

Dear potential Trunk or Treat Participant:

We are excited to present this opportunity to business owners, as well as residents, and organizations, who otherwise may not have the opportunity to participate in Trick or Treating. Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral is eager to celebrate this event with the Community! Trunk or Treat will be happening at 6298 Broadway St. Lancaster on Saturday, October 17 between 12 Noon and 3 PM. Our parish hopes this opportunity allows businesses and families a safe place for families to get the full Halloween experience while relieving the burden placed on parents to walk through other neighborhoods.

What do you need to do? To participate in this free event all you need to do is have a vehicle that can fit in a standard parking spot (no buses, dump trucks, motorhomes, etc.), plan to decorate your vehicle and yourself in costume, and bring plenty of candy for trick or treaters! Business owners should also feel free to hand out business information with their candy. Please find attached a Trunk or Treat application and waiver form and a list of rules. We ask that you read all the attachments carefully.

The contact you list on this completed form are expected to inform their participating group of these rules or forfeit their place in the Trunk or Treat. All participants are expected to abide by the rules.

Please Note: To be able to participate in the 2026 Trunk or Treat a completed application and waiver form must be received in person at the Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Parish office or sent by email to the parish secretary Cheryl at admin@holymotheroftherosary.org no later than 9:00 am Thursday, October 1, 2026. Due to space constraints, there will be a limit of how many vehicles can participate in the 2026 Trunk or Treat, therefore, only approved applications will be granted parking spots for the Trunk or Treat event. Applications will be reviewed on a first come first served basis. Please feel free to email Cheryl, our parish secretary, at admin@holymotheroftherosary.org or call (716) 685-5766 if you have any questions. Let's make the Trunk or Treat a success! Thank you!

Your application form will require a few important details: the name of the individual, business, or organization, a description of your vehicle, and the total number of participants attending. Take some time to plan your decorations, remember, we want this to be festive and fun for all ages, so please be mindful of young children who will be enjoying the event. If you are planning to set up decorations outside or adjacent to your vehicle, please describe them briefly. Additionally, if you have a preference for being positioned near another participant or group, let us know; we will do our best to accommodate these requests so everyone can celebrate with friends and neighbors.

Once you have filled out all sections of the application, please ensure each participant is aware of the event guidelines. Cooperation is key to creating a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone. To secure a spot, submit your application before the deadline; places are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Notification of acceptance: Applicants will be approved to participate on a first come first served basis and will be notified in the order we receive applicants. Additional information on the event will be distributed to all accepted participants. In the case of the threat of rain, a decision to cancel or continue the event will be made at 10 am on the day of the event. You can anticipate if it rains, we can move the event inside the church social hall.

Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish hopes observance of these rules will allow all to have a safe Halloween experience.

1. All entries must be decorated and are encouraged to have a Halloween theme.
2. Vehicle headlights and the engine must be turned off.
3. Decorations are required to exhibit proper decorum and respectful, family-oriented behavior in the Trunk or Treat lot.
4. Use of high intensity sound making devices is strongly discouraged. Volume of amplified music must be at a reasonable level.
5. Explosives, fire, firearms, knives, and any other weapons (real or decorative) may not be used or displayed in any manner.
6. Event entrants will secure their own insurance and hereby release Holy Mother of the Rosary and any event staff from all loss, liability, or claims. While the church applauds all forms of free expression, it is not intended to be a political rally or a commercial opportunity. Expect the pressing of outside agendas to be frowned upon, unless deployed with humor, ingenuity, and within the creative, celebratory spirit of the event.
7. Any person campaigning or participating in political solicitation will be asked to leave the event.
8. If you have devices that use electricity plugged into your vehicle please be aware that those devices can drain your vehicle's battery and would make it potentially difficult to start your vehicle at the end of the event.

Vehicle setup and decoration runs from 10:00 to 11:00 AM; all vehicles must arrive by 11:30 AM. The event runs from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Please remain for the entire event, as the parking lots will be busy. Remove vehicles promptly after the event to free public parking. Organizers may reject entries at any time; decisions are final.

APPLICATION FORM

Holy Mother of the Rosary 2026 Trunk or Treat Participant Application Form and Waiver Forms are DUE by Thursday, October 1, 2026. The event will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. To be able to participate in the 2026 Trunk or Treat a completed application and waiver form must be received in person at the Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Parish office or sent by email to the parish secretary Cheryl at admin@holymotheroftherosary.org no later than 9:00 AM Thursday, October 1, 2026.

Individual/ Business/ Organization: _____

Vehicle Description: _____

Number of Participants attending: _____

Decoration Description: _____

(Please be cautious of how scary you plan to decorate as many of the Trunk or Treaters will be young children) Are you bringing decorations that will go outside/next to your vehicle? If so please provide a short description of the decorations.

Is there another person/organization that you would like to be next to? HMRC will try to be as accommodating as possible to people/organizations that request each other close to together for the event. _____

We have read and understand the attached rules for Holy Mother of the Rosary 2026 Trunk or Treat and will inform all participants of the group of the parade rules:

Contact Person: _____ (Print Name)

Contact Person: _____ (Signature)

Address: _____ (Street) (City) (Zip)

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

WAIVER FORM

Don't forget to sign below! Holy Mother of the Rosary Trunk or Treat Insurance Waiver Application
Deadline- October 1, 2026.

I, _____, as agent for _____
(Name) (Organization listed on event application) Shall indemnify and hold harmless Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Trunk or Treat, sponsors, or their officials and employees from any and all loss, cost (including reasonable attorney fees and court costs), damages, expense and liability arising from the Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral Trunk or Treat event. Holy Mother of the Rosary accepts no liability for any actions that may arise. Any insurance protection which may be necessary for accidental injury or property damage during the event is the sole responsibility of the applicant.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please submit pages 3&4.

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Thank you for your participation in
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