

The Class of 1951 returns to renovate the 63-year-old Grotto and STP is

BI TWICE BLESSED

On February 11, 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous for the first time at the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France. Ninety years later to the day, the St. Philip class of 1951 started a Sodality project to construct a grotto on the parish grounds. The students' efforts were overseen by Sister Thaddea, I.H.M., who taught in the high school.

Improvements to the parish campus resulted in the grotto being torn down in 2008. The statues of Mary and Bernadette were salvaged and placed on the lawn of the Seton Center, waiting for a new home. Once construction of the new grotto was started, the statues were cleaned and painted, and then stored on the Seton Center's back porch on the very spot where Sister Marie Loretta used to play marbles when the building was a convent.

Our new grotto, located on the front lawn of the Seton Center at the corner of Capital and Cherry, was paid for by the St.



Philip Class of 1951 and built by 47-year-old Jeff Smith, owner of Smith Masonry. Jeff was assisted by his good friend of nearly twenty years, Dick, who helps on bigger projects. Jeff learned stone masonry at the age of fifteen from his brother, Rick, who in turn had learned the trade from a German man.

Jeff had nieces and nephews who attended St. Philip School, so he is very much aware of the importance and sentiments attached to the old grotto. While the task was back-breaking at times and extremely uncomfortable during the several days of ninety degree heat, Jeff and Dick are honored to have been chosen as contractors for the new grotto, knowing it will stand for several decades as a monument to Our Lady of Lourdes. The new grotto will be evidence of the commitment of the Class of 1951 and to the entire parish, and to the quality of Jeff and Dick's work.

MATT DAVIS, CLASS OF 1979

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16th Annual Alumni Homecoming Reunion

All alumni and friends are invited October 6, 2012, to the 16th Annual Alumni Homecoming Reunion. Invitations for this day of nostalgia, food and fun will be mailed in July 2012.

The day begins with a 10:00 a.m. Alumni Meeting and Continental Breakfast in the Alumni Room 101. The Tiger Tailgate starts at 12:00 noon and Big RED Football kicks off at 1:30 p.m. During the game, we will honor the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame.

The festivities continue at the 4:30 Mass at St. Philip Church where we will honor

all of the STP Alumni and remember those who have gone before us. The Class of 1962 will be recognized as they mark their 50th Class Reunion.

A cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Philip Parish Center, followed by dinner.

The 2012 Distinguished Alumni will be honored and the school will be open for all alumni to explore. Reconnect and reminisce while wandering the hallways and classrooms of your alma mater. Don't miss a moment of fun. Mark your calendars today!

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St. Joseph Parish
SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2012

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**Annual Alumni
Basketball Tournament**

SHEILA GUERRA TIGER DEN GYMNASIUM
November 23, 2012

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**1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952,
1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982,
1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 & 2007**



CELEBRATE YOUR MILESTONE YEAR HOMECOMING WEEKEND

AUGUST 11, 2012

**Caribbean Cruisin'
Summer Block Party**

Watch bcacs.org, the STP Alumni Facebook page at "SaintPhilipAlumniAssociation", and your mailbox for more details

SUMMER IN THE CITY

5K Run & 1-mile Fun Run/Walk

AUGUST 11, 2012
BAILEY PARK

Contact Kevin Long
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All Proceeds Support BCACS Scholarships
**Sheila Guerra
Memorial Golf Outing**

Sunday, September 16, 2012

Allwyn Downs

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22nd Annual
**Michael J. Hume
BIG RED OPEN**

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2012

BINDER PARK GOLF COURSE

Contact Mary Rabbitt to register
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(Left) Allyson Riley, Class of 2003 and Brandon McKnight are engaged to marry in July, 2012. (Right) Joel and Brooke (Rainier) Schmitz, Class of 2000, were united in marriage in December, 2010.



Juleah and Jovin are the children of Robyn and Mark Albert, Class of 2002.

Ava Mae is the daughter of Tracy and Taylor Albert, Class of 2003.



** Class Reunions * Engagements * Weddings * Anniversaries * Babies * Special Moments * Holiday Parties*

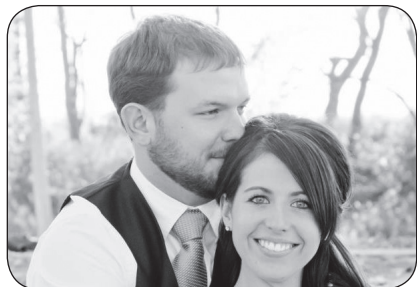
STP ALUMNI SMILES AND MILESTONES



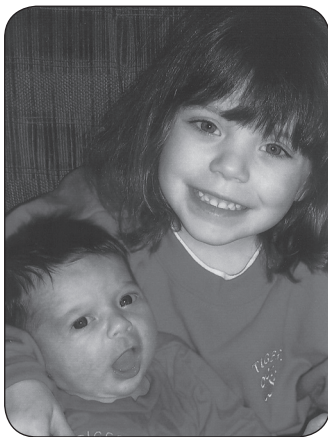
Henry Jameson is the son of Heather and James Rabbitt, Class of 1998.



Wyatt Daniel is the son of Kim and Ben Duval, Class of 1999.



Abby Smith, Class of 2006, and David Sirovica were married on September 23, 2011 at Sacred Heart of Mary Church in Dowagiac, Michigan



Sarah and Abigail Sheets are the daughters of Tricia and Steven Sheets, Class of 2000.



Caleb Francisco is the son of Kelly (Fitzgerald) Francisco, Class of 1999 and Jason Francisco, Class of 2000.

St. Philip Catholic Central High School welcomes its new principal

KATHY GALLAGHER AND CATHY ERSKINE, BCACS FOUNDATION

Don Shafer describes being principal of St. Philip as his “dream job.” When this administrative position became available, he had no doubt that this was the Spirit calling him. He attended St. Augustine Cathedral School and is a 1989 graduate of Hackett Catholic Central High School. Mr. Shafer has a Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan University and a Master of Education from the University of Phoenix. He was most recently a life skills/technology instructor at Harper Creek Community Schools in the Battle Creek area. Additionally Shafer has extensive academic and coaching experience both locally and at the university level.

When Reverend Robert Creagan notified him that Bishop Bradley appointed him principal, Don was in his new office that afternoon. He possesses great vision and many goals for our high school including engaging our alumni in support of Catholic education, promoting

active involvement and volunteerism and increasing our alumni presence within the high school. Don looks forward to meeting our alumni in the coming months.

“We have something very special in Battle Creek. That is our Pre-K through Grade 12 Catholic school system. I know how much I gained through my Catholic education. Our children deserve that very same opportunity.” ~ Don Shafer, STP Principal

children and parents coupled with his passion for Catholic education will help strengthen our school community.”

Don and his wife, Marian have three children, Brian, age 11, Benjamin, age 8 and Margaret, age 5.

“I am honored to welcome Don to the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools family,” said Rev. Robert Creagan. “Don’s outstanding leadership skills and ability to positively impact the lives of chil-



STP Alumni: a room of your own

Seated are Adam Dingwall, Director of Student Services, Nancy Lassen and Pamela Ingalls, BCACS parents and STP principal, Don Shafer.



It’s been six months since I began my journey as principal and there have been many changes at St. Philip High School. One change I am particularly excited about is the addition of the Alumni Room.

“Room 101” as it was known, will honor and celebrate our storied past of St. Philip. The Alumni Room includes many championship trophies and pictures. This room honors past members of our school community who made special contributions to our Catholic schools. It also displays dedicated memorials to members of our St. Philip family.

It truly is a walk down memory lane and creates more opportunities for our alums to gather and focus on the wonderful accomplishments of our beloved St. Philip. The Alumni Room will be open after home

games at St. Philip and will serve as a gathering room for St. Philip supporters. We hope that this is only the beginning and as alums come back we hope to add to our collection of St. Philip memorabilia in the Alumni Room.

As we look back on the accomplishments of our graduates we can remember the cooperation, commitment, and dedication many people have shown toward St. Philip Catholic Central. Room 101 is just a mere fraction of appreciation and remembrance.

Come join us for the excitement and be a part of the growing Catholic school experiences here in Battle Creek!

GO TIGERS!

DON SHAFER, STP PRINCIPAL

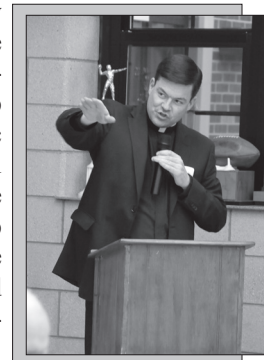
Welcome Back, Fr. John

KATHY GALLAGHER, BCACS FOUNDATION

This fall, we welcomed Father John Fleckenstein back to Battle Creek. Father John served as Associate Pastor at St. Philip from 2002 to 2004 and Pastor of Saint Joseph’s from 2004 to 2009. During this time, he was Pastor Administrator for our schools. In addition to serving as Pastor at St. Philip and Pastor Administrator for the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools, the Very Reverend John D. Fleckenstein serves as Episcopal Vicar for Education for the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

“When Bishop Bradley provided me the opportunity to return to Battle Creek and the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools, I was delighted,” said Father John. “I hope and pray that, together, we can build on the foundation laid here so many years ago, and, with God’s help, give greater life and vitality to our parishes and schools.”

We move forward with great confidence in the support from The Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley, Bishop, Diocese of Kalamazoo. The diocese underwent an extensive strategic planning process which resulted in the following vision: “Renew Faith, Build Communion and Inspire Hope.” Their priority areas are: Strengthening the Domestic Church, Developing Multicultural Leadership and Advancing Catholic Schools. As a Catholic school system, we warmly welcome Father John home to St. Philip and are encouraged by the diocese’s renewed focus and investment in Catholic education.



Music fills the STP corridors once again

Passion for music, learning and youth, along with her pride in our schools, led Laura Hirleman to set an aggressive goal when she joined the staff as the Director of Bands in 2007. Laura has directed the band program in the middle school - - some 75 students strong - - always with the plan to expand it to the high school. This September, her vision was realized when the St. Philip High School Band debuted once again after being silent for over six decades.

Laura recently shared, "Bringing band back to St. Philip Catholic Central has been the result of 4 years of hard work and musical triumphs on the part of our BCACS band students. Words cannot express how much it means to me to embark on this special journey with my very first beginning band class. As freshmen, these students are inspiring to see and hear. More importantly, they are taking part in new and exciting musical endeavors which they will carry with them into college and

beyond. Up next - a big red marching band that will march at home football games and local holiday parades alongside those of our neighboring Battle Creek schools. Watch out Battle Creek, here come the St. Philip Marching Tigers!!"

Laura received her Bachelor of Arts in Music from Western Michigan University. While at Western she was a member of the Bronco Marching Band and the WMU Symphonic Band (clarinet). She is currently pursuing a Masters of Music from WMU.

Laura also teaches music theory and applied clarinet for Kellogg Community College. She is the Director of the Music Center Concert Band and Assistant Conductor of the Cereal City Concert Band.

"I loved being a member of the middle school band and was thrilled to learn that band was now being offered at the high school," said Annie Newton, Class of 2015. "High school band takes the spirit of our school and adds a whole new dimension to the students' experience."

KATHY GALLAGHER, BCACS FOUNDATION

Editor's Note: Laura Hirleman would LOVE to see pictures and hear stories of past St. Phil bands, especially marching bands. She can be reached at lhirleman@bcacs.org.

The St . Philip High School Band rehearses with director, Laura Hirleman



Hard to say Goodbye

THE BCACS COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF JULIE WYCKOFF

Speechless, yet at the same time overflowing with words of admiration and appreciation, is how the staff of Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools have been

left feeling about the loss of the district's technology coordinator, Julie Wyckoff. Just as many school employees do, the BCACS staff left school in June 2011 with the anticipation of a relaxing summer to rejuvenate their minds and spirits, before returning for another school year in September. Little did they know, one of the most valuable members of their staff would not return with them, leaving the district with an impossible hole to fill, in both their staff, as well as, their hearts.

"She was the push behind all things technology at our schools. I can't remember her ever saying, 'No, we can't do that,'" former St. Philip High School principal Kathy Grosso said. "It would be

difficult to describe the amount of hours and time she put in at our schools to ensure that the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools were ahead of the curve in terms of technology."

Today, BCACS is still ahead of surrounding schools in what they provide teachers and students with for technology all because of the work Julie did and how she did it while thinking not just one step ahead, but ten steps ahead. (Reprinted with permission from Jodi Darlington. To view the complete tribute to Julie please visit <http://bccurrent.org/content/irreplaceable-jewel>)

In loving memory, the trustees of the BCACS Foundation proudly announce the establishment of the Julie A. Wyckoff Technology Fund which ensures that our schools remain ten steps ahead - - just as Julie taught us. Your contribution in honor of Julie may be sent to the BCACS Foundation at 63 N 24th Street, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

A VERY SPECIAL GIFT



Father John Fleckenstein, Pastor Administrator, Kathy Gallagher, BCACS Foundation Director, and Don Shafer, STP High School Principal, proudly accept an American flag on behalf of the STP Alumni from Colonel John Wagner, Class of 1987. This flag was flown over the United States Capitol on October 8, 2010, and over the Pentagon on December 13, 2010. The flag now hangs with pride in the Tiger Den Gymnasium.

Small in numbers...



LARGE IN SPIRIT

- ★ Over \$1 million in scholarships have been offered to our students.
- ★ We have the only National Merit Finalist in the city of Battle Creek.
- ★ We have several full or substantially complete tuition scholarships.
- ★ We have a preferred walk-on volleyball player at Michigan State University.
- ★ Several students have completed college credits upon graduation.
- ★ All our 2011 graduates attend an institution of higher learning.

THE BCACS FOUNDATION TRUSTEES PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THE CLASS OF 2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES



The **Valella Scholarship** was established by Michelle T. Valella, O.D. in May 2000 to recognize St. Philip High School graduates for their outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service to others during their years at St. Philip Catholic Central High School. This scholarship supports these students' pursuit of study in the field of science or mathematics, at an accredited college or university. Recognizing the caliber and potential of our students, Dr. Valella generously began offering scholarships for two St. Philip seniors each year. This year's awardees are **Lucas Niewenhuis**, who is studying engineering at University of Michigan and **Patricia Morel**, who is studying biochemistry at the University of Pittsburgh.



♦ ♦ ♦ The **Carrie Adams Memorial Scholarship** was established by Carrie's parents, Chuck and Cheryl Adams, in Carrie's memory. Carrie graduated in 1991, following a distinguished academic and athletic high school career. This scholarship honors her memory and recognizes graduates for their character. The scholarship recipient must have a distinguished academic record, demonstrated leadership and service, and possess a sincere respect for his/her fellow students, as well as a "concern for crit-

ters." The 2011 Awardee is **Valerie Morel**, who is studying public policy at Michigan State University.

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The **John B. and Margaret A. Hogan Medical Scholarship** was established by John B. Hogan, Class of 1939 and Margaret (Skaggs) Hogan, Class of 1942. This scholarship is merit-based for a graduate pursuing a college degree in an area of study related to health care. The recipient must have attended St. Philip Catholic Central High School all four years, attained a distinguished academic record, been active in community service and campus ministry, and demonstrated leadership ability. The 2011 Awardee is **Daniel Sweeney**, who is studying pre-med at the University of Michigan.



♦ ♦ ♦ The **Al Leibert Family Scholarship** was established by retired educator and longtime coach and mentor, Al Leibert. This scholarship is awarded to a St. Philip Catholic Central High School senior who has attained a distinguished academic record, been active in community service and campus ministry, demonstrated leadership ability and participated in St. Philip athletics all four years of high school. The 2011 Awardee is **Alex Parker**, who is studying criminal justice at Trine University in Indiana.



The **Frank Quartermaine Student-Athlete Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2010 by Frank's wife, Mary Jane and children, Chris and Anne, Kelly and grandsons, Cooper and Trenton. A 1961 graduate of St. Philip, Frank excelled in track and was a member of the State Champion 4 x 400 relay team. This scholarship honors his memory and recognizes graduates for their volunteerism and community involvement. The scholarship recipient will have a distinguished academic record and athletic achievement, lettering in Varsity athletics for at least two years. The 2011 Awardee is **Matt Benzik**, who is studying mechanical engineering at Michigan Technological University.



♦ ♦ ♦ The **Sheila Guerra Memorial Scholarship** honors the memory of Sheila Guerra, former St. Philip teacher and volleyball coach. Prior to her death in 2006, Sheila established this scholarship fund for students to pursue their secondary education goals. The Sheila Guerra Memorial Scholarship recognizes graduates of St. Philip Catholic Central High School with outstanding academic achievement and moral character who demonstrated a sincere desire to help the St. Philip community through volunteerism. The 2011 Awardee is **Jenna Behnke**, who is studying marine science at Eckerd College in Florida.



Class of 2011 visits Trevi Fountain in Rome.



Father Bob and Class of 2011 in front of a statue of St. Philip in the Basilica in Rome.



Sister Cyrilla and the Class of 2011 visit Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi.

In 2003, during Theology Class, a tradition was born. A thought expressed by Father John Fleckenstein was “pounced upon” by students and subsequently their parents and staff. Thus began the STP graduates’ annual pilgrimage to Rome. We asked a graduate, a staff chaperone and a fellow traveler to share their perspectives.

Patricia Morel, 2011 Graduate:

In my final experience as a student at St. Philip Catholic Central, I participated in the annual pilgrimage to Rome with other members of the senior class. I expected the trip to be beautiful, thought provoking, and altogether amazing, but I was not prepared to be overwhelmed by everything the Holy See had to offer. In just one week, my theology classes came alive for me. Many events, of which I had studied, occurred in the places we visited. Each day, we attended Mass in a different location—including one near the tomb of St. Philip and one in St. Peter’s Basilica. We also visited Ancient Rome--the Catacombs, the Coliseum, and the excavations beneath the Basilica of San Clemente--and saw places thousands of years old! Participating in a pilgrimage before I set out as an adult truly reiterated how important faith is and has been in my life. It was a wonderful way to end my fifteen years at the Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools.

Robekah Warner, Staff Member:

I wanted to be able to experience what so many other St. Philip alumni had experienced so I could encourage future graduates to save up and take this trip of a lifetime. The pilgrimage was truly breathtaking. The Basilicas we visited were so beautiful and you could feel the spirituality the moment you walked into them. We were able to celebrate Mass every day including attending mass with Pope Benedict. It was incredible! Spiritually, the highlight of the trip.

The sight-seer in me was fascinated by the Coliseum. Walking through the Coliseum, imagining all the gladiators, spectators, and visitors that have been to that location before me was truly unforgettable. I felt as though I was connected to millions of other people, past and present, who have stood in those locations.

As a member of the St. Philip Staff and most especially for our graduates, the Rome trip is a wonderful way to witness Catholicism – worldwide.

Sister Cyrilla Jegla, Fellow Traveler:

I had the pleasure of accompanying the graduates and their parents on this year’s Rome trip as a gift from St. Joseph Parish in celebration of my 60 Year Jubilee as a Sister of Mercy. It was a joy to have my sister, Barb, or “Sister’s sister” as the students affectionately began to call her, along with me. One of the highlights was an evening walk to St. Peter’s Square with the twenty-three member flock. I was thrilled to keep up with all the eighteen-year-olds! This was truly a memorable trip. I was so pleased to share it with the St. Philip graduates and their parent chaperones.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Pictured: (left to right) Dennis Cripps, John Wagner, Rose Marie (Boone) Bond, Connie Cole-Burland, Katie Nelson and Jim Rutherford

Rose Marie (Boone) Bond graduated from St. Philip in 1956. She attended St. Philip School all twelve years. She was nominated by classmate, Marie (Grevers) Bagwell who shared, "This gal has given her life for the care and comfort of others. She is modest in all that she does and has served for decades as a quiet volunteer for St. Philip and our community."

Dennis Cripps, Class of 1963, was nominated by fellow classmate, Jim Palmer. Jim expressed, "Denny has enjoyed an outstanding 30-year military career as a decorated veteran. He was rewarded with advanced honors achieving the rank of Colonel."

Connie Cole-Burland is from the Class of 1974. Connie was nominated by Mary Reilly who

shared, "Connie displays the utmost example of "community." Her development of the "Pennfield Locker," a place where needy students can get much needed clothing and supplies, epitomizes the spirit of St. Philip and service."

Jim Rutherford graduated with the Class of 1981. He was nominated by Todd Greenman, also a 1981 graduate. Todd expressed, "Jim and I have been classmates and friends for over thirty years and I have the utmost respect for him. Jim has excelled in his career, community and personal life and has represented St. Philip well as an outstanding alumnus."

John Wagner graduated with the Class of 1987. John was nominated by Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt, Class of 1974, who shared, "I was a new staff member when John was a junior in high school. He excelled academically and athletically. He continues to excel throughout his career with the military."

Katie Nelson graduated from the Class of 1999. She is the youngest alumna to be honored as a Distinguished Alumni. Katie was nominated by Pete and Lois Werner who expressed, "Quite simply . . . Katie has distinguished herself in the community as a "doer" rather than a "spectator." She is the essence of what Catholic schools hope/strive to graduate."

STP proudly welcomes our 2011 Hall of Fame Honorees

The St. Philip Catholic Central High School 2011 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is dedicated to Pete and Lois Werner, long-time leaders, fundraisers, boosters, school parents and, now, grandparents.

Jim Atchley, Class of 1942, is considered "one of STP's best athletes, first in the cage sports and as the "Ace" pitcher in baseball." Following graduation, Jim enrolled at Michigan State University with a baseball scholarship. Jim competed and excelled in Class C, D, B, A and AAA before retiring from baseball in 1956. During his career, he posted 118 wins and 64 losses.

Mark Stoimenoff, Class of 1972, earned eight Varsity letters in football, basketball and track & field. Mark remains forever grateful for his career at St. Philip which led to a full scholarship to Ohio State University. He expressed, "The best part, regardless of what sport, was being a part of the team. Learning to trust others, knowing others depended upon you, having a common goal, celebrating a win or commiserating over a loss – it was all better because you were surrounded by your teammates. The lessons learned carried through to college, my family, profession and entire life."

Pictured: (left to right) Don Shafer, Mark Stoimenoff, Jim Atchley, Terry O'Brien, Pete and Lois Werner, and Vicky Groat

Terry O'Brien, Class of 1973, lettered in Varsity basketball two years and Varsity baseball three years. Terry earned a full athletic scholarship to play baseball at Glen Oaks Community College. Terry observed that "St. Philip gave me the opportunity to play as a sophomore and showcase my skills. The education and coaching received prepared me for the college level."



Dennis Cripps, Class of 1963, shares fond memories of St. Philip



Members of the Class of 1957 who attended BACS for all 12 years



Members of the Class of 1951



Members of the Class of 1961



Members of the Class of 1944



Members of the Class of 1956



Members of the 1984, 1974 and 1955 Football State Champions



Members of the Class of 1981



Members of the Class of 1946



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St. Philip Class of '51 builds a new grotto ... again



Pictured: (left to right) Vern Herzing, Norma (Gubry) Breher, Jean (Schliess) Bradford, Betty (Gordier) Herman, Mary (Kintz) Bruin, Mary (Allen) Shupert, Ted Breher, James Turley, Ed Page, and John Sweet

BY JUSTIN A. HINKLEY, BATTLE CREEK ENQUIRER

ORIGINAL RUN DATE: OCTOBER. 10, 2011; USED WITH PERMISSION

In 1948, two score of scrappy high school freshmen worked unaware their efforts would yield a community staple, a school-yard treasure.

They also didn't know that, six decades later, they'd be called to task again.

On Saturday, St. Philip Catholic Church and St. Philip Catholic Central High School dedicated a new grotto.

It was rebuilt because a school renovation project forced the demolition of the original shrine where students, staff and parishioners often went for quiet prayer and reflection. Saturday marked the 63rd anniversary of the original grotto's dedication. That tribute to the Our Lady of Lourdes grotto in France was built after St. Phil's Class of 1951, then high school freshmen, worked the frigid streets of a Battle Creek February to raise money for its construction.

And 63 years later, it was the Class of '51 who worked the phones and sent letters as far as California's sunny beaches to save what they'd built so many years ago.

Battle Creek's Vern Herzing, 1951 class president, stood at the new grotto a week ago with two St. Phil staff members, remembering his boyhood efforts. He said the grotto,

and the Class of '51, had become something more than they were at the time.

"In 1948, what was I, 14, 15 years old?" said Herzing, now 78. "We didn't really understand the impact of the grotto ... until you said you were going to tear it down."

THE MIRACLE OF THE GROTTA

According to Catholic belief, the Virgin Mary first appeared to peasant Bernadette Soubirous on Feb. 11, 1858, at the Grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France.

According to archives of a local newsletter called the Battle Creek Catholic Citizen, it was exactly 90 years later when a St. Phil teacher named Sister Thaddea asked her students to help build St. Phil's own Our Lady of Lourdes grotto. It would honor the miraculous appearance and offer a place for St. Phil to set up its Nativity scenes at Christmas.

The first donation came that very afternoon: \$5 from the pocket of one of Sister Thaddea's freshmen. From there, the 40 members of the Class of '51 took over, gathering donations from family members and friends in a flurry of philanthropy that lasted

four months. According to the Catholic Citizen, it became known in the community as "the miracle of the grotto."

"I think the first thing we did was hit our parents up," remembers Ed Page, 79, who now lives in Plymouth. "And then we went door to door, to relatives and neighbors and people in the community."

"We went out and scoured the city, I guess, hitting up friends and whoever," said Ed Baum, 78, now of Huntington Beach, Calif. "We got people interested in the grotto."

"I just think we wanted very much to please our teacher, because she was so wonderful and she was showing us something beautiful to do for our school," said Marshall's Betsy Herman, 78, who graduated as Betsy Gordier. "It was hard to go downtown to all the merchants and ask for money. That's not one of the most pleasant things to do, but I remember having a very positive reaction from them."

"Most of the donations we got were \$1 and \$5 donations," Herzing said. "Of course, the tuition (for St. Phil) was \$10 per student then."

According to a letter written to St. Phil by Sister Thaddea, a young man stopped into

the church one Saturday near Easter. He told the nun he'd been drawn to priesthood but had never followed through. He gave the sister five \$100 bills.

The final cost of the original grotto is unclear. Members of the Class of '51 put it somewhere between \$12,000 and \$15,000. The Catholic Citizen said the church had a \$2,000 goal.

Whatever the amount, the money was raised. Page connected the school with a Marshall man named Jim Brown, who constructed the grotto out of sandstone near the rectory garage. It had an effigy of Mary and of St. Bernadette, just like the grotto in France and its most famous remake at the University of Notre Dame.

"I don't think that we probably thought that much about it at the time," remembered Grandville's Jean Bradford, 78, who graduated from St. Phil as Jean Schliess. "We liked the grotto at Notre Dame and knowing we had one, too, made it special."

But, as decades passed, the grotto became as much a part of St. Phil as its Tigers mascot. The football team prayed there before every game. Friends met there. Parishioners spoke to God there.

And that is why the Class of '51 came to the rescue when the grotto was to be demolished.

Led mostly by Herzing, letters were sent and calls were placed to the 20 or so still-living members of the class. Surviving spouses and family members also contributed. Some \$60,000 was raised.

Battle Creek mason Jeff Smith built the 30-ton sandstone remake at the corner of North Avenue and Cherry Street. A plaque on its inside wall honors Sister Thaddea and her freshmen.

"I have trouble putting it in words," Herzing said Monday. "I feel so proud of our class and the fact that this will be here forever."

The only regret: "There was a time capsule when the first one was built," Baum said. "I guess they haven't found it."

A VERY SPECIAL CLASS

The 1951 graduates — who celebrated their 60th reunion this weekend — knew they were something unique. "Our class was a very special class," Herzing said. "It's a feeling within the class that we all have, that we are a family."

The classmates' influence didn't end in Battle Creek. Herzing said they spread throughout the country and became doc-

tors, lawyers, engineers and educators of note.

Herzing, for one, is credited with inventing Post Foods' Honey Bunches of Oats cereal. He retired from Post in 1992 as a facility manager after starting at the company fresh out of high school, making \$1.35 an hour. In 1986, Herzing and his daughter had the idea of combining four unpopular Post cereals into one, giving birth to the brand Post calls one of the industry's most popular.

After high school, Herman worked a few years at the Enquirer as a secretary. She and her husband moved to Ohio and then Jackson before moving back to Marshall and establishing Herman's Marshall Hardware. They've operated the business for 40 years.

Page retired in 1997 from the University of Detroit after decades as a teacher, both in public and private schools and at universities. Bradford said she's lived in the same Grandville home for 56 years, raising six children and staying involved in different aspects of the community with her husband, a Grandville teacher.

Baum graduated from Notre Dame and worked his entire life for Mobile Oil. He retired in 1992 as operations manager at a refinery in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. Though he's based in California, Baum has resided in South Haven for the past 10 Notre Dame football seasons, driving to Indiana for the games.

Sister Thaddea, meanwhile, served only three years at St. Phil, from 1946 through 1948, "though she had a huge impact," Herzing said. She continued to work in Catholic education and died Feb. 18, 1998 in Monroe.

Page said many members of the Class of '51 served in the Korean War and went to college on the GI Bill, which afforded them opportunities others didn't have.

But all of the alumni interviewed by the Enquirer said their Catholic upbringing in-

stilled a sense of pride and community that drove them to succeed.

"I think we were well-prepared with an education that gave us the means of dealing with whatever we would encounter in our adult life," Page said. "And we were taught to exercise our responsibility to our fellow man."

"We were all very close, and we just all cared about each other and got along and made each other get along," Herman said. In Catholic school, "You learn humility and caring about each other and we just worked everything out. And we had a lot of fun."

The class reunites in Battle Creek every five years or so, Herzing said, for golf outings and dinners. They also stay in touch with letters and phone calls.

THE PEOPLE WHO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN

Dusty artifacts littered a room at St. Philip Catholic Central High School last week, the new grotto visible through the windows. Don Shafer, hired this summer as St. Phil's new principal, said one of his first goals was to build an alumni room.

Old yearbooks, trophies, Enquirer articles and other paraphernalia dating back to the school's inception in the early 1900s were gathered. They were put on shelves and mounted on walls. Shafer said the room is meant to instill school pride.

"Alumni, to me, are extremely special," Shafer said. "They're the people who keep our doors open."

Many of the private school's functions, including tuition scholarships for many of its students, are supported through donations from alumni and other members of the community.

Shafer said he hoped the room would inspire students to serve the way their predecessors had.

"There's a history here and our kids want to have pride in that," Shafer said. "They embrace it."

Advice from the Class of '51? Learn as much as possible, take time out regularly for God.

"And accept each other for who and what you are," Herman said.



Plaque at renovated Grotto honoring Sister Thaddea, who inspired the original Grotto to be built



PROMISES MADE; PROMISES KEPT

Train up a child in the way he should go, And even when he is old he will not depart from it. ~Proverbs 22:6~

1917~ ST. PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL ESTABLISHED

1921~ ST. PHILIP GRADUATES ITS FIRST CLASS

1924~ CONSTRUCTION OF ST. PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL

1939~ WALSH FIELD WAS PURCHASED

1948~ OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO CONSTRUCTED

1951~ CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONVENT

1956~ NEW ADDITION TO ST. PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL

1996~ STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UNIFIES OUR THREE BATTLE CREEK CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

1999~ TOGETHER IN FAITH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - RAISED \$2.6 MILLION

2000~ CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CLASSROOMS AND RENOVATION OF ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2001~ FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE STRATEGIC PLANNING

2005~ IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – RAISING \$10.8 MILLION

2006~ CONSTRUCTION OF THE ST. JOSEPH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND RENOVATION OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND KITCHEN

2007~ CONSTRUCTION OF THE ST. PHILIP RECTORY

2009~ TIGER DEN/SHEILA GUERRA GYMNASIUM RENOVATED AND WALSH FIELD LOCKER ROOMS/CONCESSION STAND BUILT

2010~ CONSTRUCTION OF THE ST. PHILIP PARISH CENTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

2011~ CONSTRUCTION AND REDEDICATION OF THE OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO

2012~ MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH THROUGH THE ALUMNI CHALLENGE OF THE DECADES

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PRESERVING OUR FAITH SPOTLIGHT ON MATT DAVIS CLASS OF 1979

Reading through the St. Philip Statuette from 1979, I was drawn to a sentence reflecting on the Class of 1979. That sentence was: “The Seniors of 1979 are talented persons who will not soon be forgotten.” Who knew then that it would be ‘79 classmate, Matt Davis, who volunteers his time as the Historian and Archivist for St. Philip Church and School, who is preserving our heritage.

Some may be keeping up with Matt through the St. Philip Sesquicentennial Facebook Page which features recent photos of the construction progress at St. Philip along with vast numbers of photos from days gone by.

Matt has always been a history buff and has a passion for the history of St. Philip. He is proud of St. Philip and is interested in preserving its history. Technology has allowed him to research, document and catalog photos, articles, event and biographies

Matt expressed, the more we study, the more we discover about the rich history of how St. Philip Parish and School came into existence.

Matt’s busy life includes his family, career as realtor, and sharing his talents as a musician at St. Philip masses. We remain thankful that he shares his passion and perseverance to ensure that all persons from St. Philip will not soon be forgotten.

WRITTEN BY: MARY (HUNT) RABBITT, CLASS OF 1974

TAKING THE “CHALLENGE OF THE DECADES”

There truly is a special Spirit within St. Philip and among its alumni. I am continually humbled and inspired by the commitment of the alumni to come together in support of their alma mater. Your dedication is evidenced in the success, vibrancy and sustainability of St. Philip.

In the coming months, you will receive information about the Challenge of the Decades. Our goal is to raise the funding necessary to renovate St. Philip High School’s six main floor classrooms.

Just as the Class of 1951 came together to ensure the legacy of the Grotto, we are praying each “Decade” of STP graduates will accept the “Challenge” to fund the renovation of one classroom. You can make it possible for future generations to have similar opportunities – to learn, worship, grow and serve.

We are deeply appreciative of the alumni who have already pledged their support for the In the Spirit of Community Capital Campaign. We are asking all alumni to prayerfully consider their personal resources and the sacrifices of those who first established our Catholic parishes and schools in Battle Creek. Please consider supporting our renovation of the high school by making a multi-year pledge.

The winning decade will be announced at Homecoming, 2012.

KATHY GALLAGHER, BCACS FOUNDATION

Young Alums: Having fun while giving back

CHRISTOPHER GALLAGHER, CLASS OF 1997

One evening, two and a half years ago, over a beer, a group of twenty-something STP Alums talked about reconnecting in support of our alma mater. We had completed college, most of us were establishing our careers and we had learned from our parents, the importance of giving back.

The discussion was lively. Of course, all roads led to having fun - in support of our alma mater. The white board, blank when we began the meeting, was now full of jottings and ideas about activities and events that had the potential to become the "signature event" for the young alumni. Caribbean Cruisin', A Summer Block Party was born!

With three summer block parties under our belts and a distant yet fun memory, the opportunity for engagement by all the young alums (young and young at heart) is alive and well! If you haven't made it to a summer block party - complete with sand - thanks to the Gardner Brothers, try to join us next August. It is always informal - island wear is encouraged. The St. Lawrence Grill Team offers the best in island cuisine. And, you always have the chance to become the next "Limbo Champion" or the "Biggest Blowhard."



Summer Block Party committee members: Caitlin Bauman, Class of 2005, Kevin Gallagher, Class of 1999, Abby Buckley, Class of 2005, Chris Gallagher, Class of 1997, Kristen Bauman, Class of 2006 and Jason Francisco, Class of 2000. Not pictured: Kelly (Fitzgerald) Francisco, Class of 1999, Dani Hedding, Class of 2009, Lindsey (Miller) Walden, Class of 1997, Andrea (Miller) Barker, Class of 2000, Katie Reed, Class of 2000, Molly Vaughan, Class of 2006

KRISTEN BAUMAN, CLASS OF 2006

Throughout my years at St. Joseph and St. Philip Schools, I watched my family and others volunteer constantly to make certain our Catholic schools had the needed resources. Then, I didn't comprehend how volunteerism was vital to maintain our schools. I didn't understand our schools--through our staff, parents, alumni and volunteers--were self-reliant. It was how we ensured our sustainability.

Recently, I learned the key importance our alumni have in making sure this treasure, St. Philip Catholic Central High School, continues to flourish. I have always remained involved through events such as Superfest, but am now taking a more active role through my service on the BCACS Foundation Board. I am proud to volunteer with fellow young alums to bring our signature event, a summer block party - Caribbean Cruisin' alive every summer.

I choose to give back to my alma mater because I believe in Catholic education. It gives me a sense of purpose and lets me put my beliefs into action. As a young alum, I am excited to share my time and talent. As I establish my career, I will increase my financial support. Each one of us is called to support St. Philip through our time, talent, and treasure. Through us, St. Philip will serve generations of students, now...and forever.

2nd annual Alumni Hoops Tourney an injury-free success

NICK BUCKLEY, CLASS OF 2003

Nearly 40 St. Philip High School alumni dusted off their basketball shoes on Nov. 25 at Sheila Guerra Gymnasium for the second annual Alumni Basketball Tournament.

The event, which raised money for the high school athletic fund, featured four teams. And while the '08-'09-'10 Dream Team walked away as champions with a win over my rag-tag mix of STP graduates, the real success of the tournament was the Class of 1975 and their lack of need of medical attention.

The 1975 team, sporting 'Greatest Class Ever' jerseys, captured the spirit of the tournament with 18 players taking the court before capping off their night at the Lakeview Lounge.

Of course, the youngest team in the tournament deserves credit for showing up and risking injury against some stiff competition. The Dream Team, which featured a few college athletes, put on a show by running up

and down the court for fast-break after fast-break. The squad featured several members of St. Philip's record-setting 23-win team.

Todd Lassen (2010) capped off his team's showing with a breakaway for a one-handed slam in the championship game.

The STP Mix team showed that women can hoop with old men. Katie Reed (2000), Kiersten Latowski (2010) and Kellie Murphy (2010) all played a vital role in helping STP Mix make the championship game. Of course it didn't hurt having Tournament MVP Chris Mickle (2004) lead the way with his outside shooting and dazzling slam dunks. The team even made the final despite my efforts, which I'm proud to say I limited to only two air balls. I even tied the number of 3-pointers I made when I played varsity (1).

The 1980s All-Stars returned to try and reclaim their title, led by captain Tim Hutson. While talented, the game schedule and lack of any bench players hurt the 80s All-Star

team, which saw its repeat hopes dashed thanks to back-to-back games against the Dream team and the Mix squad.

Led by honorary head coach Jack Brown, the 75ers opened the tournament with a 2-0 lead over the eventual champion Dream Team. From there, it was all in good fun as the 75ers made basketball history by implementing the never-before-seen 5-5 zone defense (5 on one half of the court, 5 on the other). The 75ers also played up their biggest advantage - the lack of referees in the tournament.

"We are coming back," said 75ers captain Steve Smith, "to defend our showing up."

For more alumni news, including information on next year's alumni basketball tournament, go online to Facebook and 'like' Saint Philip Alumni Association.



Share how your STP experience influenced your life. Email your remarks to stpalumni@bcacs.org. Put "Alumni Column" in the message line and attach a recent photo.

UPDATES & WELL WISHES

Alyson Doyle, Class of 2007, received a full athletic scholarship to play volleyball at Western Michigan University. Honors and awards included: Mid-American Conference's All-Freshman Team, Second Team, First Team, Academic All-MAC and MAC Female Scholar Athlete of the Week, WMU Rookie of the Year, WMU Most-Valuable Player, co-winner of WMU Lois Ellis Scholar-Athlete of the Year and WMU Champion Award, WMU Leadership Award, and WMU Gayl Werme Community Service Award. She was a Lowe's Senior CLASS finalist (1-of-10), ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV First Team, College Sports Information Directors of America and ESPN The Magazine First Team Academic All-American and a WMU Presidential Scholar. She finished her WMU career 12th on the all-time list with 1,188 kills, fourth in attack attempts, 3,468; second in career digs, 1,658; fourth in career block assists, 332; and eighth all-time in blocks with 348. She graduated with a 4.0 GPA in speech pathology and audiology. She was named WMU's new director of volleyball operations and is working on her master's degree in speech pathology and audiology.

Susan (Smiley) Lorenc, Class of 1994, was featured as a Rising Star Among Illinois Attorneys in the 2011 edition and the upcoming 2012 edition of Chicago Magazine. Specializing in employment litigation at the firm of Thompson Coburn in downtown Chicago, she is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin Law School. Susan resides in Chicago with her husband, Simon, and their three children.

Jessica (Zavitz) Bachler, Class of 2004, was married in July, 2009. She and her husband, Nick graduated from Central Michigan University. They are both in the teaching profession.

Alicia Case, Class of 1999, presented her public defense on her thesis at Loyola University in Chicago and graduated in May 2011. She earned a PhD in Neurology as it relates to Brain Neurology with an emphasis of study on Degenerative Brain Disorders. Alicia would like to credit her professors at Aquinas College for encouraging her to pursue her course of study and obtain this degree. Congratulations to Dr. Alicia M. Case, PhD. She is now working a three year post-doctorate study at Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago and resides in Evanston, Illinois.

Molly O'Rourke, Class of 2007, received her Bachelors Degree in Business, Magna Cum Laude and has 24 credits remaining for her Masters. She is employed at the Hart Dole Inouye Federal Center and just purchased her first home in the countryside near Battle Creek.

Ashley E. Sweeney, Class of 2005, graduated from Michigan State University in 2009 and lives in Chicago. She took a corporate position for SEKO Worldwide Logistics. She is the only IT Sales Support specialist nationwide, supporting over 150 employees.

Laura Toth, Class of 2007, graduated from Beloit College (Wisconsin), summa cum laude with degrees in Anthropology and Religious Studies (departmental honors) in May, 2011. She received the Patriquin Family Award for the Study of Religion for her outstanding scholarly work and the Ruth Peterson Award for the female athlete who best exemplifies the qualities of an athlete, scholar and leader. Laura received four volleyball letters and one in track. In 2010, she led her volleyball team to the NCAA Division III national tournament for the second time in school history. For the 2010 season, Laura led her team in hitting percentage, kills, blocks and games played. Laura was honored as 1st team All Midwest Conference and finished her career 3rd in school history in blocks and 4th in school history in kills with over 1000 kills. Laura was a four year Midwest Conference Academic All Conference. This year, Laura is living in Chicago, working with the MercyWorks program, which is part of the Catholic volunteer Network. She will serve as a mentor and guide for the youth of Mercy Home as an After School Program Coordinator.

Michael Lewis, Class of 2006: I graduated from Embry-Riddle with a Bachelor's in Aeronautical Science and currently work as a full time instructor pilot for Embry-Riddle. It is a pleasure to get to make a living doing a job I truly enjoy, and if there is one message to send out to other alumni it is enjoy every moment doing what you do. St. Philip has taught me how to continually challenge myself with new goals, and to strive to be a better child of Jesus Christ. I am thankful and humbled by God's gifts, and strive to continue challenging myself with starting my Master's Degree as I journey onward to becoming an airline pilot. May this be a year of continued growth in mind and spirit for you all. Be safe fellow alumni. I can be reached @ Lewism2k3@aol.com or 269.274.9932.

Robert Smiley, Class of 2001, recently received his Master of Education Degree in Special Education from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. He completed his undergraduate work at DePaul prior to teaching in Atlanta, Georgia and returning to Chicago for graduate work. He resides in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

Elizabeth Lewis, Class of 2009, currently attends Michigan Technological University. She is a dual major in Biological Science and Exercise Science. Her goal is to attend Wayne State University for medical school. Lewis shared, "Whilst attending my biology focused classes, I find time to fit in fun classes like Broomball. I play on two Broomball teams: my hall team and the local Catholic church's team, St. Albert the Great. It is just like hockey, except we play wearing sneakers, using brooms for sticks and a lot of duct tape to keep it all together!"

David Crocker, Class of 1985: My experiences at St. Philip taught me important life lessons. I developed relationships that are still cherished and shared today. I am blessed to be able to share my faith with my children. I am proud to send them to the school(s) that nurtured my beliefs in God and allowed my faith to grow stronger every day! Thanks to St. Philip and St. Joseph Schools and all the people that make it a very special place to grow up, as well as, a place that will always be home and a family.

REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE

The Class of 1955 honors classmate, Alvina C. Kluemke



In the true Spirit of St. Philip, members of the Class of 1955 were looking out for their friend and classmate Alvina Kluemke. Realizing that Alvena's grave site was unmarked, the class purchased a headstone. This past Memorial Day, along with Reverend Robert F. Creagan, classmates offered prayers and installed the headstone on Alvena's grave. Pictured are class members, Walt Matyasic, Lois (Shuckhart) Calderone, Charlene (Skidmore) Swanson and Jim Baum.

~ A SPECIAL WAY TO REMEMBER ~

Most people are familiar with memorial giving programs. The gifts that we receive in memory of loved ones pay tribute to that individual and provide important financial support for our schools. Memorial gifts make a variety of our programs and services, along with tuition assistance, possible for our students.

When you choose to designate your alma mater as beneficiary for memorial gifts, you are making a lasting expression of appreciation for your experience at St. Philip Catholic Central High School.

We honor all alumni who requested memorial gifts to St. Philip in the alumni news, at our annual alumni mass during Homecoming, and on the bcacs.org web site.

Today, we are proud to unveil a lasting tribute to our alumni whose memorial tributes grow to a significant and transformative level. A permanent tribute plaque, located in the school's main lobby, was made possible by the family and Larry Judd, special friend, of **Joan (Burgie Baker) Parker, Class of 1950**. For this True Spirit of Remembrance and Giving, we are eternally grateful.

IN THANKSGIVING

St. Philip Catholic Central High School and the BCACS Foundation extend their deep appreciation for recent gifts received in memory or honor of these STP Alumni.

GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Agnes (Byrne) Cull, Class of 1934
Alvin Schmitzer, Class of 1934
Eileen (Fish) Jennings-Lacey, Class of 1937
David Sheehan, Class of 1941
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Gloria (Buckley) Steinbrunner, Class of 1944
Rudy Bartholomew, Class of 1946
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GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

Dan and Cathy (Rae) Kunitzer, Class of 1962
JP Bauman, Class of 1999
Ben Tanoff, Class of 2010
St. Philip Varsity Football Team

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of the STP Family have passed from this life to the next. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. We extend our sincere condolences to their loved ones.

Sam Garland, Class of 1936
Eileen (Fish) Jennings-Lacey, Class of 1937
Theresa (Bauman) Hogan, Class of 1938
Jack Mahaney, Class of 1938
Merritt Schoder, Class of 1941
Barbara (Brutsche) DeYoung, Class of 1946
Patrick Marriott, Class of 1947
Richard Hudon, Class of 1952
Charles Anderson, Class of 1953
Joseph Chamberlain, Class of 1953
Thomas Koehler, Class of 1954
Stephanie Dojka, Class of 1962
Orlando Monti, Class of 1962
Mark "Mick" Latoszewski, Class of 1968
Paula (Sophie) Wallen, Class of 1975
Charles Kiger, Class of 1978

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual Light shine upon them.
May their souls
And the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God
Rest in peace.
Amen.*

Take the STP Decade Challenge and join your classmates in making a difference

Check out how inside this edition of the Alumni News!



"I realize we learned a tremendous amount at STP not only just in terms of our abilities and skills, but especially about our responsibility we have to others, beyond ourselves."
~ Lena (Maddalena) Wood, Class of 1944

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