

REMEMBERING DEACON TERRY PEACOCK

The St. Sebastian Parish community mourns the loss of our beloved Deacon Terry Peacock, who passed away Nov. 4, 2020 at the age of 81. Deacon Terry was born in Akron and remained here all his life. He was a proud naval veteran and 4th degree knight in the Knights of Columbus as well as the one and only chaplain for St. Sebastian's Council #14255.

He was ordained as a permanent deacon in 1981, serving various assignments, including at St. Sebastian, until his retirement in March, 2003. In 2006 he came out of retirement to serve again at St. Sebastian, where he remained the rest of his days. His wife, Suzanne, preceded him in death in 2019 after 57 years of marriage. He is survived by their three children, Kathy, Robert and Terrienne, and three grandchildren.

Deacon Terry was a fixture at our parish, especially at daily and weekend Masses, where his resonant reading of the Gospel brought the wonder of God's words to so many. Deacon Terry also helped with countless funerals, weddings, and visits to our sick parishioners. In addition, he always made time to visit the classrooms and offer his insights on our faith and to share his love of Jesus. Deacon Terry truly loved working with our students, and the students deeply loved Deacon Terry.



Our students prayed many prayers and sent many cards to Deacon Terry as he dealt with health issues in recent years. In October, the entire school gathered outside to pray a "living rosary" for all the sick, especially Deacon Terry. Our students also created a video for Deacon Terry in which each class shared the many reasons they missed him. After Deacon Terry passed away, each of our students wrote a message or drew a picture about him on special paper decorated with angels. More than 300 pages of beautiful memories were delivered to his family. Our students shared fond memories of high fives, smiles that made them feel special, and the Bible stories he told in class. Many students remembered what Deacon Terry would say to them before he left every class, "God loves you, and so do I."



In recognition of Deacon Terry's devotion to our students and school, the Knights of Columbus Council #14255 created a scholarship in his name in 2009. Every year, two 8th-grade students are selected to receive the Knights of Columbus Deacon Terry Peacock Scholarship, which provides a monetary award for students to use toward Catholic high school tuition (more info. at www.akronkofc.org/peacock-scholarship). After Deacon Terry's death, a new endowment was established at the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in Deacon Terry's name that will provide tuition assistance for current students in grades K-7 (more info. at www.stsebastian.org/foundation/funds-and-endowments).

Deacon Terry was a much-loved part of the fabric of this faith community, and he will be deeply missed, especially by the school students who he so dearly loved, but his legacy of faith and love will live on.

FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2021! In honor of those loyal parishioners who established the Foundation in 1971 and the many generous donors to the Foundation, a celebration is being planned for Sept. 16, 2021. Stay tuned for details! This 50th year will be dedicated to those parishioners, families and alumni who have supported our parish with donations to the Foundation. Thanks to their generosity, the Foundation has provided over \$11 million to the church and school in the last 50 years.



Your Planned Gift Can Help Secure the Long Term Stability of Our Parish!

As part of the Foundation's 50th year, Fr. Valencheck and the Foundation are encouraging our parish family, alumni and friends to support our Foundation through planning giving. The Foundation's planned giving program, **The Arrow Society**, provides a wonderful way to help secure the long term stability of our parish as a place of hope and worship for future generations. A planned gift simply means a donation that will be given in the future, such as naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in estate plans, wills, insurance policies, retirement accounts, bank accounts or stock holdings. For more details, please contact Kathy Holaday, Foundation Director of Development (330-836-2233 x113, holadayk@stsebastian.org), or visit www.stsebastian.org/foundation/planned-giving.



#WEGIVECATHOLIC

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Sebastian Parish School's #weGiveCatholic fundraising effort on Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1. The proceeds for this year's "Chalk the Walk" effort were designated for the repair and restoration of the beautiful, original sandstone



walkways around our school and rectory. Our community raised \$7,980 toward the \$15,000 goal, with 64 donors weighing in to help get this project off to a great start! Thanks also to the students who decorated the sandstone walkways with messages written in chalk and starred in special video messages for the project. If you would like to view the videos, they are posted on the parish's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/StSebastianParish). While fundraising continues, the project work is planned for this spring.



✦✦ We Will Remember ... ✦✦

The Alumni Association extends our sincerest sympathy to the families and friends of our deceased alumni (Oct. 2020-Jan. 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.

Margaret O'Neil Freer '44, November 21, 2020
Joan Sturmi Wright '44, October 1, 2020
James T. Henry '45, November 3, 2020
Irene "Joan" Cleveland Rogerson '46, Jan. 15, 2021
Thomas A. Gillen '47, October 29, 2020
Marie Klocker White '49, November 23, 2020
Dolores McMuldren Igleheart '52, October 8, 2020
Peter D. Yahner '53, January 25, 2021

Richard J. Case '57, October 11, 2020
Rory H. O'Neil '57, October 1, 2020
Paul D. Korsmo '58, December 8, 2020
John W. Spalding, Jr. '60, March 31, 2020
Constance Dohner Gustafson '63, January 14, 2021
Joseph J. Riccardi '74, January 29, 2021
John J. Delagrance '81, December 28, 2020

ALUMNI UPDATES

Class of 1961

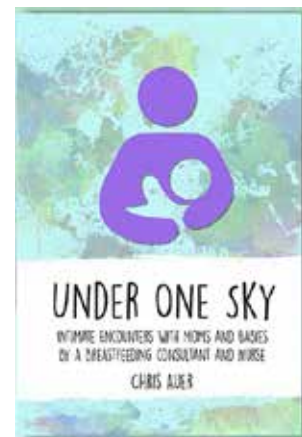
Timothy App is an artist based in Baltimore who created a painting titled “Sebastian’s Way” (shown below) after he visited St. Sebastian’s campus a few years ago. The painting was a response to the old flagstone walkways and his memories of his student years. The painting is fairly large, measuring 18” high by 90” long. Timothy describes it as a latter day addition to a series of about 15 works he created in the early 1970s, while he was still living in Akron, titled the Voyage series.

The “Sebastian’s Way” painting began with the linear pattern of the flagstone walkways, a pattern that was seared in his memory from childhood. He then used color that was expressive of his feelings of his years at St. Sebastian. Timothy has a new collection of paintings on view at Goya Contemporary Gallery in Baltimore, a gallery which frequently exhibits his artwork. The online version of his current exhibit, “States of Mind,” will be soon be available www.goyacontemporary.com. The Goya website also has a full profile of Timothy’s work and a great video of him talking about his artistic process.



Class of 1966

Chris Vassel Auer and her husband Ron live in Cincinnati. They have four grown children: Jen, Amy, Andrew, and Jason. Chris is a retired RN/Lactation Consultant who was employed by the University of Cincinnati Medical Center for 42 years. In 2018, she published “Under One Sky: Intimate Encounters with Moms and Babies by a Breastfeeding Consultant and Nurse,” a memoir of her time working with mothers from over 77 countries, and an upcoming book, “A Lullaby: Weekly Reflections for Caregivers of Breastfeeding Families.”



Class of 1972

Anne Najeway Vainer sent in a note about classmate **Lori Boles Harper**, who died October 5, 2019: “Lori was filled with grace despite her battle with breast cancer. She never complained and was always smiling. Lori loved life and she loved people and she was loved. Lori was our class reunion organizer and will be dearly missed.”



Class of 1977

Kathy McMahon Campbell joined the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation as the Foundation’s bookkeeper. In this part-time position, Kathy will manage the Foundation’s bookkeeping and assist the development director with the Foundation’s financial reporting and tax preparation. Welcome home, Kathy!

Class of 1995

Tona Boyd was appointed as special counsel to President Biden as part of the White House legal team. Tona was among a team of 21 appointees to the Office of White House Counsel shortly after Biden was elected. Tona is a graduate of Archbishop Hoban High School, the University of Notre Dame and Harvard Law School. Prior to joining the White House team, she served as chief counsel and senior legal advisor for Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey. According to news reports, Tona advised Senator Booker, who is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, on criminal justice and police reform, civil rights, election integrity, and nominations.

Please Send Us Your Memories!

We love to hear from our alumni!
Do you have a story about:

Going to Forest Lodge to ice skate for gym class?
Hanging your ice skates in the boiler room?
Having to sit with your class at Sunday Mass?

Share your memories with us by emailing them to alumni@stsebastian.org or contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 ext. 133.

Classes of 2017-2020

Theresa Hagey '17, **Olivia Kindbom '19** and **Anne Rea '20** were members of the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School cross country team that won 3rd place at the OHSAA Div. II state championships. Theresa finished 25th overall and signed a national letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at Ohio University next year.

Two St. Sebastian alumni earned second quarter academic awards at Archbishop Hoban High School: **Elizabeth Savitski '19** was named an Academic Knight and **Jimmy Bordenkircher '20** was named a Chivalrous Knight.

Charlie Wilt '17 built a flower bed in front of the school garden as part of "The Daffodil Project," in which daffodils around the world are being planted in remembrance of children who were persecuted during the Holocaust. The Daffodil Project aspires to be a worldwide living Holocaust memorial through the planting of 1.5 million daffodils that honor the lives of the children who were lost and is a part of a humanitarian effort for children in crisis today. Charlie and a crew of helpers completed the flower garden as his Eagle Scout project. The garden features a raised bed surrounded by stone, with 500 daffodil bulbs, a plaque that explains the importance of the daffodils, and a Himalayan birch tree that symbolizes new beginnings, regeneration, hope and new dawns. The memorial features daffodils because their shape and color represent the yellow stars Jewish people were forced to wear during the Holocaust. Yellow is also the color of remembrance, and daffodils represent our hope for the future since they are resilient and return with a burst of color each spring. Charlie utilized stones that had been behind the greenhouse for years to create the border. The daffodil garden is visible from South Hawkins Ave. on the south side of Byrider Hall.



Classes of 2017-2020, continued

Andrew Powell '18 chose the St. Sebastian Parish School playground for the site of his Eagle Scout project. His project was the construction of a “gaga pit,” which is a small playing field with a low wall built around it. Many St. Sebastian students have enjoyed playing gaga during their visits to Camp Christopher. The game is played like dodgeball, but players may only eliminate their opposition by striking the ball below their opponents’ knees. Like dodgeball, gaga involves dodging, striking, running, and jumping, with the objective of being the last person standing.



In October, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School’s Student Launch team, featuring 10 St. Sebastian alumni, was selected to participate in the 2020-2021 NASA Student Launch competition. This team is among less than a



dozen high schools in the nation to participate in this months-long challenge in which students design, build, test, and fly a payload and high-powered amateur rocket to an altitude between 3,500 and 5,500 feet. They must also meet multiple documentation and presentation milestones with NASA experts as they develop their rocket. Congratulations and good luck to the following alumni: **Olivia Kindbom '19, Luka Krejsa '18, Andrew McSteen '17, Julia Pentasuglio '19, Ben Phillip '18, Anne Rea '20, Elizabeth Saliga '19, Nick Senko '18, Jack Thomas '17 and Xavier Vesco '18.**

ALUMNI SEND BIRTHDAY CHEER TO ROSALEEN BRADY



In December, Emmet Brady, son of former St. Sebastian teacher Rosaleen Brady, contacted the Alumni Association for help with a surprise he was planning for his mother’s birthday. Mrs. Brady, as our students knew her, taught for 16 years at St. Sebastian (1984-1999), primarily as an 8th-grade history teacher. Emmet invited our alumni to send cards and notes to help her celebrate her December birthday and the Christmas season. The Alumni Association sent out an email request, and many alumni answered the call, sharing memories and spreading good cheer.

Her son was very grateful, as was Rosaleen, who sent this message: “Thank you for the lovely cards and messages. Special thank you to my son Emmet for organizing this wonderful surprise. And a heartfelt thank you to Kathy Holaday and Anne Morgan Dennée in the Alumni Association office for assisting with getting the word out to the alumni. I was delighted to receive the cards. Thank you to the current principal, Mr. Anthony Rohr, and his teaching staff as well as Fr. John Valencheck, the current pastor of St. Sebastian Parish. I appreciate all of the cards and well wishes.”

If you missed the notice, there is still time to send a message to Rosaleen. Please send an email to the Alumni Office at alumni@stsebastian.org, and we will pass along your message. We hope you had a wonderful birthday, Rosaleen! Thank you for the many years you dedicated to educating our students!

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The Alumni Scholarship Endowment was established by the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2013 to provide financial assistance to students attending St. Sebastian Parish School. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the St. Sebastian community, in 2016 the fund received enough donations to become an endowment that provides tuition assistance on a yearly basis. What a wonderful way to make a lasting contribution for the benefit of St. Sebastian Parish School! Listed below are donors who gave to the Alumni Scholarship Endowment from January 2020 to January 2021. The St. Sebastian Foundation and the parish school families who benefit from this fund are deeply appreciative of their generosity! Gifts to this fund can be made at any time online at www.stsebastian.org/school/alumni/scholarship-endowment.

- Anonymous (2)
Janet M. Ciotola, in memory of Deacon Terry Peacock
Katherine Hatton and Richard Bilotti Fund of the
Princeton Area Community Foundation
Anna Jacobi, in memory of Jean Klopatek
- 1942 Ramona Botzum
1943 Lawrence Halter, in memory of Sandra J. Halter
1944 Mary Ellen Amer, in memory of John Delagrange
1944 William Stiller
1945 Thomas L. Savalan, in memory of Malvina
Savalan Cummins '43
1946 Philip O'Neil
1947 Sara and Roland Bertolini, in memory of Joseph,
Louise and Raymond Bertolini
1948 Paul J. Slaven, in memory of Bernadette K. Slaven
1948 Anthony Zeller
1949 John and Kathy Bachmann, in memory of Marie
T. White
1949 Ed Dannemiller
1949 Toni Schapansky, in memory of Stanley and
Bertha Augustyn
1950 Ron Karg, in honor of the Class of 1950
1951 Tim Scanlon
1954 Jo Ann Cooney
1954 Fred and Jeannie Zeno King, in memory of
Joseph and Sarah Zeno
1955 Thomas and Linda Riegler, in honor of Helen
and Leo J. Riegler
1957 John Reichart, in memory of Marie J. Lynch
1958 Dennis McAleese, in memory of the deceased
classmates of 1958
1958 Mary Jane Bartlett Wood, in memory of Mary
and Murray Bartlett
1960 Terrence J. Steel, in memory of Frank and
Catherine Steel
1961 Mike and Ginny McGuckin
1961 Diana Schwarz Popovich, in memory of Charles
and Suzanne Schwarz
- 1964 Jim List
1964 Mary Pullekens
1965 Anne Lynett Clark
1965 Robert May, in memory of Harold May, MD
1966 Dennis and Patricia Lengacher
1966 Mary Beth Spalding Torre, in memory of John
Spalding '60
1967 Paul R. Murrow
1969 Deborah A. Roesel Culver
1969 Craig Helfrick
1970 Mary Alice Hardt Brosseau, in memory of
Elizabeth A. Hardt
1970 Mark and Marjorie Jost, in memory of Hank and
Eileen Hudson
1971 Janie and Robert Frank
1972 Kathy Altier, in memory of Mary Wilma and
Vince Altier
1973 Kathy Coyne Bergh, in memory of Karen Coyne
Volpe
1973 Teresa Redle Brostowitz
1974 Rosemarie Smoral, in memory of Thomas
Dannemiller, Sr.
1975 Ray Boshara
1975 Denise Labut, in memory of George Labut
1975 Teresa Kloss Thompson
1978 Patrick Hernon, in memory of Chris O'Brien '78
1979 John F. Farmer
1981 Mike and Kristene Hergenrother
1982 Frank Fitzgibbons, in honor of the Class of 1982
1982 Todd Mesek, in honor of the Class of 1982
1982 Elizabeth Pinkerton, in memory of Ann
Pinkerton
1983 Edward (Ted) A. DiCresce, Jr., in memory of
Edward A. DiCresce, Sr.
2000 Patrick O'Neill
2001 Max Bedell, in honor of Mike and Pat Bedell

Thank You!