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WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM - Cantor & Organ Sunday: 7:30 AM - Unaccompanied 9:00 AM - Youth Choir & Organ 10:30 AM - Choir & Organ 12:00 Noon - Cantor & Organ 6:00 PM - Contemporary Ensemble

#### 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)

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sundays at 1:15 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.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND **HOME VISITATION**

By request. 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 8th, Second Sunday of Advent

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM; 12:00 & 6:00 PM  $2^{nd}$  Collection for Catholic Charities

Monthly Diaper Collection

KofC Christmas card sale, outside church, after all Masses Pancake Breakfast, School, after 7:30, 9 & 10:30 AM Masses Children's Advent Event, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, 10:00 AM

# Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 7:30, & 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM

#### Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Walking with Purpose, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, 8:30 AM Walking with Purpose, Parish Center, 9:45 AM Legion of Mary, Parish Center Small Room, 10:30 AM KofC Meeting, The Quinn Room, 7:30 PM

#### Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

RCIA, Parish Center, 7:00 PM

Contemporary Ensemble rehearsal, Church, 7:30-9:30 PM Father O'Donohue's Bible Study, Parish Center, 8:30 PM **Thursday, December 12**<sup>th</sup>

Widows or Widowers "WOW, Parish Center, 10:00 AM St. Cecilia Youth Choir rehearsal, Church, 5:00-6:30 PM St. Gregory Choir rehearsal, Church, 7:00-9:00 PM Walking with Purpose, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish Center, 7:00 PM Women's Council Christmas Party, Parish Center, 7:00 PM Adult Volleyball, School Gym, 9:00-10:30 PM

#### Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Eucharistic Adoration immediately following the 6:30 AM Mass continuously until Saturday morning 9:00 AM Holy Hour, Church, 7:00 PM

Men's Club, Parish Center, 7:30-8:30 PM

#### Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent

Masses at 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Maintenance Fund That Man Is You! Parish Center, 7:00 AM

Baptism Class, Parish Center, 10:00 AM

Men's Day of Recollection, The Quinn Room, 10:00 AM *Dew from Heaven*, School, Dinner 6:30 PM, Talk 7:30 PM

## Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent

Masses at 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM; 12:00 & 6:00 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Maintenance Fund

Donut Social, School, after the 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

#### **WEEKLY CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

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

**DONUT SUNDAY SOCIAL** will be held after the **9:00** and **10:30** AM Masses, on Sunday, December **14**<sup>th</sup>, in the Cafeteria. The Volunteer Greeting Hosts are members of the Bereavement Ministry. Please stop by after Mass and enjoy the Social with other parishioners, friends, and family.



#### THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

#### Monday, December 9th

#### Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Joe Yohe 한 6:30 AM Rupert Mitsch 한 9:00 AM

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#### Wednesday, December 11th

Sheila M. Hodges 6:30 AM Robert M. Williams 9:00 AM

#### Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Friday, December 13th

Ellen D. Bielaski 6:30 AM Marguerite Hinds諙 9:00 AM

#### Saturday, December 14th

France Blanche Conoley 한 9:00 AM David & Patricia Woodward 한 5:30 PM

#### Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Dennis & Justina Carlock 한 7:30 AM Annmarie Rondeau 한 9:00 AM Frank J. Apel, Jr. 한 10:30 AM Holy Spirit Parish 12:00 PM Robert J. Barker 한 6:00 PM

#### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

December 8<sup>th</sup> this year falls on a Sunday. On this day, the Second Sunday of Advent is celebrated. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer. Nevertheless, an additional Mass will be celebrated that Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.

HOLY SPIRIT MEN'S CLUB- December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

Holy Spirit Men, young and old: step up and out and come join our Men's Club! We meet monthly on the second Friday, from 7:30-8:30 PM, in the Parish Center for a good time of friendship, fellowship and more. Our members carryout many charitable activities, such as preparing and serving meals at Christ House, helping with our Parish picnic and setting up the Christmas Creche.



#### **ADVENT GIVING TREE**

You can help pregnant women in need of maternity care, as well as post-abortive women, through the Advent Giving Tree in our Church Vestibule. Just take an ornament tag from the tree, and mail in your donation to the diocesan office. One grateful mother wrote, "I have no idea how I would have gotten through this incredibly difficult and challenging period of my life without Gabriel Project's help. I now see God did not forget me, and is with me every step of the way." You can also donate online at arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.



# WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND SUPPORT SERVICES OVERSEAS

"May the peace of God's presence and our concern for them give them strength"

Maj. Robert J. Bowen

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lydia Rachel Eng
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Capt. Patrick Kelly
LCDR Mike Lee
SSG Greg Manning
LCDR Patrick Ronan
Maj. Rufus Shumate, III

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Jake Conrad CPL John Gundling Capt. Sgt. Andrew J. Houston Capt. Michael Kopa, Jr. Spec. Jonathan Levine Lt. Cory Rank 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Shahayda

# Men's Day of Recollection

Join other men from Holy Spirit Parish for a day of spiritual recollection. Breakfast and refreshments provided.

Saturday, December 14th 10:00am - 1:00pm

Quinn Room (School Building)

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#### **JUST ONE YES CAMPAIGN**

Mary of Nazareth changed the world forever when she offered her simple "yes" to the angel Gabriel and agreed to give birth to the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Because of her "yes", God entered our world, died for our sins, and opened wide the gates of heaven. Increase your connection to God through prayer, service of others, and self-sacrifice. Make this Advent and Christmas different than previous years by Committing to Just One Yes. It will change you, your family, your community, and, like Mary's powerful "yes" to God, it can change the world. Go to ArlingtonDiocese.org/JustOneYes to participate.



#### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

William Cleary Thomas Moynihan Thomas Tarantino Rosella Trahan

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

William V. Arbacas, III
Edythe Bonato
Eileen Carroll-Boshier
Catherine Rose Chen
Helen Hufschmitt
Wendy Kent
Donna MacCabe
Father Peter Okola
The Rowsey Family
Catherine Shonka
Andrea Sturken

Bert van den Horn

Luis Arciniega
Allison Candelore
Mary Ann Crites
Anthony Girata
Jon R. Johnson
Matthew Kershes
Alexandra Malone
Abraham Perez
Patricia Shimones
Bud Shumate
Doris Trunfio
Brian Vibert



# Thank You

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, the school held its finale for the Turkey Shoot free throw competition. Students from pre-kindergarten thru eighth grade competed with their Mass buddies to see which team would win the coveted turkey trophy. The week prior all students were able to donate \$1 to participate in the preliminaries. The money donated benefits the Holy Spirit Parish chapter of St. Vincent de Paul Society. The students donated about \$400 for this charity! Congratulations to the winners of the Turkey Trophy Daniel G. and Joseph H! Thank you to the students, parents and faculty for your generosity!



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

# MAINTENANCE FUND MONTHLY COLLECTION December 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

There will be a second collection for the Maintenance Fund collected the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. The Maintenance 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.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE Helping Others, Will You Help Too? Helpline: 703 272-8218



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." As we wait in anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives, we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our families and communities, and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the number above, and leave a message with contact information so that together we can help those in need to celebrate Christmas joyfully.



#### Militia Immaculata, MI, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:15 PM

All ages welcome! For information and to register visit holyspiritchurch.us/youth/middle-school/militia-immaculata.

**Gift Wrappers Needed!** Middle and High Schoolers come help us wrap the parish Christmas gifts to be handed out after all Christmas Masses this year (service hours will be provided). The more hands the better! **Gift Wrapping will take place in the Youth Room, from 3:15-6:00 PM, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign up online by clicking the volunteer button on the Parish homepage.** 

#### Come Help Us Decorate for Christmas!

Many hands make light work and we need as many hands as we can get. Come help us make sure that our church is beautifully decorated for Christmas. Decorating will take place in the Church, from 3:30-5:30 PM, on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Service hours will be given in return for your help. Sing up online by clicking the volunteer button on the Parish homepage. Middle and High Schoolers are welcome!

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **High School Youth Group Annual Christmas Coat Drive**

Today is the last day to drop off donations for the collection for Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA). We are looking for: winter jackets, sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, gloves, warm wool hats, scarves, etc. Please help keep our community warm. Thank you.



**Sunday Night Meeting, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:15 PM in the school.** Tonight we will be sorting coats (service hours will be given) and then Fr. O'Donohue will have a special Advent Holy Hour just for the High Schoolers. Please remember to register on the website to attend.

**Bible Café, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 PM**Register at holyspiritchurch.us/youth/high-school/

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL Cor Unum, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 PM

Join us in the Youth Room for our middle school small groups held two Fridays a month. Cor Unum is small groups (Single sex) for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. For more information and for forms to sign-up visit holyspiritchurch.us/youth.

Middle School Youth Group is Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 -9:30 PM, in the School. We'll have manhunt and pizza. All middle schoolers are welcome. Parents: Chaperones are always needed. To sign up, click on the volunteer button on the parish website holyspiritchurch.us.



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# DEW FROM HEAVEN

An Advent Meditation on the Rorate Caeli Hymn

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

**7:30** PM ET

#### LIVE WEBINAR

To join the live webinar, please register at InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/Events Online pre-class discussion will begin at 6:30 PM

Msgr. Charles Pope

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness."

— Rorate Caeli Hymn

## HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL CAFETERIA

5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM Free admission | No reservation required Msgr. Charles Pope attained his Masters of Divinity and Master of Arts degree in Moral Theology from Mt. Saint Mary's Seminary in 1989. Named a Monsignor in 2005 by Pope Benedict XVI, he currently serves as pastor at Holy Comforter - St. Cyprian Parish in Washington, D.C.













# **NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS**

6:30 - 8:00 PM IN THE SCHOOL **CATERED FAMILY DINNER RESERVATION ONLY** 

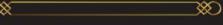
8:00 - 10:30 PM IN THE GYM DANCE AND FAMILY FUN NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, **DEVOTIONAL EVENTS** 

5:30 - 6:30 PM

MASS

6:30 - 11:00 PM

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** 

11:00 - 11:30 PM

**BENEDICTION** 

11:30 PM - 12:30 AM

**MIDNIGHT MASS** 







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