



# Around the Parish

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

# 2022

### The Catholic roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saints' Day

Although Halloween has been embraced by the secular world, its foundations are firmly rooted in Catholic tradition. Dr. Malcolm Brown of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture explains the significance of All Hallows' Eve.

In the modern world, and especially in English speaking countries, Halloween has become one of the most important holidays of the year, with millions of children and adults dressing up as their favorite heroes, superstars, ghouls and goblins.

While some people have connected Halloween to earlier pagan celebrations of the new year, Halloween actually has significant Catholic roots. The name itself comes from All Hallows Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays in suffrage for them.

The memory of those who have gone before us naturally leads to thoughts of mortality, and the liturgical focus on the end times during this period of the Church year adds to the atmosphere of gloom.

In a "Memorandum on the Celebration of Halloween" issued last year for his Diocese, Bishop David Konderla of Tulsa, Oklahoma, stresses the importance of "maintaining the Catholic meaning and purpose of all holy days, especially those which have been adopted and adapted by the culture around us." He explains how the customs such as dressing up for Halloween and appealing to frightful imagery can be done in a Catholic spirit, while warning that "we want to intentionally avoid those things that are contrary to our Catholic faith, but have become popularized through the secular adaptation of Halloween."

Vatican News spoke with Dr. Marcel Brown, of the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture in Tulsa, about the Catholic roots of Halloween. "The feast of

Halloween is one of those feasts on the Catholic calendar that is celebrated on the eve of a great solemnity," he said.

Dr. Brown explained that the word Halloween refers to the Feast of All Saints. The word itself is taken from an older English term, "hallows," meaning "holy"; and "e'en", a truncation of the word evening, in reference to the Vigil of the feast. "So really, Halloween is the feast of the celebration of the feast of All Hallows'," he said. "So it's a day when Catholics celebrate the triumph of the Church in heaven, and the lives of the saints on earth."

The modern focus on the eerie or mysterious also has a Catholic aspect. "When we think of Halloween, I think we often think of ghosts and goblins, and ghoulish faces," Dr. Brown said. "But even these, in the Catholic tradition, are supposed to be reminders of death and of the last things."

He continued, "So just as we commemorate the feast of All Saints on November 1st, beginning with All Hallows' Eve on Halloween, we also think about and turn our minds really, to the last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. And really our focus should be, since we all must die and are destined to judgment, how then are we to live?"

In his Memorandum, Bishop Konderla invites the faithful to "urge one another this Halloween to express in every detail of our observance the beauty and depth of the Feast of All Saints."

"Let us make this year's celebration," he says, "an act of true devotion to God, whose saints give us hope that we too may one day enter into the Kingdom prepared for God's holy ones from the beginning of time."

*Excerpt from Vatican News -By Christopher Wells*



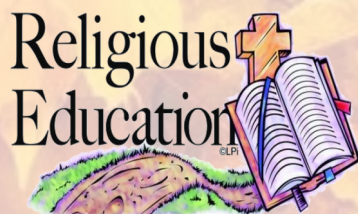


## SACRED HEART CHURCH

**Attention Volunteers** that need to complete their **Protecting God's Child Class**, an in-person class will be held in the IHM room, November 8th at 6:15 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer for anything in the Parish, Please call **Kirsten at 610-372-4010 X 201** to confirm that your background checks are all up to date!

Background checks must be completed by **EVERYONE** regardless of whether or not you think you will be around children.



Our Religious Education started the first Tuesday in September for students in Grades 1 through 8. We have many catechists returning from the past years. Both parents of former Sacred Heart children and Sacred Heart school teachers who retired, are back to help our Religious Ed.

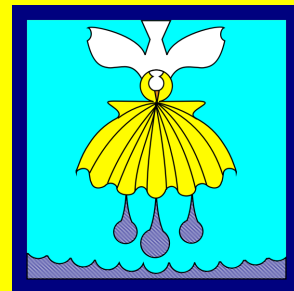
students. This gives our program a sign of consistency and reliability because good catechists make all the difference! We are extremely thankful for them.

*September 18* we celebrated Catechetical Sunday in our church in unison with the Bishops of the USA that asks us to acknowledge our catechists once a year. Once again, we had good participation during the 9:30 AM Mass where our Rel. Ed. catechists, together with Sacred Heart school teachers, got commissioned to go and proclaim the Good News of Salvation and Love of Jesus Christ to our children.

This month of September the DREs are training for the new Safe Environment Program that the Diocese of Allentown is using to make sure our children are safe (Grades 1 through 8). It is called the Circle of Grace Program. It's a way to make and maintain a safe environment for children. It's aim is to equip our children and youth by arming them with the essential knowledge and skills grounded in the richness of our faith.

-Valerie Christo

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



**Gianna Maria Quesada**

*Born July 18, 2021*

**Milena Rose Quesada**

*Born December 31, 2018*

**Penelope Marie Quesada**

*Born July 11, 2016*

Daughters of Mark and Jesenia  
Quesada



**Luke Joseph Hudgins**

*Born April 11, 2022*

Son of Eric and Justine Hudgins



**Zachary Schrader**

*Born November 8, 2021*

Son of Adam and Rachel Schrader



**WELCOME**

**TO THE PARISH:**

Janice and George Repko



Jonathan Fritz and  
Samantha Fox





# SHS Newsletter

September 2022



## A message from the Advancement Office

Welcome Back!

The first few weeks of school has truly been a joy! Seeing all of your children's smiling faces each morning reminds us of why we do the work we do.

This summer was spent preparing the building for our new school year, creating a new PreK 3 program, moving classrooms to accommodate the new program, and gave the hallways and stairways a much needed facelift. If you haven't seen the "new" SHS please feel free to visit us during one of our upcoming events or volunteer during the school day.

[www.sacredheartreading.com/be-a-volunteer](http://www.sacredheartreading.com/be-a-volunteer)

**Our SHOPS gift card program** is again up and running. Please be patient while we inventory our in stock items and sort out schedules for sales. This program is a *very important fundraiser* for our school and an important role in each K-8 family's fundraising assessment. For further details and instructions please go to [www.sacredheartreading.com/shops](http://www.sacredheartreading.com/shops)

*Beth Gasperack*  
Mrs. Beth Gasperack

## 2022-2023 Student Council Elections

Student Council elections were held on Friday, September 16th. Our 2022-2023 Student Body Student Council officers are:

President - David Schnatz  
Vice President - Niyah Morales  
Treasurer - Dominik Garcia-Lopez  
Secretary - Eternity Melendez

Class Representatives:

3rd Grade:

Amelia Kozak  
Nathaniel Ruiz

4th Grade:

Elijah Remy  
Colt Witman

5th Grade:

Jayliana Clemente  
Salvatore Marone

7th Grade:

Calista Abreu  
RJ Seda

8th Grade:

Neil Bitting  
Casey Changco

School Mission Rep: Sophia Harrison

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/23/2022 - Berks Catholic Homecoming Football Game - 7pm
- 9/26/2022 - Home & School Fundraiser starts - Claire's Gourmet
- 9/28/2022 - Mass 8:30am - Student Council Induction
- 9/29/2022 - Goodies for Grandparents 8:15am-9:00am
- 10/6/2022 - PICTURE DAY!



## October 2022 LECTOR SCHEDULE

### October 1/2

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**5:00 PM** Steve Krupa  
**7:30 AM** Vince Moffitt  
**9:30 AM** John Gleason  
**11:15 AM** Beth Tharp

### October 15/16

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**5:00 PM** Bill Wellock  
**7:30 AM** Joe Tharp  
**9:30 AM** Mike Gallagher  
**11:15 AM** Sheila Walsh

### October 8/9

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**5:00 PM** Terry Vogel  
**7:30 AM** Steve Bell  
**9:30 AM** Mary Ann Kase  
**11:15 AM** Margaret Hueske

### October 22/23

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**5:00 PM** Mary Ann Kelly  
**7:30 AM** Vince Moffitt  
**9:30 AM** Lou Sutherland  
**11:15 AM** Karen Ann Cameron

### October 29/30

**5:00 PM**  
**7:30 AM**  
**9:30 AM**  
**11:15 AM**

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sandie Wrable  
 Steve Bell  
 Lori Anewalt  
 John Sylvester

**HELP SUPPORT** *St. Vincent de Paul Society of Sacred Heart Church*  
 (Non-Profit Organization)



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## Sacred Heart Book Club

We are planning on meeting once a month to discuss a book. If you are interested, you can purchase and read the first book on your own and join us on:

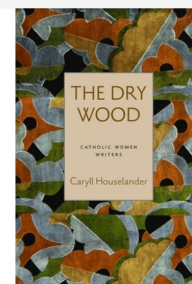
October 20th, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.

In the Parish Center

**The Dry Wood**

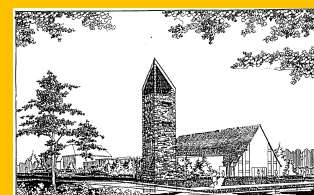
Catholic Women Writers

by **Caryll Houselander**



Email Marsha Gleason @jmg6gleason with any questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Holy Rosary 9th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

October 12, 2022

### St. Vincent de Paul Society "Friends Helping Friends"

October 19th, 2022

Shop @ Boscov's

8:00 a.m. — 11:00 p.m.

### Sacred Heart Book Club - Parish Center, Wachter Room

October 20, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

### Kennedy House Soup Kitchen

October 22nd & 23rd, 2022

### SVDP Food Drive for St. Joseph's Food Pantry

November 5th & 6th, 2022

### Protecting God's Children Class—IHM Room

November 8, 2022 @ 6:15 p.m.





It's hard to believe that our Monsignor Bornemann Council of the Knights of Columbus, Council #16066, is venturing into its 8th year! During this time, we have promoted varied programs in our parishes such as:

- RSVP Program: Financial Support of local Seminarians
- Roses & Rosary Program – Council presence at Baptisms
- Parish/community assistance for work projects
- Support of *LifeLine of Berks County*
- Promote & Support Sacred Heart School Events
- Promote devotional events at our parishes
- Coats for Kids Program

Our success in these programs is directly related to YOU, the parish-ioners of Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary. Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and involvement with our ministries during these past seven years.

**Recitation of the Rosary** is now on the weekly schedule, and we hope you can join us on Sunday mornings at 10:40am in the church after the 9:30 Mass, and Tuesdays at 7pm during Adoration in the Chapel. All are welcome to participate!

### **Important 2022 K of C dates for your calendar:**

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> – Holy Rosary Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sale after Masses**

**OCTOBER 6 - Officer's Meeting** – IHM Room 7pm

**OCTOBER 12 – Holy Rosary 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner Social**

**OCTOBER 19 – Bornemann Council 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**OCTOBER 20 - Membership Meeting/Anniversary Celebration** – IHM Room 7:00-8:30pm; Rosary at 6:30 before the meeting.

### **Other future dates:**

**NOVEMBER – Annual Holiday Pie Sale** – Pies orders will be taken after the Masses on November 5/6, November 12/13, and November 19/20

**November 22 – Pie pickup in the IHM Room at the School 2-6pm**

**November 24 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

*The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Bornemann Council membership is open to all practicing Catholic male adults, aged 18 and over, who wish to serve their parish and community. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. To join, contact John Sylvester at 610-451-6980, or go to [bornknights.org](http://bornknights.org) and fill out the Contact Form located on our website OR signup directly using the online KofC link.*

**SVDP will sponsor our annual food drive** for St. Joseph's Food Pantry to help those needing assistance with securing food.

**The Food Drive is November 5 - 6, 2022 before and after Masses.**

A car will be parked in front of the church to collect donated food. Canned and/or boxed food items such as pasta, tomato sauce, cereal, soup, oatmeal, vegetables, etc. should have current freshness dates. The Red Bucket will be available to accept monetary donations as well. Your contribution is appreciated.

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Our Volunteers make a difference in the lives of those living in poverty. They are caring and loving individuals inspired to feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty and welcome the stranger. Whether cooking a meal, distributing and/or serving food they bring our mission to life!

Our Group will be serving at the **Kennedy House Soup Kitchen** on **October 22nd** and **October 23rd**.

If you would like to know more about this volunteer opportunity to help those in need, please email **John and Marsha Gleason** @: [jm6gleason@comcast.net](mailto:jm6gleason@comcast.net)

We are grateful to Volunteers sharing our vision to enhance the lives of those who live in poverty.





## BUILD YOUR LEGACY & SUPPORT SACRED HEART PARISH

### Support Our Parish Endowment

Sacred Heart Parish is fortunate to hold an endowment that can provide a perpetual stream of income for our parish mission "To Teach All Nations." To make a tax-deductible contribution to our endowment fund or if you are interested in establishing a new named endowment to benefit our parish, please call the parish office at **610-372-4010**.

### A Gift in Your Will or Living Trust

A charitable bequest is an easy, flexible, and versatile way to ensure we can continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the Church. Simply include Sacred Heart Parish in your will or living trust.

### Leave A Legacy to Our Parish

When you designate our parish as beneficiary of a life insurance policy, retirement plan or bank account, you are leaving a legacy that will impact generations of Catholics long into the future.

### Donate Stocks or Other Appreciated Assets to Support Our Parish

Make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, or mineral interests, for the benefit of Sacred Heart Parish. By donating directly to us, you allow the parish to receive the full pre-tax value of those appreciated assets and you avoid capital gains taxes.

### Support Our Parish through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to Sacred Heart Parish without having to pay income taxes on the money. Simply ask your broker to make your check payable directly to Sacred Heart Parish.

### Gifts That Pay You Income

There is a way for you to support Sacred Heart Parish and feel confident that you have dependable income in your retirement years. A charitable gift annuity can provide you with regular payments and allow us to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ. You can also qualify for a variety of tax benefits, including a federal income tax charitable deduction when you itemize.

If you have any questions or would like more information about ***Building your Legacy*** through planned gifts, please contact the rectory office at **610-372-4010** and ask for Kirsten.

**The Bishop's Commission for Women** invites all women to a day of reflection on the *Dignity of Life and the Informed Conscience* on **Saturday, October 29 from 8:30am-1:00pm at St. Mary's Church in Kutztown**. Bi-lingual Mass will be at 8:30 am with Fr. Kuna. Following Mass, there will be a light breakfast, guest speakers and a Q & A panel which will provide participants with the opportunity to learn more about the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, authentic femininity, and practical applications for building a culture of life. This event will feature both an English and Spanish track.

Cost is \$15.00 per person.

To register (required by Oct. 15) please visit the website: [register.allentowndiocese.org/day-of-reflection](https://register.allentowndiocese.org/day-of-reflection)

For questions, contact Kristin Osenbach, (610) 866-0581 x 2035 or [kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:kosenbach@allentowndiocese.org)





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