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PLEASE, NO MORE EEYORES!

According to the Harvard Business School's website, "Dr. Clayton M. Christensen is the Kim B. Clark Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School and is regarded as one of the world's top experts on innovation and growth." Earlier this year, a video of his was posted on YouTube, entitled, "Clay Christensen on Religious Freedom." The following text is my attempt to transcribe the content of what he said:

Some time ago I had a conversation with a Marxist economist from China, he was coming to the end of a Fulbright fellowship in Boston. And, I asked him if he had learned anything that was surprising or unexpected? And without any hesitation, he said, "Yeah, I had no idea how critical religion is to the functioning of democracy." "The reason why democracy works," he said, "is not because the government was designed to oversee what everybody does. But rather, democracy works because most people, most of the time, voluntarily choose to obey the law. And in her past, most Americans attended a church or synagogue every week and they were taught there by people whom they respected." My friend went on to say that "Americans follow these rules because they had come to believe that they were not just accountable to society; they were accountable to God." My Chinese friend heightened a vague but nagging concern of Harvard inside that as religion loses its influence over the lives of Americans; what will happen to our democracy? Where are the institutions that are going to teach the next generation of Americans that they too need to voluntarily obey the laws? Because if you take away religion, you can't hire enough police.

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While I am interested in the topic of “religious freedom” what motivates my use of this video is the insight of the Marxist economist, “*Yeah, I had no idea how critical religion is to the functioning of democracy.*” And to the question posed at the end: “*Where are the institutions that are going to teach the next generation of Americans that they too need to voluntarily obey the laws?*” I can answer confidently that one of them is and will be Saint Andrew School in Drexel Hill.

Over the past year, a consistent theme that has continued to resurface in my prayer and meditation is: DO NOT LET THE PERFECT GET IN THE WAY OF THE GOOD! How poignant a thought is that? To some degree, isn't this a reflection on Original Sin? How many times do we allow our inability to achieve perfection (that which we cannot do and/or something that is not ours by right nor nature, without the grace of God) to become the excuse for attempting to accomplish goals half-heartedly or not to try at all? “It's always been done that way?” “Leave it to someone else!” “Who are you trying to kid, you cannot do this!” “It's impossible!” Too often we allow ourselves to get seduced by apathy and the fearful prophets of doom, who seek to protect the *status quo* as sufficient. At times, when we allow our fears and anxieties to overwhelm us, we ourselves are the source of these prophecies against ourselves and the origin of defeat before we even begin a task. Thus, the reason for the title of this reflection: “PLEASE, NO MORE EYORES!”

For those of you who are not familiar with the journey through A. A. Milne's *Hundred Acre Woods* with Winnie the Pooh Bear, Christopher Robin, *et alia*; let me make the introduction to our sad-sack, pessimistic and negative friend Eeyore. “Eeyore is . . . an unbelievably loveable donkey who is dismally gloomy for almost eternity. But that's not Eeyore's perception of himself, according to him; he doesn't expect too much of himself and therefore remains quiet for most of the time. . . . Eeyore, a very gloomy, blue-gray donkey, is stuffed with sawdust. Eeyore's biggest problem is when his tail falls off and that happens frequently (he has lost it many times). . . . Christopher Robin is the one who mostly undertakes the job of fixing Eeyore's tail. Christopher uses a drawing pin to reattach the tail. . . . Eeyore has a poor opinion of the other animals living in the 100 Acre Wood . . . It is well known that Eeyore has a depressive nature and he is always gloomy, but he is also a compassionate animal. . . . Eeyore will often enquire if his tail has been properly fixed and at the right point.” (<http://www.just-pooh.com/eeyore.html>) Please do understand: I am no hater of purple-gray donkeys or even Eeyores, in general. It is just that they take up too much time and energy focusing on the negative. They are so concerned about losing their tails and making sure their behinds are covered properly once they find them, that they rarely acknowledge and appreciate the blessings that surround them. In a storm, they are so consumed by the storm clouds, that they hinder themselves from realizing that



storms are, albeit violent at times, cleansing. More significantly, whether we are able to see it or not, the sun is always burning brightly.



Robert F. Kennedy once said: "Since the days of Greece and Rome the word 'citizen' was a title of honor; we have often seen more emphasis put on the rights of citizenship than on its responsibilities. And today, as never before in the free world, responsibility is the greatest right of citizenship and service is the greatest of freedom's privileges." Words like these both challenge and inspire us to put aside the restless and melancholic discontent of allowing external forces to create the condition of our possibilities and future. It is about you and me accepting ourselves in our own historic moment, acknowledging the gifts entrusted to

us by Divine Providence, taking responsibility for our choices and building our future by doing something that will matter. Bobby Kennedy was remembered famously for saying: "Some men see things as they are and say, 'Why?' I dream of things that never were and say, 'Why not?'"

In the inaugural edition of this SAS Alumni Newsletter published in the fall of 2008, when there were rumors that Saint Andrew School was going to close; when the enrollment was at 234, when there was a general *malaise* about the state of the parish and the future of our school, I emphatically stated: ***"The cynical prophets of secularism will scoff and tempt us to believe that Catholic parochial schools are something of the past, financial black holes, or even, a waste of time, energy and money. Call me either idealistic or naïve, but I do not believe such nonsensical ignorance. I do not believe it, because I am a product of the sacrificial love of my parents, the parish priests, the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the lay teachers and staff that formed the community of learning that taught me not only the three R's, but more significantly, about what life and love really mean: the on-going lesson of moving from narcissistic self-centeredness to Eucharistic self-giving. Is there anything more valuable in which we might invest our own time, energy and financial resources than in providing our children with the fundamental tools to engage this world with its myriad of temptations and empty promises? Join us in continuing this awesome task of love of forming the future in faith."*** And look at the progress we have made since then, despite the attempt of the Blue Ribbon Commission of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to close Saint Andrew School in 2012. In that time, the enrollment of our school has increased 63%; the facilities are systematically being maintained and updated; we have installed a computer lab, a Science LabLearner®, an Art lab, we have introduced the computer-based "Rosetta Stone" Language program for all our students (K-8); the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* program has been and continues to be an inspiring and effective enhancement to our Religion curriculum in the early grades; we have introduced more opportunities for social awareness and service projects and we have happy students. In that time, we have built upon a great tradition and have strengthened our Catholic identity and have demonstrated that we are unwilling to bury the "gift" given to us by the Lord; but are willing to risk losing it all for His sake in order to



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hand back to Him three-fold, six-fold or ten-fold the gift He entrusted to our care. The cynical prophets are still out there telling us that “this” cannot be done. Please, no more Eeyores . . . stop listening to them and open your eyes and see what is happening around you!

As we prepare for the centennial of our parish, we stand at a crossroads. Believe me; I am well aware of the rumors, fears, demographics and the economy, etc. I am neither stupid nor irresponsible, but as I listen to people voice concerns over this matter, about the neighborhood, the number of Catholics, the number of practicing Catholics, I ask myself, “What am I doing to make a difference?” “What are we doing to make a difference?” Do we sit back and allow everyone else to decide for me what is going to happen to me? That’s the easy path; then I do not have to take personal responsibility for anything and I can blame whomever or whatever for the results. But, what have I done to make a difference? Do we still seriously hope and desire to hand on to our children the light of Christ and His Good News? to prepare them to enter an often violent world of fragile peace, broken promises, and a frightful disrespect for life? Or will we allow society, or the public school system, or the government to form them? This is not just the responsibility of parents who have school-aged children, this is the concern of every one of us who is serious about our Catholic faith and about entrusting it to the next generation of believers.

Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI in an address to the clergy of Aosta in Northern Italy, echoes the sentiment of the Chinese Marxist quoted at the beginning of this reflection saying: “It is becoming ever clearer that only moral values and strong convictions, and sacrifices, make it possible to live and to build the world. It is impossible to construct it in a mechanical way, as Karl Marx proposed, with the theories concerning capital and ownership, etc. If there is no moral force in souls, if there is no readiness to suffer for these values, then a better world is not built; indeed, on the contrary, the world deteriorates every day, selfishness dominates and destroys all. . . It can be seen that morality as such does not survive and is not effective unless it is deeply rooted in convictions that truly provide certainty and the strength to suffer for a love that grows in suffering and is the substance of life. In the end, in fact, love alone enables us to live, and love is always also suffering: it matures in suffering and provides the strength to suffer for good without taking oneself into account at the actual moment.” (25 July 2005) These are the core values that form the mission of Catholic education, our school and our desire to build a culture of life and a civilization of love through faith and knowledge.

As we wander and wonder through the pages of this special edition Newsletter, with the memories it awakens, with the news that inspires and with the photos that captivate us, let us ask ourselves the question: ***Is there anything more valuable in which we might invest our own time, energy and financial resources than in providing our children with a firm foundation in their Catholic Faith and with the essential tools to engage this world with its myriad of temptations and empty promises?*** As I did six years ago, I again repeat my invitation for you to ***“join us in continuing this awesome task of love of forming the future in faith.”***

From the Principal

Readers may recall that Saint Andrew School underwent the self study process required for reaccreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA). The preparation of the *Designing Our Future* protocol took a little over two years of teachers, parents, and administrators working collaboratively to assess how well Saint Andrew School met the twelve standards required for Middle States Accreditation.



Saint Andrew School was first accredited under the leadership of Sr. Vincent Anita, SSJ in 1984. Since then reaccreditation was awarded by the commission in 1994, 2004, and yes, 2014! Our graduates and their parents may recall having visitors in the school for three day periods. One may remember that the school was in good order. In addition, all were on their best behavior and presented the very best of manners because deep down, we wanted the visitors to like our school. These visitors, educators from other areas, came to observe in classrooms, in the recess yard, at morning assembly and dismissal. Some students, teachers, and parents were called to interview with the visiting team. In brief, the purpose of the team's visit is to find evidence of all that was stated in the self study document, *Designing Our Future*. The commission bases its decision to grant accreditation on the school's final document and the visiting team's recommendation. I am pleased to report that in October, SAS received the official letter that reaccreditation was awarded. The written report includes the following excerpts, "As one walks through the doors of Saint Andrew School, it is quite clear that this is a school that values and cherishes its Catholic Identity...If one were to list the strengths of Saint Andrew School, they would have to be spirituality, high academic expectations and service to others."

The purpose of the study is to reflect on what we do and where we want to go. As a result, we strategize how we will get to where we want to be. In the plan for growth four goals are articulated: 1) to strengthen the faith formation of all stakeholders in the school; 2) to deepen student understanding of concepts and skills taught 3) to improve the health and well being of students and faculty; 4) to enhance the facilities of the school by the construction of a gymnasium and new library-media center. The team leader, Kathy Walther, commented that the last goal was rather ambitious. We know that! We also know that in previous plans for growth bold statements included a centralized library-media center and a science lab. The science lab was actually written in the 1994 and 2004 studies. It took some time, but today, we have a state of the art science lab for our students; thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, alumni and friends. Construction of a new gymnasium will open up needed space in other areas. Enrollment is projected to grow. Soon we will be at capacity with two sections of each grade. Yes, in days gone by we had three sections of each grade; however, we did not have the special designated spaces for math, reading support, science, art, music and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as we do now. These are integral parts of our program that make SAS what it is today.



Prior to leaving SAS, Mrs. Walther stated, "You share a vision for the future and the students who attend school here are the beneficiaries of that vision. You are investing in the future, an investment that will pay substantially in the form of adults who serve God and use their talents to also serve others." Oh, how I know this to be true! One advantage to having been at Saint Andrew School for my entire career is that I see the long term results. I see the good that you do, and give thanks to God for you. In this past year alone, my heart swelled with awe as I listened to Katie Porter '99 speak about her work as a director at Covenant House in New York. I was thrilled to read that Dr. Michael Lattanzio '93 was named one of the top Main Line doctors. Letters that arrived from Brother Christopher O'Brien '53 and Mr. William Hill '49 brought assurance that we are not alone in this endeavor, that there are others who care for our students.

Recently, a dean of one of the local Catholic universities posed a challenging question, "Where are they? Where are the graduates of our Catholic elementary schools?" My sense and hope is that they are living in the world doing just as Kathy Walther said, serving God and others! I consider myself blessed to have heard from so many of you through this newsletter. Your testimonies give strength to my conviction that the work that we do here matters and that our students do make a difference in the world. Together we build a culture of Life and a civilization of Love that changes the world for good. On behalf of the faculty and students, I thank you for your prayerful and generous support.

Helen McLean

Congratulations to our Special Centennial Students Class of 2022



Yes, it's a little early to start talking about the school's centennial celebration in 2022.

Yet, as every parent of every SAS graduate who sat teary-eyed through their child's 8th grade graduation ceremony knows, the time indeed is quite short. Treasure these moments and all the special milestones along the way - concluding with the unique distinction of being the **100th** graduating class in the remarkable history of Saint Andrew School!

The Class of 2022 at Kindergarten Graduation
June 2014

*"It is the bonds that develop
over the elementary school years
that link alumni for life."*

Class Notes

"It is the bonds that develop over the elementary school years that link alumni for life."

1941

Joseph Brady

In the Late Spring 2014 issue of the SAS Alumni Newsletter, Paul Rollins '46 asked about several classmates including my cousin, Jack Halbert.

Jack might best be remembered as a great basketball player, but after West Catholic and two years at Villanova, Jack entered Maryknoll and was ordained in June 1959. His first assignment was as Dean of Maryknoll College Seminary, Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He was then Administrator of the College of Theology, Maryknoll, NY.

In 1972, he was sent as a missionary to El Salvador and spent some years there helping the poor, providing for their spiritual and temporal welfare. He was involved in providing decent housing for them, an activity not appreciated by the powers that be. We were grateful that Jack was on a visit to the U.S.A. when, on November 16, 1989, all the priests and religious with whom he lived in a Jesuit community there were murdered.

After El Salvador, he was an administrator visiting Maryknoll missions around the world; then Superior, first, of the Conference Center, and then, of the infirmary at Maryknoll, NY. As long as he was able, he also took part in prison ministry.

He spent his final years in the Maryknoll Infirmary (with Parkinson's Disease) and died on June 6, 2008, one year short of 50 years as a priest.

*(Joe has been a member of St. Andrew Parish for the last 35 years, whose four sons and two daughters also attended SAS)
Drexel Hill, PA*

1941

Jim Noyes & Peggy Burke-Noyes '60



Saint Andrew's !

1949

Michael Rodgers

Frances Kelly Thomas '49 came from Florida to give support to her son Frank who received a kidney transplant. Michael Devon took Frances and I to the Town House in Media for lunch. We had an enjoyable time going over our days at Saint Andrews.

1949

William J. Hill

Dear Mrs. McLean

Thank you for the Saint Andrew Alumni Newsletter.

I am proud to see two graduates enter the Prep this fall. Please extend my congratulations and best wishes to both. My copy has been sent to Father Bur (*President of St. Joe Prep*) with the note that this might be the start of future Preppers from SAS.

Now, in all fairness, I turn to LaSalle High School. I know Brother Richard Kestler, F.S.C. quite well. I talked about the wonderful Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill. He said he would be interested in sending someone to SAS.

Now Brother Richard is President of West Catholic Prep. However, I am certain he would be more than twofold interested. Maybe send him a Newsletter and use my name (I am on the Board of St. Ignatius Nursing Home with him).

The Hill and Comly families have been fond friends for many years. Mrs. Comly gave me Dan's lace surplus to wear when I was an Altar Boy.

Best wishes for a great year!

Wynnewood, PA



1949

Dolores Hansell O'Neill

Hope to be one of the attendees at the 2015 reunion!

Sewell, NJ

1950

Marie Lamay

I enjoyed the video of the students, teachers, other staff and Father grooving to the "Happy" song. *(video can be viewed at the school's website or You Tube)*

www.saintandrewschool.com

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bfR3E2FrHOY>

Carlisle, PA

1956

James J. Burke

Celebrating the arrival of 6th grandchild in total - this one to Patrick '87 and Allyson Burke.

I understand a general reunion of all SAS classes is slated for 2015. I think it is great! I am considering organizing a reunion of my graduating Class of 1956. I was wondering if the names of surviving classmates would be available to me in order to call or email them to urge them to plan to attend the celebration.

(Editor's Note: While limited information is available, Class of 1956 members are encouraged to contact Jim at P.O. Box 45, Drexel Hill, PA 19026)

1961

Mary Ellen Cianfrani Miller

Russell Miller

Both SAS '61! Married at St. Andrew's in 1975. Thirty-nine years later - 4 children (all girls) and two grandchildren. My dad (Ralph Andrew Miller) was an SAS alumnus in the 1920s.

1987

Patrick Burke

Patrick and Allyson Burke recently celebrated the birth of their third child. Baby boy, Brennan was born May 6th at

3:40 AM and weighed in at 7lbs. 8 oz. Mother, dad, brother Patrick and sister Katie are enjoying the new addition to their family.

Media, PA

Congratulations



We wish to congratulate the following SAS alumni who were inducted into the Monsignor Bonner Hall of Fame in 2014:

1961

Rev. John Stack



Congratulations to Rev. John Stack, OSA, Bonner Class of '65, on his 2014 induction into the HOF! Father Stack has had a longstanding commitment to the welfare of students and alumni of both Bonner and Villanova University. He has served as the Vocation Director for Augustinians in the Delaware Valley, teacher and chaplain at Bonner, as well as Dean of Students and Vice President

of Student Life at Villanova University. Congratulations to Fr. Stack!

1962

Paul Bracken



In 2014 Paul Bracken, Professor of Management & Political Science at Yale University, was inducted into the Msgr. Bonner Hall of Fame. A crew standout at Bonner, Paul went on to serve on several top advisory bodies working with the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In 2012 he was rated one of the top 300 professors in the U.S. by the *Princeton Review* and is the author of six books, including *"The Second Nuclear Age."* A member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Paul serves on the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel, and co-chairs the Board of Advisors of the U.S. Naval War College and the Naval Postgraduate School. Congratulation Dr. Bracken!

1982

Pete Ruggieri



Congratulations to Pete Ruggieri, Bonner Class of '86, on his 2014 induction into the Bonner HOF. Pete was a football standout at Bonner, starting varsity for 3 years at noseguard, earning All-Catholic, All-City and All-Delco honors. Pete has gone on to own numerous Planet Fitness franchises in the Delaware Valley and generously supports Bonner through donations and training equipment for the athletic program. Pete was instrumental in starting the St. Mary Magdalen Football Program in Media, PA, and has assisted in promoting Bonner-Prendie High School in parishes that have not previously been feeder parishes. Congratulations Pete!

2011

Sianni Martin



Sianni was recently awarded a full basketball scholarship to Towson State after her graduation from Neumann-Goretti in May 2015. Sianni helped lead the Saints to the PIAA Class AA championship game in March 2014 losing to the perennial Western PA power Seton-LaSalle High School 58-50 (Neumann-Goretti's only loss of the season). They finished 29-1. Congratulations Sianni and best wishes for another successful year at Neumann-Gorretti!



Commemorative Centennial Book

Celebrating 100 years
1916-2016

GIFT OF FAITH ~ LEGACY OF LOVE



A Commemorative Centennial Book is being compiled highlighting the 100 year history of our parish. To help us celebrate this milestone, the Centennial Book Committee is looking to include your fond memories of our parish / school. These can include – but are certainly not limited to – the following:

- Short vignettes of our founding pastor, Fr. Joseph McShain (or any pastor)
- A favorite teacher, sister, pastor, priest...
- Special occasions, photos or significant events in the history of our parish

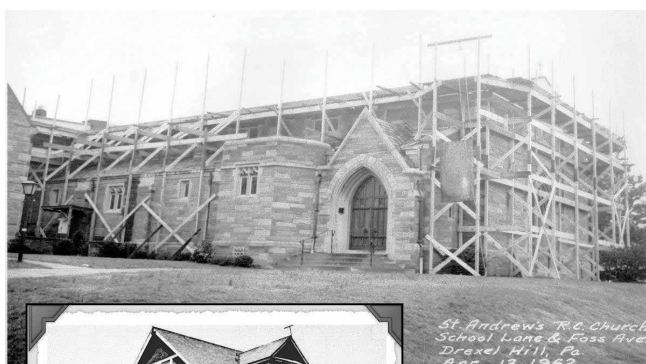
We are also blessed to be a community comprised of generations who were born in this parish, raised their families here and are now seeing their grandchildren and possibly great-grandchildren continue to live in St. Andrews. If this describes your family, then

congratulations! You are one of our “Legacy Families” and we would like to include your family in the Centennial Commemorative Book.

“Legacy Families” and Memories submissions can be dropped off at the Rectory to the attention of: Kate Paffett. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number on all submissions. Questions? **Call Kate at 610-623-7484 or email: kate.paffett@rcn.com**



Rev. Joseph McShain
Founding Pastor
(1916 - 1949)





SAS All Class Reunion November 27, 2015

As part of our year-long Centennial Celebration commencing in June 2015, the Events Subcommittee of St. Andrew's Centennial Committee has reserved the beautiful Springfield Country Club



(springfieldcc.net) for our inaugural SAS All Class Reunion on Friday, November 27, **2015**. For our out-of-town alums that have not been in the area for some time, Springfield Country Club is located at 400 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064 (near St. Kevin Parish). In addition to their 18 hole golf course, a new Courtyard Marriott opened at Springfield CC in the fall of 2013.



The sub-committee wasted no time in booking the evening's entertainment - the very popular and entertaining *Chico's Vibe* - voted the best event band on the East Coast. Members of their nine-piece orchestra (including a four-member *dancin' and groovin'* horn section) have toured and recorded with some of the biggest artists in the music industry. The Vibe has been the focal entertainment at some of the most prestigious events in the Philadelphia area, including the 150th Academy Ball for the Academy of Music (attended by England's Prince Charles.) Their musical stylings span all decades and genres (from Etta James and the Beatles to Billy Joel and the Black Eyed Peas).

Chico's Vibe provides more than just music - they bring sensational entertainment, showmanship, class and professionalism.

This is a great opportunity to join your fellow classmates in renewing friendships and sharing memories and events that remain to this day an important part of our lives. And the best part is that all the major logistical challenges that have hindered prior individual class reunion attempts have been successfully resolved by the subcommittee. It now up to the SAS graduates (21 and over) to spread the word, reserve the date (tee-time?), book a room and remember those SAS *glory days*.

The subcommittee welcomes and encourages representatives of all classes to help make this a truly memorable event. Please contact Claire Martorana '77 at CMartorana@cyedc.org if you wish to be a part of the planning committee or assist in any way.



☐ I would like to assist in the planning of the SAS All Class Reunion

Name _____ Class of _____

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City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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St. John the Apostle Parish
Pennsylvania





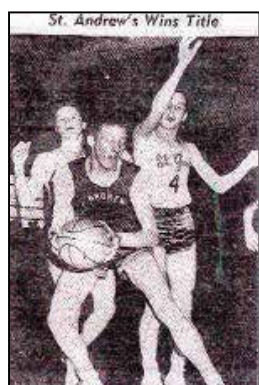
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Looking for a Place to Hang Those Championship Banners?

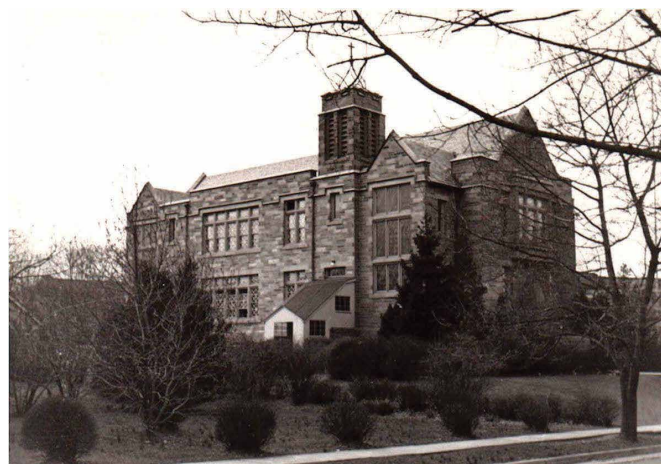
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State Basketball Champions - 1973
Coach Thomas Faustman (missing in the picture)



ST. ANDREW'S (Drexel Hill)			S. JOSEPH'S (Baltimore, Md.)							
G. F. P.										
Stumm	2	0	4	Walsh	2	2	6			
Stelgerwalt	0	2	2	Witt	7	2	16			
Miller	3	1	7	Maher	1	0	2			
Faustman	2	1	5	Brisotti	0	0	0			
Clifton	8	1	17	Moran	0	0	0			
Mingey	0	0	0							
G'dschmidt	0	0	0							
Totals			15	5	35	Totals		10	4	24
Halftime: St. Andrew's, 20-10.										



The St. Andrew 1962 CYO basketball team recorded 25 straight wins culminating with the Middle Atlantic States Championship - the 1st time a suburban school had ever won the Middle Atlantic title.

Looking for a Great Place to Live? DREXEL HILL One of the Top Communities in Pennsylvania!

As part of an ongoing series, Movoto Real Estate is going from state to state to learn which cities are the 'best.' According to their study, **Drexel Hill was ranked 7th in PA!** Here are the top 10 cities in The Keystone State:

1. Mount Lebanon
2. Radnor Township
3. King of Prussia
4. Willow Grove
5. Scott Township
6. Bethel Park
- 7. Drexel Hill**
8. West Chester (tie)
8. Greensburg (tie)
10. Upper St. Clair (tie)
10. Phoenixville (tie)

How Do You Measure Awesome?

Movoto Real Estate used the following six criteria:

- Amenities (shopping, dining, entertainment, etc.)
- Cost of living (percent above or below state average)
- Crime (percent above or below state average)
- Education (high school graduation rate compared to state average)
- Median Income (city's average compared to state average)
- Home value (percent above or below state average)

St. Andrew Parish Centennial Planning

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church is a vibrant faith community founded in 1916. For over 98 years, our church has been ministering to the needs of our community. And while facilities and faces have changed over the years, one thing remains the same...our commitment to Christ, His Church and to the betterment of our community.

Today, our parish is an active community comprised of over 1,600 households. Led by dedicated clergy and a strong corps of lay leaders and volunteers, there is an increasing number of ways that people of all ages can participate in the spiritual, educational, social and service ministries of our church.

Yet, despite our strong heritage of activity and accomplishment, significant challenges still remain in every age. As we prepare for the parish centennial in 2016, our pastor, Msgr. Albin Grous, and lay leaders of the parish have developed an exciting plan to sustain St. Andrew for coming generations.

Our Need

We are a blessed parish! St. Andrew has remained constant in providing spiritual and pastoral assistance in Drexel Hill for generations. Our school has educated thousands of eager young minds in the tenets of the Catholic faith and knowledge in math, science, technology, the liberal and fine arts, not to mention the responsibility of gratitude and generosity one bears in life. To ensure the parish meets the needs of the growth trend of young families, we must faithfully, yet realistically appraise our vision for the future.

Need for a Parish Center

The Church's call to engage the New Evangelization and the changing needs of contemporary society present new challenges and opportunities for ministry in the present and to future generations of believers. How do we respond to the Lord's mandate to reach out and invite others into our community? How do we engage and welcome young families into the faith community of St. Andrew? How do we provide for the spiritual, temporal and emotional needs in our parish? Our best intentions to do more have been hindered often because of a lack of suitable spaces needed for these ministries to gather and connect in meaningful ways.

God calls us to care for and cultivate all that He has given us...not to be complacent, but rather to constantly strive to be better, to build on and improve what we have...always trying to realize our God-given potential.

- Saint Andrew School does not have a gymnasium appropriate for classes in Physical Education and other athletic activities for our school children. In addition, our C.Y.O. athletic teams have been and continue to rent space for their practices and competitions. We simply have no facility for our young people to meet in fun and fellowship.
- With the different challenges to ministry, the need for various spaces for meeting is a growing need for the parish. The meeting room space we have now is disjointed and not easily accessible.
- Multiple ministries vie for very limited meeting space that is currently available and new ministries are deterred from forming
- Ministries for young adults are hard pressed for ample usable space.



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Need for Improvement to the Church Building

From biblical times, a Year of Jubilee provides an opportunity for renewal. The beautiful Church building that has been entrusted to our care is in need of repair and renovation.

- The interior walls of the church are in need of restoration. The walls are cracked and peeling in places; they need to be repaired and a fresh coat of paint will enhance the beauty of the interior of our church.
- Years of harsh winter weather have worn down the finish on the original church doors; exposing the unfinished wood to the elements. Without immediate attention, the doors will warp and require expensive replacement.
- The confessionals are not soundproof and are not easily accessible to our parishioners who find it difficult to kneel.
- The church restroom facilities are long overdue for a face-lift.
- Finally, the current lighting system in the church is inadequate and inefficient.

Our Plans

We've developed a grand plan to meet the needs of St. Andrew for years to come! We have a "pay it forward" approach to the proposed project. As we are heirs to the great *Gift of Faith and Legacy of Love* that has been entrusted to our care, we prepare the Gift and Legacy to cross the threshold of 100 years of faith and love into a new and thriving century. Without new families and young people who embrace the Catholic faith and values, the parish will wither and fade. The vitality of the parish hinges on our steadfast vision for the future.

Addition of a Parish Center

With the continued increase in the enrollment of Saint Andrew School, the parish is positioned to attract the wave of young families expected to enter the neighborhood. Our great hope is to provide a welcoming and vibrant spiritual home for our current and new members of the parish. A key component of parish growth is the addition of a centralized gathering space to meet our future needs and expectations of our parishioners.

*Just as our forefathers
and mothers sacrificed to
make our church better,
we are called to do
likewise for those who
will follow.*



- A third level will be added to the existing Fr. John Hughes Building. A regulation high school size gymnasium, including spectator seating for 100, will become the focal point for youth and young adult activities.
- Saint Andrew School and our C.Y.O. athletic teams will have a permanent place for practice and game competition.
- Our vision for the rest of the third floor addition to the Fr. John Hughes Building is completed with a multi-purpose space that can be divided into one to four different meeting rooms, as well as restrooms and dedicated storage space.

Refurbish and Update the Church

We also have a number of initiatives proposed for the church to enhance our treasured worship space.

- The interior walls of the Church will be repaired and painted in time for our Centennial Mass.
- All the outside church doors will be restored to their original condition—stripping sanding and refinishing the wood and restoring the hardware.
- Confessionals will be soundproofed and modified to allow seating for parishioners who find it difficult to kneel.
- The church restroom facilities will be upgraded.
- Additional and more energy efficient lighting will be added to the nave.

Costs and Campaign

The total cost for addressing these various needs is estimated to be in the \$4.5 million range, an amount that we would plan to raise in a specially conducted capital campaign where members, alumni, and special friends and benefactors would be asked to prayerfully consider special gifts – over and above their current gifts to the church and /or school – in support of this special project and need.

Gifts to the campaign could be made in a number or combination of ways. *Pledges* over a three-year period would be encouraged and essential to meeting our needs since it would be impractical, if not impossible, to reach a goal of this magnitude with one time, out-of-pocket gifts. *Non-cash gifts* such as securities, real estate and personal property would also be accepted and encouraged as would *deferred gifts*, such as life insurance policies, gifts in trust and gifts through one's estate.

Summary

Through the generous, prayerful, volunteer and financial support of many – and the extraordinary support of a few – we believe that we can succeed in our task. As a result, we are also confident of our continued growth as a community of faith and in our ability to do God's will and works by making our contribution to the Gift of Faith and Legacy of Love that is St. Andrew the Apostle Parish. God bless you and thank you for your support in advance. Your comments and feedback are welcomed and encouraged.





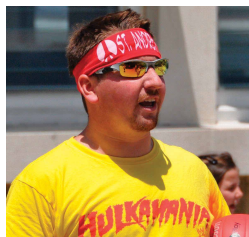
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