

*St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
Lancaster, NY
October 31, 2016*



Family activity # 4

During this week during which we celebrate Halloween, All saints Day and All Souls Day.

Activity # 1 - Halloween, All Saints, All Souls (October 31st, November 1 & 2)

Google: "You tube why do we celebrate Halloween life noggin" (1 min 54 sec)
and/or

Google: "You tube history of all saints and all souls days (Joe Aboumoussa) (12 min 45 sec) This is a narrative, but an informative clip which shows the relationship between Halloween, All Saints' Day and All Souls Day. (I like the beginning which shows the relationship between the ancient Celts, Halloween and All Saints Day)

and/or

Google: "Saints and All Hallows Eve – Busted Halo" (8 min 13 sec.) This is an Informative video about how one is named a saint, what is a patron saint, Why do Catholic pray to saints, etc.

If an adult wants to learn more about the history of Halloween, google: "You tube why do we celebrate Halloween" (6 min, 54 sec.)

Journal Questions: What did you learn from these clips? Write the name of the patron saint or favorite saint of each family member.

Activity # 2 - "The Song of Bernadette"

St. Bernadette Soubirous and Our Lady of Lourdes are pictured on the first stained glass window on the right hand side in our parish Church. If your family does not know the story of St. Bernadette, please take family time this week to watch "The Song of Bernadette" on u tube. It is a lengthy movie, shown in two parts. It will be worth your time! Watch as much of it as you are able to. Make some popcorn and enjoy a family night!

Journal Question: What was it like for you to watch this movie with your family?

Activity # 3 - All Souls' Day (November 2nd):

On All Souls Day, we remember those who have died, but may not have reached their heavenly home. Take time as a family to share with family members the story of someone who has died. This will be a good opportunity for adults to share a memory of a grandparent or maybe even a parent. It may open a door for your child to talk about death.

Journal Question: What did you learn from your parents when they told you about someone they knew who already died?