NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER CLASS SCHEDULE: October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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WHAT IS COMING UP

Oct. 2^{nd} : Safe Environment Training in the classroom; grades K- 10^{th} . Oct. $5^{th} \& 6^{th}$: Ministry training after all Masses. Religious Ed. students 3^{rd} - 10^{th} grades invited learn to be servers at Mass[©] Oct. 16^{th} : 1^{st} Reconciliation Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM in **the Upper Church**.

<u>ADULT ED.</u> OPPORTUNITIES	TOPIC of the MONTH: All Hallows Eve- Halloween	PRAYER of the MONTH:
 Book Club: Oct. 3rd at 6:30 PM at the Parish Office. RCIA: Oct. 3rd, 17th, 25th; 6:30-8:30 PM in Kress Hall 	This night has been known as the, "eve of all saints." Children would dress up as their favorite saint and parade around. Trick or treat customs have their origins from ancient times when ghost's masked (spirits) wandered and were given food. Christianity changed this. TREAT: Children now went from house to house offering to fast or pray for departed souls in return for food. TRICK: Supposedly many spirits were around on October 31 st so they were blamed for the pranks and jokes. Today our children have fun. They get dressed up, try to look scary, and collect treats from house to house. What to discuss with your children about Halloween: From the beginning Halloween was an attempt to come to terms with life and death. Seasons changing, days getting shorter, harvest is over, trees losing their leaves, our mortality. Death isn't defeat; it is only a beginning of a new life.	The St. Gertrude prayer we say to release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said devoutly. A revelation from God to St. Gertrude. Prayer: "Eternal Father, I offer you the most precious blood of Your divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."
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