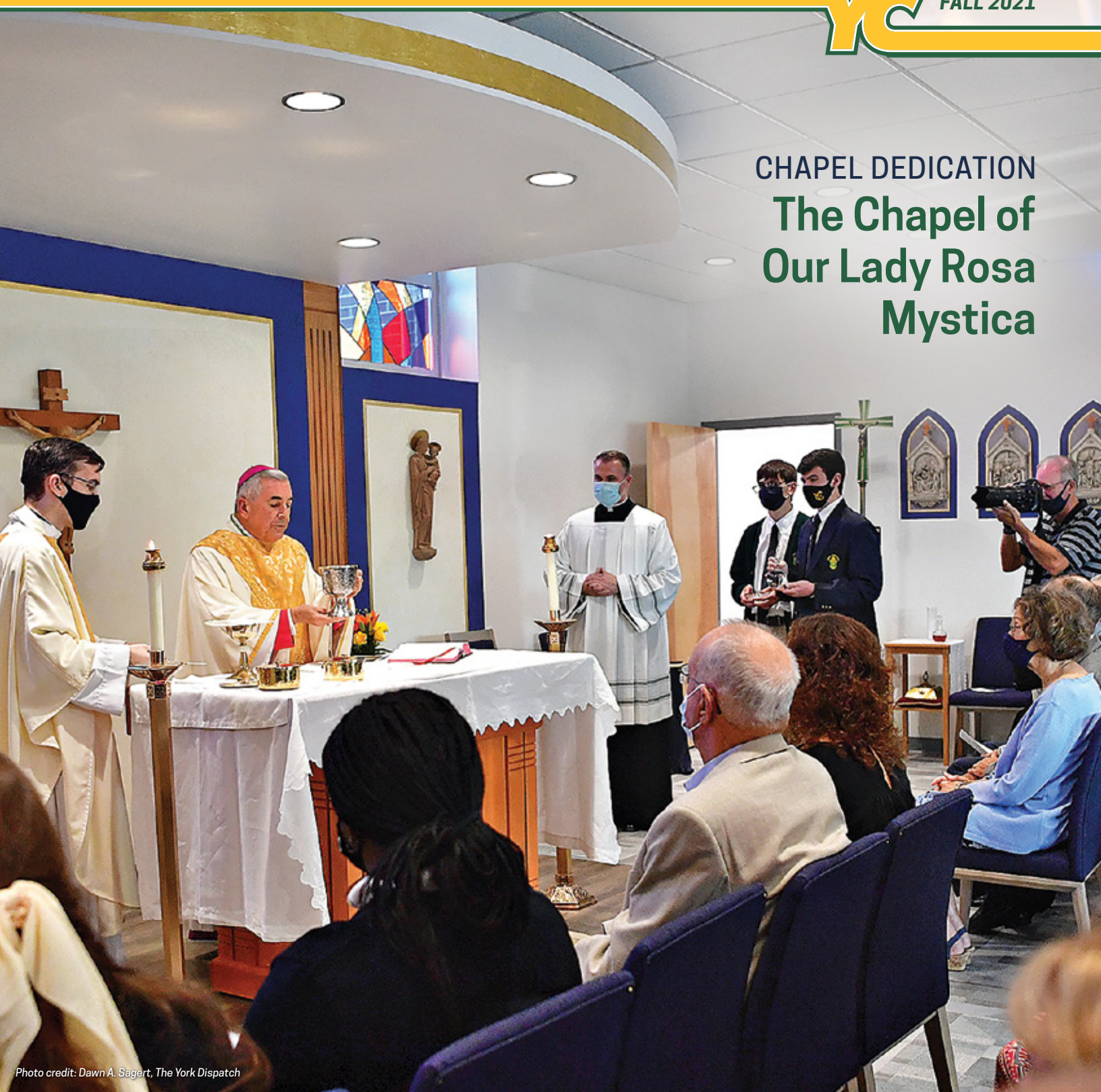


YC YORK CATHOLIC
GREENSLEEVES



FALL 2021

CHAPEL DEDICATION
**The Chapel of
Our Lady Rosa
Mystica**





2021-2022 Student Visitation Events

SHADOW FOR A DAY

Available through May 14, 2022

Prospective students are invited to spend the day at YC. Check out classes, meet teachers, make some new friends and discover all the great ways to get involved.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

December 1, 2021 &
March 16, 2022
10am-2pm

Drop by at your convenience (no advance reservations needed) and experience a school day in real-time as you enjoy a campus tour from a student guide.

OPEN HOUSE

February 17 & April 27, 2022
6pm-7:30pm

Enjoy a campus tour and connect with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to see what sets the York Catholic experience apart. Reservations required.

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Experience the YC Difference

When you walk through the door, **you can feel it** - the indescribable energy that comes from a place where every student is known, cared for and inspired to learn. Join us to experience that energy firsthand and hear from students, teachers and parents what it means to be a part of the York Catholic Middle School and High School (we call it YC) family.

We Hope to See You!

Get in touch to learn more or to register for one or more events. We look forward to meeting you!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear York Catholic Family,

Let's Go I-rish!!! 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀 🍀

We Are...Y-C!!!

The Catholic Crazies are back in full swing! Football Friday Night Lights this year were amazing as the band played and the crowd cheered our football team on to an undefeated regular season and a District Championship! We were also excited to watch the Marching Band win their 2nd straight Cavalcade of Bands Championship among bands from Pennsylvania and New Jersey! We are so grateful to have our fans back and watch our students support each other on the fields, in the gym, in the auditorium, and in the halls of York Catholic.

With that YC spirit in mind, we have been able to have so many other "We Are YC!" moments this year. As you will see in this edition of *Greensleeves*, there is so much to celebrate. Most notably this fall included the blessing of the Chapel of Our Lady Rosa Mystica. Various York Catholic family members joined us in our 50-person chapel as Bishop Gainer celebrated the first official Mass in the chapel with our new furnishings in place. While the space is new, it is steeped in a rich, liturgical history tied to our York area schools and parishes as you will see in the pages to come.

Having said all of the above, the most notable celebration of this school year is our students. As the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all populations, at YC, we are most proud of our students' and their response to current times. The primary and secondary effects of COVID have impacted each individual in unique and varied ways, but the resiliency and steadfast will of our Fighting Irish students has allowed them to rise above those effects and shine as the 2021-2022 school year progresses. I am excited for you to read how they kept fighting and more notably, keep serving their community through the trying times of 2020 and 2021.

We Are...Y-C!!! And with that Fighting Irish Spirit, we will persevere, always.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe Christmas and New Year!

Sincerely,

Katie Seufert '96
Principal



District III-AA Champions



Cavalcade of Bands Champions



KATIE SEUFERT PRINCIPAL

MISSION STATEMENT

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WE ARE YC Celebration

In September, York Catholic held its “We Are YC Celebration” sponsored by Stewart & Tate Construction, to benefit the YC Fund. We celebrated our new renovations, our donors who made it happen, and our valued teachers and talented students who are benefitting every day from the transformation. Bishop Gainer joined us to bless and name our new chapel, The Chapel of Our Lady Rosa Mystica. We were blessed to have Father Brommer and Father Kuchinski join Bishop Gainer to celebrate this special event. The chapel dedication was followed by tours of the school for our 125 guests, given by our Student Ambassadors, and then a catered dinner in the YC cafeteria by Joe Reed ‘88, owner and chef of GingerBabies. We had a silent auction, as well as a live auction that included the opportunity to donate to our YC Student Experience. The night raised a very impressive \$90,000 for our York Catholic Fund.

As part of the program for the evening, YC awarded the first Maria Impende Juvamen Award. The award recognizes those who “bestow their aid” to YC in the form of time, talent, or treasure. Jeff Merritt ‘80 was the recipient of the award for his involvement in all three areas as the guiding force behind the construction projects for our Capital Campaign.

We are grateful for the many people who made this night such a tremendous success and thank our sponsors, attendees, and Student Ambassadors.

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Jeff Merritt '80



At our We Are YC Celebration held in September, York Catholic awarded the first Maria Impende Juvamen Award. This award recognizes those who “bestow their aid” to YC in the form of time, talent, or treasure. Jeff Merritt '80 was the recipient of the award for his involvement in all three areas as the guiding force behind the construction projects for our Grow Today, Impact Tomorrow Capital Campaign. Jeff has been involved in Catholic education for over 50 years, beginning when he attended St. Patrick Catholic School. He then went on to graduate from York Catholic in 1980, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Jean (Paschke) Merritt '80. His siblings and three children are also all graduates of York Catholic. Over the years, he has served on multiple committees, including Buildings and Grounds, Strategic Planning, and the Capital Campaign Cabinet. This year, Jeff began his tenure as Chair of the York Catholic School Board. ***Thank you, Jeff, for all that you do for YC!***



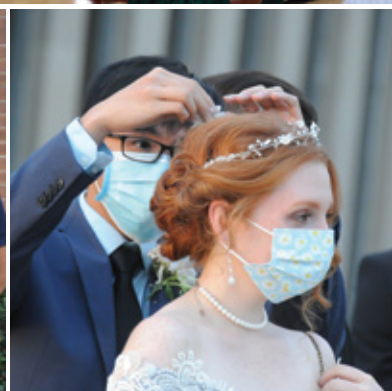
Chapel Rooted in History

The chapel of Our Lady Rosa Mystica is now centrally located in the school lobby, easily accessible to visitors, and can seat up to 50 people. While the chapel construction is new, there are pieces of history rooted in its tradition:

- The crucifix and statues were relocated from the previous chapel location.
- The tabernacle was donated by St. Mary's church – no one knows where it was originally from – but it was in storage and beautifully restored for our new chapel.
- The stations of the cross were in the original 1924 St. Joseph Chapel in Saginaw, PA whose congregation was moved to York Haven and became Holy Infant in 1949. Then in the late '70s the stations were replaced and these stations were donated to Cristo Salvador Church where they were repainted with Spanish lettering and were used until the 1995 merging of Cristo Salvador and St. Mary's, where they were placed in storage and subsequently donated to YC.
- The stained glass in the wall looking into the lobby is from the previous YC chapel location, and the new stained glass by the altar was created to match the old.
- The chalice used in the chapel and for all school Masses was a gift from the family of Michael Cawley, a New York firefighter who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.



YC HOMECOMING 2021



Homecoming 2021 saw a few changes that turned out to be a huge success. We had to adjust our schedule due to our opposing football team's inability to compete in the Friday night game due to COVID protocol. We were thrilled to learn that our athletic department was able to coordinate a boys' soccer game on Friday night, so we could have our regular Homecoming festivities.

Congratulations to Patrick Doran and Aja Dickerson who were named Homecoming King and Queen! Members of the Homecoming Court included the following senior students: Pictured left to right front row: Lindsey Beck, Delaney Murphy (daughter of Jennifer Schneider Murphy '92), Aja Dickerson, Ali Barta, Mairin Landis (daughter of Katie Skehan Landis '84, Brooklyn Moir, Helene Cox, Mia Citrone (daughter of James Citrone '89 and LeAnn Arcuri Citrone '90). Back row: Nate Gingerich, Evan Costlow (son of Tiffany Nicholas Costlow '96 and Christopher Costlow '94), Ryan Kerchner (son of John Kerchner '82), Trey Chapman, Daniel Sterling, Patrick Doran, Nick Casagrande, Andrew Adams.

Students enjoyed their traditional Homecoming Dance on Saturday night while our alumni got together at the Alumni Social. Over 50 alumni enjoyed their evening with lots of laughs, great food, music, and fellowship.





The YC Alumni Association is proud to offer events such as the Homecoming Alumni Social to further strengthen our ties to each other and to the school. We could not have socials without the help of our dedicated volunteers. Please thank the below alumni for dedicating their time and talent to our beloved YC Alumni Association.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Donna (Crimmins) Hoffman '72, *President*
LeAnn (Arcuri) Citrone '90
Christina (Campbell) Marsala '74
Mary Beth (Schmidt) Steelman '76
Kay (Daniels) Kuhn '67
Rose (Orlando) Stein '70
Barb (Ember) Full '78

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS:

Jamey '89 and LeAnn Citrone '90
Pat '74 and Christina Marsala '74

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Mezzogiorno Chef, Tim Spangler '81 *for the delicious food and to* **DJ Chris Wagman '67** *for keeping our party hopping!*



We thank our valuable alumni for your support and dedication to York Catholic and the Alumni Association! We look forward to seeing you at the next event! If you would like information on how to help our association, please email us alumniassociation@yorkcatholic.org.





Golf Tournament Senior Division Winners 2021: Matt Brown '75, Chip Berry '75, Chris Martello, Brian Addison

Golf Tournament

York Catholic held its 31st annual golf tournament at the Outdoor Country Club of York in September. We welcomed 130 golfers, and were treated to fabulous weather for the day. Congratulations to all of our golfers who won their divisions, and skill prizes. It was a day of friendship and camaraderie that brought in over \$11,000 for the York Catholic Fund.

A huge thank you to our sponsors: Chick-fil-A East York, Collens-Wagner Agency, Inc., First Capital Fibers, Inc., Flynn O'Hara, Good News Electric, The Harris Family, Holla Vodka, Jack Giambalvo Motor Co., LongView Wealth Solutions, Martin's Potato Chips, Inc., Piccolo's Friendly Movers, Ream Carr Markey Woloshin & Hunter LLP.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS:

- Open Division:** John Ansbro, Dave Fuchs, Kevin Linden, Jeff Piccolo
- Women's Division:** Ellen Bowman, Bonnie Giambalvo, Petra Minkin, Karen Traynham
- Seniors Division:** Brian Addison, Matt Brown '75, Chris Martello, Chip Berry '75
- Super Seniors Division:** Steve Flick '71, Rich Kelly '71, Scott Knouse '71, George Miller '71

THE FOLLOWING GOLFERS WON SKILLS CONTESTS:

- Longest Drive - Male:** Mike Rider
- Longest Drive - Female:** Ellen Bowman
- Closest to the Pin:** Jim Flaharty, John Vottero '78, Sean Skehan '06, Jeff Witman '70
- Skins:** Al Geiman, Nick Geiman '15, Nick Slaseman, Mike Nigro, Brian Addison, Matt Brown '75, Chris Martello, Chip Berry '75

GREEN & GOLD *Gala* **SAVE THE DATE** **Green & Gold Gala**

Our Green and Gold Gala for 2022 will be held in Fall 2022. We hope you can join us! Details will be in the next issue of Greensleeves.

Night at the Races

The York Catholic Athletic Booster Club is hosting "Night at the Races," on Saturday, May 7, at YC. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Post time is 6:15 PM. Join us for 8 simulcast horse races, silent auction, raffles, rip tickets, and all you can eat food and beverages with catering by Mission BBQ.

Fun sponsorship opportunities are available! You can buy a table, name a race, and name your horse(s)! Volunteer opportunities are also available! Dress is casual. This event is for ages 21+.

Please support one of our biggest fundraising events and come prepared to play and have fun while supporting YC Athletics. Complete details will be on the YC website in April at yorkcatholic.org.

For more details, contact Laurie Moir at 717-846-8871 x322 or lmoir@yorkcatholic.org.

Tony Zorbaugh '94, Faith and Community Leader

Barb (Ember) Full '78

“If you give a man a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime.”

Tony Zorbaugh '94 is the Executive Director of a non-profit, The Source (iamthesource.org), a Christian Ministry outreach center for the poor and the homeless in Vero Beach, FL.

Tony cares and feeds the homeless with his restaurant-style dining... seven days a week. He established a myriad of programs and services to accommodate their daily needs beginning with Dining with Dignity, a 3-month training program that teaches culinary and food service skills to needy men and women. Graduates of the program establish long-term sustainability while emotionally and spiritually empowering themselves. The Source also operates two Dignity Food Trucks through Dignity Foods, an extension to the training program, offering the ability to learn social skills in preparation of employment in the food industry.

Dignity Smiles was created for graduates needing dental restoration. Dignity Catering and Dignity Desserts are two additions of the Dignity programs which provides catering for local events. Dignity Income Opportunities provide jobs for Source clients assembling products for a charter flight company. Dignity Bus, the country's first overnight secured emergency shelter on wheels provides 20 sleeping pods, 4 pet pods, 2 bathrooms and storage. Tony is currently working on a trademark patent for the program so other cities may embark on a similar project. Dignity Village, a private community for work, prayer, programs and services, as well as affordable tiny homes on the acreage, is currently in the planning stages. He has traveled to other cities throughout the country speaking on all the programs he has developed for The Source.



Tony Zorbaugh '94

Tony's prior 12-year work experience at York County Youth Development Center, where he founded the Community Outreach Program, has helped to give him the skills to do his life's work. His foundations of work, ethics and faith began at York Catholic and St. Mary's Church, where he met his wife Ana. His faith was deepened when he lost both his parents in a house fire in York in 2015. When I asked Tony who he was, he said, "I am a husband, father, employer, but mainly I am the Son of the Living King, Jesus Christ. All the other titles can be taken away from me... but nothing can take me away from Him."

Developing Leaders at YC

Megan Wertz, Social Studies Department Chair & Student Council Moderator



2021-22 York Catholic Student Council Executive Board: President Mairin Landis, Vice President Nate Gingerich, Secretary Timothy Ventura, Treasurer Ali Barta

If you walk through the halls of York Catholic on any given school day you are bound to see learning taking place. You will find students solving problems, conducting research, writing essays, analyzing primary sources, and reflecting on the word of God. If you look a little deeper you will also find students building relationships, working cooperatively, and developing their leadership skills. Not only are these skills being developed in the classroom, they are also being refined in various extra-curricular activities.

The Student Council is just one of many organizations that exists at YC to help students cultivate their leadership skills, and perhaps no one understands what it's like to be a student leader more than Mairin Landis (President), Nate Gingerich (Vice President), Timmy Ventura (Secretary), and Ali Barta (Treasurer) who make up the 2021 Student Council Executive Board. These four seniors were elected to their positions and took an oath at the beginning of the school year to "respect each individual, uphold the spirit of York Catholic, and inspire their peers to do the same." This is not always an easy task as a teenager and each position comes with great responsibility. The job of the Executive Board is to coordinate and execute various activities and events for the student body to provide for a total YC student experience. Some of their biggest events include a Back to School Bash, Homecoming Spirit

Week, and of course, the students' favorite, Mini-THON. The Executive Board spends countless hours coordinating and executing these events all while developing a set of leadership skills that will propel them into the real world after graduation.

Student Council President, Mairin Landis (daughter of Katie Skehan Landis '84) got a head start developing her leadership skills. She spent two weeks this summer in Santa Paula, California attending the Great Books Summer Program at Thomas Aquinas College. She joined 140 high school rising seniors from all across the country in reading and discussing works from the Greats: Socrates, Plato, and Thomas Aquinas among others. She interacted with these fellow students in seminars and debates and ultimately found her voice. She learned that being a great leader meant not just finding and using her voice, but also actively listening. Upon her return, Mairin said, "I brought home from California: a stack of new books, a free t-shirt, a brand new group chat, and the determination to live the most saturated and fulfilled life I can, actively participating in other peoples' lives, learning, and teaching." She plans to use what she learned during this experience to make the most of her senior year, for herself and the entire student body.



Student Council members volunteered to help vendors set-up at Leg Up Farms' Fall Fest.

Student Council Vice President Nate Gingerich is looking forward to implementing and executing events that were not possible last year with COVID. He is optimistic that the Student Council Executive Board will make the most of the year and he noted that being a leader “is not just about planning fun events, it’s about committing to a positive attitude that will radiate across the student body.” Timmy Ventura, Secretary, and Ali Barta, Treasurer, share Nate’s optimism about the year and are looking forward to embracing their roles as leaders.

The leadership growth that Mairin, Nate, Timmy, and Ali will experience at YC will certainly impact their future as it did for former Student Council Executive Board members. Former Student Council President Lindsey China '16 stated “the leadership, organization, communication, and teamwork skills that I gained during my time on the Student Council Executive Board at YC helped me throughout my undergrad studies and law school.” Former Student Council President Laura Schmidt '13 added that “serving as the Student Council President at YC taught me to delegate tasks and value teamwork. As a Physical Therapist, I am not afraid to speak up and ask for help and I encourage my coworkers to do the same.” Both Lindsey and Laura are grateful for having had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills at York Catholic and they



YC students had a great time kicking off the school year at the Back-to-School Bash organized by Student Council.

both attribute their current success to their involvement in leadership positions at YC. Looking back, they see the value in embracing leadership opportunities and they hope other students do the same. Being a member of the Student Council Executive Board is so much more than planning a Mini-THON, it’s preparing oneself for the future.

Student Adventures 2021-22

Kathy Hand, Director of Studies



Mairin Landis '22 (left) with new friends



Nate Gingerich '22 (front left) and Matthew Gick '23 (back row 4th from left)

After a year of travel restrictions and limited social activity, some York Catholic students booked adventures for the year that took them far and wide, well beyond the state of Pennsylvania and the comforts of home. The following students had a memorable summer featuring adventures that were academic, spiritual, athletic, musical, and cultural. All expressed gratitude for the opportunities afforded and the personal growth and learning that resulted.

Senior **Mairin Landis** (daughter of Katie Skehan Landis '84) visited Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California for the Great Books Program, a unique summer program that drew in 140 eleventh graders from all over the country. Mairin was thrilled to be accepted into the program, and is most grateful to her late grandfather, Thomas Skehan, for covering the cost of her tuition. Each day began with Latin Mass at 7 AM, and one of her best memories was Stations of the Cross by candlelight at day's end. Students read great works to



Zachary Shanko '23



Connor Dietz '23

include Sophocles, Plato, and Socrates, and each day was given over to reading in the library and Socratic Seminars in the classroom. Mairin loved the pairing of highly academic offerings and spiritual life, and calls both the school and the program the most Catholic place she has ever been.

Senior **Nate Gingerich** and Junior **Christopher Gick** attended Drum Major Camp held at West Chester University in preparation for the York Catholic Marching Band season. Nate and Christopher enjoyed the bonding experience, the leadership training, and the networking as they worked with other drum majors from all over Pennsylvania. They spent a week fine tuning skills, preparing to share and lead the small but mighty York Catholic Marching Band into the 2021 competitive season.

Juniors **Zachary Shanko** and **Connor Dietz** spent two weeks in June trekking through the desert outside of Philmont, New Mexico with their Boy Scout Troop. Connor shared that one of the best parts of the experience was the bond he shared with the other members of the crew, guys he'd known most of his life. He will remember always this pinnacle scouting experience with them. The troop spent twelve days backpacking and camping along the trail and in base camps along the way. The scouts carried 50-pound ruck sacks, with provisions restocked once at the midway point. They learned navigation skills and the true meaning of teamwork as they relied on one another. It was twelve days without a shower, but Zack said the cold rain made up for that. The rain came in on day eight and stayed with them until the end. The only



Christian Ludwig '25



Kaitlyn Hatchell '26

dry clothes Connor had the last four days of the journey were his Christmas lights pajamas. Precipitation may have been the worst part of the trip, but spectacular vistas from atop Mt. Phillips were a highlight. The scouts did not encounter black bears or mountain lions, but they did meet up with one lost cow, turkeys, deer, and screeching magpies. Zack left his cell phone behind and enjoyed the journey unplugged, but Connor used his phone for trail side music, and video logged the trip courtesy of his Go Pro. The trek was, for both scouts, a fantastic summer adventure. Would they do it again? Conner summed it up like this, "Despite getting lost, the terrible weather, and the long days, I had the time of my life I would 100 percent do this again. I sometimes find myself missing the trail because while you were there you didn't think about anything else. The only thing you had on your mind was the task at hand and I found this to be very therapeutic. I look forward to taking my own son or daughter there on their own trek one day." A trip like this takes a certain amount of grit, and these two York Catholic juniors have exactly that.

Freshman **Christian Ludwig** traveled to the Galapagos Islands last June. The trip was a birthday gift from grandparents Sue and Rich Weber, and Christian picked the destination. He wanted to snorkel, and experience the wonders of marine life, and a Galapagos cruise was his dream vacation. Christian and his grandparents flew into Quito, Ecuador, and enjoyed a day of sightseeing there before boarding a vessel that would take them out on a five-day



Anijah Lucena '22

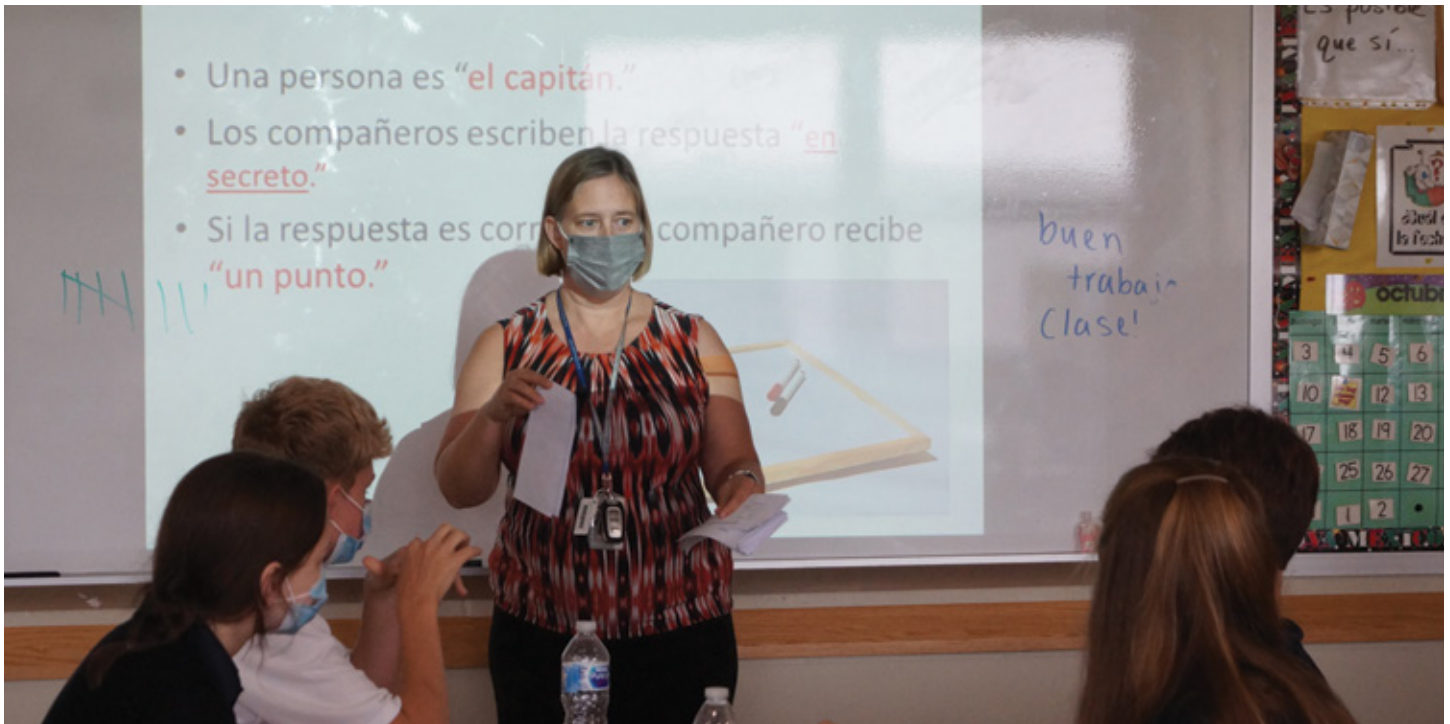
snorkeling adventure in Pacific waters. Christian loved the cruise, enjoying wonderful food, and time in the water. He saw flamingos, iguanas, sting rays, and penguins, but remembers an encounter with a sea lion the most. They met up face to face underwater, a complete surprise for both! Christian remembers the long pause as they both stopped to look at each other, and the moment he spent taking it in.

Eighth grader **Kaitlyn Hatchell** participated in the AAU Junior Olympics in July. She and her father made the trip together, spending time in Houston, Texas. This was Kaitlyn's first AAU tournament and Karate Shotokan is her sport. She placed third in two categories and enjoyed the competition. She currently holds a brown belt and ranks 2nd Kyu (class). Kaitlyn hopes to compete in Nationals this coming summer in Florida.

The final adventure is actually yet to come. Senior **Anijah Lucena** travels to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in December to participate in the UCA All American Cheer Camp. Anijah had to audition for her spot, showcasing dance, cheer, and jumps. Her aunt plans to accompany her on the long flight, and the two will enjoy the excitement of the cheer camp and the vacation destination as well. Anijah has been cheering since she was five years old and contemplates cheerleading on the collegiate level. She intends, however, to study nursing, a lifelong career goal, and says that academics will remain her top priority.

Expanded Educational Opportunities at York Catholic

Kathy Hand, Director of Studies



York Catholic is a school of five hundred fifty students, grades 7-12, and they come to us with a wide array of interests and talents. We continue to look for new ways to better educate our students, taking into account their personal strengths and attributes, and we recognize the need to pursue opportunities that afford York Catholic students choice, exposure, and educational experiences beyond our doors. The following four programs do just that.

York Catholic students have the option to pursue online study through VHS, the **Virtual High School**. VHS offers students a variety of courses not found in our course catalog, and offers specialized study in any discipline from Astronomy to the Stock Market to Sports Medicine. Students grades 9-12 can opt to take a semester long course online, choosing from an extensive course listing. Popular online course titles include Principles of Engineering, Cyber Security, Forensic Science, Latin, and American Sign Language.

College in the Classroom is a well-established program at York Catholic that allows juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn college credit through Alvernia University in Reading, Pennsylvania. Students earn college credit at their desks

in York Catholic classrooms, taught by York Catholic faculty members. The total cost per course is \$240, and families cover the cost of these courses. At the end of senior year students request that an Alvernia transcript be sent to the school of their choice, and those college credits can be used to fulfill graduation requirements toward an undergraduate degree. The program is flourishing, and this year we have 69 students participating, with 147 courses in progress. Many students are taking more than one course; six seniors in the class of 2022 are currently earning 12 credits apiece from their desks right here at 601 East Springettsbury Avenue. Our College in the Classroom offerings for the 2021-2022 school year include the following:

- Sociology / Psychology
- Comprehensive Business Technology
- Statistics
- Spanish 5
- Journalism
- Music Theory

Dual Enrollment is a program that allows students to take collegiate level courses at Penn State York, York College,



and Harrisburg Area Community College at a discounted rate. Seniors are allowed to leave the YC campus and with preapproval take a college class with credits awarded both at the college or university and York Catholic. A senior could, for example, leave York Catholic after their sixth period lunch and

take a 1:30 PM class at HACC. The introduction to the collegiate classroom in 12th grade has obvious benefits and credits transfer. Students are encouraged to fulfill general education requirements this way, but are able to explore career possibilities on the introductory level as well.

A fourth educational opportunity is the FLEX program through **York**

County School of Technology. This program is for juniors and seniors, and allows students to study at YC through the morning and attend a class of interest at York County School of Technology in the afternoon. Students are able to graduate with a York Catholic diploma and benefit from elective offerings at York Tech; five York Catholic students are enrolled in this program for the 2021-22 school year. Classes offered through the FLEX program include the following:

- Introduction to Automotive Technology
- Construction Technician
- Introduction to Welding
- Nail Technology

As we enter a new decade, we will maintain the tradition of academic excellence in our classrooms. We do, however, recognize the need to expand and explore options that provide our students with choice and career exploration, catering to personal aptitude and interest. For questions regarding VHS, College in the Classroom, Dual Enrollment, or the FLEX program at York County School of Technology, contact Kathy Hand in the Studies Office.

“York Catholic’s Dual Enrollment program is a wonderful opportunity for students; not to mention the financial savings when you look at the cost of college. Our daughter, Cassandra ’18, participated in the program and will now graduate from The University of Pittsburgh in 3.5 years.”

Christine Pearl

mother of Cassandra ’18,
Breanna ’20, & Isabella ’22

York Catholic Students Excel On Advanced Placement Exams



Current YC Students Named National AP Scholars: Mairin Landis, Timothy Ventura, Natalie Javitt

The scores of the national Advanced Placement (AP) exams for high school students are in and York Catholic students have again excelled.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses offer high school students college level rigor with AP students dedicating long hours of study that begin during the summer months and end in May with a national exam. AP courses are offered through College Board and are graded on a scale of 1-5 with one the lowest grade possible and five the highest grade possible. Many colleges and universities accept a score of three or higher for college credit, a motivating factor for the students enrolled.

York Catholic offers Advanced Placement courses in English, Language, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus, History, and 2D Art and Design. This spring 73 York Catholic students took the AP exams and achieved an 81% pass rate of a 3 or higher. Of the students who took the exams, 20% scored a 5, 20% scored a 4, and 41% scored a 3.

AP Scholars with Distinction are students who earn scores of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams. The following graduates from the class of 2021 have been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction: Gavin Bonner, Emilio Gurany, and Bernadette Schintz (daughter of Cathy Schintz '95).

AP Scholars are students who earn scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. The following graduate from the class of 2021 has been recognized as an AP Scholar: Gina Bolli. The following current seniors have been recognized as AP Scholars: Natalie Javitt (daughter of Larry Javitt '80), Mairin Landis (daughter of Katie Skehan Landis '84), and Timothy Ventura.

Congratulations to all of our AP students and to their teachers for the excellent preparation!

Service with a YC Smile

Jill (Eppley) Euclide '94, York Catholic English Department Chair & English Teacher



Bryan Bullen '19 and Ben Bullen '20 at Chick-fil-A East York

Over 85% of our students at YC are involved in many activities at school, including sports, drama, clubs, and academic/service oriented groups. Of course, all of these things are engaging for our kids, but many of them have the future (both gas to fuel their extra-curricular transportation as well as college) in mind when they seek employment at local business establishments. Many local businesses are eager to hire our YC students and alumni.

McDonald's on Memory Lane and Chick-fil-A on East Market Street are restaurants where many a familiar YC face can be seen serving their patrons at the counter and drive-thru. Cathy Dallas, owner of Chick-fil-A, knows our students "come with a servant heart and a can-do attitude." Both she and Stephen and Christina Leshner, owners of McDonald's, acknowledge that the work ethic and "values they bring to the table" make YC students successful in the workplace. They are "upbeat...positive and come to work prepared to make a difference in the lives of those around them by showing care and concern." They care for the clients they serve, and they also support their fellow team members.



Sean Steward '24, Elizabeth Steward '20 and Emily Steward '22 at McDonald's Memory Lane

Our students have learned the benefit of representing a company well. Both McDonald's and Chick-fil-A offer opportunities for our students to grow personally and professionally. Both companies offer college scholarships to their employees ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000 of which our YC students have been recipients. Chick-fil-A hosted a leadership academy at YC during the 2018-2019 school year, helping to mold students into community leaders of the future. McDonald's also fosters leadership traits in their employees through opportunities to advance through their managerial track.

While taking on the added responsibility of a job is indeed a cumbersome undertaking for many students, it is well worth it. Local businesses value the ideals we seek to instill in our students, and our students benefit from the added level of responsibility they learn while earning some extra money in the evening and on weekends.

So while we are preparing our students with a stellar academic education, our students are a testament that we are also helping them to develop the values, and life and social skills to be a successful employee or business owner after they leave York Catholic.

YORK CATHOLIC *Grow Today* **IMPACT TOMORROW**

Phase II

Over the past year, York Catholic has been busy behind the scenes to ensure our vision for Phase II of the Grow Today, Impact Tomorrow Capital Campaign comes to fruition. This summer, the first projects of this phase of the campaign have been completed, including the marquee sign and the parking lot. On September 11, 2021 Bishop Gainer also blessed our new chapel and named it The Chapel of Our Lady Rosa Mystica. In Summer 2022, it is our hope to begin the Middle School renovations, installation of the bleachers and press box, as well as our grotto relocation and Rosary Walk



"The minute you step inside York Catholic, you feel something different. It is difficult to capture that feeling through words or images, you just know it's not like other schools. There's a welcoming spirit and warmth that surrounds you from both students and faculty." - Michael Bick, Jr. '89



Phase II *Projects*

Brady Wing Conversion

- 26,000 Square Feet
- 19 Air-Conditioned Classrooms
- Large Group Instruction with Folding Partition
- 2 Offices
- Additional Lockers
- New Restrooms
- Roof (7,500 Square Feet)

Interior Improvements

- Whiteboards
- Casework
- Doors and Hardware
- Paint
- Flooring and Ceilings
- Existing Terrazzo in Corridors
- 2 Stairwells and 3 Corridors

Infrastructure Improvements

- HVAC
- Security
- Technology Upgrades in Every Classroom
- Fire Safety

Exterior Improvements

- Rosary Walk
- Grotto Relocation
- Signage Upgrades
- Replace Concrete Walks & Curbs
- Parking Lot Repaving

Stadium Facilities

- Bleachers that will seat 1,000
- New Press Box

Help Us Close the Gap

We are excited to announce that we are currently at \$3.4 million of our \$4.5 million goal!

In order to raise the remainder of the funds for Phase II, we need the support of our alumni, parents, and community. There are many ways you can give to the campaign including a one time gift or through a pledge over multiple years. There are also several naming opportunities available to recognize the generosity of donors. The gift levels associated with these opportunities reflect the honor of naming those facilities, and do not imply gift restrictions.

Contributions to the campaign can be sent to the school or made online at yorkcatholic.org.

Naming Opportunities

Classroom \$60,000



Those who contribute \$60,000+ will have the opportunity to name one of our newly renovated academic classrooms in honor or memory of an individual(s).

Rosary Walk \$5,000



Donors contributing \$5,000+ will be recognized on our Rosary Walk through a Prayer Bead stone. This beautiful new Rosary Walk will be stationed in the relocated Grotto.

Stadium Facilities \$1,000 - \$75,000



Brand new bleachers will be installed at our Athletic Stadium. Contributions of \$1,000 will purchase one bleacher seat* or a bleacher section can be donated for \$75,000.

*The honor of naming a bleacher seat does not guarantee admission to events or reserve the actual seat.

John Weisser '23 Spends the Year in Germany

Laura Richards, York Catholic Language Department Chair & German Teacher

John Weisser '23 has been a standout in his German class at York Catholic. As a sophomore, he earned a gold medal for his performance on the 2020 National German Level II Exam sponsored by The American Association of Teachers of German. Only 17 students in Central Pennsylvania achieved this distinction. John is putting his German language skills to practical use this school year as he has chosen to study his junior year abroad.

John is currently spending the academic year at the Friedrich Schiller Gymnasium in Marbach am Neckar. The town is located about 12 miles northwest of Stuttgart, Germany. This prestigious school is the largest in the state and second largest in the country. He notes that the approach to science and math is much more broad than in the United States, and that there is a heavier focus on philosophy, language, music, and art.

Beyond holding a full academic schedule, John has immersed himself in German life. He is living with host parents Jürgen and Elka Braun, and attends school with his host brother, Johannes. John spends his days biking or walking to school, participating in his classes, enjoying lunch in the local town, spending time with his new friends, and learning more about daily life in Germany. He has already participated in a class excursion to Berlin, Germany's capital city. While there, John explored many cultural, historical and religious landmarks. He also visited Germany's parliament building during the height of the German federal election season. Aside from touring



John Weisser '23 (left) with his 3 host brothers (Linus, Johannes, Santiago) at the Reichstag (Parliament building) in Berlin, Germany.

big cities, John has also taken short day trips to nearby towns and beautiful forests.

Between his experiences at school, his class trips, and the time spent with his host family, John has begun to develop a broader view of the world and a better understanding of German culture and his own. He expressed how he now recognizes that differences are what make other cultures unique. Overall John has found Germany to be a positive experience so far and a welcoming and friendly place. We wish John well through the remainder of his year and look forward to welcoming him back to YC in the fall for his senior year.

Students Commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers

Congratulations to the following York Catholic seniors who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Shown left to right: Dominic DeMarco (son of Ann Johnson DeMarco '86), Evan Costlow (son of Tiffany Nicholas Costlow '96 and Christopher Costlow '94), Nate Gingerich, Chaplain Father John Kuchinski, Hannah Dillman (daughter of Antonena Firestone Dillman '97), Aleya Miller (daughter of Gwyn Johnston Miller '90).



SS.C.M. Servant Leadership Award Winner

Congratulations to York Catholic senior, Olivia Hinkson, who received the SS.C.M. Servant Leadership Award at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, PA. This award recognizes distinguished high school juniors and seniors who are joyful witnesses, compassionate proclaimers, and enthusiastic builders of the Kingdom of God. The focus of the award is on teens who remain active in their faith and parish beyond Confirmation, and who actively serve in their parish, school and community.

Olivia was nominated by St. Peter Catholic Church in Columbia. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Student Ambassador. Olivia is a cheerleader for YCHS and is a violinist in the YCHS Concert Band and York Youth Symphony Orchestra. For the last three years, Olivia has received the YCHS Service Award for 50+ hours of service. At her parish, she volunteers at the Lenten Fish Fry, registers parishioners for the parish directory, and has been an altar server since fourth grade. Olivia is a member of the Chinese Cultural and Arts Institute (CCAI) and performs classical Chinese dance at community events and fundraisers to help other non-profit organizations. She received the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award for her service hours with CCAI in 2017, 2018, and 2019. She is a summer camp mentor for Music for Everyone (MFE), a non-profit program that increases access to music for underserved populations. Olivia writes that it is one of her goals "to have the courage and integrity to take real actions to help those in need and embrace differences."



Olivia Hinkson '22

Each teen was given the opportunity to select one person as a mentor who has encouraged them to generously use their time and talents as a follower of Jesus. Olivia expressed her thanks to Mr. Paul Miller, her Religion teacher last year, as someone who has encouraged her in her faith at a time when adolescents are faced with threats to their integrity and well-being. She said Mr. Miller's class encouraged her to reflect on issues of religion and morality, as well as help her develop a resilient attitude as she navigates the complexities she faces both inside and beyond school.

Apples for the Teacher

Thank you to Mary Brown (right) for honoring YC math teacher, Mrs. Emschweiler (center), with Brown's Orchards & Farm Market's monthly teacher recognition basket and apples. Mrs. Emschweiler was nominated by her student, 8th grader Ava Klinedinst (left).



Speakers Bureau and Career Shadowing

York Catholic Middle & High School is excited to engage with those in our community through our Speakers Bureau and Career Shadowing initiatives.

Our Speakers Bureau will allow our students to hear from top-notch individuals that are successful in their chosen fields. There is a rich resource of experienced people within our diocese, alumni base, and local community that have much to share with our students. These men and women will be from diverse areas of expertise such as politics, sports, business, arts, clergy, etc.

YC Junior, Addie Seufert (daughter of Katie Doyle Seufert '96) recently participated in our Career Shadowing program at Warehaus, an architect, engineer, and design firm in York. The Career Shadowing program is an opportunity for students to spend time "in the field" with a knowledgeable worker to learn about a career and observe daily work activities. This is a great way for our students to observe specific jobs as they plan for their future.

Interested in participating in our Speakers Bureau or having students come out to shadow? Contact Laurie Moir in our Development Department at 717-846-8871 x322 or lmoir@yorkcatholic.org.



Warehaus staff and YC alumni Matt Falvey '89 (son of Dennis Falvey '63 and Deanna Hoke Falvey '64) and Joe Stein '99 (son of Rose Orlando Stein '70) with Addie Seufert '23 (daughter of Katie Doyle Seufert '96).

York Catholic Business Partnership Program

The York Catholic Business Partnership Program is a one-stop-shop for marketing opportunities throughout the school year, providing vital financial resources to help underwrite all of York Catholic's athletic and musical programs. This advertising initiative is designed to provide businesses with true marketing value through a wide variety of multi-platform advertisements.

The three tiers of the York Catholic Business Partnership Program include: Emerald (\$5,000), Gold (\$3,000), and Green (\$1,500). Business Partnerships run for an entire year, July 1 through June 30, and are renewed on an annual basis. These packages provide numerous and creative marketing impressions for our partners to our extensive York Catholic

community. With more than 8,000 alumni and friends in our database and over 35,000 visitors to our school, stadium, gymnasium, and auditorium annually, our reach is extensive.

Through our York Catholic Business Partnership Program, we hope to give exposure to philanthropic businesses who go above and beyond to support our students' education and extracurricular activities. This is our way of saying thank you for the incredible generosity and continued support. If you are interested in learning more, please visit our website at yorkcatholic.org/give/business-sponsorships or contact Laurie Moir in our Development Department at 717-846-8871 x322 or lmoir@yorkcatholic.org.



YC Receives National Grant



York Catholic is grateful to be awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Black and Indian Mission Collection to support equity education and professional development programs for our faculty and staff.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help communities build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities:

Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis

Grant funds from the BIMC enable the support of parish-based catechetical programs. The BIMC helps form and train catechists who will form children to be disciples of Jesus in the world, and get bibles and catechisms in kids' hands so they can learn the ways of the Lord and take their place around His altar.

Helping Educators Reach Kids

BIMC helps support good teachers to help African American and Native American kids learn, like Sheryl Ashley at Saint Augustine Indian Mission in Winnebago, NE. Saint Augustine kids recently made a 60% improvement in reading scores in three years.

Encouraging Vocations

We need men and women living the consecrated life to give witness to a radical Christian life. We need priests in order to have the Eucharist! The BIMC helps diocesan communities encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Empowering Evangelizers

BIMC grant funds help offices of Black Catholic and Native American ministries to sponsor events and formation to encourage the Christian life in culturally appropriate ways.

For more information, visit the Black and Indian Mission Collection website at blackandindianmission.org/.



Businesses Give Back

It's easy! Just visit these vendor websites for a percentage of your purchases to go to York Catholic.

Coca-Cola Products

When you make Coca-Cola purchases, you simply enter the product codes here: coke.com/give/schools and York Catholic receives a donation.

Shutterfly

For all of your Shutterfly purchases, visit yorkcatholic.shutterflystorefront.com, instead of shutterfly.com for a percentage of the value of your purchases to go to York Catholic. Please feel free to share this email with your friends, family and co-workers—the more orders we receive through our Storefront, the more YC earns!

Weis Markets

Help YC earn a share of \$500,000 from Weis Markets! On your next visit to Weis, simply **ask your cashier to scan York Catholic's barcode** or visit the customer service desk. The YC bar code only needs to be scanned one time to register. Use your Weis Club Card as usual. You will receive your Club Card benefits, and YC will earn cash based upon your qualifying purchases. Purchases of gas, lottery tickets, postage, alcohol, tobacco, and other products prohibited by law do not qualify.

More information can be found in the YC Giving Guide on the YC website at yorkcatholic.org/give.

Alumni Pursue Religious Life



Sister Alexandra Prosser '99

York Catholic has been a foundation for many students to become inspired to pursue Catholic religious life. Keith Carroll '00 (son of Doris Freed Carroll '66 and Keith Carroll '66) and Dan Mitzel '72 are among many who followed the calling to the priesthood, while Pat Hinton '59 and Dominica LoBianco '62 not only became Sisters, but also returned to YC to teach. We had a chance to catch up with our 2 most recent graduates who answered the call to Sisterhood, Sister Alexandra Prosser '99 and Sister M. Isabella Erb (Rachel Erb) '07 (daughter of Amy Pasch Erb '81), to hear more about their inspiration and advice.

Tell us about how your experience at York Catholic served as an inspiration to enter religious life.

Sister Isabella: I first started thinking about Religious Life when I was in 7th and 8th Grade at York Catholic. Through the witness of one of the Sisters in our school, Sister Marianne Lallone, IHM, the thought of belonging to Jesus and being a Sister in the future was stirred up in my heart. I remember watching Sister Marianne come to life with so much joy as she talked about Jesus and His love and goodness for us. I remember asking her one day, what it means to be a Sister, knowing that they, sisters, must pray but there must be



Sister M. Isabella (Rachel) Erb '07

more to it than just praying. When she said, "To be a Sister means to be a bride of Christ" my heart was so filled with a joy that I had never felt before and the desire to belong all to Jesus and be His bride was always there in my heart. Through Sister Marianne's witness and her openness to share more about her Religious Life, I was able to grow in my faith. She encouraged me to spend time with Jesus and get to know Him more, to actually know Him and His Heart and love for me. I spent a lot of moments or visits in the chapel throughout the day at York Catholic and enjoyed going to daily Mass. Even though I found moments to pray, I still enjoyed doing normal things of a teenage girl; wearing jewelry, horseback riding, ballet, going to dances, hanging out with friends, etc.

Sister Alexandra: As a student at York Catholic, I was always proud of being part of our Catholic school spirit. In Religion classes, once each year, I remember having a priest and religious visit to tell us that we should consider a religious vocation and that, if God was calling us to this, it would be the way we would be most happy. Having this knowledge was important. I also remember being invited to daily morning Mass by one of the Sisters and while I did not attend in high school, the thought stayed with me such that I developed the practice on my own in college.

Alumni Serving in Catholic Religious Life

Please let us know if we missed anyone

1933 – Rev. William Frantz (dec)
1946 – Rev. Albert Reed (dec)
1947 – Rev. Killian Shuman (dec)
1965 – Rev. Andrew Draper
1967 – Rev. Anthony Clark
1971 – Rev. Robert Harrison
1972 – Rev. Daniel Mitzel
2000 – Rev. Keith Carroll

1935 – Sister Rose Veronica Kotzman (dec)
1936 – Sister Mary Thomas (dec)
1938 – Sister Mary Bayer (dec)
1938 – Sister Monica Steinfelt (dec)
1939 – Sister Mary Andrew Persing
1940 – Sister Gilmary (Eileen) Simmons
1940 – Sister Mary Grace Rutter (dec)
1940 – Sister Mary Terentia Corcoran (dec)
1942 – Sister Mary Harold Knox (dec)
1944 – Sister Clela Marie Reineberg
1944 – Sister Jean Marie Landis
1944 – Sister M. Magdalene Fanucci (dec)
1945 – Sister Mary Clare (Mildred) Reineberg
1946 – Sister Mary Rita Mullen (dec)
1947 – Sister Elizabeth Lutter (dec)
1947 – Sister Loretta Francis Mann (dec)
1948 – Sister Agnes Mullen (dec)
1948 – Sister Marise Fabie
1950 – Sister Barbara Kotzman
1950 – Sister Louise Buckel (dec)
1950 – Sister Patricia Ann Deller (dec)
1952 – Sister Marian Dolores Frantz (dec)
1952 – Sister Rose Marie Mullen
1953 – Sister Ada Helfrich (dec)
1954 – Sister Ann Moriarty (dec)
1956 – Sister Judith Andrews
1957 – Sister Angela Joseph Lowe
1959 – Sister Margaret Guyer
1959 – Sister Pat Hinton
1960 – Sister Anne Leonard Freed
1960 – Sister M. Veronica Fregapane
1961 – Sister Mary Dorothy Kelly
1962 – Sister Dominica LoBianco
1962 – Sister Joan Keller
1965 – Sister Rita Charles Smith
1968 – Sister Anita McGowan (dec)
1969 – Sister Joan Klunk
1971 – Sister Mary Elaine Anderson
1974 – Sister Mary Farrell
1999 – Sister Alexandra Prosser
2007 – Sister M. Isabella (Rachel) Erb

What advice would you give to students to be open to a religious calling?

Sister Alexandra: In regards to being open to a religious calling, prayer is important. Being “available” to the Lord, speaking with Him in prayer, and asking for His will, whatever that might be – whether in a specific vocation, or choosing a college...or anything – really helps! It can also be a real gift to foster friendships where there is a mutual desire to enjoy life and to support each other in living a holy life. Many of our Sisters can say that the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, whether in Eucharistic Adoration or receiving the Blessed Sacrament more frequently, played a major role in their vocation. Mary is also a great help on the journey!

Sister Isabella: For those discerning their vocation, especially feeling a call to religious life or even those who might not know what vocation Jesus has given them, I would say pray every day for openness to the Holy Spirit. Start by getting to know Jesus, actually know Him as a real human person, PERSONALLY! Not just knowing of God, but who HE is, one who loves us as we are. One who sees what we will become with His grace if we are open. He is a God who fights for us, waits for us, sees every part of us. Start with being with Jesus who loves you and wants to hear your thoughts. He never rejects or finds our words too small or silly. He knows us more than we know ourselves.

Discernment can be scary at first but Jesus takes our great acts of trust and transforms them into great beauty. I have learned that He will never disappoint and will always surprise with His goodness when we follow Him, even in the most difficult moments. When we think we have nothing to give or we do not know what to do next, He takes that act of trust with joy and carries us. So do not be afraid to ask Jesus what He wants of you and has created you to be! You were created for greatness. Our world is so much in need of light and the witness of courage, trust, and hope!

Excellent advice from our Sisters with words that are inspiring to all of us.

Abe Amoros '85 - Serving the People & Expanding Equity

Barb (Ember) Full '78



Abe Amoros '85

Abe Amoros was born in Jersey City, NJ and moved to Puerto Rico when he was six months old, where his father ended his formal education in the sixth grade. Along with his parents and brother, Abe came to York when he was 7 years old. His mother worked in the York City School district for 24 years. Education was always a priority

in his family, and after graduating from YC he went on to earn his BA in Journalism from Penn State University and his MA in Governmental Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. Not only has he been a private business owner of Amoros Communications, he has also had a stellar career in state and local government, including Director of Community Development, under York Mayor John Brenner, and Press Secretary for PA Governor Ed Rendell. Most recently in November of 2020, Abe was approved as Managing Director of the city of Reading, PA. Reading is the 4th largest city in PA, 69% of its population is Latino and particularly challenging because 35% of the residents live below the poverty level.

Abe told me he sees the access to education and job opportunities as one of the biggest problems in cities. Reading is fortunate to have good colleges or post-secondary schools such as Alvernia University, Albright College, and Penn State Berks, but admission and funding is still a problem for many. He said the rewards of city leadership are accomplishment for getting things done for individuals and groups, even small quality of life issues such as trash pickup. Earning the trust of constituents is another; people knowing they can count on you to follow up. One of the biggest drawbacks is that it is a "thankless job" and most times the only person he knows thanking him is Jesus. After more than 3 decades of serving people, Abe is an expert on human behavior as well!

In 2018, Abe was appointed to the Penn State Board of Trustees by Governor Tom Wolf. More recently, he is giving back in a different way – he and his wife Leslie just committed \$25,000 to the Penn State University Bellisario College of Communications to establish the Amoros Education Equity Scholarship. The gift will be matched 1:1 through the university's Equity Matching program. To date, the work that Abe is most proud of is founding the York City Little League, which has served more than 3,000 youth baseball players and continues today. His message for everyone he meets is, "Work hard, serve others, and be grateful."

York Catholic Fund

Did You Know? York Catholic's annual operating budget is only partially covered by tuition. More specifically, the tuition that each family pays for their child to attend YC only covers 71% of the cost of that education. To help fund that "tuition gap," York Catholic relies heavily on gifts to our annual York Catholic Fund. Gifts to the York Catholic Fund allow each and every student to benefit from small class sizes, dedicated faculty, a diverse student population, and student enrichment programs. Gifts also support exciting

professional development opportunities for our teachers, keeping them at the forefront of education. Please consider making a gift to the YC Fund today by returning the enclosed envelope or donating online at yorkcatholic.org/give!



Class Reunions

Class Reunions are typically held every 5 years for graduating classes, but many meet monthly. If you're planning a class get-together, let us know so we can help you spread the word. We can place your notice in upcoming Greensleeves issues, post information on our website, and help you with a mailing list. And don't forget... York Catholic is a great place to have your reunion. We can help you with that, too.

Please contact the Advancement Office at 717-846-8871 x322 or development@yorkcatholic.org to let us know about your upcoming reunion.

PLEASE NOTE: Most reunion events are postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Please contact your class coordinator for further information.

Class of 1952

Classmates will meet for lunch the last Wednesday in April and October at a local restaurant. Call any of the following for details: Mary (Cuffaro) Keffer at 717-757-1222, Barbara (Sheffer) Rooney at 717-843-3498, or Vivian (Noel) Keith at 717-741-9612. Even if you can't make the lunch, give us a call with your email address and phone number.

Class of 1955

Come and enjoy seeing and meeting old friends and classmates, every first Thursday of the month for lunch at 1 PM. Call Carol (Knaub) Krepps at 717-757-6987 or Joan (Orendorff) Witmer at 717-845-8128 for the restaurant choice of the month.

Class of 1958

Classmates meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 9 AM at the Stony Brook Family Restaurant, 3560 East Market Street in York. For more information, contact Ken Witmer at 717-755-9883 or wit438@comcast.net.

Class of 1959

A luncheon social is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at various restaurants in York. Contact Thelma (Gutt) Greaves at tlgreaves@aol.com or 717-417-1057.

Class of 1960

Members of the class meet for lunch at Boardwalks Restaurant on East Market Street in York at 12:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every other even month. Please contact Mary "Fran" (Frey) Hughes at 717-755-9480 or Joann (Gaubeart) Hano at 717-755-2262 if you will be joining the group.

Class of 1962

Members of the class meet for breakfast at the Lyndon Diner at 9 AM on the 4th Thursday of each month. Please contact Liz (Wotherspoon) Kohler at 717-259-9082 or eak913@verizon.net if you will be joining the group.

Class of 1963

The Class of 1963 meets for breakfast the second Tuesday of every month at 10 AM at the Meadow Hill Family Restaurant on East Prospect St. Spouses are welcome too! For more information, classmates can contact Pat (Grimek) Stover at 717-757-6885.

Class of 1967

Class members get together monthly at various locations. For more information, contact Kay (Daniels) Kuhn at rkuhn7@comcast.net.

Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 meets monthly at 11:30 AM at Hoss's on White Street in West York. Class members can e-mail Marty Tassia at martytassia@comcast.net, Paul Faulise at paulfaulise@gmail.com, or Lynn (Gallagher) Maher at lynn.g.maher@gmail.com with questions or to update their information.

Class of 1972

The Class of 1972 will be holding its 50th Reunion on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at the Country Club of York. More updates will be posted on the Class Facebook page.

Class of 2001

The Class of 2001 has postponed its 20th year reunion until spring/summer of 2022 so an outdoor venue can be found to hopefully celebrate safely. For more information or to add/update your contact information, please email ychs01reunion@gmail.com or call/text Laura (Keintz) Peters at 443-293-6794.

COMBO COUPLE SPOTLIGHT

Mike Allen '04 & Priscilla (Arnold) Allen '05



THEN - 2002

THEN - How It Started: Mike & Priscilla in 2002



NOW - 2021

NOW - How It's Going: Mike & Priscilla with their children, Michael, David, and Mark in 2021.

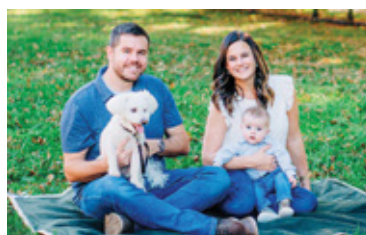
Priscilla Arnold '05 and Mike Allen '04 met in 2001 at a pre-Homecoming party. Both had other dates for the dance, but the dates didn't attend the party, so Priscilla and Mike sat in the corner all night chatting. They started dating a few weeks after that, and have been together for 20 years! They have great memories of YC together: they were on debate team and mock trial together, went to most of the school dances together, and both enjoyed art classes. Mike said, "A favorite memory for us was walking through the cafeteria and chatting with Mrs. Alton. She had given us special permission to hold hands (she was a big fan of our relationship). Soon after, a different teacher told us to "stop holding hands!" when Mrs. Alton quickly came to our defense and said "I told them they could." We have always looked back at that moment with special fondness for the teachers who supported us and our relationship." They attended separate Catholic universities which allowed their relationship and faith to grow and strengthen. They married in 2009 and lived in Virginia for a few years while Mike got his Ph.D. in Chemistry and Priscilla worked as a preschool teacher. In 2012, they moved back home to York and started their family. Mike is now the Director of Innovation at Adhesives Research and Priscilla holds down the home front with their three sons, Michael (8), David (6), and Mark (4) who attend St. Joseph School. Priscilla noted, "Just today, our little guy brought a library book home that was donated on Mike's 7th birthday nearly 30 years ago! It is a joy to remain a part of the YC community after all these years."

Class Notes

Donna (Rucci) Collins '75 is editor-in-chief of Buffalo Business First, the weekly business newspaper for Western New York that is part of the American Cities Business Journals group. Donna has been married to her husband, Bill, for 41 years and they have four children, one of whom (Julia) was married in September.

Patrick Mahoney '80 is CEO of the Financial Planning Association, headquartered in Denver, CO. He and his wife, Lesley, reside in Denver.

Dana Lee Ann Carter '94 graduated from the Reading School of Health Sciences with her RN and works as a registered nurse PRN at KenCrest in Pottstown, PA, caring for medically fragile residents with significant and profound intellectual disabilities. She graduated with her second master degree in Instructional Technology from Kutztown University in December 2016. Currently, she is pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from New Mexico Highlands University and is expected to graduate in December 2022. Dana is starting her 21st year of teaching special education students with 18 of those years at Schuylkill Valley Middle School in Leesport, PA.



The Herrmann Family

Casey (Smith) Herrmann '01 and **Garrett Herrmann '03** welcomed son Luke in June 2020.

Andrew Green '05 (son of Robert Green '65 and Cheryl Landis Green '70) works for the Chicago White Sox for their AAA team in Charlotte NC.

Matt Green '07 (son of Robert Green '65 and Cheryl Landis Green '70) is a practicing dentist and partner in a dental practice in York. He and his wife welcomed their first child last year.

Jennifer Green '10 (daughter of Robert Green '65 and Cheryl Landis Green '70) lives in the Greater Philadelphia area is a sales and marketing specialist.

Adisa Hargett-Robinson '12 lives in Washington DC and has been producing and reporting breaking, political, and cultural news at ABC News and has published several exclusives reporting stories for ABC News.com.

Colin Burns '13 is in his first year of studies at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. Colin started his studies in August 2021, pursuing a Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

Lexi Zambito '18 (daughter of Charles Zambito '78 and Paula Hamberger Zambito Stoeckle '80) graduated from Mount Saint Mary's and was one of 15 students nationwide to be accepted as a Ropke-Wojtyla Fellow for 2021-22. According to the Mount, "this immersive fellowship program, hosted by The Catholic University of America, educates Catholic intellectuals and future business leaders in the study of Catholic social thought."



Ryan Shanko '21

Ryan Shanko '21 joined his brother Zachary Shanko '23 and his Boy Scout Troop on a two-week trip through the desert outside of Philmont, New Mexico.

Memorials

Audrey (Dillmeier) Griffin '49, mother of Judson Griffin (deceased), Eve Griffin; sister of Barbara (Dillmeier) Gable '50.



Stephen Hlavacik, son of Stephen (deceased) and Irene Hlavacik; father of Julia Hlavacik, Kristen (Hlavacik) Sweeney; father-in-law of Shanon Sweeney; brother of Marci (Hlavacik) Leech, Mary Stephanie (Hlavacik) Matava, Mara Hlavacik, Joseph Hlavacik. Mr. Hlavacik taught history and religion at York Catholic and coached basketball and baseball. He is best remembered for his work as a YC and LIU school counselor in the early 70s through his retirement in 2012.

Rita H. (Mitzel) D'Ottavio '68, wife of John J. D'Ottavio '65 (deceased); mother of Chad E. D'Ottavio '88, John A. D'Ottavio; daughter of Clayton and Dora Mitzel (deceased); sister of Jane (Mitzel) Leiphart '67, Rev. Daniel Mitzel '74, Deanna (Mitzel) Sweitzer '76; aunt of Larry G. Leiphart Jr. '90 (deceased); grandmother of Vincent D'Ottavio; aunt of Amy Toti, Lisa Sirico, Tori Byers, great-aunt to 3 great nieces and 7 great nephews.

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