

November 10, 2022



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

**Who will win the trophy?!?**



The "coveted" Turkey Shoot Out trophy is up for grabs! This week and into next week, the students have been displaying their free throw skills and racking up points with their buddy classes all while raising money for Catholic Charities. The top scoring buddy pairs will compete for the trophy on Friday, November 18th.

Check out the information below; support the cause if you can; and come and join us for the finals!

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## Santa's Ride and our annual toy drive are right around the corner!

The middle school students put together our collection boxes with this year theme of "Joy". We look forward to the beginning of Advent and to our annual toy drive. This year's goal is to collect **500** toys! Friday, December 2nd is our annual Giving Mass. See the information below for more details.



## Paver Installation!

Thank you to Mr. Thieman and members of the Holy Spirit Parish Men's Club who installed the engraved pavers into the outdoor classroom walkway. They look terrific!

Thank you to families, both past and present, who supported this PTO fundraiser. Look for opportunities in the future to purchase pavers and memorialize your family's time here at Holy Spirit.



## Flag Retirement Ceremony

Today we had the privilege of having members of the Knights of Columbus present to the students a solemn flag retirement ceremony. The safety patrol squad had the honor of carrying the flags out to the burn barrel and each homeroom had the opportunity to process with a flag in order to see what takes place.

Catholic schools have historically set forth two basic goals – the preservation of the Catholic faith through the formation of children and the preparation of these same children for productive roles in American society. Pride in country and respect for our flag were on full display today and we thank the Knights for teaching the students a little bit about the history and tradition of this ceremony.

We also thank the Knights for the donation of \$500.00 to the school. These were proceeds from the most recent Parish Pancake Breakfast.



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## Reminders

Thursday, November 17th is a PTO Spirit Gear day. Students may dress down as long as they are wearing purchased PTO Spirit Gear.

The Parent Portal in PowerSchool will close on November 18th while we prepare report cards. The 1st Trimester officially closes on Tuesday, November 22nd and report cards for grades K-8 are distributed on December 2nd.

The Thanksgiving holiday is Monday, November 21 through Friday, November 25th.

When we return on Monday, November 28th our annual toy drive supporting Santa's Ride will begin. See the information below.

We will light our Advent Wreath and celebrate the beginning of Advent with a prayer service on Monday, November 28th at 8:30 am in the gym. All are welcome.

The annual Santa Boutique will be held December 8th and 9th. This is an optional shopping experience focused on the younger students to provide them the opportunity to purchase something special for family members. The schedule is attached. Watch for additional information from the PTO. There are volunteer opportunities to assist with this event - the Connect 1 link is below.

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During the week of November 14th, grades 1-8 will be presented the Diocesan mandated Formation in Christian Chastity program. I highly encourage parents to review the course materials for this safe environment training via the link below. This is an Opt-Out program, which means that the material will be presented to all students unless a parent specifically opts a student out via the form provided below.

Formation in Christian Chastity OPT-OUT  
Form

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**WHEN:** November 8-18

**WHERE:** PE classes, gym

**FOR:** *Catholic Charities*

**COST:** \$1.00.

**Money will be collected starting Monday, Nov. 7th** in homeroom.

**Parent Volunteers:** A signup will be in Connect 1 to volunteer to help during the PE classes.

For a \$1-dollar donation, students will pair with their mass buddies in a free throw competition. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the gym to help keep score. Volunteers will assign points to shots-- 3 points for every basket made, 2 points for hitting the rim, backboard or net and 1 point for any missed attempts. Each team will get a total of 5 free throws. The top mass buddy teams will compete in a **final shoot out on Friday, November 18 at 2:00pm** with the entire school cheering them on. Parents are welcome to attend the final competition on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a trophy for the winning team to be displayed in the front office. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities

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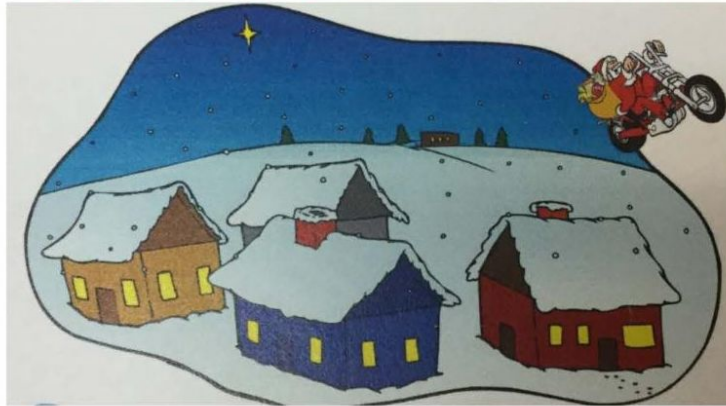
**SANTA'S RIDE!!!**

**Our goal is 500 new toys.**

# Annual Holy Spirit School Toy Drive

## SANTA'S RIDE

*Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Sick Children*



Monday, November 28th - Friday, December 2nd



Make a difference in the lives of the many sick children who are unable to return home for the holidays.

The Fairfax County Police Department motorcycle squad is collaborating with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and others to collect and distribute toys to children at Fairfax Hospital and Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center.

Please donate a new, unwrapped toy, game, or book.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Please join us for our annual Giving Mass on Friday, December 2nd. Members of the Fairfax County Motorcycle Squad will be here to receive the toys from the children.**

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# Santa's Secret Shop

IS COMING SOON!

**Get that special gift for  
everyone on your list!**

**D a t e s : D e c e m b e r 8 t h a n d 9 t h**



[Santa Boutique  
Schedule](#)

[Connect 1 Volunteer  
Link](#)

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Holy Spirit School relies heavily on our current families to help promote our school. If you know of someone considering a Catholic school education for their children - send them our way! Our first Open House for prospective families is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th.

*Discover*  
**Catholic Schools**  
*Discover* **Holy Spirit**

**November 16th  
& January 11th  
6-7:30 PM Open House**

**Holy Spirit Catholic School  
Annandale, VA**

[www.holyspiritflames.org](http://www.holyspiritflames.org)



**Holy Spirit**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

-Maureen Ashby

**Principal**

## Holy Spirit School PTO



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### **Upcoming Events:**

November 27 – Christmas Tree Sales!

**PTO Meeting:** The November PTO meeting will be on November 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm. You can either attend in person in Room 14 of the school, or online on the link below. This is a great opportunity to learn about upcoming events, meet fellow parents, and to get involved. Additionally, the meeting attendance counts towards the PSSC hours. Please join us at the following link:

<https://holyspiritflames.zoom.us/j/87077053723?pwd=SkJiMEdsWHcvKzdVZC9qN09GdlgrZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 7705 3723      Passcode: 483688

**Recess Duty:** Sign up for recess duty opportunities is now available through: <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/ta43kmlw3>.

### **Connect1:**

If you need more assistance with Connect 1 you can either contact Tom Fields at [PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPSSC@holyspiritflames.org) or visit <https://app.connect1.io/volunteers/gmgujg6pp>





**The PTO Christmas Tree sale is right around the corner!  
Check out Connect 1 for volunteer opportunities!**

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### **PTO Board 2022 - 2023**

President - Christine Ploschke - [PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org)

Vice President - Trevor Lowing - [PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org)

Treasurer - Danielle Hetzler - [PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org)

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Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - [PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org](mailto:PTOVDevelopment@holyspiritflames.org)

Homeroom Parent Coordinator - Valerie Overstreet - [PTOHomeroomCoordinator@holyspiritflames.org](mailto: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.**

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# **Parish Happenings!**



# Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 11922

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



Keep Christ in Christmas  
Christmas Cards  
go on SALE after weekend  
Masses  
NOVEMBER  
12-13, 19-20, 26-27



Cards that express the meaning of the Season!

Exemplification of Charity,  
Unity, and Fraternity

Attention: New E-Knights, 1<sup>st</sup>  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knights  
November 15, 2022  
Candidates, Please Arrive at the  
Church between 7:30-7:40PM  
Family Members Welcome

- Knights Checklist**
- ✓ Catholic Gentlemen
  - ✓ 18 years old or older
  - ✓ Practicing Catholic
  - Not a Knight? Why NOT?



Join Us, Today!  
use QR code  
Or  
KofC.org/joinus

For more information on the council, contact GK Tom at [knights@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:knights@holyspiritchurch.us)

## Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by the  
Men's Club

<b>Menu</b>	<b>Prices</b>
Spaghetti with Meatballs	Adults: \$7
Garlic Bread	Children Under 18: \$5
Salad with Italian Dressing	\$25.00 Family Maximum
Dessert Items	
Wine, Soda, Juice, and Water	

Saturday, November 19  
5:30-7:30 pm  
In the School Cafeteria  
(joined with Meeting Rooms 1 & 2)

**A great ministry for teens and families this winter**

Before you go sledding this winter — help a friend in need

Want to volunteer? Email [gss@holyspiritparish.us](mailto:gss@holyspiritparish.us)

**Good Samaritan Society  
Snow Angels Program**

Each fall, we collect the names of parishioners who cannot shovel their own driveways and do not have neighbors who can do it for them. Then we pair volunteers with those parishioners—typically within a few blocks of one another—to shovel their driveways free of charge by the end of the day. This is a perfect way for teens and families to be Good Samaritans to our community. Sign up by November 1 to help!

## FLAG RETIREMENT Ceremony

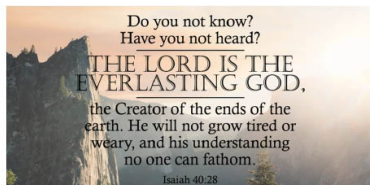
Thursday Nov 10th, 2022  
7:30 - 9:30PM  
School Gym & Parish Grounds  
All are invited to attend this patriotic event!

**Worn flags?**  
The Knights are collecting worn flags that need to be retired. They may be dropped off in a receptacle in the School from now to Nov. 6.

Wednesday Night

## Bible Study

With Father O'Donohue



Join our Bible Study to learn more about the meaning of this verse.

While there is a livestream option, it is encouraged to take an hour a week to attend in person.

Next Class: November 16, 2022  
Parish Center Large Meeting Room  
8:30-9:30 PM



High School Youth Ministry

## Christmas Coat Drive!

Begins Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> and will run until December 4<sup>th</sup>!

Drop off is inside the Church in the marked boxes

**Items Needed:**

- Gloves
- Winter Jackets
- Sweaters
- Wool Hats
- Hooded Sweatshirts
- Scarves

Questions? Please contact, the Youth Minister, Ronan Lahiff  
([youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us))



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DONUT SALE - November 20<sup>th</sup>



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# NEON MANHUNT NIGHT

**MSYM: Friday Night Meeting**  
**November 11th, 2022**  
**from 7-9 PM**

**Wear all the Neon Clothes, hats, and accessories you want!!**

## Senior Citizen Bingo

Bingo is the American version of a game that originated as an Italian Lottery called "Lo Giuoco del Lotto D'Italia" that was all the rage dating back as far as the mid-1500s. When the game reached North America in 1929 it was known as "beans" but later renamed bingo after a caller yelled out "BINGO" instead of beano.



- And besides being great fun, it
- Increases social engagement
  - Increases reflexes and short-term memory
  - Improves hand-eye coordination
  - Improves concentration (especially if managing multiple boards)

Come join us in the Parish Center from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm for those 55 years and older.  
Next Game: Thursday, November 17th

**Our Parish needs everyone's financial assistance to the best of their means.**



**Please return your comitment card if you haven't yet done so.**

**Remember to register for online Parish Giving at [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org)**

**\*\*You will still receive envelopes for the collection that you may mark as having given electronically\*\***



### Join the Squire Roses Today!

We meet the second Sunday of each month from 1:15pm-2:30pm in meeting room 1. Next meeting Nov 13, 2022

A youth organization sponsored by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus for girls ages 10-18.


#### What do Squire Roses Do?

With appropriate guidance, the girls will develop their own ideas on how to participate in parish and live out their Catholic faith through charitable contributions. The adults involved will be available to provide guidance and assist the girls in learning the skills needed to bring about the successful completion of their projects. Some past projects and activities include: Helping to decorate the church for Christmas and Easter, hosting an Advent event for children, helping to sort and stock food for the poor at the St. Lucy Project warehouse, the Crowning of Mary Ceremony in May, movie nights and a Father/Daughter luncheon.

For information contact: Kristin Gorak - [squirose@holyspiritchurch.us](mailto:squirose@holyspiritchurch.us)

# Community Happenings!

**2022 DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE**  
**THEME: MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD, MY SAVIOR"**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022; 8:00 AM- 3:30 PM**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
 (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW MID-SEPTEMBER)



**SHERATON RESTON HOTEL, RESTON, VIRGINIA**



## Prospective Teacher Information SESSIONS

**November 14, 2022 7:00 PM**

**Bishop Denis J. O'Connell**  
 High School,  
 School Library  
 6600 Little Falls Road  
 Arlington, Virginia

**Explore**  
 website  
<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools>  
**job openings**

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/>

**application process**

<https://arlingtondiocese.org/catholic-schools/careers/application/>

**November 16, 2022 7:00 PM,**

**Saint John Paul the Great**  
 Catholic High School  
 School Library  
 1700 Dominican Drive  
 Potomac Shores, VA

**Register**



<https://forms.office.com/r/RQXLNUF09r>

Discover the Diocese of Arlington. Meet with school representatives to explore teaching in one of the **37** elementary schools, **4** high schools and **4** stand-alone preschools serving over **18,000** students in the **13** cities and counties in this growing diocese. Our schools are seeking highly-qualified, faith-filled and dynamic professionals.



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 The Catholic Diocese of Arlington  
 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203



To make a gift online,  
 scan the QR code or go to:  
[ArlingtonDiocese.org/Donate\\_SEEF](https://arlingtondiocese.org/Donate_SEEF)

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**X 6 YEARS OF FORMATION**

**\$300,000** to educate 1 priest  
**X 48 SEMINARIANS**

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind."*  
 Hebrews 13:16

**Contact:**  
 John French, Office of Development  
[john.french@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org)  
 (703) 841-3819



You are invited to a  
**DISCOVERY TOYS**

**Holiday Shopping Party and "Toy Raiser"!!**

**Proceeds to be given in developmental baby toys for pregnant and new mothers in need**

- See our line of NEW Fall products
- Discontinued DT demo toys at BIG savings!
- Door prize drawings! Bring your friends for more entries!

**HOSTED BY – Cindy Connors**

- DATE – Saturday, November 12
- TIME – 9 AM – 2 PM
- PLACE – Cindy Connors, 9804 Dansk Ct., Fairfax
- RSVP – 703-868-8697 – [CindyToys@aol.com](mailto:CindyToys@aol.com) (or just come by!)
- See the catalogs in advance or order online if you can't join us

**DISCOVERY TOYS SHOPPING LINK AND CATALOG, ORDER BY 11/15**

<https://bit.ly/cindys2022holidayparty>

Bishop Ireton  
Theater Arts Presents



## YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

MOSS HART AND GEORGE S. KAUFMAN

November 11, 12, 18, 19 @ 7pm  
November 13 @ 8pm  
Garwood Whaley Auditorium

Tickets \$10 in advance online at  
[bishopireton.org/tickets](https://bishopireton.org/tickets) and at the door.



## Interested in playing Girl's High School Ice Hockey?

Bishop O'Connell High School is starting a Girl's Ice Hockey team next year. Are you in 8th grade, currently playing ice hockey, and interested in playing High School Ice Hockey? Join us to learn more and play in an exhibition hockey game!

Sunday, Nov. 27 from 10:30 am to 1 pm  
at the St. James Sports Complex



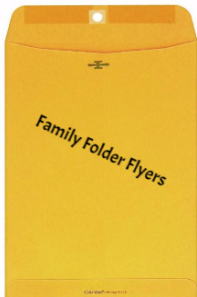
For more information, please fill out this player interest form, and O'Connell Ice Hockey will be in touch.

<https://forms.gle/UyUxjgkixZgma9C7>



## FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "November 10, 2022" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.



Family  
Folder

### School Flyers:

1. Turkey Shoot Out flyer
2. Santa's Ride Toy Drive flyer
3. Santa Boutique flyer
4. Formation in Christian Chastity OPT-OUT form
5. Partners in Faith (November) newsletter
6. Diocese of Arlington Tuition Assistance Overview

### Parish Flyers:

1. Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sale flyer
2. Spaghetti Dinner flyer
3. Snow Angels Program flyer
4. Flag Retirement flyer
5. Bible Study flyer
6. Coat Drive flyer
7. Donut Sale flyer
8. MS YM Manhunt flyer
9. Senior Citizen BINGO flyer
10. Squire Roses flyer
11. Parish Stewardship flyer

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1. Diocesan Catechetical Conference flyer

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5. BI Theatre "You Can't Take It With You" flyer
6. O'Connell HS 8th Grade Girls Hockey clinic flyer