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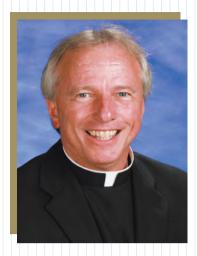
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Greeting from Our Pastor – Rev. Michael J. Kreder



Dear Alumni and Friends of St. Mary High School,

God greatly gifted me in many ways through my late parents, Vincent and Mildred, who were a beautiful model – for 59 years – of marital commitment 'in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.' Their sacramental love bore fruit in me and my four brothers, with whom I shared the many joys and

struggles of family life; they instilled in us an inexhaustible, never say 'no-can-do,' truly American work ethic; they watered the seeds of a priestly vocation in not one, but two of their sons, all five of whom are active, committed, supportive Roman Catholics.

However, of all the graces I have received, the three greatest gifts God gave me through them were, in order of importance, first: the Gift of Life; then the Gift of our Catholic Faith; and third: the Gift of a Catholic Education. My parents scrimped and saved so they could offer my brothers and me the opportunity to attend nine wonderful years at Saint Paul the Apostle Elementary School in Irvington, where our beloved Dominican Sisters of Caldwell also taught; four years at Essex Catholic High School, and as many years as we needed to earn our undergraduate and graduate degrees. They were also extremely supportive of my response to God's call to Priesthood, although they did not pay for my priestly formation at The Immaculate Conception Seminary now at Seton Hall University; I paid a third of my seminary tuition and the Archdiocese of Newark paid the other two-thirds, as was the policy at the time.

As I reflect on all my parents and I sacrificed for a Catholic Education, I recall these words of Jesus who said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." [Matthew 13:45-46]

Like you, I believe *Saint Mary High School* is a treasured, fine pearl that you and many others sacrificed to be a part of, and your alma mater is, in some ways, better than ever. She has been rebuilt, refurbished and renovated. If you wish to revisit your 'old school,' contact our *Development Director*, Michael Sheridan, who will arrange a time for you to look and see. Mike can also assist those wishing to make a donation to our *Scholarship Fund*, which assists those unable to afford the great *Gael Catholic Education* you enjoyed.

Through the intercession of *Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary*, may God bless you and all who sacrifice to support *Catholic Education*, especially our Alumni Association and its director, Mike Sheridan, our principal, Tara Brunt, our faculty, staff and students, the Board of Directors, and all our benefactors.

With God's love and my prayers,

Very Reverend Michael J. Kreder, V.F., KHS



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Letter from Our Principal – Tara Brunt



Dear Alumni and Friends,

A new year begins and St. Mary High School continues, as always, to grow. We take this opportunity to welcome all of our new families, the Class of 2021, all transfer students, and their families. We welcome them and hope they quickly feel that this is home.

Our mission and philosophy call all of us to serve the needs of others. Our students have always appreciated what they have and recognize their responsibility to those in need.

The Student Council wanted to help those affected by the hurricanes at the start of the school year. They developed the project "Small Change = Big Difference." During each lunch period, the Student Council collected from the students the coin change from their lunches or whatever other amounts they wished to donate. By the end of September, the St. Mary High School student body sent \$1,000 to Catholic Charities to be used for relief efforts for families in need in the places destroyed by hurricanes.

Small Change = Big Difference, indeed!

We remain so grateful to our alumni who continue to support our school and our students. Without your support, many of our students would not be able to attend this school.

As demonstrated by the Student Council, all giving, both great and small, is significant. Like their efforts in support of the victims of storms, it is your ongoing support of St. Mary High School that continues to make the difference for our students.

On behalf of our students, I ask that you adopt their spirit and actions in giving of themselves. Communities like ours are defined not necessarily by large gifts but rather by the collective participation of everyone. To those of you who have consistently given in the past, you are in our hearts and prayers. To those who have not yet been able to give, I ask that you reconnect and participate through your contributions to the work and mission of St. Mary.

I call each of you to support St. Mary to the extent you are able. If you believe a modest contribution may not make a difference, I leave you with the words of President John F. Kennedy, "One person can make a difference and everyone should try."

Blessings,

Mes. Tara Brust

Class Representatives!

"As an alumus, I support the class rep program because I will never forget what alums did for me and how they impacted my overall high school experience as teachers, administrators, coaches, and financial contributors. I owe those alums a debt of gratitude which I endeavor to repay by following their examples and supporting today's St. Mary students."

- Dave Calviello '87

"I stepped up as a rep for the class of '69 because I would like to see the SMHS experience continue for our youth. The class rep program is the connecting bridge from school to scholarship funding. We have the power to secure St Mary's future by working together to raise funds to make our school more attractive and financially feasible to prospective students."

- Lorrie Motylinski '69

Annual Appeal – Ed Ryan '75



Dear Alumni and Friends.

I want to thank all Alumni for their generous donations this past year. Working together we achieved over 65% of our ambitious \$350,000 goal. While that amount is a big step forward over prior years, we still need to do better.

Saint Mary is and continues to be in good financial standing under the leadership of our pastor, Fr. Michael Kreder and principal, Tara Brunt. In the past year the school welcomed Joseph Ziaya (Class of 2008) as our new full-time student recruiter. Joe is working diligently to get the word out to prospective students and grow enrollment.

This brings me to the reason I continue to lead our fundraising efforts. Historically, Saint Mary students

have come from families with all levels of financial resources. Our current students are no different. The Alumni Board of Directors' goal is to take over funding the merit scholarship awards and financial aid provided to our current students. This will allow tuition to fund 100% of the operating costs at Saint Mary. We are off to a great start, but we need more Alumni assistance.

Our annual goal for the 2017-2018 school year is \$350,000. Our class reps need your help and will be reaching out to you.

Please share my passion for Saint Mary by sending a donation and encouraging your fellow classmates to contribute. We are one of the few remaining parish schools left in the Archdiocese of Newark. We should all be extremely proud!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Edward J. Ryan Jr. Class of 1975

Ed Ryan has spent the last 30 years lending his knowledge and expertise to his alma mater. In 1988 Ed became a member of the St. Mary High School Advisory Board and worked extensively with Principal Mary Lanni on the annual budgets until her retirement in 2000. Ed was instrumental in St. Mary's fight for survival in the late 80s as the school was charged with reaching financial self-sufficiency from the parish by 1991 or face closing by the Archdiocese of Newark. In 2000, Ed was invited to join the Parish Finance Committee where he continues to work on the finances of the high school. In 2004, Ed was named a member of the Alumni Board of Directors where he continues to passionately work to ensure the long-term future of St. Mary High School.

Class Representatives!

"Being a member of the SM Board provided me intimate knowledge of the uphill struggle we have to provide financial support to our beloved high school. I believe that our class phone-a-thon awakened many to the need for aid and many who had not given in the past did. This is important to the more current classes as the future returns will be numerous. I would suggest that this practice be transferred to all classes and reinforced each year."

- Marty McGonigle '59

"I was motivated to become a class rep because I wanted to do my part in helping St. Mary's achieve continued success. I feel alumni involvement is incredibly important to SM, monetary donations are important, yet other forms of support are helpful and foster the sense of community that I love about SM."

- Brielle Sheridan '07

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Growing the Alumni – It's Time

More Alumni Participation Needed

Let's simplify the status of our high school. St. Mary High School is in good standing both financially and enrollment wise. However, it needs to grow and compete with other Catholic high schools in the very competitive landscape of Catholic education in this tri county area.

On Sunday, September 24, St. Mary High School had 100 families attend our first open house of the year. We will have more families come to see our school this year than in the last 5 years. So, there is a serious interest in the small, catholic school setting which is our schools profile. That's exciting.

It is a clear and simple formula. We need more financial assistance and scholarship funding to make it affordable for many of these families. We feel we are at our ceiling with tuition costs at \$10,000.00, so where else can these funds come from? That's right, us, the Alumni of St. Mary High School.

If we do it, our alma mater will thrive. If we don't, it will struggle.

Many of you have been very generous over the years and for that we all are grateful. However the number of alumni participation is not what it should be and needs to be. It's time for more alumni to step up and for more of us who do "give back" to encourage friends and classmates to join our effort.

The time is now! Not when we're faced with a crisis situation like many of the Catholic schools that could not overcome and are now shuttered. Now! While our school is in a good standing and attractive to over 100+ new interested families. Now, while we are in a good place financially.

Now's the Time!

Go Gaels!

Michael P. Sheridan '77
Alumni/Development Director

Class Representative!

"I wanted to take the opportunity to network with fellow Saint Mary alums and to help to continue to build a strong alumni network. I think the class rep program is very relevant.

Connecting with former classmates to spread the new developments of the school will motivate them to contribute and to see continued success at St. Mary's."

- Caitlin Baker Urbanovich '06

Class Rep Report

Year two of "Growing the SM Alumni" through Class Reps Program is working. We now have 71 class reps in place. Ideally we would need 3-4 reps per class in order to successfully connect with all members of each class. It is my strong belief that who reaches out is as important as the message we are delivering.

A model of this is the class of 1959. There are 5 class reps, 3 men and 2 women. First Marty McGonigle, Joan Gabriella, Kevin Jones, Kay Duddy Sloan and Leonard Byrne reached out to classmates they had contact info on with a list of missing classmates. After cleaning up outdated contact info and finding missing classmates, Marty & Joan forwarded that info to my alumni volunteers Janet Mariano Merli '68 and Beth Duffy '70 who painstakingly entered that information into our new \$25,000 data base, Raiser's Edge.

This Spring/Summer, the reps split up that list and organized a phonea-thon. The most important factor to understand is that the reps first discussed who felt comfortable contacting which classmate.

The second important factor in our "grass root" touch is the message. Simply put. Our alma mater is one of the only small catholic high schools still in existence today and the main reason for this is our alumni support. St. Mary High School is in a "good place" financially and enrollment wise. However, with the rising costs of providing a quality Catholic education, (technology, facility improvements, competitive salaries for lay teachers and administrators) we need more alumni to give back, period! Give \$10, 20, 50, 100, whatever you can, but please participate.

The result of the '59 Class Reps was the most successful class participation to our alma mater annual appeal; they raised over \$7,000. If we include the class participation through our Alumni events, Football Beefsteak, Final Four, Alumni Softball Picnic, Spring Gala, Gael Open Golf Outing, that number triples to over \$20,000.

Most importantly, not one large donation happened here, just a proud group of classmates 'giving back" what each could afford to give.

Thank you Class of 1959 and the Reps!

Class Representative!

"I signed up for the class rep program because I am a second generation Gael, and I wanted to help promote the school's tradition. I think the class rep program is crucial to the school's success. Just knowing that I've been able to encourage a handful or my classmates to give back makes me feel so good about the work we're doing here. Every little bit counts!"

- Caitlin Moran Kalish '07

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2017 Distinguished Patrons



Flying Cross Award.

William J. Schneider '37

Retired Major William Joseph Schneider is a decorated World War II hero, and at the age of 97, is a living reminder of "the greatest generation." During his time of service, Schneider was the recipient of the Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters in recognition of multiple meritorious achievements in aerial flight as well as the Distinguished

On November 1, 2016, a long-awaited honor was bestowed upon him as he received The Silver Star Award for heroism in World War II. The citation from Schneider's commanding officer for the Silver Star was originally issued in June 1945 but was lost as the war drew to an end. A five-year quest aided by his family, Congressman Scott Garrett (R-NJ5), the late Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), and an Air Force historian helped set this right.

In January, Schneider was honored at St. Mary High School in recognition of Patriots' Day of National Catholic Schools Week.

The packed auditorium stood in prayer and then together sang the National Anthem led by Vietnam veteran and alumnus James Cava '66. The audience viewed a video of Schneider as he was presented the Silver Star for "gallantry in action" while flying as flight commander of an 18-plane formation in a bombing attack against a heavily defended rail link at Dogna, Italy. Despite a heavy barrage of anti-aircraft fire, causing serious damage to his airplane and personnel, Major Schneider coolly and courageously directed the waves of his attacking bombers to the bomb release point, thus enabling all bombardiers to drop with great accuracy on the vital communications point. Upon completion, he also led the successful recovery of his crews.

At the January SMHS event, Schneider was presented with the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award and a Rutherford municipal citation declaring February 1, 2017, as "William Joseph Schneider Day."

Schneider holds a degree in business from Fordham University. He lives in Hillsdale (NJ) where he raised nine children with his late wife Lucille. He has 22 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Edward Fugit '61

Ed Fugit '61 is now retired from a career of both military and professional service to our country. He's been honored for his heroism in war and in aviation.

In a 28-year military career, mostly overseas, he specialized in political affairs and political-military relations.

Fugit worked in Africa, Europe, South Asia and the Middle East. He devoted 17 years to work in or involving Central and Southern Africa, including several years as Charge d'Affaires at the United States Embassy in Harare, Zimbabwe. His last overseas posting was in Islamabad, Pakistan, in the early 1990s. He ended his active career as the Political Advisor to the Commander at US Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa (FL). Subsequently, he worked on counterterrorism with the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg (NC) then returned to Central Command to support the Foreign Policy Advisor Program (POLAD) during the early months of the Afghanistan operation in 2002 and the early months of the Iraq operation in 2003. Fugit retired as a Senior Foreign Service Officer.

Fugit served in the US Army from 1967-70, including a tour in Vietnam as an assault helicopter pilot, and remained in the US Army Reserves, where he retired as a lieutenant colonel. He was awarded both the Silver Star Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross for his service in Vietnam. The Silver Star Medal is awarded to service personnel who display exceptional valor while engaged in military combat operations against an enemy force. The Distinguished Flying Cross is America's oldest military aviation award and honors achievement and heroism. Fugit holds a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University (Washington, DC) and is also a graduate of the National War College (Washington, DC).

Ed Fugit makes his home in Florida.

Save-the-Date 27th Annual Gael Open

Thursday, June 9th • 1:00pm Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, NJ

2017 Distinguished Patrons



Sr. Alice Cardillo '63

Sister Alice Cardillo, a Maryknoll Missioner, was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Rutherford. She graduated from both St. Mary Grammar School and St. Mary High School. She attended Caldwell College for one year and worked for another year before deciding to enter the Maryknoll novitiate in September, 1965.

She earned a bachelor's degree in community service from Mary Rogers College (Maryknoll, NY) and following graduation was assigned to Seoul, South Korea. After two years of focused language study, Sister Alice began work at the Maryknoll Nursing School in Pusan where she assisted in promoting health education and disease prevention.

In 1974, Sister Alice returned to the States and attended nursing school at Bergen Community College. She received her RN in 1976 and worked part-time at Hackensack University Medical Center. In 1977, she returned to Korea to work at the Maryknoll Hospital in Pusan and the National Leprosy Hospital on So Rok Do (Sorok Island). On So Rok Do she professed her final vows in 1978.

In 1980, Sister Alice was sent to Ko Chang, Korea, to a small farming village, where she again tended to patients afflicted with leprosy and their families and formed basic Christian communities among the local residents. Sister Alice returned to the United States in 1988 to help care for her elderly parents. When she was not needed at home, she worked at Maryknoll as a clerk, as a nurse in the health department and in the Sisters' Promotion. For many years, she worked in the Archives Office at Maryknoll, in Social Services, and in the Residential Care units for the elderly and ill Sisters. She completed graduate studies in thanatology (end of life science) at the College of New Rochelle Graduate School, while interning at Calvary Hospital (Bronx, NY).

Currently, Sister Alice serves elderly Maryknoll Sisters at the Maryknoll Sisters Center Home Care. She is also a pastoral care volunteer for patients with advanced cancer at Calvary Hospital.

Sister Alice is a member of the parish choir, she graces the Church of St. Mary with her lovely voice at the 9 o'clock Mass every Sunday.



Michael E. Loreti, MD '74

Dr. Michael E. Loreti, a leading sports medicine physician in Bergen County, has been a recognizable presence and strong supporter of events at St. Mary High School. Dr. Loreti embodies commitment to service evident in his chosen career, dedication to SMHS students and a calling to "make things better."

Sports medicine is a natural fit for Dr. Loreti, who was an outstanding high school and college athlete and the eldest son of a physician. Dr. Loreti was inducted into the St. Mary Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000 and again as part of the 1973 State Champion Football Team of which he was Co-Captain. He earned All-County, All-State and All-American honors as an offensive guard and linebacker. After graduation, Dr. Loreti attended Seton Hall University on a football scholarship. He currently is the Gaels football team physician – a post he has held for the past 22 years! In this role, Dr. Loreti follows in the footsteps of his father "Doc L" who volunteered as an SMHS football team physician for over a decade.

Following college and graduate work at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Dr. Loreti completed his medical school training at St. Georges Medical School in Grenada (West Indies). He served an internal medicine residency at Bergen Pines Community Hospital (Paramus NJ). In Oklahoma, Dr. Loreti completed a fellowship in sports medicine at Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center (Tulsa, OK), taught at the University of Oklahoma and gained experience as a team physician. For over 20 years, Dr. Loreti has been a medical consultant for the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority and has covered college and professional athletic events including Super Bowl XLVIII, NFL championships, Stanley Cup finals as well as the NBA championships and the "Final Four."

Dr. Loreti currently has sports medicine practices in Paramus and Garfield, specializing in non-surgical musculoskeletal and sports injuries. He is a member of several professional associations, has written on wellness and physical health, and been recognized as a "Top Sports Medicine Physician."

Dr. Loreti lives in Mahwah with his three sons – Michael, Steven and Matthew. His Gael pride is shared by his brothers Brian '76 and Craig '80. Dr. Loreti has a rare privilege of being a St. Mary Athletic Hall of Fame member along with his brothers and his father.

Spring Scholarship Gala



Laura Curich Sharkey '74, Mark Gumble '74, Pat Desmond Zeppieri '74, Dick '74 and Barbara McNeilly Allen '75



Honoree William Joseph Schneider '37 and Family



Ed Jobst '61, Jim Fugit '64, James Fugit, Honoree Ed Fugit '61 and Alan Zimmermann '61



Liz Flynn Kinard '74, Pat Desmond Zeppieri'74, Sally Schneider Bhehl '74, Laura Curich Sharkey'74, and Marybeth Ryan '74



Mary Campbell, Eileen Campbell Fuentes, Joseph Fuentes and Nora Schneider Renzulli



Mary O'Keefe Baumann, Debbie Hensel Alianello '74, and Bob Custer '74



The Women of Boiling Springs Saving Bank



2017 Merit Scholars



Honoree Sister Alice Cardillo Surrounded by the Duffy and DeMarco Families



The Class of 1974 Congratulate Honoree Dr. Michael Loreti



The Loreti Brothers! Craig '80, Honoree Mike '74 and Brian '76



Frank Gallagher '61, Mike Sheridan '77 and Honoree Ed Fugit '61

Class Rep Cocktail Party & Homecoming



Lynne McGonilgle, Sheilagh O'Donoghue '83, Joe Tyburczy '00, Tom Weber, Marty McGonigle '59 and Host Tom Ferguson '59 in front



Mr. Incognito, Tom Ferguson '59, Mrs. Hanlon, and Dr. Catherine Hanlon '75



Mike Sheridan '77, Joe Martini '57, and Joe Fratangelo '62



Rich Vuyosevich '68, Matt Stone '92 and Richard Pigott '57



Chuck Rhode '63, Jerry Nealon '77 and Janet Mariano Merli '68



Class of 1967 at Homecoming Breakfast & Tour



Class of 1957 at the Homecoming Breakfast & Tour



Alumni at Homecoming Football Game



Homecoming Queen Noelra Diaz Surrounded by Christina Latino '16 on Left and Principal Tara Brunt.



Reunion Classes at Homecoming Alumni Memorial Mass

Legacy Families

Family legacy is a cornerstone of most quality educational institutions and St. Mary High School continues to attract sons and daughters, nieces and nephews of Gael alumni. Two seniors who jump out of the crowd are Kiara Bedoya and Marc Dadika.

Kiara's uncle Lamonte Mejia is a '92 graduate and her aunt Roselynn was a member of the class of '98. Kiara's father Abelardo Bedoya graduated SM in '96.

Kiara is a member of the National Honor Society and is the senior class president. She is also a member of the Spanish Honor Society and a member of the Gaels Varsity Volleyball team.

"Growing up I would always hear stories about how SMHS was more than just a school, it was a family, and the day I visited, I knew it was true and the school for me."

"I would like to thank the alumni of St. Mary High School. SM is more than the name of a school it is the name of a family, one that never stops giving." Kiara plans to attend Loyola University next fall.



Senior Kiara Bedoya and Her Aunt Roselynn Bedoya '98

Marc Dadika's mother, Dina Rosolen Dadika, was a '84 graduate of SM. Marc's brother Kyle graduated in 2011 and his sister Lauren was a member of the SM class of 2014 (pictured below).

Marc is also a member of the SM honors program maintaining 3.9 GPA while attracting Division 1 basketball scholarship offers for his outstanding play. Marc is a 1st team All-County performer averaging 25 points per game and leading the Gaels to its second straight NJIC title. Marc volunteers his time to coach and work with young Catholics through the C.Y.O programs of Fair Lawn and Saddle Brook.

"I've been coming to St. Mary High School to watch my brother and sister play basketball since I was 10 years old. I always wanted to follow in their footsteps and continue the family legacy of attending SM. I would like to thank the SM alumni who donate their time and money to make it the great school it is. I look forward to becoming a member of the SM alumni family one day. Marc has recently accepted a full scholarship to Farleigh Dickinson University where he plans to major in Business.



The Dadika Familty Celebrate Marc Scoring His 1,000 Point.

Class Representative!

My motivation to become a class representative is rooted in my strong family legacy. I am the second generation to attend Saint Mary High School. My parents Daniel Moran '72 and Deborah O'Keefe Moran '73 attended SMHS, as did all of their siblings. With today's students carrying on many of the same traditions that my parents and I both remember, it is so important that we continue to keep the SM FAMILY strong.

The Class Representative Program is one factor that will continue to keep Saint Mary an enduring institution.

This program provides immeasurable support for the school. Academics, athletics, scholarship and financial aid and overall student life are just a few areas that will benefit immensely from this program. It is the responsibility of every member of the alumni to be part of the united generosity and give back. During my time at SM, the class of 2003 came together to accomplish many exciting goals, and I trust that we will continue to support our alma mater and create the same experience for many Gaels to come.

- Meghan Moran '03

School Events



Pat DeMarco '74, Gabriella Reyes and Mrs. Tara Brunt Present Eva's Village with the High School's Christmas Contribution.



Guys from the Class of 1964 Stop in for a Tour. Jim Keeney, Jim Fugit, Bill Isenberg, Manney, Jim Harrington, and Dan Schneider



SM Cheer Team Gets the Crowd Up and Jumping at Homecoming!



Pastor Michael Kreder and Principal Tara Brunt at Junior Ring Ceremony



Student Council Host Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser



Gaels Celebrate Bergen County Tournament Win



2017 Student Council Officers



2017 Graduates Celebrate with Traditional Cap Toss.



Gaels Take a Deserved Time-Out after Homecoming Victory



2017 National Honor Society



Drama Club Performs "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"



2017 NJIC Conference Champions with Cheer Squad

Alumni & Friends — Contributors

GIFT CATEGORIES

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