



September 7, 2023



Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2023/2024
"Faithfulness"

The Pace of School Life Quickens!

I hope you all enjoyed the extended weekend and are navigating the heat well!

Over the next couple of weeks the number of events and afterschool activities will be picking up - be sure to check the school calendar often as it is ever changing.

It was mentioned at Back to School Night for the older students, but worth repeating here with a little bit more added. We continue to make a concerted effort to not only teach, but to expect the students to engage in common courtesies throughout the day here at school. Those include things like responding appropriately to adults and peers who greet them; holding doors for those coming behind them; graciously helping to pick up items when someone drops them; joyfully assisting with keeping the cafeteria clean. The "small things" are the building blocks for our children to grow into kind, respectful, and faithful young people. You have wonderful children who continue to grow as individuals - please help them to know that when they are corrected by an adult it is done with love and kindness and not because they are "in trouble". Setting the bar high is a great thing - they are capable of so very much!

Remember that the Fall Yearbook pictures, both individual and class, will be taken on Tuesday, September 12th. Ordering information is below and will be coming home via backpack mail, as well. All students should be in their dress uniform (not PE uniform) regardless of whether they have PE that day.

I hope you will take time to attend the Parish Picnic, this Sunday, September 10th. It is a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship - and it is all free! See the flyer below.

Our school is just one of the many ministries of this parish. In comparison to some of our counterparts in the Diocese, there are really no restrictions or obligations placed on families who claim that they are parishioners of Holy Spirit in order to receive in-parish tuition. Father O'Donohue's hope has always been and continues to be that all families registered as parishioners will participate fully in the life of the parish. This can be done in many, many ways above and beyond making financial contributions. To name just a few: have your family attend one of the many events planned and scheduled by parishioners; volunteer to be a lector for weekly Mass; volunteer to become a Lay Eucharistic Minister; join the Men's Club/Knights of Columbus/Women's Council; have your children join the parish children's choir.

There are so many avenues to bringing your family fully into the life of the parish. What a wonderful thing it would be to have this community truly be at the center of your family life.

This week's newsletter is lengthy - be sure to scroll all the way through!



Did you create your own Holy Moment this week? I know it was short turn-around, but have you challenged yourself to be honest? That can be done in so many ways - being honest in our interactions with others; being honest about our responsibilities and obligations; being honest with ourselves about using the gifts we have been given and being the person we are meant to be despite the earthly pressures of day to day life.

We hope you are embracing the challenge and experiencing the peace that comes from seeking and living honestly.

As mentioned, each Thursday this note will contain the Matthew Kelly, Holy Moments videos that he recorded during Lent of 2023. These relate to the Holy Moments book.



Yearbook Individual and Class Pictures September 12th

All students should wear their regular uniform to school (NO P.E. uniforms).
Order form may be accessed below and will also be sent home via
homeroms.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL | PHOTO DAY: 9/12 | MAKE-UPS: 11/2

Due to the nature of green screen technology, DO NOT WEAR GREEN CLOTHING ON PICTURE DAY.



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2 ENTER YOUR ONLINE CODE 4562F24

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Yearbook Picture Order Form



Attention 1st- 3rd Grade Students

Come read great stories with friends along with Mrs. Payne, Ms. Garcia, and Mrs. Long

WHEN: 1st session 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/7

2nd session- 1/18, 2/15, 3/21, 4/18

TIME: 3:30- 4:15

WHERE: Library

Students will need to bring a healthy snack. Please be sure that it is **NUT FREE**

Pick up will be in front of the school @ 4:15 (if you are not there by 4:20 your child will be sent to extended day)

❖ We will only be able to accept 16 students per session. You may only sign up for one session- as this will give more students an opportunity to participate.

Go to: Connect1 to sign up

If you have any questions please contact:

Mrs. Payne: mpayne@holyspiritflames.org



K - 8TH GRADE

FRIDAY

3:20PM - 4:20PM

9/29 - 12/15
10/6, 10/23, 11/10, 11/24

No club meeting on school closure or early dismissal days

TUITION: \$203
FOR 10 WEEKS



MAGNUS CHESS ACADEMY

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHESS CLUB

Fun is the name of the game...

...but Magnus Chess Academy also sneaks in a bit of critical thinking, sportsmanship, and patience into chess club!

Each week students of all levels do a fun but challenging lesson with one of our great coaches from our world class curriculum followed by practice games against other students in the class.

Join the 100,000 (and counting!) kids who've learned chess with the official academy of 5x world champion Magnus Carlsen. This in-person club includes online extras like practice tournaments, Chesskid Gold membership (\$69 value) and a bonus lesson with Magnus or Judit Polgar, the best female chess player ever!



To register, scan the QR Code or visit www.chessacademy.com to find out more including financial aid information.

Questions? Email: Info@chessacademy.com or call: 703.574.2070
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PSA FALL AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SOCCER

Mondays / Sep 18 - Nov 6
1st - 5th Grade Students / \$150
TIME 3:15-4:15 PM

SOCCER

Tuesdays / Sep 19 - Nov 7
Pre-K and K Grade Students / \$150
TIME 3:15-4:00 PM

All 7 sessions will be held on the school field or sports court area
In any weather inclement the session will take place indoors.



Scan To Register
Or visit: thePSAsports.com

Please contact us with any questions at: Admin@ThePSASports.com

Thoughtful Moments

St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887 in Italy, Francesco Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars. In 1918, Fr. "Dad" received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion (stigmata) in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands sought him for Confession and spiritual guidance. His famous advice, "Pray, hope, and don't worry," comforts and inspires many today. Even in his sufferings, he cared for others' spiritual and physical well-being, founding a hospital that continues to operate today.



Raising good stewards
Stewardship means demonstrating that all we have and all we are belong to God. Children can be given opportunities to practice stewardship by participating in service projects, giving away excess possessions, and especially by going to the Church. Our offerings enable our parishes to provide ministry to us and our communities.

"I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you" (Psalm 124:5).



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Four healthy habits for a new school year

As people of faith, we know that our lasting happiness is found in a relationship with God. Help children develop these four soul healthy habits in the new school year as a key to finding lifelong joy and lasting fulfillment in God-filled lives.

Prudence is a virtue that helps us consider decisions from a practical and Catholic viewpoint – choosing friendships, activities, and entertainment that flow from our Catholic values.

Justice encourages us to give others what they're owed. Attending Sunday Mass is just because we owe God our worship. Others deserve respect because all are made in God's image. Treat everyone with respect, honor, and charity, and children will follow your example.



Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ faithfully. Model fortitude for your children by offering many saints as role models, helping children spot how God works in your lives, praying aloud together in good times and bad, consulting Scripture prior to acting.

Temperance properly prioritizes our desires. Good food, fashionable clothes, the latest technology are all blessings, but can't be a focus. As an antidote, reserve a day each week for penance – Fridays, from tradition – to help increase appreciation for those blessings. Spend extra time in family prayer, set limits for screens, abstain from meat or favorite foods. We deny ourselves small pleasures so we can appreciate the greatest Gift.

Why Do Catholics Do That ?

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

Blessing ourselves with holy water before entering a Catholic church recalls the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews who cleansed themselves by bathing before entering the holy temple. In addition, when we bless



ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptism and renew our promises to God to live our faith. Because holy water is a sacramental, we receive graces when we use it with the right disposition, such as strengthening us against temptation and removing venial (small) sins.

Substitute Teachers Needed

**Are you interested in being on the Substitute Teacher list?
Contact Mrs. Evans for information and paperwork**

nevans@holyspiritflames.org

Thank you!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Upcoming PTO Events

Thursday, September 7th

[Connect1 Training](#) 7:00pm – 7:30pm via [Zoom](#) (1-2 PSSC points for attending)

September 8th – 17th

Spirit Gear Sale - [Place your order here!](#)

See flier below for more information

Sunday, September 10th

Parish Picnic 2:00pm - 5:00pm Holy Spirit Front Lawn

Wednesday, September 19th

Chipotle Fundraiser 4:00pm – 8:00pm 9506 Main Street, Fairfax

See flier below for more information

Tuesday, September 19th

PTO Meeting 6:30pm – 8:30pm via [Zoom](#) (2-4 PSSC points for attending)

Meeting ID: 895 9844 5225; Passcode: 268985

Wednesday, October 4th

Volunteer Fair 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the school gym (2 PSSC point for attending)

See Volunteer Opportunities below for more information

Wednesday, October 4th

Used Uniform Sale 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the school gym

Volunteer Opportunities

[Volunteer Fair](#) (2 PSSC points for attending)

The Volunteer Fair showcases PSSC volunteer and donation opportunities available during the school year. Our PTO Committee chairs will be available to answer questions and match your interests with an event or activity. You can sign up to volunteer at the event or via Connect 1 and plan out your family's PSSC hours commitment. Please sign up in [Connect1](#) if you plan to attend and refer to the [PSSC Handbook](#) for a list of committees. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Lauren Schmidt PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

[Homeroom Parents](#) (40 PSSC points)

If you would like to be a Homeroom Parent for your child's classroom this year, the signup has been posted to Connect1. There are two spots for each teacher, but they are filling up fast. Thank you so much for volunteering to make this a wonderful school year.

Questions? Contact Val Overstreet ptohomeroomcoordinator@holyspiritflames.org

Directory Committee Chair (40 PSSC points)

The PTO is seeking to fill this vacancy immediately, to get the Directory published by early October.

The Directory Chair creates the school directory (booklet), which provides the entire school community with the names and contact info for every family in each class, as well as school personnel. It's a great resource for planning class parties, birthday parties, play dates, and more! This person will work with the school registrar to populate the directory in a specific format to prepare it for printing. All tasks are done from home - it does not require coming into the school and does not require Virtus training. This is a perfect role for someone who is looking to gain all of their family's PSSC points early in the year, as the work is completed within about 2-4 weeks at whatever days and times work best for you. Home access to and proficiency with Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Adobe Acrobat are required.

Questions? Contact Lauren Schmidt PTOVPMembership@holyspiritflames.org

Reminders

Connect1

We appreciate your efforts to get signed up in Connect1. Connect1 is easy to use on a computer and smartphone.

The application does three main things for our community:

1. A prayer board
2. Volunteer Sign-ups [Connect One \(connect1.io\)](https://connect1.io)
3. Community Directory

You will notice an addition to your last name in Connect1. We are adding your family numbers to Connect1. You will see "-##" i.e. Lastname-85. If you want to update your information in Connect1 that would be helpful. Please don't remove the numbers. This will help track events and PSSC hours.

If you haven't set up your account, please register [here](#) and follow the instructions in the flier below. If you need help there are some [training opportunities](#) in Connect1.

Questions? Contact Tom Fields ptopssc@holyspiritflames.org

In order to volunteer with any youth in the Arlington Diocese, you must be [Child Protection Compliant](#).



 **Spirit Gear Online Sale** 

Begins Today &

Ends Sunday, September 17th

Click on the link below to place your order.

<https://holyspiritfall23spiritwear.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

"PTO Spirit Gear Ordering Deadline - September 17th!

Why should you think about ordering Spirit Gear?

First, it supports the PTO and all of the great programming that is planned for the year and thus YOUR STUDENTS! Second, having Spirit Gear allows your student to participate in monthly dress down days. Typically held on the third Thursday of each month (beginning in October), students may dress down IF they are dressed in PTO Spirit Gear purchased either this year or in past years. Be sure to check the school calendar for dates."

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33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

recess!

RECESS DUTY SIGN UP in Connect 1 *is ready*

Access your Connect 1 account to sign up!

[Recess Duty in Connect 1](#)

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Consider being a Boosterthon Sponsor!!

**Holy Spirit School's Most FUN
Fundraiser of the Year! Oct 16-24**



WAYS TO HELP

- Reach out to businesses
- Advertise
- Create social media posts
- Help w/ Kick-off and Fun-Run
- Plan for next year

COMMUNITY PARTNER OPPORTUNITY

Have a business or know a business?



Advertise it here!

Your logo or name will be displayed on the back of this shirt worn by **over 400** students year-round, providing continuous exposure for your business!

Contact Shelley Schaad at shelley.schaad@gmail.com for more information about becoming a volunteer or business sponsor

**BOOSTER SPIRIT WEAR
BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Holy Spirit School is so excited to invite you to join our Community Partners program! As a Community Partner, you will be contributing to an incredible cause - the development of our future leaders! In return, we want to provide your business with maximum brand awareness in our community!

The primary component of our Community Partners program is our Event Shirt. Your logo or name will be displayed on the back of this shirt worn by 400 students year-round, providing continuous exposure for your business!

Also, our friends at Booster Spirit Wear are offering a **15% discount** on any custom apparel order for your business! Just visit their website and say you're a proud Community Partner of Holy Spirit School!

Please see the sponsorship information below for pricing and details. Thank you for being a valued member of the Holy Spirit School community! Here's to a great partnership!

GOLD AD (\$750)

- Large ad on the back of Community Partner Shirt
- Sponsor logo placed on School/PTO website or social media
- 1/8" Custom Apparel discount from Booster Spirit Wear
- One Community Partner Shirt

BRONZE AD (\$250)

- Name on back of Community Partner Shirt
- Recognition on School/PTO website or social media
- 1/8" Custom Apparel discount from Booster Spirit Wear
- One Community Partner Shirt

NEW! FAMILY NAME (\$50)

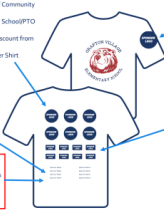
- Have your family last name on the back of the shirt!
- More goes back to the school and supports our fundraising goal!

PLATINUM SLEEVE AD (\$1000)

- Ad on the sleeve of Community Partner Shirt
- Sponsor logo placed on School/PTO website or social media
- 1/8" Custom Apparel discount from Booster Spirit Wear
- One Community Partner Shirt

SILVER AD (\$500)

- Medium ad on the back of Community Partner Shirt
- Sponsor logo placed on School/PTO website or social media
- 1/8" Custom Apparel discount from Booster Spirit Wear
- One Community Partner Shirt



All donations are tax-deductible. Please send your name, phone number, and business logo (or name) to email address below by **September 12th** to secure your spot. Please make checks payable to **Holy Spirit PTO** and mail to **8800 Braddock Rd. Annandale, VA 22003** by **September 15th**. Our contact info is below if you have any questions.

Contact Info	
School	Holy Spirit School
Name	Shelley Schaad
Email	shelley.schaad@gmail.com
Phone	703-919-9807

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Registering for Connect 1 at Holy Spirit School

How to sign up for an account on Connect 1:

1. On your computer, go to <https://app.connect1.io>
2. Click the green bar that says "Sign up (School Code)".



3. Enter your email address. Enter our school code, which is **L41VP6** (Are you both a teacher and a parent at the school? You'll need to set up two accounts. One using your "holyspiritflames.org" email account for your role as a teacher, and your personal one for your role as a parent!)
4. This will open a new page where you enter your name, role and password. For Role, select "Parent/Community Member". (Unless you are a teacher creating your account with your "holyspiritflames.org" account. In that case, please select "Faculty/School Employee".) Click Submit when you are done.
5. A new page opens. A Confirmation Code will be sent to your email. Copy that confirmation code and paste it into this page. Click Confirm.
6. This brings you back to the Sign In page. Enter your email address and newly created password to open the app.

PTO Board 2023 - 2024

- President - Christine Ploschke - PTOPresident@holyspiritflames.org
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 Fundraising Coordinator - Toni O'Neill - PTOVPDevelopment@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

Parish Happenings!



Annual Parish Picnic!

**Free Fun and Food for All!
All are invited**

**Climbing Wall • Rope Bridge • Foam Pool •
Moon Bounce • Caricature Artists •
Bubble Lady • Whirling Buckets •
DJ Deacon Malcolm's Music • Train Rides**



**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Salads,
Ice Cream Cups, Shaved Ice, Desserts**

**All food and beverages are being provided by the Parish.
Desserts may be donated if non-perishable,
i.e. cookies, brownies, cupcakes**

Sept. 10 2-5 PM



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All proceeds go to the school *Presented by the* 



Sunday Sept. 17th

In the school cafeteria after the
7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, fruit,
orange juice, coffee, and more!

**Adults \$6, Children \$3
Families \$20**





THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive, by honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that rival God in our modern culture. That Man is You seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

TMJY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

WORTHY OF THE CALL

FEATURING A POWERFUL TEAM OF PRESENTERS

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION AS YOU:

- Discover and embrace the call to live a life worthy of the call you have received.
- Discover how to stay awake in a woke culture.
- Experience a breathtakingly beautiful journey through The Joyful Mysteries from the holy to the most Advent.
- Identify the internal and external struggle with the power of evil and create a pathway to holiness.
- Lift up your heart and mind to Christ with powerful (and) reflections.
- Enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday through Jewish eyes and experience the Tikkun like never before.
- Embrace the call to lay down your life in loving sacrifice, bring joy into your home and manifest the merciful love of God the Father.
- Be men, grafted to the vine to bear a hundred-fold fruitfulness.
- Expanded the holy gift of the Saints while relying upon the holy grace of God.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:
Every Saturday this fall, join us for bagels, donuts, fruit, coffee and watch a short video presentation.

TMJY Leadership Team: Jerry Fowler, Bob Cioia, Steve Steger, Wayne Smedley, Mike Locke, Sean Roberts

SCHEDULE:
The series kicks off Saturday September 16th from 7:00-8:30 am in the Cafeteria Room (lower-level of school) and goes until December 16th (no session Thanksgiving weekend).

REGISTRATION:
In joining us this fall, you will be one of over 25,000 men going through the TMJY program this year across the country. No registration required. Questions - email SeanRoberts91@gmail.com


PAUL CIOIA
PARISH OF ST. IGNACE


STEVE STEGER
PARISH OF ST. IGNACE


DEACON BOB CIOIA
PARISH OF ST. IGNACE


SAM BLAIR
PARISH OF ST. IGNACE


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BRIAN TOPPING
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MICHAEL CONROY
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MIKE OCROSOLA
PARISH OF ST. IGNACE


MARK SAPPPELL
PARISH OF ST. IGNACE

Great Expectations Care Packages

Donate \$15 to buy gift cards for foster care college students

Several parish groups are working together to create care packages for students in Northern Virginia Community College's Great Expectations program. This program is for students who have aged out of foster care. Most of these students live in group homes, and some are young moms.

Your \$15 donation will help us purchase a gift card to Barnes and Noble bookstores, which are located at each of NVCC's campuses, and we are creating 60 care packages.

You can make your donation using our Parish Giving program. You can also drop off a check at the parish office, but the check must indicate GREAT EXPECTATIONS on the memo line.

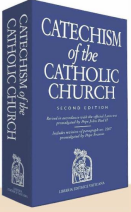
For more information, see the parish website or email gss@holyspiritchurch.us

This is a project of our parish Good Samaritan Society.



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Taking a Stand

Armed with charity and unity, the Knights of Columbus has long responded to attacks against the Catholic faith and human dignity.

By Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly / July 2023

The Knights of Columbus cannot take up every fight... But 2 million Catholic men can make an enormous difference — always through prayer and often through action.

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Who are the Knights?

Watch Video



Last month's opening Mass of our annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies was followed by a beautiful eucharistic procession. Knights of Columbus leaders and state chaplains from throughout the Order participated, as our supreme chaplain carried Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament up and down New Haven's historic Hillhouse Avenue.

Home to St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, Hillhouse is lined by majestic elm trees, stately homes and Yale University buildings. The procession was a peaceful expression of piety and unity, yet the scene and setting also evoked the long history of tension between our Catholic faith and those who fight to keep Catholics out of the public square. In July 1879 — less than three years before Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights — a New York Times article dismissively labeled St. Mary's as "an unpatriotic church."

The headline read, "How an Aristocratic Avenue Was Bleached by a Roman Church Kidnapper."

Much has changed in the past 144 years, but much remains the same. Anti-Catholic bigotry may look different today, but there can be no doubt that it is still prevalent — and even on the rise. As one historian put it, today's anti-Catholicism is "the last acceptable prejudice." The attacks go beyond anonymous acts of vandalism or pernicious online commentary; they are aired on national television and publicly expressed by leaders in politics and business.

A recent instance was the abhorrent decision of the Los Angeles Dodgers to honor a group called the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that the group's "lewdness and vulgarity in mocking our Lord, His Mother and consecrated women cannot be overstated." The Dodgers, when challenged on the decision, initially backed down and disavowed them. Then, under pressure, the team not only renewed the invitation, but also apologized to the offensive group.

This is deeply disappointing — and ironic in the extreme. The same people who cry out for tolerance often demonstrate complete intolerance for Catholics and other Christians.


The U.S. bishops, in denouncing the Dodgers' decision, said it was more than offensive; it was blasphemous. As such, they asked Catholics to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as an act of reparation. Of course, we Knights spread the word to do just that. And beyond praying, our brothers in California were among many local Catholics who expressed their displeasure to the Dodgers organization.

This latest stand against bigotry is in keeping with the Order's history. A century ago, the Knights prominently opposed the Ku Klux Klan; countered legislative attempts to destroy the Catholic school system in the United States; published books on the contributions of Black, Jewish and German Americans; and spoke out against the persecution of the Church in Mexico.

The Knights of Columbus cannot take up every fight. We must choose our battles wisely, following Christ's admonition to be "shrewd as serpents and simple as doves" (Mt 10:16). But 2 million Catholic men can make an enormous difference where it matters most — always through prayer and often through action. This includes educating ourselves and others; engaging in respectful conversation; and making our voices heard in the voting booth and through petition.

Whatever the times might demand, the Knights of Columbus will continue to speak out and stand up for human dignity and the fundamental rights of all.

Vivat Jesus!



2023 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO EMMITSBURG, MD

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday, October 7, 2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

12 p.m.
 Outdoor picnic lunch at the Seton Shrine or Mount Saint Mary's Seminary (Limited restaurant options available, visitors encouraged to pack bag lunch. Note: transportation between locations not provided.)

9 a.m.
NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
 Presentation on Mother Seton and veneration of her relics



9:45 a.m.
 Mass with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge

10:30 a.m.
 Visit Mother Seton museum and gift shop

1:30 p.m.
NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
 Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Holy Rosary

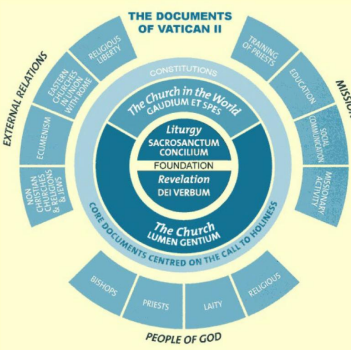
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For more information, please visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/> or scan the QR code

Explore the final documents of Vatican II with Fr. Jordan Willard in a series of seminars beginning Thursday Sept 14th at 7 pm in the Parish Center

From 1961 through 1965, the Vatican II Council was held. For Catholics and others, it had profound implications and changes.



The diagram shows the documents of Vatican II centered around the Church's mission and the call to holiness. The central text reads: "The Church in the World GAUDIUM ET SPES", "Liturgy SACROSANCTUM CONCILIIUM", "FOUNDATION REVELATION DEI VERBUM", and "The Church LUMEN GENTIUM". The documents are categorized into: EXTERNAL RELATIONS (ECCLESIA IN MUNDI), RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, TRAINING OF THE CLERGY, EDUCATION, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE, ECUMENISM, SOCIAL JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, LITURGICAL REFORMATION, CONSTITUTIONS, CANONIC PROCEDURE, and DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS. The bottom section is labeled "PEOPLE OF GOD" and includes: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, EUCHARIST, HOLY ORDERS, MARRIAGE, SACRAMENTALS, and RELIGIOUS LIFE.

Holy Spirit Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, October 21
from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm

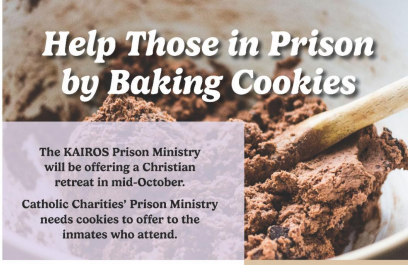
Help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul raise funds for those in need and enjoy fun and fellowship

Route: start and finish at Holy Spirit Church lot, walk along a short route on the Long Branch Valley Stream Trail



All are welcome to come and support the Poor. Freewill offering requested from participants — t-shirts provided. Sign up at fopwalk.org — choose "Virginia" and "Holy Spirit Friends of the Poor Walk"

Help Those in Prison by Baking Cookies



The KAIROS Prison Ministry will be offering a Christian retreat in mid-October. Catholic Charities' Prison Ministry needs cookies to offer to the inmates who attend.

Note that, because of the restrictions of the prison, cookies must follow their guidelines:

- Cookie types that are generally acceptable are: oatmeal, peanut butter, molasses, and chocolate chip.
- All cookies must be between 2 and 2½ inches in diameter and no more than ½ inch thick.
- There can be no icing, sugar, or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookies.
- Do not add any type of fruit or nuts to the cookies; chocolate chips are allowed.
- Cookies must be bagged in quart-sized zip-lock bags, one dozen cookies per bag.
- Label each bag with the type of cookie.

Our parish goal is **100 dozen homemade cookies.**

◀ Cookies that do not meet these requirements will be rejected. ▶

Please contact Marilyn Grodek by October 2 at margrodek78@gmail.com or 703-978-5793 to volunteer! Recommended cookie recipes are also available.

This outreach is sponsored by the parish Good Samaritan Society.



Join the Squire Roses Today!

We meet the second Sunday of each month from 1:15pm-2:30pm in the Annunciation Room in the Church.

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 at Kristin@gorak.us

Community Happenings!



Try New Things

Serve Others

Boost Self-Confidence

Make Ethical Choices

Explore the Outdoors



Holy Spirit Boy Scout Troop 50

Summer Camp at Goshen Boy Scout Reserve

Sept 11 First Troop meeting of the year



Walk 4 Life
 & family fun day
 2023

November 4th, 2023
 Lake Accotink Park
 9am-12pm

**Come Support Sanctity of Life Ministries and Help us continue to Save Lives!
 With each step, you help save a life!**

Ways you can get involved:

- Be your church team captain! Sign up via QR code attached
- Sponsor a Walker
- Become a Corporate Sponsor
- Volunteer or Donate

Register here!

slmgetinvolved.org



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 7, 2023" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family Folder

School Flyers:

1. Yearbook Picture Order Form
2. Primary Grade Book Club
3. Magnus Chess Academy flyer
4. Partners in Faith (September) Newsletter
5. PSA Sports flyer

PTO Flyers:

1. PTO Chipotle Fundraiser
2. Boosterthon Sponsorship Information
3. Boosterthon Sponsorship Form
4. Mabel's Labels flyer
5. Connect 1 Registration Instructions

Parish Flyers:

1. Parish Picnic flyer
2. Pancake Breakfast
3. That Man Is You flyer
4. Great Expectations Care Packages flyer
5. Catechism in a Year flyer
6. Knights of Columbus information

7. Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg
8. Vatican II Document Study with Father Willard flyer
9. Holy Spirit Friends of the Poor Walk flyer
10. KAIROS Cookie Ministry flyer
11. Squire Roses flyers

Community Flyers:

1. Scouting Family Fun Night flyer
2. Boy Scout Troop 50 flyer
3. Walk 4 Life flyer

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