

Saint Ignatius of Antioch Alumni Newsletter



Fall 2010



The Tower of Saint Ignatius of Antioch will remain the symbol of a vibrant Parish that in the past and into the future will fulfill the "Faith of Our Fathers!"

Save Saint Ignatius of Antioch: The Challenge Continues

Terry Gravens '65

Thanks to YOUR overwhelming prayerful, personal and financial support, Saint Ignatius of Antioch Parish and School continue to meet the criteria and directives which the Diocese set forth to demonstrate that it is a viable Parish community. In fact after a meeting between the Diocese's financial office and members of the Parish Finance Council, the Bishop acknowledged the progress which has been made.

Indeed, the pews of our Church have seen many new members and more and more alumni are participating in our liturgies. Both the Parish and the School have hosted many events such as the Boulevard Bash, the Clam Bake, the Golf Outing and other such events, while

primarily focusing on our Catholic ministries to the West Side of Cleveland. The weekly collections have sustained the increases which came with our appeal and the payments on the pledge campaign continue. The scaffolding that still remains is evidence of the ongoing restoration of our sacred landmark. The Founders' Day Weekend events of last March were not only great Fundraisers but were a showcase of what this Parish means to so many.

The realities of our situation, however, remain. We have witnessed this past year the closings of many of Cleveland's Parish Churches and Catholic Schools. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our fellow Catholics who have endured so much in this process. For us, these

closings must be a fact we cannot ignore. We still have more than two years to demonstrate that this is a viable Parish community that will meet the established criteria into the future. Please continue to be with us in this cause:

1. Come to Mass and consider becoming a Member of our Parish.
2. Attend and participate in our programs and events.
3. Continue to make and renew your pledge payments or make a pledge of financial support.
4. At Christmas, Easter and whenever you are able, make a donation to Your Saint Ignatius of Antioch.
5. Continue to pray with us and stay with us.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Father James R. McGonegal

At the beginning of each school year, it has been my custom to visit the classroom and ask the students about their summer vacation. I was surprised when many of them said they had visited KALAHARI. Did they mean the South West Desert of Botswana in Africa? I soon found out it was a Water Park in Sandusky, Ohio near Cedar Point Park.

This year I have a tale of my own to tell about my visit to the South West of the United States in New Mexico, "The Land of Enchantment."

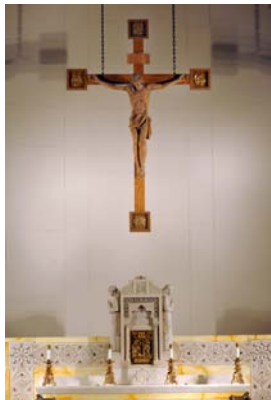
The great South West is high desert where the temperature

is cooler than Cleveland, Ohio without the humidity. In Albuquerque we took a Hot Air Balloon ride at 6 a.m. to see the sun rise over the Rio Grande River. We visited the PETROGLYPHS, ancient writings and art work of Native American tribes left in the volcanic rock formation hundreds of years before North America was discovered by Europeans.

We stayed at the Inn Of The Governors in Santa Fe (Holy Faith) a city that was celebrating 400 years along with the Diocese of Santa Fe where Bishop Lammy built the First Cathedral (also 400 Years Old) dedicated to Saint Francis of Assisi. We saw the Chapel of Loretto where an unknown carpenter built a stairway to the

choir with no nails and makes two 360 degree turns. The Santa Fe Opera is a spectacular outdoor pavilion like our own Blossom Music Center where we enjoyed a world premiere presentation of a work entitled, "Life is a Dream." As we drove further up the mountain region into Taos we visited the Sanctuario de Chimayo where a local peasant had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To this day people take holy earth from that place and every day the earth is replenished. A miracle? I brought some home and sprinkled it around Saint Ignatius of Antioch Church. I hope it helps.

This year I think I'll have more to tell the students than they want to hear about how I spent my summer vacation.



In Memorium

Edward Base '56
 Fred Bradley '49
 Edward Carlin '48
 Michael Callahan '66
 Thomas D. Donegan '63
 Marguerite Gallagher '32
 William Gajewski '55
 Gerald Haney '42
 Eleanor Hoelke-Demarco '43
 Geralyn Hoven '73
 Jack Kahl, Sr. '30
 Alan Kiraly '65
 Bernard Knill '42
 Thomas Koch '69
 Mary C. Howard-Krull '41
 Kevin Prusovic '76
 Joseph Lunder '48
 Barbara Bellian Majeski '51
 Robert McNea '36
 Susan Melko-Bohach '65
 Debra Miller '87
 Edward Morgan '56
 Elwood Sadowsky '62
 Ronald Sholtis '71
 Doris M. Slivka '46
 Maureen Seegers-Prince '55
 Richard Smallwood '43
 John Turchon '61
 Maureen Gallagher Yoka '65
 Rose Morgan Zimmerman '51
 Barbara Nolan Zubricky '76

New Music Minister David Dettloff

This April Saint Ignatius of Antioch proudly welcomed David L. Dettloff, as the new Parish Music Minister, Organist and Choir Director. David lives in the Cleveland area and holds a Doctoral Fellowship from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, a Master's degree from Bowling Green State University, and a Bachelor of Music from Grand Valley State University, Michigan.

David has been the Music Director at Our Lady of Peace Church in Cleveland since

1997, assistant organist at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Cleveland, and Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Parma. He has taught Elementary and High School level music and has been the recipient of Music conducting awards at the Chautauqua Institute, Akron Conductors Guild and guest conductor for Cleveland Youth Orchestra, Perrysburg Symphony, and Sandusky Symphony. He is also a member of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM).



David L. Dettloff

2010 Golf Outing

The 10th Annual Saint Ignatius of Antioch Golf Classic was another successful fundraiser for the Parish, raising close to \$6,000.

Bill Fitch of Bob-O-Link Golf Course hosted the event on July 28, 2010. The heat didn't stop the great game of golf with family and friends! Golfers enjoyed delicious food throughout the day and bid on outstanding prizes with proceeds benefiting the church. A number of alumni attended the event for the first time this year, hopefully that number will increase in 2011. 89 golfers played and even more guests came to the steak dinner and raffle. Congratulations to the winning foursome: Carl Casale, Edward Seman, Gary Halko and Joe Eklich (pictured top right).

A special thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success, our awesome volunteers, hole sponsors and those who donated prizes and food. Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual Golf Classic, Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

Congratulations to Kathleen Ryan '60

Kathleen, a sister of Notre Dame, was named Director of the Commission on Catholic Community Action on July 1, 2010. Sister Kathleen follows longtime director Len Calabrese. As a Sister of Notre Dame, the charism of "proclaiming God's goodness" goes hand in hand with social justice and Catholic school teaching.



Winning Foursome Gary Halko, Ed Seman, Joe Eklich, and Carl Casale



Golfers Walt Hennie, Betty Abraham, Marge Ricksecker, and Joe Eklich

Saint Ignatius Events... Mark Your Calendars

Founders' Day Weekend and Gala

The dates have been set for next year's Founders' Day Weekend and Gala. March 11, 12 and 13 are sure to be days filled with fun, food and festivities!

The Gala will be on Saturday the 12th and will again be held at the Westwood Country Club in Rocky River. Based on the sold-out success of 2010's Gala, it's not too soon to mark your calendars, as attendance will be limited with Sponsors and Underwriters receiving priority seating.

Last year, events at the Gala raised over \$108,000 with every auction item selling, and even a few extra. Masters of Ceremonies Danny Coughlin and Michael Heaton kept the crowd laughing and bidding all night.

One of the highlights of the evening came during the auction of one of Saint Ignatius' original pews. After the bidding had reached the astounding high mark of nearly \$3,000, Father Jim suddenly "remembered" that there was a second pew available for auction!

Other events of the weekend included a Historian's tour of Saint Ignatius of Antioch Church on Friday night and Sunday's free pancake breakfast. All events were successful, well attended and memorable.

Mark your calendars for March 11-13, 2011. Go to SIOAcleveland.org to find updates, sponsorship forms, and volunteer opportunities.

2011 EVENTS

Clam Bake

Sunday, November 7, 3:30 p.m.
- Advance sales only

Boulevard Bash

Saturday, October 16, following 5pm Mass celebrating the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

CityMusic

Saint Ignatius will host two free CityMusic performances, a Northeast Ohio professional chamber orchestra.

- December 12, 2010,
 - Sunday, March 20, 2011
- For more information, go to: www.citymusiccleveland.org.



Saint Ignatius students enjoyed a Pancake breakfast with Fr. McGonegal and Cleveland Indians' Slider on March 21, Gala Weekend.

Principal's Note

Dear Alumni, Families and Friends,

Our school year is off to a great start. Our enrollment is strong with 365 students. The students and teachers are happy to be back at school and already busy at work.

We are fortunate to have with us the finest school staff. Our teachers all hold current teaching certificates and are licensed by the State of Ohio. Our teachers are also trained Catechists to enable them to teach the children the Gospel message, provide them the opportunity to share their faith, and to enable them to bring a quality Catholic Education to our students. We welcome several new teachers to our faculty this year: Mrs. Teja Novak, grade 1; Miss Katie Maloney, grade 3; Miss Allison Schulte, grade 5; Mrs. Mary Sarrouh, grade 5; and Mr. Steven Miller, Junior High Social Studies.

The children are excited about being back in school, their new teachers, their new friends, they're excited about everything for the start of a new year, especially about all the fun and challenging things the teachers have planned.

Our theme this school year is: "Go Make a Difference." We at Saint Ignatius of Antioch School are called to go make a difference in our world by spreading the gospel message of Jesus.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Margaret G. Ricksecker
Principal*

Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

Benedictine High School

Iman Glanton
Blake Naida
Zackery Rosborough

Brooklyn High School

Daniel Lott

Cleveland Central Catholic High School

Darius Daniels
Victor Ramos, Jr.

Teleza Reeves
Alana Saunders
Stanley Scott

Nardico Sims

Cleveland School of Architecture and Design

Imani Fletcher

Connections Academy

Alexandra Demkowicz

Holy Name High School

Nicholas Barnum
Nicholas McDaniel
Sandra Vega

Parma Community High School

Raul Cruz, Jr.

Saint Edward High School

Robert Scuba II
Gerard Sikora

Saint Ignatius High School

Isiah Barbra
Jacob Doerner

Jaime Nazario

Larry Nguyen

Dameon Willis

Saint Joseph Academy

Laura Chiracu
Allison LaNasa

Asma Saleh
Shaikara Stephens
Victoria Tomazic

Saint Martin de Porres High School

Max Colon
Richard Colon

Daniel Palmer

Shayla Shannon

Saint Peter Chanel High School

Nathaniel Williams

Undecided

Leon Edwards
Derrick Gardner, Jr.

Angelina Rivera

Feta Yarwaye

Villa Angela-Saint Joseph High School

Michelle Coppola
Ayesha Williams

Class of 2010 Scholarship Awards

Winkel Scholarship \$1000/student

Victoria Tomazic '10
Jacob Doerner '10

Alumni Scholarship \$500/student

Dominador Cacho '11
Samuel Hoag '15
Abigail Staniszewski '14
Nicolas Cristescu '12
Lina Nguyen '12
Christian Conrad '15
Tyler Holcomb '15

Darrah Scholarship \$300/student

Aubrey Williams '13
Rajzia Whitley '13
Alanis Molina '12
Elizabeth Kittinger '12
Lina Nguyen '12
Brandon Kramer '11

Reunion News

Plan Your Reunion at the Boulevard Bash This Year

The Classes of 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005 are strongly encouraged to make The Oc. 16 Boulevard Bash a Class Reunion Event. Separate Tables will be provided. For more information, call Sister Dianne 216-251-0300.

The Saint Ignatius of Antioch Rev. James McGonegal 1954 graduation class celebrated its 55th reunion September 26 at Edgewater Yacht Club in Cleveland. Friends from the classes of 1953 through 1957 were invited.

The celebration brought together 102 grads and their guests for food, drinks, sharing memories and renewing acquaintances.

celebrated Mass to start off the afternoon activities.

The reunion committee, led by former State Sen. Patrick A. Sweeney, spent four months planning the affair. Gene Skutt, committee treasurer, said that after paying for the dinner and drinks, the committee raised more than \$2,000 for Saint Ignatius Church.

Kay Mahoney Martin and Patricia Mencini Billick were committee co-chairs. Other committee members sharing in the planning were John P. Coyne, Nancy Ramella Fanger, Hubert and Sheila Parsells Carlin, Mary Anne Yuhas Fischer, Steve Cotleur, James McDonald, Judith Hyde Stropko and Ken Frindt. The committee will meet again to make plans for its 60th reunion in 2014.

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Parish Update

Just one year ago Bishop Lennon granted the appeal to keep Saint Ignatius open. At that time he challenged the parish to demonstrate its ability to grow and thrive.

Saint Ignatius Parish is meeting that challenge with 131 new parishioners; 21 RCIA participants from the cluster,

11 from Saint Ignatius, 8 from Saint Vincent de Paul, and 2 from Saint Mel's; 58 baptisms; 23 weddings; and 51 funeral Masses.

While attendance is up at weekly masses, we continue to encourage alumni to "come home" and witness the ongoing vibrancy and sense of renewal at Saint Ignatius Church.



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