

Trunk or Treat

Family Outdoor Halloween Party



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Sunday October 27

Set up your cars & candy by 4 pm; your costumed kids visit other cars till 6 pm.

St Mary's Catholic Church rear parking lot,
31 Meikle Street, Morrisburg

Hot drinks! All welcome!
Info 613-214-1968



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What is...

Trunk or Treat??

For Catholics and many other Christians, Halloween (from "All-Hallows Eve") opens several days of reflection on the ties that we of the Pilgrim Church on Earth have with our fellows in the Unseen Worlds: the Poor Souls of the Church Suffering in Purgatory, for whom we pray as they are painfully purged of their last taint of sin before joining the Saints of the Church Triumphant in Heaven, whom also we ask to pray for us as they stand in the very Presence of God.

Today's modern "trick or treating" descends from the medieval practice of "souling", where children went from door to door collecting "soul cakes" in exchange for promises to pray for each house's dead; candles in prayer for the dead were also carried by the "soulers" or lit at the houses themselves, sometimes in lanterns carved from turnips--this was before pumpkins were known from the New World.

For very young children, meeting neighbours and facing similar "scary" things in the safety of friends and family can help build character, and so help them to bravely face difficulties later in life.

"Trunk or Treat" parties, often sponsored by church groups, have been around for two or three decades, with a surge in some places during COVID. They also provide a good way for isolated rural households to still participate in tricks 'n' treats, and generally are a good excuse for a party, such as the Knights of Columbus are always ready for and ready to help out with.

The Knights of Columbus is a chivalry-themed order of Catholic gentlemen in service to church and community. Founded by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882 as a mutual benefit society for Catholic immigrants unable to get insurance elsewhere because of religious discrimination, today the Knights claim over 2 million members across the world--including Council 6882 of St Mary's-St Cecilia's Parish in Morrisburg, Iroquois and surroundings--and provide to all a visible presence of Catholics as good neighbours and good citizens.

Yours in Christ,

Graham Darling, Grand Knight
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