

The Saints Go Marching In
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The First Grade Class of St. Michael the Archangel School in Silver Spring once again dazzled us at the All Saints' Day Student Mass. Every year, each First Grader is assigned a saint to research. The project includes creating a poster about the saint, presenting the saint to the class, and, finally, dressing up as this saint. The students have a dress rehearsal the day before Mass, which often coincides with the primary grades' Halloween Parade. The following morning, fifteen "saints" waited in the First Grade line for school to begin. The culmination of this project is to lead the School Mass for the feast day. The First Graders processed in at the beginning of Mass to "As the Saints Go Marching In." Several of the saints' lives were highlighted during the homily. Father Daniel seems to get this First Grade Mass each year. The students also were greeters, proclaimed the readings and petitions, and brought up the gifts. Kudos to these fine young students!

