



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SCHOOL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Classroom Updates

Colors of Christ: 3yrs- K

In October, Colors of Christ will be finishing up the story of Adam and Eve. Where we wondered about consequences to our actions. After that we will be starting the story of Noah's ark. Throughout these weeks we will be doing crafts and activities which have to do with the story. We have also been learning and reviewing the Lord's Prayer with the felt pieces. We have loved having your kids with us during September and look forward to the rest of the year!

Upper School: 7th-10th Grades

This month the Upper Church School will start seeing our Specialists come into our classrooms. Rev. Bill will visit the 9th & 10th grade class to begin conversations about how to understand the Bible, while Maggie Marshall visits the 7th & 8th grade class to share her expertise in explaining parts of our Service and what they mean. At the end of October, ALL the kids get to partake in the Halloween Party taking place during Coffee Hour.



Godly Play: 1st- 3rd Grades

We are really enjoying our beautiful new classroom space! We're wrapping up September learning about Moses and will spend October hearing stories about the prophets, with special stories about Jonah, Elijah, and Isaiah. We've also started circulating our church school Jesus doll. Students take turns bringing Jesus home for a week with his accompanying journal, making notes and drawing a picture about what they do together. The students are enjoying this very much!

Weavers: 4th-6th Grades

October is an exciting month for the Weavers. We have been studying Jesus' healing ministry. We've made a small comfort blanket out of fleece and we've done an activity to help us understand how a disability like blindness can change how we experience the world. We begin a video segment later this month and will be exploring the story of Moses through the movie by Dreamworks, Prince of Egypt. We look forward to sharing this journey of discovery and faith building together with your children.

The Fall Carnival is FUN collaboration!

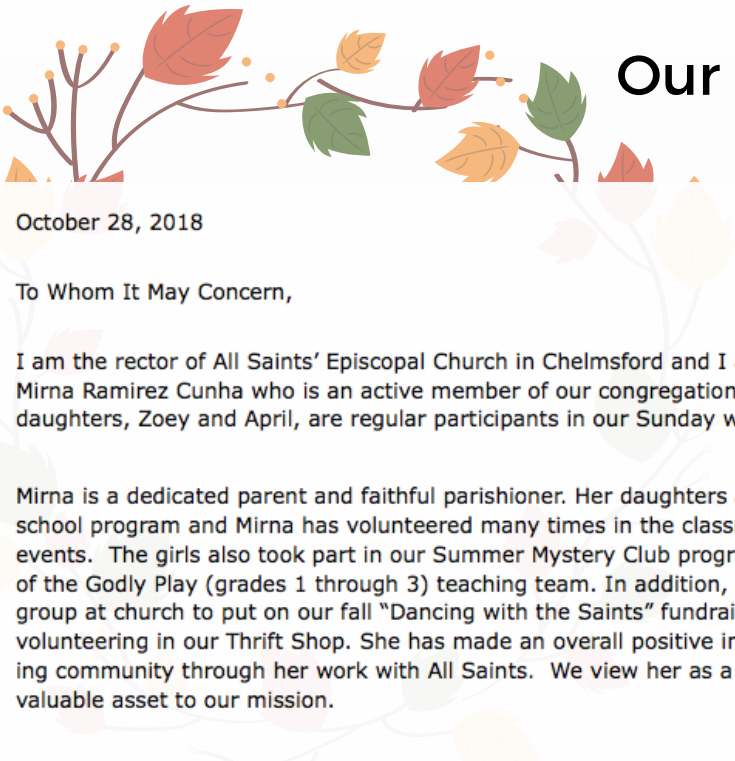
The All Saints' Fall Kids Carnival, Saturday, Oct. 27th from 10am- 4pm, is coming together from the work of the Church School Council, the Parish Life Committee, the All Saints' Youth Group and parishioners willing to break out their poster paint and dust off their juggling pins! There are many ways to get involved- here are just a few:

JOIN IN THE FUN AT COFFEE HOUR- for several coffee hours we will have a crafting table going in the corner, making signs, banners, etc. Grab a cup of coffee and some glitter glue and join us!

SHARE YOUR JACK-O-LANTERN- we will have a spooky jack-o-lantern walk at the carnival. We need parishioners to lend us their pumpkin for the day. Drop off your carved masterpiece with a battery-operated votive on Friday, Oct. 26th and pick it back up in time for Halloween on Sunday Oct. 28th. Register online to let us know you'll be adding your pumpkin to the walk!

VOLUNTEER FOR THE EVENT: Take a shift and run a game! Sell some food! It's easy and fun! Sign up on the board at coffee hour, or just come by and lend a hand!

INVITE FRIENDS AND COME YOURSELF! The more, the merrier!



Our Parish Letter of Support for Mirna Ramirez Cunha

October 28, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Chelmsford and I am writing on behalf of Mirna Ramirez Cunha who is an active member of our congregation. She and her twin daughters, Zoey and April, are regular participants in our Sunday worship.

Mirna is a dedicated parent and faithful parishioner. Her daughters are active in our church school program and Mirna has volunteered many times in the classroom and for special events. The girls also took part in our Summer Mystery Club program. Mirna is now part of the Godly Play (grades 1 through 3) teaching team. In addition, she is working with a group at church to put on our fall "Dancing with the Saints" fundraiser for charity as well as volunteering in our Thrift Shop. She has made an overall positive impact on the surrounding community through her work with All Saints. We view her as a committed member and valuable asset to our mission.

The Church School Council and the Director of Religious Education are unanimous in their support of Mirna. She and her family are an important part of our community. Mirna became engaged in our work from the first day she attended. A church school is often in a position of asking for help, and sometimes the response is not always immediate. But in Mirna's case, she always steps forward to help with joy and openness. She is a pleasure to work with. She lives her faith in her actions and we are the better for it.

Mirna is full of love and generosity. We are blessed to have her and hope to have her and her daughters in our congregation for many years to come.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend William Bradbury
Rector



We asked Mirna to introduce herself to all of you. Here is her letter.

I, Mirna Ramirez Cunha, currently live in Chelmsford, MA with my husband Joe and our twin daughters, April and Zoey. April, Zoey, and I attend Sunday service regularly. My daughters enjoy participating in Godly Play and the Summer Mystery Club. I have recently started volunteering for the Godly Play program and the Thrift Shop. I am very appreciative of how welcoming everyone has been at All Saints' and feel so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

I am originally from El Salvador and am currently in the process of applying for permanent residency (a green card). My husband and daughters are all U.S. citizens. Applying for permanent residency is a multi-step, lengthy process. The initial application that my husband and I submitted has been approved and I am now waiting for a hearing with an immigration judge that is scheduled for December 18, 2019. At the hearing, the judge will make a final decision regarding my application for permanent residency. Having a letter of support from my church community, attesting to my good moral character, will help my case immensely and increase the likelihood that the judge will allow me to stay with my family. Thank you so much for your support.

A copy of the Parish Letter to Support Mirna will be available at coffee hour for all who would like to sign it to show their support.

Sundays are FUNDAYS: drop off your child in the Colors of Christ Room right after church for a special snack and activity! FUNDAYS run for every Sunday in October!