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*Our Adventures in
Washington D.C.*



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OUR NEWS MAGAZINE

It has been a little more than six months since the debut of our very first *Knights News Flash* magazine. With great pride and excitement, we are happy to share with you how the 2016-17 school year began and what we've been up to here at Holy Cross!

Due to our ever-changing world, we have had to modify how we practice managing education. However, one thing remains solid after almost 62 years—we're still educating the minds and cultivating the hearts of young men for a better tomorrow, and will continue to do so for as long as time allows. We welcome new technological developments and have paved the way for our students to be successful in their academic and career experiences.

We hope you enjoy reading through these pages and will remember your time here at Holy Cross High School. Please reminisce, smile, and take joy in all that our faculty, staff, students, and alumni have accomplished so far within the first part of this year.

May God bless you and yours now and always.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Holy Cross Community:

Every Spring, during the first weekend in April, The Holy Cross Institute at St. Edward's University hosts an annual convocation. The purpose of the meeting is to preserve and promote the mission of Holy Cross education around the world. This year's meeting was entitled "The Work of Each and Everyone."

It was both eye-opening and supporting to gather with the other sixteen Holy Cross-sponsored high schools in the United States. And it was enriching to share with our peer institutions established by the Congregation of Holy Cross, who joined us from such faraway places as Europe, India, Africa, and South America.

A treatise by Blessed Basil Moreau entitled Christian Education, written by our founder in 1856 for "use by the Educators of the Congregation of Holy Cross," served as an inspirational source for the meeting this year. Two very powerful sentiments emanating from Christian Education are: "How we educate the mind will change with the times; how we cultivate the heart is and will remain timeless" and "Education is the art of bringing young people to completeness."

An excellent example of these two thoughts was the focus of a presentation by Mrs. Lisa Tortorich, the Principal of Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, CA. She walked us through the recent initiatives at her school that recognize how technology has allowed for a move away from the oral delivery of information to students arrayed in rows and rows of desks. The changes available to us now in our day incorporate technologies that allow teachers to address each student individually.

At Holy Cross High School, Mr. Michael Donohue, Chair of the English Department, in conjunction with Mrs. Fei-Wen Pirovolikos, Director of Instructional Technology, guide and encourage our teachers to embrace these changes through the use of the Google Classroom. The 1:1 Chromebook initiative and a recent robust build-out of WiFi technologies allow Holy Cross High School to change with the times. The electronic delivery of classroom content on an individual basis, and the ability to create personal assessments, allow us to bring each young person to completeness in fulfillment of the mission articulated by Blessed Basil Moreau over 160 years ago.



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EDUCATING MINDS, CULTIVATING HEARTS

Within this section you will be introduced to the core stories regarding Holy Cross' explorations, activities, and academic and athletic accomplishments thus far. This section also includes highlights pertaining to our student council, campus ministry, and service learning projects!

We are very proud of all who were able to make these stories possible through their altruistic commitment to our school and community. Remember, at Holy Cross you're not only a student, faculty, or staff member, you are a part of creating a legacy.

OUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



This pasting February 18, students from Holy Cross High School and three faculty members, Kevin McRae, Blane Palmer, and Dimitri Tsimoyianis took a three-day trip to our nation's capitol in Washington D.C. This was an exciting time in and around the city, coming just a couple of weeks after the Inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States, as the students got to visit many sites critical to the foundation of our nation.

We began our trip by walking down the three blocks from our hotel and viewing the White House. The students were thrilled to find that Marine One—the military helicopter used to transport the President—was sitting on the White House lawn awaiting the President. It was very exciting for them to see the helicopter take off in action while carrying the President and flying right over their heads! From there we traveled to the Smithsonian Museum of American History to view artifacts and historical objects from the nation's founding in the Revolutionary period to modern day.

The night was set aside for spectacular lit-up views of the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and National Mall, which provides impressive views to the United States Capitol Building in the distance.

OUR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.



On the evening, Blaine Palmer remarked, “We set out for the Lincoln Memorial via the Vietnam War Memorial; so many names etched in its stone, silently reminding us of young lives lost. In contemplation of the impossible sorrow of the Vietnam War, we continued along that somber stretch of wall. Finally, we arrived at the foot of the stairs leading to Lincoln. To look up, literally, to the illuminated figure of American strength and hope was reassuring. That inspiring moment is permanent in my memory as it was an experience shared with an excellent group of Holy Cross Men.”

Our second day in Washington led us to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and the National Archives. It was important for our students to see original copies of our founding documents such as the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights. At the Smithsonian, students got to view exhibits documenting the American aerospace program, including items taken to and from the Moon. On the way back to the hotel, and before we headed out for a nice dinner to conclude the trip, the students got to see the President’s motorcade, carrying the President and Vice President, leaving the White House and traveling down Pennsylvania Avenue.

Trip lead: Kevin McRae, Faculty, Social Studies

GOOGLE SCHOOL

STUDENT LIFE HAPPENINGS

Our Google School initiative is well underway in its second school year and we are excited to share program developments with you. As you know, merging decades of traditional learning with changing technology can be quite the task. Lucky for us, we understand the need for innovation and adapting to an ever-changing educational landscape. While it is important to be visionary leaders regarding integrating technology with teaching, it is critical to make sure we are investing in our students by properly investing in the technologies and programs we incorporate in our classrooms, which is just what we've done.

In the summer of 2015, we completed an entire restructuring of our school's Wi-Fi network in order to provide the foundation needed for the classrooms of tomorrow. This year, we distributed Chromebooks to our faculty, who are now regularly using Chromebooks after completing several all-day Google trainings.

We are thrilled to announce that all incoming freshman from the Class of 2020 and onward will be provided with Google Chromebooks! Students will have immediate access to assignments, assessments, and announcements from teachers and will be able to extend their learning beyond the physical walls of the classroom.



Holy Cross' Google School initiative helps continue our environmental goals of going green—no longer requiring assignments to be printed, which produces extraneous waste by needing to discard used toner cartridges. Each student will have access to a device with a fully functional keyboard that iPads and other tablets lack. This makes Chromebooks perfect for English classes, writing assignments, and research projects.

We are confident that Google's technological advances coupled with our expertise in teaching and learning is a winning combination for all!

Program lead: Fei-Wen Pirovolikos, Director of Instructional Technology

THE JOHN LENNON TOUR BUS AT HOLY CROSS

September started off the 2016-17 school year with a bang—literally a bang on the drums and strumming of guitar strings with the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus. We had an amazing time with the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus crew who celebrated their *Come Together NYC* campaign with us on Thursday, September 29.

Presented by global technology giant, Canon, the Bus has traveled the United States for almost two decades giving on-site musical demonstrations and trainings with a core, heartfelt mission to encourage music production-related knowledge for youth by highlighting “the importance of the arts and digital media production.”

After faculty, staff, and students engaged in hands-on music production presentations, played instruments, captured over 2k photographs (thanks to Canon’s loaner cameras), and sang rock songs—in particular Mr. Rampulla who sang *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Queen—the lead Tour Bus sponsor, Councilman Paul A. Vallone, showed up for a meet-and-greet with Holy Cross’ administration, Tour Bus executive director, Brian Rothschild and crew, and Holy Cross students. We’re happy to report that the fun didn’t stop with Mr. Rampulla’s singing! The Tour Bus donated \$1,000 to Holy Cross as well as an array of top-of-the-line audio and instrument equipment, a brand new electric guitar with case, and a brand new digital keyboard!



THE JOHN LENNON TOUR BUS AT HOLY CROSS



What a field! As a part of the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus *Come Together NYC* campaign, students were asked to form a peace sign in support of peace on Earth and amongst mankind. This was no problem for our seniors who took total advantage of this groovy idea! On the highlights of the day, event lead Teresa Augustyniak stated, “It took a little work, but we were able to form a gigantic peace sign on the athletic field with our entire Class of 2017, faculty, and staff. This photo was actually taken from the roof of the school by the photographer onboard the bus! It was great fun to say the least, and was a fantastic event closing for attendees as well as our existing and newfound, inspired Holy Cross musicians.” Moving forward, we plan to serve as an annual tour bus stop spot for the organization as it really evoked the inner artist within our students, faculty, and staff. This event will take place at the start of each new school year!

THE JOHN LENNON TOUR BUS AT HOLY CROSS



Event lead: Teresa Augustyniak, Director of Marketing and Communications

OUR NEW ATHLETIC IDENTITY

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL **KNIGHTS**

The Athletic Department of Holy Cross High School commissioned a new Athletic Identity Logo Set this fall, which made its debut at our first Pep Rally of the year in November. We have partnered with Springer Studios—a custom design company who was able to create a modern, yet classic look for all of Holy Cross High School. This new athletic logo set honors our foundation with a historic look, while establishing a bold, new identity that will carry us well into the future.



The new logos were made to provide a strong visual presence for our school, our program, and our apparel. The original interlocking HC was brought back, retooled, and looks as iconic as ever. Our new Knight logo highlights our mascot in a bold, modern way. It is destined to be a classic. Please enjoy this [video](#). It honors our past, and sets the tone for what promises to be an exciting future for Holy Cross Athletics!

Throughout the year, we will be hosting an Internet-based flash store sale where the Holy Cross community will be able to purchase apparel with our new logos. Please contact our Athletic Department Director, Keith Goggin at 718-886-7250, extension 517 for more information regarding ordering sports-related apparel.

Program lead: Keith Goggin, Athletic Department Director

THE ATHLETIC IDENTITY INSPIRATION

As an alumnus who played at Holy Cross High School, and as a faculty member who coached student athletes for more than 10-years, I felt I had quite a bit of exposure as to how our athletic programs were represented in terms of sports outfits.

All the signs showed us that we needed to make some improvements! Our jerseys and athletic wear were suitable, but I kept hearing about other schools' updated gear, which caused me to form a new logo plan. I didn't want our athletes to feel that they were in an athletic program that was any less than any others. I wanted us to become the envy of other schools. We have a **storied history** along with a great team name—the **Holy Cross Knights**. There is a plethora of opportunity here to really make something special. Our original **interlocking HC** is iconic—those letters had been handed out for over 60-years, but it was time to clean them up and bring them back to life!

One thing I found troubling was how we had so many versions of the Knight on our apparel. I found about seven different versions at a coaches meeting one night and explained that for an athletic program to appeal to both our current athletes and potential students in this day and age, we need to have a consistent image the school can rally behind. We had an opportunity to create something that is ours; combine that with a strong, sharp-looking wordmark stamped onto our apparel—and we have a winner. That's why we had a new logo set commissioned followed by positive responses!

The **new Knight is modern and bold** and our **original HC logo is back** better than ever—paying homage to our legacy, while letting people know exactly who we are. The goal was not only to impress and motivate players adorned with the gear, but to send a message to the community that **we are Knights**—we are sharp, we are strong, and we plan to carry on Holy Cross' distinct identity through the reinvention of our logos. **Remember, this is only the beginning!**

A message from Keith Goggin, Athletic Department Director

OUR NEW ATHLETIC IDENTITY LOGOS



FINE ARTS NEWS

A great music accomplishment was achieved by Class of 2017 student bassist, Daniel Bosko who was accepted into the New York State School Music Association's (NYSSMA) All-State first bassist section, which comprises about 20 students. Daniel auditioned for All-State on his own where he prepared two pieces of music to perform at Valley Stream Central High School. When students are adjudicated in the spring, NYSMAA evaluates judges' responses via a formative assessment. Daniel's astounding talents led him to an invitation to become a part of the competitive, All-State Instrumental Jazz Ensemble. He performed in Rochester, NY from December 1-4. In addition, Daniel will be invited to perform next year in Albany for our legislators in two special concerts planned for government officials.



ENGLISH NEWS

This past March, Mrs. Daus' English 11 Honors class began reading the play, "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller. When parts were given out in class, it was clear that these students had unexpected and much welcomed acting abilities. They were following stage directions and truly captured the spirit and tone of the Loman Family. The class was brought to the auditorium for a bit of experiment and the results were amazing. Students literally and figuratively took the lead. The boys easily fell into the roles they were given and showed a keen sense of creativity while honoring the words and directions of the playwright. It was evident that the talent was there, but more importantly, the interest was there and this lesson soon became student run. Patrick McCrossen emerged as a solid Willy Loman from day one capturing the depth of Willy's denial and hopefulness, which is not an easy feat. Stand out performers were Kenneth Onofre, Josep Banovic, Kevin Rivera, Billy Schillinger, Steven Spieza, Joe Tiseo and Edgardo Zelaya. Under the direction Evan Katsefes, who also performed various roles, students were able to shine.



Project lead: Michelle Daus, Faculty, English

SCIENCE NEWS

On the subject of science, Class of 2018 student, Marco Ghiozzi, has been accepted into St. John's University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences as a high school student participant! On Marco's acceptance into the pre-college program, Dr. Manouchkathe Cassagno, Associate Clinical Professor and Department of Clinical Health Professions Assistant Dean wrote:

After reviewing your application to the "Changing Faces of Pharmacy Program", offered by the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at St. John's University, the faculty is happy to announce your acceptance into the program. We are excited to have you as a student participant for the 2016-17 program and look forward to getting to know you and educate/engage you regarding the pharmacy profession and pharmacy education models.

This esteemed, competitive program was created to engage and educate high school students with an interest in healthcare or pharmaceutical studies. The objective of the program is to enhance participants' knowledge and comprehension of the healthcare/pharmacy profession as well as the academic curriculum students can expect in their higher education careers. Post-application review and admittance to the program, students are mandated to partake in a two-day orientation where they will study under scientists and alongside pharmacological doctoral student/candidates.



Program lead: Cathy Kenny, Science Research Coordinator + Department Chairperson

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



December 16 was our annual Christmas Concert where the Holy Cross High School greater community congregated to listen to and sing along with the playing of traditional Christmas music orchestrated by our new Director of Music, Mr. Greg Mulzet. Please take a look at the highlight photographs of the evening and relive this glorious event with us. We'll see you at the next concert!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Program lead: Greg Mulzet, Music Director

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE WITH COUNCILMAN VALLONE

Council Member Vallone and his Student Ambassadors joined the Auburndale Soccer Club and Dwarf-Giraffe Athletic Association as they distributed hundreds of toys, collected through December, to the kids at St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children.

"If there was any event that truly embodied the spirit and true meaning of Christmas, it was this one," Council Member Vallone said. "This year was even more special because our very own high school Student Ambassadors organized their high schools on behalf of fellow kids in need at St Mary's Hospital. The Ambassadors represent the four high schools within our district: Bayside High School, World Journalism Preparatory School, Holy Cross High School and St. Agnes Academic High School. They worked hand in hand with their fellow students, the Dwarf-Giraffe Athletic Association and the Auburndale Soccer Club to collect hundreds of toys."



Dr. Edwin Simpser, President and CEO of St. Mary's, thanked Vallone's student ambassadors for the effort. "St. Mary's kids are facing complex medical challenges and I know that these gifts will put a smile on each child's face and bring some holiday cheer," he said.

Josip Banovic, Student Ambassador from Holy Cross High School said, "The St. Mary's Children's Hospital Toy Drive working in partnership with Holy Cross High School was an astounding success! With help from Holy Cross administration, student ambassadors, and local sports groups the turnout of toys was truly amazing. This drive gives me hope, showing that our community cares about each other. And that this toy drive is just a small thing that we can all participate in to help better the lives of these children." Council Member Vallone added, "As we exchanged and distributed the toys, the children, staff, doctors, volunteers and families were all sharing smiles, stories and laughter and we just knew this was a very special moment we would all remember." Entire story [here](#).

THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. AGNES TALENT SHOW



March 3 marked the first-ever dual talent showcase for Holy Cross High School and St. Agnes High School. Both school Student Council leads and members have been meeting for months to diligently plan what was a delightfully fun and successful event for the two institutions and attendees!

The Talent Showcase tickets were sold at both high schools for \$10 a piece with all proceeds going to two charities. The first charity, [Love Without Boundaries](#) chosen by Emma Kegel, St. Agnes H.S. Student Council President, provides medical, educational, and nutritional programs to children in Cambodia, Uganda, and China. Their robust nutritional program gives formula to infants in healing homes and foster care families, fruits and vegetables to children at schools, and cereal for those in foster care.

The second charity was the [Ronald McDonald House Charities](#) (RMHC) chosen by Danish Chaudhry, Holy Cross H.S. Student Council President, which allows families to stay close during times of disease, illness, and treatments. RMHC provides a safe, comforting atmosphere for family members to revitalize and restore their mind and body—ensuring them the space to remain as strong and supportive as possible for their loved ones. RMHC supplies access to health care and family-centric opportunities and has assisted in decreasing burdens for millions of families since 1974.

This year's Holy Cross Student Council Event Lead was long-time faculty member and current student parent, Cathy Vodopivec. On the talent showcase, Cathy proudly remarked, "Months of planning and rehearsing resulted in a truly wonderful evening at St. Agnes Academic High School! The show featured a Jazz Ensemble led by Holy Cross, modern versions of Abbot and Costello, a great number of truly talented young ladies, and was capped off with the Holy Cross Faculty Act! You can't beat that!"

THE HOLY CROSS AND ST. AGNES ALLIANCE



Award-winning student bassist, Daniel Bosko, led the evening's Holy Cross Jazz ensemble, which also included Laurence "Teddy" Byrne, Lawrence "LJ" Vodopivec, Chris Koilparampil, Michael Farkash, Andreas Haralambou, and Gregory Thompson playing *Minnie the Moocher*. LJ Vodopivec and Teddy Byrne were the Holy Cross hosts and created a light, comedic atmosphere with their renditions of Abbot and Costello's $7 \times 13 = 28$ and their *Who's on First* skit, which were both well received as heard in the audience's laughter!

Tiana White of St. Agnes brought down the house with her rendition of *Defying Gravity* from the hit Broadway musical *Wicked*. Ashley Eivers and Jenna Giamarino sang a refreshing duet accompanied by a ukulele. St. Agnes hosts Gilda McCrann and Briana Stephenson kept the evening flowing along, and Megan Burns tapped energetically to big band song, *In the Mood*.

Finally, Holy Cross faculty members Kevin McRae, Dimitri Tsimoyianis, Evan LaGreca, and Greg Mulzet left their "fans" wanting more after lip-syncing to the Backstreet Boys 1997 hit *Everybody!* Also appearing for Holy Cross were Danish Chaudhry, Daniel Clark, Carl Rivera, and William Schillinger who gave their all while singing a number of contemporary hit tunes!

At this time, we would like to thank all members in the schools' student council groups as well as our event leads, participants, and major contributors who all made this event a complete singing, dancing, and overall multi-talented show to be remembered!

Program lead: Cathy Vodopivec, Student Council Co-Moderator + Faculty

OUR CODING CLUB CHALLENGE



On Monday, January 9, Holy Cross' Coding Club Moderator and Director of Instructional Technology, Fei-Wen Pirovolikos, planned quite the afternoon for her coding club members. The club's topics of the day were 1) *Ethical Hacking*—a term not widely known, but one that is vital to testing and ensuring the vulnerability of an organization's digital security is safeguarded and maximized to full potential, and 2) *How to Start a Software Business*. Led by two speakers, the first topic was introduced by Theodoros Karanikolas, Class of 2018. Theo's presentation included information as to why ethical hackers exist and questioned if ethical hacking is actually an ethical way to determine the security of data. Theo's well-done and informative presentation initiated a discussion amongst his peers as well as faculty and staff in attendance. The second presenter was Holy Cross alumnus Frank Orzo '64. Mr. Orzo is not only a Holy Cross graduate, but he is an accomplished computer software developer, business owner, and consultant with computer programming experience that spans over four decades. In addition, Mr. Orzo holds a seat as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the school. Mr. Orzo's presentation spoke of his time post Holy Cross graduation and how he started in the field of computers when "they were as big as the library" in the 1960s. His slideshow served as a visionary map for students—educating them on how they too can be as successful in beginning their own business just as he has been. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Orzo announced he had more news for the group. He shared that he would be sponsoring Holy Cross' first-ever computer software contest with a \$150 prize! Stay tuned to see who of our novice programmers and hackers wins!

VALENTINE'S DAY FOR VETERANS



Love and altruism were in the air here at Holy Cross High School! Every year for quite some time now, Holy Cross High School's Student Councilmen collaborate with Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein's office as well as The Law Offices of Ann-Margaret Carrozza to obtain donations for our veterans each Valentine's Day.

The program assists veterans by providing them with a custom Valentine's Day Card, a sweet treat or two, playing cards, puzzles, shaving cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste, or new clothing items. The packaged gifts are presented to our hospitalized and disabled veterans to show them how much we care for them and appreciate their many sacrifices made for our great country, which we vow to never forget.

This year, Holy Cross' Valentine's gifts were bigger and better than before! Our Student Councilmen rallied to collect nearly \$1k in just the school alone. With the many generous donations, Mrs. Magaly Lopez-Lohnes, Student Councilman Moderator, hit the ground running to the stores—purchasing candy, cozy robes, pajamas, socks, undergarments, toothpaste, and toothbrushes for close to three dozen veterans. Packaged in either a large, red bag or a gift box, gifts were adorned with Valentine's Day ribbon and cards, which read:

For keeping us safe; for defending our freedom; for your love of our land; for your sacrifices and bravery—we thank and salute you today, tomorrow, and always!

Thank you, Veterans and a very Happy Valentine's Day to you!

Bright and early the morning of February 8, several members of Holy Cross' Student Council, with the help of student volunteers, successfully delivered gifts to Assemblyman Braunstein's Office and made their way into the hands of our veterans. We are happy to serve as Valentines for veterans—as they were happy to serve the United States of America for us all.

VALENTINE'S DAY FOR VETERANS



Program lead: Magaly Lopez-Lohnes, Student Council Moderator + Faculty

HOLY CROSS INSPIRED TO “LOOK ON THE INSIDE”



On February 14, youth inspirational speaker, David Flood visited Holy Cross to speak about three distinct topics—dignity, respect, and compassion. Flood has been providing support to adolescents for over two decades. Through the telling of his own personal stories, he connects with his audience members to motivate them to want to live a happier, healthier life, and to learn how to find the positive in life’s misfortunes.

At the start of the seminar, Flood spoke about his early life and what inspires him to strive for dignity, understanding, forgiveness, and respect, as well as what keeps his mind healthy—free from negative thinking. His “narrative as a youth speaker comes first hand; he grew up impacted by addiction in his

family—he married and became a father of two children, his oldest is his son who is a special needs; he is active in his church; he is a hospice volunteer who visits with terminally ill patients; and is on the board of K.I.D.S. Plus, Inc. a non-profit organization which helps special needs children through sports and other activities.” His work with young adults has been heavily influenced by the negative factors that have shaped his life, and, as he preaches, instead of becoming bitter or allowing such undesirable experiences to “rent space in his head”—he moves on, forgives, and chooses to “let it go”. Flood spoke to students about anger, getting their feelings hurt, and unfairness. He responded to this by saying, “your anger hurts you, not the person who gave you a hard time.” Flood’s stories evoked thought amongst students, which left them asking questions and discussing their own experiences.

HOLY CROSS INSPIRED TO “LOOK ON THE INSIDE”

That wasn't all—Flood noted that he had three challenges for our student body to follow as well. The first challenge of the afternoon was to train our minds to **look on the inside**. It was at this time Flood asked students to live compassionately and “eliminate judging from your life”—not allowing physical appearances to influence your opinions of one's personality, and, instead to focus on a person's behavior and how they treat others. The second challenge was to **look two adults in the eyes and thank them** for what they do on a daily basis.

It was within this challenge Flood elaborated on forming empathy within students towards their elders—highlighting that “teachers, staff, and other professionals are just like you!” The third and final challenge for the rest of the school year and beyond was to ensure **no student eats alone**. Flood stressed that people's uniqueness is what makes individual differences so wonderful and that just because someone is a bit different, does not mean they deserve to be or feel alienated or unwanted. He asked students to promise if they observe someone eating lunch alone in school they would ask to join him.

Flood closed with a little brain education! He explained to students how the brain creates a chemical called serotonin, which produces feel-good emotions. He advised there were three ways to begin feeling better on the inside and emit these feelings to others as well. Flood requested, “**if you ever see someone struggling, or notice a fellow student in need—please help him. Not only will you benefit from this by increasing your own serotonin, but he will, and so will anyone else witnessing your act of kindness.**”

Principal Burns ended the day by creating a connection between this seminar on dignity, respect, and compassion and the school's Knights Creed Initiative implemented back in September. Flood's presentation aligned with Holy Cross' longstanding mission to create an environment of Holy Cross Men who consistently value **Community, Honesty, Respect, Integrity, Service, and Teamwork.**

Program lead: Ed Burns, Principal

H.C. STUDENTS SERVE AS WEST POINT CADETS



**“PERSISTENCE,
PERFORMANCE,
PURPOSE.”**

Captain Paul A. Bryant

On March 9, nearly two dozen young men of Holy Cross were given the opportunity to become true West Point cadets for a day led by United States Army Captain Paul A. Bryant who urged students to live with “persistence, performance, and purpose.”

Accompanied by Principal Ed Burns and Cathy Kenny, Science Department Chair, a total of 23 Holy Cross freshmen, sophomores, and one junior attended what would be one of the most inspiring, yet regimented trips of the year!

Departure from the Holy Cross High School was set for 0730. Students arrived at the United States Military Academy (USMA), West Point at 0900 sharp and immediately began their day as United States Military Academy plebes.

Students toured the entire campus—visiting the Arnold Auditorium and Washington Hall. The historic, beautifully preserved stone structures left students in awe and the hands-on academic project where students built wind turbines truly evoked the mechanical engineers in our students!

Trip leads: Ed Burns, Principal and Cathy Kenny, Science Research Coordinator + Department Chair

H.C. STUDENTS SERVE AS WEST POINT CADETS



ANNUAL PI DAY COMPETITION

It was quite the show in our library the morning of March 20 when 11 students gathered in competition to see who would recite the most digits of Pi. We know very well how talented and diverse our students are, but when it comes to the rigorous Pi Day Competition, they really showcase their memories and excellent study skills.

Student participants included Gil Foss-Perez, Christian Martin, LJ Vodopivec, Peter Salerno, Thomas Moy, Tanner Treasure, Danish Chaudry, Nick Rizos, Austin Tirado, Theo Karinakolas, and the 2017 winner, Kevin Rivera, who seamlessly recited 483 digits of Pi!

After the contest, judges, spectators, and our terrific participants were invited to a pizza Pi party. It was also at this time where winner Kevin Rivera was awarded with the annual winner's t-shirt, which we're sure he's going to add to his collection of Pi Day apparel. Coming in at second place with 146 digits was Theo Karinakolas who was also a winner in our 2016 Pi Day Competition. The two top winners of the day will also receive iTunes gift cards.

We would like to thank all judges, participants, and Mathematics Department Chair, Mary Pollini, for her dedication to her students, and Holy Cross' always fun Pi Day Competition.



Program lead: Mary Pollini, Mathematics Department Chair

TENEMENT MUSEUM EDUCATIONAL TOUR



On Tuesday, March 21, Holy Cross students traveled to the Lower East Side of New York City to stand where hundreds of thousands immigrants once stood, walked, and lived. Located at 97 Orchard Street, the former 1800s tenement home—now museum—preserves and thoughtfully communicates the rich, in-depth history of immigration-life by telling the stories and sharing the real-world experiences of 7000 of America’s newcomers who settled on the iconic New York street. The museum gave our students the opportunity to empathize with the then immigration processes, and imagine life through the eyes of immigrants by examining documents, attending presentations, and visiting the homes, rooms, and streets in and around Orchard Street.



The tenement apartments are recreated replicas of the small spaces that once held 7000 immigrants and their families—the people who contributed to the United States’ melting pot from 1863 well into the 1900s. Students were able to gain information and insight into the work life of immigrants, their struggles, hardships, and how they created their lives and the lives of their families through perseverance, education, and a spirit of patriotism and determination!

Trip lead: Magaly Lopez-Lohnes, Faculty + Student Council Moderator

TENEMENT MUSEUM EDUCATIONAL TOUR



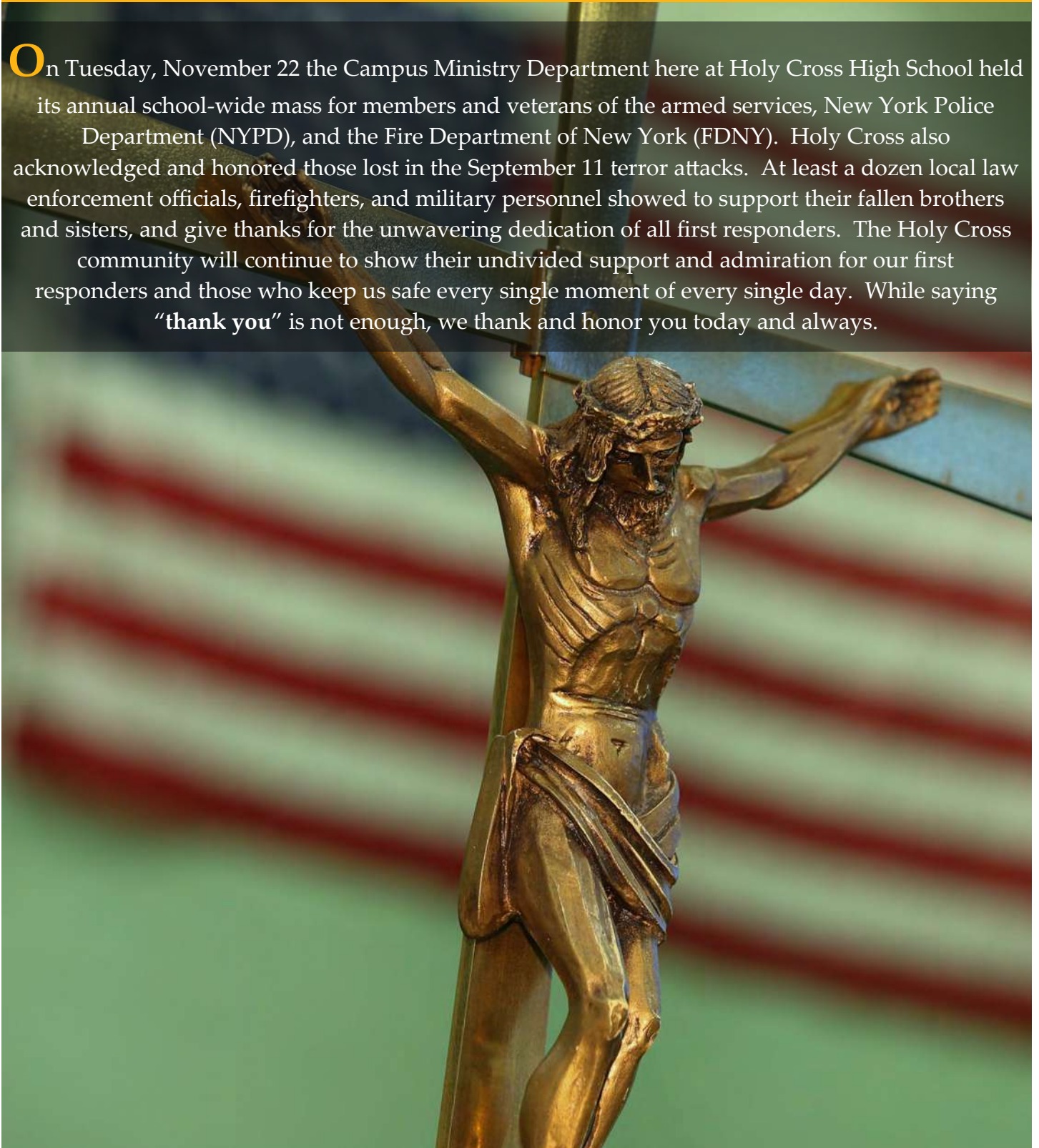
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CAMPUS MINISTRY



FIRST RESPONDERS MASS

On Tuesday, November 22 the Campus Ministry Department here at Holy Cross High School held its annual school-wide mass for members and veterans of the armed services, New York Police Department (NYPD), and the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). Holy Cross also acknowledged and honored those lost in the September 11 terror attacks. At least a dozen local law enforcement officials, firefighters, and military personnel showed to support their fallen brothers and sisters, and give thanks for the unwavering dedication of all first responders. The Holy Cross community will continue to show their undivided support and admiration for our first responders and those who keep us safe every single moment of every single day. While saying “**thank you**” is not enough, we thank and honor you today and always.



FIRST RESPONDERS MASS



FATHER J.P. SEON LEADS SCHOOL MASS



On the morning of January 6, the Holy Cross auditorium was filled with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members who congregated to celebrate the Feast of St. Andre Bessette.

Initiated by Jack Rampulla, Director of Campus Ministry and his many campus ministers, the event began in the usual way—an opening prayer and hymns beautifully sung by Evan Katsefes, Class of 2018. The mass, led by alumnus Father Jean-Pierre Seon '98, highlighted how we must “thank Jesus” and ask Him to show us His way, His will, and His light.

Father Seon’s words were a joyful conglomerate of motivation, inspiration, and comfort for everyone in the room. He spoke of his experiences at Holy Cross High School nearly two decades ago, and how being a Holy Cross student not only led him to become a true Holy Cross Man—but to live a life teaching the gospel—a life he had no idea he would ever be a part of until he experienced God’s calling.

Throughout his time preaching in front of hundreds of young men, he stressed the importance of God’s will and how we ought to pray for God’s way and the way of Christ. Students listened diligently to Father Seon’s powerful words, and then ended the mass together with communion and a final prayer. We would like to take this time to thank not only Jack Rampulla for making this mass and many masses happen, but to our 46 campus ministers who were instrumental in developing the plans of the day and who made the service seamless and spiritual! We also thank Father Randy Rentner, C.S.C, and Father Jean-Pierre Seon who, as with all of our alumni, we welcome with open arms today and always. Aside from leading our mass, Father Seon spent the entire school day working with Holy Cross’ Director of Service Learning, Mr. Dimitri Tsimoyianis in our Theology classes.

FATHER MARK DEMOTT LEADS SCHOOL MASS



March 17th marked our Mass for St. Patrick and Patron Saint of Holy Cross, St. Joseph. We were very fortunate to have guest Celebrant, Father Mark DeMott, C.S.C. of the Rose Hill campus, Fordham University, and Father Randy Rentner, C.S.C. who both led a beautiful, heartfelt Mass with the help of our Campus and Eucharistic Ministers. Father Mark spoke about difficult times in our lives—times where we might not have chosen the best pathway or decision, and times that we would go back and change if we could. He spoke about the Lenten Season and asked students, staff, and faculty to peacefully reflect about what we are sacrificing and why. Students' responded well to Father Mark's personal stories, jokes, and message and later joined in communion as one. We would like to thank Father Mark, Father Randy, and Director of Campus Ministry, Jack Rampulla for a wonderful service.



SERVICE LEARNING

Holy Cross students volunteer all over New York City in a wide variety of non-profit organizations. As our Service Learning Program continues to evolve, our students are investing more time in their causes, and have increased the quality of life for hundreds of people per year. As we proceed into the next academic year, service site requirements will be more focused to ensure the maximum educational benefit for our students—optimizing their impact on the community. Some of our key partners remain recognizable to decades of alumni, and have grown just as much as our Service Learning Program over the years. Here are the institutions we’ve recently worked with:

ST. MARY’S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

With a completely renovated hospital campus within the last five years, Holy Cross Students continue to volunteer through various departments, especially in the Public School and the Ministry program. Starting next year, each senior classroom group will have exclusive scheduled opportunities to interact with the special needs public school students through art, music, and technology.

ST. JOSEPH’S SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (SJSD)

This historic school in the Bronx stands as a major center for deaf education and a champion of American Deaf Culture. SJSD eighth-graders educate our students in American Sign Language basics: words, phrases, and etiquette. Aside from friendly instruction, there are cooperative gardening opportunities, a Halloween Pumpkin Patch event, and traditional Easter Games.

ALLEY POND ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (APEC)

Over the last two years, we have strengthened our relationship with APEC as a community partner. Next year, we are expecting a greater number of student volunteers to work with this beloved environmental education center as it enters into an ambitious renovation phase. As the center grows, their mission will be directly connected to our students’ impact on environmental conservation. We are eager to see the great things our students will accomplish with APEC!

Department lead: Dimitri Tsimoyianis, Director of Service Learning

ATHLETIC HAPPENINGS



We would like to take this time to congratulate senior classman Stephen Castro '17, a Holy Cross Varsity Pitcher, on signing a **full academic baseball scholarship to Dominican College** located in Orangeburg, New York. We wish Stephen all the best during his final season here and when playing at the collegiate level next year!

Photo (l-r): Standing behind Stephen is his father Stephen, Holy Cross H.S. Athletic Director Keith Goggin, and his mother Danielle. Sitting with him is Holy Cross H.S. Varsity Baseball Coach Steve Adams.

SOCCER AWARDS

Holy Cross led the charge, making history on the pitch and securing the soccer program's first Brooklyn-Queens Catholic High School Athletic Association league championship win in 11 years. Congratulations to Coach Tyburczy and the entire Holy Cross Varsity Soccer Team on a fantastic 2016 season.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Matthew Tyburczy

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Eric Rossi

ALL LEAGUE

Joseph Brienza

Kyntrell Hendrickson

Joseph Iurillo

Antonio Pezzino

Eric Rossi

Ryan Sipavicius

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Ryan Sipavicius

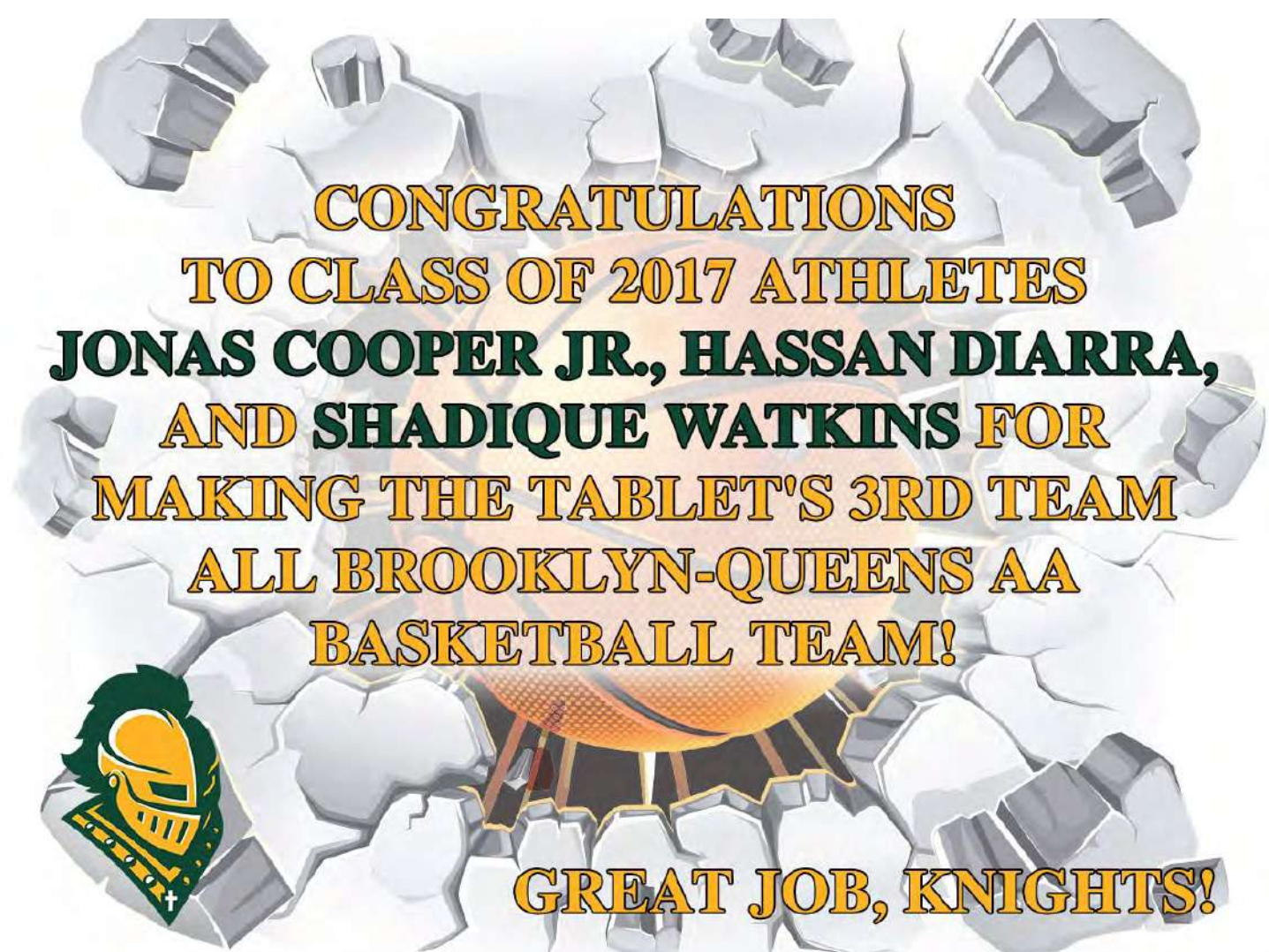
Eric Rossi

Kyntrell Hendrickson

Joseph Iurillo

Program lead: Coach Matthew Tyburczy

BASKETBALL SEASON NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO CLASS OF 2017 ATHLETES
JONAS COOPER JR., HASSAN DIARRA,
AND SHADIQUE WATKINS FOR
MAKING THE TABLET'S 3RD TEAM
ALL BROOKLYN-QUEENS AA
BASKETBALL TEAM!**

GREAT JOB, KNIGHTS!

H.C. ALUM'S FAMILY SAVES ATHLETE'S DREAM



Current sophomore and Holy Cross Knight wide receiver Tyriek Dodd (#81), 14, lost his father Clement Seymour Dodd, Jr. on February 5, 2015 after three years of fighting a rare cancer. Dodd's family had no way to pay for his tuition until a \$50k miracle donation was made to the school in memory of alumnus Rudy Krizan who also passed away last year. Because of this donation, Dodd will be able to live his dreams and Krizan's memory and spirit will strongly live on here at Holy Cross.

On October 31, Holy Cross High School was host to CBS News reporter Emily Smith. After reading about this heartwarming story in a local newspaper, Smith contacted the school to schedule an interview with Dodd and Krizan's wife, Patty Reimerdes. Smith and her production manager were able to capture the true spirit of altruism from the late alumnus' wonderful family and beloved friends. Krizan's wife donated a scholarship in memory of Rudy—also known as "Rude the Dude." Without Krizan's scholarship, it's safe to say that Dodd would be unable to attend another year at Holy Cross. As Reimerdes said of her late husband, "He would be so happy to know that this young man is playing football on the same fields Rudy played football, and sitting in the classrooms Rudy sat in." Please [click here](#) to be taken to the story of Holy Cross' Tyriek Dodd and Rudy Krizan.

FOOTBALL ACTION SHOTS

H.C. vs. S.J.B.





THE ALUMNI PAGES

This section illuminates our alumni who have recently accomplished a number of great things, and includes updates of alumni in the *Alumni Notes* section.

Additionally, within the following pages, you will revisit this year's alumni-centric celebrations, news, and upcoming events.

THE 2016 HALL OF FAME

ALUMNI NEWS & EVENTS



THE 2016 HALL OF FAME

Over 360 guests attended the Hall of Fame gala on Saturday evening, November 12, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Center. The sell-out event honored 10 individuals who were recognized for their outstanding contributions to both Holy Cross High School and their community, raised over \$120k for scholarships and financial aid at Holy Cross High School.



Seated (l-r): Mr. Dennis Lyons, Mrs. Shirley Della Vecchia, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Margaret Brick (parents of honoree Thomas Brick '91), Mr. James Conboy '83. Standing (l-r): Dr. Fokion "Ike" Avgerinos, Mr. Peter Trupia '68, Mr. Paul Chester, Chief Edward Kilduff, Mr. Douglas Hayden '81, Mr. Richard Nespola '62

THE 2016 HALL OF FAME



2017 PHONE-A-THON UPDATE

Each year Holy Cross runs its **Winter Phone-A-Thon** over six evenings in February. Alumni and parent volunteers come together in the school's library with the goal of raising \$50,000 in pledges for the Knights Fund, which supports academic, athletic and fine arts programs for our students and tuition assistance for families in need. Most of the funds are raised from fellow alumni and parents who have given to the Knights Fund in the past—as well as some of those who have never made a contribution.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE KEY!

Phone-A-Thon volunteers are a very special part of this annual project. Though our volunteers have a script as a guide, they are free to “ad lib” with their own added information and conversation. Many of our volunteers, in fact, are “veterans”, coming back each year to assist in obtaining pledges for us. Phone-A-Thon volunteers are a very special part of this process. Most of these funds will be raised from three categories—alumni, parents, and parents of alumni who have given to the Knights Fund in the past, as well as some of those who have never made a contribution.

SOME UPDATES...

To-date, we have obtained \$58,000 from 297 pledges—surpassing our \$50,000 goal. Donors who have given reliably are standing strong alongside their usual donations, and many donors who have lapsed in their support have now returned. Our Phone-A-Thon donors are true to their word, too, as we can boast a collection rate of over 80% each year. Their support for the Knights Fund with a gift in any amount not only helps us to improve our programs and offer financial aid, their support will help increase our chances of receiving funding from outside sources.

VOLUNTEERS ENJOY EVENINGS OF FUN!

Not only do volunteers help to obtain pledges and ensure the success of this project, they have fun, too! Each of the six nights includes a catered dinner! These dinners are complimentary, provided by altruistic alumni parents and community restaurants such as Kabab King, Court Square Diner and Matese Pizza, and include food, beverages, and dessert! Each evening ends with a raffle where the lucky winners can take home prizes like headphones, beer mugs, or sports caps. Perhaps we'll see you next year!

LEGENDS HALL

We have kicked off an exciting capital campaign for the renovation of **O'Meara Gymnasium** and the creation of **Legends Hall** in the entrance area to Holy Cross' gym. Our Legends Hall will recognize all Division I College Scholarship recipients and Professional Athletes. Recall how you felt as a student at Holy Cross—walking the halls and watching as new plaques and banners went up to commemorate our winning tradition. We believe our renovation will be an inspiration to current and future students as they travel through our 62-years of athletic history. We are happy to extend the opportunity to donate to this project to the greater Holy Cross community. You may make a donation in memory of a loved one, on behalf of yourself or your company, or community organization. To make a donation, or for more information, [click here!](#)

WAYS TO SUPPORT LEGENDS HALL

FRAMED NAMEPLATE JERSEYS

We will recognize our Legends Hall athletes by hanging their respective collegiate professional jersey on the walls in the entrance to the gym.

Legends Hall currently offers alumni and their loved ones the opportunity to purchase an athlete's college or professional jersey, which will be framed and affixed with a personalized nameplate.

Donations for the framed, nameplate jerseys are \$1000.

RECOGNITION FLOOR TILES

You can recognize former classmates, championships, teams, coaches, teachers, and more! Recognition floor tiles will line the Legends Hall walkway and are available in three options.

Option 1: A 4x8 inch tile with room for one to three lines at 20 characters per line. Cost: \$250.

Option 2: A larger, 8x8 inch tile has room for six lines also with 20 characters per line. Cost: \$500.

Option 3: Our final option is the largest tile at 12x12 inches. This tile has room for nine lines with 25 characters per line. Cost: \$750.

LEGENDS HALL



ALUMNI NOTES

NOTES FROM THE HOLY CROSS FAMILY

Are you looking to share
information or do you seek more
information on fellow classmates?

Please visit us on the web by
clicking [here!](#)

ALUMNI NOTES

THE FIFTIES

Walter Flynn, DDS '59 is a retired Dental Residency Program Director and former faculty at NYU and UMDNJ. Additionally, a retired military reserve Colonel, he and wife Mary had five children and now live in the Mid-Hudson Valley town of Tivoli in NY. flynn44c@yahoo.com

James Raftery '59 reported that the Raftery's basketball players were inducted in the Old Timers Hall of Fame March 2016 and included **Jim, John '64, Pat '65, Joe '66 and Kevin**. ecsi@verizon.net

THE SIXTIES

A retired Engineer, **William Modry '60** and wife Linda recently moved to St. Petersburg, FL. They have one son and a granddaughter. bill_modry@prodigy.net

John Douglas '61 is now President of Global Maritek Systems, Inc. in Potomac, MD where he lives with wife Peggy. They have six children and eleven grandchildren. jadoug@me.com

At St. Augustine's Parish in Troy, NY, **Deacon Thomas Colton '62** enjoys working with the Augustinian Fathers while wife Mary enjoys retirement from the NYS Thruway. doubttom@aol.com

Having served as a Tank Crewman with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967, **Richard Quinn '62** was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and Purple Heart for burns when his tank was destroyed in an ambush during Operation Junction City on March 23, 1967. He and wife Elizabeth live in Newtown, PA. boatrider@aol.com

Robert Robesch '63 is enjoying retirement on Long Island's East End wine country with wife Mary. He stays busy with his grandchildren and the American Legion. rrobesch@optonline.net

George Emmons' 64 was awarded the Wendell K. Walker Medal by the Grand Lodge of Accepted Masons of New York, the Legion of Honor by Democracy International and commissioned a Colonel by the Governor of Kentucky in 2016. He and wife Maureen live in Smithtown, NY. reen_emmons@hotmail.com

The first soccer field goal kicker for Holy Cross, **Paul Engl '65** now lives in Ponte Vedra, FL with wife Carol. Their son **Robert Engl '96** is a policeman and resides in Roanoke, VA. paultengl@aol.com; engl5@cox.net

Retired as an Inspector with the Suffolk County Police Department in 2013 after 41 years of service, **James Rhoads '65** now lives in Lake Grove, NY with wife Joan. jrhoads396@aol.com

ALUMNI NOTES

Robert McCabe '67 is a retired Government Consultant from Northrup Grumman. He has been married 42 years to wife Terry, and have three children and four grandchildren. They live in Alexandria, VA.

rmccabe2@gmail.com

Joseph Sanchez '69 spent twenty-five years as a radio announcer and sportscaster across several states including Mississippi, New York, New Jersey and Florida where he served as the play-by-play announcer for the Dodgers Class A farm team in Vero Beach, FL. He also served as Sports Director on WGYL FM and WTTB AM radio. Currently, he is active in baseball as the public address announcer at Holman Stadium in Vero Beach, FL and writes a weekly sports-related column for the local paper. Joe is also a member of the Society for American Baseball Research. He and wife Pamela have five children and live in Vero Beach, FL. setoneaton@hotmail.com

THE SEVENTIES

Retired since 2014 after forty years in the banking industry with Citi Group, **Vincent Viscuse '70** has held various bank positions including Branch Manager and Policy Director of Fraud Prevention and Risk Management. He now volunteers with the Independent Order of Oddfellows where he is Treasurer at the Mineola-Pacific Lodge #125. He and wife Erica live in East Meadow, NY and have two children.

vinnie258@yahoo.com

Ralph Gemelli '72 is an Independent Government Contractor working part-time as a Fraud Inspector after working thirty years in government service. He and wife Janet live in Glendale, NY.

rcgemelli@verizon.net

Stuart LaSalle '72 serves as Finance Director and Asset Manager for a non-profit affordable housing development organization in central New Hampshire. He lives in Gilford, NH. lasalle@metrocast.net

After thirty years of service, **Thomas Dimarcantonio '72** retired in 2011 as a Sergeant in the NYPD. He and wife Valerie live in Hicksville, NY. tad719@optonline.net

Daniel Sullivan '74 is retired from Derle Farms where he was Transportation Manager. He and wife Maureen live in Murrells Inlet, SC. celt1916@aol.com

Steve Monetti '74 and wife Kathy came to Holy Cross from their home in Lynchburg, VA to capture a photo at the spot where they first met in 1972 at a school dance.

ALUMNI NOTES

In August 2016, **Thomas Messana, Esq. '76** was honored by the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America as Litigation-Bankruptcy "Lawyer of the Year, Fort Lauderdale." Only a single lawyer is given this distinction for a specific practice area and community. Thomas has been named Lawyer of the Year for the 10th consecutive year having been selected by his peers for his work in both Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law and Litigation-Bankruptcy. Thomas is the Founder and Managing Shareholder of the litigation and bankruptcy boutique law firm of Messana, P.A.

A senior communications executive with more than 25 years of experience, **Anthony (Sprauve) Harrison '77** is the Founder and Principal at Sprauve-Harrison Communications, a public relations and communications consultancy company located in Oakland, CA where he and partner George reside.

anthony@sprauve.com

Peter Venaglia '77 is Partner at Schaeffer Venaglia Handler and Fitzsimmons, LLP in New York, NY. He and wife Rebekah live in Flushing, NY. venaglia@svhflaw.com

Recently retired from the Carpenters' Union Local 157, **John Cerruti '79** can now be seen around many Holy Cross sporting events. jcerruti@yahoo.com

THE EIGHTIES

Providing software assurance and cybersecurity solutions for both government agencies and business, **Charles Indelicato '82** is Senior Cybersecurity Engineer for the Netizen Corporation located in Allentown, PA. He resides in Saylorsburg, PA. cindelicato@gmail.com

Joseph LaMonte '82 is Corporate Information Technology Manager for Smithfield Foods. He also served as an Army Military Police Major, retiring in 2002 after twenty years of service. Joseph and wife Patricia live in Wilmington, NC. jlamontejr@aol.com

Timothy Cavanaugh '83 is being honored by the Mayor's Office in New York for his volunteerism with the New York City Lions Youth Football Program. The third annual Mayoral Service Recognition Ceremony will take place April 27, 2017 in Manhattan. Tim and his fellow honorees are among the top 5% of volunteers nominated out of 3,200 recognized volunteers. Timothy and wife Paula live in New York. timothy.cavanaugh@mufgsecurities.com

Formerly a Director with Deloitte Tax LLP in the New York City office, **Terence Coppinger '86** is now a Tax Partner at KPMG. He and wife Maureen have four children and live in Floral Park, NY. tccoppinger@hotmail.com

ALUMNI NOTES

James Winslow '84 is a recently retired Deputy Inspector from the NYPD. He is married with one son who plays ice hockey for the Nassau County Lions. jimnlinwinslow@aol.com

Michael Doss '87 is Sr. VP of Facilities Management and Business Development from Christian Health Care Center in Wyckoff, NJ. He and wife Caroline have two daughters and live in River Edge, NJ. makdoss@yahoo.com

Claudio Chappell '89 is Vice President of GLAS Americas LLC, a provider of finance administration services in the U.S. Claudio volunteers in his spare time as a New Rochelle Youth Hockey Coach. He and wife Marisol have three children and live in New Rochelle, NY

THE NINETIES

As Chief Operating Officer at Total Fire Protection in Brooklyn, NY, **Antonio Biondi '90** is responsible for all day-to-day business activities with direct oversight of the Company's operations. Antonio stays busy, too, with the National Italian American Foundation Leadership Council, St. Jude's Research Hospital Kids-for-Kids Committee, The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn where he received the 2014 Distinguished Leadership Award, and the Starlight Foundation where he was the 2008 Honoree. He and wife Christine have two daughters and live on Staten Island, NY. abiondi@tfp1.com

Daniel Pierce '91 is an Operating Engineer for ECI building Corp. He is married and lives in North Massapequa, NY. dp7227@yahoo.com

Newly married, **Erik Jansson '93** and wife Lori are living in Whitestone, NY. erik.ejansson@gmail.com

David Smith '97 is now a Sergeant in the NYPD.

THE 2000'S

Anthony Paratore, Ph.D. '00 and wife Ornela are expecting their second child in the spring of 2017. In his free time, Anthony enjoys mentoring students in the Science Research Program at Holy Cross. anthonyparatore@gmail.com

A few changes for **Andrew Montaruli '03** in 2016 as he married wife Alexis, moved to Smithtown, NY and became the Internal Audit Manager for Medisys Management, LLC in Melville, NY. a.montaruli@gmail.com

ALUMNI NOTES

Formerly a Minor League Catcher with the Toronto Blue Jays, **George Carroll '06** is currently the Minor League Catching and Rehab Coach with the Jays. George played baseball while at Holy Cross and continued playing at Hofstra and NYIT where he held a Baseball and Academic Scholarship and was Team Captain in 2011. After graduating, he went into the Toronto Blue Jays Minor League System playing behind the plate as Catcher. In 2013 he was given the opportunity to be the MLB Homerun Derby Catcher and the American League Bullpen Catcher for the All Star Game. His experience on the field translated into coaching as he became the Catching Coach, Assistant Hitting Coach and Assistant J.V. Coach for IMG before becoming an Instructor at the Baseball Factory. In February 2017, he returned to the Blue Jays as a Coach in their Minor League System. He lives in Tampa, FL. gcarro20@gmail.com

Alexander Cosentini '09 married and moved to Santa Monica, CA. He now works in the entertainment industry in Century City, CA. alextwa691@yahoo.com

Nick Loccisano '11 graduated from the NYPD Academy in July 2016 and is stationed at a precinct in Queens.



IN MEMORIAM

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James Anderer '59

January 2017

Joseph Cannella '67

January 2017

Richard Capone '64

February 2017

Michael Clark

Son of Michael Clarke '77
January 2017

William J. Dalton '63

Brother-in-Law of Dennis Lyon, Faculty
July 2016

Maria Dilluvio

Mother of Daniel Dilluvio '18
October 2016

Brandon Jackson '14

September 2016

Thomas Kelleher '59

March 2017

Joan Lohnes

Mother of Christopher Lohnes '91
Sister-in-Law of Magaly Lohnes, Faculty
October 2016



Francis J. Love '59

December 2016

Richard Papot '66

December 2016

Rose Pilotti

Mother of Eric Pilotti '74
March 2017

George Rau

Father of Theresa Rau, Faculty
October 2016

Timothy Ryan

Brother of John Ryan '17
September 2016

Anthony Sibilio '10

Brother of Matthew Sibilio '14
December 2016

Ed Sweeney '67

January 2017

Bruno Travalja '72

September 2016

Anna Wellner

Mother of Robert Wellner '67

Jordan Yee '13

December 2016

FATHERS' CLUB

So far this year, the Fathers' Club has hosted two very successful Golden Gloves nights, a Father-Son Basketball Night, and worked concessions for three Varsity football games and over 12 home basketball games.

We congratulate the Women's Guild for their extremely successful dance held this passing February, and look forward to next year's dance!

Looking ahead, we expect to once again host the Daily News' Golden Gloves fight nights on Friday, February 16, 2018 and Friday, March 9, 2018.

Our 20th Annual Rock and Roll show is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018. We would like to thank the members of the Holy Cross Community for their continued support.

Our meetings and other information are posted on the Fathers' Club page located on Holy Cross' website.

New members and new ideas are always welcome!

— *Marty Stein, Fathers' Club President*

To become a member of Holy Cross High School's **Fathers' Club**, please contact Marty Stein, President via email at fathersclub@myhchs.org.

Click [here](#) to visit the Fathers' Club on the web!

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild of Holy Cross is known for their fun, upbeat events. From dinners, to dances, to holiday vendor sales in our gymnasium, the Women's Guild truly does it all.

The Women's Guild is a place for New and Alumni Holy Cross moms/guardians to gather in a friendly atmosphere to share ideas. We are an organization dedicated to supporting Holy Cross and the education, growth, and success of our sons. We know everyone leads a busy life, so we conveniently meet one evening per month and welcome you to join us when you can. The Women's Guild is a place where you can:

- Organize fun fundraising events
- Make new friends and meet other Holy Cross H.S. parents/guardians
- Support your son's Holy Cross educational career
- Stay up-to-date on what is happening in the school
- Enjoy other exciting memberships like the 300 Club
- Escape for a little while—we're not only about fundraising

To become a member of Holy Cross High School's **Women's Guild**, please contact Maureen Neggie, Moderator via email at womensguildhc@gmail.com. Click [here](#) to visit the Women's Guild on the web!

Thank you for being a part of Holy Cross High School's legacy and future. Without our students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, donors, and many volunteers these stories would not be possible, and the memories made within these events would cease to exist.



UPCOMING EVENTS OF 2017

ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Friday, May 12

7:00 p.m.

Holy Cross High School

CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION

Saturday, June 3

12:30 p.m.

Queens College

FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

Friday, May 12

6:30 p.m.

Holy Cross High School, Gym

35th ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, June 26

8:30 a.m.

Engineers & North Shore Country Clubs

SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Tuesday, May 16

6:00 p.m.

Holy Cross High School

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Date TBA

Time TBA

Holy Cross High School

SENIOR CLASS PROM

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 p.m.

Bridge View Yacht Club

2017 HALL OF FAME

Saturday, November 11

5:00 p.m. Mass | 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Immaculate Conception Center,
Douglaston

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Thursday, June 1

7:00 P.M.

Immaculate Conception Center,
Douglaston

To find out about more events,
visit us on the web and view our
[school calendar](#).



Photo: *Sunlight Through the Chapel Windows* by Teresa Augustyniak, 2017