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**Hockey Takes on
the Big Rink at
Prudential Center**

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Saint Joseph Regional High School strives to develop—mind, body, and soul—the full potential of all its students in a nurturing Christian environment in the tradition of the Xaverian Brothers, as informed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In realizing this mission, we graduate the Vir Fidelis, the “Faithful Man,” who thinks critically, acts responsibly, leads ethically, serves generously and emulates humbly the example of St. Joseph.

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From the Principal's Desk

January, 2016

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Winter, 2016 edition of *Knightlines*. We hope you enjoy this look back at the past six months here at St. Joseph Regional High School.

The summer months brought a host of physical upgrades to our facilities, including the construction of two new science labs (rooms 111 and 209), the addition of more than 40 new access points to the school's wi-fi network and the completion of a major overhaul of the school's entire electrical infrastructure.

In September, the Class of 2019 kicked-off our one-to-one Chromebook rollout, by all accounts a rousing success for students and teachers alike. See page 4.

In sports, the varsity football team earned a share of its league title for the second consecutive season (no small accomplishment, since the Big North United has been called the strongest league in the country on multiple occasions) and advanced to the Non-Public Group 4 title game at Met-Life Stadium.

And while Deacon Joe Sisco and our SJR UNICO chapter continued to be driving forces in the school's social outreach programs, our new Campus Minister, Mr. Harry Duchesne, directed several expanded leadership retreat programs and is also coordinating student service trips to West Virginia's Appalachian region (February break), Habitat for Humanity in New Jersey (spring break) and Young Neighbors in Action, a Catholic Service Learning Program in Worcester, Massachusetts (this summer).

These efforts align us perfectly with Pope Francis' call for “A Year of Mercy” that officially began world-wide on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Father John Gordon, Associate to the Vicar for Pastoral Life and former chaplain of St. Joe's, describes the purpose of the Holy Father's call clearly: “Make mercy the currency of our life as the Church, the People of God. Make mercy the Gospel we live and preach, so all humanity can know the Face of Mercy, Jesus Christ.”

Hopefully, that spirit of mercy and compassion filled your Christmas with a sense of God's grace and peace, and that we can all begin 2016 resolved to carry that spirit forward into the remaining 11 months of “the Year of Mercy” that lies ahead.

God Bless You.



Barry Donnelly '71
Principal





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On the cover: Junior defenseman Cole Garabed, as photographed by Karyn Ochiuzzo at the Prudential Center. St. Joe's defeated Paramus Catholic 5-1 in the game, which took place on Thursday, January 7. The Green Knights are 12-0 to start the season. For a winter sports preview, see pages 14-15.



Technology Enhances SJR Education

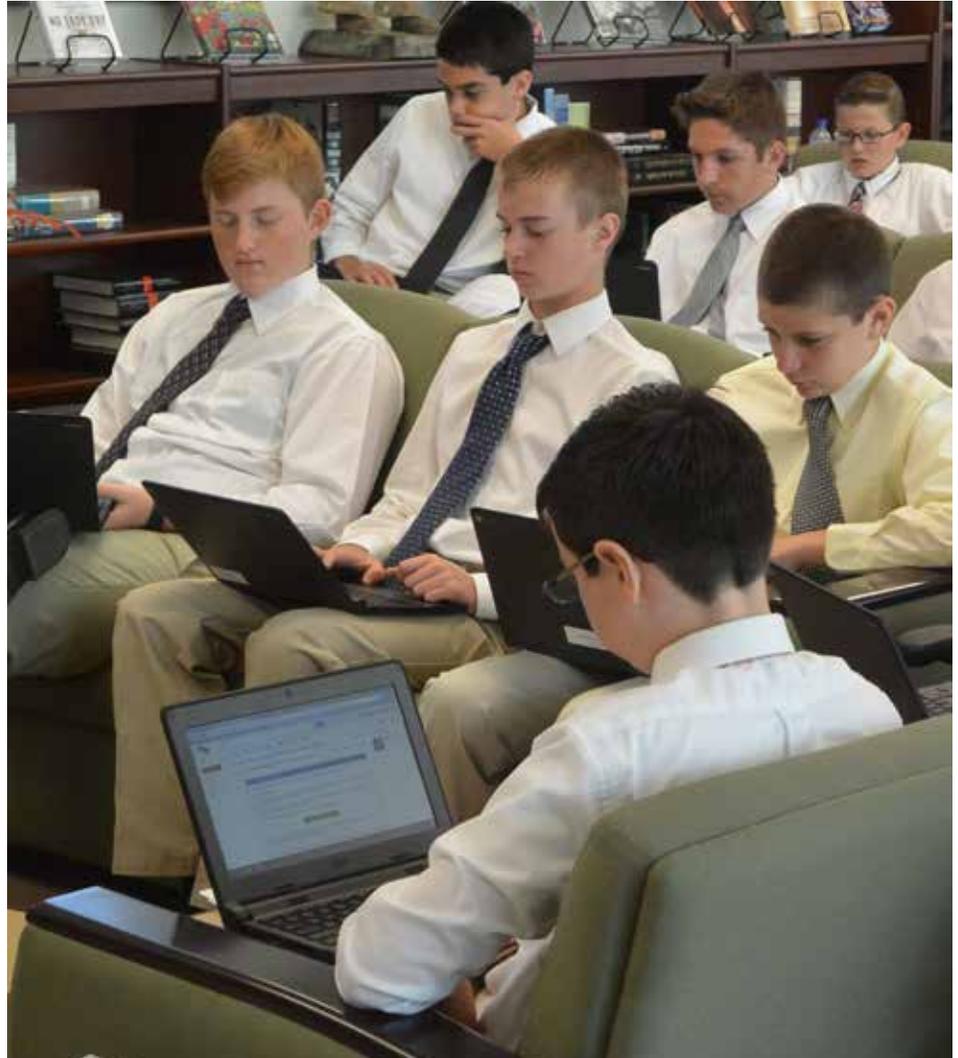
-by Margaret Sullivan

For the past several years, St. Joe's has been investing in technology to ensure students have the skills they need to compete and thrive in the 21st century. The school renovated its Media Center, which features a computer lab, television studio and space for the Virtual High School program, a distance-learning consortium that enables students to take online classes in specialized courses. In the 2014-2015 academic year, SJR purchased two Chromebook carts, which allowed teachers to utilize this technology in their classrooms on a regular basis.

This year, SJR began the rollout of its 1:1 Chromebook program, asking each freshmen to purchase a Chromebook for use in school daily. Each succeeding freshmen class will do the same until full implementation in the 2018-2019 school year, when all students on campus will have Chromebooks.

There are many benefits to this approach. "Having a standard platform in the classroom with a device that is managed by SJR means we can share useful data, apps and sites while limiting less useful items," said Information Media Specialist Margaret Sullivan. "SJR teachers have greatly increased their use of technology during the phases of planning, instruction and assessment of lessons. Many of the programs and apps used in the classroom not only help build student confidence but also provide teachers with valuable data that can be used for both formative and summative assessment."

Teachers have received instruction on the best practices of technology use in the classroom during in-service days as well as Monday afternoon trainings in the Media Center.



Freshmen received their Chromebooks and were trained on how to use them in early September.

Some of the many applications students use on the Chromebooks include the following:

- Google Docs allows students to virtually share documents with teachers, who can then edit and comment in real-time, allowing students to receive feedback before the document is finalized. Documents can also be shared with other students when working collaboratively. Revision history allows students to pull up earlier versions and also keeps track of who is working on the document and when.
- Google Classroom enables teachers to push out assignments, documents, apps, blog posts and classroom announcements. Students can submit assignments through this virtual environment; teachers can add comments, help edit and grade. Students see assignments as open, late or turned in, and assignments are filed in separate classroom folders to help keep organized. A built-in calendar keeps track of due dates for all classes and reminds students of upcoming assignments.
- Students can use Google Slides to create and share slides with

teachers and classmates, which English and World Language classes are utilizing for visual vocabulary presentations.

- Teachers use SJR Bookmarks to add commonly used websites to a central SJR listing for easy and seamless student access.
- With News.google.com, students search for local news from around the world and have the stories translated to English for a great local perspective.
- Google Translate helps our international students better understand material that may not be familiar.
- Smart Science provides online science lessons in which students develop a hypothesis then virtually inquire and explore while testing and retesting their hypothesis. Teachers receive online reports and real-time data.

- With Castle Learning, teachers assign online homework and quizzes based on the lessons and standards; students log-on to complete the assignments and are supported with instant feedback, hints and explanations.
- Nearpod enables teachers to choose from ready-made lessons for all subject areas or create their own then share interactive lessons for students, teacher-led in the classroom or self-paced at home. Lessons are differentiated with videos, graphics, web links and formative assessment. Nearpod is integrated with Google Classroom for easy assigning of activities.
- Students and teachers engage in digital story-telling with ThingLink through the use of an image linked with text, graphics, videos and audio. All students' work is shared in a class common area.

- Membeam is a new interactive way for student to learn, use and remember vocabulary words. Each student has a personalized group of words, which they are guided and engaged in differentiated ways until mastery. The teacher receives data about how long it takes students to master vocabulary.
- Students display facts and express ideas in a multimedia way through an online interactive poster through Glogster.
- Through the Oregon Trail app, students travel the trail while keeping a diary of their journey, answering writing prompts and completing collaborative writing assignments.
- Using Voice Thread, students research a topic, write a script, add pictures and then record voiceover to accompany the pictures. Other students and teachers can asynchronously add comments.
- With the Stock Market Game, students learn the market by competing against students in other NJ schools. Teams are given \$100,000 to invest over a period of time. This has been utilized by SJR's new and wildly popular Stock Market Club.
- The nonprofit organization CK-12 provides a library of free online textbooks, videos, exercises, flashcards and real-world applications for over 5000 concepts. Entire open-source online textbooks from this site are being used by SJR teachers.

In Joanne Cavera's Freshmen Biology class, (left) Alex Maleski and Alex Malja work with Vernier probes that connect to the students' Chromebooks to record data. The Vernier probes plug into the Chromebook USB port; data from the probes is collected and displayed in both charts and graphs through the Vernier app. The data collected is then copied into a document where a student describes what he witnessed and any conclusions drawn.



SJR is also adding seven new SMART Boards to its technology arsenal.

“SJR is committed to teaching students the technology skills they will need to excel in college and the workplace,” said Principal Barry Donnelly. “I am thrilled to see how teachers and students have embraced these new tools.”

SJR Pilots New Internship Program

In partnership with the Pascack Valley Regional High School District, Saint Joseph Regional High School will be piloting an internship for selected seniors during the second semester of the 2015-16 school year.

Twenty-seven seniors applied for a position in the program, which was originally projected to include five or six students. However, the pool of candidates proved so strong, that, in the end, nine students were accepted. Students had to successfully complete an initial screening interview with representatives from the Pascack Valley School District and then a direct job interview with the business hosting the internship position.

As currently configured, the program will require students to complete their regular morning classes (typically ending around 12:30 p.m.) and then proceed to the business where they will be serving as interns. Some of the opportunities include internships in the fields of engineering, technology, finance, marketing, physical therapy and medicine; host companies include the Hackensack Fire Department, Mercedes

Benz, nj.com/*The Star Ledger*, Hudson Valley Fiber and Summit Physical Therapy.

“This is a great opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience in the business world and to network with contacts who may be able to assist them as they move forward through college and into the ‘real’ world,” said faculty member Augie Hoffmann ’99, who helped spearhead the pilot program.

But it will also be a challenge.

“Since seniors were already committed to completing the seven academic courses they signed up for in September, they will be responsible for making up all the work they miss as a result of their internships,” said Principal Barry Donnelly. “Juggling those responsibilities, as well as extracurricular commitments, while maintaining a regular academic workload is no small task. Looking at the students selected for the pilot, however, they seem more than capable of rising to the occasion.”

If successful, St. Joe’s would look to continue, and hopefully expand, the internship partnership in 2016-17.



Senior participants in the SJR Internship program with representatives from Pascack Valley: (left to right, standing) Laura McSpirit Grier, Chris Cheeseman, Austin Triglia, Liam Woods, Donny Cuttone, John Dunn, Jennifer Errity, coordinator Augie Hoffmann ’99, (sitting) Owen O’Loughlin, JT Giles-Harris and Matt Hinkley.

SJR’s New Look

During the summer, SJR embarked on a rebranding initiative to freshen the look of its publications and marketing collateral pieces. See all our new logos below; our updated signature font and colors are used throughout this publication.



Our new Green Knight sports the school’s acronym.



Our updated academic seal retains important symbolic elements but has a more modern feel.



Two versions of our acronym—one, more traditional on a shield and the second featuring forward-moving letters and a sword—provide options for our apparel and publications.

Introducing our Students of the Week

Full details are on the "Student Spotlight" section at www.sjrnj.org.

Patrick Kohn is president of the Senior Class, a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student and a Member of the National and Tri-M Music Honor Societies. He has received Clarkson University's High School Leadership Award.



Senior **Nick Berninger** won the Papermill Playhouse's 2015 "Rising Star Award" for best lead actor in a high school musical. He has had lead roles in productions both at St. Joe's and elsewhere. He is a member of the Tri-M Musical Honor Society.



J.T. Giles-Harris is a member of the National Honor Society and is a three-season athlete. He plays varsity football, basketball and lacrosse. He has been named second team All-League in football and, in lacrosse, first team All-League, first team All-County, first team All-State and league player of the year. He was named SJR "Athlete of the Year" for the 2014-2015 school year.



Colin Medwick is ranked third in the junior class and was named the most outstanding student in Algebra II, Geometry and Spanish for his performance in those subjects last year. He is the co-founder of the SJR Young Republicans Club and president of the Green Knights Ambassadors Club. He is executive treasurer of Student Council. He plays lacrosse and soccer. Other activities Medwick participates in include WSJR television station, campus ministry and Spanish Club. He attended the Marist Brothers Youth Leadership Conference last spring.



Senior **Liam Woods** is a member of the National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He plays varsity soccer and participates in the chorus and the school's theater programs. He is also a Green Knights Ambassador.



Senior **Austin Triglia** is a member of the National Honor Society and is a captain of the football team. He is also a liturgical minister, coordinates the school's clothing drive and is active in the campus ministry program as a retreat leader.

Senior **Conor Dickson** is a member of the National, French and Tri-M Music Honor Societies. He is in the cast of the school musical, is the managing editor of the school newspaper, belongs to Student Council and plays lacrosse. He is an Eucharistic Minister and has volunteered at the Marist Brothers' Esopus camp. Additional activities include singing in the chorus, serving as a Big Brother and working with WSJR. He has made Principal's List and Honor Roll during his time at St. Joe's and received the Elmira College Key Award.



A Celebration of Academic Achievement

On Sept. 24, the school held its 20th Annual Academic Awards Convocation. "Today's ceremony has opened the school year at St. Joe's since 1996," said Principal Barry Donnelly '71. "In every other area of school life, there are awards ceremonies: sports banquets at the end of the various athletic seasons; cast parties at the end of each theatrical production. The June awards program celebrates all of our extracurricular programs and yet, in what is inarguably the most important aspect of school life, there is no 'end of year' awards program for academics. This is the principal goal of our ceremonies today."

The convocation recognized the top 10 students in each grade as well as the most improved and most outstanding student in each of last year's classes. Those who received grades of 90 or better in every subject during the entire year, the level required for Principal's List in 2014-2015, were also lauded: class of 2018 students Matthew Aliberto, Stephen Carlucci, Kyle Clark, Tyler Conroy, Brian Sidle, Daniel Soter and John Tyrie; class of 2017 students Nicholas Fugnitti, Matthew Mitchell and Nicholas Tauken; and class of 2016 students Matthew Carpentieri, Christopher Cheeseman, Ryan Kerwin, Joseph Malfa, Christopher Paldino and Joshua Perez.

Freshmen scholarship recipients were also recognized. Thomas Walsh received the Dinallo Scholarship, named in memory of Robert Dinallo '81, who was killed in a boating accident less than 10 years after graduation. The scholarship is based on academics, character and anticipated involvement in school activities, with the recipient selected by the Dinallo Family.

Chris Manon and Franklyn Falby received the Alumni Scholarship Grant, awarded to students entering the ninth grade who demonstrate an excellent



Top 10 in the sophomore class (left to right): Daniel Soter, James Zitelli, Ryan Heiser, Kyle Clark, Mika Badyal, Matthew Aliberto, John Tyrie, Alec Goodman and Tyler Conroy.



Top 10 students in the Class of 2016 (left to right): Matthew Carpentieri, Joshua Perez, Chris Paldino, Ryan Kerwin, Joe Malfa, Chris Cheeseman, Justin Delgado, Nico Blasucci, Calvin Masella and Stephen Goodman.



Nick Dinallo and Lesley Dinallo with Thomas Walsh, the recipient of the Dinallo Scholarship, named in memory of Robert Dinallo '81.

chance of achieving grades that would place them among the very top students in the class academically and who have acted, and will act, in a manner that exemplifies the tradition of excellence

that has been the hallmark of the school. Michael Anderson and Don Rankin, from the first graduating class of 1966, established this scholarship in 2000 to ensure that deserving students

would be able to attend St. Joe's regardless of their financial situation.

Stephen Sanders was the recipient of the Michael G. Bertolino Memorial Scholarship, which is presented to a student who is expected to exemplify Michael's most outstanding characteristics: academic achievement, participation in activities, service to others and leadership through good character and example. Michael graduated from St. Joe's in 1996 then studied at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. His sister wrote that while Michael was a student there, he would return home with few clothes and no blankets, as he donated these things to the homeless that he encountered, a practice he continued after living in New York after college. "Michael was a loving, caring giant of a man," his sister recalls.

The Thomas Train Scholarship is presented to an incoming freshman who demonstrates excellent academic potential, interest in school activities and community service programs and evidence of maturity and good character. The scholarship was created by the Beckmeyer family, whose son, Glenn, graduated in 2012. It is named for Glenn's grandfather, Thomas Train. Kieran Woods received the scholarship.

Congratulations to our AP Scholars

The following members of the Class of 2015 were named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board as a result of having scored a "3" or higher on at least three AP Exams: Eric Baskayan, Lucas Baskayan, Matthew Casterella, Patrick Doherty, Benjamin Kaplan, Aidan Lalley, Thomas Murphy, Christopher Presti, Stephen Striegel, Eamon Stuckey and Jordan Van Itallie.

Thomas Stewart '16 was also named an AP Scholar by scoring a "3" or higher on his AP United States History, AP Biology and AP English Language exams.

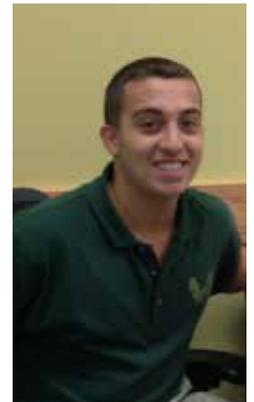
Christopher McCann, Class of 2015, was named an AP Scholar with Honors, a distinction earned by scoring a "3" or higher on at least four AP exams, and posting an average score of 3.25. Chris successfully completed the AP English Language and Composition Exam, the AP Literature and Composition Exam, the AP Biology Exam and the AP United States History Exam with an average grade of 3.75.

In addition, 80 percent of the members of the Class of 2016 who completed the AP English Language and AP U.S. History exams as juniors earned scores of 3 or higher on their exams this spring.

Joe Malfa Earns Journalism Award

Senior Joe Malfa attended the prestigious S. I. Newhouse School of Communications "Diversity in Journalism" workshop at Syracuse University, which was held November 8-11. The workshop is sponsored by *The Record* and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, and attendees are eligible for paid summer internships at *The Record*.

Joe is first in his class and a member of the National Honor Society. He is editor-in-chief of *The Guardian*, the St. Joe's newspaper, and a member of the Ambassador's Club and Campus Ministry. He serves as an anchor for the school's radio station and is a videographer for lacrosse and football, for which he also is a broadcaster. He played soccer for three years and enjoys watching, broadcasting and writing about sports.



SJR Excels at Academic Jeopardy

Competing for the first time ever in the North Jersey Academic Championship, held at Leonia High School, the SJR Academic Jeopardy Team won two of its first three matches on Dec. 12 to advance to the final round of 16 before being eliminated by Newark Academy. Besides finishing 16th out of 48 teams, SJR also reached the Gold Level of competition for scoring more than 2000 points in the first three rounds.

The St. Joe's Academic Jeopardy Team (left to right): Colin Medwick '17, Greg Korczak '16, Matt Carpentieri '16, Connor McCabe '17, Chris Paldino '16, Ryan Kerwin '16 and Liam Woods '16.



FOOTBALL: Great success

-by Joe Shelley '18

SJR football's season ended in a loss on Friday, December 4, against Don Bosco Prep at MetLife Stadium by a score of 21-10. Although the game ended in disappointment, the Green Knights kept their heads up and knew that this season went a lot differently than most people thought.

"The season was awesome. Obviously we came up just short of the goal we set out from the start, but it was a great year. The team became a family, and it was the most fun I've ever had playing this game. It's sad to think it's over," said senior captain Austin Triglia.

Proving the doubters wrong was a constant theme throughout the season. To outsiders, SJR was a team with no veteran leadership, no experienced playmakers and no chance to compete against the state

powerhouses of Bergen, Bosco and Paramus Catholic. When games against national powerhouses were added to the schedule, those outside of the program thought Coach Augie Hoffmann '99 had lost his mind.

Throughout the summer the team worked with great energy, enthusiasm and determination. When the first game of the season came around, which just so happened to be against Don Bosco, the Green Knights came out strong with a 17-7 victory. Next up was nationally ranked St. Edwards of Ohio. New week, same result as the Green Knights eked out a 22-20 victory. The Green Knights continued to roll and headed into the matchup with Florida's IMG Academy with a 4-0 record.

The doubters felt that the matchup against IMG would be a rout, but SJR held its ground and lost 24-12, an impressive showing against one of

the top teams in the nation. The loss to IMG was compounded by a loss to St. Joseph Prep, but the team bounced back with a big win against Silver Oaks Academy. The Green Knights dropped their third game in four tries with the heartbreaker in Oradell, 16-13 OT loss to Bergen Catholic. That disappointing loss, however, would prove to be the last time SJR lost for over a month.

The Big North was ranked the toughest conference in the nation and with a 21-0 win over Paramus Catholic, the Green Knights earned a third consecutive Big North Championship. With the regular season over, the team turned its attention to the post season.

"We proved everybody wrong. Everyone said we were going 1-9 or 2-8, and we made it to the states," said senior John Thomas Giles-Harris.

Soon enough SJR was traveling to play undefeated St. Augustine Prep. There was plenty of hype surrounding the game as the Hermits were the top-ranked school in Non-Public Group 4. The Green Knights dominated from the start and left South Jersey with a 28-0 victory, the first ever 8th seed to knock off a top seed. The road got tougher as the Green Knights went to Caven Point to face the defending champions—St. Peter's Prep. Through all of the adversity SJR faced during the course of the season, they punched a ticket to the State Championship game at MetLife stadium with a 37-27 victory.

The Non-Public Group 4 State Championship was the ultimate goal for the team. After two weeks of long and hard practice, the team took the field to finish what began back in May with team workouts. An improved



Senior football captains John Thomas Giles-Harris, Brian Kearns and Austin Triglia take the field at MetLife Stadium. Kearns was voted the Bergen Record Athlete of the Week for his outstanding performance in the semifinal contest against St. Peter's Prep.

Success in tough league



St. Joe's dominated the Nov. 7 game vs. Paramus Catholic, winning 21-0.

Don Bosco team jumped out to an early 14-3 first-half lead. The second half will always be remembered for the controversial call that handed DBP the title. With the score 21-10 in the fourth quarter, SJR punted and the Bosco returner let the ball slip right through his hands. SJR recovered it, and senior Matt Hinkley ran it in for a touchdown. Unfortunately, the side judge whistled the play dead, eliminating the turnover and giving Bosco the ball back.

"This season was one to remember," Jake Trotter '16 said. "We started the summer as a team who would be lucky to win two games. We suffered some upsetting losses and celebrated some great victories, but when we were down, we stood together and gave everything we had for each other. The season didn't end how we wanted, but it's one to be proud of. We came a long way and proved a lot of people wrong. I love this team and wouldn't trade them for anything."

Several members of the varsity squad were selected to the 2015 All-Bergen County Football Team:

- Junior Joshua Fedd-Jackson, First Team, Guard
- Junior Robbie Martin, Second Team, Tackle
- Senior Brian Kearns, Third Team, Running Back
- Senior Ibn Foster, First Team, Lineman
- Junior Louis Acecus, First Team, Linebacker
- Senior JT Giles Harris, First Team, Secondary Defense
- Senior Jake Trotter, Second Team, Linebacker

St. Joe's had the third highest number of players selected, after Don Bosco and Northern Valley/Old Tappan.

Congratulations to our hard-working Green Knights on this well-deserved recognition!

"I couldn't be prouder of how this team worked all season. They were focused and did everything we as coaches asked. They're a special group." —
Coach Augie Hoffmann '99



2015 Cross Country Team: (Kneeling, left to right) Joe Messana '18, Brian Smith '19, Pat Buckley '19, Gage Poindexter '18, Alec Goodman '18 (Standing) Ryan Windram '19, Luke Plescia '18, Bryan Francis '16, Chris Papa '17, Steven Halko '16, Mark Bodnar '16, Dalton Collins '18, Chris Pasinski '17 and Jimmy Fitzpatrick '18. Not pictured: Naje Jeter '18 and Patrick Wintroath '18.

CROSS COUNTRY & SOCCER: Newcomers contribute to success

—With material by Nathan Tombo '17 and Ryan Hilliard '19

The cross country team put forth a great effort this year, placing first in both the Eastern Christian Invitational and the “Doc Braves” North Jersey Championship.

The cross country team’s overall league record was 1-3, but they were able to avenge their loss to Paramus Catholic with a strong performance at the Bergen County Championship race. At this major event, the team was able to finish fourth and managed to take down Paramus Catholic by one point. Three sophomores—Alec Goodman, Luke Plescia and Gage Poindexter—were all able to achieve their personal best times at this all-important race.

Freshman Patrick Buckley officially finished his freshman year cross country season with a fourth title, winning the Freshman Bergen County Championship race. “It was a season in

which we grew tremendously and saw so many first-year runners contribute on the varsity level,” said Coach Nick DeVito '97. “In fact, at the state meet our top four finishers were all first-year runners.”

Although the varsity soccer team struggled this season, unable to secure a victory in any of its contests, the freshmen soccer team finished 10-1-1, showing great promise for rebuilding SJR into a powerhouse soccer program. Freshmen team coach Christien Vlahinich '07 said: “We’ve worked really hard, and the commitment from the team as well as the players accepting their roles was tremendous. Mainly I think we respect each other in a way where we build chemistry.”

The young team defeated powerhouses such as Ramapo, Bergen Catholic and Don Bosco. Forwards Gianni Lisa and Omer Sezgin scored a number of goals during the season. Midfielders Rory Finn, Raul Macedo, Matt Moran,

Jimmy Lennox and Kieran Woods have all contributed by playing perfect style and also tacking on goals. Strong defense and goaltending were important contributions also. Defenders Ben Drisgula, Patrick Luby, Sam Odusote and Ryan Hilliard and goalkeeper Zack Bailey have only allowed eight goals. “I hope to keep this winning success going through our varsity careers,” said Bailey.



Freshman Patrick Luby controls the ball in a game versus Bergen Catholic.

SJR Honors a Baseball Legend



Coach Salvano, with grandson, Luca, addresses the attendees.

On October 25, the school community hosted a dinner to recognize Frank Salvano's service to the SJR baseball program. Coach Salvano is the "winningest" baseball coach in Bergen County history, earning 630 wins and 26 championship titles since he assumed the head baseball coach position here in 1988.

Incoming head baseball coach Mark Cieslak, Principal Barry Donnelly '71, former SJR baseball player Steve Haywood '05, Math Teacher and former Baseball Coach Jim Huebner and Athletic Director Tony Karcich all praised Coach Salvano's contributions to the school at the dinner, which was attended by many of his former players, including Rob Kaminsky '13 and Isaiah Quiroz '14, who play in the minor leagues, and Tommy LaStella '07, a member of the Chicago Cubs.

"It's not enough to have one great season, or even a couple," said Principal Donnelly. "And it's not enough to have a handful of great players. You have to build a program over time. And that's exactly what Coach Salvano has done. Because, let's face it, if the formula for greatness was as simple as longevity and great players, if it was really just that easy, then everyone would follow it. And there would be dozens of coaches with the record Frank Salvano has. The truth of the matter, though, is that no one else has ever done it!"



Coach Salvano with past parent Dr. Albert Wolynec.



(left to right): Bryan Couch '07, Mike Yannazzone '01, Celio Gomez '05, Dan Mazzucca '89, Mike Monaco '97 and Mike Beckerich '91.

Remembering an SJR Supporter



Doug Duchak, a member of the SJR Board of Consultants and father of Dean '05, passed away suddenly last spring. An event held in his memory to benefit St. Joe's and autism charities was held on Nov. 19 at the Westmount Country Club in Woodland Park. At left, Dean is pictured with Director of Athletics Tony Karcich and Coach Frank Salvano.

WINTER SPORTS

BASKETBALL: The Green Knights return eight lettermen from last year's 20-6 squad, which finished as the 19th ranked team in New Jersey. *The Record* had SJR ranked second in North Jersey in its pre-season rankings, and the Green Knights opened the season with four wins against two very close losses (50-49 to Don Bosco and Montclair Immaculate 54-52).

Nate Garvey, the team's leading scorer from a year ago (16.2 ppg) returns to lead the team. Garvey was a First Team All-Bergen and Second Team All-North Jersey performer as a junior. His classmate, Chauncy Hawkins (9 ppg) will be the floor leader, and junior forwards Isaac Hippolyte and Joe Radi—both 6'4"—will be looked upon to assume bigger responsibilities.

Seniors John Thomas Giles-Harris and 6'6" Bryan Griffen will also be significant contributors to the team's success, as will classmates Steve Goodwin and Tyler Piorkowski. The Green Knights look to vie for league and county championships in 2015-16.

BOWLING: Coach Salvano describes the 2015-16 season as a "rebuilding

year" since the team returns just a single varsity bowler from last year's squad. The Green Knights, who were 3-10 a year ago, will look to improve on that mark this year with an infusion of new talent.

However, SJR's sole returning varsity starter is junior Nathan Tombo, who was also the top bowler on the team last year with an amazing 201 average. His consistency and scoring average earned him First Team All-League and First Team All-County Honors; he was also an individual state finalist. Classmate James Reagan-Ward, who posted a 145 average last year, will be expected to take a lead role this year.

The team opened the season with a win over Hackensack behind Tombo's 622 series.

HOCKEY: The Green Knights return an experienced varsity squad that finished 19th in New Jersey last year and was ranked second in North Jersey in mid-January. The team opened the season with 12 straight victories and won the Essex County Holiday Tournament with triumphs over Livingston, St. Rose of Belmar and Seton Hall Prep.

Last year's team finished 17-7-2. Despite losing 10 seniors to graduation, SJR still returns the core of a very talented squad, especially offensive firepower in seniors Matt Cocciadiferro, Donny Cuttone, Ryan Grieco, Nick Krasniqi and Alex Poltarakov along with juniors James Durante, Peter Lombardi, Dominick Posta, Nick Tauken and a host of others.

Defensively, SJR looks to build around returning starters Cole Garabed '17 and seniors Ed Klein and Brian Quinn, while juniors Alex Casino and Patrick Lynch will back stop the Green Knights in goal.

Third-year head coach Larry Mahurter '87 could enjoy an individual coaching milestone; he is only seven wins away from his 300th career victory.

WINTER TRACK: The indoor season will be something of a rebuilding year for the Green Knights, who won the Bergen County Relay Championship with an experienced Long Jump and the 4x200 relay teams, but now need to "restock" that lineup again.



Senior Matt Chiocchi is completing his final season with the bowling team.

Raising Cancer Awareness



In October, senior Alex Walsh traveled to the Prudential Center in Newark and worked with the NJ Devils' Hockey Fights Cancer initiative. He was an honorary captain of the game and dropped the ceremonial first puck along with a young boy named Quinn Knapp, who has leukemia. Alex lost his mother to colon cancer in October 2014.

PREVIEW



SJR senior wrestlers Jon Tropea and Michael Carfagno took top honors in their respective weight classes in the BCCA George Jockish Holiday Wrestling Tournament.

Coach Nick DeVito '97 reports that the strength of this year's team may be the weight squad, which includes veteran competitors Ryan Botto '17, Sean Mitchell '17 and Kyle Clark '18 (who was the freshmen county champ last spring), as well as newcomers Robby Martin '17 and Joshua Fedd-Jackson '17.

Sophomore Isaiah Hopkinson is the top returning high jumper, and freshman Luke Berninger brings experience to the pole vault competition.

WRESTLING: The 2015-16 wrestling team has a tough act to follow, after last year's team was the District 8 Champion and tied a school record for sending the largest number of wrestlers to the state tournament.

Coach Riotto expects this to be a rebuilding year, though "we should have some great individual successes."

The team will be led by three seniors, Jonathan Tropea (9th in the country in his weight class), Vin DiFilippo (2nd in the state) and Michael Carfagno (4th in the state). All three wrestlers had outstanding seasons a year ago (Tropea 46-1, DiFilippo 35-7 and Carfagno 40-5) and will be expected to

build on those achievements this year. Newcomers Sammy Alvarez and Joseph Napoleone should also have an impact on the team's success this year.

Beset with several key pre-season injuries, SJR entered eight wrestlers in the George Jockish BCCA Holiday Tournament but took home a pair of prizes as Jon Tropea and Michael Carfagno both took top honors in their weight class. The team opened its "regular" season against Paramus Catholic on Jan. 6.

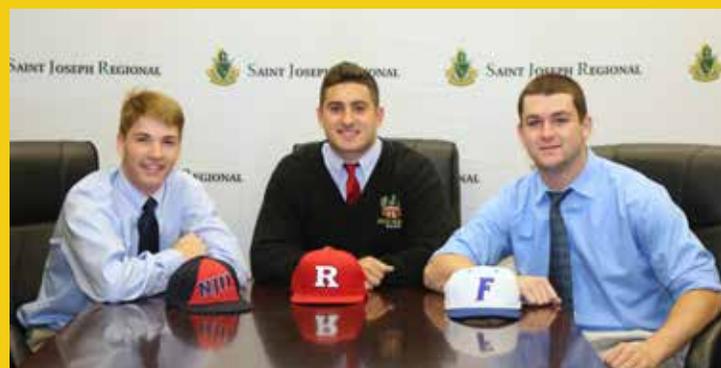
Devin McCourty '05: Exemplifying the Faithful Man



Devin, shown above volunteering at the Boston Children's Hospital, has been nominated for the second year in a row by his team, the New England Patriots, for the Walter Payton Man of the Year award. This award is given annually by the National Football League honoring a player's volunteer and charity work, as well as his excellence on the field.

Devin and brother Jason '05 also are very active in raising funds to tackle sickle cell disease.

College Commitments



Congratulations to these three senior baseball players who signed their National Letters of Intent this fall (left to right): Matthew Cocciadiferro to NJIT, Joey Neglia to Rutgers and Austin Bodrato to the University of Florida. Senior wrestlers Jon Tropea (Rider University) and Vincent DiFilippo (University of Maryland) also signed letters of intent for their sport.



Faith and Service at SJR

New campus Minister Harry Duchesne brings experience, enthusiasm and a genuine passion for working with teens to SJR. He began at the school in August, assuming some of the duties previously being handled by Deacon Joe Sisco, who continues to work with several campus ministry projects and also teaches theology.

Originally from New Jersey, Duchesne moved back to the area after working most recently with a social service agency in Massachusetts.

“One of my strengths is my ability to really connect with youth; since coming to SJR I have enjoyed going to athletic, drama and extracurricular events,” said Duchesne.

He has ambitious plans for the campus ministry program. He is planning several service trips, including a February trip to the Appalachian region of West Virginia that several students have committed to attend, a spring break trip with Habitat for Humanity and a summer trip to Worcester, Mass., where students would be working with

various social service organizations. Duchesne has worked with all of these organizations previously; he knows these trips will be life-changing events for our students.

“By participating in a hands-on service project, outside of their comfort zone, students have the opportunity to see firsthand how hearts are changed,” he said. “It changes their perspective of life and people.”

Duchesne also is working on strengthening the SJR retreat program, which consists of both off-campus events at the Marist Retreat Center in Esopus, N.Y., along with on-campus retreats. He has overseen both types of retreats since his arrival, including a two-day long small group freshmen retreat in December. He believes a key element to success is involving older students who can serve as peer leaders.

“Leaders help keep discussion and activities relevant for the students,” Duchesne explained. “Peer ministry is vital to connecting kids to their faith. And that is where the magic happens, where the Holy Spirit becomes real.”

To help recruit and train more peer leaders among the student body, Duchesne assisted with a leadership retreat with sophomores and juniors in November that included an outdoor adventure component.

Duchesne is also interested in building a stronger sense of community within SJR. One of the first tasks he volunteered to tackle upon his arrival was the painting and general refurbishing of the school’s community room, which is now being used for more school functions, including in-school retreats and faculty gatherings. He plans to use the space for working lunches with student retreat leaders as well as for recreational opportunities in which students can informally gather. He is looking for a donation of two ping pong tables to help facilitate this type of safe, low-key “hanging out.”

“I look forward to implementing new ways for faith development and service to be a more integral part of the student and faculty experience,” Duchesne said.

SJR Continues to Support Covenant House

Six dozen Green Knights braved 40 degree temperatures and slept outside in the courtyard on Nov. 17 in solidarity with the homeless teens of Covenant House. In the process, they raised more than \$38,000 to support the programs of the nonprofit that assists homeless teens. Once again, St. Joe's students raised more money through this Sleep Out: Student Edition program than participants in any other school in the nation.



SJR will be furthering its support of Covenant House by hosting a fundraising event, Night of Future Broadway Stars, in the Inserra Theater 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22. The performance will feature vocal performances from more than 100 Bergen County teens.



Photo captions:

Top: Students prepare to sleep in the courtyard.

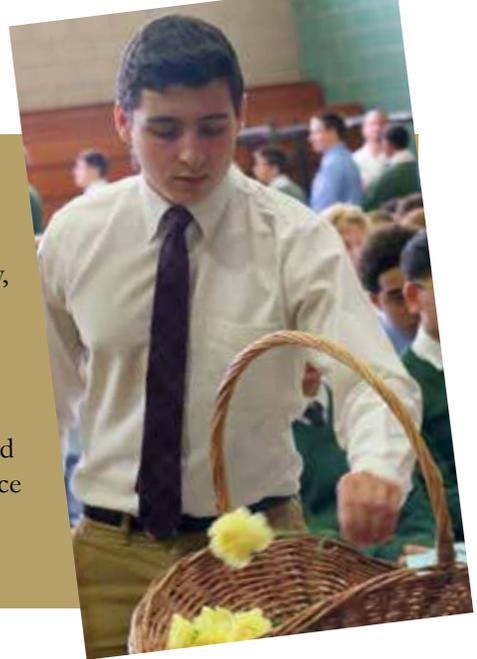
Bottom: Sleep Out participants pose for a picture.

All Soul's Day Liturgy

One of the most touching St. Joe's traditions occurs annually at the All Soul's Day Liturgy, when the names of all deceased graduates are read aloud. During this, seniors place a flower in a basket in recognition of each Green Knight who has passed away. Deceased faculty and staff are also acknowledged.

All are welcome at our school masses; remaining dates for 2016 are Feb. 10, March 18 and May 5. Archbishop Hebda will be the celebrant on March 18; he also celebrated our service mass, pictured below.

Senior Christopher Cheeseman is pictured at right.



Mass Honors Those Who Serve

The school recognized first responders from local towns, along with staff and students who volunteer in emergency services, at its Service Mass on Oct. 27. Pictured are (left to right) SJR junior Matt Mitchell; Deacon Joe Sisco, fire chaplain from Little Falls; senior Steven Halko; Upper Saddle River Assistant Volunteer Chief Larry Rauch; Upper Saddle River volunteer firefighter and Director of Technology Brian Hoffman; Former Fire Chief John Dunn of Bogota; Montvale Police Captain Joe Sanfilippo; senior John Dunn; Park Ridge Police Captain Joseph Rampolla; Park Ridge Police Lieutenant Peter Mauro; Pearl River Detective Daniel Costello; junior Mike Witt; Wayne Hills CERT team member and English teacher Roger Kintish; senior Sean Redl; Allendale Fire Department Captain Robert Policht; and junior Antonio Sirianni.



SJR's Next Blockbuster Production: *Urinetown: The Musical*

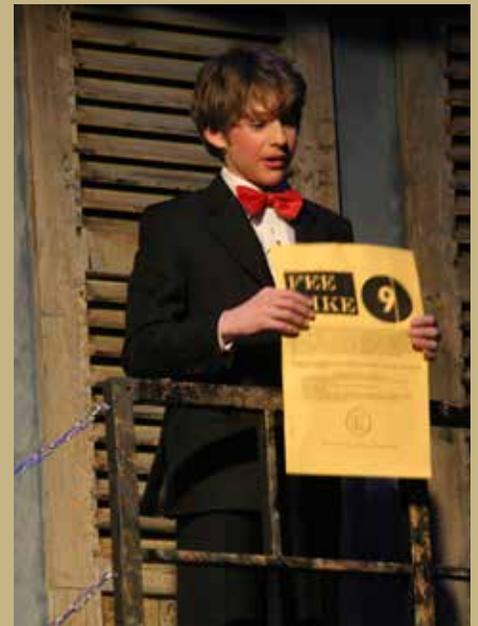
Each year choosing the St. Joseph Regional Musical is an extremely difficult task. There are many factors to consider, including how to showcase the many talented young men here at St Joe's. After featuring *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Miss Saigon* the last two years, the feeling this year was to lighten up the subject matter and select a show that has some good laughs while still delivering an important message. Nine years ago, St. Joe's produced such a show. At that time, most audience members had never seen this show performed and had a fresh, genuine reaction; they laughed often and loved it. We will repeat that production this year with the 2015-2016 St. Joseph Regional High School production of *Urinetown: The Musical*.

Urinetown: The Musical is a satirical comedy from 2001, with music by Mark Hollmann, lyrics by Hollmann and Greg Kotis, and book by Kotis. It satirizes the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement and municipal politics. The show also parodies musicals such as *The*

Threepenny Opera, *The Cradle Will Rock* and *Les Misérables*, and the Broadway musical itself as a form. *Urinetown: The Musical* was nominated for 10 Drama Desk Awards and nine Tony Awards, winning three: Best Book of a Musical, Best Original Score and Best Direction of a Musical. The characters of Bobby Strong and Hope Cladwell were included on New York Theatre Monthly's list of "The 100 Greatest Roles in Musical Theatre."

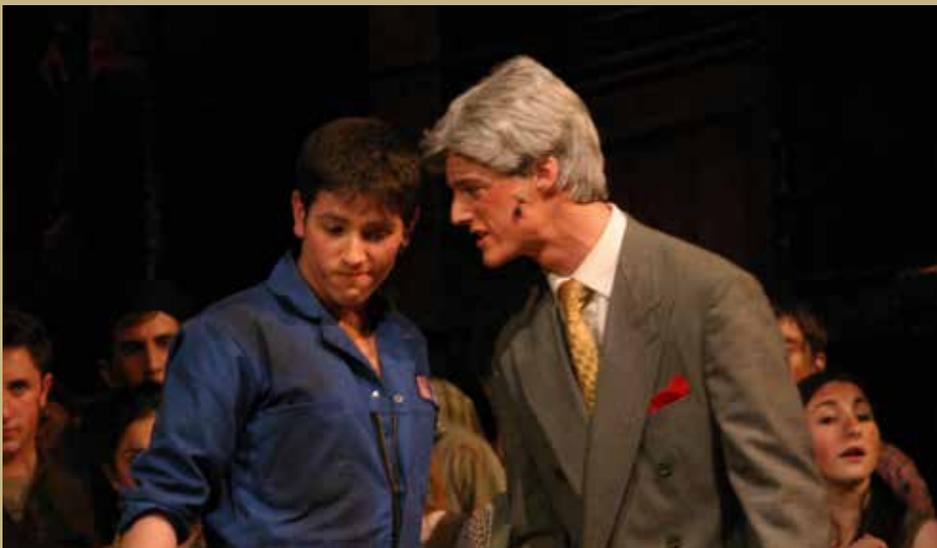
Producer John Asselta said: "I am so thrilled we will be bringing such an original, clever and poignant show to St Joe's with so many talented students performing in it. *Urinetown: The Musical* has great production numbers, catchy tunes and many characters that allow a lot of students a chance to shine.

"With this show, we have the opportunity to perform a show that will be new to most of the audience. With the enormous number of talented students and our incredible production team, *Urinetown: The Musical* has the chance to be one of the best St Joe's musicals of all time."



Andrew Van Buskirk '10 in SJR's first production of Urinetown.

Urinetown: The Musical will be performed January 22 through January 24 and again January 28 to January 30. For more information on tickets, check <https://sjr.booktix.com>.



(left) Brian Walters '08 and Dan Roe '07, two of 106 cast members from the 2006 production of Urinetown.

Coming Attractions

This year's spring drama will be *Ordinary People*, a powerful adaptation of Judith Guest's classic novel. Also a 1980 film starring Timothy Hutton, Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore, *Ordinary People* won the 1980 Best Film Oscar for Best Director Robert Redford. *Ordinary People* will be presented on April 15, 16, 22 and 23. For our 2017 winter musical, SJR has obtained the rights to produce the classic *West Side Story*, last performed on the Inserra Stage in 2008.

Pianomen a Huge Success

Performed at SJR on Nov. 28, Neil Berg's *Pianomen* featured the timeless compositions and songwriting of two of the most iconic composers of the 20th century, Billy Joel and Elton John. These classic songs lit up the stage as they were performed by award-winning Composer, Lyricist and Producer Neil Berg on piano and sung by two incredible Broadway/Rock vocalists: Danny Zolli (*Jesus Christ Superstar*) and Scott Richard Foster (*Brooklyn the Musical, Forbidden Broadway*). Members of the cast of the SJR musical *Urinetown* joined the performers on stage to sing a song from the upcoming production as the finale of this very special night in the Inserra Theater. Brian Walters '08 served as musical director for the show.



Danny Zolli (left) and Scott Richard Foster perform.



Nick Berninger '16, Rosie Lambert '16, Clara Peer '16 and James Zitelli '18 sing in the show's finale.

A Celebration of the Season



SJR's Chorus and Band ushered in the Christmas Season on Dec. 18, when the groups performed at the annual Christmas Concert Celebration. Earlier in the day, the Chorus traveled to Sunrise Assisted Living Center and Woodcliff Manor Rehabilitation Center to perform for residents.

Photo captions, clockwise from left, all photos left to right:
 1. *A group shot of the chorus at the Dec. 18 concert.*
 2. *Calvin Masella '16, Joseph MacDonald '16, Kristian Thame '16 and Vincent Simpson '18.*
 3. *Patrick Breen '18, Daniel Bayuelo '16, Nick Tanken '17, Lance Fontino '19 and Calvin Massella '16.*

A Return of Casino Night

SJR's second biennial Casino Night was held on Halloween. Proceeds benefited the school's academic and sports programming.



Attendees enjoy roulette.



(left) Jaclyn and Jeanne Budka



(left to right) Linda Carretta, Dren Hoffmann and Gerry Carretta



Tee Off: SJR Golf Outing Held July 20



SJR's football program held a golf outing this summer at the Rockland Country Club in honor of Mickey Cahill and family. The day featured golfing followed by dinner. We thank all of our sponsors and attendees for making this event a success.

Photos, clockwise, names left to right:

1. Augie Hoffmann '99, Doug Cole and Jimmy Gardella.
2. Tim Klein, Chris DellaFave, Terrence Klein '06, Gerry Carretta, Steve Carretta '07 and Frank Cocco '01.
3. Football coach Tony Williams takes a swing.
4. Gina Mathis, Lisa Leiva, Chris Neglia and Cathy Van Itallie help with registration.

Soccer Players Reunite



(left to right, standing) SJR head soccer coach Alex Luna, Chris Nannery '05, Mark Wagner '77, Michael Dooley '77, Peter Tasca '12, Matt Turner '12, Matt Doherty '11, Brandon Whited '12, Thomas Cranford '14, Wilson Perez '15, James Maldonado '13, Patrick Doherty '16, soccer coach and history teacher Christen Vlahinich '07, (kneeling) Michael Gallo '08, Peter Nazario '12, Patrick Edmonds '12, Vincent Macaluso '12, Jonathan Tasca '11, Jack Brennan '13, Justyn Trott '15, Chris Robertson '15 and Ben Kaplan '15.



(above) Players scramble for the ball.

(right) Matt Turner '12 and coach Alex Luna share a moment at the net.



Two dozen current SJR soccer players and alumni gathered for the traditional Alumni Soccer Game, held the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. This year's game, like last year's, was held at The Superdome in Waldwick. After the game, all enjoyed pizza, refreshments and camaraderie.

12 Men, 10 Years Later



Twelve members from the class of 2005 gathered together on Saturday, Nov. 28 for a reunion at the Pour House in Nyack, owned by Ryan '07 and Sean '03 Spicer: (left to right, front) Ryan Clarke, Jason Koziol, Andrew Giuliani, Cecilio Gomez, Tom Tota (at table), Patrick Carley, Chris Donnelly, Mike Visaggio, TJ Caleca, (back) Mike Kelly, Adam Dayson and Mike Bruno.

Fun in the Sun



SJR held its first regional gathering of alumni at The Beach House in Bradenton, Florida on Friday, Oct. 4 before the Green Knights battled the IMG Ascenders. Principal Barry Donnelly '71, former faculty member George Donnelly, Athletic Director Tony Karcich and Director of Development Tracey Taylor hosted the event, which was attended by graduates from the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 2005. After the reception, most headed to the football game. *Pictured above (left to right) Tony Karcich, Mabel Esposito, Mike Neglia '84, Tony Esposito, Brian Mitchell '05, Colin Hill '81, Tom Esposito '85, Jim Doyle '67, Barry Donnelly '71, John McIntyre '69, Rich Albero '67, Mike Lonergan, Dante Albero, Brother George Donnelly, Jim McGowan '78 and Garrett White '73.*



Photos above, left to right:

Class of 1981 members John Dinallo, Robert Long and Colin Hill

Brother George Donnelly and Jim McGowan '78 with wife Carol Byrd

Tom Esposito '85 shows off SJR t-shirt: Green & Gold 'til I'm Dead & Cold

Alumni Homecoming



Graduates returned to SJR for the school's Homecoming celebration, which took place on Oct. 17 when the Green Knights played the Silver Oaks Academy (Md.) Rams. SJR easily defeated the Rams 44-12 on that blustery day.

Photos, clockwise, names left to right:

1. *Edgar Puzio '99, Chase Puzio and Adrian Puzio '96, Chase's dad.*

2. *Chris Weigl '69 and Edward Casbin '66.*

3. *All in the family: Greg Chimenti '82, Jeff Chimenti '15 and Stephen Chimenti '17.*

4. *Daniel Tyll '15, Scott Loverich '14, Tristan DeRosa '14, teacher Frank Coppolla, Joe Giles Harris '15 and Austin Barber '14.*

5. *Recent grads return: Class of 2015 alumni Matthew Casterella and Christopher Presti with Director of Development Tracey Taylor.*



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ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

1966

JOE KUNZ

lives in an area of South Kingstown, RI about 200 yards from the ocean. In season, April through October, he works at a marina on Block Island, 13 miles offshore. The marina sponsors an annual fishing tournament, and two years ago the boat Joe works on caught the second-largest fish, a 248-pound big eye tuna. He is pictured here (in green shorts) with a 996-pound mako.



Reverend CHARLES URNICK

(pictured below) is Pastor/Rector of St. John the Baptist Church in Laughlin, Nev., one of five churches in southern Nevada chosen as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy. In December, the church's door was blessed with 300 people in attendance. During his sermon that Sunday, he said, "No one knew that we would be celebrating this amazing blessing of our Holy Door on the Third Weekend of Advent when we bought these really



vivid pink (rose) vestments last year! This is the first time they are being worn. Please keep the 'pretty in pink' comments to yourselves!"

1968

BILL BLOOMER has been married for 33 years. He has five grown children and four grandchildren. He retired in February of 2006 after serving as controller of public companies. He is also a CPA and lives in Florida.

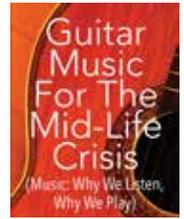
THOMAS CUNNINGHAM retired from IBM after 38 years as a computer programmer.

1969

WARREN CLARK's daughter, Courtney, was married this past fall. Below, he is pictured with Courtney and wife, Sharon. Warren also shared a picture (bottom) from a Florida baseball league he plays in. Warren is #24 and his cousin, **Kevin Clark '68**, also plays in the league as #6.



JOHN FOLEY has published a book that explores the history and science of music with examples from his experiences as a musician sharing stages with Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Richie Havens and others and work as a music therapist with special needs children.



MARTY MAHER has been inducted into the Burr and Burton Academy (Manchester, VT.) Athletic Hall of Fame. Marty spent 17 years there as a gym teacher and coach. He served as head football coach, bringing back the program that had a 25-year absence; head Nordic ski coach, winning the school's only State Championship in that sport; and head coach for track and field and cross country. In retirement he is the head men's and women's Nordic Coach at Castleton University, VT.

1971

GARY JASKULA is a Buddhist minister in New York City.

TOM MCCARRON is chief financial officer for San Diego State University.

RUSSELL PEPE lives in Monroe, N.Y. and is a lawyer.

1972

DOUG BENDER snapped this photo. Pictured (left to right) **FRANK O'SHEA, GARY BENSON, TOM CORCORAN, MICHAEL FOTI, DAVE CLARK** and **TIM COOGAN**.



Dan Molloy '69: Harnessing the Power of Communication

Dan Molloy believes that communication is a powerful tool that can make a real difference in people's professional and personal lives.

Dan's business, Molloy Business Development Group, based in Union City, specializes in helping corporations improve how they communicate to bolster business outcomes. He began the company in 2001 after having had several jobs in different industries.

While working with a client recently, his firm analyzed 8,000 customer service calls, looking for opportunities where the client missed a business opportunity with the caller. "We worked with our client to discuss with them how to increase sales when a customer called them through using what I call 'the language of commitment,'" said Dan. "Companies that utilize that approach are always more successful."

He said that in today's world, effective communication is more difficult to achieve than ever before. "When meeting with people face to face, whether for business or pleasure, it's important to look someone in the eye and really connect with that person," Dan explained. "It's impossible to do that if you are texting or looking at your cell phone every minute or so."

In fact, a recent study on smartphones revealed that users look at their phones for one-third of their waking hours. Several restaurants, looking to create an environment more conducive to human bonding, now have baskets on tables where customers can place their phones for the duration of the meal.

"The right words have the potential to build enormous trust," said Dan. "We need to make sure that when they are spoken, the recipient actually hears what we say, so that it can be processed."



Above, Dan performs the National Anthem on Aug. 8 to open the National Triathlon Championships in Milwaukee in front of 5,000 people.

Right, Dan represents the United States in the World Championship Triathlon Competition in Beijing in 2011, when he placed sixth. In September of 2016, he will be competing again in Cozumel, Mexico. At the age of 64, Dan feels that he is in the best shape of his life, recently running the Fifth Avenue Mile in 6:12, three seconds faster than his best time from high school.



Dan also believes in the power of self-talk in terms of achieving high levels of health and fitness. Through his techniques, he has lost weight and now competes as a member of Team USA Triathlon throughout the world. In fact, he weighs less now than he did in high school and consistently runs at about the same speed as he did then, sometimes even beating his former records in shorter sprints.

His dedication to achieving what Dan referred to as "world-class athlete" status later in life occurred after he decided to make a commitment to his coach and to himself at age 55. He regularly awakens before dawn to swim, run or bike. Although the regimen can be tough, Dan is enjoying the journey: "Growing old is obligatory; growing up is optional" is his mantra.

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1973

GEORGE DETITTA has been involved in the set design for television movies and documentaries. His most recent production is *Shades of Blue*, which will air on NBC in 2016 and stars, among others, Jennifer Lopez. View the trailer on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/1NAwRUF>.

1975

WILLIE REALE is the supervising producer of the CBS series *Blue Bloods* starring Tom Selleck and Donny Walberg. In addition to serving in this role for six years, he has also written six episodes of the show.

1980

GENE BENEVENUTO is a special projects manager at Granite Associates in Naples, Fla.

1982

RYAN MCKENNA, a media relations manager, lives in Germantown, Md.

1989

PAUL DELL UOMO worked for A&P for 25 years before landing a job at Whole Foods. After working for the company for a year, he relocated from Hamburg, NJ to Austin, TX to work in the Global Support Center.

1999

MICHAEL ARIANO received his master's in military history then immediately was deployed to Kosovo on a UN Peacekeeping Mission. In July he was promoted to Major. Congratulations, Michael!

2000

JAMES DEPIERO lives in Washington Township with his wife,



1973: This year's "Danny G" Golf Classic—which honors the memory of **ALLEN GALORENZO**'s son, Danny, who passed away at age 16 from an aortic aneurysm—was well attended, with 240 golfers and 400 at the gala dinner. To date, the event has raised more than \$800,000 for children with life-challenging illnesses. Pictured (left to right) **BILLY WARD** '94 (with his son Casey), **DAVID CONNOLLY** '73, **EDWARD GALORENZO** '66 (Allen's First Cousin and Billy's Father In Law), **PHIL ORSI** '73, **ALLEN GALORENZO** '73, **JIM TORNEY** '73 and **KEVIN FERRICK** '73.

Megan, and three girls: Elly, 5 and Lyla and Quinn, both 4.

2002

SCOTT DONNELLY is the Associate Athletic Director for Marketing, Promotion and Ticketing at Fordham University. He and his wife, Maura, recently moved to Greenwich, Conn.

2003

DEAN DEGHEITTO, JR., serves in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed in Norfolk, Va., and lives in Virginia Beach. He married Kayla McKechnie on June 27. Pictured below, left to right: Dean, John Gossart (Dean's roommate from Rutgers), Kayla, and **DAVID DEGHEITTO** '08.



2004

ROBERT KERBSTAT is a technical analyst and lives in Patterson, N.Y.

BRIAN MACKEY (below) participated in the National Car Rental NJPGA Assistant Championship presented by the PGA Tour on August 17. The event was held at the Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit. Brian, who is still working on gaining his PGA Apprenticeship, won the championship shooting 4 under par.



2005

Roeland Park Police Office **MARK ENGRAVALLE** became a media sensation after he assisted a local



family. Mark had been called to Walmart after a mom and her teen daughter were caught shoplifting diapers, wipes and girls' clothing. Mark noticed that the three youngest of the family's five children were not wearing shoes; clearly the family was in financial distress. After issuing a citation, Mark asked the teen daughter to pick out shoes for her sisters, then he paid for them along with diapers and wipes. He was quoted in his local paper saying that he felt "honored to be able to make something right out of a bad situation."

ANDREW GIULIANI is having much success on the golf course. He won the Boston Open and also "The Bambino," held at Babe Ruth's old golf course. In Milan, Italy, he shot a birdie in the first stage of the European Q School to make the cut into the second stage in Spain. There he shot rounds of 67 and 66, so he had an alternate slot at the final stage.

MATTHEW YOUNG attended Manhattan College and majored in psychology and minored in philosophy. He graduated from there May 2009 cum laude then was accepted into the doctoral program at Nova South Eastern in Ft. Lauderdale, where he also earned his master's during the five-year program. He graduated with a PsyD in May 2014, after his one-year residency at Long Island Jewish and is now working in Wellington, FL.

2007

MALCOLM EVANS is the author of *Each Other's Back: A Young Black Man's Strategies for Getting Ahead*. His class' salutatorian, Malcolm graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and is currently attending Columbia Law School. He describes his book as a "tool for helping young Black men forge a pathway toward their dreams." The book draws on insights gleaned during Malcolm's personal journey, including internship opportunities at top companies, including Google, Goldman

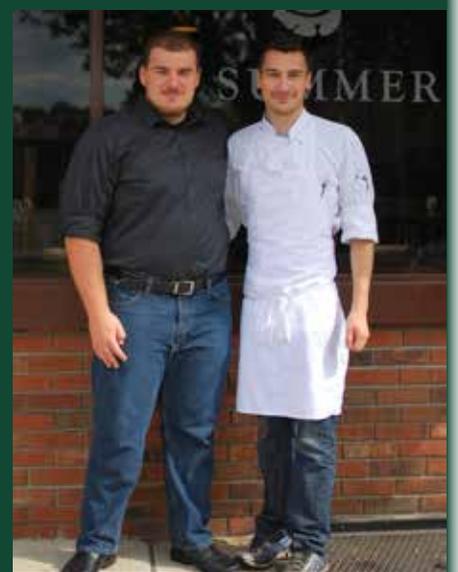


2005: **CHRIS DONNELLY** married Jessica Rosolen on Sept. 26 at the Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes. Father John Job, former St. Joe's Principal, presided, and classmate Chris Healy was in the wedding party. Donnelly is a sales manager at Mahwah Ford, while his wife is a veterinary technician at the Oradell Animal Hospital in Paramus. They live in Suffern, N.Y. The newlyweds vacationed in Hawaii. Pictured left to right: **SCOTT DONNELLY '02**, **JEREMY NARDUCCI '07**, **CHRIS HEALY '05**, Chris, Jessica Donnelly, **BARRY DONNELLY '71** and Father John Job.



2011: (left to right) Green Knights gathered for an impromptu reunion over Christmas break: **TAYLOR POPIELARZ**, **JOHN BULTLER**, **JEFF FUCCI '01**, **ANDREW WEIR**, **CHRIS HEINTZE**, **LUKE BIJELIC**, **CRAIG BABCOCK** and **PATRICK GRUNDY**.

SJR now has a LinkedIn group for graduates at bit.ly/1G60NYL. We hope the group facilitates connections like the one between Nick Saccoliti '15 and Joe Cuccia '06, pictured at right. This summer, Nick worked at Joe's restaurant, 17 Summer, in Lodi. Join our group and reconnect with other Green Knights!



Sachs and Madison Square Garden, and time spent as an entrepreneur building several companies. *Each Other's Back* is available on Amazon.com.

2011

CRAIG BABCOCK is working at RNN in Westchester. He is a technical director for Fios 1 News. In this role he runs the switcher, prompter, graphics, cameras and lighting and directs the talent. He believes he is on his way to reaching his career goals but hopes to stay at this station for a few years.

STEVEN DOYLE (pictured below in a baseball cap with his summer team) was profiled on the University of Alabama Huntsville website for his medical research as a summer intern at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. He worked on examining



the role of a certain enzyme's impact on cancer cells. He plans to apply to medical school to pursue an MD or Ph.D. in either medical or radiation oncology.

MATTEO FOCETTA graduated with honors from Marist College and works at a healthcare advertising agency as an account executive.

TAYLOR POPIELARZ (pictured below and below, right) lives in South Bend, Ind. In September, he began working as a television reporter for the ABC affiliate ABC57 News and wrote that he is enjoying it. He is on-air each day reporting live from northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan.



KEVIN QUINN graduated from Fordham University in May with a degree in marketing and accounting. While at Fordham, he spent a semester abroad in London. He is currently employed at an advertising firm in New York City.

2015

PATRICK DOHERTY, who is attending Stonehill College, was named to the Northeast-10 Conference All-Rookie Team in men's soccer. A midfielder who started in all games, Patrick was part of a defense that held opponents to one goal or fewer on five occasions, including three shutouts.



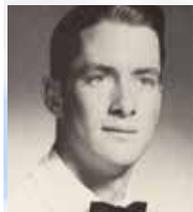
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In Memoriam

Jason Abrams '02: Helping Forge Connections Through Technology

Jason Abrams has capitalized on the title his fellow classmates bestowed on him senior year: He was voted “Most Humorous” in his class, and he believes the qualities that earned him that title helped him secure his sales management position for LinkedIn, the largest social media platform for professionals.

At the company, Jason manages a sales team of 12 to market LinkedIn’s products to prospective clients. He has worked for the company since February 2014, serving as an Account Executive for 11 months before moving to Manager, Sales Solutions in January.

Jason believes his sense of humor, so evident when he was a student, is key to his success in his position. “It helps me connect with people, which helps build trust that leads to sales,” he said.

Jason’s path to a career in sales began after he graduated from Georgetown University. He had played football at the school and had thought he might have a shot at the NFL, but injuries prevented him from pursuing that route. Teaching and coaching football seemed like the next logical step, then a relative connected him with a sales job for a financial services firm.

That first job launched his career, which has allowed him to gain international business experience during stints

in Kuala Lumpur and both Sydney and Melbourne, Australia. “I felt it was important to be open to new opportunities,” he said. “That is the best advice I could give to current students.”

While working abroad, he learned the business cultures of other countries, noting that in the Asia-Pacific region, there is more emphasis on “chain of command.” “Even small decisions tend to require senior-level approvals,” he noted. “It is rooted in the culture of respect and seeking approval from elders, which in business translates to more senior executives.”

Jason noted that Australia is more similar to the United States, just a bit more relaxed.

In fact, while Jason was working in Sydney he lived near a beach famous for surfing. So he learned how to surf, then would tackle the waves for an hour many mornings before going to work.

His time away also allowed for tremendous personal growth: “My family and friends were all far away, so I became more self-reliant and comfortable doing things on my own. I even went on some vacations alone.”

Although Jason enjoyed his two-plus years living in Australia and Malaysia, he is thrilled to be living in Manhattan



(left to right) LinkedIn Senior Vice President Mike Gamson, Jason Abrams '02 and LinkedIn CEO Jeff Weiner.



Right, Jason's profile picture on LinkedIn.

and especially appreciates working for LinkedIn. “This is the best company I have ever worked for,” he said. “Everyone who works here feels the same way. It’s exciting to be part of a company with so many different opportunities that is growing in reach and impact.”

Although Jason has traveled the world, he has never forgotten his St. Joe’s roots. He tries to return for one or two football games a year and appreciates all that he received at the school. “I have a great deal of gratitude for St. Joe’s,” he said. “I entered a kid and graduated a man, and I am forever grateful for all that I learned during that time.”

Jason’s Tips for Using LinkedIn

- Everyone should have a LinkedIn account, especially high school students. “Universities are engaging with prospective students on LinkedIn more and more, and it’s a great way to analyze data on different schools you are considering: which colleges graduate the most investment bankers or the most social workers,” Jason said. “All those metrics are available through LinkedIn.”
- Utilize a professional photograph in your profile. Do not use the same profile picture you use for Facebook!
- Make sure to include a summary that makes you stand out from others and gives prospective colleges, employers, etc. a sense of who you really are. This is where you can “brand” yourself.
- List all achievements, including charitable work you have done.
- Join St. Joe’s alumni LinkedIn Group. Details are in the green box on page 27.

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Saturday, March 12



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