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# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

SAINT ANDREW APOSTLE SCHOOL

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

## New Saint Andrew's Pastor Vows to Reach Every Soul

Father Dan Leary hopes to bring together church community and captivate new members

By Kristin Thorne ('96)

We live in a world where we constantly say no to things.

No, I'm too busy. No, I have other plans. No, maybe another time.

Well, in the world of Saint Andrew's new pastor, Father Dan Leary, the word "no" is as common as "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

And the reasoning behind it is simple:

"When you say 'yes' God does all the beautiful work," Father Leary said.

That was his reasoning when the Church asked him to leave his position as pastor of a church in Calvert County and take on a new assignment - pastor of Saint Andrew Apostle.

"How can you say no?" he said.

It was last July and Father Leary came in with a clear sense of what he wanted to accomplish: bring current parishioners back into the Church, inspire new ones to come in, and create a sense of community.

His work motto: reaching "one soul at a time."

And he lives by it. Father Leary spends a lot of time reaching out to students at Saint Andrew's. He referred to getting to know them and calling them by their names as a "blessing."

He also spends a large portion of his day counseling individual parishioners on anything and everything that's going on in their lives. He

tries to heal people because he wants them to go out and live like Jesus, serving others.

"You're not healed to sit on the bench. You're healed to get in the ball game," he said.

All of this religious language may sound like it would be coming from someone who always knew he wanted to be in the priesthood. But that couldn't be further from the truth.

Father Leary said growing up he never had thoughts about becoming a priest and didn't go to church routinely. He was your normal kid. One of six children. He went to Little Flower School, Georgetown Prep, and then on to Villanova University majoring in English.

It was after college when Father Leary started going to church regularly and volunteering, tutoring, and making sandwiches for the hungry.

During one Lenten Season when he was about 22, Father Leary said he had a huge conversion and God entered his life. It was all so sudden and a complete surprise.

"That was God's plan. What do you do? All of a sudden God is banging on your door," he said.

One morning he got up and decided to go to the seminary at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



Father Dan poses with the students after the May Crowning Mass. (photo by Kevin Longacre '05)

Five years later, at 27, he was ordained.

And now, at 44, he is embarking on another great adventure at Saint Andrew's.

"I want people to be proud [of the parish]," he said.

He's thinking about doing some cookouts and developing ways to inspire people to come to the Sacraments.

He said he wants everyone to start a new beginning together.

All he wants you to do is say "yes."

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## School News:

### From the Principal's Desk: Susan Sheehan

**D**ear Alumni,

When asked to write a summary of the past school year for our alumni, I am amazed at how quickly time has passed. In just a few short weeks, our 8th graders will be graduating and the school will be working to finalize assignments, clean out closets, and tidy classrooms for the close of the school year. The 2011-2012 school year has been an especially memorable one for me since it marks my first year as Principal of Saint Andrew Apostle School.

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an eventful year,  
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of what is yet to come."**

**Susan Sheehan**

One of the highlights of this school year was the "State of the School" meeting held in December. The collaboration between the Administration, Staff, and Parents at the meeting was unprecedented. The Administration, School Board and Home and School Association joined forces to unveil the vision for the school in the areas of faith formation, technology enhancements, curriculum enhancement, professional development, and environmental projects. "Friend-raising" was introduced to help fund improvements. Although the school was unable to meet its targeted goal of raising \$100,000, a committee was formed to raise funds through grant writing. Other ways to increase revenue for curriculum, technology, and building enhancements are also being explored.

Additional highlights of the school year included: Halloween parties, a Student Appreciation 50's-style Sock Hop, the Craft Fair, performances by Good Counsel and the DeMatha Bands, 4th & 5th Grade Arts and Music Festival, participation of entire school in the weekly Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and quarterly confessions, the Travis Manion Foundation, Chinese New Year Lion Dance, Born for This, construction of the Early Learning Center which will provide year-round educational programs starting with infants 6 weeks of age through 2 years old, professional development in Responsive Classroom and technology, the Science Fair, STEM Night for girls, planting a pollinator and vegetable garden, and the school play-The Wizard of Oz.

It has been an eventful year, filled with hope, dreams, and anticipation of what is yet to come.

**Ms. Susan Sheehan  
Principal**

*Ms. Susan Sheehan was appointed as Principal of Saint Andrew Apostle School on January 27, 2012. She has served Saint Andrew's for 13 years as a 4th grade teacher, art teacher, Assistant Principal, and Acting Principal. Prior to Saint Andrew's, Ms. Sheehan served 13 years in Prince George's County Schools, teaching K-4 grades as a Special Education Specialist.*

Many of Father Dan Leary's homilies and talks are recorded and may be heard through the Saint Andrew Apostle Parish website.

Visit <http://www.standrewapostle.org/ParishLifeAndWorship/homilies.shtml>

**"Unless the LORD build the house, they labor in vain who build."**

***Psalm 127: 1***

## School News:

### Graduation Speech: Emily Lynch ('12)

**G**ood morning family, friends, teachers, staff, and the Class of 2012.

Wow! We did it! The day has come; the day we actually never thought would arrive is here. We are graduating. We have been anticipating this day for many months and now that it is within our grasp, all we long for is a few more weeks with each other. But all good things must come to an end and this graduation will be the end of our middle school experience.

This may be an end, but it is the beginning of another adventure. Some of us have been here for many years, in my case eleven! Others have been here for only two or three, but we have grown together and matured as a class. We are graduating from the one place we know so well to the unknowns of high school. We are moving on, into a bigger world, and facing many

new experiences and challenges that we haven't faced before. I am sure that many of us here today are a bit unsure and scared of high school, but there is a verse in Joshua that says,

*"...Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord will be with you wherever you go."*

High school is going to be a great new adventure for us, just like St. Andrew's once was. We should not be afraid of leaving our comfort zone, but welcome the many new experiences and challenges that are around the corner. We are well prepared for the challenges; we have our strong faith, Catholic values and wonderful friends to help us along the way.

Our time at Saint Andrew's has taught us many things, most importantly it has taught us how to be good friends, love God, and to love one another. I truly believe that is because of the incredible

people that surround us every day. We couldn't have done it without all the teachers who cared for us, taught us and guided us through the years; I know this solid foundation will be with us always. I would also like to thank Ms. Sheehan and Father Dan especially for helping us reach this important day. Thank you parents for supporting and loving us. Thank you, Class of 2012. We are not only friends, but also a family. Being a part of the Class of 2012 has been the greatest and most rewarding experience.

Most importantly, remember that God goes before us always! I would like to close with a verse from Isaiah:

*"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."*

Congratulations Class of 2012! We did it!



**Emily Lynch**  
served as  
**Student Body President**  
in 2011-2012.  
**She will attend**  
**The Academy of the Holy Cross High School**  
this Fall.

Twenty-eight students graduated on June 2nd to become the Saint Andrew's Class of 2012. Students have chosen to attend the following high schools this fall:

- Academy of the Holy Cross (2)
- DeMatha Catholic High School (1)
- Elizabeth Seton High School (1)
- Georgetown Preparatory School (3)
- Gonzaga College High School (2)
- James Hubert Blake High School (1)
- Northwood High School (2)
- Our Lady of Good Counsel High School (6)
- Saint John's College High School (7)
- Sherwood High School (1)
- Springbrook High School (2)

## School News:

### Much Loved Librarian Retires After 28 Years: Kim Bentley ('88)

**I**t is rumored that my Mom, Lorraine Bentley, has read every book in the Saint Andrew's library.

Knowing that she's grown the library collection from 4,500 to over 14,000 books (14,479 to be exact!) in the time she's been there, it starts to sound like a very tall tale. But ask any student who's walked into her library with a vague description of what he's looking for (it's about a dog and has a blue cover...) and has had that book found and handed to him in minutes, it's hard to deny that rumor might be true.

This year, my Mom retires from 28 years at Saint Andrew's (31 if you count the years she volunteered) as the school's Librarian and Media Specialist. She has touched countless lives and turned many a reluctant student into an avid reader.

She is a fantastic storyteller, using traditional storytelling methods with puppets and flannel board.

She instigated a uniform research program called the Big6 throughout the school, building research skills from Kindergarten through 8th grade, her mantra being: "Googling is not research!"

She computerized the library circulation program and catalog in 1993, and has been online ever since.

The 1000-page Summer Reading Challenge she introduced in 2004 inspires both kids and parents to stay passionate about reading the entire year.

Her well-researched and thoughtful booklists and reviews for every



Lorraine Bentley (front and center in pink) with past and present Saint Andrew's faculty and staff at her retirement party on June 4, 2012.

grade level each year are legendary and much sought after among fellow librarians and teachers outside of Saint Andrew's.

Lorraine has seen Saint Andrew's through 9 principals and 7 senior pastors, and she has had 5 wonderful aides. She moved the entire library twice, once to the convent, and then finally to a larger, double classroom in the new wing of the school.

She was hired in the fall of 1981 by Lynn White, the year I started 2nd grade. We were away from Saint Andrew's the fall of 1984. While Andy and I came back the spring of that same school year, my Mom spent the next 2 years working as staff at Montgomery County Public libraries and volunteering at Saint Andrew's. Mrs. Sampugnaro hired her back and funded her salary with, none other than, a chocolate sale.

Throughout all this change, one thing remained the same, her love

for reading and sharing that with kids.

Growing up with a librarian as a Mom is a wonderful gift and I'm so glad she was able to impart her knowledge, love, and passion for books and reading to so many others.

At her retirement party this past week, she quoted a favorite author, Gary Paulsen, from his book, *The Winter Room*: "If books could have more, give more, be more, show more, they would still need readers, who bring to them sound and smell and light and all the rest that can't be in books. The book needs YOU!"

I couldn't agree more.

*Kim Bentley ('88) lives and works in Baltimore, MD and is a graphic designer and co-owner of Baltimore Print Studios, a letterpress and screenprinting public-access studio ([baltimoreprintstudios.com](http://baltimoreprintstudios.com))*

**"She has touched countless lives and turned many a reluctant student into an avid reader."**

**Kim Bentley ('88)**

## Class Notes

**1974 Lisa Fato Lanier** is the proud grandmother of Cason Clark, born on February 29, 2012.

**1975 Rene Boicourt Curry** is the proud grandmother of Carter Kelly Lyons, her first grandchild, born on June 2, 2012. Her oldest daughter, Frances Curry Lyons and her husband, Justus, are Carter's proud parents.



Carter Lyons

**Elaine Tippett Treado** and her husband, **Todd Treado** ('76) are happy to announce

the upcoming marriages of their oldest daughter, Bridgette (March 2013) and second-eldest daughter, Lisa (Labor Day weekend 2012). Both weddings will be held in Maine.

**1976 Lillian Fonseca DiStefano** married her high school sweetheart and has three daughters, twins 22 and another daughter, 21. Lili teaches 8th grade pre-AP literature in Pembroke Pines, FL.

**Joseph Schwartz** is an ophthalmologist living in Salisbury, MD with his wife, Carrie, and their four children. Joe writes, "I can honestly say that St. Andrew's, the teachers, and classmates were a tremendous influence

on me and I strive to create a similar experience for my kids. Thank you all for being part of that."

**1979 Andre Taylor** and co-author Karen Lemons have published an article entitled, "Swimming Against the Tide: Library Media Centers in Urban Schools." The article appears in the book, The 21st Century Black Librarian in America: Issues and Challenges, edited by Andrew P. Jackson, Julius C. Jefferson, Jr., and Akilah S. Nosakhene.

**1992 Vincent Fragomeni** and his wife, Paula, are expecting their first child in September. Vincent is a Financial Advisor with Prudential Financial in Bethesda, MD.

**1999 Andrew Thornes** is engaged

to Erin Praskievicz in Ocean City, MD in March. Andrew and Erin are planning a summer 2013 wedding.

**2000 Elizabeth Yogiaveetil** is beginning an internship in Internal Medicine at Georgetown University.

**2004 Gabi DeLuca** graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.F.A in Musical Theater. She's headed to New York City to perform at the Alvin Alley Theater with the rest of her class for top agents, managers, and casting directors of the industry. She'll also be performing at the Laurie Beecham Theater at a special cabaret with other University of Michigan alumni.

**CLASS OF 1979 WHERE ARE YOU?** The 1979 Class Point of Contact, Andre Taylor, is looking for everyone who attended and/or graduated from Saint Andrew's in 1979. Please sign into the St Andrew FaceBook site! The class is trying to plan a reunion and wants to connect with as many alum as they can locate. Share your pictures! So far, the class has collected pictures from second grade through eighth grade as well as lots of candid shots from their Saint Andrew's years. Contact Andre at [divalibrarian2@aol.com](mailto:divalibrarian2@aol.com) for more information.

**Congratulations to the Class of 2008** who begin new adventures and new opportunities this fall. The following lists the destinations of the members of this class, as known at publication time:

- Clemson University (1)
- Coastal Carolina University (1)
- Georgetown University (2)
- Loyola University Maryland (2)
- Rollins College (1)
- St. Edward's University (1)
- Saint Joseph's University (1)
- The Catholic University of America (2)
- Towson University (1)
- University of Maryland, College Park (2)

- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (1)
- University of Scranton (2)
- University of South Carolina (1)
- University of Tampa (1)
- Virginia Tech (1)
- Wake Forest University (1)
- West Virginia University (1)
- York College of Pennsylvania (2)
- Unknown or Undecided (17)

The Saint Andrew Apostle Alumni Network is now on FACEBOOK.

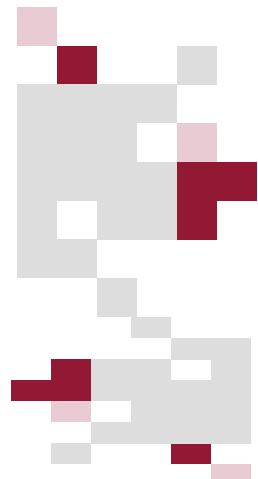
Contact [standrewalum@yahoo.com](mailto:standrewalum@yahoo.com) for information.



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## Upcoming Events

CHECK THE ALUMNI PAGES OF THE SCHOOL WEB SITE AND FACEBOOK STATUS FOR PERIODIC UPDATES OF NEWS AND EVENTS



### JUNE

#### Fortnight for Freedom

◊ Join over 4000 faithful from across the Archdiocese of Washington at The Charles E. Smith Center, George Washington University on Sunday, **June 24** at 4:00pm for an afternoon of music

and video tracing the history of religious liberty and celebrating our Catholic experience. The event will culminate in prayer and Benediction. The Smith Center is located at the corner of 22nd and G Streets, NW, Washington, DC. Visit [www.sacredproperty.org](http://www.sacredproperty.org) for more information.

## Class Contacts

If no name is listed for your graduation year, let us know if you would like to volunteer to be a point of contact for your class.

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## In Memoriam

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

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

**Gregory P. Lohmann** ('69), brother of Dorothy Lohmann ('68), Daniel Lohmann ('72), Theresa Cleveland ('74), Ann Corbley ('75), died on February 20, 2012. Greg lived in Ridgefield, Washington.

**REV. David J. Conway**, Pastor of Saint Andrew's from 1984 until 1993, died on March 15, 2012.

**Rev. John P. Stack**, Pastor of Saint Andrew's from 1983 until 1984, died on March 21, 2012.

**Leroy J. Fangmeyer**, father of Jeanne Crossland, Mary Jo Lanzer, Karen Swarthout ('69), Beth Poulos ('72), Fr. Lee Fangmeyer ('75), Mark ('76), and James ('79), and grandfather of Laura ('06), James, Jr. ('07), Matthew ('09), and Michael ('09) died on January 26, 2012. Mr. Fangmeyer and his wife, Jeanne, were among the original parish founders of Saint Andrew's.



### 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.



Saint Andrew Apostle School  
Alumni Committee

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An Alumni Committee was established in 2000 as a means of increasing the involvement of our alumni within our school and parish community. Through efforts over more than ten years, 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 Lisa Longacre at [standrewalum@yahoo.com](mailto:standrewalum@yahoo.com).

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



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"If you want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it."

*-Mother Theresa*