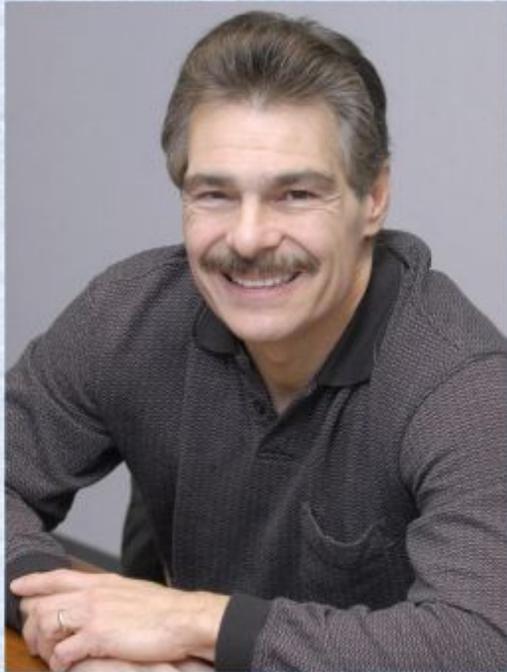
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Standing Strong as a Parent with Dr. Ray Guarendi

For the Holy Spirit Catholic School Community



Dr. Ray Guarendi is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker, and national radio and television host. His radio show, “The Dr. Is In” can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, “Living Right With Dr. Ray” can be seen on EWTN Global Catholic Network and is aired in 140 countries. Check out www.drray.com for more information.

March 25, 2021 at 7 p.m. on Zoom
**Please RSVP [here](#) to ensure we have
enough Zoom slots available.**

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Click here to
RSVP!

Required Symptom Screening

Questionnaire

We continue to work on an App for the daily health screening. Students must continue to arrive at school each day with a paper copy of the completed form. We are asking for the paper copy for now as trying to manage emails from families at the start of each day is not workable or practical for the staff.

Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire - 8.27.2020

Parish Happenings!

**The Year of
ST. JOSEPH**

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph."
We will respond by
Dedicating our Parish to St. Joseph!



On Monday, February 15th, we will begin the "33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph" series offered by Fr. Carroll, for a reflection and prayer based on the reading for the day, through our YouTube Channel.

We will also offer a prayer to St. Joseph before all Masses.

Lastly, on Friday, March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, we will dedicate the parish to St. Joseph at a special 7:00 PM Mass.

See the website for details,
www.holyspirtchurch.us



**Parish Easter
Egg Hunt!**
April 11
Divine Mercy Sunday

For children through Grade 5. Bring empty Easter basket to collect eggs and join us on the Parish lawn at 3:00pm. *Masks required.

www.holyspirtchurch.us



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**Soup Supper
Drive Thru!**

6 Fridays of Lent
February 19 - March 26

Come Join Us!
Drive Thru Upper
Parking Lot 5:30-7pm

**Soup Makers Needed!
Sign Up Today!**
(see website for details)



SIGNUP,
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QUESTIONS?
Soupsupper@holyspirtchurch.us



Holy Spirit Youth Ministry
Large Group Meetings - High School & Middle School

**Sunday Night
Holy Hours**
Youth & Jesus

Come Encounter Him

7:00-8:30pm
February 14 & 28
March 14 & 28
April 11

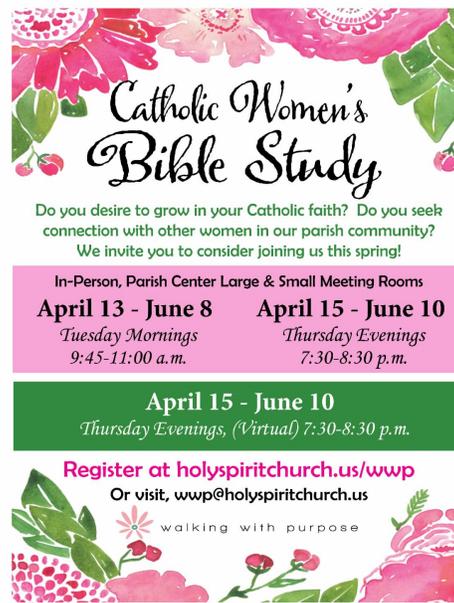
Join us for reflection on Lenten topics, confession, prayer time, and beautiful meditative music
www.holyspirtchurch.us/youthministry





Easter Candy Collection
 Dropoff *Palm Sunday Mar. 28*
 The Office of Parish Activities & Youth Ministry is collecting Easter candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in April.
 Drop off donations in the metal bins outside the Church.

 www.holyspirtchurch.us



Catholic Women's Bible Study

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in our parish community? We invite you to consider joining us this spring!

In-Person, Parish Center Large & Small Meeting Rooms

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| April 13 - June 8 Tuesday Mornings 9:45-11:00 a.m. | April 15 - June 10 Thursday Evenings 7:30-8:30 p.m. |
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April 15 - June 10
Thursday Evenings, (Virtual) 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Register at holyspirtchurch.us/wwp
 Or visit, wwp@holyspirtchurch.us
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5 Car Raffle

**5 - 2021 VEHICLES *plus*
 20 CASH Drawings**

**1 - \$5.00 Ticket gives you a chance
 to win ALL 25 prizes, including:**

- 2021 Honda Odyssey Van
- 2021 Honda CRV SUV
- 2021 GMC Canyon Truck
- 2021 Buick Encore
- 2021 Honda Civic

**Plus 20 CASH Drawings totaling
 \$20,000**

Drawings held April 24, 2021

**To obtain tickets, see the bulletin or website,
www.holyspirtchurch.us**

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Community Happenings!

Theater Sports



Theater Sports are short and funny improv games that will get you up and moving after a long day of distance learning and socially distancing. Whether you are bashful, brazen, or somewhere in the middle, Theater Sports let your inner actor shine!

Wednesday, March 10 @ 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24 @ 4:00 p.m.

For Ages 10 and up



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FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "March 18, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Spring Pictures flyer
2. Yearbook order information
3. Lenten Service Project Information
4. Dr. Guarendi presentation flyer

Parish Flyers:

1. Car raffle flyer
2. Lenten Soup Supper flyer
3. Sunday Night Holy Hours - Middle School Youth Group
4. Feast of St. Joseph Mass
5. Parish Easter Egg Hunt

Community Flyers:

1. Theater Sports