

February 25, 2021



**Holy Spirit School**  
***Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts***  
**2020/2021**

**"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"**

**From the "littles" to the "biggs"**





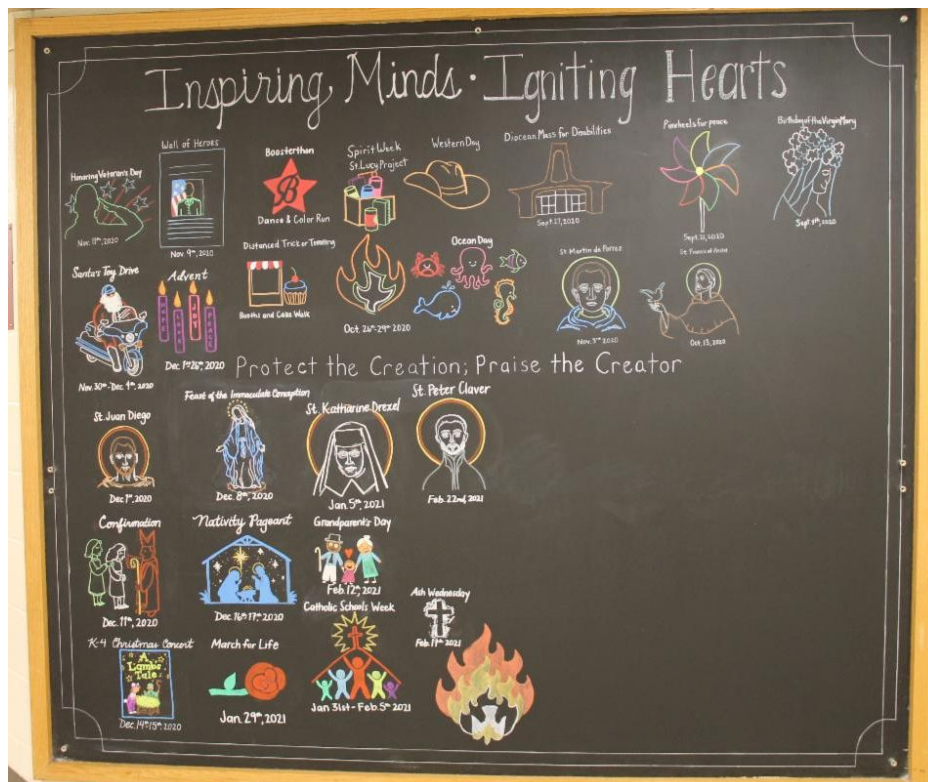
What fun was had celebrating Reading Across America and Dr. Seuss earlier this week! From the littlest ones to the biggest ones, a great time was had interacting with all of the games and activities that were created. A huge thank you to Mrs. Wisneski, Mrs. Crone, Ms. Stawowczyk, Mr. Farnham and all of the teachers for their enthusiasm and creativity.

And up next on the agenda is the High School Musical Jr. performances scheduled for March 11th. This year there will be two separate shows with each of the 8th grade classes having the acting roles. Both of the 7th grade homerooms have worked on the props and costumes for the shows. And the 6th grade homerooms will round out the performances by lending their singing talents as the ensemble choir. Despite the challenges, this is still a full-on collaborative effort of the middle school. We are looking forward to the performances next week.

With the return to the Fall/Spring uniform "right" around the corner, the PTO will sponsor a Used Uniform Sale in Friday, March 26th from 4-7:00 pm in the Quinn Room.

A reminder that our annual Fathers Day Mass will not take place this year. Traditionally we celebrate the important male figures in the lives our students in connection with the Feast of St. Joseph in March. We will still mark this important occasion with the students and the teachers will have them prepare something that will come home by Thursday, March 18th.

The end of the second trimester is right around the corner! The parent portal will close on March 9th, the trimester ends on March 12th, and report cards for K-8 will go home on March 18th.



Our "Graffiti Wall" of events keeps growing! What a wonderful year it has been thus far!

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If you have not yet signed and returned the Financial Contract for the 2021/2022 academic year, please take a moment to so do.

Tuition Structure Letter to  
Families

Financial Contract  
2021/2022

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A few reminders:

Tuesday, March 9th - **Parent Portal Closes**

Thursday, March 11th - **Middle School presents** - High School Musical, Jr.

Friday, March 12th - **End of Trimester 2**

Tuesday, March 16 - **PTO meeting**

Wednesday, March 17 - Deadline for apply for **tuition assistance** through FACTS

Wednesday, March 17 - Students may wear **St. Patrick's Day accessories** with regular uniform

Thursday, March 18 - **PTO Spirit Day**

Thursday, March 18 - **T2 Report Cards go home** for K-8

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

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

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

Friday, March 26 - **Spring Pictures** - watch for more information

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

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

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

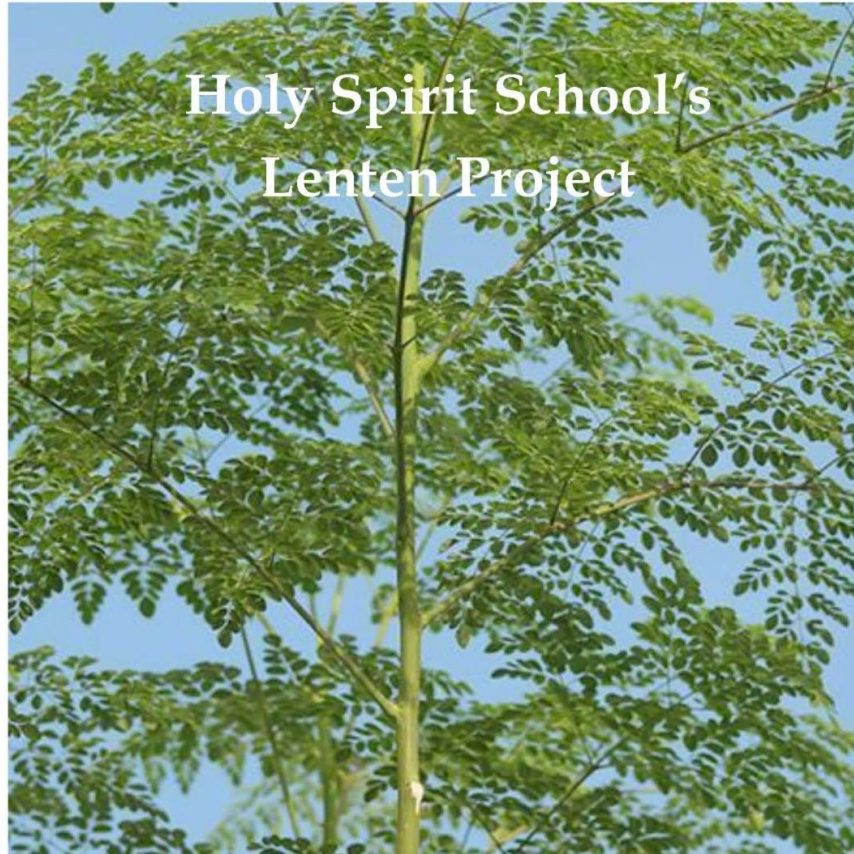
April 2 - April 11 - **Easter break**

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

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-Maureen Ashby

**Principal**



**Thank you to those who have made our tree project a part of your Lenten sacrifice. We have thus far raised \$1,087.78 - so close!**

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.



## It's Recorder Time!!

It is recorder time for those in 3rd & 4th Grade!  
All students will need to bring a soprano recorder, a two pocket folder and a pencil to school for music class starting in Trimester 3!

Your first day of recorder will be:  
3rd Grade:

3J- Thursday, March 18  
3M- Monday, March 15

4th Grade:

4L- Friday, March 26

4R- Monday, March 15

Recorder attendance and class preparedness will be reflected in their music grade.

Where to Get a Recorder:

The recommended brand is Yamaha, which you can find at the following locations:

Music and Arts Center- Locations in Springfield, Falls Church, Oakton, Burke, Mclean and more. Please visit [musicarts.com](http://musicarts.com) for inquiries.

Twinbrooke Music- in the Twinbrooke Shopping Center. Please visit [Themusicstores.com](http://Themusicstores.com) for inquiries.

Amazon.com- search "Yamaha soprano recorder."

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Toussaint.  
[atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org)

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## **Spring Pictures Friday, March 26th**

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

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

Please refer to the Handbook for general guidelines, but the key is "Best Dress".

# 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**
- ③ Order your perfect package—and don't worry about returning anything on Picture Day!

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SCHOOL

# Order your yearbook today!

Order online at  
[ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com)

\$20 until APRIL 16, 2021

School Code: 11439521

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**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, JR.!!!!**  
a collective effort by the 7th & 8th grade  
homerooms

**TWO SHOWS - TWO CASTS!**

**March 11, 2021**

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**LOOKING FOR PTO SERVICE HOURS?**

Sponsored by the Squire Roses

# Soup Makers Needed!

Lenten Soup Supper Drive Thru



**Sign Up Today!**

(see website for details)

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**QUESTIONS?**  
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## 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

# Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire - 8.27.2020

# Parish Happenings!



**They KINGDOM COME**  
RESTORING ALL THINGS IN CHRIST THE KING

THE 2021 CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON  
Mass and Lenten Reflection  
FOR MEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 6  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT:  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/MEN](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/MEN)



THE 2021 CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON  
MASS AND LENTEN REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

**Chosen From All Eternity**  
FOR THIS MOMENT IN TIME

SATURDAY, MARCH 13  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT:  
[ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/WOMEN](http://ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/WOMEN)





**Year of Saint Joseph**  
12-08-2020 - 12-08-2021

- To increase our love for this great saint -
- To encourage us to imitate his intercession -
- To imitate his virtues and his zeal -

of POPE FRANCIS *Pateris Cordis*

Saint Joseph <i>during the Year</i>	Selected Spiritual Readings
1 Dec 27, 2020 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	† Matthew 1:2
1 February 14, 2021 - World Marriage Sunday	† Luke 1:2
1 March 2021 - Saint Joseph is customarily honored during the month of March	† St. Bernardine of Siena - Sermon 2, de S. Joseph Hours, Office of Readings, Solemnity of Saint Joseph, vol. 2, pp. 172-173
1 Mar 19, 2021 - Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	† Leo XIII - Encyclical Letter <i>Quamquam Pluribus</i>
1 May 1, 2021 - Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker	† Saint Paul VI - Address 'Nazareth', 5 Jan 1964 Hours, Office of Readings, Feast of the Holy Family, vol. 1, pp. 409-424
1 June 26, 2021 - Father's Day	† Saint John Paul II - Apostolic Exhortation <i>Redemptoris Custos</i>
1 August 15, 2021 - Our Lady of Knock	† Pope Francis - <i>Humily for the Mass for the Beginning of the Pastoral Ministry</i> , 19 Mar 2013
1 November 1, 2021 - Solemnity of All Saints	† Pope Francis - Apostolic Letter <i>Pateris Cordis</i>

In addition to the dates listed above, Saint Joseph is traditionally honored on Wednesdays. He is also fittingly honored on the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month during the Year of Saint Joseph.

**2020 - Year of Saint Joseph - 2021**

**Plenary Indulgences**

A plenary indulgence (the remission of temporal punishment due to sin) is granted to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, fulfill the usual conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions and who, during the Year of Saint Joseph...

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph
- Following St. Joseph's example, perform a spiritual work of mercy or corporal work of mercy.
- Recite the Holy Rosary as a family or as an engaged couple.
- Entrust your daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph and invoke the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work.
- Recite the Litany to St. Joseph for the persecuted Church *ad intra* and *ad extra* and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution.
- Recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph on the Feast of the Holy Family, on March 19<sup>th</sup>, on May 1<sup>st</sup>, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of each month and every Wednesday.

For the Sick, Hospitalized, and Homebound

And in the ongoing Covid-19 health crisis, the gift of the plenary indulgence is also extended to the sick, the elderly, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave their homes. They too can obtain the plenary indulgences if they are detached from any sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, offering to God the pains and hardships of their lives.

For more ways to observe the Year of Saint Joseph, including prayers, devotions, and additional resources, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/2020saintjoseph](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2020saintjoseph).

**Litany of Saint Joseph**

Lord, have mercy	R/ Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy	R/ Christ, have mercy
God our Father in heaven	R/ Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world	R/ Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit	R/ Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God	R/ Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary	R/ Pray for us.
Saint Joseph	R/ Pray for us.
noble son of the House of David	R/ Pray for us.
Light of patriarchs	R/ Pray for us.
Husband of the Mother of God	R/ Pray for us.
Guardian of the Virgin	R/ Pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God	R/ Pray for us.
Faithful guardian of Christ	R/ Pray for us.
Head of the holy family	R/ Pray for us.
Joseph, chaste and just	R/ Pray for us.
Joseph, prudent and brave	R/ Pray for us.
Joseph, obedient and loyal	R/ Pray for us.
Patron of patience	R/ Pray for us.
Lord of poverty	R/ Pray for us.
Model of workers	R/ Pray for us.
Example to parents	R/ Pray for us.
Guardian of virgins	R/ Pray for us.
Pillar of family life	R/ Pray for us.
Comfort of the troubled	R/ Pray for us.
Hope of the sick	R/ Pray for us.
Patron of the dying	R/ Pray for us.
Terror of evil spirits	R/ Pray for us.
Protector of the Church	R/ Pray for us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	R/ Spare us O Lord
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	R/ Hear us O Lord
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	R/ Have mercy on us.

Let us pray, God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. May we have the help of his prayers in heaven and enjoy his protection on earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Covid can't stop the Love! The Squire Roses are sponsoring the

**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)

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**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.holyspiritchurch.us/youthministry](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us/youthministry)



# 5 Car Raffle

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**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**

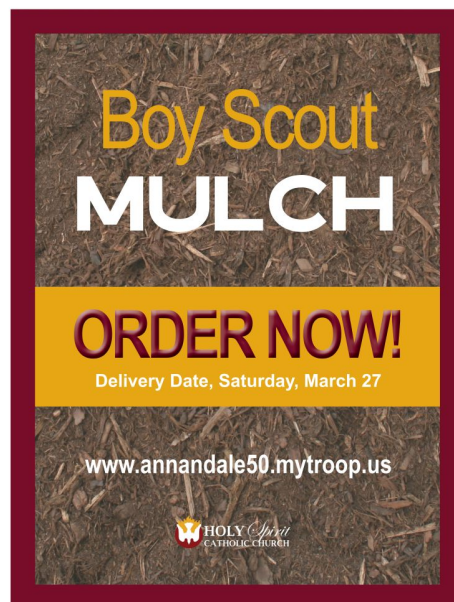
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**To obtain tickets, see the bulletin or website,  
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## Community Happenings!



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## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder

labeled "March 4, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family  
Folder

#### School Flyers:

1. Spring Pictures flyer
2. Recorder instrument information for Grades 3 and 4
3. Yearbook order information
4. Lenten Service Project Information

#### Parish Flyers:

1. Men's Lenten Day of Reflection flyer
2. Women's Lenten Day of Reflection flyer
3. Year of St. Joseph flyer Part I
4. Year of St. Joseph flyer Part II
5. Car raffle flyer
6. Lenten Soup Supper flyer
7. Sunday Night Holy Hours - Middle School Youth Group

#### Community Flyers:

1. Boy Scout Mulch Sale