

September 2, 2021



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Half Day Friday!

As we celebrate the upcoming Labor Day holiday, I hope that you will take the time to not just celebrate the last "hurrah" of Summer weather and the pool being open, but that your family also give thanks for the social and economic achievements and contributions of the American worker.

As we take a brief respite from work, I would ask that you be cognizant of your travel and celebration plans over the weekend. Depending on where you go, what you do, and who you are around for the weekend, please consider whether it is prudent to keep children home from school especially if someone isn't feeling well.

A reminder that Friday, September 3rd is an early dismissal (11:30 am) for everyone and there is NO afternoon extended day.

As both the parish and the school gear back up, there are many opportunities for students and families. Be sure to scroll all the way through the newsletter each week to see the offerings.

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

With the first week in the books, hats off to the staff and faculty of Holy Spirit for an excellent start!

Just a few reminders:

- There are still some Homeroom Parent positions open. This position plays an important role in the communications between the parents and teachers. If you are interested in being a Homeroom Parent, please contact the Homeroom Parent Coordinator, Valerie Overstreet - PTOhomeroomcoordinator@holyspiritflames.org.
- If you happen to see an event that you would be interested in participating in as a committee member, please send inquiries to the PTO Vice President, Mary Sonnen - ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

- September 8 – Volunteer Fair (<https://holyspiritchurch.us/ptovolunteerfair>). Parents who attend the fair will earn 1 PSSC volunteer hour. There will also be a Used Uniform Sale. This is a great opportunity to ask some questions about volunteer opportunities and pick up some uniform items!
- September 12 – Parish Picnic. The PTO is sponsoring the Bounce House and Dunk Tank! If you want to volunteer to help with either of these please sign up at <https://holyspiritchurch.us/parishpicninc/>
- September 15 – PTO Committee Chair Social
- September 21 – Monthly PTO Meeting
- October – Boosterthon. The PTO will be ordering “Fun Run” T-Shirts and are looking for local businesses to advertise. This is short fused as our order is due September 22nd. If you have a business you would like to advertise or if you have some time to help call local businesses please contact at Shelley.Schaad@gmail.com.

Critical Volunteer Vacancies:

One of the things that makes the children’s school year successful is the support from our wonderful parents! Please review these vacancies (highlighted YELLOW) and if you see anything that you may like to volunteer for please contact the PTO Vice President at the e-mail address above. Click the button below to access the list.

PTO Committee or Position Vacancies

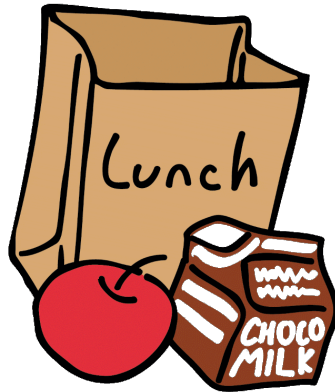
PTO Board 2021/2022

President - Tom Fields - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
Vice President - Heather Howard - PTOVP@holyspiritflames.org
Treasurer - Eileen Feely - PTOTreasurer@holyspiritflames.org
Secretary - Lee Conroy - PTOSecretary@holyspiritflames.org

Volunteer Coordinator - Mary Sonnen - PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org
Fundraising Coordinator - Carolyn Rutherford - PTOVPFundraising@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.



A reminder from Mrs. Chomko, our fabulous Cafeteria Manager.

The deadline for ordering hot lunches for the month of September is September 5th. Instructions for setting up a Boonli account were included in the family packet.

If you are having issues ordering milk/water, please reach out to Mrs. Chomko (schomko@holyspiritflames.org).

Thank you!

PTO Volunteer Fair

**Are you new and not sure where to start?
Have you been at the school a while, but want to try something new?
Come to the Volunteer Fair!
September 8, 2021: 6:30pm – 8pm
in the School Gym**

You will have the opportunity to meet and talk with parents and staff who can tell you about their school event, group, or how you can join their team.

Be a part of the Holy Spirit Community!

Get involved. Meet new families. Start earning volunteer hours!

Parents who attend the fair will earn 1 PSSC volunteer hour towards the 20 needed for the school year.

For more information contact Mary Sonnen at ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org.

Holy Spirit Choir



If you like to sing and are interested in singing at the Friday School Masses, sign up to join the choir!

Choir Sign-Ups: Thursday September 2 @ 3:15-4:00 pm in Music Room

First Choir Rehearsal: Thursday September 9 @ 3:15-4:30 pm in Music Room

Schedule for choir will be sent out the first week of Rehearsal.

***NOTE: Parents please plan to pick up your student in the car line in front of the school at the end of each rehearsal. Parents who are late for pick up (4:40), your child will be sent to extended day and charges will accrue!**

Fill out the interest form below and return to Mr. Toussaint.

Questions? atoussaint@holyspiritflames.org

Choir Interest Form - Due by Monday August 30, 2021

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

Initial here if your child will be going to Extended
Day after choir _____

Name and phone number(s) of person(s) picking up
your child after rehearsal:

Contact for Emergencies:


Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Preferred Email for Choir Updates:

Printable Choir
Form

Got Life?

Respect
Life 

Grades 5th-8th

Respect Life / Rosary Club will meet the 1st Wednesday of every month after school from 3:30-4:30

Join us for our monthly meetings which include prayer, special guest speakers, service projects and drives for our community, and food!

Meeting Dates:

- Oct. 6th
- Nov 3rd
- Dec 1st
- Jan 5th
- Feb 2nd
- March 2nd
- April 6th
- May 4th



Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____

Please return to Ms. Gregas or Mr. Farnham

Printable Got Life?
Form



STRINGS PROGRAM

Interested in having your child (Grades 3 and above) participate in the Strings Program?

Led by Dr. Hwan-Ah Lee, this a great opportunity for both new and more advanced musicians.

Click on the button below for more information.

[Strings Program
Information](#)



Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm

Quinn Room

Begins September 21

Snacks & Social Time Included!

Registration Required

WHAT IS IT?

Militia Immaculata is a prayer group that uses the power of the youth to pray for an end to evil in the world. We meet every Tuesday to call upon the Holy Spirit through the intercession of Our Lady for the conversion of the whole world!

WHAT DO YOU DO?

We pray the rosary, led by Father O'Donohue, intercede for our friends and family, pray some special prayers by St. Maximilian Kolbe, and then we end with some snacks and social time!

WHO CAN JOIN?

This group is open to youth of all ages! All you need is a permission form and you're in! You can find that on the parish website at holyspiritchurch.us/youth/middle-school/militia-immaculata/

IS THIS REALLY AS GREAT AS IT SOUNDS?

Yep! Just come to one of our meetings and you will see the power of prayer! You will get it and want to tell others about it. Really!

REGISTER TODAY!

www.holyspiritchurch.us/category/youth

Think about a Daily Health Observation before sending your child to school

Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

Fever (100.0F) or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child has experienced any of these symptoms in the last 24 hours, please keep your child home, contact your physician, and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org).

If someone in your household has tested positive for or is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, keep your child home and let us know (attendance@holyspiritflames.org)

Parish Happenings!

YOUTH
Greetings from Holy Spirit Youth Ministry!



We'd like to invite you to our kickoff events that will take place the following dates:

Middle School Grades 6-8 Sept 24, 7:30-9:30pm	High School Grades 9-12 Sept 26, 7-9pm
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The nights will include food, games, prizes, and a brief introduction of our theme for the year, "BE STILL"

Be sure to Register
for the 2021-22 Youth Ministry Year at:
www.holyspiritchurch.us/category/youth

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & LASER TAG

Boys 3rd-12th Grade

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
Church and Parish Grounds
5pm New Server Training
5:30pm Current Server Training
Cookout & Laser Tag to Follow

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
www.holyspiritchurch.us/ministries/altarservers

Wine & Cheese

Short & Sweet

The Office of Youth Ministry invites all parents of youth in grades 6-12 to join us and learn about our vibrant and growing youth programs and how YOU can get involved!

Wednesday, Sept. 22nd
7:30 - 9:00PM, Meeting Room 2

Please RSVP to youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us by Sept 20



Rain or shine!

Parish Picnic & Open House

Sunday, September 12
1 - 4pm
Front Lawn

Free! All Are Welcome

Please bring a dish to share:
A-R: Salads/Sides
S-Z: Desserts

Picnic Food & Activities Include:
Burgers & Hot Dogs, Soda, Cotton Candy, Snow Cones, Moonbounce, Inflatables, Obstacle Course, Face Painting, Scouts Obstacle Courses and more!

Side Dish Potluck

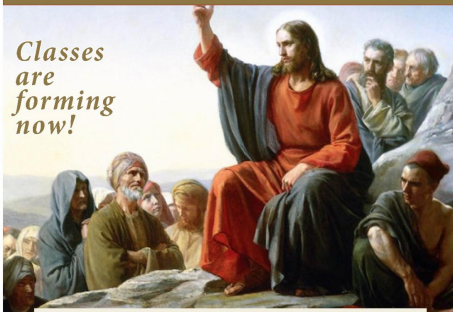
Many volunteers needed, youth and adult! See website, www.holyspiritchurch.us

Don't forget lawn chairs!

HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

Interested in becoming
Catholic
or learning more?


*Classes
are
forming
now!*



Wednesday Evenings (begins Sept. 15th)
7-8 pm
Parish Center

For more information:
E-mail Father Carroll at fc Carroll@holyspiritchurch.us

INOVA Save Lives • Give Blood




INOVA
Inova Blood Donor
SERVICES

Saturday, Sept 11th
6:45 - 11:45 AM
In the Gym

Covid antibody testing
included for all blood donors.

Photo ID required. Allow one hour for donor visit.
Make your lifesaving appointment today!

Questions?
giveblood@holyspiritchurch.us



Marian Homes, Inc.

Document Shredding Event

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



Sept 25th
10 AM - 1 PM
Upper Parking Lot


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

(Donations accepted)

For more information, contact:
Knights@holyspiritchurch.us



SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST



ARLINGTON
Diocesan Pilgrimage


A Pilgrim Experience
for the Whole Family

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
INVITES YOU TO THE
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception in Washington, D.C.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage



 BECOME A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!

Saturday Mornings
Fall Session: Sept 18 - Dec 18
7:00AM - 8:30AM
Quinn Room, School Building

Each week, TMIY invites all men for coffee and a light breakfast before discussion on topics impacting Catholic men today.

No required attendance, no homework, no volunteering, no pressure to share. Just men being men.

Wherever you are in your spiritual life,
Jesus Christ wants to encounter
you right there...
and take you further.

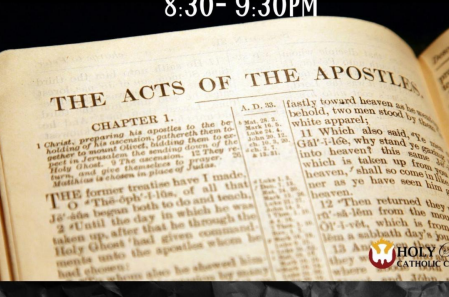
For info, contact Sean Roberts at,
tmiy@holyspiritchurch.us




www.thatmanisyou.org

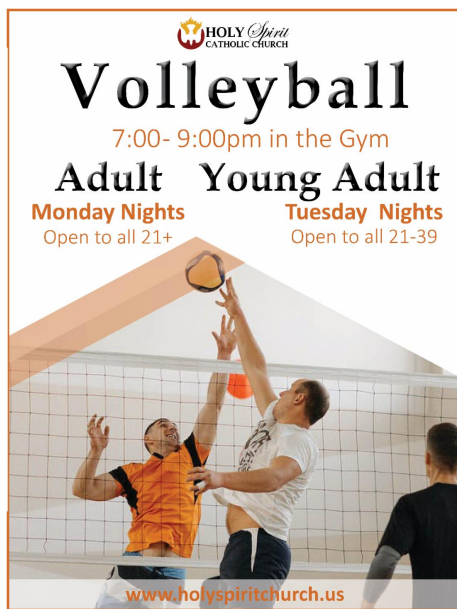
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY
WITH FR. O'DONOHUE

SEPT 15, 2021- MAY 18, 2022
PARISH CENTER LARGE MEETING ROOM
8:30- 9:30PM



JOURNEYING THROUGH THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
www.holyspiritchurch.us/wednesdaybiblestudy





Community Happenings!

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

Each week in September, the campaign will focus on a different aspect of preparedness for individuals, families, and communities. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management will be providing weekly one-page newsletters for September.

Week 1 September 1-4: Make A Plan. How you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster?

"Ready Fairfax" - Emergency Preparedness
Newsletter



We're Still Scouting!

Are you interested in joining Cub Scout this fall? Learn leadership skills, what it means to be a good citizen, how to care for and explore God's creation in nature, and so much more.

Chartered by the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Men's Club, Cub Scout Pack 50 serves boys from kindergarten through 5th grade. Boys have the opportunity to learn and grow in important character-building ideals while participating in fun activities such as day hikes, family camping, Pack campfires, Pinewood Derby, summer camps and more! The Pack is broken up into "dens" grouped by age and led by parent "den leaders" with all parents pitching in to help guide various activities.

Join us for a 'Join Scouting Night' informational parent meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 on the front lawn of Holy Spirit Catholic Church (5121 Woodland Way in Annandale) at 6:30pm. Bring the kids, too, as we will entertain them with an informal game of kickball during the parent information meeting.

For more information, please email Pack50@holyspurchurch.us



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 2, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Mass Choir registration form

2. Got Life? Club registration form
3. Strings program information

Parish Flyers:

1. RCIA flyer
2. Blood Drive flyer
3. Parish Picnic flyer
4. Youth Ministry kickoff flyer
5. Document Shredding Event flyer
6. Pilgrimage with Bishop Burbidge flyer
7. That Man is You flyer
8. Adult Volleyball flyer
9. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue flyer
10. Altar Server training flyer
11. Militia Immaculata flyer

Community Flyers:

1. "Ready Fairfax" Emergency Preparedness Newsletter
2. Pack 50 Scouting flyer