



May 11, 2023



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2022/2023
"Joy"

**Hail Mary,
Full of Grace**



On this beautiful, sunny May afternoon we took time from our day and took our prayers and intentions to our Mother Mary knowing that she the greatest intercessor for us to her son, Jesus.

We crowned our school statue and were then led by the 2nd and 8th graders in praying the

Rosary.

We are thankful each and every day for the gift that is Catholic education as it allows us to live our Faith as a community each day.

Rock Solid Faith



For several years now, the 8th grade class had taken time to create decorated rocks for the outdoor garden space in the back of the school.

Each student chooses a favorite quote from his/her Confirmation Saint and puts it on a large river rock. Over time we will fill in the back space with all of these remembrances of their Confirmation and have words of wisdom to reflect on when we are outside in the space.

Thank you so very much to Mrs. Tobin and her team of volunteers who made sure that the teachers and staff were showered with messages and gestures of thanks all week long. We appreciate very much all of the time and effort that went into prepping each day; everyone's thoughtfulness is treasured.

We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow morning for the annual Mothers' Day Mass and receptions; see details below.

We will go to Mass on Thursday, May 18th for the Feast of the Ascension (note this is NOT a Spirit Gear day).

Friday, May 19th is FIELD DAY! Please take a look at the Connect 1 sign up to see where assistance may still be needed. This is a day that takes a tremendous number of parent volunteers to have it run smoothly; not to mention it is a great day of fun. Parents who are here in the morning are also welcome to stay to play volleyball against the 7th graders - a great annual tradition! Look for additional details to come!

Saturday, May 20th is the annual 5K Spirit Run in support of our Resource Department and all of the great work that is done with students across the entirety of our school community. Have you registered?

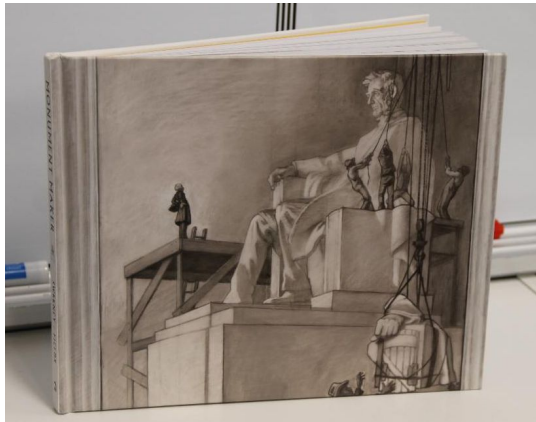
Lunch on the Lawn is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th. Come spend lunch time with your kiddos (details on lunch times are below) and listen to our fabulous band under the direction of Dr. Howell. Remember there is NO hot lunch on this day.

Friday, May 26th is a half day with NO afternoon Extended Day as we head into the Memorial Day weekend. And Monday, May 29th is a NO school day for everyone.

The parent portal closes on Friday, May 26th as we prepare for final exams for the middle school students and end of year report cards.

As we near the closing of the academic year, please be certain that all financial obligations to the school have been satisfied including tuition, Morning Care, Extended Day, library fines, lost/damaged textbook fines, etc. Now would be a great time to double and triple check your PSSC hours to be sure you are on track for completion.

Reports cards and transcripts for student matriculating away from Holy Spirit School will not be provided if a family has any sort of outstanding obligation to the school.



Sometimes the right book is all it takes to nurture a child's love of reading

The library is looking to expand its collection and offerings to students. Parents, if you have picture, chapter, and/or fiction books that your child(ren) no longer reads please consider donating them to the library. I am working to expand our collection and offerings to the students.

Thank you!

Mrs. Coney

PLEASE JOIN US!



Holy Spirit School
Mother's Day Mass



May 12, 2023
9:00am

Light refreshments will be served after mass in your children's classrooms.

Students should arrive at school with their guest in time for the 9:00 am Mass in the church. If students will not have a guest that day they are welcome to arrive at school at regular time.

If Moms are unable to come then Grandmas, aunts, or friends are welcome to stand in for you.



Holy Spirit Virtual Art Show 2023



When: Monday May 22nd-May 26th
Link will be posted on Schoology
pages

Where to view: Visit your child's
Power learning page for Art and
social media.

Yup....2023/2024 School Supply Ordering!



Save Time & Money on School Supply Shopping

Exact pack items & brands customized to your school lists.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERING INFORMATION

It's guaranteed to save you money, time and the hassle of finding that correct item!

These kits match our school requirements for each grade.

Grade Level 2023-2024	Cost Each
Pre-Kindergarten	\$93.00
Kindergarten	\$110.00
Grade 1	\$79.00
Grade 2	\$68.00
Grade 3	\$82.00
Grade 4	\$107.00
Grade 5	\$84.00
Grade 6 & New Middle School	\$101.00
Returning Grade 7 & 8	\$96.00

ONLINE ORDERING ONLY!

Order Securely Online

Starting Now through June 25th!

1. Go to www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
2. Enter the school ID, HOL134 (3 letters/3 numbers)
3. Follow the directions to complete your order.
4. Keep your online confirmation as your receipt.

Orders will be charged tax at checkout.

Supply kits will be delivered to the school and available at open house.

For questions, please contact the school office at
703.978.7117

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Click here for the complete supply list

Thoughtful Moments

Why does Easter matter?

Jesus died so that we might live. In fact, He died so that we might live forever. If we truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, that belief must cause us to live differently. Easter gives us confidence that the darkness in our past can be forgiven, our present has meaning, and we can have hope for the future. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event in human history.

Come together in silence.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence." Once a week, turn off the television, computers, video games and telephones for fifteen minutes. Sit in silence together and listen for God's voice.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me receives not me but (H)im who sent me" (Mark 9:37)



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Live with Easter joy throughout the year

The Church gives us a whole season to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter, ending on Pentecost (May 28). Here are five ways to spread Easter joy beyond the season:

Praise God daily together. Christ's Resurrection is a source of hope. Without it, getting to Heaven would be impossible for us. Offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving together every day.

Celebrate our new life. Plant an indoor Easter garden that you can tend all year. Point out new leaves, blossoms, or shoots when they appear, and remember that Easter brings us all new life.

Tell me a story. Jesus told marvelous stories to help us understand God's love for us. Add

Jesus' stories to your regular bedtime story selection and help children fall asleep with sweet dreams of God's love.

Fast before the feast. The pain of Good Friday makes the joy at Easter more intense. Observe every Friday as a day of penance.

For example, in addition to abstaining from meat, consider making Friday night a no-dessert or a no-computer game night. Then, on Sunday, treat yourselves to whatever you gave up.

Celebrate Easter every week. At every Mass, we receive the Resurrected Christ. He is as present to us as He was to Mary Magdalene outside the tomb. Don't miss a chance to celebrate "Little Easter" every Sunday.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are roses associated with Mary?

For centuries, Our Lady has been associated with roses, traditionally considered the "queen" of flowers in Europe and the Middle East for their beauty, nobility, delicacy, and fragrance. They have also been linked to royalty. In apparitions,



Mary has appeared with roses at Lourdes, Guadalupe, and La Salette. One of her titles is "Mystical Rose." This connection was so strong, people compared praying sets of Hail Marys to a "wreath of roses" called a "rosarium"—now known as the Rosary.



It's right around the corner!

Lunch on the Lawn



May 24, 2023

6, 7, 8th Grades 11:15-12:00

3, 4, 5th Grades 11:50-12:35

K, 1st, 2nd Grades 12:25-1:10

Prek - watch for information from your teacher as to the time

Students should bring a bag lunch and a towel/blanket on which to sit. We will eat on the parish lawn and enjoy the great outdoors!

Parents are highly encouraged to join us!

Please do not forget there is NO hot lunch served this day.



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming Events:

May 19th – Field Day is coming – 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please volunteer and join us in one of the most fun events of the year! Check out [Connect 1](#) for three separate sign-ups -- one for Team Coach (64 Virtus compliant parents needed); one for coolers with waters (one needed for each classroom); and one for an array of other ways to help (there are so many options!) More information will be shared closer to the event. Questions? Email the Field Day Committee at Jessica.A.Driscoll@gmail.com

May 20th - Out of the Bubble Fundraiser. See flyer below. 9:00am-6:00pm

Next PTO Meeting: May 16th, 6:30 pm. This meeting can be found at the following link (more information to follow):

[https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)

[pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09](https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09)

Meeting ID: 821 0184 5095 Passcode: 896019

Connect1:

If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org or visit

<https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp>

**3rd Annual
Holy Spirit School Fundraiser**

Saturday, May 20th, 2023 9:00am-6:00pm

Out of the Bubble

**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 in-store sales go to Holy Spirit School.

**Stop by after the 5K and look for the special cupcake
in Holy Spirit colors!**



View flavors and other information at:

<https://obubblebakery.com>

**FIELD DAY
2023**

Friday May 19, 8 am - 1 pm

Earn volunteer hours at the most fun day of the year!

Check out Connect 1 for 3 separate signups:
+ Team Coach (64 Virtus certified needed!)
+ Bring Coolers (one for every classroom!)
+ All other Field Day needs (so many!)

Questions? Email the Field Day Committee at jessica.a.driscoll@gmail.com

PTO Board 2022 - 2023

President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - PTOVVP@holyspiritflames.org

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org

Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVDPDevelopment@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.

Parish Happenings!



MSYM BOOTCAMP

July 24-28
8:30-2:30 AM

ALL RISING 6TH - 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED!

Join us to participate in the sacraments, learn about our faith, and of course have some fun!



We will be participating in service projects throughout the week all ending with an adventure day in the Shenandoah!

Cost: \$100 for the week including all lunches, snacks, work supplies, and the adventure day!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE SO SIGN UP SOON!

Information and Sign up can be found at:

<https://holyspiritchurch.us/category/middle-school-youth-ministry/>

PENTECOST NOVENA MAY 19 - MAY 28
PREPARING FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

Novena Schedule & Pentecost Sunday Holy Hour
(in the church)

Friday, May 19: 7 PM (During Holy Hour)
Saturday, May 20: 9:30 AM
Sunday May 21: 5:30 PM

Monday, May 22 - Thursday, May 25: 7 PM
Friday, May 26: 7 PM (During Holy Hour)
Saturday, May 27: 9:30 AM

Pentecost Sunday, May 28:
4:45-5:45 PM Eucharistic Holy Hour

Come Holy Ghost, Creator blast, and in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid, And fill that hearts which Thou hast made.

Holy Spirit Church Presents
Vacation Bible School 2023

Who Is My Neighbor?
LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

June 19 - 23
9 am - 12 pm
Lunch is included


Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed.
Children of adult volunteers attend for free.

Registration opening soon.


ASSOCIATES OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO

COLLEGE NIGHTS


Bridging the Gap of Faith



Student testimonials



Small groups sessions



Peer connections

June 28: St. Mark's
July 3: St. Michael's
July 12: Holy Trinity (NEW location!)
July 19: Basilica of St. Mary
July 26: Holy Cross Academy

All rising college freshmen and transfer students may register for FREE at ASJB.org. All events begin at 7PM.

Vivat  Jesus!

Knights of Columbus
Holy Spirit Council 11922

Wishes Holy Spirit's Priests, Deacons, and Parishioners
Happy Easter And a Joyful Easter Season!



Business/Social Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month 8PM
Planning Meeting 3rd Tuesday of the Month 8PM
Rosary before meetings start time 7:40PM
Holy Spirit School Quin Room



Join Us!

Mark your Calendars | Save the Date

Spring Appreciation Dinner Dance

May 20, 2023 | 6:30 PM Start | Holy Spirit Cafeteria and Gym

K of C Holy Spirit Council Thanks Holy Spirit Parish for over 25 years of Support, especially Charter GK Chuck Bennett and charter members.

Everyone is welcome to join this celebration with Dinner and Dancing. Brother Knight & DJ Deacon Malcom will be leading the dance in the gym.

RSVP (required by May 10): \$25/person 12 and up, \$12 kids 5-12, Kids 0-4 free Family Max \$100, Price includes Dinner, Drinks, Dessert, and Dancing. To RSVP email GK Tom at Knights@HolySpiritChurch.us

Make checks payable to K of C Holy Spirit Council #11922 and mail check to: K of C Holy Spirit Council, P.O. Box 225, Burke, VA 22009

Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Support Our Retired Diocesan Priests

Second Collection June 10-11

St. Rose of Lima Retirement Villa

"My retired brother priests and I are truly blessed to know of the care and compassion shown by parishioners through this special collection which helps to support us in our retirement years."
—Mgfr. John Cregan




AREAS OF SUPPORT

- The Saint Rose of Lima Priests' Retirement Villa
- Funds for future needs such as health care during retirement and Nursing Home Care
- The Priests' Pension Fund

OUR PRIESTS AT A GLANCE:

- 195 Diocesan priests
- 29 are retired
- Another 18 priests will retire in the next ten years.

YOUR DONATION WILL HELP SUPPORT DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR CHURCH

Eucharistic Adoration

Hours needed:
Wed 4-5p, 5-6p
Fri 11p-12a, Sat 12a-1a,
1-2a, 3-4a

Email Andrew and Lisa at:
adoration@holyspiritchurch.us



Adoration Hours:
Monday 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 4pm-7pm
Friday-Sat 4pm-9am

Choose weekly, bi-weekly, monthly.
Share the Hour with a friend/family

Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.

Wednesday Night

Bible Study


With Father O'Donohue

With only one more session remaining, please join us as we complete the Book of Isaiah and its lasting message:

I am the Lord
I have made you
I will uphold you
I will deliver you


Isaiah 46:4

Last Session | May 17, 8:30 PM
Livestream option available for those unable to attend.



Our Lady of Fatima and the Fall of Communism


JOIN US FOR A GOLDEN JUBILEE PRESENTATION



This multimedia presentation by Steve Hemler and Craig Turner of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) provides a fascinating look at the events that led to the fall of communism in Russia and Eastern Europe and their links to Our Lady of Fatima, including the key role of Pope St. John Paul II.


These Golden Jubilee presentations will be on

TUESDAY MAY 23
St. Mary of Sorrows, Fairfax
7:30 pm




Steve Hemler

THURSDAY MAY 25
St. John the Evangelist, Warrenton
7:30 pm



Craig Turner

SATURDAY JUNE 10
St. Patrick, Fredericksburg
10:00 am



Sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation Diocese of Arlington

For more, see:
<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/golden-jubilee-all-events/>

Gatechism Study!

WITH DEACON TOM IN 2023

Come study the Catechism of the Catholic Church and dive deeper into our Faith, the sacraments, life in Christ, prayer, and more.

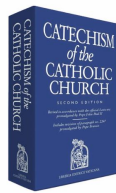
2ND TUESDAY of EVERY MONTH

WHEN: 7:00–8:15 p.m.

WHERE: Rectory, Large Meeting Room

To sign up, send an email to:
CatechismStudy@holyspiritchurch.us

Filed to St. Mary's Catechism in a Year* podcast from Ascension Press, but open to all who want to study the Catechism.



Community Happenings!

Bishop Ireton High School SUMMER CAMPS

All camp descriptions and more information can be found online at: bishopireton.org/summercamps

Morning sessions run from 9 am - 12 pm. Afternoon sessions run from 12:30-3:30 pm.

Sign up by April 1, 2023 for an early bird discount! Prices go up \$25 per camp session after April 1.

Questions? Contact Camp Director, Kieran Mitchell at:

summercamps@bishopireton.org

Early drop off and lunch are available for purchase upon registering for camp.

Registration cancellations will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

Please note that all registrations are non-refundable thirty days from the date camp begins.



ART CAMP

June 20-23 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
July 24-28 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275

ATHLETIC CONDITIONING

June 20-23 Afternoon Session	\$220
June 26-30 Afternoon Session	\$275
July 5-7 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$165
July 10-14 Afternoon Session	\$275
July 17-21 Afternoon Session	\$275

BABYSITTER TRAINING

June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$220
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BAND CAMP

July 10-14 Morning Session	\$275
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BASEBALL CAMP - BOYS

June 26-30 Morning Session	\$275
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BASKETBALL CAMP

June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
July 5-7 Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$165
July 17-21 Morning and Afternoon Session - Boys Camp	\$275
June 20-23 Afternoon Session - Girls Camp	\$220
July 5-7 Morning Session - Girls Camp	\$165
July 10-14 Morning and Afternoon Session - Girls Camp	\$275

CHORAL CAMP

July 10-14 Morning Session	\$275
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COMPUTER CAMP - PROGRAMMING WORKSHOPS

June 26-30 Morning and Afternoon Session	\$275
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Camps are co-ed unless otherwise indicated.

DON'T MISS OUT!

SUMMER CAMPS

AT BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL

Digital Game Development • Sports Management
Creative Writing • Field Hockey
Entrepreneurs • Basketball • Young Debaters
Baseball • Cybersecurity • Band
Volleyball • Web Development
Video Production • Lacrosse • Theatre
Junior Veterinarians ...and more!

bishopoconnell.org/summercamps

Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will get excited about books and reading.

Program for Entering 1st Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

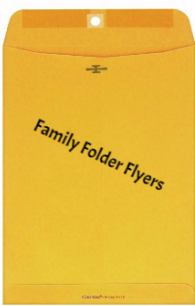
Program for Entering 2nd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident, fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Program for Entering 3rd Graders
In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders
In these fun and effective programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader and a better writer. Students develop strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. They expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly. Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders
In these effective and enjoyable programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction, learn to read twice as fast, and become a better writer. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes and study for tests. Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
Call 1-800-715-2808
Mon.-Fri. 8am-9pm, Sat. 8am-7pm and Sun. 10am-6pm



The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "May 11, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



School Flyers:

1. Mothers' Day Mass and Reception flyer
2. Lunch on the Lawn flyer
3. PTO Bakery Fundraiser flyer
4. Partners in Faith (May) newsletter
5. EPI School Supply Ordering Program
6. School Supply List for 2023/2024

Parish Flyers:

1. MS Youth Ministry Boot Camp
2. Pentecost Novena
3. Vacation Bible School flyer
4. Document Shredding Event flyer
5. Knights of Columbus Spring Appreciation Dinner Dance
6. College Nights
7. Retired Diocesan Priests
8. Eucharistic Adoration
9. Bible Study
10. Our Lady of Fatima presentation
11. Catechism in a Year

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