



St. Mary's School



Our second family night of the 2018-18 school year was a great success! Pumpkins were rolled, tossed, ringed and decorated. It appeared that everyone had a wonderful time, enjoying each of the activities and each other's company.

Next Tuesday is **Halloween**. Our tradition of parading around the block will continue, beginning at 1:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we will parade around the gym. Just a reminder: please avoid any costumes that represent violence, including weapons of any sort. Students will have classroom parties at the conclusion of the parade. The next day, November 1st, is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic church; the feast of All Saints. We will celebrate mass at 8:10 a.m. The school children will NOT participate in mass on Friday, Nov. 3.

Have a wonderful weekend and keep in mind that there is NO SCHOOL on Thursday, Nov. 9 and Friday, Nov. 10.

Michele Meyers, Principal



Upcoming Events

November

- 1 – All Saints Day
- 3 – First Marking Period Ends
- 6 – Citizen of the Month
- 9 – NO SCHOOL
- 10 – NO SCHOOL

Important Announcements

Written Excuses

We must have written records, according to New York State Law, on the following matters:

1. Absentee excuses
2. Restrictions from P.E. or outdoor recess
3. Medical administration
4. Immunization

You may send these in as handwritten excuses OR you may email them to Mrs. Feuka at smsoffice@twcny.rr.com Please use the word EXCUSE in the subject line.



Our Website

www.stmaryscantonny.com

Our Saint of the Week October 30 – November 3



Saint Martin de Porres Feast Day – November 3

Patron of Mixed Race, Barbers, Public Health Workers, Innkeepers

Martin de Porres was born (1579) in Lima, Peru, to parents of mixed race. Raised primarily by his mother, a freed slave, Martin experienced the effects of racism and poverty early in his life. He became the apprentice of a barber, learning not only how to cut hair, but to perform basic medical treatments. Feeling called to give his life to God in service of the lowly, Martin entered the Dominicans, who accepted him as a lay helper and later as a brother. He spent his days caring for those who were sick and poor, as well as performing menial tasks within the monastery. His nights were spent in prayer, penance, and adoration. Martin treated everyone with respect and dignity, regardless of their race or social status. He was instrumental in founding an orphanage to care for Lima's many street children.

Saint Martin experienced the exclusion, derision, and discrimination of racism. Instead of growing bitter, he used his experience to reach out and comfort others. Martin's unwavering love of God and devotion to the Passion sustained him in his charitable works that often went unacknowledged.

He died in 1639.

 The **Library Wish List** is still active! Please feel free to drop by to pick up a book slip or email Mrs. Feuka.

