



ST. AGNES  
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Wednesday e-Folder

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## All Saints Day and All Souls Day

During the year the Church celebrates, one by one, the feasts of the saints. On November 1, she joins them all in one festival called All Saints Day. This blessed day is a solemnity, a holyday of obligation and the day that the Church honors all of God's saints, even those who have not been canonized by the Church. Solemnities are counted as the principal days in the calendar and their observance begins with evening prayer of the preceding day.

November 2, the Feast of All Souls, is the date designated to pray for all the departed souls in Purgatory. In many countries this is an important day. Families cook special foods and make a special day's outing to cemeteries to tend to the graves, pray for the family dead.

The feasts of All Saints and All Souls fall back-to-back to express the Christian belief of the "Communion of Saints." Saints can intercede with God for those still on earth. Both the faithful on earth and the saints in heaven can pray for the souls in Purgatory. During these two days we see the Communion of Saints really in action.

### Quote of the Week

*"Whenever you do anything, you must offer it to God, at the beginning, in the middle, and at the end."*

**Saint Alphonsus  
Rodriguez**



Middle School Dance

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# Things You Need to KNOW:

## Hallo-Giving Parade Project—10/31

As a reminder, tomorrow, October 31, our students will participate in our annual Hallo-Giving parade event. After the students have decorated pumpkins for the residents of Frederick Villa, our entire school community will parade down (in Halloween costumes) to share the light of Christ with our elderly neighbors in this wonderful nursing care center. As we will be parading off campus, please know that those students who do not return a signed copy of their permission slip, will have to remain at school during the parade portion of the day. Please refer to yesterday's email which includes the guidelines for appropriate costumes.

## Rescheduled Parent Reunification Drill—11/1

As a reminder, our rescheduled lockdown, evacuation and parent reunification drill is scheduled for this Friday, November 1. As we will be evacuating to our safe staging site at Mount de Sales Academy, all families will be required to pick up their child at MdSA. Parents should expect to receive an alert notification sometime before 3:00pm. Please note that **WE WILL NOT PROVIDE EXTENDED CARE SERVICES ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.**

## Intent to Re-Enroll—11/15

While it may be difficult to imagine, we are already planning for the 2020-2021 school year. Included in that planning is the formation of our annual budget for the upcoming year. To accurately prepare, it is important for us to have a general idea of the current families (in grades Pre-K to 7) who plan to return to St. Agnes School in 2020-2021. That said, beginning on November 15 and continuing through December 13, families will be asked to indicate their plans for re-enrollment. Please note that this process will be completed through School Admin.

## Grandparents Day—11/26

In less than one month, St. Agnes School will once again welcome our Grandparents to campus. This special day is set aside to celebrate the blessing of the important role that they play in the lives of our students. Knowing that planning for the holiday season is already taking place, we would like to invite your child's grandparent(s) or special friend (if they do not have a grandparent who is able to join us) for our *Grandparents & Special Friends* event that is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26. Please RSVP [HERE](#). As a reminder, this is an early dismissal day (12:05pm).

## Leadership Saint of the Week

Alphonsus Rodriguez who after losing his business, as well as the unexpected passing of his wife and two of his children, found his calling in humble service to the Lord. Although his initial application to the Jesuits was denied (because of the lack of formal education), at the age of 39, he eventually became a member of this religious order of priests. However, his role was not that of an ordained reverend, but rather a lay brother. In this humble role, he spent 45 years as a doorman at the Jesuits' college in Majorca, Spain and became known as the "Holy Porter". As legend goes, each time a guest would knock at the door, Alphonsus would respond, "hold on God, I am coming." This blessed man found happiness and contentment through simple service and prayer to our Lord.

## Leadership Word of the Day

- **Honesty:** truthful and sincere; freedom from misleading others through deceit or fraud
- **Hospitality:** warm and welcoming treatment, reception or disposition of another
- **Humility:** a modest view of one's importance; lacking of ego

## Water Level Standards

Maryland law requires the testing of lead levels in drinking water in all school buildings. Accordingly, St. Agnes has passed the state's testing procedure. Please click [HERE](#) to review our parent notification letter.

# Things You Are Asked to DO:

## H.S.A. Notes

**Spaghetti Dinner:** This Saturday, November 2, the doors of our Activity Center will open at 5:30pm for our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets are now on sale for the most fun dinner you will have this year! Tickets are \$7 per person ages 5 and up. Children 4 and under eat free! Please click [HERE](#). Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, run games and clean up. Click [HERE](#) to sign up as a volunteer.

**Middle School Dance:** Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered at last Friday's "Monster Mash Bash". And a special note of appreciation to our MS Social Coordinator duo of Kisha Stewart and Sherra Hayes for all of the organizational leadership that they offered this event.

**Trunk or Treat:** Thank you to all of the parents and families who took part in our recent Trunk-or-Treat event. And a special note of gratitude to our event chair, Stacey Ferguson and her assistant chair, Shaneera Johnson, for all of the organizational leadership that they offered for this festive event.

## Veterans Day Prayer Service—11/11

As a reminder, any active, inactive or retired member of any of the branches of our Armed Forces are invited to attend our annual Veterans Day prayer service event. Our prayer service will begin at 9:00am on November 11 and will be held in the St. Agnes church. In addition, please know that all family members and other guests are also welcome to join us for this memorable event. In addition, we are also seeking Veterans (active, inactive, or retired) who are interested in joining us after the prayer service to speak to the students about the experience of serving our country as a member of the United States military. If you are veteran or know of one who might be interested in sharing the wisdom and perspective of your/their experience, please contact our school office to sign up as a classroom speaker.

## Prayer Pennies for Departed Veterans—11/11

As a means in which to honor the service of the departed veterans who proudly served our country, St. Agnes follows a unique tradition that goes back to the Civil War. On November 11, students and their families are invited to caravan from St. Agnes to the Baltimore National Cemetery to place pennies on an assigned section of the headstones at the burial grounds for over 45,000 men and women of the United States Armed Forces. The project is a simple, yet poignant way to honor the memory of our nation's whose final resting place resides on Frederick Road here in Catonsville. With all this being said, we would like to invite you and your family to take part in this special event. Please RSVP [HERE](#).

## "Dollar Day" Fundraiser Fridays

The Class of 2020 is proud to announce Dollar Fridays! Every Friday, starting this Friday and through April, snacks and treats will be sold for \$1 each at lunch time—so bring your dollars! This will help the 8th grade raise funds for end of year activities and other expenses for their most memorable year at St. Agnes! Thank you in advance for your support of the Class of 2020!

## Mark Your Calendar

October 31	"Hallo-Giving" Parade Project
November 1	All Saints Day
November 1	Rescheduled Parent Reunification Drill at MDSA
November 2	Spaghetti Dinner
November 5	Severe Weather Drill
November 7	5th Grade Service Experience at CEA
November 9	Alumni Reunion Saturday
November 11	Veterans Day Prayer Service
November 11	8th Grade Service Experience at MBK
November 11	6th Grade Service Experience for WMS
November 13	Middle School Cub Club



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