

New minister for St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales Mission Catholic Church has a new minister.

Father William Dickson

Oruko was named administrator of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, in Astoria, which includes serving the St.

priest of the Apostles of Jesus, an order founded in Africa in 1968.

Oruko attended seminary high school in Kenya before joining the Apostles of Jesus for philosophical and theological studies and training. Upon ordination, he worked in Kenya for four years before being transferred to the United States.

St. Francis de Sales church is at 867 Fifth Ave., Hammond. Vigil Mass is celebrated at 4 p.m. Saturdays. This Saturday, Oct. 28, the parish youth group will take orders for Christmas poinsettias after Mass.

The Feast of All Saints will be at noon Nov. 1.



Oruko

Francis de Sales in Hammond.

Oruko comes to Astoria from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn., where he served for 14 years.

He is a native of Kenya, where his family still lives. He is a religious missionary

Halloween events range from creepy to fun

Harvest festivals, spook houses and cemeteries take center stage this time of year and there are several family friendly activities open this weekend and next to celebrate Halloween.

•**A Halloween Dance** for those with developmental disabilities (children or adult) is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in the cafeteria at Astoria Middle School, 1100 Klatskanine St., Astoria. The dance is sponsored by the Dance Now Club. Caregivers must be present.

•**Haunted Tunnels** is a haunted house-style walk-through activity put together by the Astoria-Warrenton-Seaside KOA, 1100 N.W.

Ridge Road, Hammond.

Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 and 28. Admission is \$3 per person or three nonperishable food items. Proceeds benefit Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank and KOA Care Camps.

•**Bats Spiders and Owls, Oh My!** is the place to learn fascinating facts about our region's night creatures. The free event at Fort Clatsop includes crafts, puppets, non-spooky stories (including one in Spanish) and a quarter-mile walk through the forest. The event is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Participants should bring a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes and

dress for the weather. Meet in the park's visitor center.

•**Talking Tombstones** is Clatsop County Historical Society's annual event held at a local cemetery. This year, it takes place at Greenwood Cemetery, 91569 Highway 202, Astoria.

Talking Tombstones has actors portraying the area's colorful former figures and talking to visitors from beyond the grave.

It's from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. The event is free, although donations are accepted.

•**Seaside Outlets** has a **safe trick-or-treat** from 3 to 6 p.m. Oct. 31 throughout the center. Suite 114 will take photos for donations.

Apartments: Project to provide 'workforce' housing

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he added. "Families with lots of children, that's not exactly our market," Edwards said.

Yacht Club Apartments, a similar project in Astoria built by Krueger, is full and has few children. Pacific Rim will likely be filled with young professionals, he said.

Krueger, who attended the

meeting, was pleased with the approval, he said "Warrenton has been quite responsive to development."

The complex would have two buildings, each with four floors. Each building would have 22 two-bedroom units and 12 one-bedroom units. A storage area with bike parking is on the lowest level.

Each apartment would have an outdoors area, either a fenced patio or deck.

The city's conditions, which the developer is required to do before anyone moves in, include building a shelter for the bus stop in front of the Northwest Senior and Disability Services a short distance away, conducting an underground video surveillance of the existing sewer system in the area and building an emergency-only access into the project from Ensign Lane. Because Ensign is a major traffic artery, the project's main entry will be off Chokeberry.



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