



Upper School Campus Edition December 9, 2004



**Upper School Mass takes place each
Friday at 8:30 a.m. and is a Dress Uniform Day!
Parents are invited and encouraged to attend!**

Advent

Ad'vent\, n. [L. adventus, fr. advenire, adventum: cf. F. avent. See [Advene.](#)] 1. (Eccl.) The liturgical period preceding Christmas, beginning in Western churches on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and in Eastern churches in mid-November, and observed by many Christians as a season of prayer, fasting, and penitence. The word "advent" is widely known to be of pagan origin, originating in a feast called "adventus" however, more pertinently, the term "adventus" also referred to the celebration of the "coming" of an emperor and it was this usage that was logically adopted for the coming of the Son of God and, over time, became almost exclusively associated with the coming of our Lord. In the sixth century, Advent was designated as the six Sundays immediately before Christmas and so it remained until Pope St. Gregory the Great reduced the season to four Sundays, apparently to avoid confusion (!) between Advent and Lent. Some regard Advent as solely a period of preparation for the celebration of the coming of our Lord, however, the Advent liturgy clearly celebrates Advent both as a period of preparation for the second coming of our Lord (the 1st and 2nd Sundays of Advent) and as a time for us to prayerfully prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming (the 3rd and 4th Sundays of Advent). The Catechism says this: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for, by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming." (CCC 524).

Adoration / Girls Sleep-Over

We will be holding adoration in our new upper school oratory (Chapel) during the course of the next school week, starting on Tuesday. During this time we will especially thank God for the steadfast service that Archbishop John F. Donoghue has rendered to the Church. Typically, between two and four students will be in the chapel at any one time and each adoration period will last between fifteen and thirty minutes. It is currently planned that from 7pm on Tuesday until 7am on Wednesday, there will be an optional girls-only sleep-over. The sleep-over will be supervised by administration and faculty and, in addition to facilitating the adoration schedule, will afford the students opportunities to spend time together, watch seasonal movies, participate in board games and play sports in the gym. A Pizza dinner will be provided at 6:30pm only for the students staying for the sleep-over, additionally, cookies, chips and dip will be provided for snacks in the evening and a breakfast buffet of egg and sausage casserole, bagels and cream cheese, fresh fruit and cold cereal with milk and juice served at 6:30am, again only for students that have slept over. Students will need to bring a sleeping bag, toiletries and a change of clothes. The showers will be available in the locker room for evening or morning use. The day following each overnight adoration is non-uniform only for those students that have slept over at the school. If you have not returned your consent form, another copy is attached!

Important notes: Only students staying overnight for adoration (or immediately engaged in a sports practice or other school activity) are permitted on campus after 6:00pm on Tuesday evening. The sleep-over will be cancelled unless a sufficient number of consent slips are received on Monday morning.



School Uniform until the Christmas Break

Monday December 13, 2004 Standard Uniform
Tuesday December 14, 2004 Standard Uniform
Wednesday December 15, 2004 Standard Uniform, Dress-Down ONLY for girls who stayed over for adoration the prior night
Thursday December 16, 2004 Standard Uniform except for 7th & 8th Grade students that attended Matriculation
Friday December 17, 2004 Dress Uniform
Monday December 20, 2004 Dress-Down all Upper School
Tuesday December 21, 2004 Dress Uniform

BISHOP GREGORY TO LEAD ATLANTA ARCHDIOCESE

-- Former President of U.S. Episcopal Conference

ATLANTA, Georgia, DEC. 9, 2004 (Zenit.org).- John Paul II accepted the resignation of Archbishop John Donoghue, 76, of Atlanta and appointed Bishop Wilton Gregory of Belleville to succeed him, the Vatican press office announced. Archbishop Gregory, 57, recently completed a three-year term as president of the U.S. bishops' conference.

Wilton Gregory was born in Chicago on Dec. 7, 1947. He attended St. Carthage Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, Niles College of Loyola University, and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. Three years after his ordination to the priesthood, he began graduate studies at the pontifical liturgical institute Sant'Anselmo in Rome. It was there he earned a doctorate in sacred liturgy. He was ordained a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese on May 9, 1973. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of Chicago on Oct. 31, 1983. Appointed bishop of Belleville, Illinois, on Dec. 29, 1993, he was installed on Feb. 10, 1994. Bishop Gregory served as vice president of the episcopate from 1998 to 2001, when he was elected president, serving until last month. Previously he served as Chairman of the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy and as a member of the Committee on Doctrine, the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, and the Committee on International Policy.

Archbishop Donoghue was appointed to his Atlanta post on June 22, 1993.

SKIRTS

Unfortunately there has been only a marginal improvement in the length of the skirts of many of our female students. If we do not see a substantial improvement over the Christmas break we will consider fundamental changes to the uniform code to ensure that we are able to provide all of our students, male and female alike, with an appropriately modest environment. Parents of girls; please; review the length of your daughter's skirts. They should be no more than 3 inches above the knee when standing erect and worn in their customary position.

TARDY STUDENTS

We have been very lenient with tardy students. Our handbook requires that any student that is tardy four times in a quarter must serve a Saturday detention for each subsequent tardy. Unfortunately, some students are now turning up tardy more than once each week therefore we will start enforcing the tardy policy with effect January 4th.



SANDY SPRING FESTIVAL

Parents of Holy Spirit Prep are invited once again to the annual Sandy Springs Festival. The exhibits will be held as follows: All High school Art work will be on display for the month of December at the Brooklyn Cafe in Sandy Springs and all Middle school Art work will be on display at Slopes Barbeque in Sandy Springs for the month of December as well. Be sure to visit our wonderful Art work and support these gracious restaurants in return for their support of the Arts! Thank You! Mrs. Hooley, MS/HS Art Teacher

WEB PAGE

Our web page: www.holyspiritprep.org is now entering the next stage of its evolution as we add images of the upper school campus and update the text to better reflect our current program. Many parents have already made excellent suggestions regarding the design of the web page and those ideas will bear fruit over the coming months. Please e-mail any observations or ideas to Molly Walker at mwalker@holyspiritprep.org

ALL SCHOOL MASS

– 8:30am December 17th

At this Mass we will be welcoming two upper school students into the Church, truly a wonderful Christmas Gift to our school community. Please join us!

CALENDAR CHANGE

Please make the following change to your copy of the HSP school calendar: *Catholic Schools Week is January 30th through February 5th, 2005.*

BLANKET & WINTER COAT DRIVE

An Upper School Blanket and Winter Coat Drive will be operated from now until December 17th. All blankets and coats should be clean and in reasonable condition. Coats may be for children or adults. Each donated item will earn 15 house points. All items may be dropped off in Mr. Genner's office and will be distributed as organized by Lucy and her team. A clipboard will be available in Mrs. Browning's office to record donated items. For further information, see Lucy Andia (Project Manager), Kelly Coles, Sarah Farnsworth or Mr. Genner.

DAILY MASS

Monsignor Dillon wishes to extend an invitation and encourage parents of the Holy Spirit Prep community to consider attending daily Mass on a regular basis. Space is limited at the Lower School, but parents of the children whose class has the Mass on a given day are most welcome and encouraged to attend. For others, weekday Mass at the parish, Monday through Thursday, are at 8.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Mass usually doesn't last longer than 25 minutes to facilitate those who have to get to work. On Fridays, the Upper School Mass is combined with the parish at 8.30 a.m. in the Church. It usually doesn't last longer than 40 minutes, and is a beautiful celebration with the Liturgical Choir leading the singing. All parents are most welcome to attend.



CLASS TRIPS, 7th – 11th Grades

Class trips for the 7th through 11th Grades are in the final planning stages. These trips are chaperoned by our faculty and staff and include a unique opportunity for our students to travel with their classmates and experience first-hand what they have learned in the classroom. These trips will be from Friday, January 14 to Monday, January 17, 2005. The cost of these trips is paid by the parents and should not exceed \$500.00. This amount includes all travel, lodging, meals, and fees for admission to events and museums, etc.

The students will be going to the following locations:

7th and 8th Grades - Disney Learning Center in Orlando, FL

9th Grade - Washington, D.C.

10th Grade - Boston, MA

11th Grade - New York City, NY

An information packet including the travel itinerary, schedule of events and final cost will be forwarded to parents shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Pelletier either by e-mail at bpelletier@holyspiritprep.org or by telephone at 678-904-2811, ext. 234.

GIFT OF MUSIC

- Give the Gift of Music Lessons with Buckhead School of Music and Arts this Christmas!

Another session of music lessons with Buckhead School of Music and Arts will begin in January. The school offers lessons in Drums, Piano, Guitar, Violin, Cello, Banjo, and Mandolin on our Upper School Campus after school.

Lessons are available in blocks of 8 at a time and the cost is \$200 per block. The next session will run from January through March - concluding just before Spring Break.

Arrangements for lessons can be made by completing the attached enrollment form and sending it to the Upper School campus in care of Mrs. Garlen. Please contact Paula Garlen if you have questions at Pgarden@holyspiritprep.org.

NEWS FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL PA

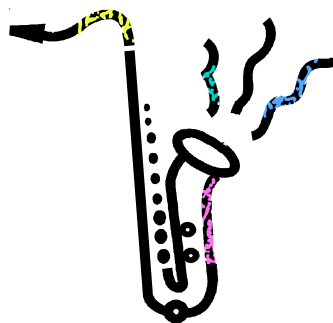
It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas! The HSPS Upper Campus is looking very festive for the holiday season. We would like to thank some remarkable ladies for their creative and decorating skills. A big thank you goes to Barbara Genner, Sally Hanna, Monica de Andrade, Rosario Briceni and Anne Farnsworth. Your help and assistance is always appreciated.

Spring is Coming! Our annual Spring Gala is scheduled for April, 22 at the Upper School Campus. Plans are underway for this event. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. We welcome your input and assistance. The next committee meeting is scheduled for the morning of Wed., Jan. 12th. This meeting will take place immediately after carpool, in the Lower School Media Center. You can contact the PA office if you have any questions.

Santa's Elves Worked Hard! Many thanks go to Mary Shaw and Diane Higgins for setting up and coordinating the Secret Santa Boutique at the Upper School. We would also like to thank the parents who assisted in the sales and wrapping of gifts. There was a wonderful assortment of items and complimentary gift wrapping. Watch out Bloomingdales!

Meet You at the Dance! A Holiday Dance is being planned for Monday, December, 20th. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with decorations, setup and cleanup. If you would like to assist with the 7th & 8th grade dance please contact Kim Leeman at 404-231-3626 or Helen Casey at 404-705-8831. For the dance for 9th -11th grade please contact Barbara Genner at 404-255-8127.

December Birthdays: Please wish the following administrators and teachers birthday greetings ; Peter Radosta 12/02, and Eric D'Aubermont 12/21.



SPIRITUAL LIFE NEWS

Spiritual Life of Holy Spirit Prep seeks to complement and support the mission of the school while helping this community live out the Gospel through our life in Christ. There are many opportunities to share in the Spiritual Life Committee at Holy Spirit. If you are interested in finding out how you can be involved please contact Cindy Young (770) 395-1732 or 5cyoung@bellsouth.net Please consider joining others for these Spiritual Life Events:

MOM'S BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study meets every Wednesday in the home of April Nagel. This year we are studying Acts of the Apostles. Join us at 8:30 am for a light breakfast followed by prayer and discussion at 9:15 am. For more information contact: Cindy Young (770) 395-1732 or 5cyoung@bellsouth.net

DAD'S TUESDAY MORNING GOSPEL REFLECTION

All Holy Spirit Prep Dads are invited for Tuesday morning Gospel Reflection. We meet in the Reading Room at the upper school from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The reflection is casual and participants are welcome to leave early as needed. Coffee is available. For more information contact Ken Baudry kjbaudry@bellsouth.net or 770-512-8554.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Do you know someone who needs a little sunshine? **The Sunshine Committee** reaches out to those of our school community who are ill, have had a relative pass away, or a new birth. For more information contact: Cindy Young (770) 395-1732 or 5cyoung@bellsouth.net

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

On any school morning upon which we are not celebrating an "Upper School" or "All School" Mass we pray the Liturgy of the Hours at 7:30 a.m. in the temporary Chapel on the 2nd floor of the Liberal Arts Building. This prayer service only takes 10 to 12 minutes and is a wonderful way for us to start the day by worshipping our Lord and asking for God's blessings upon our school. All students and parents are invited to participate.

