

September 9, 2021



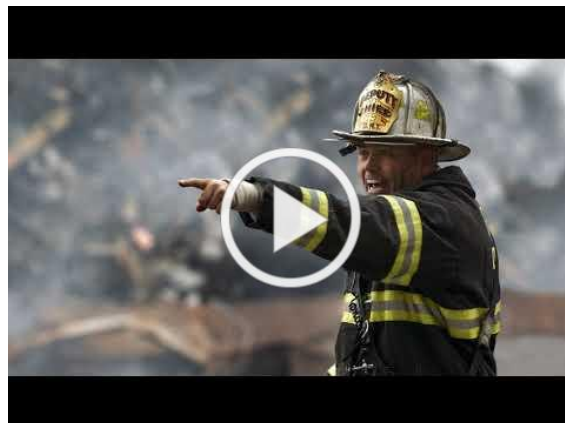
Holy Spirit School
Inspiring Minds/Igniting Hearts
2021/2022

"In work there is dignity"

Remembering 9/11

Tomorrow (Friday) during morning prayer, we will take time to honor and remember 9/11 and the events of that day. Amazingly not a single student in our school was alive on that day, but it is a day that should not be forgotten. The teachers are certainly prepared to answer questions in age-appropriate fashion, but I would encourage you, as parents, to provide time to speak with your children about this pivotal moment in American history.

Below is the video that we will use as a part of morning prayer.



Not that "things" are not always busy around here, but we do have a couple of important events

that are upcoming soon.

Holy Spirit is honored to host the annual Diocesan Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, September 26 at the 10:30 am Mass; Bishop Burbidge is scheduled to be the main celebrant. Our school firmly embraces providing a Catholic education to as many students as possible and we offer an inclusive environment for students with learning disabilities. I encourage our school families to support this beautiful Mass both with your presence but also by assisting with some "hosting" duties. Please see the note and sign up opportunity in the PTO section just below.

Yearbook pictures will be taken on Monday, September 20th, please see the information below.

Also, coming up quickly are The Gift of Human Sexuality classes that are provided to the students in grades 6-8. These classes will be held October 14, 21 and 28. There is a parent meeting to go over the curriculum and to provide an opportunity for you to meet the instructors. This meeting will be held Monday, September 27th at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom and a link will be provided in advance of the meeting. Please remember this is an OPT-IN only offering. The opt-in form is attached below in the Family Folder section.

Lastly, to highlight for today, one of the major fundraisers for the PTO will be starting just around the corner - Boosterthon. We had tremendous success with fundraiser last year and I certainly hope that we can look for the same enthusiasm and support this year. Please see the blurb in the PTO section below, as well as the Boosterthon "block" below for information on business sponsorship opportunities.

Oops...just kidding...this is really the "last" thing....just a gentle reminder to those who participate in either kindergarten or vanpool pickup. Be sure that you are pulling all the way through your assigned spot when you arrive; each number has two spots associated with it. It is helpful to everyone if we limit the number of people who are trying to back into spaces.

Thank you for all you do in support of our school!

-Maureen Ashby

Principal

Holy Spirit School PTO



Hello, Holy Spirit Families!

The PTO hopes this finds you well and enjoying the little cool down we have experienced!

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 inquires to the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org to be connected with the appropriate Committee Chairperson.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

- September 12 – Parish Picnic. The PTO is sponsoring the Bounce House and Dunk Tank! This is a really great opportunity to have some fun, make new friends, and let the kids have some fun at your expense! If you want to volunteer to help with either of these please sign up at <https://holyspiritchurch.us/parishpicnic/>
- September 15 – PTO Committee Chair Social
- September 21 – Monthly PTO Meeting
- September 22 – Boosterthon T-Shirt Order deadline! Please do not delay.
- September 26 – Receptions After Sunday Masses: Holy Spirit School is hosting a catered breakfast with coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses. September 26 is the Bishop’s Mass for Disability Awareness, and Priesthood Sunday. Host/Hostesses are needed to help direct people after Mass and welcome them for breakfast which will be catered. There will be tents/tables already set up outdoors. If you are interested in supporting this great event, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ada722a2f94-receptions> and sign up. If you have any additional questions, please contact the PTO Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Sonnen - ptovpmembership@holyspiritflames.org
- 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 that you would like to advertise or if you have some time to help call local businesses, please contact at Shelley.Schaad@gmail.com.
- October 29 – Truck or Treat!

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.

YEARBOOK PICTURE DAY!!!!



PICTURE DAY IS
EL DÍA DE LA FOTO ES
Monday, September 20, 2021

Order today on mylifetouch.com
using your Picture Day ID: **EVTWHMBGM**
Encarga hoy en mylifetouch.com usando
tu ID del Día de la Foto:

Lifetouch

All students will have their picture taken on Monday, September 20th for the yearbook. All students should wear their regular uniform (no P.E. uniforms) to school that day.

Thank you!

[Yearbook Picture Order
Form](#)

BOOSTER **THON**

Our Boosterthon event will take place this year from October 18 - October 26th. The culminating event will be the Fun Run for the students.

Right now we are looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of t-shirts for all of the students. There is a quick turn around needed for this. Please take a look at the information provided and let us know if you can assist.

[Community Partner Letter from PTO Boosterthon
Chairperson](#)

[Fun Run T-shirt Business Sponsorship
Form](#)

Got Life?

Respect
Life 

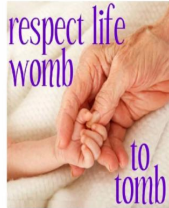
Grades 5th-8th

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

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	High School
Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
Sept 24, 7:30-9:30pm	Sept 26, 7-9pm

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
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Saturday, Sept. 25

9:00AM - 2:00PM
Field behind Holy Spirit School

Free event for boys & girls ages 9-14

Individuals kick soccer penalty kicks (12 yards) with scores for shot location in goal. 3 warm-up kicks, 25 kicks for record.

Contact Mike Poumade at, knights@holyspiritchurch.us
www.holyspiritchurch.us/soccerchallenge

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.

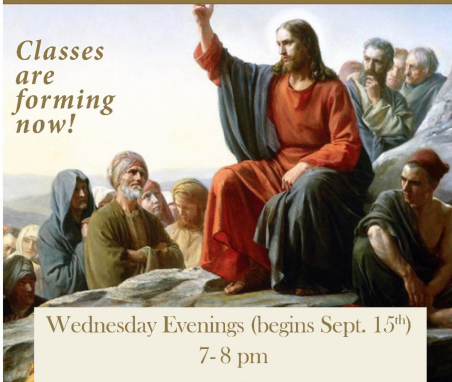
www.holyspiritchurch.us

Don't forget lawn chairs



HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH


Interested in becoming
Catholic
or learning more?²




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



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



HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



HOLY Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST**
 All proceeds go to the school

Proposed by the 



**Sunday
 Sept 19th**

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**





**Blessing
 of the
 Animals**



October 4th
 6-7pm on the Grounds
 between Church & School

Bring your furry friends,
 great and small, for a
 special blessing!

All are
 Welcome! Pets,
 Livestock,
 Reptiles, etc.

For details, visit
www.holyspiritchurch.us

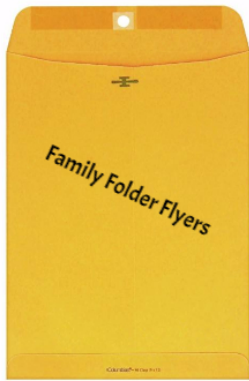
Community Happenings!

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 2 September 5-11: Build A Kit

"Ready Fairfax" - Emergency Preparedness



FAMILY FOLDER

The following flyers may be found in the folder labeled "September 9, 2021" on the website. For your convenience, some flyers are repeated.

Family
Folder

School Flyers:

1. Got Life? Club registration form
2. Strings program information
3. Yearbook Picture Day Order Form
4. Middle School The Gift of Human Sexuality OPT-IN Form

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. Bible Study with Father O'Donohue flyer
9. Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge flyer
10. Pancake Breakfast flyer
11. Blessing of the Animals flyer

Community Flyers:

1. "Ready Fairfax" Emergency Preparedness Newsletter - Week 2