

NOVEMBER FAMILY ACTIVITY #1

FAMILY PATRON SAINT!

November 1st is All Saint's Day, a holy day with obligation in the Catholic Church. It is a special day dedicated to the saints of the church. All Saint's Day was formally started in 609 AD by Pope Boniface IV and was originally celebrated on May 13. In the mid-eighth century Pope Gregory III established it to November 1 as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. This special feast day has been celebrated for over 1400 years! How amazing is that! Saints are great role models for us because many of them lived everyday lives just like we do.

Our first Family Activity for this month is to come up with a family patron saint! Just like our students have a special Partner in Faith saint for their grade level, your family can have a Partner in Faith saint as well! A patron saint is a saint or blessed who, since early Christian times, has been chosen as a special intercessor with God for a particular person, place, community, or organization. As a family you can find a special patron saint! For example, if your family loves music, you may want to choose Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music and musicians. It is really fun to research the patron saint!

Here are some very helpful websites to help you with your research:

www.catholic.org/saints (find the tab Saints & Angels)

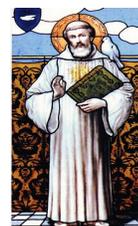
<http://www.catholic-saints.org/>

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/>

<https://catholicsaints.info/>

Once you have decided on your family patron saint, fill out the Patron Saint form. Learn all about the life of that saint. Find a picture or statue that you can put on your family prayer space. If your saint has a special prayer, pray it as a family together. Some saints have even had movies made about their lives! You can spend the month of November getting to know your family saint in many ways!

Using the form as a guide, email us your family patron saint and why you chose that saint. Include any creative and interesting things you are doing this month to get to know your special family saint! egarfold@blessedtrinitypgh.net ceisenbarth@blessedtrinitypgh.net



Family Name _____

Our Family Patron Saint is _____.

Patron Saint's Feast Day is _____.

We chose this saint for our patron saint because

Some interesting things about our saint...

Our family can imitate and learn from our saint in the following ways...
