

Saint Ignatius of Antioch Alumni Newsletter



Winter 2011



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!"

IN MEMORIUM

James M. Andrews '49
James Bulkowski '73
Joseph Coleman '49
Gerald Falasco '62
George Foster '55
Joseph Gucwa '64
David Kaluscak '67
Kenneth Meyer '59
Sr. Lucille Moran, CSJ '32
Sr. Mary Clare Moran '41
Gary Pejeau '54
Richard Vanek '42
Mary Ann Sendry Wadella '52
Thomas Walchli '43
Harry Walchli '39

Founders Day Gala to Honor Father James McGonegal

Terry Gravens, '65

Join us on **Saturday, March 12** at Westwood Country Club for the Second Annual Founders Day Gala. All are welcome as we honor Reverend James R. McGonegal, Pastor, with the Antioch Chalice Award. Father McGonegal has been a priest for 40 years and a dedicated spiritual leader for our parish, our students, and our neighbors. His commitment to Saint Ignatius of Antioch and his faith has brought so much to those he serves. Please save the date of Saturday, March 12, 2011 and plan to attend the Gala this year.



We need your help... The planning for this year's gala is well underway. A live auction and silent auction will be held to raise funds for the Parish and we are asking alumni to contribute or assist with items needed for both auctions.

A special thanks goes to **Marcia and Todd Rahman** who give so much of their time to plan the event. The event committee will be assembling themed baskets for the silent auction. Consider donating items including baskets of all sizes, gift certificates to restaurants, salons, services including photography or accounting, event tickets for sporting events or theater, local events or amusement parks; liquor/wine, candles, crystal, sports memorabilia, make-up, toys, gourmet food items, garden items, collectibles, jewelry, art... the possibilities are endless.

There will be advertisement opportunities in the event program for underwriting and sponsorships. Monetary donations are also accepted.

If you have any questions about the event, call the Parish office at 216-251-0300. If you have items, gift certificates, or time to donate, you can also call Marcia Rahman at 440-570-0459.

Bath-Sized in Christ

*Reverend James R. McGonegal,
Pastor*

During Christmas I received a hand written note and a donation of five dollars (in cash) from a young parishioner.

"You remember me because you BATH-SIZED me. The money is to keep the church open. Merry Christmas!"

It was not the largest donation made but for me, it was the greatest gift. It wasn't the money or the labored handwriting of a child that brought tears to my eyes, but the remembrance that he was bath-sized at Saint Ignatius of Antioch. I still remember that I was baptized by Msgr. James P. McIntyre in 1945 at Holy Name parish, the church where my parents were married and my sisters attended grade school.

Remembering our baptism is indeed to be bath-sized again and again in the sacraments that renew our baptism when we celebrate the Eucharist, or receive Confirmation, or go to Confession, or get married, or ordained, or receive the Anointing of the Sick. We are bath-sized reminding us that no matter how old we become, or how sophisticated we think we are, we still are all children of God and bath-sized into that incredible mystery of faith, the dying and rising of Christ, the process that sustains us throughout the joys and sorrows of life, we call the Paschal Mystery.

Thanks to all of you for the generous donations to Saint Ignatius of Antioch during the Christmas season and for remembering that all of us have been bath-sized and our lives have become SOUL-SIZED in the mystery of Christ, the child of Bethlehem.

Sister Juanita Shealey, CSJ (AKA Sister Nativa)

Sister Dianne Piunno

Radio talk-show hostess. Television personality. Educator. Business advocate. Champion for all God's people. These are all fitting descriptions for Sister Juanita Shealey, CSJ, a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, is admired throughout Greater Cleveland as a passionate disciple of Christ and messenger of God's love. Her inspiration to serve others came from Augustus and Nell Mary Shealey her parents. And now Sister is celebrating 60 years as a Sister of St. Joseph. And the celebration will take place at her first assignment—Saint Ignatius of Antioch! How blest are we!



As an educator, Sister's first assignment was at Saint Ignatius of Antioch where she would teach for 13 years. Other assignments were principal at St. Aloysius, teacher at St. Agnes and Virginia Marti, and campus minister at Cuyahoga Community College. She has also served as the Director of Advocacy for the United States Department of Commerce in Business Development.

In 2003, Sister Juanita received the first Thea Bowman Lifetime Achievement Award from the Diocese of Cleveland Office of Ministry to African American Catholics for her strong leadership and service within the black community. She and her family were members of St. Adalbert Catholic Church, the first black Catholic church in Cleveland, until its recent closing.

For twenty-five years, Sister did the sign on/sign off meditation on local television stations. Currently, she hosts "God's Saving Word", a local radio call-in program heard every Sunday from 2:00 – 3:00 on WERE 1490 am.

In her crowded schedule, Sister still finds time to be involved in the Social Justice Committee of the Congregation of St. Joseph, and is a member of the Catholic Interracial Council of Greater Cleveland.

Sister Juanita Shealey's long service to Catholics, our community, and to God are without parallel. She always has a smile and positive words of encouragement for all who come into contact with her. Join her family, the Sisters of St. Joseph, parishioners, friends, and former students in the celebration on **Sunday, February 27 at the 11 o'clock liturgy** followed by a reception in the McIntyre Center. All are welcome.

Plain Dealer Crystal Apple Award

Sarah Kobie, Saint Ignatius of Antioch 8th Grade Teacher was honored with the Plain Dealer Crystal Apple Award this past May. She was nominated by 8th grade student, Jimmy MacCarthy, '11, who will be continuing his Catholic School education at Benedictine High School.

Congratulations Mrs. Kobie!

Parish Council Report

Mark Von Duhn, Parish Council President

For over a year now it has been my pleasure to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. Our by-laws call for new members annually and this year we welcome Shirley Mancuso and Tony Grego to assist in the affairs of the Parish. At the same time we say good bye to John Dido, Anne Barnett Serina, '65, and Donna Repp. Their efforts on behalf of our Parish during the last three years were invaluable in retaining our status with the Diocese as a viable Parish. Whether you consider this a probation or proving period, the doors of our church and school remain open to serve the neighbors of our Parish as they have for more than 100 years. During that same time, alumni have gone on to become some of the most talented and successful members of the Greater Cleveland Community.

Recently Parish Council has begun reviewing the viability of Parish committees and organizations, many are thriving and help demonstrate our sustainability as a Parish and our ability to make an impact on the lives of our members and those in the community. We continue to seek volunteers to devote the three T's: Time, Treasure, and Talent to further these efforts. There is no shortage of talent in our Alumni group; please consider helping in any way you can. Finally, I would like to recognize the Foster family for their continued efforts for the sharing tree in the church vestibule with a list of parishioners in need of basic items. This year the need was great, and as they have done for so many years, the Fosters made sure items were collected and distributed to those in our family in need of assistance. If you donated items this year, thank you. If not, please consider helping out next year. At the same time, consider how you might help Saint Ignatius of Antioch remain a beacon of hope for the Boulevard by devoting some of your time, energy, and ideas.

Construction News

Vito Cimino, '91, MWH



The Facilities Response Committee would like to take this time to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all who have donated both time and money to the cause of maintaining Saint Ignatius of Antioch as a vibrant parish in Cleveland, Ohio. For the past 12 months the facilities committee has been actively involved in the prioritization of key projects necessary for the maintenance and improvement of Saint Ignatius Church and school. Of those, a new clay tile roof, in keeping with the Churches architecture, was substantially replaced in 2010 and will be completed this spring. This was a huge undertaking and necessary for the continuation of other projects both interior and exterior to the building. In addition to the roof, the upper windows on the east and west sides of the Church were restored and repainted while scaffolding was in place. The "rose" window on the north end above the organ was also restored. Special thanks goes to Dan Mullen, Kevin Horchy, '68, S. Dianne Piuanno, John Desmone, Tom Jurcisin, '75, Dan Vanek, Mark Von Duhn, Kris and Mark Davis, Vito Cimino, '91, Francesco Scortegagno, and Terry Gravens, '65, who played key roles in the successful implementation and completion of these projects.

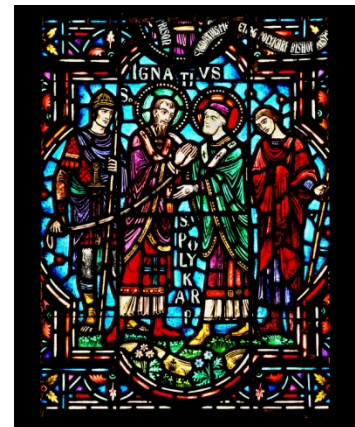
The Facilities Committee will next turn their attention to the foundation of the Church. To date, historic drawings have been reviewed to assess the existing sewer systems around the building and prior to winter's arrival, the Church's storm sewer system was cleaned with high pressure water and televised for inspection. Results were favorable and showed no major damage or collapse. 2011 will be a busy year with emphasis placed on securing the Churches foundation (i.e. structural integrity and waterproofing), compromised retaining wall systems and most important the installation of a ramp or elevated lift system for handicap accessibility.

Like a lot of the work that takes place at Saint Ignatius, the Facilities Committee is an organization of volunteers and we welcome your ideas, participation and professional expertise whether it be in contracting, engineering, landscaping, etc. or just someone who wants to lend a helping hand. Again, we are excited about this year's projects and thank you for your support and generosity.

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" periodically and witness the ongoing vibrancy and sense of renewal at Saint Ignatius Church.



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2010 Boulevard Bash

The 11th annual Boulevard Bash was held after Mass on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Saint Ignatius. More than 150 people attended and more than \$4,500 was raised to support the Parish.



Mrs. Mary Colbert, pictured left with Sister Dianne Piunno, was honored with a special award thanking her service as a teacher at Saint Ignatius of Antioch. Mrs. Colbert's former students, Maria Galindo Nunney, '88, and Karen Hernandez Rosborough, '88, presented the award and Lisa Jurcisin Schill, '91, read a letter from a former student thanking her for making a difference in so many students' lives.



The Class of '65 held their reunion at the Boulevard Bash. Pictured left to right: Bill Livingston, Margo McKeegan, Pat Foy, Pat Allen Kunath, John Zone, and Terry Gravens.

If you'd like to plan your Saint Ignatius of Antioch class reunion, call the parish office at (216) 251-0300.

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