

April 1, 2021



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

"Protect the Creation; Praise the Creator"

Have a blessed Triduum and a joyful Easter!

Did I speak too soon last week when I said I was fairly certain that the winter weather is over?

Hopefully this will be the last blast of chilly air and we can officially keep the more mild Spring weather moving forward. A reminder that we do switch over uniforms beginning Monday, April 12th. That being said, please note that if it is still chilly and your child wants to continue to wear the long pants/sweatshirt/sweatpants, etc., that is completely fine. A reminder that students may not wear non-uniform sweatshirts, etc. during the day in their classrooms.

Today we were blessed with presentations of the Living Stations by the two 8th grade homerooms. What a gift to their fellow students to lead them in prayer as we begin the Triduum. I hope that you will prayerfully consider participating with your children in the various liturgies either here at Holy Spirit or at your parish today and through Saturday and that your Easter celebration culminates with true joy knowing that Jesus has risen and opened the gates of Heaven for us all.

I hope that you enjoy the break from school and a reminder that if you are traveling over the Easter break, please be considerate of everyone in our community and consider whether your child needs to stay home during the first week back.



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:

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

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

April 15 - **PTO Spirit Wear Day**

April 15, 22, 29 - **Middle School** - The Gift of Human Sexuality Programs

April 20 and 21 - **ACRE Testing** for Grades 5 and 8

April 22 - **Prayer Service** - St. Kateri of Tekakwitha

April 27 - **Colonial Day** - 4th Grade

April 30 - **Trimester 3 Interims** go home

-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 5k Spirit Run

Win an afternoon
and LUNCH with
Father O'Donohue!



Scan to Register



The class with the most 5K registrations wins!

Holy Spirit School Fundraiser

Saturday, April 17th, 2021 11:00-6:00



Out of the Bubble Bakery
6230-A Rolling Rd., Springfield, VA

Offering coffee, tea, allergy-friendly and gluten-free baked goods in many delicious flavors

10% of the day's sales go to Holy Spirit School.

Stop by and look for the special cupcake in Holy Spirit colors!



View flavors and other information at:

<https://obubblebakery.com>

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SCHOOL

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\$20 until APRIL 16, 2021

School Code: 11439521

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COMING SOON!!! SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

May 2nd - May 7th

KICK OFF – SUNDAY, May 2nd 10AM–2PM

Monday - Thursday 7:30-3:30

Friday 7:30-11:30 AM

**25% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL
LIBRARY**

**PLEASE SEE MRS. SANSAVER'S (LIBRARY)
SCHOOLOGY PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



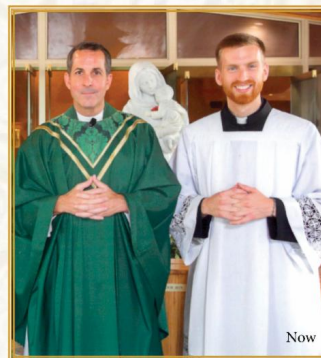
Required Symptom Screening Questionnaire

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

Parish Happenings!

Renner Diaconate Ordination First Mass

*Divine Mercy Sunday
April 11, 2021 at 9:00AM*



*Please Join Us After Mass for an
Outside Reception*

Parishioner Robby Renner will be ordained a transitional deacon at the Cathedral on Saturday, April 10 and will preach at his first Mass at Holy Spirit on Sunday, April 11 at 9:00AM. Please join us for this Mass on Sunday and for a reception outside to follow. Please keep Dcn. Robert in your prayers as he begins his service to our diocese.



**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.



 HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH www.holyspiritchurch.us



HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH Respect Life's annual

Bedding for Babies Drive



Our Goal is to collect 125 blankets and 125 crib sheets to accompany each crib that the Knights of Columbus provide for needy mothers each year.
 Join us! YOU can make a difference!

Drop off donations at Rectory or donate via Amazon Wish List
www.holyspiritchurch.us

Marian Homes, Inc.

Document Shredding Event

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



April 24th
10 AM - 1 PM
Upper Parking Lot Drive-Thru

Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila envelopes, etc.
NO newspapers, magazines, card board, 3-ring binders, hard drives, discs, etc.
 (Donations accepted)

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH For more information, contact:
Knights@holyspiritchurch.us

Community Happenings!

Bishop Ireton High School SUMMER CAMPS



Sign up by May 1, 2021 for
an early bird discount!

Prices go up \$25 after May 1

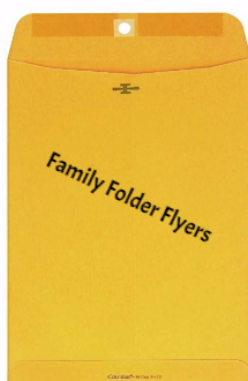
Space is limited! Register early as camp sizes are 12-20
maximum.

All camps will follow COVID protocols with regards to
spacing, health screens and masks.

Questions? Contact Camp Director, Darryl Bruce, at
summercamps@bishopireton.org



All camp descriptions
can be found at
[www.bishopireton.org/athletics/
summer-camps](http://www.bishopireton.org/athletics/summer-camps)



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder
labeled "April 1, 2021" on the website. For
your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Yearbook order information
2. PTO Bakery Fundraiser

Parish Flyers:

1. Car raffle flyer
2. Parish Easter Egg Hunt flyer
3. Bedding for Babies Drive flyer
4. Document Shredding Event flyer

Community Flyers:

1. Bishop Ireton Summer Camps flyer