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# From the Principal's Desk

December 27, 2018



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

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



I do hope that everyone enjoyed Christmas day and that you continue to celebrate the joy of the season in the days and weeks to come.

If you've not yet made your plans for New Year's Eve - consider the parish celebration! This family centered event is always well-attended and fun for all - see the information below as registration is necessary.

Students and faculty return to school on Thursday, January 3rd!

Once we return to school, the annual March for Life will be fast upon us. Please note that the day of the march, Friday, January 18th is an early dismissal day so that we may provide the opportunity for our faculty to attend. I certainly encourage as many families as possible to attend this life-affirming event that is so central to who we are as Catholics.

*-Maureen Ashby*

**Principal**

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**All students are invited to participate in the  
parish's poster contest supporting the  
March for Life!**

**Please note that submissions are due the  
Friday we return to school - January 4th!**

MARCH FOR LIFE

www.MarchForLife.org | #WhyWeMarch

2019 THEME



**UNIQUE**  
FROM DAY ONE

# Poster Contest

Design a poster that demonstrates how each human being is “unique from day one”.

## Submission Requirements:

Dimensions: 8 1/2" x 11"

Medium: Any 2-dimensional medium (pencil, pen, paint, marker, colored pencil, etc.)

Due by: Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

All submissions must be original artwork.

Winner's artwork will be made into a prayer card that will be distributed to March for Life participants from our parish community!

All contestants' posters will be on display at the March for Life breakfast on January 18<sup>th</sup>!

Contact [activities@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:activities@holyspiritchurch.us) with questions.

Holy Spirit Players is proud to present....

# AUDITIONS



Who: 7th & 8th Grade Music Electives Sections A & B~ Trimester 2

Where: Music Room

When: Thursday January 3 during Music Elective Classes

Please stay tuned to Power Learning Music Page for audition materials.  
Scripts have been sent home with each student and they are expected to  
prepare for their audition.

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# Consecration *to the* Holy Family



**December 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Following the 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and Noon Masses**

**Holy Spirit Church**

Join Fr. Carroll on the Feast of the Holy Family  
to make a consecration to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.  
Give your family a holy start to 2019!

Questions? Email Andrew Tremel at [Knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:Knights@holyspiritchurch.us).

*Most Holy Family, Pray for us!*

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2019

**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
PARISH CELEBRATION**

DECEMBER 31, 2018

6:30-10:30 PM

**FAMILY FUN!**

MUSIC FOR ALL AGES  
FAMILY DANCE AND LINE DANCING  
FACE PAINTING  
PHOTO BOOTH

RESERVATIONS MADE AT  
[HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US](http://HOLYSPIRITCHURCH.US)



## *Devotional Events*

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
December 31, 2018*

**MASS**

5:30 - 6:30 PM

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

6:30 - 11:00 PM

**BENEDICTION**

11:00 - 11:30 PM

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

11:30 PM - 12:30 AM

(TAKING PLACE DURING NYE EVENT)

Can't join us for the march?  
Join us in spirit...

## Spiritual March and Breakfast

January 18th  
6:00-10:30am  
School Cafeteria

Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits and gravy, Oatmeal  
\$5/person, \$15 Cap for families

School families: Join us for breakfast before the school day begins!





46th Annual

# March for Life

Friday, January 18th



Join us for Breakfast from 6:00 - 10:30 AM  
in the School Cafeteria,  
followed by a special Mass at 10:15 AM,  
then travel with us to the March.

Busses will leave Holy Spirit at 11:00 AM and return around 4:30 PM.

*Our Lady  
of Guadalupe,  
pray for us!*



**HOLY  
SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

To reserve a bus seat, click the blue "March for Life" button on the parish web site ([www.holyspiritchurch.us](http://www.holyspiritchurch.us)). Sign up is first come, first serve. Breakfast is \$5/person.

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# SAVING FOR EDUCATION WITH VIRGINIA 529

Learn how to start your college savings through  
prepay tuition and receiving tax advantages.  
Get tips on how to meet your saving goals!



January 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00-8:30 PM  
Meeting Rooms  
1 and 2

Contact [PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)  
for more information.



**NAILED IT!**

You're Invited to...

**Larry Quinn's Retirement Reception**

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Begins at 7:00 PM**

**Presentation at 8:00 PM**

**Meeting Rooms 1 and 2**

Hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, dessert and alcoholic beverages for your refreshment.

Any Parish Ministry wishing to give a gift (spiritual or otherwise) is welcome to do so.

**Please RSVP at [HolySpiritChurch.us/Larry](http://HolySpiritChurch.us/Larry) by January 8<sup>th</sup>**





**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:45 AM - 1:30 PM**

**INOVA Blood Donor Services**  
**Holy Spirit School**

**Make your lifesaving appointment today!**

**Contact:**

- Dick Cecka (703) 978-8435  
or [giveblood@holyspirtchurch.us](mailto:giveblood@holyspirtchurch.us)
- Chris Cecka (703) 250-2122  
or [cmcecka@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcecka@yahoo.com)

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.  
Double up! Donate on ALYX.



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# Council Free Throw Competition



**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 pm**  
**School Gym**

A free competition for boys and girls, ages 9-14. Each contestant competes by shooting free throws. Winners in each category receive a plaque and are advanced to District competition. All contestants receive a certificate. For more information, contact Mike Poumade at [poumade@prodigy.net](mailto:poumade@prodigy.net) or 703-425-8769.

**HOLY**  
**SPIRIT**  
Catholic Church

# HOW TO *High School*

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshop**

**@ SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, Noon - 4:00pm**

## **LEARN HOW TO...**

- Make the Team
- Ace the Test
- Manage Money
- Organize Your Planner
- Enjoy High School
- Find Your Thing
- Explore Your Brain
- Achieve Great Things



**Free! Lunch included!**

RSVP: [tiny.cc/howtohighschool](http://tiny.cc/howtohighschool)

[howtohighschool@jpthegreat.org](mailto:howtohighschool@jpthegreat.org)

17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026

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# DISCOVER YOUR *Greatness*

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# BIOETHICS SEMINARS FOR ADULTS

WITH SR. TERESE AUER, O.P.

hosted by SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Human Happiness

Jan. 29 • 7:00pm

The Moral Law

Feb. 5 • 7:00pm

Conscience and Truth

Feb. 12 • 7:00pm

The Human Act

Feb. 9 • 7:00pm

The Moral Act

Feb. 26 • 7:00pm

Virtue

March 5 • 7:00pm

Free Admission • 17700 Dominican Dr., Potomac Shores, VA 22026 • St. Thomas Aquinas Hall (downstairs)



Sister Terese Auer, O.P., is the chair of the Bioethics Department at John Paul. Sister Terese has been a Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (also known as the "Nashville Dominicans") for more than 30 years. She earned a Ph.D. from St. Thomas University in Houston, TX and is the author of John Paul's four year Bioethics Curriculum.



## Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "December 27, 2018 "(or [CLICK HERE](#)). For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

### School Flyers:

1. Chess Club and Coding Club Winter Session - flyer
2. PTO Sponsored - Virginia 529 information session - flyer

### Parish Flyers:

1. March for Life Poster Contest - flyer
2. March for Life - Spiritual March and Breakfast - flyer



3. March for Life - flyer
4. Consecration to the Holy Family - flyer
5. Parish NYE Event - flyer
6. Marian Devotions - flyer
7. Blood Drive - flyer
8. Larry Quinn retirement celebration - flyer
9. K if C Free Throw Competition - flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Dyslexic Edge conference - flyer
  2. ANSLL Registration flyers - Spring 2019
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