



# FALCONER

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## Scholarship Fund Announces Recipients of 2023 Grants

It is difficult to imagine our world without a Northeast Catholic High School for Boys in Philadelphia. Yet here we are. Oh yes, at one time our alma mater was new and inviting. It opened in 1926 and welcomed the vast throngs of prospective students from all corners of the city. We watched it bloom and grow over the years reaching 5,000 all male students in one year in the mid 1950's.

Again, hard to imagine from that height of abundance and through all of the ups and downs of world events, North continued to survive and thrive even with a World War and the Korean Conflict when so many students and clergy volunteered or were called to do their duty for God and country.

We fast forward to more recent times, and while we are beyond the conflict of Vietnam we remember those alumni we have lost, honor those wounded and scared, and the many returning to make their way in life contributing to our society and caring for their families.

It is somewhat ironic that today, in 2023, we the alumni brothers of North Catholic, have virtually lost all physical signs of our school's existence. What was once a symbol of greatness, success and accomplishments of its student body, championship sports teams and scholarly achievements.

Basically all gone except for some trophies and the memories we carry within us.

The irony is that the North Catholic alumni has put forth a massive effort starting in 1968 to raise money to help sustain Catholic education at all levels starting in the Philadelphia area expanding outward and into New Jersey. We are helping families and students financially to insure that the Catholic teachings and traditions continue. We are closed, yet we continue to work and contribute as if Northeast Catholic is still alive and present. I guess you can say it is. The things we were taught, the battles we won, and the spirit that was North Catholic is instilled in all of us now living.

It is kind of fitting. As our motto states "I have taken hold and will not let go". Words to live by.

As of April 30th, due to the generosity of our alumni and Friends, **Falconway** collected **\$157,730.00**. The Memorial Scholarship Fund collected \$123,657 and the Oblate Development Fund has \$34,073.

At this time last year, **Falconway** had collected \$138,905. The Memorial Scholarship Fund collected \$108,728 and The Oblate Development Fund has \$30,236.

Thank you so much for your support. It is the Alumni like you that help us keep the Scholarship Fund giving grants to students that support Catholic education and the Oblates of St. Francis deSales.

We are pleased to announce this year's recipients

### \$32,000 College Grants paid equally over 4 years were awarded to:

- Melaina Caruso - Little Flower to Immaculata University
- Michael McDevitt - Father Judge HS to Villanova University
- Paige Smith - St. Hubert HS to St. Joseph University
- Shane Thompson - Father Judge HS to LaSalle University
- Tyler Wojnar - Holy Cross HS to St. Joseph University

### \$20,000 High School Grants paid equally over 4 years were awarded to:

- Taryn Connor - St. Joan of Arc (NJ) to Paul VI HS (NJ)
- Anna Mulderring - Our Lady of Calvary to Archbishop Ryan HS
- Saige Primavera - St. Katherine of Seina to St. Hubert HS
- Colin Schultz - St Jerome to Father Judge HS
- Hailey Sarzynski - St. Michael The Archangel to Conwell-Egan HS

### \$16,000 High School Grants paid equally over 4 years were awarded to:

- Samatha Crompton - St. Martha to Archbishop Ryan HS
- Mackenzie Huckel - Our Lady of Grace to Conwell-Egan HS
- Madelyn McNeill - Our Lady of Calvary to Archbishop Ryan HS
- Mia Nottingham - Franklin Towne Charter to St. Hubert HS
- Abigail Sullivan - St. Mary's Interparochial School to Nazareth Academy

### \$12,000 High School Grants paid equally over 4 years were awarded to:

- Francesca Cannizarro - St Martha to Archbishop Ryan HS
- Brayden Miller - St. Martha to Archbishop Wood HS
- Dylan Naldzin - Arcola Intermediate to LaSalle College HS
- Chloe Secoda - Holy Family Regional School to Conwell-Egan HS
- Thomas Shirk - Franklin Towne Charter to Roman Catholic HS

### \$8,000 High School Grants paid equally over 4 years were awarded to:

- Joseph Cahill - St. George to Father Judge HS
- Julie Coyle - Our Lady of Hope Regional, (NJ) to Our Lady of Mercy HS, (NJ)
- Thomas Maher - Franklin Towne Charter to Father Judge HS
- Michael Primavera, - St. Katherine of Siena to Roman Catholic HS
- Kennedi Walton - St. Katherine of Siena to Archbishop Ryan HS

### \$9,000 Grade School Grants paid equally over 3 years were awarded to:

- Scarlett Huckel - Our Lady of Grace
- Cambree Kelly - St. Jerome
- Chloe Watson - St. Jerome

### \$6,000 Grade School Grants paid equally over 3 years were awarded to:

- Roscoe Pazdunkiewicz to Nazareth Grade School
- Luke Szc hulski to St. Katherine of Siena
- Jax Thomson to St. Albert the Great
- Timothy Walton to St. Katherine of Siena

### \$3,000 Grade School Grants paid equally over 3 years were awarded to:

- Leah Rettershofer to St. Laurentius

The Trustees Congratulate all of the recipients and their parents as well as all of the alternate candidates.



# IT'S HERE



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My contribution to **Falconway** is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Northeast Catholic Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. to help underwrite grade school/high school/college - school tuition for children and grandchildren of dues paying alumni.

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**Joe Zarreke, '67** was inducted into the Father Judge Hall of Fame, May 11, 2023. **Congratulations Joe!**

**The Class of 1966**, or should I say ,the Illustrious Class of 1966, had a mini reunion where 52 alumni attended. According to the **Class Rep Ray Rysak**, there are already plans for next year's reunion and will include more friends and alumni from other classes.

**Frank Byrne, '65** will be celebrating **45 years in business** for Byrnes Tavern on June 14th. Frank opened his business in 1978 and has been the go to place for North Catholic alums and family to meet and socialize and enjoy the great crabs and wings that made Byrne's Tavern famous. But Frank has also made a major impact in the Port Richmond neighborhood, both as a business leader, and generous partner and supporter to the Catholic schools and parishes. Frank has truly lived up to the traditions taught to him at North Catholic as a Salesian gentleman. And he pours a great pint! **Congratulates to Frank and Cathy and Staff for a job well done. Happy 45th Anniversary.**

**Joe Rapczynski, '70** a recent inductee to Northeast Catholic's Hall of Fame and author of **The Junior Varsity Team is Playing**, has a new book coming out called **ONWARD, Leadership, Inspiration, Lessons Learned**. Available on-line through Barnes & Noble. [jvteamisplaying@gmail.com](mailto:jvteamisplaying@gmail.com).

**Mike Walsh, '67**, movie producer, has an award winning film, **The Retaliators** now streaming on Amazon Prime. A Horror film of an understanding pastor who uncovers a dark and twisted underworld as he searches for answers surrounding his daughter's brutal murder. Check out more including **"Philly Christmas"** on **Philly Born Films**.

**Jim Arnosky, '64**, a member of the Northeast Catholic Hall of Fame and a world renowned self-taught illustrator, painter, he has written and illustrated over 132 children's books on nature. His books for young readers inspire a love of nature. Recently Jim's works have been on display at the University of Findlay's Mazza Museum in Findlay, Ohio and exhibited at the Camden Library in Camden, Main. Among his many awards he has received are The Christopher Medal, ALA Gordon Award and Outstanding Science book awards from National Science Teachers Association. Jim and his wife Deana and family reside in Vermont.

## WHAT IS A REUNION?

By **Hank Stahl '66**

REUNION: re-YUNE-yun; noun: a gathering of individual or group to remember a happening or event. e.g.: class reunion

That's the dictionary version. But, what really IS a reunion? I gave it some great thought when I attended the recent 92nd Annual Communion Breakfast. I had the humble honor of being among the latest inductions into our Alumni Hall of Fame. As I looked out into the vast crowd of 300 attendees, it gave me pause for reflection of what reunions of this vast nature really mean.

As a member of what my fellow members affectionately call "the distinguished Class of '66", I couldn't help but remember what it's like to be able to think about what each of our 5-year get-togethers were like. We entered the hallowed halls of our alma mater as frightened deer looking into the headlights (for me, it was my junior year, having transferred from a 'special needs' school because of my cerebral palsy) and by the time we were seniors we were for the most part, "know-it-alls".

Then came reality. Will we ever see or hear from each other again? As time went on, and as our numbers dwindled for various reasons, the reunions became more important as in our minds we become myths; icons and finally LEGENDS! The Communion Breakfast was; is and always will be an extension of our individual class reunions. Not only did I see and share memories with fellow '66ers, but I re-connected with fellow Falcons I had the pleasure of meeting both professionally and personally over 57-plus years after leaving those hallowed halls.

There was a television show in the late '50s titled "The Naked City". Each week they opened the show with the prologue: "There are a million stories in the naked city---and this is one of them". Each of us who walked through North is a story unto himself. Five-year reunions; communion breakfasts; alumni functions, and now the advent of classers holding annual mini-reunions are opportunities to remember who we were; who we are; and who we will be forever!

The building is closed but the legacy of our alma mater remains open. 'Never Let Go' has never had more meaning. To my brother Falcons I say "Thank You" for another day of great memories and REUNION!



## President's Message

By  
**Robert J. Kensil , Jr. '74**

**G**reetings to all,

I'm finishing up this President's Message just after the Sixers mailed in a dismal loss to Boston. Geez that was a train wreck of a game, last year I was proud of the Phillies and Eagles and Union for getting to the Championship, but am embarrassed by the way the basketball team played in today's outing at the Boston Garden.

Just after the game, my two daughters came over to the house, not to cheer me up but to say Happy Mother's Day to their Mother and I was immediately happy, especially when I read a Curious George book called 'Catches a Train,' to my 2 year old granddaughter and played some games the Easter Bunny left at my home with the other four kids. Everyone knows George gets himself and the man with the yellow hat into some predicaments. In this book George is at '30th St. Station' and sees the stationmaster posting the trains departure and arrival times up on a board. George, always curious, decides to help and post his own times and then havoc ensues.

This action by Curious George reminds me of some activities of my classmates that lived in the Port Richmond section of Philly, I could just imagine them doing this type of thing just for the laughs. Also, the Alumni Association just finished up our 92nd Annual Communion Breakfast & Mass attended by over 300 Falcons and friends and families. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Jack Kolodziej with expert guidance from Fr. Kilty, Brother Jim, Fr. Daulton, Fr. Vince Smith, Fr. Kelly and a couple of really celebrity type Altar Servers and Readers from our own ranks made the event extra special. Thank you to our Communion Breakfast committee.

Now what makes something a 'Classic'? What would you consider a classic or masterpiece? Could the movies Casablanca or Jaws or the Godfather or The Man that shot Liberty Valance? Could the songs The Summer Wind or something from the Beatles or how about the theme song for the TV show Jeopardy or the Van Morrison song Cleaning Windows? How about a sporting effort from let's say the Eagles in the 2017 Super bowl or how about the year 1967 when the 76ers were perhaps the best team of all time, the 1980 Phillies playoffs against Houston and the World Series win against Kansas City weren't bad teams either. Books, gee, that is a tough one, and we all have favorite authors for sure.

**Father Judge's** baseball team celebrates their victory over North Penn in the PIAA Class 6A semifinals as of the date of this writing. **The Crusaders (24-2)** will mark their first appearance in the final in program history. Coach Mike Metzger knew this year's group was special. After winning the PCL over second seed LaSalle, the program captured their 10th league title since 2000. Then they went on to win District 12 crown with a victory

Now I consider our 1967 JV basketball team that **Joe Rapczynski '70** wrote about in his book and **Hank Stahl, '66** wrote about in his columns one of the classic great teams we ever had. How about the soccer teams we had that didn't lose for about 7 years or so or some great baseball teams from the 80's + 90's. How about **Joe Ramsey's** great bowling teams, our Museum has an

entire wall filled with championship trophies for the team. Classic books, well St. Francis de Sales books 'Finding God Wherever You Are,' 'Introduction to a Devout Life,' the aforementioned book by Joe Rapczynski '70, 'Rediscover the Saints' and 'The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity' by Matthew Kelly 'The Best Short Stories of Flannery O'Connor,' and 'Lonesome Dove' by Larry McMurtry or any Sherlock Holmes book.

Now these are just some of my 'favs' but I just want everyone to remember the classic history we have at Northeast Catholic. If you are reading this issue of **The Falconer** I know that I'm preaching to the choir but just remember we put a lot of time into keeping the legacy of Northeast Catholic alive and well but we have many events throughout the year where we gather and remember our days at North' and to help raise the funds to give us the ability to give out \$500,000 every year to our offspring. See some of these events in other sections of this newsletter and participate or donate.

Keep your Falcon brothers and our Oblates and teachers and Tuition Grant recipients in your prayers. I will leave you with a quick prayer that Anglican Bishop John Henry Newman, a man that converted to Catholicism from reading St. Francis de Sales words and became a saint after converting. "Heart speaks to Heart," this is a call for us to hear God speaking to our interior souls and to listen attentively.

Have a great summer and see you at our **33rd Golf Classic** in the fall.

"Vestigia nulla restrorsum"

One of the core guys on **the Crusaders** is Jaden DeLuca, who expressed how elated he and the rest of the team were to have won the Catholic League Championship.

DeLuca remembers "when we were in eighth grade talking about it. Just a group of guys from Northeast Philly who have played together their whole lives and then they win a Catholic League Championship at **Father Judge**. It was important to all of us. We wanted to win, but we definitely wanted to win together." Jaden is bound for West Chester next year where he will continue his baseball career. He's also eyeing a major in the medical field.

We congratulate **Father Judge** for their successful season thus far and wish them the best in state finals.

Incidentally, Jaden is our President, Bob Kensil's grandson. Must run in the family.

## Chaplain's Corner

By  
Rev. Neil F. Kilty, OSFS, '59



The Book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible speaks of the tapestry of life in strange but truly wise ways. "For there is a purpose for everything under heaven. A time to weep and a time to laugh – a time for sadness and a time for happiness. Since our last addition, the Oblates have given back to the Lord:

**Thomas J. McGee** - Ascension parish, NC Graduate (1959)- NC School treasurer from 1983 until 1987.

**Joseph Tustin** – St. Anne parish, NC graduate (1957)-taught at NC from 1981 until 1982 He spent many years in our parishes in North Carolina. A quiet gentle man and quite a philosopher.

**John Crossin** – Fr. Judge Graduate (1965) John taught Math at North from 1968-1969. He spent most of his priestly life in Washington as a theology teacher. He was one of the presidents of De Sales Hall School of theology. John was a true Salesian gentlemen and a theological scholar.

But Ecclesiastes also says, "a time for happiness." Each summer we celebrate our jubilees – a time to thank those who have milestones on their journey. They have served the Oblates and the Church for many years:

**2022**

50 years Of Ordination: **Douglas Smith, Francis Blood.**  
Profession of Vows: **William Nessel (75), Francis Pileggi (70), John Mokluk (60), Joseph DiMauro (55), Joseph Hayden (55).**

**2023**

55 years of Ordination – **John McGinley, William Walsh.**  
50 years- **Bernard O'Connor, Joseph DiMauro.**  
Profession of Vows: **Douglas Smith (65), James Turner (50).**

June is considered the month of the Eucharist. As a youngster growing up, I remember the annual Corpus Christi processions we would have in our parish – great testimonies to our faith!

Here is a thought from our founder, Fr. Louis Brisson: "Friends, St. Francis de Sales says that communion is the sun of spiritual exercises". The sun is the center of our solar system. It gives heat to the other planets and makes life possible upon them. In like manner, Holy Communion is the center of our spiritual life. Everything we do in our spiritual life should prepare us for Holy Communion. If we go to confession, it is in order to communicate all the better. If we avoid sin, if we pray, it is in order to prepare ourselves the better to receive Our Lord.

If communion is the sun of our spiritual exercises, then we must turn our souls often in this direction in order to prepare ourselves to receive it. We must prepare ourselves very well to receive this Sacrament. Our hearts should be a living ciborium in which Our Lord dwells and in which He reigns!! (Cor ad Cor p 197)

### ADOPT A SENIOR OBLATE

You are invited to support Oblates in retirement by enrolling in the Adopt a Senior Oblate Program. Participants choose or are assigned an Oblate. The Oblate prays, privately and at daily mass, for them and the participants are invited to connect with the Oblate through email or letters.

Enroll today at [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org)



## VOICING THE STORY

By Gerard A. Kosinski, '72

One of my missions these days is to make sure the passing of a Fellow Falcon is noted on Facebook. Google does a great job of notifying me of any mention of "North Catholic" or "Northeast Catholic" on the internet and I take it from there.

Our Fellow Falcons are quite an accomplished group. They have lived full & productive lives with many successes in their chosen fields. A number of them served in the military, then went into their employment, raised a family and retired. The thread that bound them together is the positive difference they made in their communities. Their time at North was not wasted as they followed the example of being a Salesian gentleman throughout the rest of their time on Earth.

I make sure I come back about a week after the first posting of the obituary to focus on the Memorial postings. Invariably, there are comments on how the person was a wonderful co-worker, boss, uncle, Godfather, friend. These memories are consistent from one obituary to the next.

It is heartening to see what an effect our Oblate education has on our conduct all during our life. It is also amazing to see how four formative years at North controlled our personal agendas for the decades after we last left through the Torresdale Ave. doors.

The late Fr. John Hurley, OSFS, my friend and mentor, would always tell me during our monthly Chinese luncheons how an Oblate could always tell a North grad by the way they carried themselves. It is obvious from the Legacy postings when a Fellow Falcon departs this Mortal Orb that Fr. Hurley, as usual, was spot on.

## OBITUARIES

Your Prayers are Requested for the Following Deceased

Edwin F Lutz, Jr 1940	James K Bannon 1959
Charles J Furey 1941	Robert M Edinger 1959
Joseph E Jeffs 1942	Edward J Furlong 1959
David F Maier 1942	Joseph J McFarland 1959
William J Schwar 1942	<b>Rev Thomas J McGee OSFS 1959</b>
William L McCloskey 1943	Joseph F Shuron, Jr. 1959
John J McIntyre, Sr. 1944	George J Beccaria 1960
Richard F Sowney 1944	Gerald M Handley, ESQ 1960
Peter J Barunas 1945	Michael J Ranson 1960
Philip E Campoli 1945	Joseph J Keller 1961
Francis X Gould, Jr 1945	Kenneth E. Peters 1961
Hon. Francis P Cosgrove, '46	Eugene J Secor 1961
Thomas F Hall 1947	Theodore M Hojnowski 1962
James W Carmody 1948	John F Lawlor 1962
Robert J Fischer 1948	James J McNesby 1962
Edward J McAuley 1948	Paul D Ciccimaro 1963
Francis M Celestino 1949	John F Gillsepie, Jr 1963
William M Dempsey 1949	Joseph R Taylor 1963
Ernest V Gulla 1949	William J Cooper 1964
John F Kerstan 1949	John C DiPrinzio 1964
Frank M Thoma 1949	Ronald S A Skotarczak 1964
Lawrence E Brinkmann 1950	Robert J Williams 1964
George L Masin III 1950	Deacon Joseph F Windish 1964
John P McNamee 1950	William P McLean 1965
Benjamin F Leighton 1951	Richard J Smith 1965
Edward W Devinney 1952	Joseph Toth 1965
Charles W Hammill 1952	John Davis 1966
Joseph J Laumakis 1952	Vincent F Grillo 1966
Donald J Miller 1952	Robert J McAfee 1966
Robert J Cinkutis, Sr 1954	Thomas L Campbell 1967
Eugene J Ferry 1954	Theodore J Dennery 1967
William J Manning 1954	Robert M Baldwin, Sr. 1968
Cornelius McGeehan 1954	David E O'Shea 1968
Gerald J Pearce 1954	James J McDonnell 1969
Robert J Sitler 1954	Gerald P Newell, Jr 1969
John E Swiggard 1954	John E O'Neil 1969
John F Thompson 1954	William J Stahl 1969
Raymond A Cantwell 1955	William E "Billy" Dever 1970
Nicholas A Fiorino 1955	Paul M Gasiorowski 1970
Joseph P Gorniak, Jr 1955	Robert A Gates 1970
John C "Jack" Marczyly 1955	George E Hafft 1970
Andrew A Marszalek, Jr. 1955	Gerald M McTamney 1970
John P McGowen, Sr. 1955	Thomas J Rutecki 1970
John E O'Brien 1955	Stanley D Banach 1972
Thomas M O'Donnell 1955	James W Feeney 1972
John "Jack" Weber, Jr 1955	Karl B Schleinkofer 1973
Michael J Collins 1956	Gregory J Micenec 1978
William J Friend, Jr. 1956	William E Brandt 1979
Robert S Johnson 1956	Charles "Chuck" O'Neil 1979
Joseph A Lehman, Jr 1956	David J Parker 1979
James E Magee 1956	Stephen J Barbacane 1982
John J O'Sullivan 1956 6	John C Galcik 1982
<b>Rev Thomas J Tucker OSFS 1956</b>	David G Feenan 1983
<b>Rev Joseph E Tustin OSFS 1957</b>	John D Leipert 1983
Joseph C McGinn 1958	Joseph "Joey" Zysk 1984
William J Michael 1958	Marcus E Dent Sr 1986
Robert W Murdoch, Jr 1958	Anthony F Johnson 1990
	Francis J Shapley 2001
	Apostolos "Paul" V Karagiannis, '04

Edward Quinn Non Grad 2/4/2023  
William D Norton Non Grad 7/22/2022  
Helen R Abram Non Grad 5/??/2023  
Rev John W Crossin OSFS Non Grad  
John E Gerner, Sr. Non Grad 5/16/2023

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

### EDITORS NOTE:

The editor wishes to apologize for the following error in the last issue of the Falconer by misreporting the following "living" alumnus as deceased. They are Robert R. DiBendetto, '90 and Robert M. Miller, '99. We thank you for bringing this to our attention.

*The following alumni and friends have made a contribution between February to April 30, 2023. Our sincere gratitude to each of them and especially to those who appear in the President's Inner Circle.*

**FALCON'S ROOST**  
(between \$101 and \$500)

Sandra Edinger, In Memory of Robert M Edinger '59  
**1948** - Walter A Egner  
**1950** - Francis J Nessel  
**1951** - Michael J Gallagher  
**1952** - Martin J McCormick Jr  
**1953** - **Rev John P Schmeer**  
**1954** - James V Gavaghan  
**1955** - Frank J Hirsch  
**1956** - Francis X Brown, Albert J Williams  
**1957** - Lawrence R Keefe,  
**Rev Daniel L Kelly, Rev Msgr Daniel J McGlynn**  
**1959** - Edward R Alegado, Joseph T Callahan, William E McGeehan  
**1961** - Dominic A Montileone  
**1963** - John Busciacco, John J Coneghen, Theodore C Erdman, Thomas J Gavaghan, Michael J Naples. Bernard P Reza, Robert J Terranova, Paul E Towhey  
**1965** - Thomas M Czarnecki  
**1966** - George E Griffin, Nicholas Iwanisziw, Joseph C Minnich, Thomas J Naldzin, George R White, Paul J Worrell  
**1967** - Robert F Doman, Michael C Fenerty, John V Levy, Anthony J Pietrak  
**1968** - Gerard E Market, George J Meissler, Matthew R Strzempek, Frank L Szojka, Stephen W Yarmolyk  
**1970** - Louis P DeCree, James F Kelly Jr, Gerard J Mittleberger Jr, Bernard J Siegel  
**1971** - Thomas V Maglione, In Memory of Dominic Maglione Jr '73 & Mickey Ashmore '73  
**1972** - Michael J Borski, Joseph Dougherty, Hugh Martin, Michael A Matthews  
**1973** - Louis J Altomari, Charles D Cahill, Robert J Griggs, Michael J Logue  
**1975** - Mark O Aucello, Michael A Ditizio, John A Fiocco  
**1977** - George A Pirrone  
**1979** - Daniel J Coughlin  
**1980** - Kieran P McKenna, Charles W Palmer  
**1986** - Patrick A Pikunas  
**1990** - Richard A Wojnar Jr  
**1991** - Donovan G Farr  
**1995** - Patrick D Morris

**RED & WHITE**  
(between \$26 and \$100)

Mrs. Irene Baldwin, In Memory of Louis G Baldwin '53, Msgr Paul M Kennedy  
 Nicole LaBree, In Memory of Sgt Joseph A Farrell USMC '04  
**1946** - Francis P. Cosgrove  
**1949** - Joseph G Kain, Matthew J Perna  
**1950** - James J Moore, John P O'Donnell, In Memory of James '51 & Thomas '55  
**1952** - John J Haney, Joseph M Willey  
**1953** - Harry E Beam, Francis T Pomnitz  
**1954** - Joseph M Callaghan, Richard V Ciecka, Joseph M Coleman  
**1955** - Albert T Chadwick Jr, Eugene F Coffman  
**1956** - Louis R Faiola, William H James, Anthony F Manero, John J McErlean Jr, John J McKeough, Thomas P O'Rourke, Richard P Ryan, Joseph A Saioni, Ronald J Secoda  
**1957** - Thomas J Casey, John J Downey, Eugene P Kiernan, William F Richards,  
**1958** - Joseph J Darcy, John J Grieco, John F Handley, In Memory of Gerald M Handley '60, Stephen P Holmstock, Arthur B Woody  
**1959** - Paul J Galvin, Joseph J Hilger, John H Kelly,  
**1960** - Gerald F Grover, In Memory of Charles J Grover '82, Francis J Strzempek, George C Surosky

**RED & WHITE**  
(between \$26 and \$100)

**1961** - John P Graham, James E Henes Jr, James F O'Connor, John H D Peranteaux, Charles A Snyder  
**1961** - Joe Gabor in memory of Kenneth E. Peters, '61  
**1962** - Walter E Beck Jr, Joseph P Brennan, Gerard M Falicki, Martin J Taylor  
**1963** - Joseph P Dorsey, John T Musial, In Memory of Edward R Jaskowiak '66, Ronald J Seddon  
**1964** - Joseph H Bohr Jr, Leonard Colfer, Anthony F DiStefano  
**1965** - George G Hanlon, Ronald E Kwasiborski, William J Lowry, Joseph H McIntyre  
 Thomas A Razzano  
**1966** - Dennis J Boyce, George P Cipressi Galen R Clements, Michael J Grosso, In Memory of Robert Baldwin '68  
**1967** - Edward F McClay, Gerard J McGovern, Robert J Szustowicz  
**1968** - Christopher J Blazic, Carl C Ciglar, Patrick J Kennedy  
**1969** - John P Hartner, Michael A Herbert, Frank P Smith, Joseph R Szymanski Jr, In Memory of Edward R Jaskowiak '66  
**1970** - Stephen S Hesko, Joseph P Mikolajewski, In Memory of John C Stangler '70, James J Wilhelmi  
**1971** - Joseph F Pilawsky, In Memory of James F Kelly Sr, Father of Dennis '67, James Jr '70  
**1972** - Dennis M Boylan, Gerard A Kosinski, James A Lemanowicz, Casimir M Petrowski  
**1973** - Stephen C Corrigan, Michael D Murphy, Thomas E Rola  
**1974** - Daniel J McDevitt, John A Morrow Jr  
**1975** - Joseph H Fleck  
**1976** - Dennis M McDonough, James A Nejman, Michael A Orzechowicz, Michael J Roznowski, Edward F Stangler  
**1977** - Jeffrey B Romanczuk  
**1978** - Michael W Trask  
**1979** - Nicholas J DiPrimeo, James M Pietrowski  
**1980** - Brian Devine  
**1981** - Charles F Heintzelman, Michael J W McBride  
**1982** - Stephen E Karpin  
**1983** - John F Davis, Robert S Holmes  
**1984** - William A Hale  
**1986** - Francis A Madeja, James L Stinson  
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**1992** - Jason J Bofinger  
**1996** - Michele A Vella  
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 Paula Kolodchak  
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**1948** - Gerald P Morris  
**1949** - Ralph J Delucia  
**1952** - Patrick C Gibbons, Domenic D Marchesani, Edward J Kelly, Francis T Kirk, Joseph J Reavy  
**1955** - John J Flynn,  
 John M Meehan, Edwin J Woll  
**1956** - Joseph A McShea, Vincent J Rapone  
**1957** - John G Barbieri,  
 John D Rosella  
**1960** - Joseph J Getley,  
 Thomas M Stehr  
**1961** - Ernest F Koschineg  
**1963** - Charles R McGeehan,  
 Martin F Taylor  
**1964** - Charles J Bocchicchio  
**1965** - Michael A Burns  
**1966** - William H Houwen  
**1967** - Patrick J Berkery, Joseph J Gordon, Joseph Jablonowski,  
 In Memory of  
 Daniel J Marcinkiewicz '97  
**1968** - James J Asman  
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 James A Wolf  
**1978** - Thomas J Gillen  
**1980** - Robert Mallard  
**1984** - Thomas W Crone Jr  
**1988** - Thomas Conway  
**1989** - Michael F McDevitt  
**1992** - Michael J Stratz  
**1996** - Brian Goodyear  
**1997** - Richard Stratz  
**1999** - Thomas Johnston  
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# 92<sup>nd</sup> COMMUNION BREAKFAST SCORES HIGH MARKS



The 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communion Breakfast held on Sunday, April 16th at Cannstatter in the Northeast turned out to be one of the best events in recent years especially dealing with the many difficulties primarily due to the covid virus. It was a complete sell out. We had good weather and plenty of parking. Hightlight of the day was our main speaker, former defenseman of the Philadelphia Flyers, Chris Therian. Chris scored important points when speaking about a deep personal matter with the issues of alcohol use disorder and drug addiction. He has documented his experiences in a book he has written called Road to Redemption. Our Toastmaster, Mike Sielski, sports columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer and the author of three books, scored many funny points and handled his assignment with ease and professionalism. In fact both our main guests would have fit right in at North Catholic as students. I believe someone from the Class of 1973 has already made Chris Therian an honory Falcon. **Our Hall of Fame Class of 2023** represented the best of the best, through their life experiences and accomplishments, in the true spirit of St. Francis deSales. **Photo #1-** top left photo: Chris Therian, Mike Sielski, Executive Secretary, Steve Cardullo, '72, **Photo #2:** Therian, Rev. Jack Kolodziej, OSFS '87 and M. Sielski., **Photo #3:** C. Therian and President Bob Kensil, Jr., '74. **Photo #4:** Jim Henes, '61, Rev. Jack Kolodziej, '87, C. Therian, President, Bob Kensil, Jr. '74. **Photo #5:** Hall of Fame awardees: **John Handley, '58, Field of Service, Joe (Rabbi) Rapczynski, '70, Field of Athletics, Henry (Hank) Stabl, '66, Field of Art/Entertainment/Education, James O'Connor, '73, Field of Business/Labor/Military.**

**Photo #6:** C. Therian, President Bob Kensil, Jr. '74, Mike Sielski. **Photo #7:** Two unnamed Alumni dressed to the 9's with Falcon attire. Looking good guys and thank you for coming. **Photo #8:** Joe Kaiser, '66, Tom Gillen, '79, Joe Pilawsky, '71. **Photo #9:** Cannstatter's for Breakfast. **Photo #10:** Alumni Officers and committee members: Top left, John Garson, Jr. '72, President, Bob Kensil, Jr., '74, Jim Henes, '61, Tom Morgan, '64, Historian, Past Alumni President, Al Waskiewicz, '79, Executive Secretary, Steve Cardullo, '72, Jim O'Connor, '61, Jim Kelly, Jr. '70, Jeff Brown, '79 Past Alumni President. **Photo #11:** Alumni with their families and friends. Overall everyone enjoyed themselves and thanks to the efforts of the Communion Breakfast committee lead by

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## REMEMBRANCE AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA GROTTTO

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**Korean War Service Medal**  
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**Northeast Philadelphia road renamed in honor of SWAT officer killed in line of duty**

A stretch of Knights Road in Northeast Philadelphia has been renamed for a police officer who was killed in the line of duty in 2020.

The Sgt. James O'Connor IV Memorial Highway was unveiled Friday, located between Woodhaven and Frankford avenues. His wife, Terri O'Connor, called it a touching tribute.

"The sign is beautiful," she said. "I drive down this road every day, so it's a beautiful memory in his honor."

Sgt. O'Connor, '92, a Philadelphia SWAT officer, was shot and killed on the morning of March 13, 2020, while serving a high-risk warrant. Terri O'Connor said they were one month shy of celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary together.

On Friday, June 2, 2023 at 12 pm in front of Our Lady of Calvary Catholic Church located at 11024 Knights Rd., a Memorial Service was conducted with family members in honor of renaming of Knights Road to Sgt. James O'Connor IV Memorial Highway. State Representative Ed Neilson was also in attendance.



Sgt. James O'Connor  
1974 - 2020  
RIP



Sgt. James O'Connor IV's family members pose in front of a stretch of Knights Road in Northeast Philadelphia that was renamed

Reported by KYW Hadas Kuznits

**REUNIONS**

On Thursday June 1st, 2023 the **Class of 1973** gathered at the Brookside Manor in Feasterville, Pa. to celebrate their 50 year reunion. A great turnout of classmates, wives and faculty joined together to remember the wonderful time we spent at our beloved Northeast Catholic. The night was filled with fun, renewed friendships and memorable moments of The Big House. The class honored those classmates who have passed away with a Remembrance Display.

The evening was capped off with each classmate receiving a commemorative NC-73 hat and a hearty rendition of the Alma Mater.

Our many thanks to class reps **Gregg Massi** and **Mike Kaiser** and their reunion committee for a very successful **50th Reunion**.



The class of **1974** will start making plans for the celebration of their **50th Anniversary Reunion** next year. If interested to work on the reunion committee please contact your class representative Bob Kensil, Jr., 215-824-4787 or Louis Szojka 215-519-6107 . Contact Alumni office for more information.

The class of **1964** will be planning its **60th Reunion** in 2024. Now this is a good sign because plans usually start at least two weeks before the event and not necessarily in the correct year. So here is hoping that my fellow brothers will step up and lend a hand in making our 60th a reality. I am not ashamed to ask for your help. In fact I am begging. Please contact your class rep Tom Morgan 609-352-7945 or

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At the mass last month prior to the Alumni Association's Communion Breakfast, it was announced that the collection during the mass would be donated to our Our Mother of Consolation Parish. That parish, which is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales parish, suffered a devastating loss when a fire broke out in the school. The school was destroyed and the students had to finish out the school year at a new location.

The Northeast Catholic Alumni Association stepped up, as did the alumni, family and friends of Northeast Catholic who contributed that day. During the collection, \$2,100 was raised for the parish. On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Alumni President, Bob Kensil, '74, along with Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Cardullo, '72, delivered a \$2,100 check to Fr. John Fisher, OSFS, Pastor of our Mother of Consolation. Fr. Jack Kolodziej, '87, OSFS, Oblate Provincial of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province, was on hand.

The Northeast Catholic Alumni Association would like to thank all those who attended and contributed, as well as those who contributed separately. A Catholic education is very important to many of us, and little acts of kindness like this will help Our Mother of Consolation Parish continue this educational tradition in Chestnut Hill.



Fr. John Fisher, OSFS, Pastor of our Mother of Consolation. Alumni President, Bob Kensil, '74, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Cardullo, '72, Fr. Jack Kolodziej, '87, OSFS, Oblate Provincial of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province



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**MORE**



**Andrew Marcella, '98** is a career serviceman in the United States Marine Corps. Andrew was recently promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant and awarded the honor of Career Planner of the Year for 2022.

Andrew's grandfather is **William Pippel** from the class of 1947. He passed away in October 2022.

**Atlantic City Bus Trip Monday, August 7, 2023**

Bus departs Alumni Office at 9:00AM and arrives in Atlantic City Marina about 11:00AM. Cruise along AC coastline returning to Tropicana hotel/casino by about 12:30PM. Departure from Tropicana about 5:30PM  
Price \$70 per person includes \$20 slot play voucher and \$15.00 food voucher.

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