

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS
OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tu	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please remember to pray for Father Pat on the 1 year anniversary of his passing (October 20)						
		1	2	3	4	5
			Jr. High Class (6-7:30pm) - SMM School			RE Sat Class-English (9-10:30am) - SMM School RE Sat Class-Spanish (11am-12:30pm) - SMM School
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
RE Sunday Class—English (8:30-9:30am) - SMM School—9:30am Mass RE Sunday Class—Spanish (10:15am-12:15pm) - SMM School - 12:30pm Mass Confirmation 2 (2:45-4:45pm) - Hegarty Hall—5:00pm Mass Confirmation 2 Parent Meeting (2:45-4:45pm) - Hegarty Hall LinC - High School Youth Group Family Movie and Barbeque (6:30-9pm) - Hegarty Hall - See flyer on previous page		Jr. High Class (6-7:30pm) - Hegarty Hall				RE Sat Class-English (9-10:30am) - SMM School RE Sat Class-Spanish (11am-12:30pm) - SMM School
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27	28	29	30	31	Dates to Remember for November 2013 1-All Saints Day 2-All Souls Day 3-VIRTUS Certification Beginning Traiining English (6:30-9pm) - Hegarty Hall 28-Thanksgiving	
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Saint of the Month: St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-97)



Feast day: October 1

Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon on 2 January 1873 the last of nine children born to Louis and Zélie Martin.

Thérèse and three of her sisters Marie, Pauline and Céline became Carmelite nuns in Lisieux in Normandy a geographical region in the north-west of France. Her fourth sister Léonie entered the Visitantine convent in Caen also in Normandy.

When Thérèse was only four years old her mother Zélie Martin died. After this the family moved to Les Buissonnets in Lisieux, the home where St Thérèse then lived – and described as ‘the gracious nest of my childhood’ - until her entry to the Lisieux Carmel in 1888. It was in Les Buissonnets in 1883 that Thérèse was **cured through the smile of the Blessed Virgin Mary** of a mysterious illness which had left her seriously ill. It was also here that she received the **Grace of Conversion**, after midnight Mass on 25 December 1886, about which she wrote in her autobiography ‘I felt charity enter into my soul, and the need to forget myself and to please others’.

From an early age Thérèse wanted to give herself to God; she wrote that ‘from the age of three, I began to refuse nothing of what God asked of me’; she described Céline’s First Holy Communion as ‘one of the most beautiful days of my life’; she became a Child of Mary; she attended daily Mass with her father in the Cathedral of St Pierre in Lisieux. In May 1887 when she was fourteen she asked for and got her father’s permission to enter Carmel. Later that year travelled with her father and her sister Céline to Rome where she asked Pope Leo XIII for his permission to enter Carmel at the age of fifteen.

Thérèse became a Carmelite ‘to save souls and to pray for priests’. As a Carmelite nun Sr Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face devoted her life to God. She lived to a large extent in silence and continual prayer and engaged in the work and recreations of the community. There is a lot of detail - as recorded in *St Thérèse of Lisieux: Her Last Conversations* – in Thérèse’s reply to Mother Agnes’ query about her various assignments in the Carmel. She was initially assigned to the linen room and the refectory and later became assistant sacristan and was placed in charge of the novices in 1893. She undertook sewing, gardening, painting of religious objects and was a prolific writer.

All the writings of St Thérèse are infused with reference to God and scripture and with prayerfulness. Her works include religious plays, poems, specific prayers, hundreds of letters from before and after her entry to Carmel and providentially her autobiography *Story of a Soul* in which she articulated her Little Way of Spirituality and her Doctrine of Love. On prayer St Thérèse wrote: ‘For me prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial, as well as joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus’. In 1895 St Thérèse made her Act of Oblation to Merciful Love.

St Thérèse became ill in 1896 and died with great suffering from tuberculosis after almost two years. During this time she also suffered a trial of faith and hope which she offered so that ‘the bright flame of faith’ can shine for those who do not believe. Towards the end of her life St Thérèse said she realized that her mission was about to begin, and she vowed to spend her heaven doing good on earth. She died on 30 September 1897 and was buried in the Lisieux Cemetery on 4 October 1897. Before her canonisation in 1925 the body of St Thérèse was brought to the Lisieux Carmel where today there is a constant stream of visitors and pilgrims to the St Thérèse Shrine. Her Universal Feast Day is celebrated on 1 October each year.

Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.

Halloween and its Christian Roots



When you think of Halloween, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts and pumpkins. But do you know the Christian connection to the holiday? The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead, including ghosts, goblins and witches, returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires.

When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider, traditions which may sound familiar to you. But where does the Christian aspect of the holiday come into play? In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallows Eve or holy evening. Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween. On November 2, the Church celebrates All Souls Day.

The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of the communion of saints, which reminds us that the Church is not bound by space or time.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that through the communion of saints a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things (#1475).

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish LinC Youth Group



Family Barbeque and Movie Night

Sunday, October 6, 2013



Movie: 42

Jackie Robinson Story (2013)



In 1947, Branch Rickey put himself at the forefront of history when he signed Jackie Robinson to the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking Major League Baseball's infamous color line. But the deal also put both Robinson and Rickey in the firing line of the public, the press and other players.

Facing blatant racism from every side, even his own team, Robinson was forced to demonstrate tremendous courage and restraint by not reacting in kind, knowing that any incident could destroy his and Rickey's hopes. Instead, Number 42 let his talent on the field do the talking—ultimately winning over fans and his teammates, silencing his critics, and paving the way for others to follow.



6:30pm
Hegarty Hall

All Welcome
Donations welcome and appreciated



THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMERICAN LEGEND

PG-13 | Thematic elements, including language
Parents: Common Sense Media says OK for kids 11+