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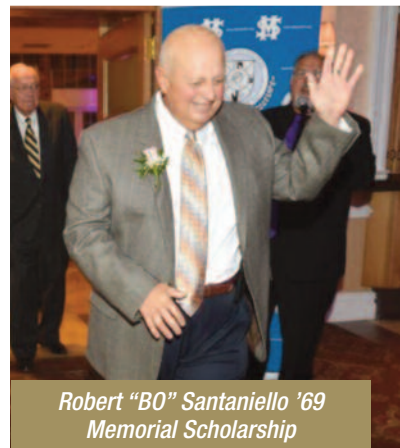
Margaret Karle Schak '35 Memorial Scholarship



Michael "Mick" Meyer '76 Memorial Scholarship



Daniel "Dan the Man" Moran '72 Memorial Scholarship



Robert "BO" Santaniello '69 Memorial Scholarship

NEW ALUMNI



SCHOLARSHIPS



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IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE

2019 SPRING SCHOLARSHIP GALA

ON

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019
THE FIESTA, WOOD-RIDGE, NJ

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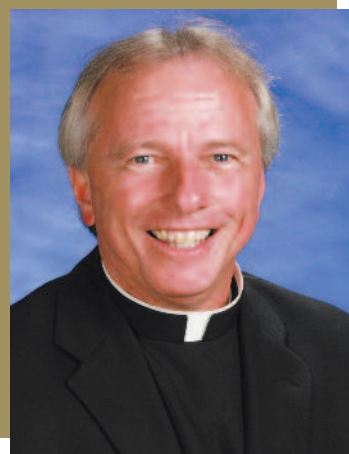
— Open Bar, Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner —
— Silent Auction, Dancing, Live Music, and more —

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Greeting from Our Pastor – Rev. Michael J. Kreder



Dear Alumni and Friends of St. Mary High School,

Recently I officiated at a wedding of a couple who met in college where they prepared to become geotechnical engineers: designers of buildings, roadways, and other structures. As they browsed through the Scriptures suggested for their Nuptial Mass, they said the reading in which they

found the quote below so 'clicked' with them -they knew – *instantly* – that it was the one they wanted proclaimed on their wedding day:

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." [Matthew 7:24-27]

I hope and pray you have solidly built your life on the 'rock foundation' offered to you at Saint Mary High School! Sadly, a few Catholic educators, even clergy, were sick, sinful stones that so tainted what so many

good people so faithfully tried to do. Rest assured the Church is doing all she can to admit, atone for, weed out, and do justice with these matters! But that should not, nor cannot, erode the firm faith foundation SMHS tried to give you, and without which all we do is more likely to fail! We are often reminded to report every misdeed we experience to the proper authorities, and rightly so; but we must also express our gratitude *for* – and even *to* – all who helped us along the way. So I ask you: please offer, at the very least, a prayer for those who faithfully served you at SMHS, and for all who still devote their lives to Catholic Education!

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 who wish to help others form the same rock foundation you were offered at SMHS through our Scholarship Fund , which assists those unable to afford the great Gael Catholic Education on which, I pray, you are building your life. May our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary , spread her mantle over you, over all who sacrifice to support Catholic Education , and over 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
Pastor



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Letter from Our Principal – Tara Brunt



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Even after my 40 years in Catholic education, September always brings excitement and new opportunities. I am happy to report to you that your alma mater continues to climb and all of our recent efforts continue to produce results. It is a good time to be a Gael!

Last year we had an increase in the number of families visiting our Open Houses, an increase in the number of students who signed up and became a “Gael for a Day” and an increase in the number of students applying to St. Mary. The good news I bring to you is that this year we have students who come from 45 different New Jersey towns as well as New York State communities as far as Queens, New York.

This increased interest comes with an increased number of families who need some financial support to be able to afford this outstanding Catholic education for their children. We are so blessed to have amazing alumni support! It is our hope that this support continues to grow so that we may be able to offer even more scholarships to allow deserving students to attend St. Mary.

As an example, St. Mary also saw an increase this year in Family Scholarships. This becomes a great way to not only honor your family legacy but also to provide scholarships for deserving students to also attend St. Mary. What we sow today we all reap in the future.

Now, possibly more than ever, the need is great for Catholic education and the gospel values that are infused in and permeate our curriculum.

Our goals today, remain the same as the goals of years gone by. We educate young men and women with gospel values to produce the type of leaders and citizens that our world so desperately needs.

I know we can count on the St. Mary Alumni because...
We Are SM!!

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mrs. Tara Brunt".

Mrs. Tara Brunt
Principal

Save-the-Date
28th Annual Gael Open
Thursday, June 6, 2019 • 1:00pm
Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, NJ

Why I Give!



My days at St. Mary's go back to kindergarten in Miss Sheridan's class. Many of the classmates I met that first day, walked down the church aisle with me at our high school graduation twelve years later. I am forever grateful to the teachers, administrators, coaches and friends who played such an important role in making me the person I am today. They instilled in me their virtues of hard work, discipline, commitment and caring; virtues that I try to practice each day and pass on to my children.

It is with this deep sense of gratitude that I want to make sure that St. Mary's continues on for generations to come. I want to see other young men and women get the same education and experiences that I was so fortunate to receive.

– Tom Flynn '83

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 the amount is consistent with the prior year, 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. 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. In the past year, the school

has awarded \$286,000 in awards. While this is a generous amount, it is not sufficient to fund the needs of our current students.

Our annual goal for the 2018-2019 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 and support of Saint Mary High School.

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. 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 work to ensure the long-term future of St. Mary High School.

Why We Thank St. Mary Alumni!



We are incredibly grateful to have a chance to be a part of our #1 choice of high schools: St. Mary. We would like to sincerely thank the St. Mary Alumni for paving the way to make our dreams come true. Without your generosity and support, it would have been near impossible financially for all three of us to attend SMHS. Attending this school will give us the tools to reach our fullest potential. We will take full advantage of the wonderful opportunity you have given us. Academics are always our priority, but we are already involved in athletics and clubs. We want to embrace everything the SM community has to offer to make the most of the next four years as we prepare for the next big stage of our lives: college.

– Alexander, Katelynn and Jessica Gentile

Why Your Donation is Needed



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Tuition at St. Mary High School is \$10,500.00. Paying competitive salaries to keep highly qualified teachers is necessary and costly. Add the costs of the latest technology and equipment, the cost of maintaining the facility, and the cost of supporting 22 athletic teams

and extracurricular activities and you can understand why.

Most of our families cannot afford this expense. This year we awarded \$285,500 in financial aid and scholarship to assist our families and maintain our enrollment. Currently we have 205 students enrolled at St. Mary High School. Our goal is to add 25 more by next school year. We feel this is feasible due to the fact that over 80 applicants listed SM as their 1st choice of high schools on the Archdiocese Catholic school test last year. In addition, 150 prospective students spent a day visiting SM through our "Gael for a day" program with wonderful feedback from the students who participated in this experience. These numbers show that the interest is there and St. Mary High School is very attractive. The affordability factor is the challenge!

Shrinking Down the Numbers for You

480 alumni participated in this year's Annual Giving Campaign raising \$221,000. That is roughly 11% of alumni participation. If we can improve our participation percentage, we can easily reach our goal of \$350,000.

As alumni, we can understand and appreciate all the positives of a Catholic school education. What we all experienced while at SM was nothing short of great. That has not changed! Only the cost of that great experience has changed. We need your financial support so that families like ours can afford that same experience. Our goal is to raise \$350,000. This amount will provide the funding needed to increase our enrollment to 230 students. By taking this financial burden off the school's budget, our alma mater can now allocate that money to improve the quality of the SMHS experience!

Last year 5 new scholarships were created by alumni families and caring classmates and friends honoring the memory of loved ones (See cover story). We are on the right track; however, not enough of us are participating! Please give to one of our Memorial Scholarships (listed on page 8) or simply donate what you can to your Class Scholarship (See Class Sch. Article on page 8).

Your alma mater needs you to support this worthy cause now! No gift is too small, please do your part.

Go Gaels!

Michael P. Sheridan '77

Alumni/Development Director

Why I Thank St. Mary Alumni!



Since first learning about St. Mary High School, I thought it would be perfect for me. I loved the small personal aspect where teachers would always make time to teach me individually. I learned about the school's clubs, sports, and extracurricular activities through a visit to the school. Thanks to the generosity of the Alumni, I was awarded a scholarship which was a huge help to my family financially. This has allowed me to continue the legacy of St. Mary High School that started 52 years ago when my grandfather attended. My grandfather has been my father figure in life providing support and inspiration for me. He is a hardworking, kind man and I am grateful for the opportunity to follow in his footsteps. I will forever appreciate the Alumni of this amazing school.

– Brett Pietrowicz

Class Rep Report – Beth Duffy '70



Alumni relations is an important part of the continued success of St. Mary High School. The Alumni are our most loyal supporters. We can benefit from their skills and experiences to enhance the experience of our students. And of course, they are our primary fundraising prospects. Two years ago, Mike Sheridan asked several individuals to serve as Class

Representatives and assist him and the Alumni Board of Directors in developing a more structured approach to communicate with our former students. We have come a long way in building our Alumni base, but we still have a lot of work to do.

The role of each Class Representative is to engage with his/her former classmates and communicate the successes and challenges of SMHS. The Class Representative is vital to efforts to reach our Alumni and support SMHS both now and in the future.

The Responsibilities of the Class Representative are as follows:

- Assist in building the Alumni Community by working on the missing information in the class database. Each classmate with incomplete contact information is a missed opportunity to communicate with and ask for support from that individual.
- Communicate current information to your classmates.
- Work with Mike Sheridan and the Alumni Board to promote SHMS events and encourage classmates to participate. This helps us to "Friend Raise" which gives us additional possibilities to "Fund Raise."

- Help to facilitate class reunions which has provided a wonderful opportunity to reach out to former students and reconnect them with their alma mater.
- Attend Class Representative meetings which provides a forum to brainstorm and offer suggestions on how to keep Alumni connected to SHMS.
- Promote annual giving and Alumni Class challenges. All alumni are fundraising prospects. They are the most likely group to donate as they have a history with the school. This also includes identifying alumni who have the capacity and inclination to make significant gifts and communicate the information to Mike Sheridan who can work on cultivating these individuals.

This is important work that means so much in the way of school support and scholarships. We cannot do this work without our Class Representatives, and we greatly appreciate their time and effort. We are always looking for individuals to help us with the classes who do not yet have a Representative. You can contact Mike Sheridan if you are interested. I can tell you it is rewarding to make a difference in a very special institution and to reconnect with old friends.

To our Class Representatives, thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,
Beth Duffy
Class of 1970

**Visit stmaryhs.org/alumni
to view contact information for class reps
and to volunteer.**

Why I Thank St. Mary Alumni!



Time, talent, treasure, and tradition are what come to mind when speaking of the Alumni here at St. Mary High School. Together with the esteemed faculty and the Christ centered Catholic education, the generosity of the St. Mary High School alum is second to none. Fortunately for me, I can proudly say with sincerest gratitude that the golden opportunity of attending St. Mary High School that the alumni has afforded me is a dream come true.

– Oscar Zaccone

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and and continue to help them." – Hebrews 6:10

Cover Story – New Memorial Scholarships

SM Alumni add 4 New Memorial Scholarships

This past year 4 new Memorial Scholarship were created by alumni families, caring classmates, and friends honoring the memories of loved ones. The names of our memorialized alumni will be listed in the Corona Magazine each year for our 4,600 alumni readers to see. At the same time, these monetary gifts help current deserving families in need of financial assistance in order to afford tuition and join our St. Mary High School family.

The Michael “Mick” Meyer ‘76 Memorial Scholarship

Established by Class Reps of ‘76. Jim Noonan, Laura Schnackenberg Van Natta, Tim Keating, Donna Falken Clifford.

The Daniel “Dan the Man” Moran ‘72 Memorial Scholarship.

Established by the Class Reps. of ‘72. Margaret Schak Lemairre, Tim Bostory, Jack Fahey

The Margaret Karle Schak ‘35 Memorial Scholarship.

Established by the Schak family.

Deceased Members of the Class of ‘78 Memorial Scholarship.

Established by the Class Reps of ‘78. John Ryan, Cheryl Flynn Leier, Dan Hickey, Mike Delevante.

Three additional scholarships were added this fall.

The Robert “BO” Santaniello ‘69 Memorial Scholarship

Established by Bo’s wife Virginia and Mike Jurkowski ‘70.

The Deceased Members of the class of ‘77 Memorial Scholarship

Established by the Class Reps of ‘77. Colette Marino, Jerry Nealon, Margaret Pizzone.

The AnnMarie Flynn Pacillo ‘80 Memorial Scholarship.

Established by Tom Flynn Jr. ‘83 and Class Rep. Sheilagh O’Donoghue ‘83. Bob Cahill ‘82 and Andrea Helstoski Cahill ‘83.

If you are interested in establishing a St. Mary High School Alumni Memorial Scholarship contact Alumni Director Mike Sheridan at 201 933-5220 ext. 621 or msheridan@stmaryhs.org



Why I Thank St. Mary Alumni!



I would like to say thank you so much to all of the alumni of St. Mary. It is because of your generosity that I am able to follow in my mother's footsteps and attend an amazing school that has pushed me to reach my fullest potential not only as a student but also as a person. At St. Mary, I have been able to become involved in almost everything the school has to offer, including acting in our Spring musical and being elected Student Body President, Co-Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, and Lieutenant Governor of the New Jersey District of Key Club International. In addition to all of my extracurriculars, I have been able to maintain a 4.0 GPA and First Honors since freshman year. Thanks to you, the alumni of St. Mary, I am able to apply to some of the top schools in the country, including Princeton, Columbia, New York University, as well as the University of Pennsylvania.

– Joseph Kajon

Alumni Class Scholarship Competition

At a recent Alumni Board of Directors meeting, Bob Shindle '73 suggested we be more specific in directing Class Reps as to their roles in motivating their classmates to give. Bob introduced the concept of the Alumni Class Scholarship Competition and was unanimously supported by the Board.

Class Reps can be more creative in asking classmates to "Give Back" to the specific goal of helping SM grow enrollment in a competition among alumni who have tremendous pride in keeping their alma mater strong for years to come.

The average financial need per family is \$2,000. The goal of each alumni class is to raise 1 scholarship = \$2,000 or 2 scholarships = \$4,000, 3 scholarships = \$6,000 and so on. Board member Beth Duffy '70 suggested the Class Reps will be given monthly reports on class donations thereby

keeping the rep and classmates engaged and informed. Reminders by the rep for classmates to send their donations can now entail the class's status in the competition.

Each award will now include the class name so the recipient and his/her family will appreciate where their financial support is coming from hopefully developing a give back attitude in these future SM alums. Example: Mary Jones, you have been awarded the 1977 Alumni Class Scholarship of \$2,000.

The Gaels have never backed down from a little challenge so let's see what alumni class has the most pride. There will be an Alumni Class Champion awarded for each decade. The overall goal is to raise \$350,000. In doing so we will have the funds needed to grow our enrollment and keep St. Mary High School strong! Let's Go Gaels!

STEM Comes to St. Mary High School

What is STEM?

The fusion of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math.

Why STEM?

"In the 21st century, scientific and technological innovations have become increasingly important as we face the benefits and challenges of both globalization and a knowledge-based economy. To succeed in this new information-based and highly technological society, students need to develop their capabilities in **STEM** to levels much beyond what was considered acceptable in the past." (National Science Foundation)

How will St. Mary HS develop their STEM program?

Through a program that integrates all areas of the curriculum called **STEM FUSE**. This program, **STEM:IT HIGH SCHOOL**, has students identifying problems and using critical thinking skills to logically find a solution. Each unit presents a challenge where students utilize multiple disciplines, including humanities, to solve the problem. Most units include a 3D print project to complete the challenge.

STEM related jobs are projected to increase by 17% by 2020. St. Mary students will be prepared and ready for the future!

Note: The STEM Fuse curriculum was introduced to St. Mary by alumnus Thomas Tulp '78.

Why I Give!



I have been a part of the St. Mary family for my entire life, from being baptized at St. Mary's Church to graduating from SMHS in 2011. The tradition of giving back to your community was always instilled in my education at St. Mary, whether that be through financial donations or by giving your own time. I chose to give back to St. Mary to help ensure that other young men and women can have the opportunity to be exposed to the faith filled education that helped me so much.

– Tom McPherson '11

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Marty McGonigle and
Presenter Tom Ferguson

Martin McGonigle '59

Marty has been an integral element of SMHS's growth and stability for over two decades. With a vision to achieve ambitious goals, he implemented strategies and executed plans to achieve them. He has demonstrated an unparalleled devotion to the St. Mary Board of Directors and spearheaded countless campaigns to

ensure the continued success of the school. His charisma, passion, and dedication are admired by our entire school community.

These qualities were illustrated in the new Class Representative Program. As a Class of '59 rep, he connected with dozens of former classmates, reignited their enthusiasm for their Alma Mater, and as a result, raised over \$20,000 in just a year.

Marty is a charter and current member of the Alumni Board of Directors. His expertise in sales and marketing assisted the growth of the Merit Scholarship Program: our to attract the best and brightest students to St. Mary.

Marty was a founding member of the Thomas Holden Memorial Foundation. He coordinates and presents the Thomas Holden Memorial MVP Award annually at each Homecoming football game. Since 1998, The Holden Foundation awarded over \$150,000 in financial assistance to St. Mary students.

Marty also was instrumental in promoting the successful "Recapture the Dream" campaign that funded the many long overdue improvements to the school facility, most notably the rebuilding of the gymnasium lobby.

During his years as a student at St. Mary, Marty was a three-sport athlete excelling in football, basketball, and baseball. After graduation, he went on to letter in baseball at St. Peter's College.

Graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Marketing in 1963, Marty served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve until 1971. Over 40 years he built a career in the packaging industry as Vice President of Sales & Marketing of several elite corporations including 30 years with American Can Company, Greenwich, CT.

Marty married Lynn Ehrle in 1964 and both are retired. They have four children, 12 grandchildren, and celebrated their 55th Anniversary in September.



Presenter Bob SHindle
and Nancy Scannell D'Agostino

Nancy Scannell D'Agostino '73

Nancy Scannell D'Agostino is a graduate of both St. Mary Elementary and High Schools. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Mount Saint Mary College and a Master of Science degree in Nursing from Seton Hall University. In 1981, Nancy joined the nursing staff of Calvary Hospital (Bronx, NY), the

only accredited hospital in the United States devoted solely to caring for individuals approaching end of life. While working full time, she held positions as staff nurse and Director of Staff Development. After the birth of her children, she assumed a variety of part-time positions at Calvary, including work related to grant administration, hospital-wide education, regulatory compliance, and performance improvement. Upon return to full-time employment, Nancy was charged with overall development of the newly-certified Hospice Program, caring primarily for patients at home throughout New York City and surrounding counties. As Vice President for Community Patient Services, Nancy oversees the operations and development of this Program which has grown to care for more than 2,500 patients each year. In addition to those being cared for in private homes, the Program has expanded to provide services to patients residing in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes and now offers inpatient care in smaller hospice units in Manhattan and Queens.

Nancy has been on faculty at the Schools of Nursing at Columbia University and City University of New York, concentrating on care of those with advanced illness.

She has served as a consultant to the American Nurses Association, the Oncology Nursing Society and for several hospitals in the metropolitan area. A passionate supporter of patient rights, she is a frequent speaker at community and parish groups as well as radio and television talk shows.

Nancy has been married to her husband, Michael, for 32 years. They have 2 grown children and are active members of their Floral Park, NY community and Our Lady of Victory Parish.

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Dan DiFilippo and
Presenter Mike Sheridan

Daniel DiFilippo '79

A proud member of St. Mary High School Class of 1979, Dan DiFilippo is one of the world's most respected financial consultants. He honed his skills and strategies at the prestigious firm Price Waterhouse Cooper (PwC). He is currently the Clients & Markets Leader for PwC's Consulting business in China and Hong Kong. In this role,

Dan is responsible for how PwC Consulting engages its clients in the market, addresses critical business issues, and delivers the power of the PwC network to clients in innovative ways.

For over 33 years, Dan has enjoyed progressive career growth at PwC. Since 1984, Dan has worked with Fortune 500 clients developing and implementing solutions in areas such as strategy and operations, risk management and compliance, people and change management, finance, and technology. His broad and deep expertise has served many of PwC's largest global clients. Dan has spent extended periods of time working outside the US, in markets including China/Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, Germany, Ireland and Japan.

In addition to his client work, Dan has also led several global and national practices. Most recently, Dan was PwC's Global and US Data & Analytics Leader. Prior to that, Dan served as PwC's Global TICE (Technology, Infocomm, and Entertainment & Media) Industry Leader, Global Advisory Markets Leader and PwC's Emerging Markets Leader. He has also served as the Global Leader for PwC Consulting and the US Leader for PwC's Governance, Risk and Compliance Practice. His consistent commitment to excellence has earned him an impressive and formidable reputation throughout the industry.

At PwC, Dan is actively involved in its diversity initiatives and is a partner champion of diversity programs for minorities and women.

After graduation from St. Mary, Dan earned a B.A. in Accounting from Rutgers University – Newark College of Arts & Science. Dan is a member of the Rutgers University Foundation Board of Overseers, a member of the Rutgers-Newark University Dean's Cabinet, and a member of the St. Mary High School Alumni Board.



The Moran Family with Presenter Mary Lanni

The Daniel and Deborah Moran Family Legacy

Daniel & Debbie were raised in Rutherford, and both attended St. Mary Elementary and High Schools.

Upon graduation Dan found work at nearby Berlin & Jones while earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Fairleigh Dickinson University at night school. Deb attended Englewood Cliffs Junior College followed by Seton Hall University.

Dedicated to his career at Berlin and Jones Company, Inc., he became Vice President of Manufacturing and Owner. Debbie worked for several years in publishing and later stayed home for 18 years when raising their four children. She is currently the administrative assistant to Rev. Michael J. Kreder, Pastor of the Church of Saint Mary.

In storybook fashion, they married at the Church of St. Mary in 1978. True Gaels, the couple began their volunteer work at their alma mater. Dan answered Principal Mary Lanni's call for help to save SMHS; his devotion never wavered for decades. He joined a team of alumni and became a member of the High School Board which formulated a plan of action critical to the school's future. Thanks to Dan's business experience, the steady leadership of principal Mary Lanni and Ed Ryan's financial expertise, St. Mary High School began its historic comeback.

At the same time, Debbie was heavily involved in doing the same with the elementary school, recruiting a new local base of families whose support and commitment to the school's Catholic mission and the parish was fresh, vibrant, and strong. She was PTA and School Board Presidents while working tirelessly to provide the bridge connecting the old SM families and traditions with the new families of Gaels. As a result, St. Mary had some of the strongest graduation classes of both the elementary and high school in years.

Danny and Debbie were the much needed spark that our dying schools needed. They did all this while raising a family of four; Daniel Jr. '98, Erin '00, Meghan '03, and Caitlin '07 – all alumni and the next generation of staunch St. Mary supporters. All four children attended and graduated from Catholic universities as well.

Danny's passing in 2016 saddened the entire parish community. There has been an overwhelming response from the Class of '72 to honor his life and legacy with the establishment of Daniel M. Moran Memorial Scholarship.

Hall of Fame Banquet



Inductee Dana Jusino '02 (upper right) with family and friends.



Inductee Ryan Cuccinelli '07 (center) with alumni Kevin Rosa '09 and Eddie Ryan '02.



Inductee Stephanie Tuttle '95 (left) with family.



Inductee Mike Schmeding '05 (standing 3rd from left) with family.



Members of 2000/2001 Baseball Teams Eddie Ryan '02, Justin Soccul '01, Russ Meyer '00, Jeff Cruise '02 and Terry Kelleher '93.



The Family of Inductee Mickey Meyer '76.



Members of the 1998 Softball & Baseball Reunion Teams.



Inductee Brian Innis '05 with his wife Bernadette McPherson '04 and son William.



Inductee Da'Mon Merkerson '07 (standing 7th from left) and family.

Why I Thank St. Mary Alumni!



Thanks to your endless generosity, St. Mary has become a place of opportunity for all attending. The financial support you have given year after year has assisted many students like me, who would not have had the chance to experience SMHS. I have been able to take full advantage of all the opportunities St. Mary High School has offered including acting in the spring play, playing three varsity sports and being an ambassador for the school. I thank you for all you have done for St. Mary High School, not only for always giving back but for making the school a home for each and every GAEL.

– Jensen Kraft

Spring Scholarship Gala



Honorees, The Moran Family



Honoree Dan DiFilippo '79 (standing center with light blue tie) with family and friends.



Lorrie Scannell '74, Catherine Hanlon '75, Barbara '75 & Dick Allen '74



Honoree Nancy Scannel D'Agostino '73 and her husband Michael.



Honoree Marty McGonigle '59 and Family



Ray Radley '68, Sr. Inez Marie, Lisa Ryan, Mary Lanni and Gloria Ryan.



Dennis Hulse '99, Bob Finelli, Tom Brown '77 Jamie LaBue and Liz Stone.



2018 Merit Scholars



Trish Finelli, Steve Cuccinelli, Judy Mulrain, Janet Spanarkel and Sheila Cuccinelli

Why I Thank St. Mary Alumni!



Attending St. Mary High School is now a reality for me thanks to the generous support of the St. Mary Alumni. My mother could not afford the full tuition expense by herself, but with your generous help I was able to come to SMHS, a school that I truly love. I know this opportunity will allow me to reach my fullest potential as a Gael, both in academics and athletics. I am in all honors classes and have been on the honor roll for every marking period. I also play volleyball, basketball and softball. I believe that St. Mary High School will prepare me for the future and help me succeed in all my endeavors.

—Alyssa Whalen

Gael Open



*Bob Cahill '82, Brad Kloza,
Matt Stone '92 and Ryan Cuccinelli '07*



*Bobby Jones, Jr. '79, Pete Ryan '79,
Ed Ryan '75 & Rich Witterschein '79*



*Rich Vuyosevich '68, Mike Sheridan '77,
Rick Baker and Frank Moran '75*



*Mark Giordano '77, George Abate '76
Tom Moloney '71 and Rich Bewighouse '76*



*Paul Lawrence, Jason Kondek
Martin Besterici '96 and Mike Coyne '97*



*Dennis Hulse '99, Fernando Fuentes, Mike Wiececzak '10,
Brendan Bohan '05, Justin Soccul '01*



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How many gifts does a person get that lasts a lifetime?

Saint Mary's has given me gifts that have lasted my lifetime, faith, warm memories of my youth and many lifelong friendships. That's why I give. I give so Saint Mary's has a chance to be there for the students of today. I want them to know the feeling of belonging, of being a Gael. Whenever things get tough for me, as they sometimes do, I reach back and remember the lessons I learned at Saint Mary's. I remember I am a Gael and I can get through whatever challenge is facing me, for that I am forever grateful. That's why I give, and will continue to do so, God willing. Please join us who give, you will be happy you do so.

– Tim Bostory '72

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Alumni at Homecoming Game

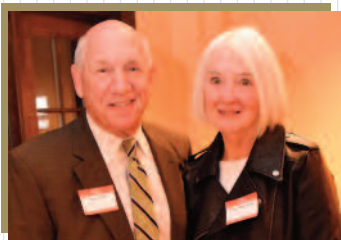
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Giving to SMHS helps provide students with the tools to receive the education I received there. Although I am now retired, my education provided me with many opportunities during my working years. Also, the extra activities we enjoyed, sports, clubs, and socials helped us forged many life-long friendships. So, thank you SMHS for many fond memories.

– Fran Clemente VanWagner '61

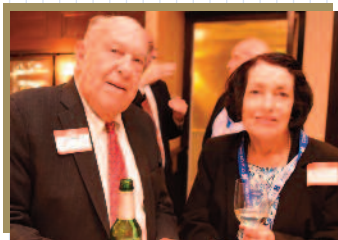
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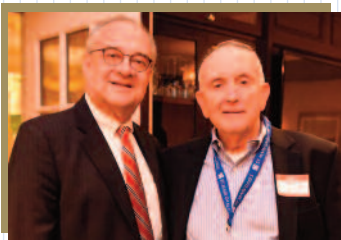
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Why I Give!



I was born in Krakow, Poland in January 1935. After the war in September of 1945 I left for West Germany. In June, 1946 I left for the United States on the USS Marine Perch. In September, 1946, I enrolled at St. Mary High School and this is where my future started. Due to the outstanding nuns who were very demanding, I received good grades and combined with some athletic ability, I was offered several college scholarships. I decided to somehow repay St. Mary High School for my exceptional education.

When Coach Moran passed away I assisted in establishing the Coach Leo Moran Memorial Scholarship Fund. I wrote to the athletes in my era and in the first year the Fund received more than \$15,000 which provided assistance to SMHS students in need. I invite any students that are capable to make a donation, no amount is too small. Just write your check to St. Mary High School and on the memo line write Coach Moran Fund. The Fund can help a few of today's students receive a quality St. Mary High School education such as the one you and I have been lucky to experience. I am proud to be an alumnus of SMHS. GO GAELS!

– Adam Klys '53

Around Campus - Color Run

On September 29th, Saint Mary High School Key Club hosted a color run. I decided to organize the color run for Saint Mary after attending one at Millburn High School. After seeing their school spirit and the amount raised for their charity, I was inspired to bring the idea to St. Mary.

Since this was the first time St. Mary would be hosting the event, I had to start from scratch. This involved first getting the approval from the Rutherford Borough Council with the help of Mrs. Barbara Bennett, the Director of Rutherford Recreation. I also met with Principal Tara Brunt for her approval and support. Once I had secured the location and date through their help, I began working on the necessary supplies to have a successful color run. This included designing flyers, ordering T-Shirts, calculating the necessary amount of colored powder to order for the event, and having food and water for the participants. Thanks to the generosity of Inserra Supermarkets ShopRite of Wallington, I managed to get all of the food and water for the event donated. Fortunately, we had terrific weather for the run. In the end, there were over 100 participants in attendance, including students, faculty, and alumni.

The color run was a great way for all of the students to come together as a school and support a great cause. We were able to raise over \$2,400 through registration and donations from faculty, alumni, and parents. All of the proceeds will be donated to Tomorrows Children's Fund, which I was a patient of for the first six years. Through this event, I am able to give back to a charity that helped my family and me so much. I would like to thank everyone, especially my family, for supporting me through this process.

– Joseph Kajon '19



Why We Still Give 40 Years Later!

I wanted to take a moment to share a few of my favorite truisms from my 59 years on the planet.

First, "Absence makes the Heart grow Fonder" Old Anglo-Welsh Proverb. After a few years of separation in our early twenties, Lorraine and I again found one another, married, and eventually were blessed with two lovely daughters. In the case of St Mary's, times shared with our group of friends from high school still provide fond memories and a few chuckles whenever we get together. Isn't it funny how the memories get better with age?

Secondly, "Life moves fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." Ferris Beuller. Pushed, prodded and challenged but always supported, the faculty had their hands full keeping us stimulated whether we liked it or not. In the mid to late 70's navigating a day in the halls of St. Mary's without experiencing some small personal embarrassment felt like a major victory. After four years of ebbs and starts, highs and lows, graduation seemed as much a relief as it did an accomplishment. College and Career were on the horizon. Looking back, why were we in such a rush?

Lastly, "And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make" The Beatles. Over the years, upon reflection, Lorraine and I came to realize that we had taken much more from St Mary's than we had ever imagined. Honesty, integrity, compassion, resilience, a strong work ethic and a sense of self were just a few of the many values we absorbed during our time at St. Mary's. These qualities enhanced both our career paths and family life. Why do we contribute? We give because it makes us feel good knowing that our contribution affords younger generations the opportunity to benefit from the Saint Mary's experience.

To Mike Sheridan, Ed Ryan, the faculty and all the other contributors to the success of St Mary's, keep up the great work!

– Shawn and Lorraine Mahoney ('77 & '79)

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2019 Alumni Event Calendar

- Saturday, February 23: Football Beefsteak Dinner, SM Auditorium - 6:30
- Friday, March 1: Hall of Fame Banquet, Fiesta, Wood-Ridge - 6:00pm
- April 4-10: SM Alumni Class Rep Phone-a-Thon
- Saturday, April 6: Night at the Final Four, Alumni Center - 5:00pm
- Friday, May 11: Spring Scholarship Gala, Fiesta, Wood-Ridge - 6:00pm
- Thursday, June 6: Gael Open, Forest Hills, Bloomfield - 1:30pm

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