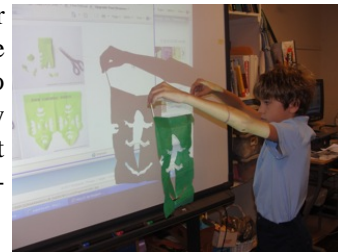




# Students Prepare Décor

Dear Parents,

November 1st is All Saints' Day and November 2nd is All Souls' Day (the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) on our Catholic Church Calendar. November is a month in the Church when we especially remember all those who have died and gone before us. Halloween is actually the eve of All Saints' Day (or All Hallows' Day, as it used to be called), and ushers in the month of November. (All Hallows' Eve became Halloween.)



All Saints' Day is also a Holy Day in the Catholic Church. Masses on Tuesday, November 1st will be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. At our 7:00 p.m. Mass, we will have a special remembrance of all those who have died and been buried from Annunciation Parish this past year. Mass that evening will be followed by our annual Soul Cake Social in the cafeteria. Please join us! Our students have been busy preparing for this celebration. Mrs. Chabot's art students are once again preparing our cafeteria décor for this celebration. They have been busy making such



artwork as traditional "papel picado" and skulls for the Days of the Dead. Other students are also preparing items such as artwork and journals for our celebration!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandi Chakeres  
Director of Faith Formation

## A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!

There's always something wonderful happening at Annunciation Parish and School! From Blessing Pets, to making Tabouleh, to writing plays about Reconciliation and Forgiveness, to celebrating Oktoberfest, October has been a busy month. Over 500 new photos of Parish and School events have been added to the **Photo Gallery** pages of our **Annunciation web site** these past four weeks. Check them out yourself at [www.annunciationbvmparish.org](http://www.annunciationbvmparish.org).



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### Special points of interest:

- Now is the time to register 3-12 year olds for Sunday Sowers gatherings which meet Sunday morning from 10:10-10:50 a.m. November 27th-May 27th. Call 861-1295 for forms.
- Our annual Fall Clean-Up will be Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Help keep our Annunciation Parish & School grounds looking beautiful. All ages can help! Contact Jim Harjo at 861-1295 or via e-mail at [jharjo@annunciationbvmparish.org](mailto:jharjo@annunciationbvmparish.org).

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# October: The Month of the Rosary

We often hear the month of October referred to in the Catholic Church as “the month of the rosary.” Why is that? I suppose we can thank Pope Leo XIII, who occupied the papacy from 1878-1903, for this designation, as he called for the rosary to be prayed in all parish churches during the month of October. But he didn’t just randomly decide upon the month of October as the rosary month. Way back in the year 1571, Christians defeated the Turks in a naval battle at Lepanto on October 7th, and they attributed this victory to the praying of the rosary. Pope Pius V, who was pope at that time, declared that the anniversary of this military victory be celebrated with a Feast of Our Lady of Victory. Within two years, Pope Gregory XIII (pope from 1572-1585) declared the first Sunday in October the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Today, we celebrate this feast day on October 7th.



If you grew up praying the rosary, the fifteen traditional mysteries of the rosary are very familiar to you. These Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries provide a focus for our meditation on the major events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. The fifteen mysteries of the rosary (and the corresponding one-hundred-fifty Hail Mary prayers) also connected us to the Book of Psalms, as there are one-hundred-fifty psalms in the Bible. At a time when many Christians could not read to pray all of the psalms, the one-hundred-fifty Hail Mary prayers provided a prayer form into which all could enter. For this reason, the rosary came to be called “Mary’s Psalter.” While we often think of the rosary as a “Marian devotion”, it is very much centered on the Gospel, or the Good News of Jesus Christ. In recent years, Pope John Paul II gave us five new mysteries of the rosary - the Mysteries of Light, or the Luminous Mysteries. These mysteries help fill in the years of Jesus’ public ministry, as we meditate via the rosary on the major events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Prior to having this new set of mysteries, the Joyful Mysteries concluded with the Finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve, and the Sorrowful Mysteries began with the Agony in the Garden. The Luminous Mysteries help us meditate on Jesus’ life between his childhood and his Passion.



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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thursday, October 20th, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Grades K-3 pray the rosary in church
- ◆ Thursday, October 27th, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Grades 4-8 pray the rosary in church
- ◆ Saturday, October 29th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Fall Clean Up
- ◆ Tuesday, November 1st, 8:00 a.m.: All Saints’ Day Mass
- ◆ Tuesday, November 1st, 7:00 p.m.: All Saints’ Day Mass, with a Remembrance of all those who have died and been buried from Annunciation Parish this past year. A Soul Cake Social will follow Mass.
- ◆ Thursday, November 3rd, 9:30-10:15 a.m.: Morning Prayer & Liturgical Catechesis
- ◆ Thursday, November 3rd, 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Family Reconciliation Preparation Gathering
- ◆ Sunday, November 6th: School Open House

*It's Happening at  
Annunciation!*

## Thank you!

Dear Annunciation School Students, Faculty, & Staff,

Thanks so much for spicing up the St. George Food Pantry with your huge donation of ketchup, mustard, and condiments. We asked you for these items because our clients frequently ask us for them. Condiments are something a little extra to help the families we serve.

I personally greatly appreciate the support you give to our Food Pantry. Your donations truly help us to continue our service to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Many, many blessings.

Sincerely,  
*Janet Cavanaugh,*  
Food Pantry Director

