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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Prospective members can register at the Parish Office weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Registration forms are also available in the brochure rack in the Church vestibule.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin announcements and inserts must be submitted no later than Sunday, at least one week ahead of time, for consideration in the following Sunday's bulletin. Submissions should be made in writing or by e-mail to BulletinEditor@holyspiritchurch.us

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 noon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 9:00 AM Saturday: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 PM Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 AM and 8:30 AM Saturdays at 3:30 PM (all sessions--until line ends)

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following 6:30 AM Friday Mass continuously until Saturday morning 9:00 AM Rosary: Monday-Friday at 8:30 AM, Saturday 8:20 AM

HOLY DAY AND HOLIDAY MASSES

As announced

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sundays at 1:30 PM

Baptismal preparation class is held the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Diocesan regulations require that you contact one of the Holy Spirit clergy at least six months before the wedding to begin preparations.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

to act as sponsors, etc. will be issued only to parishioners in good standing

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OR DECEASED

Call parish office for mention at Sunday Mass

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOME VISITATION

If you or another parishioner you know are unable to attend Mass, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements to receive the Eucharist at home

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Parish Calendar available at www.holyspiritchurch.us

Sunday, December 14th, Third Sunday of Advent

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon Vespers, Church, 5:30 PM

Tuesday, December 16th

Bible Study, Parish Center, 9:30 AM Legion of Mary, Parish Center Small Room, 11:00 AM Simbang Gabi Novena, Church, 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 17th

Fr. Carroll's Advent Mini-series, Church 7:30 PM Bible Study, Parish Center, 8:30 PM

Thursday, December 18th

Catholic Women's Studies Group, Youth Room, 7:30 PM Friday, December 19th

Family Advent Potluck Dinner, School Cafeteria, 6:30 PM The Suspicious Cheese Lord's, Church, 7:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration immediately following the 6:30 AM Mass until 6:00 PM; 9:00 PM continuously until Saturday morning 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 20th

Men's Spiritual Group, Parish Center, 7:30 AM Masses at 9:00 AM and at 5:30 PM Second Collection for the Building Fund

WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM; Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 and 8:30 AM; Saturday at 3:30 PM

SOLEMN VESPERS WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION will be held at 5:30 PM each Sunday during Advent.

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL PTO CHRISTMAS TREE SALE November 30th-December 20th, Monday-Friday 5:30-8:30 PM; Saturday-Sunday 9:00 AM-8:00 PM in church parking lot Our annual Christmas tree sale is one of the major fundraisers for our school and our students. When you purchase a tree from us, you will be supporting the school, the students and our community. You will be buying the finest tree available in our area! Our Christmas trees are locally grown, premium and number one in quality grade with denser branches, and extremely fresh, giving you a longer lasting tree. This year we will offer Frazier, Douglas and Canaan Firs, White Pines and Blue Spruces, as well as roping for decoration. We will cut the trunk of your tree and load your car. New this year, we will sell wreaths as well! Our goal is to sell more than 400 trees, so come out and support the school and students. Buy one of our beautiful Christmas Trees and help us reach our goal.



THE HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S SPIRITUAL GROUP will meet on Saturday, December 20th, from 7:30 to 8:45 AM in the Parish Center. All men are invited to come and share in the Gospel.

FATHER CARROLL'S ADVENT MINI-SERIES

Do we REALLY know the Christmas story? Fr. Carroll will answer many questions in his talk entitled "Unwrapping the Christmas Story", Wednesday, December 17th, in the Church at 7:30 PM. All are invited. Come and learn the real meaning of Christmas!

GIVE A "GIFT OF LIFE" THIS ADVENT SEASON!

You can help pregnant women in need of maternity care, as well as post-abortive women, through the Advent Giving Tree in the church vestibule. Just take an ornament tag from the tree, and mail in your donation to the diocesan office. You can also donate on line at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.



Holy Spirit School administration, faculty and staff congratulate our 8th graders on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on December 12th. You prepared diligently and have grown to be amazing young men and women who are prepared to go forth as faith-filled, action-oriented persons and dynamic examples of our Catholic faith.

Holy Spirit School participates in the: Combined Federal Campaign (#12880) United Way Campaign (#9413)

Please remember us when making a charitable donation.

Prospective families may contact the school any time for a tour. 703 978-7117

Open Houses for 2015 prospective families will be held Sunday, January 25th and Sunday, February 22nd.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Catholics, mature in their faith, are needed to assist in the distribution of the Eucharist at weekend Masses. Contact Patty Tang at 703 239-9069 or pjltang@aol.com.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Adult Choir rehearses each **Thursday**, **7:00-9:00 PM**. Youth Choir rehearses each **Thursday 4:30-6:00 PM**. **Rehearsals are in the church choir loft**. Contact Music Director Rose Berns at rberns@holyspiritchurch.us or call 703 258-5403, if you are interested. **Come join in the singing!**

ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT NEEDED Adorers are invited to spend one hour each week on Friday: 7-8 AM, 8-9 PM, and 10-11 PM; Saturday from Midnight-1 AM. Please contact Jean Heffren at 703 978-9539 or rheffren@hotmail.com.

BUILDING FUND MONTHLY SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection for the Building Fund collected the 3rd Sunday of every month. The Building Fund is a restricted charitable contribution solely used for the maintenance and repairs of all Holy Spirit Catholic Church Buildings and grounds. Please prayerfully consider a monthly donation to this fund.

ENTERTAINMENT 2015 HALF-OFF COUPON BOOKS, \$25

Dining out, fast food, entertainment, sports, travel, shopping and services. Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus and Men's Club charities. Call Chuck Bennett at 703-978-7109.

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Monday, December 15th

Stan Feusel 6:30 Frank J. Apel, Jr. 9:00

Tuesday, December 16th

Pam Berry 라 6:30 Madeline L. Fuchs 라 9:00

Thursday, December 18th

Katie Ortega 6:30 Mark Atkins ₹ 9:00

Friday, December 19th

Pam Berry 한 6:30 Pierre & Marie Victor 한 9:00

Saturday, December 20th

Dwight S. Reyburn 한 9:00 Mary Louise Deom 한 5:30

Sunday, December 21st

Feast of St. John Blessing of Wine and Wine & Cheese Social Saturday, December 27th is the feast day of St. John the Apostle. There is a traditional blessing of wine for his feast day. At 7:30 PM there will be a casual Wine & Cheese social in rooms 1 & 2 of the school at which time any wines brought by parishioners will be blessed. According to legend St. John drank a glass of poisoned wine without suffering harm because he had blessed it before he drank. Wine is also a symbol of the great love of Christ that filled the heart of the Beloved Disciple at the Last Supper and at the foot of the Cross. Please join us for the social - and don't forget to bring any wine you would like to have blessed!



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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Elener Culin

Walt Lucas



SIMBANG GABI NOVENA OF MASSES

Please join the Filipino American community of northern Virginia at its annual traditional "Simbang Gabi" novena of Masses. The novena Mass starts at Saint Michael's Church on December 15th at 7:00 PM. The second day of the novena Mass will be celebrated here in Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30 PM. Fr. Peter Okola will be the celebrant and a "potluck" reception will follow the Mass. The full schedule of Simbang Gabi novena of Masses, with the list of participating parishes, can be found at SimbangGabi.com. For more details, please contact Beng Magalong at 703 625-4232 or Maryann Gener at 571 277-7635.

DOUGHNUT SUNDAY RECEPTION AND SOCIAL



Please stop by the School's Cafeteria after the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday, December 21st and enjoy the social with other parishioners, friends and family. The Volunteer Greeting Hosts for this month are member of the "lectors Ministry". All are welcome and doughnuts

and beverages will be available.



"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!" St. Catherine of Siena

HIGH SCHOOL

All teens grades 9-12 are invited to check out our High School Youth Ministry Program. We have a large and active group here, and you're invited to come meet other teens from the area who share your faith! For more information, please email coordinator Kate Kelly, at youthministry@holyspiritchurch.us or check out our website: www.holyspiritchurch.us.

Sunday Nights are an evening of fun, fellowship and friends, for any and all high school teens who wish to join us. We play fun games, have hang out time, discuss the faith and pray together. We meet every Sunday from 6:30-8:30 PM in the school building. We will meet this Sunday, December 14th. Come and join us!

Coat Drive! The High School Youth Group will be collecting Winter Coats and other outerwear on the weekend of December 13th-14th after all Masses. At our Sunday night meeting on December 14th, we will be sorting through all of the donations from the parish and from the teens (prizes will go to the top teen donors). ACCA will be coming to pick up the donations and to thank the youth group on the night of the 14th. Start gathering your donations now!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to check out our Middle School Youth Ministry program. We meet the second and fourth Friday of the month from 7:30-9:30PM in the Youth Room. All are welcome! If you have any questions about the program or want to sign up, please email Lambie Renner, at msyouthministry@holyspiritchurch.us.

Middle School Meetings

Our next Middle School meeting is **Friday, December 19**th, **7:30-9:30 PM**. Come join us for a night of crazy fun games, pizza and hang out time with other middle schoolers!

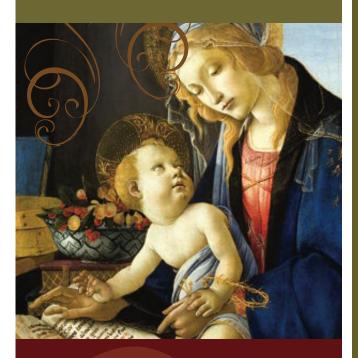
For more information about either program, please visit our website at www.holyspiritchurch.us.





NEW YEAR'S EVE PARISH CELEBRATION

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 31, 2014





NEW YEAR OF OUR LORD &

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

EVENING EVENTS

5:30 - 6:30 PM VIGIL MASS

6:30 - 11:00 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

6:30 - 10:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL FAMILY DANCE • CHILDREN ACTIVITIES • PHOTO BOOTH • MUSIC FOR ALL AGES • LINE DANCING

6:30 - 9:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL

CATERED FAMILY DINNER

(BY ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY; SPACE IS LIMITED TO 500 PEOPLE; RESERVATION DEADLINE: 12/17/14)

- **6:30 PM** 1ST SEATING
- 7:30 PM 2ND SEATING
- 8:30 PM 3RD SEATING

8:30 - 10:30 PM IN THE SCHOOL CAKE & COFFEE

11:00 - 11:30 PMBENEDICTION

11:30 - 12:30 AMMIDNIGHT MASS

Catered Dinner Details & Reservations

Go to our website at www.HolySpiritChurch.us and click on the red "NYE Event" button,

Or

pick-up a flyer with the reservation form located at all the exits of the church.

Dinner seating assignments will be made based on the time the Reservation Form and payment are received. Online dinner reservations with Parish Giving payment are fastest.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"At the end of life, we shall be judged by love." Saint John of the Cross

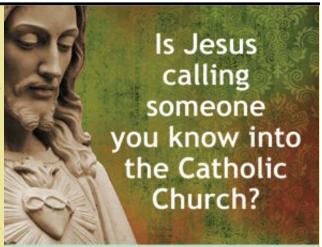
The Nativity Play will be presented by our 1st Grade religious education students today, December 14th, at 5:30 PM in the school gym. All are welcome to attend. Please feel free to bring finger foods to share.

Our Monday and Wednesday 1st Grade Classes are canceled on December 15th and 17th due to the Nativity play performance.

Religious Education will not take place December 20th - January 4th. Classes will resume on January 5th.

SPRED

The Special Religious Development (SPRED) program for persons with developmental disabilities at Holy Spirit (young and not so young adults) has a need for another catechist (22 or older). Please consider whether God has given you the gift to share yourself in this ministry with persons with disabilities. Training is provided. No experience in this ministry is necessary, just an openness to the Holy Spirit. For more information call Dick Cecka at 703 978-8435.



Invite them to come and learn about the Catholic Faith given to us by Jesus Christ. There is no commitment to convert, just an invitation to learn.

Open to all Catholics and non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

RCIA classes are held every Wednesday from 7-8:45 PM in the Parish Center. For more information contact Deacon LaDuca at denladuca@holyspiritchurch.us



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