

Haunted House!

Sponsored by St. Stephen's National Junior Honor Society

When: Saturday, October 28th

Where: St. Stephen's School (enter through the gym doors)

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Cost: \$2/person or \$5 max/family (Pay at the door)

Bake sale and activities in the gym.

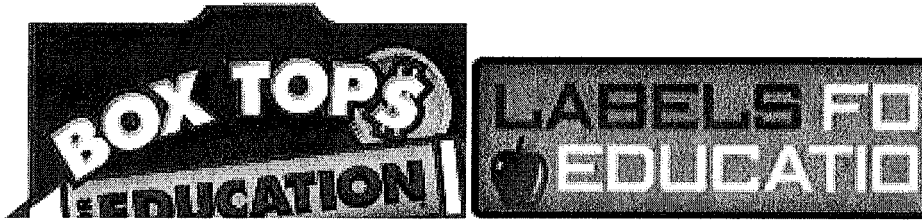
Wear your best costume!



**Be prepared to get scared as you walk through
our haunted house!**

All proceeds to benefit St. Stephen's NJHS

SCHOOL WIDE CONTEST

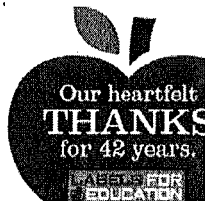


If the school reaches a total of \$300.00 in BoxTop\$, The
WHOLE
School Receives A
FREE DRESS DOWN DAY!!!

The class with the highest percentage between BoxTop\$ and
Labels For Education (see below for info) receives a Gym
Period Hosted By
MR. GRUENAUER!!!!

Please send them into school
BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20th
in an envelope with your child's name and grade so that their
class gets credit.

Any questions regarding this contest, please contact
Marie Damon at 310-1070.



****As of August 1, 2016, only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank account. We have begun the process of removing the logo and expect there will be a limited number of products that contain these labels in stores through August 1, 2017. Once all *Labels for Education* logos have been removed from the products, UPCs will no longer be accepted.****

Bake Goods Wanted For SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

We are asking the St Stephen's family to please consider donating an item from our wish list.

These items will help us raise money for the school during our annual shopping extravaganza.

It is easy! Just bring your items for the event to school by Friday, November 3rd, by 3:00 pm.
Mark it for the shopping event and leave the item by the bar area.

Wish List

Donuts - Tim Hortons or Paula's * Muffins * Banana Bread
Bag Apples * Bananas * Chips - assorted bags * Cookies
Brownies * Cake Pops * Chocolate dipped items
Cup Cakes * Mini Cupcakes * Rice Krispy Treats
Brownie Pops * Holiday Treats
Cases Water * Pop * Large Can Coffee
Hot Dog Rolls * Small Paper Plates * Napkins

Sorry no cakes or pies please. Just finger foods!

Thank you for helping us make this event awesome for the school and your children.

All Donations are appreciated.
This is an optional donation request.

ST. STEPHEN'S 9th Annual

SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA

Get all of your holiday shopping done in one place
without leaving the Island!

On Sunday, November 5th, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
at St. Stephens School
Grand Island, NY

Food, Baked goods and drinks!
Raffle tickets and Chinese Auction!
Free Face Painting and crafts for the kids.

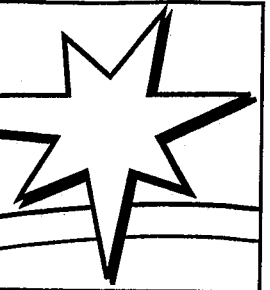
Our vendors and crafters offer a variety of items to satisfy your
holiday shopping needs.
Looking for a unique gift for that someone special? We have it all!

Some of our Artisan's and Vendors include:

Local Crafters, Pottery, Wooden Crafts, Quilters, Children's
clothing, Hair bows, Candle Makers, Jewelry Designers, American
Girl Doll Look a Like Clothes, Sea Glass Artisan, Photography,
Paintings, Fabric Creations, Pet Products, Floral Arrangements,
Purses, Baskets, Holiday ornaments/crafts, Chocolates, Jams, wine
vendors, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Posh, Pamper Chef,
LuLaRoe, Tupperware and many more.

Over 85 Vendors

Admission Is Free
Stop On By



St. Stephen Catholic Church

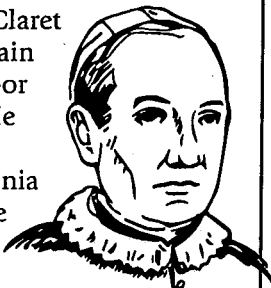
Angela Diebold, Director of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

St. Anthony Mary Claret

St. Anthony Claret was born in Spain in 1807 to a poor cloth weaver. He was ordained a priest in Catalonia and in 1849, he founded the Claretian order shortly before becoming the archbishop of Cuba. He served as confessor to Queen Isabella II and was exiled with her. He defended the doctrine of infallibility at the First Vatican Council. He also had the gifts of prophecy and healing. He is the patron of textile weavers.



Prayer Bursts

Prayer is how we connect with God, and a lifeline for much-needed graces. We all know we should "pray more", but it can be hard to find the time in today's busy world. Offering up brief prayers throughout the day makes it easier to stay focused on God despite having a hectic schedule.

"I praise you [LORD], because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know" (Psalm 139:14).



Give children a love for the Rosary

Teaching children how to pray the Rosary can be one of the most influential and long-lasting prayer habits you give them. Consider these ideas for helping children learn to love the Rosary:

Share what you value about the Rosary. Some people love the calming rhythm of the Rosary prayers. Others enjoy meditating on Jesus' life, death, Resurrection and Ascension described in the mysteries. Still others enjoy the idea of praying a centuries old prayer.

Help children to see what you find beautiful about this Catholic prayer.

Make Rosary time family time. Give each child his or her own set of Rosary beads that work best for small hands (or make your own). Gather

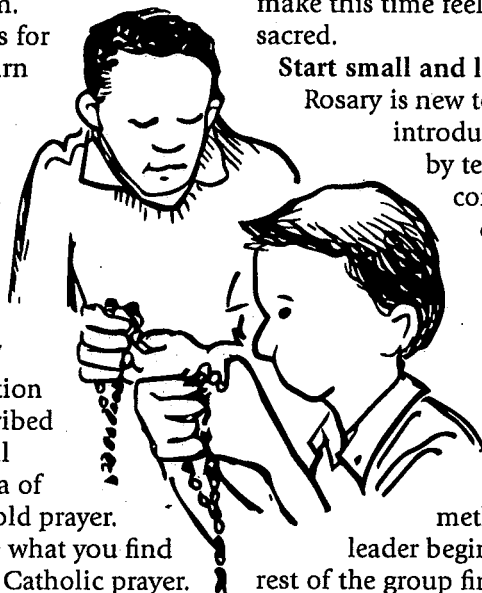
together in a favorite spot in your home, light a candle, play calming music, or do whatever you like to make this time feel special and sacred.

Start small and let it grow. If the Rosary is new to your family, introduce the full prayer by teaching the components. For

example, practice making the Sign of the Cross and rehearse the individual prayers. Consider using the "call and response"

method, in which a

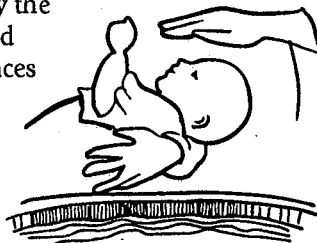
leader begins a prayer and the rest of the group finishes it. Take turns being the leader. When children have mastered the prayers, pray a decade together. Then graduate to a full family Rosary.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics baptize infants?

Baptism washes away the stain of original sin and conveys sanctifying graces – a share in God's life. Baptism is also the gateway to life in the Spirit, the Church, and the other sacraments, including the Eucharist and Confession. It starts one on



the surest path to salvation: *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned"* (Mark 16:16).

Catholic parents, desiring the best for their children, baptize them as infants to give them the best start in life.

Have a holy Halloween

Halloween can be more than a chance to dress up and collect candy. It is a chance to get in touch with our Catholic roots.

All Saints Day-Eve. In 835 Pope Gregory IV moved the Commemoration of Martyrs from May 13 to November 1 – now All Saints Day. The night before became known as “All Hallow’s Even” or “holy evening,” and eventually Halloween.

“Trick or Treat.” Years ago, Irish farmers prepared for All Saints Day and All Souls Day (November 2),



honoring deceased loved ones, by going door-to-door the night before collecting food for a village celebration. Those who gave were promised prosperity; those who didn’t received threats of bad luck. Irish Catholic immigrants brought this practice of “trick-or-treating” here.

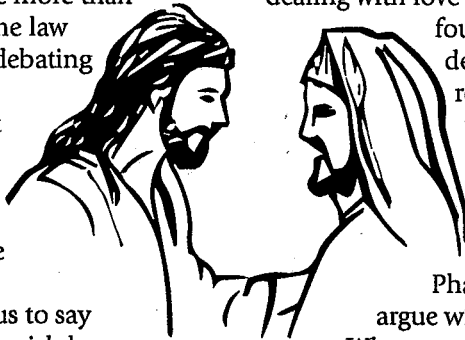
Holy holidays. Halloween is a chance to focus on three holidays. Learn about a saint you didn’t know, visit the grave of a loved one, collect food for the poor. It’s a time to remember the believers who have gone to Heaven before us and the hope we have of following.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40. Can’t argue with love.

A lawyer went to debate Jesus and toyed with him by asking for Jesus’ opinion about which law was the most important. There are more than 613 commands in the law and Jews had been debating that question for generations without coming to agreement on the answer. Encouraged by the Pharisees, the lawyer asked in the hopes of getting Jesus to say something against Jewish law so he could be discredited and perhaps arrested.

Jesus silenced them all by saying that everything starts and ends with love –



love of God and love of each other. In fact, the Ten Commandments can be divided into two categories: those dealing with love for God (the first four) and those dealing with responsibilities toward others (the last six). In the end, it comes down to love. Even the Pharisees couldn’t argue with that.

What can a parent do? Talk with your children about how it is easy to love people who are nice to us, but that loving everyone, even if they’re not nice, is what God really wants us to do.

Feasts & Celebrations

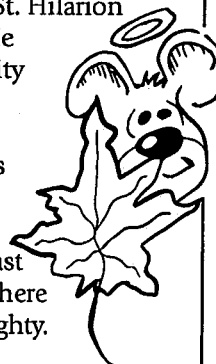
Oct. 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. On this feast day, remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). Pope Pius V created this feast in thanksgiving to Our Lady of Victory who helped the Christians defeat the Ottoman Turks. Since it was believed that they won after praying the Rosary, the feast was renamed Our Lady of the Rosary by Pope Gregory XIII.

Oct. 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st

Century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Oct. 21 – St. Hilarion (371). An abbot from Palestine, St. Hilarion was born near Gaza. He converted to Christianity while studying at Alexandria. He tried to live as a hermit, but his reputation for working miracles drew crowds wherever he went. At last he retired to Cyprus, where he died at the age of eighty.



Parent TALK

My daughter, Terry, came home one day from school in tears. She said a classmate, Virginia, promised to beat her up on the bus, and Terry was unnerved. The driver confirmed the story and reported it to the school. I



assured Terry that the school would keep her safe and, sure enough, we found out the next day that Virginia was suspended from the bus for three days.

Terry was happy to hear that Virginia was being punished. “I’m glad she got in trouble,” she said. “Now she knows how it feels to be miserable. I hope she gets expelled from school.”

I explained that Jesus’ followers can never be happy when something bad happens to others. Even our enemies are God’s children. We want justice, but not suffering. I asked Terry to work harder at being a friend to Virginia, or at least not to rejoice at her pain.

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2017-2018 School Ski and Snowboard Club

Dear Parents,

The students at St. Stephen's School will have the exciting opportunity to participate in ski and snowboard club at Holiday Valley this year. Our club will start January 7, 2018 and end March 4, 2018.

Students can arrive at Holiday Valley by 2:30 and will be provided with a one hour ski/snowboard lesson each week, which is included in the cost. The lesson is optional for students who are already proficient and have previous experience. Our club is open to all students in grades K-8, but students in grades K-5 must have a chaperone, that is a parent or guardian. Grades 6-8 will be allowed to attend with only the supervision of myself or another school sanctioned chaperone. However, parents of grades 6-8 students are encouraged to attend, as we would love to have as many participants as possible.

Holiday Valley has offered us a great deal, with the student club pass costing \$163, which includes skiing for EVERY Sunday, the entire season. We are only participating January 7– March 4 as a school club, but the students are free to ski any Sunday from season start to finish with friends and family. Even more exciting is that parents and chaperones are also being offered the student pass price of \$163 for unlimited Sunday skiing. This is only an increase of \$3 from last year's rate.

Unfortunately, transportation is not included. Families are encouraged to carpool and share driving each week. Last year worked out fantastically as many families shared the responsibility of driving and gave many of our students an opportunity attend when rides weren't available from home.

Lastly, ownership of ski or snowboard equipment is **not** required, as students are offered very reasonable prices for rental gear. Most students and chaperones do rent because of the cost of personal gear. The fact that Holiday Valley has Ski and Snowboard gear that is updated every two years and is like NEW makes the experience that much easier.

If you were a member last year and registered for the club online, I encourage you to do the same. Our new members should do the same. If you prefer the paper format, updated sign-up sheets will be placed in the school office at St. Stephens. To purchase passes or rent equipment please go to <https://ecommerce.holidayvalley.com/grouplogin>

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Member password: STEVENS2016

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Ski Club Information sheet

Student, Parent and Chaperone Prices

Sunday Ultimate Select Pass:

- Includes 8 lessons
- One extra lift ticket to use in Mar. or Apr.
- Pass begins at 2:30 on Sundays
- Is good for every Sunday the entire season

Pre. Nov. 1

Post Nov. 1

\$163

\$173

Rental Equipment:

Ski.....8 week \$95.....All Season \$120

Snowboard...8 week \$115...All Season \$140

Rental gear is picked up on any visit and returned at the end of your visit.

Benefits for students participating in a school ski/snowboard club at Holiday Valley.

1. Special rates for weekly ski and snowboard programs for students that include 8 lessons, and an additional lift ticket to use at any time in March or April.
2. Full use of all 58 slopes and 4 mountain faces that offer a variety of terrain for all skill levels. Holiday Valley has a powerhouse snowmaking system that ensures dependable and safe conditions.
3. Besides outdoor physical activity, participation in Ski & Snowboard club teaches:
 - Independence and decision making
 - Responsibility and confidence
 - Spending time with friends and the opportunity to make new ones
 - Goal setting, organization, and planning

Children age 6 and younger are free, however they would not get the ski and snowboard lessons provided that the students buying the Sunday Ultimate Select pass would.

Two Options:

1. Children under 6 are free, but you would be responsible for ski instruction. Rentals would be only cost.
2. Buy ultimate select pass, and children Under 6 would receive lessons that are more age appropriate. Rentals would still be as needed.

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