

# School Alumni Newsletter

*St. John the Evangelist (1916-2005)*

*St. Ambrose (1922-2005)*

*St. James (1950-1990)*

*St. John Neumann (2006-present)*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> REUNION WEEKEND 2013 Great Success

Seventy-eight (78) Peace of Christ Parish 4-School Alumni gathered for the 1st annual Alumni Reunion Weekend Reception and Alumni Mass on September 29, 2013 at Dailey Hall on the St. John Neumann campus. Mass was at 5 PM at St. Ambrose Church.

The Alumni represented 44 different graduate classes having 24 from St. Ambrose (1938-91), 7 from St. James (1952-75), 17 from St. John the Evangelist (1938-98), and 2 from St. John Neumann (2010-11).

Everyone enjoyed meeting fellow class alumni and friends and partaking in a reception table consisting of vegetable trays, chips and pretzels, fruit trays, special punch, coffee, and cheese trays.



Most all of the alumni took advantage of the many memorabilia in the Alumni Room. The display cabinets and book cases contained class year books, class pictures, snap shots of events, and much more. They also had an opportunity to write down their favorite memories which were then posted on their school bulletin boards in the four corners of the Alumni Room.



A reunion cake decorated with the pictures of the 3 school buildings completed the celebration of the reunion weekend along with some final thanks and comments from Bob Genthner (SJ '61), Alumni Association Chairperson.

Attending this year were special guests: Fr. Bradler (Past Pastor of SJ), Fr. Schrader (Pastor Peace of Christ), Carol Ellis-McManus (SJ teacher during the late '60s) and Sr. Edwardine Weaver RSM (SJ Principal 1968-75). Fr Bradler and Fr. Schrader co-celebrated the Mass.

The Reception Committee consisted of: Bob Genthner (SJ'61), Kathy Boyle, Trisha Carroll (SJE '64), Maureen Casey-Kulic (SJE'71), Joe Hartman (SA'38), Marg Gruntler-Hartman (SJE'38), Marge Smith-Keiffer (SJE'58), Joanne Insull, Terry Sinopoli-Klinkbell (SA'89), Kay Markham-Kretschman (SJ'52), Mary Ellen Carey-Steele (SJE'58), Janet Genthner, and David Zumchack.

Pictures of the reception event are available for viewing on the Alumni web page.

## SCRIP and TOPS Cards

If you are looking for a gift card, or if you know you will be shopping at a store or going to a restaurant soon, get your prepaid card at the Parish Office. There is no cost to you. A \$20 card costs \$20! The retailers donate a percentage of each purchase to our school.

We can order a gift card for you and save you a trip to the Mall!

Some of the cards at the Parish Office include:

*Amazon.com, iTunes, TOPS Market, Best Buy, Lowes, Home Depot, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, CVS Applebee's, Kohl's, Marriott, Macy's, Outback, JCPenney's, Tim Horton, Chilis, Target, Red Lobster, Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Subway, & More ....*

Stop by the office to buy a card or to see the full list!

## **Keeping the Spirit Alive**

What are your happiest memories about your time in Catholic elementary school? The friendships you made, the teachers, the activities, and/or the school spirit?

For almost 100 years, the three schools, St. John the Evangelist, St. Ambrose and St. James have educated more than 10,000 children. Now, St. John Neumann School is helping to provide a top-notch Catholic education and make memories for 181 children from Pre-school through Grade 6. These children come from varied backgrounds, and each year we provide aid to help cover the costs of their education.

When we hear a parent tell us how their child “looks forward to going to a place where they are nurtured, safe and accepted”, or when they describe a staff who “supported them, cheered them on, and taught them not only about academics, but about character, love, faith, courage and friendship,” our commitment to Catholic education at St. John Neumann School is reinforced.

Join us in that commitment and “pay it forward” by using the attached envelope for your donation.

Also, we invite you to join us to rekindle some of your memories on Thursday morning, April 10 at 9:15 for Living Stations of the Cross presented by the students. Coffee will be served afterward in the Alumni Room.

As always, you are invited to visit the school and see the Alumni Room and many years of memorabilia!

## **Scholarship Fund**

If any alumnus(a) wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund which provides financial assistance based on need, you may send your donation to “Peace of Christ Parish – SJN”, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester, NY 14609. Please make your check payable to “POC-SJN” and write in the memo field “Scholarship Fund”.

## **Class Memorabilia**

Thanks to all the alumni who have found or donated new additions to our school archive.

St. James School recently had their 30+ year history added to our archive. Now all 4 schools are fully displayed in the Alumni Room. Do you have any school treasures that you would like to donate (or a scanned copy) to the Alumni Center?

## **SJN Grotto Courtyard**

### **Alumni Spring Cleanup - APRIL 26**

As you enter SJN School / Dailey Hall from Waldo Ave, you will find the Grotto with the statue of St. Mary in a courtyard just beyond the glass wall. There is a small walkway from the door to St. Mary and a stone bench. It is locked, isolated most of the time and not very inviting in its landscaping.

The Alumni Association would like to put in some TLC and renovation for this area. Make it a little more inviting – possibly a reading or prayer area for our students as weather permits.

Several alumni have indicated a willingness to participate in a spring/fall clean up and maintaining the plantings as an **Alumni Gardening Committee**. This would be a joint project with the help of our SJN 6th grade and custodian.

**Volunteers can sign up** by email at [alumni.poc@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.poc@gmail.com) or by phone by leaving a message at 585-288-5000 Ext 200.



## **Class Reunions In 2014**

Our Alumni database of registered and USPS valid addresses, has the following number of classmates to start your reunion contacts.

The milestone years in 2014 are:

- 1939 (75th) – 4 SJE
- 1944 (70th) – 3 SJE; 1 SA
- 1954 (60th) – 11 SJE; 2 SA
- 1964 (50th) – 17 SJE; 17 SA; 2 SJ
- 1974 (40th) – 6 SJE; 5 SA; 3 SJ
- 1984 (30th) – 27 SJE; 35 SA; 11 SJ
- 1989 (25th) – 12 SJE
- 1994 (20th) – 10 SJE
- 2004 (10th) – 4 SJE

Do you have a Class President – Secretary – a Captain for these years to start reunion planning? Would you like to volunteer to get the reunion process started? Contact the Alumni Office at 585-5000 Ext. 200. Our Annual Reunion Weekend is Sept. 27-28, 2014.

## Tradition Never Graduates

Visit the Peace of Christ web site at [www.peaceofchristparish.org/school/alumni](http://www.peaceofchristparish.org/school/alumni) for the latest newsletters and registration form.

By registering with the POCAA you will always be kept informed of reunions, newsletters, and events. However, if you prefer not to receive our information, just let us know, but please send us your current information anyway using the “For Database Information Only” (FDIO) on the form. Be sure to include your email address in either case.

If you know of the location or life status of any of your fellow alumni, please forward that FDIO information so that the POCAA may update and improve the master database.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Genthner (SJ’61), Alumni Committee Chairman, preferably by email at [alumni.poc@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.poc@gmail.com) or by phone at 585-288-5000 and leave a message.

## Alumni Room Display Case



## The Alumni Room

St. John Neumann School is the place where the spirit, histories and traditions of excellence from St. John the Evangelist, St. James, St. Ambrose, and St. John Neumann schools have coalesced to create a new and vibrant faith-based educational center.

This POC Alumni Room and conference space holds the repository for the artifacts, photos and history of the Catholic School experience in Peace of Christ Parish. Reunion groups and individuals have the opportunity to explore the reminders of their past, reminisce and rejoice in the future of Catholic Education that they have helped secure.

## Distinguished Alumni

### Class of 1974 (SJE)

#### Maureen McGuire – News8 Anchor

A native of Rochester and a 20+ year veteran of radio and television news, Maureen McGuire enjoyed success in a number of television markets before returning to her hometown in 1997. Maureen is especially pleased to work with groups and organizations that enrich her hometown community, including the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester, Lifespan, Gilda’s Club, the Scott Spino Literacy Foundation, and Bishop Kearney High School. (The latter as an Alumna!) Maureen loves the arts, roller coasters, movie theater popcorn, bookstores, watching football on TV, and travel.

## Alumni News and Notes

Attention Alumni – the newsletter would like any noteworthy accomplishments, career moves, or awards to pass on to our readers. Please send your contribution to our email address for inclusion in the next Alumni Newsletter issue.

## SJN Today

Located in the old St. Ambrose school complex, St. John Neumann School (SJN) now has an enrollment of 181 students.

SJN houses Pre-school for 3 and 4 year old along with optional Extended Care hours before and after. Students attend from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and they also have available optional before and after care; better known as wrap-around care. The building is in operation from 7:00 AM through 5:30 PM.

A newly upgraded Computer room is found on the second floor next to the school Library. The Science Lab, AIS, and Resource rooms are all located here along with the 3–6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

For K - 6, parish sponsored student tuition is \$3600 (\$4850 for non-parish); discounted for each additional family’s child.

Our Alumni Room is located on the first floor just outside of the Main Office. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor leads into Dailey Hall, the school gymnasium.

## Alumni Reunion Weekend 2014

Start planning now for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend, the weekend of Sept 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> is open for individual class reunions that your class may arrange. On Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> all alumni will start the day with the optional 9:45 am Mass at St. Ambrose Church that will have the Mass intention for the deceased Alumni from the 4 Parish Schools. This will be followed immediately by the alumni joining with the St. Ambrose Coffee Hour in Dailey Hall. From 1 to 5 the alumni can gather in Dailey hall and enjoy an alumni reception (details to follow in the summer newsletter), visit the Alumni Room and see the archives of the 4 schools. Special tour groups will be formed of those interested in tours of St. Ambrose/St. John Neumann School and St. James School (subject to buildings being available at that time).

Committee volunteers are accepted at anytime! Email to [alumni.poc@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.poc@gmail.com)

## Alumni RIP

We wish to remember our fellow alumni who have recently passed on to our heavenly Father. Your help is greatly appreciated. The following notifications were received at the Alumni Office.

### IN MEMORIUM:

#### January 2013

Joseph Terranova (SA '71)

Irving Foss (SA '44)

#### June 2013

Marie Heimback (SA '69)

#### October 2013

Gloria (Eckhart) Raymo (SJE '46)

#### November 2013

John Foster (SJE '46)

Tyler S. Davis (SJN '06)

Frances (Leinen) Costello (SJE '36)

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This POC Alumni Association Newsletter is available in PDF format at: [www.peaceofchristparish.org/school/alumni](http://www.peaceofchristparish.org/school/alumni). To provide alumni registration, information, news, or feedback, please contact Newsletter Editor at [alumni.poc@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.poc@gmail.com), by mail to Peace of Christ Parish, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester, NY 14609 or by Ph: 585-288-5000.

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## Peace of Christ's School Alumni Association

**Purpose (circle one):** *1-Alumni Association Registration*    *2-Update*    *3-For database Information Only*

Please PRINT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

POC School attended (circle): St. John the Evangelist    St. Ambrose    St. James    St. John Neumann

POC Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

OR: I left the school in \_\_\_\_\_ and graduated from \_\_\_\_\_ class of \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ College: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by (if other than the above): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please turn in this form at School or Parish Office or drop into the church collection basket.  
You may also mail to: Peace of Christ Parish, 25 Empire Blvd., Rochester, NY 14609  
Feel free to scan and email PDF to [alumni.poc@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.poc@gmail.com)