

ALUMNI ARROW

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2021

CONSILIO EVENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

This August, two fundraisers were launched to benefit the Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship Endowment. This endowment was established at the St. Sebastian Foundation in 2019 in memory of Christopher Consilio. Christopher was a graduate of St. Sebastian Parish School (Class of 2011) and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School (Class of 2015). The endowment provides high school scholarships to St. Sebastian Parish School 8th-graders who plan to attend St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. The endowment also provides awards to teachers at both St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and St. Sebastian Parish School for student enrichment activities/materials.

The organizers, Christopher's parents, Ed and Brigid Hillmuth, and his sister, Cathleen Consilio '06, staged two fantastic events on a beautiful August weekend. More than 140 golfers showed up bright and early for the first event, the Christopher Consilio Memorial Golf Outing. The August 20 event, which was held at Paradise Lake Country Club in Mogadore, provided participants with a day of great golfing, plenty of good food and drink, and lovely fellowship among Christopher's family and friends and those who support them.

The Friday golf outing was followed by a wonderful, sold-out party on Saturday night at St. Sebastian's Zwisler Hall on August 21. The parish grounds and beautiful weather provided the perfect setting for the over 400 guests to enjoy live music while sampling items from food trucks, concessions, and the beer & wine garden. Inside Zwisler Hall, guests could also buy tickets for an immense array of fun live and silent auction items. Totals are not yet finalized, but the events are expected to yield over \$50,000 for the Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, from golfers and sponsors, to dinner attendees and volunteers, your help was much appreciated and a great tribute to Christopher's memory.

Several of Chris' classmates from grade school and high school came out to support the events. Pictured here are Olivia Buzzi '11, Dom Difeo, Jake Sivec '11, Tony Wheeler, Jaclyn Musci '11, Rosemary Thomas '11, and Allison Coughlin '11.



ALUMNI UPDATES



Class of 1944

Bill Stiller, John Trippe and **Tom Burke** (pictured at left) gathered for an impromptu Class of 1944 reunion on Sept. 17. Tom and his wife, Laurie, were visiting Akron from their home in South Carolina to attend the Foundation's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Bill, John and Tom enjoyed sharing many fun memories of their school days. Bill brought photos from the Class of 1944's 50th reunion in 1994, including a photo (right) of him with their favorite teacher, **Sr. Dorothea**.



Class of 1949 – see more on page 5

Page five of this newsletter features a story of how St. Sebastian Parish School decided to change its mascot from “Bulldogs” to “Terriers” in honor of **Terry Coyle**. The caption to the picture at right, from the Oct. 30, 1947 issue of the Akron Beacon Journal reads: “**Coach Mel Kramer** will be holding aces back to back Sunday afternoon at Old Forge field when he sends his unbeaten St. Sebastian's football team against St. Mary's for the CYO grade school football championship. Kramer, center, confers with Quarterback **Terry Coyle** and Half-back **Louie Baldacci**, left and right, respectively, who could make a difference in the titular game. Coyle raced the opening kickoff back 85 yards to a touchdown as St. Sebastian's downed St. Martha's in the play-off semifinals. Baldacci, son of Paul Baldacci, Akron U. football coach, set a new CYO scoring record this fall.”



Courtesy of the Akron Beacon Journal

SUPPORT ST. SEBASTIAN ON GIVING TUESDAY: NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Giving Tuesday is November 30: On this global day of giving, please consider making a donation to St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Funds raised will be used to upgrade the audio, video, and lighting systems in Zwisler Hall.

You can join in the exciting #weGiveCatholic effort on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving by making a gift to St. Sebastian Foundation at www.wegivecatholic.org.



For more details, please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or HoladayK@stsebastian.org.
Thank you!

Class of 1955

Mike Garrett visited Akron recently with his daughter, Laurie Garrett Hamed, pictured here outside of Forest Lodge. Mike fondly remembers his friend **Charlie Peter**, **Mrs. Leahy** (his favorite teacher), and singing with the choir boys for Midnight Mass. Mike shared that his wife Sally, who passed away in April, was a second grade teacher at St. Sebastian in the early 1960s, before they were married in 1963. Sally was beloved by the school families and the parish priests, and he has fond memories of those early days. Mike, who raised four children with Sally, lives in Zionsville, Indiana. He is blessed with 14 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren!



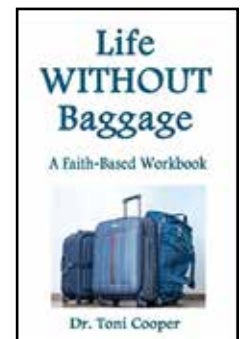
Class of 1967

Kenneth Beatty wrote in: "In regard to the gold and green jackets pictured in the [Summer 2021] newsletter, any boy who played basketball for the 8th-grade varsity team in the late 1960s should recognize these items. They are the warm up jackets we wore before every game when we did our warm up drills. I remember wearing the jacket in 1967. My impression was that [Coach] **Charlie Zeno** had been in possession of them for a number of years. He always treated the jackets as if they were something very special. He would bring them to the games and pass them out to the team to wear only during the drills before the game. He collected them from us immediately after the drills were completed. We never wore them at practice, any scrimmage or during an actual game. They were purely for show and to wear before the game. Thinking back, I suspect it was Charlie's version of 'shock and awe.' He was proud of his teams and the school they represented. It's hard to believe that any survived, but I'm sure Charlie would be pleased to know that his legacy lives on."



Class of 1970

Toni Didato Cooper wrote to share that she published her fourth inspirational book on Amazon, "Life Without Baggage, A Faith-Based Workbook." Her Amazon biography notes that she began writing an advice column in the sixth grade. When asked for details, Toni said she wrote a column for St. Sebastian's 6th-grade newspaper, which was called "SGI." Toni remembers, "We had a contest to see if you could guess what the name stood for: 'Sixth Grade, I! Miss Seikel was our teacher at that time. The advice column was called 'Bertha Flanders.' Back then, there was an advice column called 'Ann Landers,' so I took the name from there." Toni is a psychologist in private practice in the Akron area. She also has a YouTube channel with videos on coping, healthy relationships, and inspiration.



Classes of 1944, 1974, 1978



Relatives of **Tom Burke '44** gathered at his home in South Carolina this summer to celebrate his 90th birthday, delayed by one year but not dampened in spirit! In honor of his birthday, several relatives (including some alumni) donated to the scholarship that Tom and his wife Laurie established at the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in honor of his mother, Mary Ley Burke. Pictured here are alumni **Mary Ellen Crowley Huesken '78** (left) and her brother **Charlie Crowley '74** (right) with their uncle, **Tom Burke '44** (center).

Class of 1983

Tom Jackson and his wife, Kelly, live in West Linn, Oregon and have three grown children. Tom works for The Greenbrier Companies as VP of Marketing. He reports they will be empty-nesters soon, with his children gone to the USAF, Saint Mary's University, and Butler University. He comments that "Portland, Oregon is a nice place to live and raise a family, but Akron is special."

Class of 1985

Brigadier General **Ryan Janovic** celebrated 28 years wearing the Army uniform, having graduated from West Point in 1993. He and his family are currently stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA, where Ryan serves as a leader in Army Cyber Command.

Please Share Your Memories!

Do you have a favorite story or memory from your school days? Email us at alumni@stsebastian.org or contact Kathy Holaday: 330-836-2233 ext. 113.

Send us your Alumni Updates!

We love to hear from our alumni! Please let us know what you are doing. Email us at alumni@stsebastian.org or use the online form: stsebastian.org/school/alumni/contact.

Class of 1993 - reunion planning!

The Class of 1993 is hoping to gather in Akron to celebrate 30 years after 8th-grade graduation. Please contact **Mary Kilian Tetrault** at 206-406-8069 or marytetrault@gmail.com to provide input on when in 2023 would be best for most to gather. The end of September, 2023 is being considered.

Class of 2000

Pat O'Neill and his wife Sarah (left) were co-chairs of the annual Stan Hywet Gala, held this year on August 20, along with Casey & Mark Juve.



Class of 2014

The Class of 2014 held a reunion gathering July 17 at Akronym Brewing in Downtown Akron. **Sarah Minear** and **Erin Wagner** teamed up to plan the event. Sarah shared, "It was so great seeing familiar faces that most of us hadn't seen since graduation in 2014. Our class was – and still is – so special and the bond we have is forever." (Back Row): **Anna Ruscak, Leah Eberly, Matt Ball, Becky Beitko, Shannon Seikel**, (Front Row): **Erin Wagner, Helena Krejsa, Kennedy Horrigan, Logan Nemec, Jared Musci, Scott Walter, Sarah Minear, Katelyn Bartos, Megan Hamilton**, and (Foreground): **Joey Berger**.

Class of 2015

On Sept. 20, **Alex Phillip** was named National Athlete of the Week for Division III Men by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association after he won the Cross Country All-Ohio Championships. Alex finished 4.6 seconds ahead of all runners, including DI, DII and DIII athletes! Alex competes for John Carroll University.

Anne Hanlon earned Dean's List honors for the spring and summer quarters at Drexel University. She is a junior majoring in architectural engineering.



Class of 2018-19

Sawyer Huckabee '18 (left), a senior at Archbishop Hoban High School, was named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist.

Tariq Montgomery '18, a senior at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, has committed to playing football for Marshall University.



Three alumni (above right) earned end-of-season honors for the STVM baseball team: **Mikey Eickhoff '18** and **Nick Cody '18** (Jerry Costigan VM77 Most Valuable Pitcher awards) and **Shane Adamczyk '19** (Justin Dages VM12 Leadership award). In addition, during spring semester, which coincides with baseball season, all three boys held a 3.7 GPA or above.

Sophie Walker '19 (left) was named the Martell School of Dance Scholarship Student for the 2021-22 year. As the winner of this prestigious award, Sophie receives free tuition, the opportunity to perform the only solo dance at the final recital, and a leadership role in studio activities, including staff mentor and demonstrator for other young student dancers.

TERRY COYLE '49 AND THE STORY OF THE SCHOOL MASCOT NAME

Until recently, **Terry Coyle** was unaware that several members of the Class of 1950 assert that the reason St. Sebastian Parish School changed its mascot from “Bulldogs” to “Terriers” was in honor of him! According to St. Sebastian lore, the Class of 1949 anchored teams that won CYO championships in every season: football, basketball, and baseball. Terry Coyle was a standout player on all of these championship teams. Bob Linton and his classmates from the Class of 1950 (who were 7th-graders when they played with Terry) led the effort to change the mascot in honor of Terry, who they considered the “winningest” student athlete in school history.

Kathy Holaday, Director of Development for the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, spoke with Terry in September and shared this story with him. Terry said he remembers making good friends with the 7th-graders at school, and he was pleasantly surprised to be tied to the school’s mascot choice. Terry lives in Phoenix and visits the Akron area occasionally. Around seven years ago, he met up in Akron with his son and one of his grandchildren, and he enjoyed ice cream at Mary Coyle Ice Cream, the Akron landmark named after his mother, Mary Hagee Coyle, who owned the original Mary Coyle stores along with her husband William “Buck” Coyle.

Terry has many great memories of his school days, including going to communion in the morning then having breakfast before going to class. He also remembers wearing rubbers, the newspaper drives with competitions between the grades, and playing sports in the small school yard. He spoke fondly of Forest Lodge and ice skating in the winter. He also remembers being scared of Sr. Cleophas (8th-grade teacher) and the intense recess playground competitions between OSU vs. Notre Dame fans! But one memory was especially

striking. Terry vividly remembers praying the Stations of the Cross because it resulted in his strong relationship with Jesus at a young age. Terry still communicates with many friends including **John Bachmann, Dave Scheatzle** and **Ed Dannemiller**. Pictured here, several members of the 1948 Championship Football team held a reunion in 1999 and posed with a team photo. Pictured are **Bob Linton***, **Jim Sturmi***, **Fred Lombardi**, **Dave Scheatzle**, **John Bachmann**, **Don Schorr***, **Paul Quirk***, **Dick McGuckin**, **Jerry Maurer**, **Ed Dannemiller**, **Bill Starinki** and **Terry Coyle**. (*deceased)



In this photo from June, 1949, Terry Coyle receives the CYO Scholar Athlete of the Year award at the Catholic Picnic at Summit Beach Park. Presenting the award are Joseph Locasio (president of St. Martha’s Holy Name Society), Msgr. Hilary Zwisler (pastor of St. Sebastian Parish), and Ray McDowell (CYO Director). Picture courtesy of the Akron Beacon Journal.



++ We Will Remember ... ++

The Alumni Association extends our sincerest sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased alumni (June 2021-Sept. 2021). If you learn of the passing of a St. Sebastian alumnus, please contact us by phone at 330-836-2233 x119 or by email at alumni@stsebastian.org.

Vincent J. DelMedico, Sr. '43, September 24, 2021
Daniel L. McAlonan '43, September 17, 2021
Fr. William C. Dettling, O.P. '46, June 22, 2021
Helen Zimmerman Woodman '60, June 18, 2021

Lauren Linehan Karabatsos '72, July 16, 2021
James Jeffrey Klein '73, September 5, 2021
Patrick D. Sullivan '77, August 12, 2021

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Congratulations to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation on its 50th anniversary! The Foundation hosted a 50th Anniversary Celebration on September 16, 2021 at Monsignor Zwisler Hall. Over 70 parishioners, alumni and friends gathered to celebrate, including most of the Foundation's current board members. The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation was started in 1971 with a mission to provide financial support to the parish, including both the church and the school. Since 1971, the Foundation has provided over \$11 million in support to the parish.

The first fund established at the Foundation was the Unrestricted Fund, which to this day provides essential funding for the areas of greatest need in the parish. Today, the Foundation also oversees more than 70 named funds and endowments that provide ongoing support for everything from school scholarships to faith formation activities.

The Foundation has also funded many capital improvement projects over the years, including major projects such as the renovation of the former convent into the Beringer Center for Early Learning for preschool and kindergarten classes, the construction of the Victor Buehrle, Jr. Science Laboratory, the complete renovation of Zwisler Hall, the reconstruction of the brick parking lot, the overhaul of the church organ, the construction of the Helen Barry Hamlin Library, and the \$1 million Cornerstone of Our Faith church restoration project.

During the anniversary celebration, Brenda Pier Beck, President of the Foundation Board of Trustees, provided a brief history of the Foundation and paid tribute to the forward-thinking founders who created a solid base of financial support for the parish. The Foundation's Director of Development, Kathy Holaday, offered

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recognition to members of the Arrow Society and the Arrow Society Circle, whose planned gifts and bequests provide a lasting legacy of support for the parish. Further information on the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation can be found at: www.stsebastian.org/foundation.



Annual Alumni Mass

Saturday, November 27, 2021
4:30 p.m. Mass

All alumni and alumni families are invited to celebrate Mass with the St. Sebastian community on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. No RSVP required.

Questions? Please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or HoladayK@stsebastian.org.



The 2021 St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Board of Trustees: [back row] Tim Beringer, Steve Wilt, Ken Contrera (treasurer), Pastor Fr. John Valencheck (secretary), Tim DelMedico, Patrick O'Neill, [front] Sophia Veillette, Lois Gerstenmaier, Brenda Pier Beck (president), and Heidi Heinle. Not pictured: Amanda Leffler. All of these board members are parents of alumni or current students (except Fr. Valencheck of course!), and we are thankful for their commitment to maintaining a strong parish for the students and parishioners today and in the future.