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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

SAINT ANDREW APOSTLE SCHOOL

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

The Gift of Priesthood: Father Lee Fangmeyer ('75)

When Saint Andrew's held its reunion weekend a couple of years ago, I was totally surprised at the number of emails flying around from my classmates of 1975 in preparation for it. It just shows how the friendships and relationships of our early life make an indelible impression on us. Although I spent only 8 years at Saint Andrew's, those years loom in my memory far more than the past 8 years. Maybe that's a sign of early dementia.

I've been asked to write about my life since those days and how I got to be where I am. It turns out that I'm not that far from Saint Andrew's. In fact, in all my years and assignments, I've never been more than 10 minutes from my parent's house. Don't tell the Archbishop. There are still Fangmeyer's at Saint Andrew's, thanks to my brother Mark. We just don't go very far.

I went to Good Counsel High School, graduating in 1979, and then went on to University of Maryland. High School and College were not too exceptional. I loved being in both places. I can't say that I thought much about being a priest in those years. I had some inkling on the retreats at Good Counsel, but I was not ready to think about it seriously. In fact, I pushed the idea from my mind. At Maryland, whenever I came up with the idea I dismissed it, thinking it can't happen at this point. However I did want to do something "important" with my life, at least by my definition of importance. I just didn't know what that was.

When I had to make a decision about declaring a major, I opted



Father Lee and friend

for Studio Art. I am not an artist, but I came across this brilliant idea and thought that maybe I could become an artist. There were some noble, but quite possibly misguided, intentions in that. It did seem to satisfy me for a bit. However, when it came down to it, I never produced anything that declared me a bona fide artist. That, and an existential struggle with the meaning of my life, brought me in many ways to where I am today.

Despite doing many things in those days I'll not recall here, I did, by God's grace, not lose my faith. In fact, in the most difficult times I started going to Mass. Not just on Sundays, but during the week. I can't tell you how much that helped. I'd go to church all confused and in pain and leave with peace. That is all I knew and all I cared about at the time. I was not consciously thinking about becoming a priest. I did not entertain that thought at all. I was given a great grace by going to Mass. It made me happy. I couldn't ignore that.

I don't know why my faith stayed intact. Others have left

the Church, even some of my classmates from Saint A's, although we went through basically the same thing. All I do know is that something great has been given to me.

So, during the summer before my last year at Maryland, I discovered that my vocation was to the priesthood. It came down to me finally asking God what I was to do with my life, and I was ready to accept whatever He told me. The funny thing is that when I realized my vocation was to be a priest, I had no idea what it would mean. I was not starting a journey to become a priest because I thought it was attractive or that I'd be a good priest. It was solely because I discerned it was His will. I trusted Him. I did not doubt that He would lead me to happiness. I already experienced the peace He gives and knew that He was the answer to what I desired, so I had no fear in saying "yes" to whatever path He put in front of me. And He has not disappointed me yet. I've no doubt disappointed Him, but He is faithful.

I've been a priest for 18 years now. I entered Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in 1985. I was ordained in 1989. (In fact, Monsignor Coyne vested me and preached my first Mass. One of my classmates is Fr. Rory Conley, also from Saint Andrew's.) My first assignment was at Saint Jude's. I then became the Executive Director of the Office of Youth Ministry/CYO in 1995. I became the pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi in Derwood in 2002, where I am currently.

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I can't imagine my life as anything else. I see the beauty of family life and it is attractive and something I love dearly, but I can't imagine any other life so full of wonder and grace. Sure, I get caught up in the same complaints everyone has and I forget how great God has been to me, but if I'm honest and open my eyes I have to admit that I've encountered something out of this world. Gosh, in one day I can baptize a baby, hear confessions, anoint the sick and dying, witness a marriage, bury someone. How can I do this without the awareness of Someone else? Daily, I say Mass. There are times I am blown away by that. Faith

is recognizing a Presence. The Mystery became a face, a man who said "I am what you are made for." This Man is present to me and to the whole world in the Eucharist. With all this you'd think I'd be a saint. I am less of one than you, no doubt. I have been given so much and from me much is expected. But more than my mistakes is His love. This, in the end, is what changes me and saves me.

The fact that I started out my life at Saint Andrew's is something to consider. All of our parents wanted something great for us. They made sacrifices to send us there. Why? Because they wanted us to be in a Catholic environment, one that recog-

nizes the totality of reality, that is, Christ as the purpose and meaning of existence. An education that omits this is like a map of the world without America on it. Once Columbus hit the islands of the Caribbean all the maps had to be re-drawn. The fact of Jesus changes our whole conception of life. We know why we are made and what we are made for.

As Benedict XVI said: "The Resurrection gives life a new horizon and decisive direction." Thankfully, through my family, and through the witness of those who taught us at Saint Andrew's, and all the others in my life that witness to this fact, I am a priest today.



School News:

From the Principal's Desk: Kathy Kilty ('83)

As the 2006-2007 school year rapidly winds down at Saint Andrew's, I want to share with you some of the highlights. It's been a terrific year, marked by improvements in physical plant and growth in the support of our mission to provide a strong, Catholic education for our children.

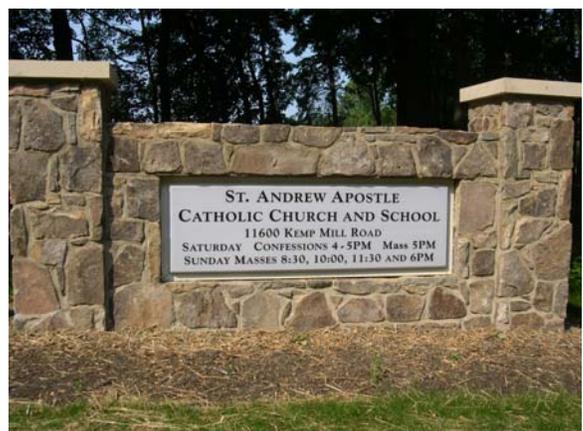
- We have two beautiful new stone signs on our school and parish grounds facing Kemp Mill Road and Arcola Avenue. At our entrance, the new sign will allow us to post messages and announcements to the school, parish, and neighboring communities.
- Construction was completed on a major renovation of the two kindergarten classrooms. Thanks to a generous donation from one of the parents, Studio A also benefited a facelift and now provides an impressive environment for our students to explore the use of technology as they prepare morning announcements.
- The fall months were busy as the school staff prepared an application for the No Child Left Behind award as part of the Blue Ribbon School Program of the U.S. Department of Education. This award honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. Saint Andrew's was eligible to apply for this award because our school scored in the top 10 percent on state assessments. We'll learn the final results for the 2007 selection in time for the Fall and Winter 2007 newsletter.
- Use of the Phyllis Kritzer Schultz Professional Development Fund has grown substantially, largely due to recent policy changes by the Archdiocese that require additional training for faculty. Details of this fund are provided later in this newsletter.
- We launched our first Career Day on April 20th which was received very well by our students and faculty. We hope to encourage many of you to return and share your experiences as we continue this as an annual event each spring.
- Sadly, we say goodbye to junior high teacher, Mr. James Seares, and our counselor, Mrs. Pascale Cabalero, as this school year ends. Mr. Seares will be returning to school fulltime to pursue a Masters in Education. Mrs. Cabalero has chosen to spend more

time at home with her family. We wish them both well, and many blessings.

I truly enjoy visiting with our alumni, and have been thrilled to see many of you back for events this year such as the parish picnic, science fair, spring carnival, career day, Christmas Midnight Vigil, and weekend Masses. I encourage you to stop by the school and say "hello" whenever you are in the area.

Wherever your adventures take you, we hope you always feel connected to the Saint Andrew's community.

Have a wonderful summer!



School News:

Graduation Speech: James Fangmeyer, Jr. ('07)



Hello to all of my classmates, their parents and family members, Mrs. Kilty, Father Mike and Father Greg, teachers, and to all others assembled here today. I am James Fangmeyer and I am so blessed to have been in this eighth grade class. I have been attending Saint Andrew's since kindergarten for a total of nine years. I know many of my classmates have been at Saint Andrew's since Pre-school. Saint Andrew's has been a great place for me to learn, grow, and mature. I have made many memories here that I will cherish forever; and my faith has been strengthened exponentially within these walls.

I have been taught exceptionally well by all of my teachers from kindergarten up through eighth grade. The teachers here at Saint Andrew's have been extremely helpful and supportive. Throughout my years here I could tell that everyone on the faculty and staff really wanted me to learn and succeed. So, on behalf of all of the eighth grade students, I would like to thank all of the teachers in attendance. I also ask that you please pass on our regards to all of the teachers in the lower grades that we were lucky enough to have learned from, but aren't here today. Let's show our appreciation for the fabulous teachers here at Saint Andrew's with a round of applause.

At Saint Andrew's my classmates and I have created many memories; and as I grow older I will

treasure them dearly. I can remember meeting the kids in my kindergarten class, many of whom are still my friends today. I remember the May Crowning as well as class trips to Butler's Orchard and the National Zoo. I remember the new addition to the primary wing as well as getting air conditioning. I can remember the World's Fair Day and having my first classes in the junior high. I remember our field trips to Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. And of course I can remember pretty much all of our eighth grade year. Being a part of the class of 2007 has been fantastic. The class is full of funny, smart, nice people who are great to be around. I have deeply enjoyed making lasting friendships with the people in my class. Our class is such a tight-knit group that I know graduating is tough for many people. We will all miss each other because almost nothing brings you closer than getting up at 6:30 in the morning for 200 days of the year to go to school together.

Saint Andrew's is definitely a learning facility, but it is also a place where you grow spiritually. Just being around the faith-filled people in this school leaves an impression on you and inspires you to stay close to God. The teachers here do an amazing job of weaving religion and morals into their lessons. Just the way they run their classes lets you know that they have true faith and that they want all of their students to make it to heaven. Our priests, Father Mike and Father Greg, and

all of the priests who have come before them, have done an excellent job making sure we teenagers got it straight from the beginning. Father Greg and Father Mike are both great people who you can have fun with and enjoy because they are so nice and easy going.

It is a bitter-sweet feeling that fills me when I think to myself that I'm really never coming back to St. A's as a student, because I will miss what I have done at this school and what this school has been for me. But when looking toward the future I am filled with joy and anticipation. While attending high school I am sure that I will be thankful for the boost that Saint Andrew's has given me.

To all my classmates, I hope that you have enjoyed your time here at Saint Andrew's as much as I have. I hope that as you all go on to high school, you remember a little bit of Saint Andrew's and bring it with you. I hope that you cherish your upbringing in Saint Andrew's and that you share a little bit of what makes this school so great with your new classmates and friends. I hope that you stay motivated throughout high school and college and that you succeed in life and ultimately make it to heaven. You have been great classmates, friends, team mates, supporters, and in a couple of minutes, I know you will all be great alumni. I love you all and hope that I see you again. Good luck in everything you do and God Bless You.

Saint Andrew's Graduates Take Off

Fifty-one students received their diplomas on June 2 and became the Saint Andrew's Class of 2007. Students have chosen to attend the following high schools this fall:

Academy of the Holy Cross (5)
 Avalon School (1)
 Britt High School, North Carolina (1)
 Connelly School of the Holy Child (1)
 DeMatha High School (1)

Don Bosco Cristo Rey School (1)
 Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School (1)
 Gonzaga College High School (4)
 James Hubert Blake High School (6)
 Montgomery Blair High School (1)

Northwood High School (1)
 Our Lady of Good Counsel High School (19)
 Saint John's College High School (8)
 Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart (1)

School News:

Alumni Plant Seeds to Cultivate Future Scientists



“The Science Fair was a great experience. I was very appreciative of the support and helpful advice that I received from my parents, other parents, and teachers of Saint Andrew’s.”
Nick Von Utter, grade 6

The annual Saint Andrew's Science Fair was held on Saturday, January 20, 2007. Over 70 young scientists from grades 6-8 participated in the event. Their projects were creative, innovative, and beautifully displayed, and clearly represented a significant amount of student effort over a period of many weeks.

The Saint Andrew's Science Fair aims to promote student involvement and interest in science and publicly recognize the achievement of talented science students. By working on a project, students learn that science is an ongoing process of discovery encompassing all areas of life, and find that much of the fun is in the doing. By identifying problems, proposing solutions, interpreting data, and drawing conclusions, our students develop life-long skills that will benefit every aspect of their lives. By making visual display that effectively communicates their work and describing their work of others, the students gain valuable practical experience that can develop self-confidence and presentation skills. By combining a range of subjects including social studies, science, math, and art, the fair reinforces interdisciplinary learning. Completing a project gives a student

a sense of accomplishment and builds self-esteem, perhaps opening doors to other opportunities and competitions. Importantly, as many of our alumni will attest, positive experiences in science activities often provide the spark for students to take classes in science and pursue careers in science.

The involvement of alumni contributed substantially to the success of the fair. The fair organizers included alumni Lisa Schwartz Longacre ('74) who served as chair of the Scientific Review Committee and Marianne Hillig Noone ('77) who served as the chair of the Institutional Review Board. The volunteers who served on our Scientific Review Committee were responsible for evaluating the student research plans prior to experimentation and ensuring that standard requirements were met. The members of the Institutional Review Board evaluated any potential physical and/or psychological risk of research involving human subjects and approved such proposals before experimentation began. Patty Costa Gillis ('79) coordinated the excellent panel of judges which included seven alumni: Sue Zammit Boyer ('79), Margaret Bethke Hackett ('77), Theresa Kehoe ('74), Kerstin Treado Magee

('82), Dolores Murphy Malone ('78), Maureen Costa Milano ('73), and Dan Treado ('79). They interviewed the students and evaluated each project for creative ability, scientific thought, thoroughness, skill, and clarity.

Ten outstanding projects went on to compete in the Montgomery County Science fair in March and brought home a total of eleven awards. Eight of these awards were for sixth grade projects competing against all junior high students.

Are you interested in joining the fun at Saint Andrew's fair next year as a judge, mentor, or a member of one of our review boards? Contact the Fair Director, Martha Lester, at M_Lester@acs.org



Maureen Costa Milano ('73) judges the efforts of the next generation of Nobel laureates.

2007 Saint Andrew's Science Fair Winners

- ◇ Sixth Grade:
 - 1st Place: "Spaghetti and Gumdrops" by Timmy Roche
 - 2nd Place: "Chromatography: Who Dunnit?" by Therese Todd
 - 3rd Place: "All that Glitters Isn't Gold: Variations in Glitter Make-Up Composition and Durability" by Patrique Beard and Deborah Ehrenreich
- ◇ Seventh Grade:
 - 1st Place: "Perfect Pressure for Performance" by Alex Galiatsatos, Tim Eckert, and Tommy Super
 - 2nd Place: "The Height of Success" by Maty Dun, Caroline DeSantis, and Caitlin DeSantis
 - 3rd Place: "Gender Contender" by Anthony Vaglica, Kevin Ross, and Kyle Savercool
- ◇ Eighth Grade:
 - 1st Place: "How Much Did You Sleep Last Night?" by Morgan Dunlow and Tristan Roche
 - 2nd Place: "Which Diaper Would You Choose?" by Tori Dec, Lauren Ballenger, and Rebecca Romig
 - 3rd Place: "Effects of Acid Rain on Plants" by Alyssa Dodd
- ◇ Anne Costa Memorial Award for Exceptional Effort:
 - "The Hovercraft" by Mark Hinken, Joe Everhart, and Donald Omire-Mayor

School News:

Anne Costa Memorial Award for Exceptional Effort

The 2007 Anne Costa Memorial Award for Exceptional Effort was presented to Mark Hinken, Joe Everhart, and Donald Omire-Mayor for their project entitled, "the Hovercraft."

Anne Roach Costa received a Catholic education under the teachings of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Arlington, Massachusetts. She believed in the value of a good education that required hard work, partaking in challenging courses of study in which she excelled. She graduated with honors from Regis College in Weston, Massachusetts in 1957 with a major in Chemistry and a minor in Physics. Following graduation, she worked in cancer research at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

In 1964, Anne and her husband John became members of Saint Andrew Apostle Parish. They raised seven children who each graduated from Saint Andrew Apostle School and participated in the annual Science Fair. Anne became an advisor to the fair program and played an instrumental role in its organiza-

tion and development for over 20 years, continuing even while undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer, setting high standards for herself and those that she directed. Her enduring legacy includes hundreds of Saint Andrew's students who benefited from her encouragement and guidance as they competed successfully in Saint Andrew's Science Fair as well as the Montgomery County Science Fair. Many of them have gone on to excel with advanced degrees in the sciences. In recognition of her service to Saint Andrew's through the Science Fair, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), School Advisory Board, Parish Council, and Athletic Council, she received the Medal of Service Award from Saint Andrew's founding Pastor, Monsignor Coyne.

In her honor, the Anne Costa Memorial Award for Exceptional Effort was established in 1989 to recognize the individual or team who demonstrates the most effort, creativity and educational reward in the preparation of their Science Fair project. Winners are awarded a cash prize, and their names are engraved on a plaque kept on permanent display at the school.



Mrs. Anne Costa
1936-1988

Would you like to create an award to honor a teacher, parent, or coach who made a difference in your life? Contact us at standrewalum@yahoo.com.

Saint Andrew's Junior Division Projects Awarded at Montgomery County Science Fair

"Aerodynamics of Shapes" by James Farace, Nicholas Von Utter

Honorable Mention, Engineering

Honorable Mention, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Certificate of Merit, US Air Force

"All that Glitters Isn't Gold: Variations in Glitter Make-Up Composition and Durability" by Patrique Beard and Deborah Ehrenreich

2nd Place, Chemistry

"Chromatography: Who Dunnit?" by Therese Todd

Certificate of Merit, Chemical Society of Washington

Certificate of Merit, Office of Naval Research

"Effects of Acid Rain on Plants" by Alyssa Dodd

Honorable Mention, Biochemistry

Honorable Mention, Federal Water Quality Association

"How Much Did You Sleep Last Night?" by Morgan Dunlow and Tristan Roche

Honorable Mention, Behavioral and Social Sciences

"Mother's Worst Nightmare!" by Alessandra Breen, Tiffany Ogundipe, and Tonia Ogundipe

Certificate of Merit, Chemical Society of Washington

"Spaghetti and Gumdrops" by Timmy Roche

Honorable Mention, US Public Health Service

School News:

Father Greg Takes to the Court for Vocations



Father Greg encourages vocations at the Verizon Center

The competition was intense. The teams had been battling throughout the evening to the cheers of an enthusiastic crowd at the Verizon Center. They exchanged leads several times throughout the contest, and at halftime they were neck-and-neck. Finally, with less than two seconds left in the game, two free throws by the one of the Men in Black cinched another victory for the DC 'Hood.

DC 'Hood took on the CYO coaches at the Verizon Center after the Wizards/Chicago Bulls game on Sunday, April 15. Following that, there was a game between CYO 11th and 12th grade co-ed all stars. The winners of the two 16-minute games played in a championship. On this night, the 'Hood took it all.

The evening was designed to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and raise money for Catholic Youth Organization/Office of Youth Ministry.

Father Greg Shafer, Parochial Vicar at Saint Andrew's, began DC 'Hood while he was a seminarian. Comprised of seminarians and priests from the Archdiocese of Washington, the team shows how people who have chosen a religious vocation can have a happy and healthy life. Since January, 2005, DC 'Hood has played against parish

teams consisting of men, women, and teens from a number of parishes. The games provide a venue to allow the players to be visible signs of what priesthood is all about. Each game includes prayers, a presentation on the priesthood, and sharing of vocation stories by the priests themselves. Often, religious sisters speak beautifully and powerfully at halftime. The games are great nights of fun for families and usually draw crowds of over 200 people, although more than 600 were on hand for the games at the Verizon Center.

"The Catholic Standard wrote an article about DC 'Hood a few months ago," explained Father Greg. "The sales manager of the Washington Wizards read the article and generously called the Archdiocese to see if DC 'Hood ever wanted to play at the Verizon Center after a Wizards game."

They did.

Because sports are such an integral part of our culture, the basketball court seems like a natural place to approach young people about discerning a call to the priesthood and religious life. But vocation promotion is really an important part of all aspects of parish life. By their daily and vital presence in the school, both Father Greg and Monsignor Mike Mellone, our Pastor, relate to the students and enable them to become familiar with the role of priests.

"So many of us remember priests or nuns who came to where we were — on the playground, at our games,

at our plays — and we loved it!" said Father Greg. "It made it easier to go where they are — Church and prayer. It helps to break down the barriers that sometimes people, especially youth, have with faith. I really think the games and fun have helped them open their hearts to Christ."

Being present for the kids, greeting them in the morning or afternoon, playing with them at recess, participating in religious education classes, explaining the sacraments and what takes place during a Mass, all helps them to realize that the priests care about them and also what and how they are learning.

Father Greg is out there at recess with the students almost every day, playing basketball with the 5th-8th graders and tag with the little ones. "I dominate, especially at tag!" he says. He has a special place in his heart for youth, as Christ Himself did. He wants to make time for them and be a part of their lives.

They seem to be responding, especially in the Eucharist. For example, many groups of students have come to Adoration on Friday nights. They have expressed a profound and deep experience with Jesus in the Eucharist that will, hopefully, last a lifetime.

Perhaps, too, some may begin to think about the possibility of following the examples of Monsignor Mike and Father Greg and hear the call to religious life.

For more information about vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org/vocations.

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Father Greg

Saint Andrew's Wraps Up the 2006-2007 Athletics Year



The Athletic Council celebrated the end of its athletic year at its annual CYO Sports Appreciation Night held at Manor Country Club on May 24.

In addition to Fall soccer, Saint Andrew's CYO program currently

offers all parish children in grades 1-8 the opportunity to play basketball during the winter season. Softball and baseball are played in the spring. An additional team encompassing several parishes coordinates track competition.

Are you interested in volunteering as a coach at your alma mater? For more information, contact the Athletic Council President, Nick Luketic, at nicholas_luketic@msn.com.

News From Friends:



Dear Saint Andrew's Alumni,

My years at Saint Andrew's were without doubt the eight best years of my 45-year teaching career. My memories are so abundant: the book fairs when we worked at the school late into the night and had pizza and beer (yes, you are all old enough to know that now) and giggled away as we set up the fabulous displays. Does anyone remember my psychedelic classroom, or the Madonna bulletin board by the office, which was done with thousands of little pieces of tissue paper? I remember the day Monsignor Coyne returned from a trip and put an unmarked box of chocolate-covered ants in the faculty room for us to "enjoy." I'm sure Mary Becker "had a half of one"! I think often of "Mrs. Supplier," Etta Pliia, who sold supplies every week, the two subsequent years when "my bus" broke down on our return from the New York trip I could go on and on!



I reluctantly left Saint Andrew's and Wheaton in June of 1975. My husband's job required us to move to Washington, PA, which is 28 miles south of Pittsburgh.

I was hired at Chartiers-Houston High School and taught there until I retired in 1995. During those 21 years I taught all levels of secondary math, computer science, and English. I also was the sponsor of the student council and president of the teachers' union for a few years. I enjoyed my years there, but never had the feelings of camaraderie and family that I had at Saint Andrew's. Chartiers-Houston was a job; Saint Andrew's was a fellowship of teachers, families, clergy, and students that I have always cherished with fond memories.

In 1989, I took advantage of a year's sabbatical and enrolled in a master's program at the University of Alaska in Anchorage. My husband and I drove to Alaska in a pick-up truck and lived in a furnished apartment while I attended school and he hunted and fished. It was a unique experience, and we both enjoyed the adventure. I then completed my master's degree as a Reading Specialist at age 68 at California University of Pennsylvania. One is never too old to go back to school.

Since retiring, I have enjoyed doing volunteer work and working on both my computer and my computerized sewing machine. I delivered Meals on Wheels for three years and volunteered at The Washington Hospital in Pennsylvania. I served as the president of the auxiliary there and enjoyed the many related activities.

Sadly, in December 1999, my husband Leo died suddenly of a stroke. He had just returned from a successful hunting trip in Canada with one of our five sons, John ('70). Throughout the years, he had enjoyed many hunting and fishing trips with our sons. He had many fond memories of Saint Andrew's and its members.

In late September, 2004, my son Philip ('75) suggested that I buy a lot in his development and build a house. After replying that it was a ridiculous idea, I did just that!!! After a year of plans, builders, mishaps, angst, and decisions, and plenty of help, I moved into my new ranch style home in November, 2005. It's a country setting, unlike Wheaton, twenty-six miles north of Charleston, WV. It's nice to be near family and I'm well settled for the future. Philip has two sons who allow me to revert back to my teaching days by helping them with their school work. My other sons and families visit often.

I now volunteer at Saint Francis Hospital in Charleston one day a week. I certainly seem to be attached to "Saint Francis". I went to Saint Francis Xavier grade school and church, graduated from Saint Francis University, enjoyed every moment of my association with the Franciscan nuns at Saint Andrew's and I now enjoy my volunteering at Saint Francis Hospital.

I wish I were closer to Saint Andrew's, but I think often of all the wonderful people associated with the school and parish.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Vicini

"None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody - a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns - bent down and helped us pick up our boots." Thurgood Marshall

Class Notes

1969 **Karin Taquini Graziano** worked in various banks for 22 years, including the last 12 of those years as Vice President and Regional Manager. She married and became a fulltime mom and school volunteer while raising a son, who is currently attending Tampa Catholic High School. She keeps in touch with **Bob Kenney** and most of his family who also live in Florida, and tells a wonderful story about discovering a shared heritage with another parishioner when they both recognized the old Saint Andrew's school uniform pattern among the selections for their new school. It's a small world!

Jeff Yates has enjoyed teaching choral music and directing plays at schools in Bethlehem, PA, Vero Beach, FL, and Richmond, VA for the past 30 years. He is relocating this summer back to Maryland.

1976 **David Greenleaf** and his wife Sember announce the birth of their healthy baby son, James Michael, on December 2, 2006. James joins his sister Holly (6), Alexander (5), and Kelly (3).

Lillian Fonseca DeStefano moved to Plantation, Florida after graduating from Saint Andrew's. She teaches 8th

grade literature, and often things about her middle school experiences at Saint Andrew's and the students she encountered. Lillian married her high school sweetheart and their three daughters all attend Archbishop McCarthy High School.

1980 **Mary Margaret Kilty** is Director of Practice Support Services for a law firm and shared her experience in patent and trademark law with the Saint Andrew's students at the first annual Career Day held in April.

Jacqueline Koerner Hannon is a freelance makeup artist for the Washington Metropolitan area. She has worked in fashion, runway, portfolio, television, commercial, and editorial. Visit her website at www.jacquiehannon.com.

1991 **Chiatogu Onyewu** graduated from Duke University with M.D. and Ph.D. degrees in May. Her Ph.D. is in Pharmacology, and she will be starting a postdoctoral fellowship at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. in the fall.

1996 **Kristin Thorne** is a freelance television reporter for the News 12 network, a cable station based in the New York

tri-state area. She works at News 12 Connecticut in Norwalk CT, News 12 Westchester in Yonkers, NY, and News 12 New Jersey in Oakland, NJ.

1998 **Ally Niska** majored in American Sign Language and Special Education in college. She is engaged to be married in May, 2008.

2001 **Nick Kostreski**, currently majoring in aerospace engineering at the University of Maryland, joined a team of college students to ride coast-to-coast on a bicycle trip to raise money and awareness for the nonprofit Habitat for Humanity. Nick's story was featured in the January 10, 2007 edition of the Gazette. You can follow Nick's travels from Connecticut to Oregon on the website at <http://hbc.habitatgnh.org>. Watch for an update on his experience in our upcoming Fall and Winter newsletter.

2003 **Patty Neumann** was named this year's valedictorian for Saint John's College High School.

2006 **Mary Faith Beck** received the Director's Award for her dedication to the development of musical skills in the Good Counsel Symphonic Band.

Should you be interested in a Business or Professional ad in the Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church weekly bulletin, please call Jack Donahue at 1-800-233-8200 (ext 3118). What a great way to let us patronize your business!

Congratulations to the Class of 2003 who begin new adventures and new opportunities this fall as college freshman. The following lists the colleges where the members of this class have chosen to enroll, as known at publication time:

Catholic University (2)	New York University (1)	University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus (2)
Duquesne University (1)	North Carolina State University (1)	University of Maryland, College Park (10)
Elon University (1)	Penn State, University Park (1)	University of Michigan (1)
Farleigh Dickenson University (1)	Potomac State College of West Virginia University (1)	University of Pittsburgh (1)
Florida Atlantic University of Boca Raton (1)	Quinnipiac University (1)	Virginia Tech (1)
Georgetown University (2)	Rutgers (1)	West Virginia University (1)
John Carroll University (1)	Saint Louis University (2)	West Virginia Wesleyan College (1)
Lynn University (1)	Salisbury University (2)	York College of Pennsylvania (1)
Marywood University (1)	University of Central Florida (1)	Unknown (9)
Montgomery College (4)	University of Delaware (1)	
Mount Saint Mary's College (1)	University of Kentucky (1)	

Upcoming Events

CHECK THE ALUMNI PAGES OF THE SCHOOL WEBISTE FOR PERIODIC UPDATES OF NEWS AND EVENTS

JUNE-AUGUST

- ◇ Starting June 4, join us on the athletic field for co-ed **softball** for young adults (Classes 1986 through 2003) on Monday nights starting at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Father Greg at gshaffe1@yahoo.com.
- ◇ Starting June 10 and continuing throughout the summer, all high school students (Classes 2004 through 2007) are invited to play **flag football and/or kickball** on the athletic field right after the 6pm Mass. For more information, please contact Father Greg at gshaffe1@yahoo.com.
- ◇ An **Alumni Mass** will be held on Saturday evening, June 30 at 5:00 p.m. Plan to meet your classmates

and perhaps go to dinner afterwards. If would like to usher, sing, or play an instrument, please contact standrewalum@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER

- ◇ The choir will hold a **yard sale** on Saturday, September 15 at the church to raise money for a **trip to Florence, Assisi, and Rome** November 4-13, 2007. Contact Barbara Girolami at churchmusicmom@yahoo.com for more information or to join the choir.

OCTOBER

- ◇ Come join us for the 9th Annual Fall Golf Outing to support the **Phyllis Kritzer Schultz Professional Development Fund**, to be held at Hampshire Greens Golf Course on Friday, October 5, spon-

sored by the School Board. All tournament proceeds benefit the professional development of our faculty. Individual entry includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, beverages, and dinner. Corporate, Title, and Hole Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Nick Luketic at nicholas_luketic@msn.com.

BEYOND

- ◇ The **Class of 1968** is planning a **reunion** in 2008 on July 19 or 26th. Contact Mary Browning Passafaro at MPASSAFARO@aol.com for information.
- ◇ Saint Andrew's will celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of its Parish and School in 2009-2010. Stay in touch to stay informed of all the plans.

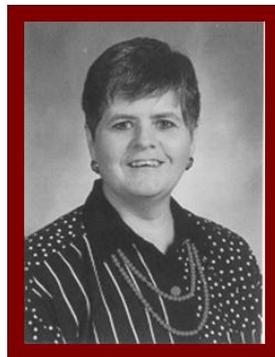
Join us at Saint Andrew's for an ALUMNI MASS on Saturday, June 30th at 5pm.

Fund Supporting Faculty's Professional Development Honors Phyllis Kritzer Schultz

Like other Catholic schools, Saint Andrew's must compete for the talented educators it needs to maintain a quality program. Teacher salaries among Maryland public schools traditionally have been among the highest in the nation, at levels Catholic schools cannot match while remaining affordable. Although Catholic education systems offer many intangible rewards to teachers, it was clear that creative and organized action was necessary to attract, retain, and motivate high-quality educators.

In 1998, the Saint Andrew's School Advisory Board introduced the idea of offering tuition reimbursement to school faculty to encourage pursuit of advanced education and thereby encourage teaching excellence. Envisioned as a powerful tool for recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty members, the Board launched a plan to enact this innovative program.

Financial support was established through sponsorship of a parish golf tournament, held annually since 1999 with corporate and private sponsorship. This tournament is now an ea-



Mrs. Phyllis Kritzer Schultz
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gerly anticipated fall tradition that bolsters the faculty development fund as well as parish community spirit. Additional donations obtained through Parents' Association activities, sales of used uniforms, and donations by alumni, parishioners, and parents, have further contributed to an expanding base of support.

Specific policy and procedures, formulated by the School Advisory Board, provides a dynamic document guiding the funds use that is augmented regularly as the fund has grown. The fund now provides both

tuition and non-tuition based educational pursuits of faculty, including financial support for coursework toward advanced degrees, reimbursement of costs to attend seminars and workshops, and purchase of textbooks retained in the faculty library.

Teacher use of the program has grown steadily since the first recipient received funding in 2001. The fund has enthusiastic support, particularly among younger faculty members eager for career advancement. The benefits derived by the students through the advanced training of faculty are immediate.

In 2002, the professional development fund was named in memory of Phyllis Kritzer Schultz, a former nun and a beloved board member, faculty member, and vice principal who taught two generations of Saint Andrew's students. She died suddenly in August, 2000, following surgery for ovarian cancer. Her legacy of selfless devotion to Saint Andrew's is honored, and the investment in faculty ultimately garners everlasting dividends for our most precious and valuable asset - the children.

Should you wish to make a contribution to the Phyllis Kritzer Schultz Professional Development Fund, contact Kathy Kilty at www.standrew20902@yahoo.com

In Memoriam

We have learned of the death of several members of our Saint Andrew's family since our last newsletter. Please remember each of them and their families in your prayers.



Sister M. Anicetus Cacka, 99, a Franciscan Sister of the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes in Rochester, who taught junior high at Saint Andrew's during the 1960s and 1970s, died December 2, 2006 at Assisi Heights in Rochester, Minnesota.

Born Mary Cacka on February 11, 1907, in Odessa, Washington, she spent most of her young life in the Glencoe, Minnesota area. She entered the Franciscan Congregation in 1926 from Saint George Parish in Glencoe, and made profession of vows in 1928 after which she began her teaching ministry. She found great satisfaction during the fifty-three years she taught students at Saint Andrew's as well as in Minnesota and South Dakota. She once said that she tried to instill respect in each student, telling them respect was important and should be given to everyone.

She retired from teaching due to ill health and spent eleven years working with refugees in Rochester, helping them with English and other subjects. She received the Minnesota Literacy Council Gold Award in 1986 for her work tutoring refugees and Hmong people. In 1992, she stopped teaching and began a prayer ministry at Assisi Heights.



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed though the mercy of God rest in peace.

Memorials are suggested to Sisters of Saint Francis of Rochester, Office of Benefactor Relations, Assisi Heights, 1001 14th Street N.W., Rochester, MN 55901.

Mrs. Evelyn Dossey, mother of Marilyn ('66), Melinda ('69), and Tom ('73) died on November 7, 2006.

Mr. Johnny B. Fato, Sr., father of Lisa ('74), Joann ('78), and John ('86) died on November 22, 2006

Mr. Chacko C. Yogiaveetil, father of Elizabeth ('00) and Rosemary ('03), died on November 25, 2006.

Mr. George Ebner, father of Marie Ebner Hartman ('69), Cathy Ebner Rainard ('71), G. Thomas Ebner ('73), Susan Ebner Birch ('74), Elizabeth Ebner Weigand ('76), and Tim Ebner ('78), passed away on February 8, 2007.

Mrs. Beatriz Stefun, mother of Beatriz ('67), George ('69), and Patricia ('72), died on February 22, 2007. She was preceded in death by her daughter Cindy ('76).

Mr. Raymond Konieczka, father-in-law of Peggy Oliverio Konieczka ('76) and grandfather of Daniel ('98), Kristine ('00), Meghan ('01), Sarah ('03), and Andrew ('06), died on April 29, 2007.

Mr. Donald McCallum, father of Martine McCallum Benzio ('78), Carole (79), Suzanne McCallum Manlove ('82) and Andrew ('87) died on June 2, 2007.

Did you know...?

... you can make a donation of flowers for the Church at Christmas or Easter in memory of a loved one? Names of those remembered are listed in the parish bulletin. Contact Barbara Girolami at churchmusicmom@yahoo.com for more information.

... a Memorial Mass for all members of our Saint Andrew's family who have died in the past year will be held at 5:00pm on Saturday, November 3.



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The Alumni Committee was established by the School Advisory Board in 2000 as a means to increase involvement of our alumni within our school and parish community. Through a seven-year effort, we've reunited and formed a solid network to stay in touch, but the potential for what we can do together as alumni of Saint Andrew's School is limitless.

Are you interested in helping set the direction for where we go from here? For more information, please email Angie Morgan at angiedds@aol.com.

Interested in contributing to your Saint Andrew's Alumni Newsletter? We're very interested in hearing from you!



The Newsletter Needs a Name

We need your help to choose a name for the Alumni Newsletter!

In keeping with the theme of Saint Andrew and his role as a fisherman, our current choices are as follows:

The Hook and Line

Andrew's Anchor

The Beacon

Saint Andrew's Net

Reel News

Write in with your vote, or an alternate creative selection, to standrewalum@yahoo.com

by August 15.