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All Saints' Day Tradition Continues

Every year, fourth graders at Saint Peter's look forward to participating in a beloved and long-standing school tradition, the "Hall of Saints." Each student is assigned a saint to research and report on. In a typical year, after they complete the project, the students dress as their saints and lead the processional for the All Saints' Day school mass, followed by a live gallery in the Parish Hall. Students from other grades, parents, faculty, staff, and clergy walk through the gallery and listen to the saints "come alive" and speak about their lives and work.



"The Hall of Saints project is designed to teach the students how to conduct research through the use of books and media, organize information, and be creative in putting together a formal presentation at the end," said Mrs. Eunice Pak, Saint Peter's fourth grade teacher. "I didn't want the students to miss out on this long-standing tradition so this year, due to the pandemic, I modified the project and changed it to an online presentation, and a virtual "Hall of Saints" video gallery.

Media specialist, Mrs. George worked with the students on how to create a slides presentation, and music teacher Mr. Nguyen provided tips on producing video recordings.

Fourth grader, Lucy Myers enjoyed learning about her name saint. "The most interesting thing I learned about Saint Lucy was the miracles that she performed. In one miracle, she prayed to Saint Agatha and her mother was healed of a life-long illness," said Myers. "I also really enjoyed creating the costume and the challenge of figuring out how to attach the candles to the wreath I wore on my head."



"I have 30 students in my class and each one of them put their heart into these projects. I am so proud of them and I hope they got a chance to learn about some amazing role models - people to help guide us in our lives," said Mrs. Pak.

To view the virtual Hall of Saints video gallery, visit www.stpetersschoololney.org

