



St. Joseph School Alumni News

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Coming Up

Lenten Fish Fry

every Lenten Friday
except Good Friday -

in the cafeteria 4:30-7:00PM

April 19 - Blood Drive - after all

Masses in the cafeteria

June 9 - *Class of '49* 60th Reunion/
Luncheon Desert Inn 11:45AM

June 21 - Blood Drive - after all

Masses in the cafeteria



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Where it All Started

If you're like me, you may find history to be quite intriguing. For a number of years I've noticed the picture below sitting on a counter is the sacristy of St. Joseph Church and decided to share it.

In case you don't recognize it, this picture shows St. Joseph School before the present church was erected. Looking north from West Tuscarawas St., you first notice the empty field where the church now stands. In addition you may notice the larger tower on the school. Remember, before the present church was built, this building served as both the church and school for a growing parish. Church services were held in the basement, which has been the cafeteria for many years. The first and second floors housed eight large classrooms. As you can see from the picture, probably taken around 1910, the school enrollment was pretty large.

Ground was broken for this building on Aug. 12, 1902, with the cornerstone being laid on Sept. 21, 1902 by the Rt. Rev. Ignatius Horstmann, Bishop of Cleveland.

In Sept, 1903, three classrooms were ready for occupancy and welcomed 120 students to be taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph from Cleveland. With the steady growth of the parish came the opening of additional classrooms in 1911.

The final service, a First Holy Communion, was held in the school basement chapel on June 18, 1922, before services were moved to the new basement chapel of what would become the present church a week later, June 25, 1922.



From the Principal's Desk

February, 2009

Dear Alumni,

As I write this letter, we are just beginning Catholic Schools Week. It is a time we set aside every year to celebrate our uniqueness. This year the

theme is "Celebrate Service".

Catholic schools have always focused on service. We stress that we should use our time and talents to benefit others. It is evident in many of the professions our alumni have chosen as their career and in the number of boards and organizations in which you are members. I applaud your years of commitment and dedication. I also have hope in the new generation that they will continue the example that has been shown to them. I think of the words of Mahatma Gandhi who stated: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

God Bless,

Joellen Esber '70

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Tom (former principal) & Kathleen Nally

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In memory of F. N. Zanders(father)



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ALUMNI UPDATES



LouAnn Sarachene '82 - with an education from St. Joseph School, Central Catholic, and Kent State University, LouAnn continued in the education field at St. Barbara's School in Massillon where she was a teacher and counselor. For the past 11 years, LouAnn has been continuing her career in McAllen, Texas, where she has been a teacher, assistant principal of McAllen High School, and currently is the principal of Dr. Pablo Perez Elementary in McAllen.

Eileen Sellers '91 - Congratulations to Eileen on her recent engagement to Kevin Clugston. Eileen and Kevin are planning their wedding for Aug. 1, 2009, at St. Joseph Church. Eileen can be reached at etsellers@hotmail.com

Nick Sellers '92 - Congratulations to Nick on his engagement to Carrie Rezentes. Nick and Carrie will be married in Westlake, Ohio, on July 18, 2009. Nick can be reached at nj_sellers@yahoo.com

Steve Roof '99 - Congratulations to Steve on his upcoming wedding to Amanda Walsh of Florida. The couple will be wed at St. Joseph Church on August 15, 2009. Steve can be reached at roof.29@osu.edu



Class of '49 Reunion/ Luncheon

St. Joseph Class of 1949 will celebrate its 60-year reunion with a luncheon at The Desert Inn Restaurant (204 12th St. NW, Canton) on **Tuesday, June 9th at 11:45AM**. Bring your spouse, friend, or anyone you want and renew a lot of great friendships. We will order directly off the menu.

If you plan to attend, please call or email Dave and Carole (Griesen) Szink at **330-492-3388** or DSZINK6563@aol.com so we know about how many will attend. Hope to see you there!

Faculty

Focus

To say that **Mr. Tom Nally** had a long career in education is an understatement. Tom retired in June of 2008, after a lengthy career in Catholic education, including 7 years as principal of St. Joseph School from 1971-1978.



After attending St. Patrick's Grade School and Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Tom received his teaching degree from the University of Dayton in 1964. He promptly was hired to teach math at Youngstown Ursuline High School, before a 3-year side trip as an army ammunition supply officer. After returning to Ursuline from '67-'71, Mr. Nally was then appointed the first lay principal at St. Joseph. Of his time at St. Joseph, Mr. Nally remembers enjoying the friendliness of the faculty, how good the kids were, how the parents were interested in their kids' education, and what a good guy pastor emeritus Fr. Nist was to work for.

Because he missed teaching, Tom left St. Joseph in 1978 and returned to the classroom at Central Catholic, where he taught Math for another 30 years, as well as serving as an assistant administrator. Many people have probably seen Tom and his wife of 43-years, Kathy, selling tickets or working at Central sporting events over the years, something they both continue to do. Tom and Kathy, a retired teacher from St. Clement School, are the proud parents of 4 boys and 2 girls, all of whom graduated from St. Joan of Arc and Central Catholic. They also have two grandchildren.

In addition to keeping connected at Central Catholic, Tom spends time caring for his father, who lives with the family and will be celebrating his 100th birthday in March. As an added note, our thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy Nally as she recovers from recent, successful back surgery.

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