

# ALUMNI ARROW

## NEWSLETTER

FALL 2022

### LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET, PART 2

In the previous issue of the “Alumni Arrow,” we shared portions of letters written by alumni serving in the military. The letters were among items unearthed from an old filing cabinet in the basement of the parish rectory. Our pastor, Fr. John Valencheck, has been sharing excerpts of these letters and documents from the “Forgotten Cabinet” in his weekly “Angelus Letter” to parishioners. In this issue, we are sharing items from files in the cabinet marked “Altar Boys,” most of which are related to end-of-the-year dinners. But, included in one of the files are essays written in the 1950’s by altar boys on the topic, “**what constitutes a good server.**” Here are excerpts of essays written by alumni:



Can you help us identify the year or any of the servers in this undated photo from the parish archives? If so, please contact us at [alumni@stsebastian.org](mailto:alumni@stsebastian.org) or 330-836-2233 x113.

“When serving, a boy must wear a cassock, surplis and special shoes. As these are blessed, they must never be thrown on the floor. Just as your parents would not want you to throw clothes on the floor at home, you must never throw them on the floor in the check room. These special clothes cost money for which the church must pay.” – **George Dick, Jr. ’56**

“A good server must get good grades in his school work and also be obedient. A server must always be dependable and faithful in his duties, not to go to basketball games or any place else but come to church first.”

– **Terry Penrod ’56**

“You must learn to be graceful on the altar and don’t run when you do things or move things. Just take your time. If you come early, you will not have to run to get the altar ready.”

– **Billy Teodosio ’56**

Fr. Valencheck notes that he finds it rather remarkable to compare the current number of servers the parish has compared to how many it had in 1957. There were 71 servers in 1957, and today there are just over 50 servers. For comparison’s sake, the parish had 1,384 registered families in 1957, and about 1,825 families are registered today. Fr. Valencheck is pleased to point out that even though family sizes are smaller today and therefore the total number of parishioners is smaller, St. Sebastian Parish continues to have strong membership and serves as a foundation of faith in West Akron.

To view the full collection of Fr. Valencheck’s Angelus letters, please visit the parish website at: [www.stsebastian.org/news/updates-fr-valencheck](http://www.stsebastian.org/news/updates-fr-valencheck). If you are interested in receiving the weekly Angelus letters via email, please contact Cathy Sivec, rectory office manager, at 330-836-2233 or [SivecC@stsebastian.org](mailto:SivecC@stsebastian.org).

### ANNUAL ALUMNI MASS

Saturday, November 26  
4:30 p.m. Mass  
Live stream available

All alumni and their families are invited to celebrate Mass at St. Sebastian Church on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. No RSVP required. If you want to join us virtually, the Mass will be live-streamed on the parish YouTube channel:  
[youtube.com/StSebastianParish](https://youtube.com/StSebastianParish)

Questions? Please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or [HoladayK@stsebastian.org](mailto:HoladayK@stsebastian.org).

# ALUMNI UPDATES

## CLASS OF 1960

**Rosemary Reymann** received the 2022 Fr. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in August. According to the biography included in the award program, Rosemary taught for more than thirty years in the Akron Public Schools system, where she incorporated her love of history, architecture, art and music into her lessons. An active volunteer, Rosemary followed the example of her grandparents, who were instrumental in building St. Matthew Parish as well as a school in Guatemala, where her uncle, Fr. Albert Reymann, was a missionary priest. Her family established the Reymann Foundation to continue their works, and Rosemary served on its board for about 25 years, serving as board president for many of those years. Rosemary's love of Akron's history, preservation and architecture has led her to volunteer with many local organizations, including Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Progress Through Preservation, Cleveland Restoration Society, Cascade Locks Park Association, Hower House, and Summit County Historical Society. Rosemary has also volunteered numerous hours with Global Ties Akron, coordinating countless gatherings, providing tours, serving on its board, and hosting guests from 81 different countries. A picture from the awards night can be found on the next page.

## CLASS OF 1961

Timothy App has a painting on display at the Akron Art Museum as part of its centennial celebration exhibit, "Share the Past, Create the Future: Selections from the Akron Art Museum Collection." Tim's painting, "Bacchanal," is included in the "Abstraction" section of the exhibit. Tim notes that he is honored to have his painting on display in his hometown museum where he took classes as a young boy, especially since his painting is displayed next to a painting by his mentor, Leroy Flint. Tim studied under Flint (who later served as the Akron museum's director) at Kent State University. In fact, it was Tim and his wife Theresa who donated his mentor's painting to the Akron Art Museum. Tim explains, "Near the end of my time at Kent in 1969, Professor Flint, much to my delight and surprise, gave me a painting of his that had been included in the faculty show that year. It was an abstract work titled 'Constellation of Hot and Cold Suns,' and it had all of the subtlety and exquisiteness of any of his works. To this day, I'm not sure why he gave me this painting, except to say that I liked it very much and told him so. Until its recent gifting to the Akron Art Museum, it has had a place of honor in my home. And remarkably, I have never tired of this extraordinary work. But it seemed to me, at this point in time, that the proper place for this work was at the Akron Art Museum, and the curators there agreed." Tim also notes that his first acceptance into a regional juried show was at the Akron Art Institute in 1969, followed by a four-person, curated exhibition there in 1970. "As an Akron native, and also an alumnus of St. Sebastian, I am honored to



have my work in the Akron Art Museum collection, especially next to my true mentor's work," says Tim, who traveled to Akron in October from his home in Baltimore for a "Coffee with the Artists" event. Above, Tim (left) is pictured alongside his artwork with St. Sebastian Parish Pastor Fr. John Valencheck (right) who attended the event celebrating this special exhibit.

### Send us your Alumni Updates!

We love to hear from our alumni! Please drop us a line to update your contact information and/or to let us know what you are doing. Email us at [alumni@stsebastian.org](mailto:alumni@stsebastian.org) or fill out the online form at [stsebastian.org/school/alumni/update-info](http://stsebastian.org/school/alumni/update-info).

## CLASS OF 1972

While on a tour of the school with his schoolmates during the Class of 1972's 50th reunion weekend, **Bob Knapp** made sure to take a picture next to the statue that his mother repaired more than 5 decades ago! His mom, who was an artist and a sculptor, expertly repaired the angel's upraised finger that had broken off.

## CLASS OF 1972

**Ed Sloan** and his wife, Carla, live in the Chicago area. Ed, a physician, is Medical Director of the physician assistant training program at Dominican University, where he works with Emergency Department Advanced Practice Providers. Ed reports that he enjoys golf, tennis, and being a grandfather!

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FOR REUNION  
PHOTOS  
FROM THE  
CLASSES OF  
1972 & 1982!



## CLASS OF 1973

**Laurie Fenwick Mellion** shared some memories of her father, **Jim Fenwick '52**, who was featured in the previous newsletter. She writes, "As far back as I can remember, my family spent all of our winter Sundays after church, in the gym, watching games from behind the bench as Dad coached. Dad took us to all the practices too. We used to run laps with the players and dribble and shoot on the sidelines, being careful to stay off the court while Dad was coaching, or risk a stern look from Mr. Zeno (the AD, who actually was very tolerant). Even as tots, the four of us knew all the players like family, and cheered them on, that was 'our job.' Mom treated us to a bag of fresh buttery popcorn, encouraging the best of behavior. I still love watching basketball, and the smell of popping corn brings me back. Some years, the school was able to carry A and B teams, giving more kids an opportunity to play. For Dad, having to cut kids was the downside of coaching. That and 'inexperienced referees.' Otherwise, he loved coaching! His coaching style focused on teaching fundamentals, and stressing the importance of defense, as I'm sure any former player will agree. He insisted on good sportsmanship, and gave special notice for it each year, along with points, foul shots, and assists. Dad coached basketball at St. Sebastian for almost 20 years. They most often had winning records and were CYO champs numerous times. Dad also helped with football and baseball the years my brothers Kevin, Mike, and Tim played (1974-78)."

## CLASS OF 1973

**Pat Wheeler** received the 2022 Fr. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in August. According to the biography included in the award program, Pat established the Wheeler Family Scholarship Fund at STVM, which has awarded more than 100 scholarships to incoming freshmen. Pat also helped originate and raise money for the David Barnes Memorial Scholarship Fund, created in memory of his good friend, which provides college scholarships to Akron area students. More recently, Pat was part of an effort to establish the Terrier Family Scholarship Fund at the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, which provides awards to 8th-grade students who might otherwise be forced to withdraw from their final year due to family financial issues. Pat is a life-long member of St. Sebastian Parish, where he continues to volunteer as a Sunday collections counter. He is a former member of the parish's Athletic Booster Club and ran the parish CYO basketball program for nearly a decade. Pat and his wife Diana have two daughters who are also St. Sebastian alumni: Katy '03 and Kelly '06. He has worked for the past 30 years in various capacities in the cyber security industry and is currently an operating partner at Sunstone Partners, a Silicon Valley-based private equity firm. Additionally, he is CFO at CheckRed, a cloud security start-up company he and his partners founded in 2021.



Two St. Sebastian Parish School alumni were selected as 2022 winners of the Father Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. Pictured here are **Pat Wheeler '73** (1st from left) and **Rosemary Reymann '60** (3rd from left) along with fellow honorees at the awards ceremony in August. See previous page for a profile of Rosemary. Photo courtesy of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

## CLASSES OF 1973, 2011

**Marc Lee Shannon '73** is the host of the podcast "Recovery Talks," which shares peoples' stories of their journeys from addiction to recovery. This past summer, he interviewed Ed and Brigid Hillmuth, parents of **Christopher James Consilio '11**, who died unexpectedly in 2020 at the age of 24. Marc and the Hillmuths discuss the positive impact of Chris' life, the tragic and brutal details of his opioid involved death, and the foundation fund Chris' parents created that allows him to continue to be a positive influence on his community. The podcast episode, called "Death by Poison," is available at [www.recoverytalks.org/death-by-poison](http://www.recoverytalks.org/death-by-poison).

## CLASS OF 1993

**Chris Hampton** and his wife Betsy have two children: Joshua, born in 2013, and Eleanor, born in 2015. They live in Fort Wayne, IN, where Chris is the General Manager/COO of Sycamore Hills Golf Club.

## CLASS OF 1993: SAVE THE DATE - 30TH REUNION NEXT FALL

The Class of 1993 is planning to celebrate their 30th in Akron next year over the weekend of September 29 - October 1, 2023. Please contact Mary Kilian Tetrault at 206-406-8069 or [maryetetrault@gmail.com](mailto:maryetetrault@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to help with the planning.

## CLASS OF 2019

**Julia Pentasuglio '19** served as editor of a collection of short stories and poems, entitled "Blur," which were written by teenagers from Northeast Ohio. One of Julia's poems was featured in the collection, which was published by Lake Erie Ink. She read her poem to the audience in attendance for the launch of the anthology over the summer. Julia is pictured here at left holding a copy of the book. Pictured at right are **Elizabeth Saliga '19** (left) and **Elizabeth Schlueter '19** (right), who were named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. All three of these impressive young women are seniors at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.



*Photos courtesy of Tessa Skovira '15 and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.*

## COME VISIT ST. SEBASTIAN!

### CAMPUS TOURS

If you would like a tour of our campus, please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or [HoladayK@stsebastian.org](mailto:HoladayK@stsebastian.org). Kathy would be happy to show you around!

### VIRTUAL TOUR

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation created a special virtual tour as part of the Foundation's 50th anniversary celebrations. To view, please visit [www.stsebastian.org/foundation](http://www.stsebastian.org/foundation) and click on "Foundation's 50th Anniversary Virtual Tour."



## PLEASE SEND US YOUR MEMORIES

We love to hear from our alumni! Do you have a story about:  
Buying a book bag made from recycled awning vinyl from the nun in the AV room?  
Class plays on the stage in the library? Practicing songs for First Communion?

Email your memories to [alumni@stsebastian.org](mailto:alumni@stsebastian.org) or contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 ext. 113.

## 2022 CONSILIO EVENTS

The second year of events supporting the Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship Endowment drew almost 500 supporters over the course of a beautiful August weekend. The events included the Aug. 26 golf outing at Paradise Lake in Mogadore and the Aug. 27 “Chris Fest” at St. Sebastian Parish’s Zwisler Hall. Chris Fest was a great night of fun, food, drinks, raffles, and live music. Many of



Chris’ classmates from St. Sebastian and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School – and their families – came out to support the events, including this group at Chris Fest pictured above: Benjamin Goulet, Shannon Sivec, **Jacob Sivec ’11**, Anthony Wheeler, **Jacob Gura ’11**, **Chad Kanakkanatt ’11**, **Jaclyn Musci ’11**, **Stanley Dembosky ’11**, **Christopher Thomas ’11**, and Sam Yeaton. Also pictured here, the band Freeze-R-Burn, featuring alumni **Brian Thomas ’76**, **Kevin Thomas ’79**, and **Jim Thomas ’82**, drew a crowd to the dance area. Totals are not yet finalized, but the events are expected to yield over \$30,000 for the Christopher James Consilio Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, including golfers, sponsors, volunteers, raffle donors, and Chris Fest attendees. Chris’ family wants you to know that your help was much appreciated and a great tribute to Christopher’s memory.



## SUPPORT ST. SEBASTIAN ON GIVING TUESDAY: NOV. 29, 2022

Giving Tuesday is November 29: On this global day of giving, please consider making a donation to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Funds raised will be used for new furniture for the kindergarten and preschool classrooms. Join the exciting #weGiveCatholic effort on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving by making a gift to the Foundation at [www.wegivecatholic.org](http://www.wegivecatholic.org).



For more details, please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or [HoladayK@stsebastian.org](mailto:HoladayK@stsebastian.org). **Thank you!**

## ✦✦ *We Will Remember ...* ✦✦

The Alumni Association extends our sincerest sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased alumni (mid-June to early Oct., 2022). 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](mailto:alumni@stsebastian.org).

Thomas A. LaRose '42, September 22, 2022  
Anthony J. Zeller '48, October 4, 2022  
James W. Skeese '46, November 28, 2018  
Joseph S. Schlimm '47, June 30, 2022  
Walter C. McMahon '54, July 21, 2022  
Michael C. Scanlon '54, July 13, 2022  
John E. Skeese '55, January 7, 2022

Frank A. Casalnuovo '56, September 16, 2022  
Francis P. Kuebler '56, October 11, 2022  
Eva Abraham McDonald '65, October 3, 2022  
Robert J. Ross '72, September 29, 2022  
William T. Monaghan, Jr. '73, August 19, 2022  
Michelle M. Roush '76, September 17, 2022  
Jordan M. Chalfant '06, July 7, 2022

## CLASS OF 1972 50TH REUNION

The Class of 1972 always pulls out all the stops for their reunions, and this year was no different! Classmates enjoyed a weekend of activities September 9-10. Several alumni played golf together at Firestone Country Club on Friday and Saturday mornings. More classmates joined in the festivities Friday night at Thirsty Dog Brewing Co. (owned by St. Sebastian alumnus **John Najeway '84**, brother of **Anne Najeway Vainer '72**), where alumni could take a guided tour of the brewery before gathering for happy hour. On Saturday afternoon, several alumni toured the school and attended Mass at St. Sebastian Church. In the evening, classmates enjoyed dinner and dancing at Portage Country Club. The night included a slide show with over 400 photos from across the decades, a raffle, memorabilia, and a live band. The Class of 1972 capped off the evening with an after-party at the home of **Kathy Beringer Reed '72** and her husband Orville. Thanks to **Jim Roetzel '72** for taking this wonderful group photo. 1st Row: Julie Hunt Yocco, Patty Hardt Donaldson, Margaret Payerle Hoffner, Julie Buehrle Luyster, Kathy Beringer Reed, Jean Buehrle Hillery, Diane Minich, Tim Walsh, Mary Gilles Heinrich, Beth Baumgardner Forwark, Dan Murphy, Alice Maher Luse, Jim Roetzel. 2nd Row: Pat Flanagan, Don Cleary, Tom Carroll, Bob Knapp, Jeff Shaffer, Tim Aylward, Carol Reiheld Miragliotta, Mary Kay Welsh Thompson, Chris Davis, Ellen Jost Dilullo, Greg Lynett, Gregg Bauer. 3rd Row: Dave Marshall, Ed Sloan, Mike Forster, Gary Horning, Carol Bertolini, Rick Riccardi, Tom Beiter, Jean Ochsenhirt, Dennis Murray, Julie Van Dyne, Anne Najeway Vainer, Carl Olen.



## CLASS OF 1982 40TH REUNION



The Class of 1982 celebrated their reunion on campus August 19 in the courtyard under the old oak trees between the junior high wing and the former convent (now the Beringer Center for Early Learning). They enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, fun and favorite stories from their school days.

Left to Right (as best we could!): Frank Fitzgibbons, Steve Magoolaghan, Kelly Bachmann Thomas, John Kastelic, Chris Trumphour Baio, Bryan Bardine, Chris O'Connell, David Fenn, Jennifer Waters Becker, Holly Buzzi Rigby, Patrick Lyons, Melissa Neman, Jim Thomas, Eric Schreiner, Lisa Smith, Dan Rosso, Rick Davis, Heather Fihn Jones, Brian Petit, Marcy Smith, Joe Bertolini, Mike Ruth, Beth Pinkerton, Todd Mesek, Fr. John Valencheck.