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Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB '74, Chancellor of Benedictine High School, and the Board of Trustees announced the appointment of **Dr. Frank Bossu, PhD '67** as the new president of the school beginning July 1, 2017. He will succeed **Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB, MEd '71** who has served as president for the past nine years.

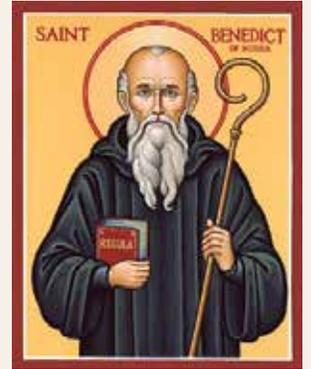


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## THE BENEDICTINE HALLMARKS

## The Practice of Listening



What does listening actually mean? The dictionary describes the practice of listening as:

- 1) Taking notice of and act on what someone says; to respond to advice or a request
- 2) to make an effort to hear something; to be alert and ready to hear something or
- 3) to listen up.

Speaking is easy; listening is difficult. It's been said that the average person actually remembers a small portion of what is said to them. Good listening is an act of love and requires patience in order to be fully present to the other person. Good listening is a ministry, a sacred dialogue between you and the other. It is a call to be fully present to the other and experience the love of God in them and through them, as well as they experiencing God's love through us. Good listening reflects our relationship to God,

*Listen carefully, my son, to your master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart (Prov.4:20). This is advice from a father who loves you; welcome it and faithfully put it into practice. The labor of obedience will bring you back to Him from whom you had drifted by the sloth of disobedience. (RB Pro. 1-2)\*\**

St. Benedict teaches us to listen not only with our ears, but also within our hearts, our entire being. He calls each one of us to hear the voice of God speaking to us. Have you ever tried to be still for a period of time, getting away from the business of life, leaving behind all the problems, people, cell phones, computers?

Several times I have challenged people during the homily of the Mass or while they are on retreat, to just sit still for a few minutes and to listen attentively. After a short period, I will ask them what they heard. Some will mention that it was a difficult challenge since they were thinking about a lot of things going on in their lives. Others will give the obvious answers of things going on around their immediate area such as a person coughing or sneezing, etc. These two answers demonstrate the beginning stages of developing a discipline for listening. We must first calm our thoughts and let go of focusing on the outside world.

*Let us get up then, at long last for the Scripture rouse us when they say, It is high time for us to rise from sleep (Rom 13:11). Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God, and our ears to the voice from Heaven that every day calls out this charge: If you hear His voice today, harden not your hearts: (Ps. 94(95):8). And again, You who have ears to hear, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches (Matt:15; Rev. 2:7). And what does He say? Come, and listen to Me, sons; I will teach you the fear of the Lord (Ps. 33/34):12. Run while you have the light of life, that the darkness of death may not overtake you (John 12:35). (RB Pro 8-13)\*\**

God is reaching out to us and St. Benedict is challenging us to respond to God's call now and not wait until it's too late. I remember asking the question several times at Mass, retreats and in Theology classes, "How many people have heard the Lord in their lives?" Probably a handful of people would raise their hands each time. When asked what the Lord said to them, some said that He gave

them guidance, others shared that He told them that He loved them, some mentioned that He told them not to give up and still others mentioned that while they didn't hear the voice of God or Christ, they felt an inner peace and love which they knew came from God. These responses have come from people of all ages, from 5-year-olds to those in their 80s. I am sure that some of you reading this article have had a divine dialogue with God in your life.

Yet a number have shared that they are too busy to take the time to listen to God. Perhaps you are running around taking care of the family or a family member. Perhaps you find yourself overwhelmed at work or school. Perhaps you are trying to make ends meet or just surviving. Perhaps you are personally going through a difficult time, whether it be physically, emotionally, or spiritually. You may tell me that it is impossible to take time for God. Yet, St. Benedict challenges us to invite God into the core of our heart and our lives now, while we have the time and not to wait till we are "older." There is an old saying that "where there is a will, there is a way." If you have the will, God will provide the way. By this divine dialogue with God daily in your life, you will experience a whole new life of peace and joy flowing from God's love even in the most troubling of times. A few months ago, I attended the funeral of a wife and mother who suffered from cancer for many years. She was a faithful woman and never gave up on Christ or her faith. Even through the most difficult times, she still had a smile on her face, cared for her family and friends, and didn't allow the cancer to beat her – rather, she beat the cancer by her loving disposition towards others. Some people didn't even realize that she had cancer. She truly lived a life of divine dialogue with God.

So take time to grow in silence and deepen in your divine dialogue with God. Silence in the presence of God allows us to deepen our relationship with Him through prayer in love and gives us the strength to reach out to others for He gives us eyes of faith to see Himself in those whom we encounter. Feel free to email me your experiences of the divine dialogue at [gary@standrewabbey.org](mailto:gary@standrewabbey.org).

Peace,  
Abbot Gary, OSB

**\*\*Rule of St. Benedict**

# My Reunion Weekend and Thoughts of the Benedictine Community

It is rare that relationships with people, institutions or people because of institutions last for 50 years or more.

Having just celebrated my 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion with my Benedictine classmates, I was struck by how fortunate I am to have so many Benedictine friends. So, what is it about Benedictine that offers us that gift of long term community? Here's what I think.

We formed a brotherhood through shared experiences at Benedictine with the many hours together in the classroom, in the clubs or in our sports. It was a time of dramatic development in mind, body and spirit, so that comradery was particularly important.



Frank Bossu '67, Tom Rafferty '67, Joe Kacsandi '67

While other high schools offer a similar experience, I believe that the addition of our Benedictine monks and long tenured faculty and staff set us apart in forming our long lasting community.

When I get together with my classmates and we talk about high school, we'll bring up our sports and our coaches, but we'll invariably come back to what we remember about the monks who taught us. Not what content they taught us, but what they taught us about discipline and commitment.

The stability of the Benedictine monks provides the opportunity for long lasting community. They are committed to St. Andrew Abbey and its apostolate of Catholic education through Benedictine High School. So, when I was visiting one of our grads in San Diego, the first teacher he asked about was Fr. Anselm, I was able to tell

him that Fr. Anselm was still teaching German at Benedictine. His connection with the school and his school experiences becomes tangible with Fr. Anselm. He then gets to come back to school and meet Fr. Anselm.



Dr. Frank Bossu '67

The Benedictine monks stay connected with our students and their families. In the past several months I have had the privilege to attend events led by our monks. They included a funeral Mass for a classmate, a funeral for the wife of one of our staff and a family's memorial tree planting for a former student. There have been weddings, confirmations and baptisms. The important events of our lives include the people who are important to us, and one of our Benedictine monks was asked to lead each of these family ceremonies.

Our lay teachers offer similar stability. Several of our current lay teachers have taught the sons of their former students. My dad, Augie Bossu, forms the basis of conversations across generations of our grads and in turn those shared memories connect them to each other. A former teacher mentioned that many years after he left Benedictine it was special that dad and some of the Benedictine monks came to his own dad's wake. He saw their presence as a demonstration of how the Benedictine community is special.

One of my focus areas is to develop the leadership qualities of our people throughout the organization. Formal training of my leadership team began in July and will continue throughout the school year with them and then with others. This training helps in the development of our students and in our partnering with their families. It also allows our young leaders to grow and gain career opportunities and experiences at Benedictine, so they can have long and fulfilling careers here. I will call on you to help support their development.

Dr. Frank Bossu '67  
President

**Thank you to the Benedictine monks and laypersons who have dedicated over 15 years of their careers to developing Benedictine's young men.**

Abbot Gary '74  
Bishop Roger '54  
Fr. Anselm '58

Fr. Bede  
Abbot Clement '50  
Fr. Dominic '60

Fr. Gerard '71  
Fr. Michael  
Fr. Paschal

Fr. Timothy '60  
Mr. R. DiGeronimo '73  
Mr. M. Francioli '71

Dr. Polderman  
Mr. Reeves  
Mr. R. Salem '90

Mr. R. Stircula '97  
Ms. Shannon

# INCOMING FRESHMEN

In August over 115 freshmen will begin their journey in the halls of Benedictine High School. On July 21, 2017 we welcomed the incoming freshmen and their families for an overnight retreat in which traditions, hallmarks, fight song and alma mater were introduced and brotherhood began to form and strengthen through prayer, competitions and of course, food!

## CLASS OF 2021 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Closest student is right across the street from Benedictine and the furthest student is from Medina, Ohio!
- We have 63 grade schools and two home schooled students represented.
- 35% are Merit Scholars.
- Five students are following their father's footsteps in becoming Men of Benedictine and 9 have a legacy connection.

## UPCOMING DATES

As we move forward with the class of 2022, we invite you to share these important dates with prospective families that you feel could become future Men of Benedictine. Of course in the spirit of St. Benedict, you are always welcome!

- **Family Day** on September 22, 2017 beginning at 5pm, followed by our Homecoming football game at Bedford Stadium
- **Open Houses:**
  - October 12, 2017 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm
  - April 25, 2018 from 5:00pm to 7:30pm
- **Entrance Exam dates:**
  - September 30, 2017 at 9am
  - October 14, 2017 at 9am
  - November 15, 2017 at 5:30pm
  - December 2, 2017 at 9am

“Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ...”—RB 53:1  
Go Bengals!

## ADMISSIONS TEAM



John Ellis, Director  
of Admissions



Mike Stircula,  
Assistant Director  
of Admissions



Ursula Szabados,  
Admissions  
Administrative  
Assistant



Incoming freshmen enjoy the evening at Benedictine.



Benedictine's incoming freshmen enjoy an overnight event.



# Introducing Doc Bossu – *The Tradition Continues*

by Frank Bossu, PhD '67

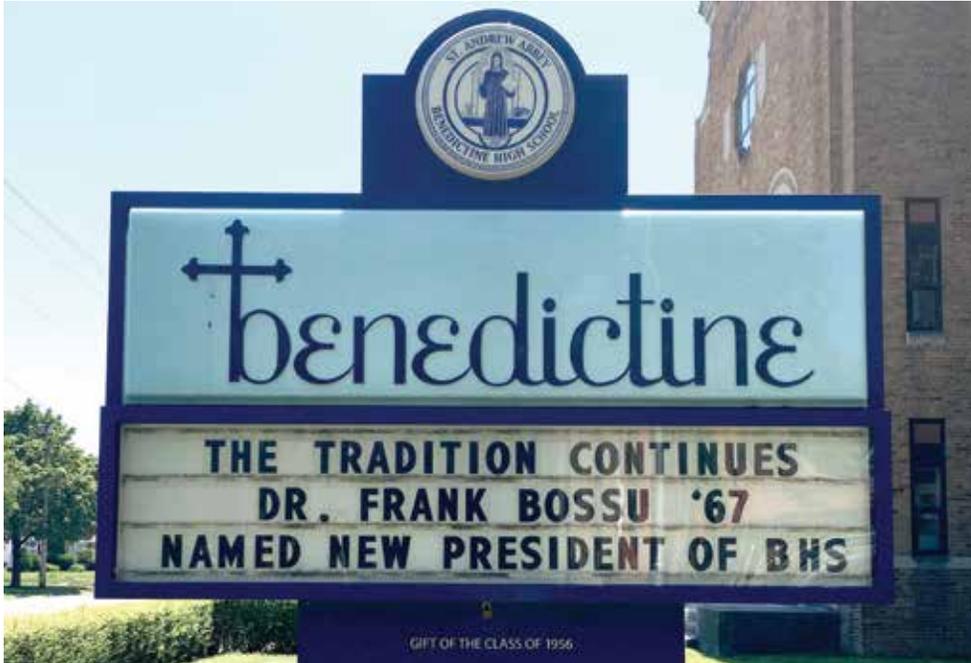


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I’m called Doc around school, but also answer to “Coach.” I bring my rich history of Benedictine influence to my role of president. This rich history also includes developing people, products and brands, building businesses, and importantly teaching and coaching.

As the son of the legendary Coach Augie Bossu, I grew up around Benedictine. I attended Benedictine when Bishop Roger was first teaching and coaching, played football for my dad, and learned to be a student and leader from my teachers and classmates. They taught me so well, that I received a Valedictorian Scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. At Notre Dame I majored in chemistry and lettered in football as a walk-on offensive guard. I earned a doctorate in Analytical Chemistry from Purdue University and started my career developing new products at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, Ohio. My students know that at P&G I was instrumental in leading the development of Tide with Bleach laundry detergent. Twelve years ago I was fortunate to return to Cleveland and join Benedictine as a



chemistry teacher and freshman football coach. I initiated the school's AP Chemistry program. I especially enjoyed teaching students to experiment in the laboratory, as well as working with students on their annual science fair projects. All my experiences have been great to ready me for this position. Benedictine is where I belong.

The school's sign at the front driveway leads with the words "**The Tradition Continues.**" For me this importantly highlights St. Benedict's hallmark of **Stability** even with a change of leadership.

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One of our traditions is that our graduates step up to provide leadership for our school. I join a long line of graduates who were our school's leaders. The latest two are Abbot Gary of the class of 1974 and our president of the past nine years, Fr. Gerard of the class of 1971. I am pleased that Fr. Gerard's knowledge and advice remains in the school.

Our graduates also make contributions to the school as faculty and staff. These graduates were and are both monks and laymen. We benefit immensely from their understanding of our institutional principles and our dedication to developing young men in mind, body and spirit to become the future leaders of their families, businesses and communities.

They are testaments to our success in our

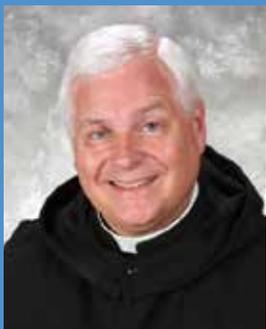
mission. These alumni attract the type of men and women we need to teach and coach those young men who choose to be part of our mission. In turn our young men's mothers, fathers and families then become part of our community and add to our tradition. I am proud to be in this community and continue my contributions to our young men.

Another tradition refers to me following in the footsteps of my dad, Coach Augie Bossu. His service to Benedictine of over 50 years was certainly a visible and powerful teacher for me. I am proud to think that I can continue his legacy of service to Benedictine. And, I'm not the only son or relative of a former member of our community who chose to join and serve our young men in our faculty or administration.

We have a tradition as the Home of Champions to focus on getting better each day and leaving the school better after our work is done here. In this tradition I am focused on developing the leadership of our school, further connecting our graduates and friends with our young men, and establishing the systems and processes in Admissions and Advancement that reliably attract and support the goal of a student body of 450 that is fortunate to be developed by our faculty, staff and administration.

I look forward to meeting all of you and I thank you for your support of our Benedictine community.

Dr. Frank Bossu '67



## Fr. Gerard, OSB '71 Assumes New Leadership Role

In addition to teaching English, Fr. Gerard will now lead special projects in the Advancement Department, including celebrations of the community's 100th anniversary.

On his tenure as president of the high school, Fr. Gerard observed: "I am pleased with the progress that Benedictine made in the past decade, especially the addition of Bossu Field, the effective development of the Board of Trustees, the strengthening of our financial position, and recent moves to bring the abbey and school into a closer working relationship."



Mrs. Sue Zulantt

*This school year, the students will have a strong and challenging curriculum. Our engineering program is expanding and we will be adding new equipment to the Maker Space. This will not only add to the students' education, but it will also help strengthen our abilities to provide engraved products to the public.*

## Principal's Message

Dear Friends of Benedictine,

It has been over a year since I became the principal of Benedictine High School. However, it never ceases to amaze me how different and unique Benedictine really is. Its diverse student body, its talented faculty and staff, and dedicated administration lay the ground work for our success. Perhaps, the single most unique and significant attribute is our strong and absolute connection to the Benedictine monks. With the Abbey directly connected to the school, we have the privilege of celebrating Mass as a school in St. Andrew Abbey. This is an experience no other school can offer.

Our graduation class was 104 strong. These young men garnered over \$7,000,000 in scholarships. The list of colleges on the right include all the institutions they are attending. We, the Benedictine family, are extremely proud and wish them success and happiness in the future.

As our seniors leave we have the privilege of welcoming our freshman class. With a new and energetic admissions team, we stand ready to accept 115 to 120 new students. The head of the department Mr. John Ellis, and his assistants, Mr. Mike Stircula and Mrs. Ursula Szabados, have done an exemplary job to increase our enrollment at a time when the number of prospective students in Catholic grade schools is decreasing.

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With the success of the engineering program, we are expanding our focus into the area of medicine, health and veterinary sciences. We are researching all areas and studying the resources required to make a successful program centered around academic excellence in the field of medical sciences. The projected inception of the program will be the fall of 2018.

Also, I would like to congratulate Nolan Hopkins, the son of Pat Hopkins and Melissa Hopkins, the head of our counseling department, for being chosen Mr. Benedictine. It is the most prestigious honor given at the Home of Champions. In addition, with the closing of this school year, I wish our graduates the best of luck in the future. I know that they have the knowledge and talents to be successful. The time and efforts put forth by our devoted faculty, staff and administration have prepared our Men of Benedictine for a successful future.

Our Benedictine High School has been going through several face lifts. The auditorium has been entirely painted and new shades were installed. It really looks fantastic. In addition, the high school main office has also been repainted. Please feel free to come and visit. Our students would love to show you around!

As the new school year begins, I want to wish the best of luck to all our sports teams. I know the Men of Benedictine will uphold the tradition of excellence and do their best in all competitions. I also look forward to our music department performing and sharing their talents within our school, for our families and also to the public.

In conclusion, I want to thank my faculty, staff and the administration for all their support. I also want to thank each student, parent, alumni, benefactor and all others who have given of themselves to Benedictine. This unique institution would not exist as the exceptional school it is today without your patronage.

## Colleges the Graduates of 2017 are Attending:

Adrian College  
Alabama A&M University  
Baldwin Wallace University  
Bluffton University  
Bowling Green State University  
Canisius College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cleveland Institute of Art  
Cleveland State University  
Columbus College of Art and Design  
Concordia University - Ann Arbor  
Cuyahoga Community College - Metropolitan Campus  
Cuyahoga Community College - Western Campus  
Eastern Michigan University  
John Carroll University  
Kent State University  
Lakeland Community College  
Loyola University - Chicago  
Miami University - Oxford  
Millikin University  
Ohio University  
Saint Vincent College  
Shawnee State University  
Temple University  
Tennessee State University  
The Ohio State University  
The Ohio State University - Mansfield  
The University of Akron  
Thomas More College  
Tiffin University  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Dayton  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Toledo  
Walsh University  
West Liberty University  
Wheeling Jesuit University  
Xavier University

# Story Telling

Dear Benedictine Community,

As a proud Benedictine High School graduate, I am pleased and honored to be appointed Vice-President of Advancement.

This fall marks my 10th year in a leadership role at Benedictine High School. I have been fortunate to have past experiences as an Assistant Football Coach, our Alumni and Annual Fund Director, our Director of Admissions, and most recently our Athletic Director.

Each position at the high school has given me the opportunity to interact with a different constituent group: graduates, prospective students, current students, families, and friends of the school. From sharing memories of our school's rich tradition with alumni, to telling our story and the benefits of a Benedictine education with future families, to assisting to mold and develop our young men in mind, body, and spirit; each responsibility has provided an unmatched fulfillment and appreciation for this place we call home.

I thank the 2,144 High School and Abbey donors who have provided generous support this past year to make these stories and experiences a reality to our current "Men of Benedictine."

As we continue to grow our student body to 450 young men, your continued financial support allows for current and future students to share their **own** stories, experiences and benefits of a Benedictine High School education.

I invite you to visit our school, meet with students, and pray with our monks of St. Andrew Abbey. I look forward to sharing stories and memories. With your assistance, we will help create new ones. Contact me at [lorber@cbhs.edu](mailto:lorber@cbhs.edu) to arrange a day and time to visit and experience all of the great things at Benedictine High School and St. Andrew Abbey.

Thank you!



Chris Lorber '04

*Your financial assistance allows for today's students to share their own stories, experiences, and benefits that were provided from the Benedictine High School education they received.*

# Focus on the Theology Department

Of all the academic departments of Benedictine High School, or any Catholic school, the Theology Department is the most important. The primary reason that the bishops of the United States established the Catholic School system in the 19th century was to insure that Catholic students had access to the Truth as revealed by Jesus Christ in the Scriptures and in the living authentic interpretation of those Scriptures by the teaching authority of the successor of Peter (the Pope) and the apostles (the bishops).



Fr. James Forgac, OSB teaching theology in the 1980s.

It is indeed a challenge now to teach authentic Catholic theology even in a Catholic high school like Benedictine. First, not all the students are Catholic. Since the 1970s, Benedictine has averaged at least 40% non-Catholics in its student body. And even of those students who declare themselves to be Catholic, national surveys reveal that less than one-third of American Catholics practice their faith and worship at Mass each weekend.

Evangelization is the call of the Catholic Church for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is a fancy word for making the Truth of Christian teaching known and understood through personal witness and dialogue. No one is forced to accept Catholic teaching or convert to the Catholic faith at Benedictine. However, just as a student who attends Brigham Young University in Utah need not

Theology at Benedictine High School reflects the Benedictine hallmark of **Stability** because it is not effected by superficial trends in social thinking and contemporary, secular culture. St. Paul warned the Christians of ancient Ephesus about this in the letter he wrote to them, *“So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes” (Ephesians 4,14).*

Christian Catholic Truth is grounded in the light of Sacred Scripture, church tradition, and the natural law which mirrors God’s eternal wisdom. Committed to the theological enterprise of “faith seeking understanding,” the Theology Department is an integral and indispensable part of a Catholic liberal arts education.



Fr. Clement Zeleznik, OSB '50 explains the sacred vessels for Mass in the 1960s.

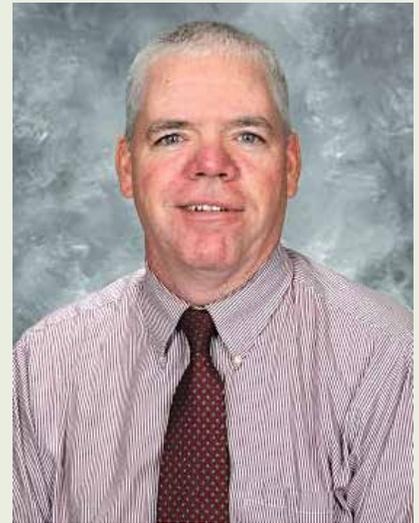
become a Mormon though he will certainly graduate knowing what the Mormon Church teaches and why, so too students of all faiths at BHS should understand Catholic teaching by the time they graduate.

Over the decades, the Theology Department at Benedictine has included in its ranks some of the most intelligent and educated members of the faculty. The famous **Fr. James Forgac, OSB, PhD**, who is equally known for his unwavering and effective style of discipline in the 1950s to the 1980s, earned two doctorates, one in theology and one in philosophy and also taught at local colleges. Former **Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB** brought an effective blend of learning the faith and living the faith to BHS students in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s after earning degrees in Catechetics from Loyola University in Chicago and in Formative Spirituality from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

Today, the faculty of the Theology Department at Benedictine is a blend of monks and dedicated Catholic laymen. **Fr. Finbar Ramsak, OSB** (MA in Theology from St. Vincent's Seminary and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree (STB) from the Dominican House of Studies), who was ordained in 2011, introduces the freshmen to the fundamentals of the Catholic faith, the life and teachings of St. Benedict, and the survey of the Old Testament. **Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB** (MA in Theology and Monastic Studies from St. John University

School of Theology) continues the systematic introduction to Jesus and the gospel message of the New Testament and the formation and history of the Catholic Church. **Mr. Andrew Parker** (BA in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville) also serves as campus minister and director of retreats and teaches juniors about the Sacraments and Christian morality and decision making. Department chairman **Mr. Thomas Gallagher** (BA in Theology from Mt. St. Joseph's College and MEd from Ursuline College) helps the seniors to understand how to explain the faith through an introduction to Apologetics while weaving a component of Christian service throughout the senior year curriculum.

The textbooks used in the Theology classes at BHS, apart from the Bible, are from the series of Ave Maria Press that meets the requirements of the United States Bishops' Conference for religious instruction in a high school curriculum. The intellectual approach to understanding the Christian Faith is complemented by opportunities for active worship and personal formation. Each Theology class meets for Mass monthly and the entire student body gathers each month for a full school Mass. Twice a week at the all-school convocation, a student team prepares and leads a prayer service to start the day. The campus ministry office organizes a class retreat for freshmen and sophomores, while providing a number of options including multiple day off-campus retreats to juniors and seniors.

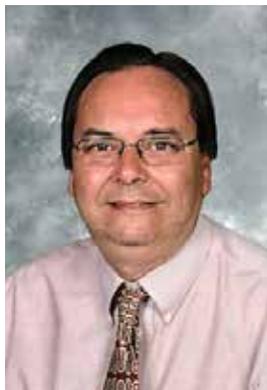


## HYLAND '84 NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Marty Hyland '84 has been named the school's athletic director following the appointment of Chris Lorber '04 to Vice-President of Advancement. Hyland, a former athletic director at North Coast League schools Cleveland Central Catholic and Trinity, brings six years of experience to the position. Hyland has served as an English teacher along with assistant coaching positions in basketball and baseball for the Bengals the last four years. In addition, Hyland helped guide the Bengals basketball team to back-to-back state championships in 1997 and 1998. Congratulations, Marty!



Fr. Finbar Ramsak, OSB



Mr. Tom Gallagher



Mr. Andrew Parker

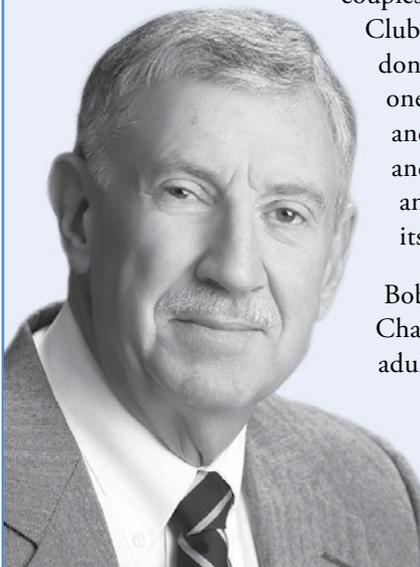
# 2017 Hall of Fame & Hall of Honors Inductees

## HALL OF HONORS

### BOB TOTH '63

Bob Toth and his wife, Linda, have been generous supporters of Benedictine. They were one of the early couples to join the Scholar's Club, whose members donate the equivalent of one full tuition a year, and they have attended and supported the Blue and White Gala since its inception.

Bob and Linda live in Chardon and have three adult children, Warren, Sara and Jennifer, along with eight grandchildren.

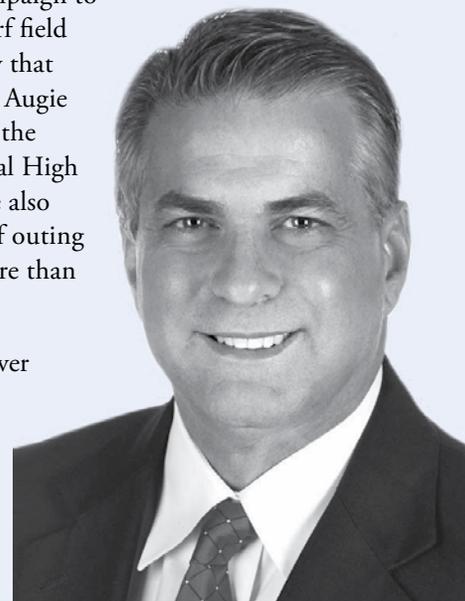


## HALL OF HONORS

### JOHN DIPAOLOA '78

John DiPaola is an outstanding example of a Benedictine man. He led the campaign to build an artificial turf field on campus, a facility that would be named for Augie Bossu, and initiated the Joe Marino Memorial High Top Scholarship. He also began an annual golf outing which has raised more than \$100,000 to date.

He lives in Rocky River with his wife, Laura. They have two adult children, Joe '06 and Leann.

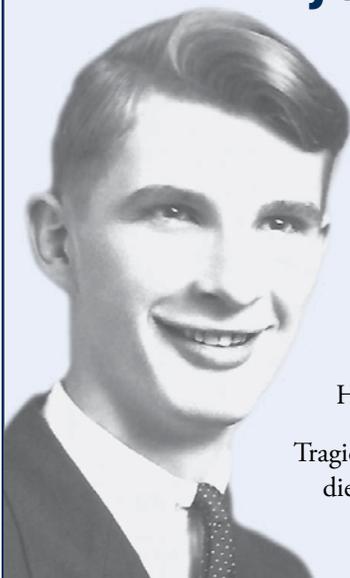


## HALL OF FAME

### JOE KANDRA '39

Joe Kandra was an outstanding three-sport athlete in the early days of the school, starring in football, basketball, and baseball. At graduation, Kandra was presented the Sportsmanship Cup by Rev. Andrew Pier, OSB, school principal, who called him "one of Benedictine High's greatest all-around athletes."

Tragically, in October 1940, Kandra died in an automobile accident.

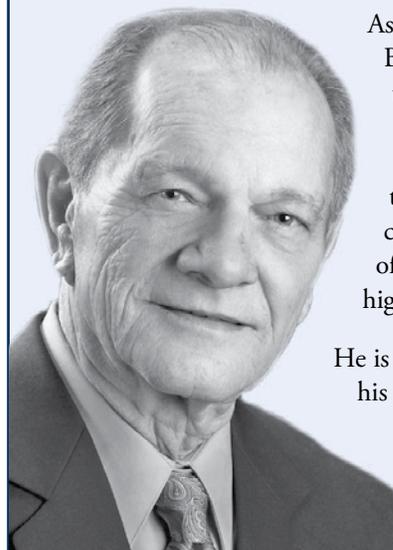


## HALL OF FAME

### JIM KUBINSKI '58

As co-captain of the 1957 Benedictine football team, Jim Kubinski helped lead the Bengals to the schools' first state title. The Plain Dealer called Benedictine "one of the city's all-time great high school teams."

He is retired and lives with his wife, Sandra, in Solon. They have three adult children and seven grandchildren.

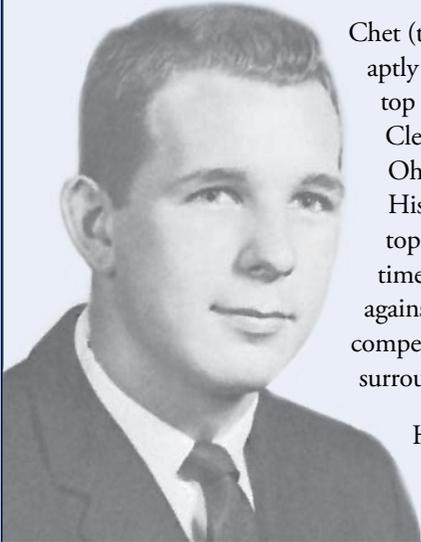


Every two years Benedictine High School and the Hall of Fame/Hall of Honors Committee pays tribute to alumni, coaches, teachers and administrators for their accomplishments in the athletic field while at Benedictine High School and/or after graduation, while reflecting on the ideals of Benedictine and contributing to its success.

The Hall of Fame honors those who've competed and had memorable careers in our athletic programs. The Hall of Honors recognizes those who exemplified the best in Benedictine making contributions to the school with their time, talents or treasure and bettering the Benedictine Community.

HALL OF FAME

CHET WOJCIECHOWSKI '64

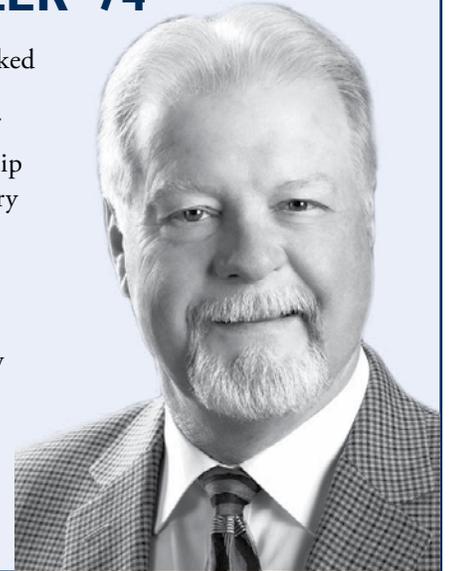


Chet (the Jet) Wojciechowski was aptly nicknamed as one of the top sprinters in the Greater Cleveland area and around Ohio in the early 1960s. His career was filled with top finishes, record-setting times and memorable victories against some of the strongest competition in Ohio and surrounding states.

He lives with his wife, Janet, in Eden, Maryland.

HALL OF FAME

AL KELLER '74

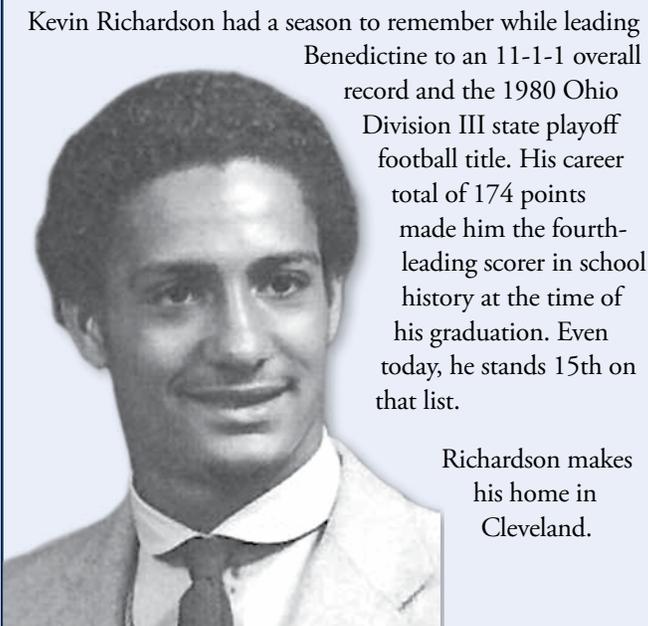


Al Keller quarterbacked the 1973 Bengals to the first state playoff football championship in Benedictine history and first for a team from the Greater Cleveland area.

He lives in Broadview Heights with his wife, Cathy. They have four adult children.

HALL OF FAME

KEVIN RICHARDSON '81

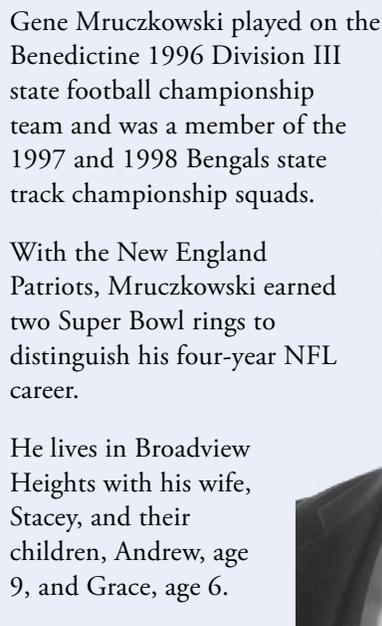


Kevin Richardson had a season to remember while leading Benedictine to an 11-1-1 overall record and the 1980 Ohio Division III state playoff football title. His career total of 174 points made him the fourth-leading scorer in school history at the time of his graduation. Even today, he stands 15th on that list.

Richardson makes his home in Cleveland.

HALL OF FAME

GENE MRUCZKOWSKI '98



Gene Mruczkowski played on the Benedictine 1996 Division III state football championship team and was a member of the 1997 and 1998 Bengals state track championship squads.

With the New England Patriots, Mruczkowski earned two Super Bowl rings to distinguish his four-year NFL career.

He lives in Broadview Heights with his wife, Stacey, and their children, Andrew, age 9, and Grace, age 6.

# 'Resilient' Michael Roberts traveled hard road to Lions

Ted Kulfan, *The Detroit News*

Allen Park – The path to the NFL wasn't easy for Toledo tight end Michael Roberts. There was so much to overcome. But Saturday, when the Detroit Lions drafted Roberts with the 127th pick in the fourth round, the perseverance paid off.

Finally, Roberts will get a chance to play in the NFL, and also help out his mother, Maria Young. "It means the world," said Roberts of getting drafted. "Since I started my journey, it's always been about my mother and grandmother and supporting them, and even though I don't get the chance to really support my grandmother (who is deceased), it's still a dream to support my mother. It was a long time and something that I worked toward. It's just great to see it all pay off."

There's been so much heartache along the way, so many people Roberts was thinking about Saturday as his name was called by the Lions. Roberts' grandmother, Deborah Young, died of cancer during his senior year, just four days before Christmas. Then, about three months later, Roberts' younger brother Cameron, just 10, was accidentally shot in the stomach and died. Football didn't seem to matter to Roberts at that point.

"I was 17 at the time and I had just lost my grandmother a couple months before," Roberts said. "I would say that time period was definitely the hardest I had to deal with in my life to date." But Roberts persevered, would up at Toledo and steadily worked his way up the depth chart.

How did Roberts overcome all the tragedy? "The same way I get (through) everything – just put my head down and work," Roberts said. "(There's) nothing that can prepare you for such events. You just have

to use that negative energy and direct it in a positive light, to not only graduate college, but just finish high school. I play for so many different people. It's hard to not give your all when it's a lot bigger than you. I never play for myself."

Roberts is a big target (6-foot-5, 270 pounds) who caught 45 passes for 533 yards (11.8 average) and a staggering 16 touchdowns last season. Of his 70 career receptions, 22 were touchdowns. "It comes down to hard work and preparation," said Roberts of his success in the red zone. "I definitely prepare well and take advantage of each opportunity I have. Logan (Woodside, Toledo quarterback), we worked a lot together. It was really just that preparation and maximizing each and every opportunity I was given."

Roberts had contact with the Lions during the pre-draft process, had a workout with them, and talked with Lions tight end coach Al Golden. Roberts is excited about the possibility of working with tight end Eric Ebron and quarterback Matthew Stafford.

"I've been a fan of Eric Ebron since he was back at North Carolina," Roberts said. "I've watched him closely when he was in college, and in Detroit I've watched him. I'm real excited to work with him. He's (Stafford) a precise quarterback. Stafford, he's just a great quarterback, and he's laying the foundation and just looking to win games."

Roberts was anxious Saturday to begin doing his part to help the Lions win. "I play with a lot of passion," Roberts said. "This game is my life. I'm very resilient. I get better as the game goes. I never really run out of energy. I just love what I do."

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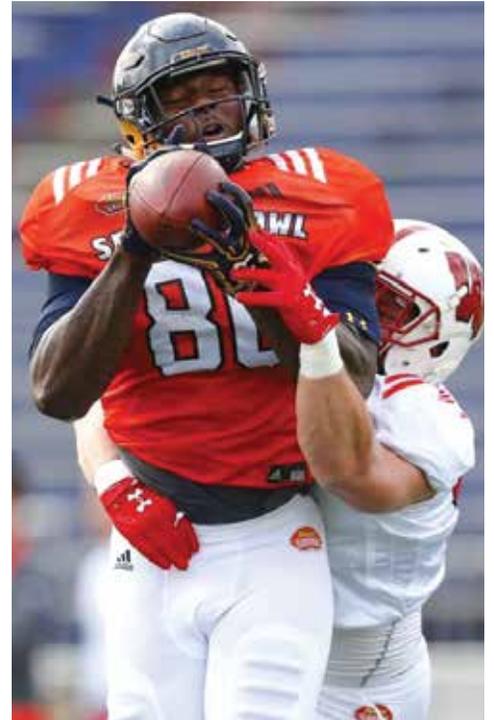
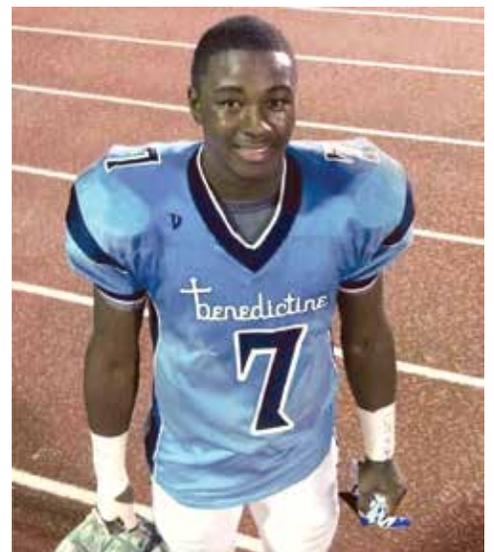


Photo by Brynn Anderson, AP



*Congratulations to Bengal graduate Michael Roberts '12 on his perseverance and hard work as he was drafted in the fourth round with pick #127 by the Detroit Lions. Benedictine is proud of your success and wish you the best of luck!*



Converted entrance to varsity locker room



Completed new band room

# Big Win!

## Locker & Band Rooms Renovated and Remodeled

Thanks to an anonymous gift and the matching contributions from our generous alumni, the athletic department's home and away locker rooms were recently remodeled and renovated. In addition, a third locker room was constructed with new lockers, carpet, ceiling, lights, mannequins, TVs, graphics, and whiteboards.

The music department also received a facility upgrade equipped with new carpet, ceiling tiles, furniture, lighting and fresh paint. The band room is now located in the school building adjacent to the teacher's lounge.

Schedule a tour of the new facilities with VP of Advancement, Chris Lorber, by contacting him at [lorber@cbhs.edu](mailto:lorber@cbhs.edu).

## Benedictine Academic Challenge Team



Benedictine Academic Challenge team included Joseph LaForest '18, Michael Abertone '18 and Stephen Zachlin '18.



Academic Challenge Team with faculty (left) Mrs. Sue Zulandt, Mr. Rob Ryan and (center) Mrs. Joy Whitbred.

Congratulations to the Benedictine High School Academic Challenge television team for a very successful year. Team members were Michael Albertone '18, Joseph LaForest '18, and Stephen Zachlin '18 and alternates Jonathan Shell '19, Nicholas Pietrzycki '20 and Desmond Norris '20. The Benedictine team dominated early in the season earning them second place in total points scored among the 78 high schools who competed this school year. In a tough match for the season championship, the academic Bengals came in third. Faculty moderators Ms. Joy Whitbred and Mr. Rob Ryan look forward to this team's continued success in 2017-18.

# 2nd Annual Joseph A. Marino Memorial Golf Outing

Good weather, good golfers and a good cause all combined for a successful 2017 Joe Marino Memorial Golf Outing. This year's golf outing took place on June 1 at Red Tail Club in Avon, Ohio. In scholarship assistance the endowed fund has raised \$117,987 for Benedictine students. Many thanks to the 2017 Golf Committee: John DiPaola '78, Benedictine Board Member Jamie Georgeson '78, Bill Plagens, John Plagens, Alison Marino, Marty and Colleen Hopkins, Dave and Patty Hollis, Michelle Kuri and Tony Chiviles.

**Thanks to all sponsors, golfers, live and silent auction donors, and friends of Benedictine who continue to keep Joe's memory alive by supporting the "Joseph A. Marino Memorial High Top Scholarship."**



Marino Family, Alison, Nino and Ally.

# Awards Ceremony

The Awards Assembly for the 2016-17 academic year took place on Tuesday, May 23 in the Trueman Fieldhouse. Present were Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB, BHS president Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB, principal Mrs. Sue Zulantz, academic dean Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB, Dean of Men Mr. Philip Bokovitz, the faculty and staff, student body, and a number of parents.

Receiving his trophy as the valedictorian (highest accumulative grade point average in the senior class) was **John Fissel** who achieved a 4.63 GPA and accepting his trophy as salutatorian (second highest accumulative grade point average in the senior class) was **Alex DiFrancesco** with a 4.54 GPA. Both students gave speeches at the commencement ceremonies on Tuesday, May 30 at St. Gregory the Great Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in South Euclid.

Recognized as having the highest grade point average in their respective classes were: junior **John Dosen (4.62)**, sophomore **Liam Haney (4.41)**, and freshman **Stephen Zachlin (4.49)**.

Students who excelled in the classroom this year by achieving a grade point average of at least **4.00 (Summa Cum Laude)** for three consecutive quarters were:

**Seniors:** Phillip Arrington IV, Brian Brichacek, Mekel Chapman, Carson Clarke, Alexander DiFrancesco, Joseph Dober, John Fissel, Logan Haney, Andrew Heil, Thomas Jakubowski, Nicholas Moner, Jordan Petrich, Connor Roncagli, Blaise Rudmann, Noah Schrader, Timothy Shean, and Michael Shivak.

**Juniors:** Evan Comella, John Dosen, Victor Ferrante, Avery Gilliam, Theodore Houser, Anthony Jim, Kevin Laffey, Joseph LaForest, Adam Petrich, Scott Schoeffler, and Timothy Shell.



*John Fissel '17 receives congratulations and his award for being the Class of 2017 Valedictorian.*



*Alex DiFrancesco '17 Salutatorian.*

**Sophomores:** Joshua Bazdar, John Dober, Liam Haney, Kevin Hurst, Gavin Majikas, John Salem, Andrew Schiffer, and Jonathan Shell.

**Freshmen:** Andrew Boothe, Ian LaForest, Nicholas Pietrzycki, and Stephen Zachlin.

Receiving a **Gold Medal (Summa Cum Laude)** on the **National Latin Exam** was sophomore Liam Haney. **Silver Medal (Maxima Cum Laude)** winners were Ian LaForest, Nick Demchuk, John Dober, Gavin Majikas, Andrew Schiffer, and Theodore Houser.

Two seniors, **John Fissel** and **Connor Roncagli** were named **Commended Students** along with 34,000 students nationwide out of over 1.5 million who participated in the **National Merit Scholarship Program**.

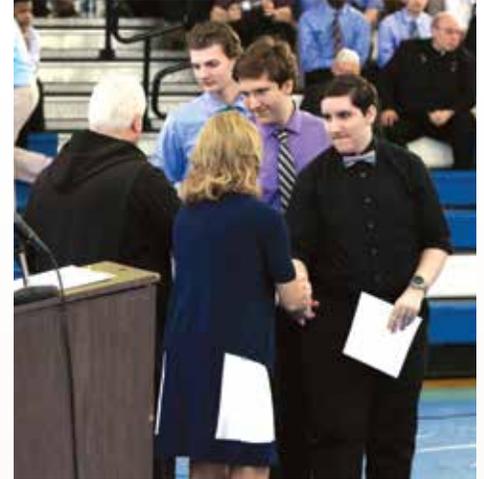
Twelve students, representing the Twelve Apostles, received the annual **Christian Witness Award** nominated by the faculty. They were **Seniors:** Joseph Dober, Jordan Parker, and Edward McLaughlin; **Juniors:** John Dosen, Alex Clemente, and Paul Perrotti; **Sophomores:** Derek Berdysz, Anthony Kusnerik, and



Matthew Stauffer '20 is all smiles after receiving the Entrepreneurship Award.



School Nurse Pat Patrick is honored with the Yearbook dedication by Jordan and Glenn Parker '17.



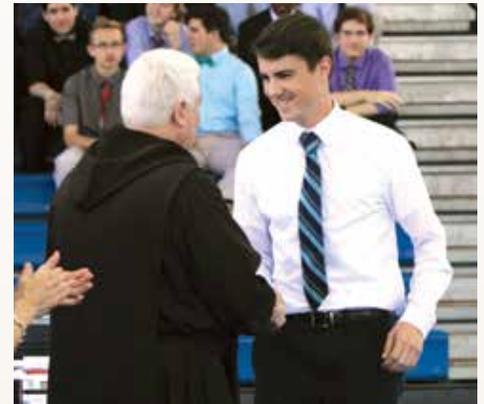
Nicodemus Stary '20, Thadeus Stary '20 and Christopher Moner '20 receive their Honor Roll Awards from President, Fr. Gerard and Principal, Mrs. Zulantz.



Cody Bales '17 and Vincent Bailey '17 receive Honor Awards from President, Fr. Gerard and Principal, Mrs. Zulantz.



Jared Murray '19 congratulated by Mrs. Zulantz and Fr. Gerard.



John Dosen '18 is congratulated by Fr. Gerard for Highest GPA in the Junior Class.

Nickolaus Kobylinski; and **Freshmen:** Nicodemus Stary, Andrew Boothe, and D'Angelo Applewhite.

For nearly 20 years, Benedictine has participated in the **American High School Mathematics Competition**. This year's top score on the AMC-12 was merited by **William First**. The top score on the AMC-10 was a tie between **Joshua Bellian** and **Matthew Stauffer**.

The following athletic awards were given: The OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award – **Alex DiFrancesco**, The Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award – **Michael Boehm**, The OHSAA Courageous Student Award – **Desmond Norris**, The Exemplary Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award – **Joseph Dober** and **Michael Shivak**, The Exemplary Contribution and Service Award – **Daniel Keenan**, and the North Coast League Peyton Award – **Daniel Keenan**.

The Italian Heritage Club awarded two **Sonny Powall Scholarships** to Connor Hurst and Dean Murphy. The

**Fr. Donald Baydik, OSB Award for Publication Leadership** was given to Alex DiFrancesco and Nolan Hopkins. **The Fr. Stephen Sramek, OSB Debate Award** was earned by Joseph LaForest. **The Fr. Robert Wilkes, OSB Entrepreneurship Challenge** through the Veale Foundation was given to Matthew Stauffer and the **Fr. Robert Outstanding Business Student Award** went to Andrew Heil.

The **Fr. Raphael Award for Freshman Biology (\$500)** was given to Stephen Zachlin. **The Albert N. Santilli Award for Success in Scientific Studies (\$1500)** went to junior Michael Williams. **The Dr. Gregory Ward Junior Scholarship Awards (\$2000 each)** were earned by John Dosen and Ronald Coleman, Jr. and the **Dr. Gregory Ward Sophomore Scholarship Awards (\$1,000 each)** were achieved by Liam Haney and Jonathan Cobb.

The Tim Bartoszek Memorial Award for persistence and hard work despite personal obstacles (\$500) was awarded to freshman **Desmond Norris**.

Faculty and staff who received awards for milestone years of service to BHS were: **For Five Years** – Mr. Ken Anglen (Maintenance) and Mrs. Debbie First (Advancement); **For 10 Years** – Mrs. Pat Patrick (Nurse) and Mrs. Ursula Szabados (Admissions); **For 15 Years** – Fr. Paschal Petcavage, OSB and Mr. Rob Stircula '97 (Faculty); **For 20 Years** – Mr. Mark Hall (Transportation); **For 40 Years** – Mr. Richard DiGeronimo '73; and **For 50 Years** – Fr. Anselm Zupka, OSB '58. Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71 and Fr. Timothy Buyansky '60 were also recognized for the positions they will be leaving. The Senior Class of 2017 announced that they are dedicating their yearbook to popular nurse **Mrs. Pat Patrick**.

# Commencement

On the evening of May 30, 2017 at Saint Gregory the Great Church of Sacred Heart Parish in South Euclid, the Men of Benedictine of the Class of 2017, along with the faculty processed into a church filled with family and friends to celebrate their commencement.

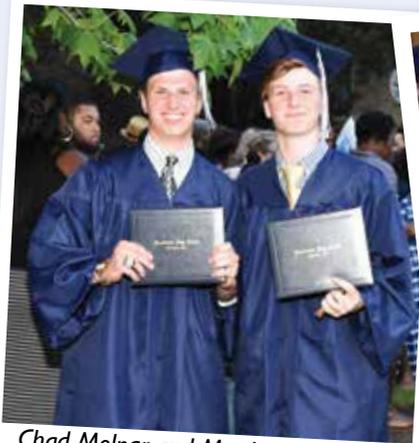
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**Salutatorian – Alex DiFrancesco**

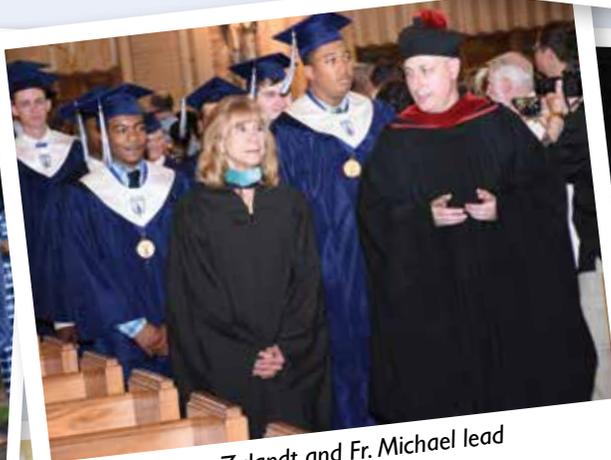
**Mr. Benedictine – Nolan Hopkins**



*Myles Campbell and his family beaming with pride.*



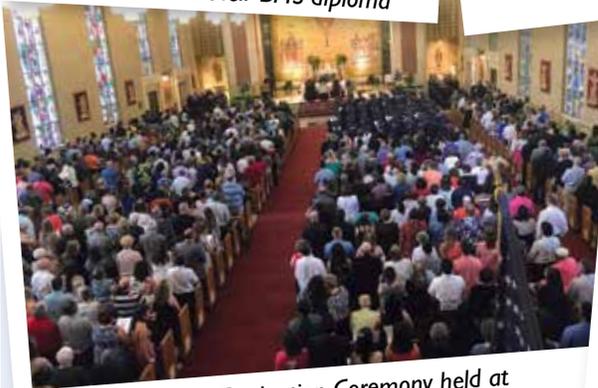
*Chad Molnar and Matthew Laurienzo excited to have their BHS diploma*



*Mrs. Zulant and Fr. Michael lead the procession of graduates.*



*Thomas Lopez celebrates with his family.*



*2017 Graduation Ceremony held at St. Gregory the Great Church.*



*Ron Moner is pretty excited for Nick '17 with mom, Barb.*



*Alex DiFrancesco receives his Salutatorian Award after his speech.*



*James Flowers with his proud parents*

*Mrs. Holly Tube, Colin Tube and Colin's grandfather, David Rauske.*

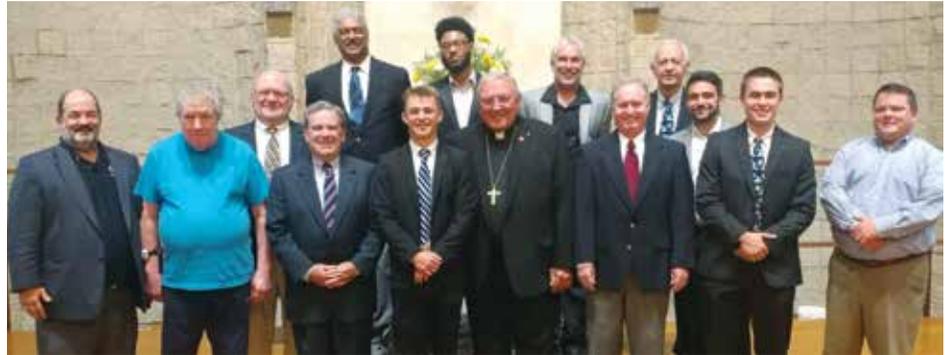
*John Fissel delivers his valedictorian address*

# Mr. Benedictine 2017

After all the ballots were tallied, **Nolan Hopkins** was selected as the 65<sup>th</sup> “**Mr. Benedictine**” of the Home of Champions. To qualify for the highest annual student award, seniors must meet a list of requirements that include academic, disciplinary, and extracurricular achievements, a screening for character excellence by the faculty, and finally a direct vote of the student body. The remaining finalists in this year’s “**Mr. Benedictine**” competition were seniors **Joseph Dober, Nick Duncan, Max Martin, and Jonathon Stallworth.**

Nolan is the son of BHS counselor Melissa Hopkins and her husband Pat of Highland Heights where Pat has been a member of the police force. The family attends St. Paschal Baylon Parish. At BHS, Nolan played four years of baseball, was editor of the sports page of the student newspaper, *The Bennet*, served as president of the Key Club, and was a member of the Marketing Club and Literary Magazine. He will attend Canisius College in Buffalo, New York with a desire to pursue broadcast journalism. Nolan’s brother Connor graduated from Benedictine in 2014.

Nolan and his family were special guests at the annual **Mr. Benedictine Welcome Dinner** that was held on Thursday, June 22 at the abbey. Seventeen former recipients of the award were present and shared personal reflections after the dinner.



Former Mr. Benedictines pose after the June 22, 2017 dinner welcoming the newest member of BHS’s most prestigious club. Bottom row (l-r): Jamie Georgeson ’78, Dan O’Shaughnessy ’61, Dr. James Lewis ’59, Nolan Hopkins ’17, Bishop Roger Gries, OSB ’54, James Quinlan ’77, Paul Gnatowski ’15, and Jim Kehres ’90. Back row (l-r): Chuck Palsa ’68, Nathaniel (Jim) Betts ’67, Micah Sanford ’16, Jerry Mismas ’80, Nobby Lewandowski ’55, Michael DiGeronimo ’10.



Class of 2017 Mr. Benedictine, Nolan Hopkins



Nick Duncan '17



Jonathon Stallworth '17



Max Martin '17



Joe Dober '17

## Private Tour of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Hospital

On July 7, Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB organized a tour of the state-of-the-art Veterinary Hospital at the Cleveland Zoo for alumnus Rob Cramer '15 who is in his junior year of pre-veterinary studies at Findlay University. The host of the tour was the longtime chief veterinarian of the Cleveland Zoo alumnus Dr. Albert Lewandowski '69 who was the designer of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Hospital. Joining the group for the tour was Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB who is currently working on a master’s degree at John Carroll to teach biology at BHS.



Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB, Dr. Albert Lewandowski '69, and Rob Cramer '15.

# REUNION WEEKEND 2017

Over 200 alumni, families and friends participated in the different events and activities on and off campus.



Congratulations to the Class of '67 on their 50th Reunion celebration and an outstanding attendance at Stag Night, 41 strong visiting our campus!



A Special Congratulations and thanks goes to the 1967 Reunion Committee of Pete Gentile, Jim Lucsik, John Siracusa and Doug Okonek.



## 50th Reunion Celebration Attendees

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Tom Ahern        | Peter Gentile    | Edward Majestic | Dennis Rusnak     |
| David Behm       | Timothy Gorka    | Anthony Marotta | Tim Schulte       |
| Jim Betts        | John Jugenhiemer | Ron McCandless  | John Siracusa     |
| Frank Bossu      | Joe Kacsandi     | Russ Moenich    | Anthony Starvaggi |
| Bob Brandt       | Thomas Kadlec    | Doug Okonek     | Paul Stolowski    |
| Ross Brankatelli | Jim Kickel       | Larry Patrick   | Al Tomechko       |
| Mark Chmielecki  | Luke Kmetz       | Jim Phillips    | Bill Twardy       |
| Tony Dolejs      | Terry Kopania    | Allen Przybyla  | Joseph Valko      |
| Mike Erlenbach   | David Kryszan    | Thomas Rafferty | Nick Yantorn      |
| Charles Farro    | James Lucsik     | Bill Rini       | Louis Zaletel     |
| Vincent Ferritto | Robert Mack      | Greg Roberson   |                   |

The Benedictine Community and the Class of 1967 are keeping classmate Mike Strazinsky in their thoughts and prayers. Mike passed away suddenly on June 2 – a couple weeks before his Golden 50th Reunion Anniversary.

Mike's funeral was celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries, OSB '54. A Benedictine "Flying B" helmet was surrounded by flowers at the funeral Mass as a remembrance for his adoration of Benedictine High School.



# ALUMNI STAG NIGHT



*Class of 1992 – Jason Ferrante, Steve Katanovic, Ronald Schultz, Michael Mihalek, Paul Motylinski, Dan Discenza, Richaed Kacvinsky, Jeff Kadlub, and Patrick Judy*



*Br. Louis Carey '88, Fr. Carl Uhler '48, Tom Rafferty '67*



*Gary Carrington and Brett Horton from 1987*



*Class of 1957 – Mike Torchia, Nunzio Martin, John Shovary, Kenneth Pitzer, Tony Halas, Arthur Reginelli, Daniel Barnoski, Joseph Glance, Bob Kolenic and Paul Hrisko*



*Class of 1972 – Joe Prokop, William Clark, Drew Zamiska, Bob Russ, Don Vavro, Rick Koeth, Herb Drescher and Jim Piskura*



*Jim Betts '67 & Pete Gentile '67*



*Classmates of 1972 all smiles sharing stories and catching up.*



*Class of 1997 – Frank Muellner, Jim Lorber, Tim Lorber, Brian Mersek, Dave Belin, John Gaughan, Bill Mandich, Brian Winstanley, and Michael Jaskolka*



*Steve Kandra '61*



*Bill Rini '67*



*Men of Benedictine visit Fr. Gerard*

# ALUMNI BRUNCH

On Sunday, June 25, 2017 alumni and their families gathered to celebrate Sunday Mass at Saint Andrew Abbey Church. Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71 was the celebrant. Following Mass, attendees enjoyed brunch in the Saint Andrew Abbey Dining Hall. The brunch was catered by Tom's Country Place in Avon.



1. Mrs. & Mr. Robert Mack '67
2. Mr. & Mrs. John Siracusa '67
3. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Chmielecki '67 with Fr. Anselm Zupka, OSB '58
4. Frank Bossu '67, Fr. Carl Uhler '48, Steven Drews '60, Terrance Lyons '58, Donald Lennon '58, Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71, Robert Taylor '60

# ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

The 2017 BHS Alumni Golf Outing took place at Shaker Heights Country Club on Thursday, June 29, 2017



▲ Greg Murphy, Dale Jakab '68, and Ken Furlich (father of Spencer '17) confirm their winnings. (missing is their partner Patrick Duffy)



◀ Bishop Roger Gries '54, Dr. Frank Bossu '67, Patricia and Paul Antonelli '70

Tom Metzger, Bob Toth '63, Jim Vieland '65 and Tom Benda – 2nd place foursome at the outing



◀ John Cannon, Brad Murray, Brian Edwards '81, and Eric Hurst show their pride for their group sponsor The Edwards Group at Morgan Stanley



# SAVE THE DATE!

## REUNION WEEKEND 2018

### JUNE 22-24, 2018

2013

5 YEAR REUNION

1973

45 YEAR REUNION

2008

10 YEAR REUNION

1968

**50 YEAR REUNION  
GOLDEN YEAR!**

2003

15 YEAR REUNION

1963

55 YEAR REUNION

1998

20 YEAR REUNION

1958

60 YEAR REUNION

1993

25 YEAR REUNION

1953

65 YEAR REUNION

1988

30 YEAR REUNION

1948

70 YEAR REUNION

1983

35 YEAR REUNION

1943

75 YEAR REUNION

1978

40 YEAR REUNION

1938

80 YEAR REUNION

## 2017-18 Alumni Calendar Dates

**NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

Benedictine Community  
Memorial Mass – 10:30am  
St. Andrew Abbey Church

**NOVEMBER 18, 2017**

Hall of Distinction – 6:30pm  
Western Reserve Historical  
Society

**JUNE 21, 2018**

Mr. Benedictine

**JUNE 22, 2018**

Reunion Weekend Stag Night

**JUNE 24, 2018**

Reunion Weekend Mass &  
Brunch

**JUNE 7, 2018**

Joe Marino Golf Outing

**JUNE 2018 – TBD**

Alumni Golf Outing

## REUNION 2018

We are looking for class leaders and volunteers from classes ending in the 3's and 8's for our 2018 reunion to help celebrate anniversary years.

**Please contact [alumni@cbhs.edu](mailto:alumni@cbhs.edu).**

50TH 1968

25TH 1993

10TH 2008

# Student Summer Jobs

Every June when the last day of classes arrives at Benedictine, students rejoice and celebrate their new “freedom.” However, most Benedictine students over 16 years of age very quickly find themselves under new restrictions as they work at summer jobs to help defray rising tuition costs. But, some of the students are clever enough to find jobs that also keep them cool. Here’s a sampling of current BHS students and their 2017 summer jobs.



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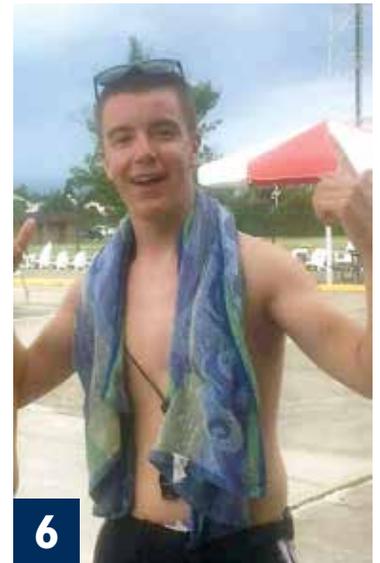
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1 Kevin Hurst '19 worked at his Dad's company, Hurst Design Build Remodel, in a variety of jobs including demolition, carpentry, and clean-up. He enjoys the variety of skills he is learning.

2 John Dosen '18 has a cool summer job working at Handel's Ice Cream in Broadview Heights.

3 Rory Kilbane '19 calls his class to order, spending his summer near the pool coaching the Strongsville Swim League.

4 Doing some heavy lifting this summer while working at BHS Melvin Wilson '19 (left) and Isaiah Lucky '18

5 Polishing up the cafeteria floor while working at Benedictine this summer were Kyle Wojciechowski '20 (left) and Anthony Cora '20 (right)

6 Junior Anthony Sweet worked as a lifeguard at Memorial Pool in Euclid

# Fr. Dismas, OSB '66 – 50 years a monk

During the closing Mass of this year's monastic retreat at Loyola Retreat House in Clinton, Ohio on Thursday, June 8, **Fr. Dismas (Raymond) Boeff, OSB '66** renewed his vows and received the traditional jubilee staff in honor of his 50th anniversary of professing vows as a Benedictine monk in 1967. He was later ordained a priest in 1976.

A native of Parma, he attended St. Francis de Sales Elementary School and graduated from Benedictine High School in 1966. He applied for admission to the monastery that fall and was sent to St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison, Kansas for his year of novitiate training. He professed his first vows to Abbot Jerome Koval, OSB in the Saint Andrew Abbey chapel on August 28, 1967.

Fr. Dismas continued his studies at John Carroll University and received his bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 1971. For a year he assisted in the BHS Guidance Office and taught theology before deciding to pursue studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Cleveland. On June 12, 1976 he was ordained a priest by Bishop James Hickey at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

When he entered the Benedictine order and had to receive a name in religion, Fr. Dismas requested the religious name of "Dismas," which tradition says was the name of the Good Thief next to Christ on Calvary. Fr. Dismas identified with him because he admits that he struggled with his studies and the lure of cars and drinking in high school

and the call he also felt to work with prisoners as a priest after watching the movie "The Hoodlum Priest" (1961) which was based on the true story of Fr. Charles Clark of St. Louis who ministered to street gangs.

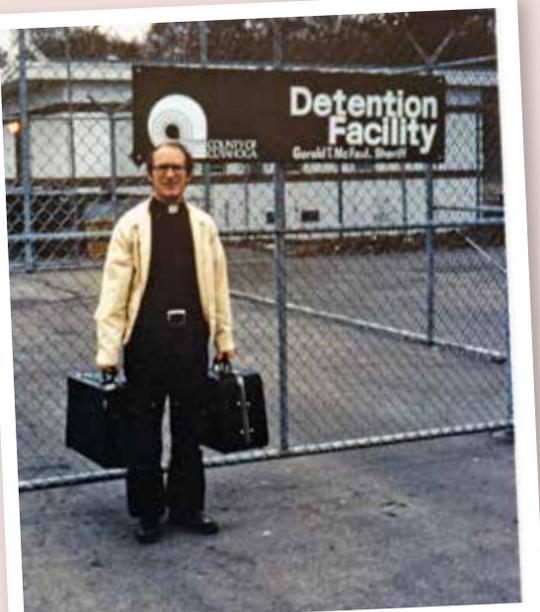
While he was in seminary, Fr. Dismas spent his summers earning a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. After ordination, he served as the chaplain for the Cuyahoga County Jail from 1976 to 1986. In October of 1986 he was assigned chaplaincy duties at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kansas with residence at St. Benedict's Abbey in Atchison where he had made his novitiate year.

The many challenges of working with criminals of that degree in Leavenworth took its toll on Fr. Dismas and after a year and a half he resigned and returned to BHS where he taught for a year. After a six-month medical renewal, he took on a new challenge of being a fulltime hospital chaplain at Southwest General Hospital in Middleburg Heights with residence at St. Peter's Parish (now Mary, Queen of the Apostles Parish) in Brook Park, an assignment he would faithfully fulfill for the next 20 years.

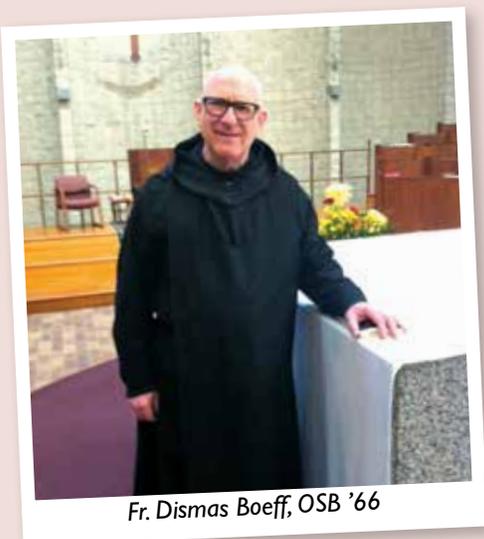
In August of 2011, Fr. Dismas ended his hospital ministry and returned to the abbey from where he travels several nights each week to participate and counsel recovery groups around the city. A man of prayer with a desire to bring the healing power of Christ to those who feel powerless because of addictions, Fr. Dismas brings to those to whom he ministers the hope that Christ gave to the Good Thief when he promised him, "This day you will be with me in Paradise."



*Fr. Dismas Boeff, OSB '66 professing his first vows as a Benedictine monk to Abbot Jerome Koval on Aug. 28, 1967.*



*Fr. Dismas, OSB '66 goes to jail (as chaplain) in 1976.*



*Fr. Dismas Boeff, OSB '66*

# Assumption Parish Anniversaries

The summer of 2017 and the August 15 celebration of the Feast of the Assumption mark two significant anniversaries for Assumption Parish in Broadview Heights: the 160th anniversary of its founding in 1857 and the 40th anniversary of its administration by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Abbey in 1977. The current pastor of Assumption is **Fr. Justin Dyrwal, OSB** who came as an associate pastor in 2001, three years after his ordination, and who was named pastor in 2004. In residence is **Fr. Kenneth Katricak, OSB** and the weekend associate is **Fr. Finbar Ramsak, OSB** who has been assisting since his ordination in 2011.

Founded one decade after the establishment of the Diocese of Cleveland, Assumption Parish began as a simple mission church established by Cleveland's first bishop, Amadeus Rappe, in the Royalton District of Cuyahoga County to minister to Irish Catholics living there at the time. Royalton was part of Brecksville Township; Broadview Heights was not to come into existence until 1927, the year that Benedictine High School was founded.

At first, Mass was celebrated only once a month in local farmhouses by visiting priests who traveled by horseback from as far as Liverpool (Valley City) and Grafton in Lorain County. The first lot and building were secured for use as a church in 1863 under the direction of the pastor of Grafton at the corner of Ridge and Broadview Roads.

However, because by 1892 there were only five regular families attending Mass at Assumption mission, it was closed by the diocese. Eight years later, Bishop Ignatius Horstmann of Cleveland re-opened Assumption Mission. New land was purchased on the west side of Broadview Road south of Royalton Road and it was put under the care of St. Michael's Church in Independence.



*The Benedictine spirit is carried on at Assumption Parish in Broadview Heights as recent graduates of Assumption Academy (l-r): Matt Gnatowski '16, John Dosen '18, and Paul Gnatowski '15 pose with pastor Fr. Justin, OSB in front of Assumption Church*

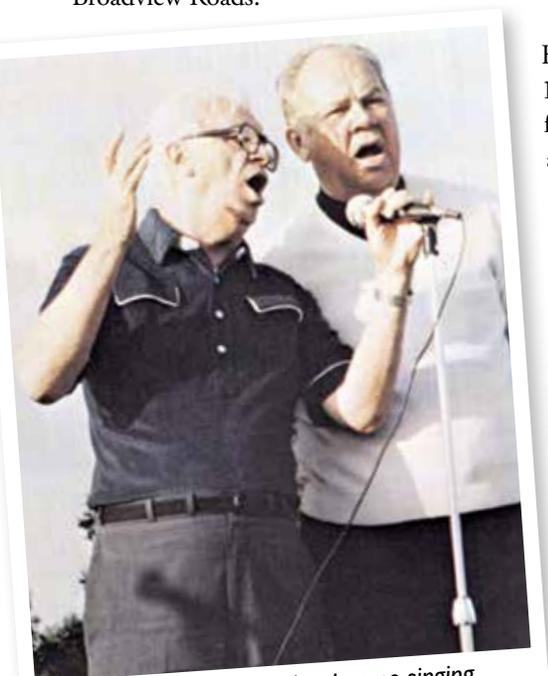


*Assumption Church, Broadview Heights 2017*

Problems continued and after another relocation one mile south of Royalton Road, the mission was again closed by the diocese in 1905. The Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ played out again in 1907 when Assumption Mission church was re-opened as Jesuit priests from their novitiate in Parma agreed to come twice a month for Mass.

The first resident pastor, Fr. Michael Shannon, arrived in 1913. In 1928, the old church was declared unsafe and a new church was built and dedicated in 1931. It now serves as the old church hall. By 1938 when the second pastor, Fr. Thomas Gaffney, was appointed, there were about 100 families in the parish. As farms were sold to developers, the parish grew with new families in the 1950s. A school was built and the Sisters of the Incarnate Word from Parma Heights agreed to staff it.

Construction of a new, large church shaped as a bell began in 1968 under the fourth pastor, Fr. George Lawrence and it was dedicated in 1969. In 1977, Bishop James Hickey transferred Fr.



*Fr. Augustine and Abbot Jerome singing at a parish picnic.*

Lawrence to Holy Trinity Parish in Lorain and asked **Abbot Jerome Koval, OSB '35** and the Benedictine monks of Saint Andrew Abbey to assume administration of the parish. The monastic community agreed and **Fr. Augustine Yurko, OSB** was named pastor assisted by **Fr. Ronald Mahnke, OSB '53**. In 1981, after stepping down as monastic superior, **Abbot Jerome** became the senior associate at Assumption. **Fr. William Matyas, OSB '45** who had been a weekend associate under Fr. George Lawrence continued as part of the new Benedictine ministry team. Later he would serve as associate pastor under Fr. David.

The Benedictine monks brought new energy and a spirit of joy to the Assumption Parish Community. Fr. Augustine and Abbot Jerome led the singing at the annual parish picnics while even Fr. Ronald joined in the famous Parish Musical Follies that were staged each year by the teams that led the parish spiritual renewal weekends. Soon new weekend associate **Fr. Joachim Pastirik, OSB '60** was also on stage complete with costumes and musical instruments imitating music legends from Broadway to Nashville. **Deacon Bob Bubnick**, a 1964 graduate of Benedictine High School joined some of his former teachers in ministering to the Assumption Parish community during this time.

With Fr. Augustine's retirement in 1983, **Fr. David Vizsolyi, OSB '43** was named pastor by **Abbot Roger Gries, OSB '54** who celebrated many important liturgies at Assumption including confirmations. With no previous experience as a pastor, Fr. David, the former BHS Latin teacher and guidance counselor, soon undertook the project of building a much-needed large parish hall. After a successful fundraising campaign, the new Assumption Family Center was dedicated in 1990 by Bishop Anthony Pilla.

Upon Fr. David's resignation for health reasons the following year, **Fr. Christopher Schwartz, OSB**, former BHS chaplain and social studies teacher, was named pastor. In 1997, with the arrival of **Fr. Clement Zeleznik, OSB '50** as associate pastor, continuous Eucharistic adoration began that continues to this day. In 2001 a new addition to the school with a science lab, cafeteria, and eight classrooms was dedicated. In 2004, a Garden of Memories with an outdoor shrine to the Blessed Mother was constructed and dedicated in front of the window wall of the church.

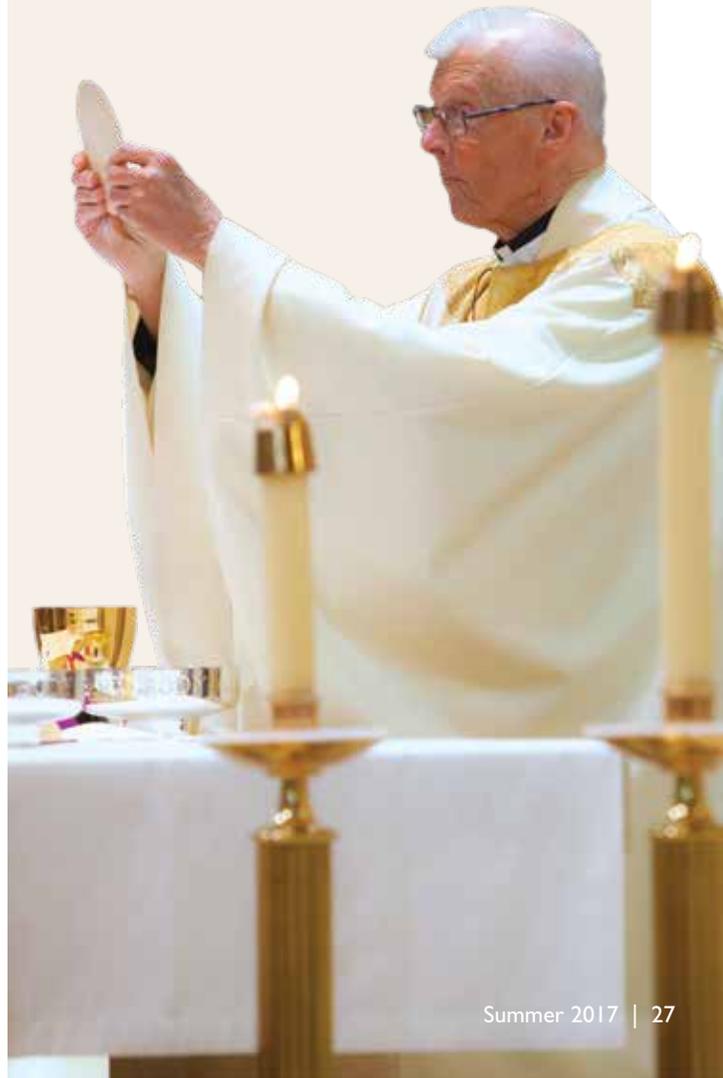
Due to health issues, Fr. Christopher stepped down as pastor in 2004 and was succeeded by current pastor **Fr. Justin Dyrwal, OSB**, who had served as chaplain and English teacher at BHS and also as associate pastor at Assumption the previous three years. **Fr. Paschal Petcavage, OSB** came as the new associate. In recent years, the Assumption Lenten Fish Frys have attracted large crowds including many people from outside the parish.

Assumption School was changed to Assumption Academy and under its first lay principals, **Mrs. Donna Sejba** and **Mrs. Joanne LoPresti**, remains anchored in faith while also seeing over 300 students consistently score above the national average on tests. **Deacon David Streeter** and former principal **Sister Fabian Quigley, SIW** are also integral members of the school staff. Two **Mr. Benedictines** at Benedictine High School were graduates of Assumption School: **James Rodak** in 1987 and **Paul Gnatowski** in 2015 when he was also valedictorian.



## Celebrating 50 years of Priestly Ordination

Fr. Anselm Zupka, OSB '58 celebrated his Golden Jubilee at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Parma, Ohio on Sunday, May 28, 2017



# Cloister Close-Up: The Abbey Tailor Shop

When people think of how monks dress, they immediately picture the traditional religious habit with a hood. It is true that when a man became a monk in the time of St. Benedict and for many centuries thereafter, he completely exchanged his secular clothing for the monastic robe or habit. It was a sign of how radically he intended to change his life from the lifestyle and values of society. The religious habit was distinctive and simple, yet based on the clothing of the time.

The Rule of Saint Benedict, written in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, is very comprehensive in providing directions for all aspects of the life of monks including their clothing. Chapter 55 of the Holy Rule is entitled, “**The Clothing and Footwear of the Brothers.**” In that chapter, St. Benedict points out that, “Monks must not complain about the color or coarseness of their cowl and tunic, but use what is available in the vicinity at a reasonable cost. However, the abbot ought to be concerned about the measurements of these garments that they not be too short but fitted to the wearers.”

Every monastery usually has a monk trained as a tailor to make the religious habits and to mend other garments. In the late 1940s, **Brother Joseph Venonsky, OSB**, was sent to St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Illinois to serve as an apprentice under a monk who was a veteran tailor there. Brother Joseph then served as the tailor of St. Andrew’s Abbey for the next 60 years until age and illness caused him to gradually retire before he moved to Regina Health Center in 2014. He passed away on April 13, 2016.

Because Brother Joseph wore many hats in addition to being the tailor, such as cook, sacristan, infirmarian, and boilerman, he would often get lay women to assist him on a part-time basis. **Anna Kikta**, who had four sons graduate from BHS: Timothy ’67, Donald ’69, Paul ’71, and Bernard ’74, was Brother Joseph’s capable assistant in the 1970s and 1980s.



*Brother Joseph at work in the tailor shop in the 1940s.*

Around 2007, when Brother Joseph was slowing down in his 80s, **Fr. Joachim Pastirik, OSB ’60** met **Nancy Melchioris** who was working at Novak’s Religious Goods store on the near west side. She sewed the Byzantine and Orthodox vestments that were sold there. She declined Fr. Joachim’s invitations to come and sew at the abbey for several years, but when she quit her job at Novak’s, she agreed to come and help Brother Joseph.

For the first year, Brother Joseph trained Nancy in his meticulous style of making the Benedictine habit. She had some past experience sewing habits for Mercedarian and Franciscan friars in Cleveland. Eventually, Brother Joseph turned over the tailor shop to Nancy and she has been working one a day a week at the monastery ever since.



*Deacon Brother Louis, OSB ’88 gets fitted for a new habit by Nancy Melchioris.*

In addition to measuring each monk for a new habit and cutting out the pieces and assembling them (which takes approximately three days for one habit), Nancy also repairs clothing the monks bring her as well as mending vestments and linens from the sacristy. She also has added several hours each morning assisting in the abbey kitchen primarily by re-stocking the salad bar and cereal containers.

The abbey tailor shop continues to be located in the basement of the residential wing of the abbey. Hidden from view, Nancy works quietly and diligently to make sure St. Benedict’s concerns about the clothing of his monks are satisfied.



Bishop Roger Gries, OSB '54 handing on the Book of the Gospels.



Deacon Louis Carey, OSB '88 and mother, Kathleen Carey.

## Br. Louis Carey, OSB '88 Diaconate Mass

Br. Louis Carey, OSB '88 was ordained a deacon on June 3rd, 2017, by Bishop Roger Gries, OSB '54. Bishop Roger presented the Book of the Gospels to Deacon Louis, and said: "Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you now are. Believe what you read, teach

what you believe, and practice what you teach." One of the duties of a deacon is to proclaim the Gospel at Mass. Deacon Louis will be returning to St. Vincent Archabbey's Seminary in August for his final year of studies before ordination to the priesthood.



**FALL FEAST**  
AN ANNUAL BENEFIT FOR SAINT ANDREW ABBEY

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The Abbey Benefit will be on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at The American Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lake Shore Blvd. in Eastlake. The benefit will start with Mass at 2pm followed by an ethnic family style dinner. Everyone will be entertained by Anthony Culkar, musician, the Lucina Dance Group, balloon artist and face painting for kids of all ages. It will feature the traditional "Slovak Auction" and a Live Auction, promising surprises for everyone! The benefit supports the monks so they can continue their dedicated ministry in northeast Ohio that touches many lives. Please join us this year for The Abbey Benefit.

For more details visit <https://standrewabbey.org> or contact Debbie First at [first@cbhs.edu](mailto:first@cbhs.edu) or 216-721-5300, ext. 156.

## 1953

**Steve Stefka** – Retired from NASA Lewis Research Center, now John Glenn Research Center, as Deputy Chief of Printing after 31 years. He is an avid bowler and golfer and resides in Elyria with his wife Peggy. They have four sons and a daughter.

## 1959

**Msgr. Frederick Nawarskas** –



Celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 16, 2017 at St. Casimir's Lithuanian Church (formerly Our Lady of Perpetual Help) on Neff Road in Cleveland for his 50th anniversary

of ordination. A native of Cleveland, Msgr. Nawarskas has spent 50 of his 77 years in the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas. After graduating from BHS, he attended the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus and volunteered for service in the newly-created Diocese of San Angelo, Texas. He has served at parishes in San Angelo, Odessa, Midland, and Abilene. He has been at Holy Family Parish in Abilene since 1996 where more than 500 people attended a Mass and dinner in his honor in May.

## 1967

**Jim Betts** – President of Michigan Football Alumni Network, aka; Team Big House, building an alumni organization for former players at the University of Michigan.

## 1981

**Brian Edwards** – Has been with Morgan Stanley and its predecessor firm since 1989 and started the Edwards Group at Morgan Stanley. He has been a member of the Morgan Stanley's President's Council or Chairman's Council since 1996. Brian has been recognized by Barron's as one of the country's top Financial Advisors for many years and has been recognized on the Barron's Top 1200 Financial Advisors.

## 1969 – Paul Adams, PhD

**Paul Adams, PhD '69** was recently nominated and selected for the Founders Award for Innovation at Lubrizol. The Founders Award is the most prestigious award given to any employee. The Innovation category is the key to Lubrizol's sustainable growth agenda and continued success.



*His colleague writes: "Paul Adams has been a pillar of excellence as an innovative chemist in chemical synthesis for more than four decades, producing innovative contributions for many Lubrizol Additives businesses. His 50 plus granted patents, in the all-time top five for Lubrizol employees, are a testament to Dr. Adams' abilities."*

— William D. Abraham, PhD, Driveline Technology Manager, Senior Fellow

## 1938 – Joseph Banas

BHS President Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71 on May 28, 2017 congratulates **Joseph Banas** of the Class of 1938 and his wife Ellie after they received a blessing for their 70th wedding anniversary during a Sunday Mass at St. Columbkille Church in Parma. Joe celebrated his 97th birthday in March making him the second oldest living BHS alumnus.



## 2005

**Joe Laffey** – Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps, recently completed his officer training school, got married to his wife Jacquie and is now stationed in Hawaii.

**Matthew Dawson** – Graduate of the University of Toledo Medical School. Matt completed a three-year residency at The Ohio State University in July and relocated back to Cleveland.

*Hon. Basil M. Russo, father of Anthony '88 and Joe '89, speaks at the 27th annual FESTA on Saturday, April 29. Russo, National President of the Italian Sons and Daughters of America, was honored as the 2017 "Person of the Year."*



## 2006

**Giuseppe Pappalardo** – Recently graduated as a Doctor of Law from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He will marry Marissa Black on August 26, 2017 at St. Paul's Shrine in downtown Cleveland.

## 2007

**Cory Pecoraro** – Has moved to Columbus, and is a CPA working with PricewaterhouseCoopers as an Assurance Senior Associate.

## 2010

**Casey Parker** – Joined the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital as a Pediatric Nurse after graduation from Cleveland State University. He also is involved with coaching CYO football for Lakewood Catholic Academy.

## 2012

**Joe Nawalaniec** – Graduated from John Carroll University, and has joined the Bengals football coaching staff. He will be coaching the defensive line.

## 2013

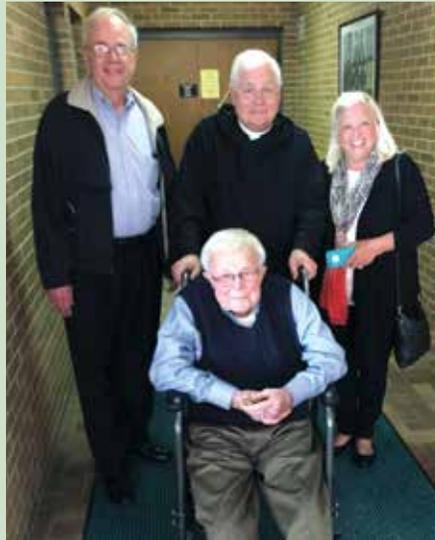
**Matt McCarthy** – Moved to Salt Lake City and is an Inside Sales & Pricing Assistant at Williamsen & Godwin Truck Body Co. Matt is a recent graduate of St. Vincent College.



**Devin Mallett** (above) – Was chosen to speak at the Spring Commencement Ceremony at the University of Dayton representing the School of Engineering.



George Buynak greets the Men of Benedictine



Greg Ondercin, Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71, George Buynak '46, Susan Pinkerton



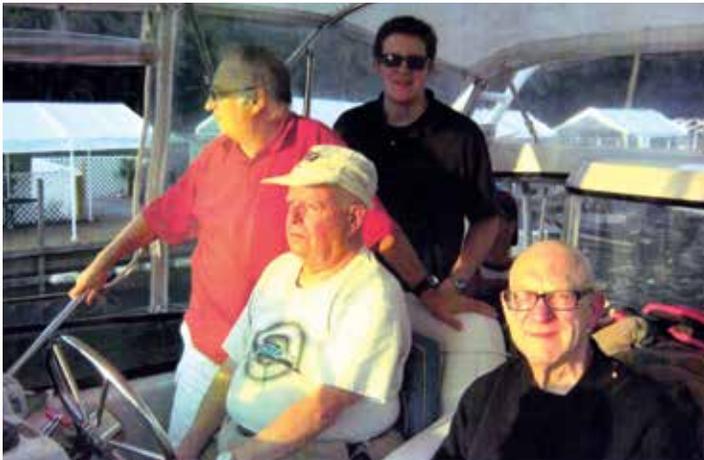
Touring the halls of Benedictine

## George Buynak '46 returns to BHS

On Friday, May 19, alumnus **George Buynak '46** made a return visit to the halls of Benedictine along with his daughter Susan Pinkerton and his cousin Greg Ondercin, who recently retired from Lubrizol and assisted the BHS Board of Trustees with developing a new strategic plan. George had appreciation for the late Fr. Cyril Novotny, OSB '31 who was his physics teacher and encouraged him to take as many courses in math and science as possible during his senior year at BHS so that he could be accepted at Case Institute of Technology. After graduating from Case, George earned a master of science degree from the University of Akron. For many years he worked at Goodyear Aerospace and Lockheed Martin where he was one of the first developers of the United States' cruise missile technology. He still loves to learn and has an inquisitive mind and very much enjoyed talking with BHS physics teacher Mr. Justin Van Dyke and Mr. Robert Ryan (a fellow CWRU alumnus) who has been teaching math and pre-engineering classes. George was excited to see the new Maker Space lab at BHS and to hear about the interest many students now have in physics and engineering.

# In Memoriam

of Benedictine High School and friends of Saint Andrew Abbey



Captain Jerry Catalano '52 sails his yacht out to Lake Erie with shipmates (l-r): Fr. Timothy Buyansky, OSB '60, Fr. Thomas Sanders, OSB, and Fr. Dismas Boeff, OSB '66.



## Jerome (Jerry) Catalano '52

Jerry Catalano, 83, U.S. Navy veteran passed away April 20, 2017. Jerry always treasured his memories of Benedictine High School and his friendship with the late Fr. Cyril Novotny, OSB. Jerry, an electrician by trade, was active in many facets of pleasure boating serving as Commodore of the Lake County Yacht Club and Commander of the Cleveland

Power Squadron. For over 50 years he hosted the monks of the abbey for an enjoyable summer afternoon at the Lake County Yacht Club with swimming, a picnic supper, and at least an hour's ride on Lake Erie on his family yacht.

He served on the Lake Erie Safe Boating Council and received a commendation from the U.S. Coast Guard for his Homeland Security American Water Watch and was also named the Greater Cleveland Boating Association's 2008 Boater of the Year. He was also very active in his community of Mayfield Village. Bishop Roger Gries, OSB '54 was the principal celebrant of his funeral at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Gates Mills. Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB '74 and Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71 concelebrated.

The following sent gifts to Saint Andrew Abbey in his memory:

*Lake Erie Marine Trades Association, Inc.*

*International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

*Mayfield Village Council*

*Herman F. Bohinc*

*Laura A. Bohinc*

*Jacque Lyn Cicchella*

*Mary H. Crotty*

*Joseph V. Heimann*

*Melissa Hollis*

*Joseph M. Mandula*

*Ronald Marotto*

*Pearle B. Pfendler*

*Kathryn Robertson*

*Ray J. Schmidlin*

*Gary M. Staude*

*Ellen M. Wilson*



## Edward Kozelka '59

Edward Kozelka, 75, died on May 5, 2017. He was president of Adhesive Services, Inc. He was active in the Edgewater Park community and St. Luke's Parish. Ed lived his faith through daily Mass and by his own outreach to the poor. He is survived by his wife Sandy and children Pam, Todd, Ryan (Class of 2006), and Laura.



## Robert Kozsey '77

Robert Kozsey, 58, died unexpectedly on April 10, 2017. He was a Quality Systems Engineer at Swagelok, Co. and a regular participant at Holy Week liturgies at St. Andrew Abbey. He is survived by brothers John and Jim and his beloved mother Emma, 103, whose Hungarian cuisine he learned to replicate. Bob's funeral was

celebrated by BHS president Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71 at Saint Andrew Abbey Church. The following sent gifts to Benedictine High School and Saint Andrew Abbey in his memory:

*Robert G. Anderson*

*J. T. Burke*

*Tom Bush*

*Javier L. Clemente*

*Rosalia Cuffari*

*William D. Henderson*

*Leonard K. Javor*

*Felicia Kamins*

*Bruce M. Kraynak*

*James T. Law*

*Reed McGivney*

*William Nesbit*

*James R. Pae*

*Edwin G. Reif*

*Harry J. Shimko*

*John Steigerwald*

*Timothy A. Urwin*

*Timothy A. Urwin*

*Donald F. Zwilling*



## Dale Vavro '77

Dale Vavro, 58, passed away suddenly of a ruptured aortic aneurysm on October 8, 2016. He was the youngest son of the late Dave and Jennie Vavro, who worked as the secretary in the business office of St. Andrew Abbey for many years. He leaves his wife of almost 31 years, Janet, and sons Daniel (BHS '07), David, and daughter Jacqui and brothers David '69 and Don '72.



### Joan Dzurilla

Joan Dzurilla, 90, beloved wife of the late Joseph and loving mother of Joseph (Jay) and the late Dennis died on May 12, 2017. Joan was the former vice-president of Strongsville Savings Bank and a benefactor of Saint Andrew Abbey.



### Christine Martanovic

Christine Martanovic, 65, died unexpectedly on May 1, 2017. She was the sister of Joe (BHS '66) and Rich (BHS '71). She was the godmother of many and friend to countless individuals from Key Bank and from the Larchmere neighborhood. BHS president Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB celebrated a memorial

Mass for her at St. Andrew Abbey Church on Friday, May 26. The following sent gifts to Benedictine High School and Saint Andrew Abbey in her memory:

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| <i>Hanna Commercial Real Estate</i> | <i>Mary Ellen Neff</i>      |
| <i>James Addis</i>                  | <i>Ronald M. Okleson</i>    |
| <i>Nancy L. Bennett</i>             | <i>Lynn Panciera-Fraser</i> |
| <i>Charmaine Bora</i>               | <i>Deborah Papesh</i>       |
| <i>Dot Busher</i>                   | <i>Amanda Petrak</i>        |
| <i>Christopher J. Dietz</i>         | <i>Donald M. Pillar</i>     |
| <i>Edward J. Donnelly</i>           | <i>Gary Poth</i>            |
| <i>Jay Dorsey</i>                   | <i>David Reynolds</i>       |
| <i>David W. Fridrich</i>            | <i>Daniel M. Rice</i>       |
| <i>Linda G. Harris</i>              | <i>James H. Schumacher</i>  |
| <i>Renee Holcomb Hardwick</i>       | <i>Barbara J. Sipp</i>      |
| <i>Peter Horvath</i>                | <i>Sandra J. Skernivitz</i> |
| <i>Lynette Jackson</i>              | <i>Derek A. Smith</i>       |
| <i>Thomas J. Janiak</i>             | <i>Derek Spencer</i>        |
| <i>Michael A. Locigno</i>           | <i>Robert S. Thomson</i>    |
| <i>Diane G. Mannarino</i>           | <i>Jeffrey J. Toth</i>      |
| <i>Patricia J. Marquardt</i>        | <i>George J. Vesprani</i>   |
| <i>Joseph J. Martanovic</i>         | <i>William N. West</i>      |
| <i>David J. McLaughlin</i>          | <i>George Zeilmann</i>      |



### Ellen Zyle

Ellen Zyle, 58, died May 20, 2017 after a two decade battle with cancer. She was the wife of Algis, Assistant Network Administrator at BHS and the mother of Matthew (BHS '14) and Regina. Concelebrating her funeral Mass at St. Mary Magdalene Church were Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB '74, Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71 and Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB.

On Saturday morning, June 10, 2017, family and friends of the late **Mike O'Neill '82** gathered on the front lawn of Saint Andrew Abbey for the blessing of a memorial tree planted in his honor. Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB presided over the blessing ceremony and Mike's widow Vera and his brothers hosted a reception that followed in the abbey parlor. Mike passed away on March 31, 2016. He was a former member of the Benedictine High School Board of Trustees and is a member of the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame.



Stephen O'Neill '84, Brian O'Neill, Vera O'Neill, Dan O'Neill, Patrick O'Neill

### RECENTLY DECEASED

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Deceased Date</b>
1946	Joseph Krozser	6/12/2017
1946	John Vano	5/30/2017
1947	Robert Fogarty	5/27/2017
1950	John Strmac	5/7/2017
1951	Robert Hillenbrand	4/16/2017
1952	Jerome Catalano	4/20/2017
1952	Harry Verhiley	4/25/17
1953	William Slivka	5/23/2017
1954	John Kandzer	4/24/2017
1956	Edward Gembarski	5/31/2017
1956	Robert Fogarty	5/27/2017
1956	Raymond Sulak	7/24/17
1956	George Kuretz	4/7/2017
1957	Rocco Marcoguissepe	4/16/2017
1958	Alois Dluzynski	5/28/2017
1959	Edward Kozelka	5/5/2017
1962	Ronald De Rose	6/19/2017
1962	Anthony Vocaire	3/31/2017
1962	William Varga	4/3/2017
1967	Michael Strazinsky	6/1/2017
1970	Dennis Davtovich	5/11/2017
1977	Robert Kozsey	4/17/2017
1988	David Morchak	5/31/2017
2011	Tyler Wilcosky	6/12/2017
	Helen Balchak	3/17/17
	Christine Martanovic	5/1/2017
	Joan Dzurilla	5/12/17
	Ellen Zyle	5/20/17
	Mary Karch	5/31/2017

If anyone knows of other recently deceased alumni, please contact Amanda Zima at [azima@clevelandbenedictines.org](mailto:azima@clevelandbenedictines.org) or 216-421-2080, ext. 258

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## UPCOMING DATES & ACTIVITIES

### SAINT ANDREW ABBEY BENEFIT

Sunday, September 24, 2017

### ALUMNI MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 5, 2017

### HALL OF DISTINCTION

Saturday, November 18, 2017

### 16TH ANNUAL BLUE & WHITE GALA

Saturday, March 24, 2018

### 2018 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

Friday, June 22 – 24, 2018

## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Friday	8/25	Youngstown Ursuline	AWAY (YSU)	7:00PM
Friday	9/1	Akron Buchtel	HOME	7:00PM
Saturday	9/9	Cleveland Heights	HOME	7:00PM
Friday	9/15	Erie Cathedral Prep	AWAY	7:00PM
Friday	9/22	Columbus Bishop Watterson	HOME	7:30PM
Friday	9/29	NDCL	AWAY	7:00PM
Friday	10/6	Lake Catholic	HOME	7:00PM
Friday	10/13	Padua	HOME	7:00PM
Friday	10/20	Walsh Jesuit	AWAY	7:00PM
Saturday	10/28	Hoban	HOME	7:00PM

### JV FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday	8/26	Youngstown Ursuline	HOME	10:00AM
Saturday	9/2	Akron Buchtel	AWAY	10:00AM
Saturday	9/16	Erie Cathedral Prep	HOME	11:00AM
Saturday	9/30	NDCL	HOME	10:00AM
Saturday	10/7	Lake Catholic	AWAY	10:00AM
Saturday	10/14	Padua	AWAY	10:00AM
Saturday	10/21	Walsh Jesuit	HOME	10:00AM

### FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Thursday	8/24	Youngstown Ursuline	HOME	5:00PM
Thursday	8/31	Akron Buchtel	AWAY	5:00PM
Thursday	9/7	Cleveland Heights	AWAY	4:30PM
Thursday	9/14	Erie Cathedral Prep	HOME	5:00PM
Thursday	9/21	Lorain	AWAY	5:00PM
Thursday	9/28	NDCL	HOME	5:00PM
Thursday	10/5	Lake Catholic	AWAY	5:00PM
Thursday	10/12	Padua	AWAY	5:00PM
Thursday	10/19	Walsh Jesuit	HOME	5:00PM
Thursday	10/26	Hoban	AWAY	5:00PM

### CROSS COUNTRY

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Saturday	8/26	Panther Run to Fun	Mills Creek Golf Course	8:30AM
Saturday	9/2	40th Avon Lake Earlybird Invitational	Lorain Community College	9:00AM
Saturday	9/9	Tiffin Cross Country Carnival	Hedges-Boyer Park, Tiffin	TBA
Saturday	9/16	McDonough Invitational	Forest Hill Park	9:30AM
Saturday	9/23	JB Firestone Invitational-Black River	Black River High School	10:00AM
Friday	9/29	Gilmour Academy Invitational	Gilmour Academy	4:00PM
Saturday	10/7	The Legends Meet-Maplewood	Trumbull County Fairgrounds	11:00AM
Saturday	10/14	North Coast League Championship	NDCL	10:00AM
Saturday	10/21	OHSAA District	TBA	TBA
Monday	10/23	Running Warrior Classic	Walsh Jesuit High School	4:00PM

### GOLF

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Friday	8/4	Cornerstone Christian	Shawnee Golf Course	4:00PM
Monday	8/7	Cornerstone Christian	Briardale	9:00AM
Friday	8/11	Trinity Golf Classic	Ironwood Golf Course	9:00AM
Wednesday	8/16	Hawken	Wicked Woods Golf Course	4:00PM
Tuesday	8/22	Beachwood	Shawnee Golf Course	4:00PM
Thursday	8/24	Trinity	Shawnee Golf Course	TBA
Friday	9/1	Trinity	TBA	4:00PM
Tuesday	9/5	Cleveland Heights	TBA	4:00PM
Friday	9/8	WRA	Lake Forest Country Club	4:00PM
Friday	9/15	WRA	Shawnee Golf Course	4:00PM
Wednesday	9/20	NCL Championships	Pine Hills Golf Course	9:00AM
Thursday	9/21	Cleveland Heights	Shawnee Golf Course	4:00PM

### VARSITY SOCCER

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday	8/4	HOME	Berkshire**	4:00PM
Wednesday	8/9	AWAY	Fairview Park**	3:00PM
Saturday	8/12	HOME	Chardon**	3:00PM
Tuesday	8/22	AWAY	Brooklyn	5:00PM
Saturday	8/26	AWAY	Elyria Catholic	1:00PM
Thursday	8/31	HOME	Gilmour Academy	5:00PM
Tuesday	9/5	HOME	Warren JFK	6:00PM
Thursday	9/7	HOME	Euclid	6:00PM
Saturday	9/9	HOME	Holy Name	12:00PM
Tuesday	9/12	AWAY	Trinity	5:00PM
Tuesday	9/19	AWAY	St. Thomas Aquinas	6:00PM
Thursday	9/21	AWAY	Garfield Heights	7:30PM
Thursday	9/28	AWAY	Fuch Mizrahi	5:30PM
Tuesday	10/3	HOME	VASJ	5:30PM
Thursday	10/5	HOME	Bedford	5:00PM
Saturday	10/7	HOME	Geneva	10:00AM
Tuesday	10/10	AWAY	Wickliffe	5:00PM
Thursday	10/12	HOME	NDCL	5:00PM
Saturday	10/14	HOME	Max Hayes	2:00PM

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