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Class of 1960 Celebrates 50-Years



Front row: Rose Manning, Joyce (Blundy) Rogers, Karen Smith, Ann (Pung) Kloeckner, Patricia Fedewa, & Judy (Strong) Pung. Second row: Kay (Trierweiler) Sillman, Karen (Schrauben) Wirth, David Lehman, Donna (Snitgen) Sines, Patty (Kloeckner) Wilcox, John VanHouten, & Gary Hodge. Back Row: Pat Vashaw, Chuck Goodman, Tom Lehman, Tom Meitler, Larry Barley, & David Irrer.

They were the eighth class to graduate from St. Patrick High School, a fine group of students---18 boys and 14 girls. Class officers were: President Dave Lehman, Vice President Donna Snitgen, Secretary Patricia Fedewa, Treasurer Tom Geller. Larry Barley was President of the Student Council; valedictorian of the class was Patricia Fedewa; salutatorian was Joyce Blundy; Chuck Goodman received an award for four years of perfect attendance. Their senior class play was Spider Island, directed by Sister Bernard Marie. The play had an all-girl cast---but was so well done that no one ever noticed the lack of male roles.

They returned to St. Pat's on Saturday, September 11, 2010 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Principal Randy Hodge greeted the class and gave them a tour of the school. He was assisted by three members of the current senior class, Adrienne Thelen, Rachelle Vallier, and Luke Wilcox.

They attended Mass together, had a wonderful dinner and spent several hours laughing and reminiscing. Congratulations, Class of 1960!

What Was Happening in 1960?

- JFK was elected President, to the thrill of Catholic School students across the U.S.

- The top TV shows were Andy Griffith, The Real McCoys and Rawhide.

- The #1 song for the year was Chubby Checker's "The Twist", which touched off a new dance craze.

- Two brand new products hit the market: Aluminum cans and Xerox copy machines.

- Alfred Hitchcock had two hit movies, Psycho and The Apartment.

- The average cost of a home was \$12,675.

- Average household income was \$5,199.

Locally,

- Portland Drug Store ran ads recommending that "The entire family should be inoculated with polio shots.

- Blacks Federated Department Store in Portland offered a 3-pack of Bobby Socks for 89 cents

- St. Pat's boys basketball season included games against: Ionia SS Peter & Paul, Westphalia St. Mary, Pewamo High School, Lyons High School, Carson City St. Mary and Lansing Resurrection.

Mail Call

Hello,
I love receiving The Shamrock newsletter. You guys do an outstanding job! Thank you and keep up the good work! Go Green!

Burt Brown (1995)

Dear St. Pat's Staff,

Just want to let you know how much we enjoy reading the newsletter. You do a great service to our school and community and I appreciate your great efforts in keeping the alumni informed. Much continued success and keep them coming!

*All the best,
Mike and Susan Beech*

Hi Shamrocks!

Again, thanks to all of the staff for "The Shamrock." I (and my son, Jeff) look forward to it and enjoy seeing the happenings of St. Pat's.

Be sure to say hi to all of my old students that you run across.

*Lou LaScala
Phoenix, AZ*

Thank you for the most recent Shamrock! Once again, a TOP NOTCH newsletter with great coverage of parish, school and alumni activities. I wish that an envelope was included in each newsletter so that people who choose to do so, could make a donation.

Thanks for blessing and enriching my life. Who knows, I may make it back for my reunion this fall.

Father Dan Cook

Sisters Celebrate Jubilees

The following Sisters of St. Joseph, who had ties to Portland, were among the guests of honor at a Jubilee celebration on July 24, 2010. The celebration began with Mass, followed by dinner and a program where tribute was paid to all of the jubilarians.

Sister Bernita Marie Gensterblum, CSJ, celebrating 60 Years

Sister Bernita Marie Gensterblum entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on July 1, 1950 from St. Patrick Parish, Portland, Michigan. Teaching assignments brought her to various schools in various cities, as well as teaching CCD religious education classes. After twenty-six years of



teaching, Sister Bernita Marie received training as a physical therapist and came home to Nazareth to assist our sisters in their health care needs.

Sister Martha Ann Oldani, CSJ, celebrating 60 Years

Sister Martha Ann Oldani entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on July 1, 1950 from Guardian Angels Parish, Detroit. Her teaching ministry took her to Michigan schools in Algonac, Flint, Detroit, St. Clair Shores, Hillsdale, Battle Creek, Portland and Taylor. For ten years she worked as a receptionist at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. Now Sis-



ter Martha Ann helps in the physical and occupational therapy room at Nazareth.

Sister Adele Donovan, CSJ (formerly Sister Marie Frances), celebrating 75 Years

Sister Adele Donovan entered the Sisters of St. Joseph on February 11, 1935 from St. Philip Neri Parish, Detroit. For forty-six years Sister Adele taught school. She was in Portland in the 1960's. The last ten years of her teaching career were at St. Benedict School in Highland Park. In 1983 she began work at Nazareth Center as a receptionist in the SSJ Health System, remaining at Nazareth to assist in service to the sisters residing there.



In The Spotlight

Anne (Conlon) Eddy

by Anne (Brown, 1969) Russman



I met Anne (Conlon) Eddy in 1969 when I was a senior at St. Patrick's School. She had been asked to help with the school play, Brigadoon. The play would be a combined effort between the school and the Portland Civic Players. I had a role in the play, and as I got to know Anne, I learned that she had led a very interesting life. I didn't know at the time, that she would become my life long friend!

Anne Conlon was born in Belfast, Ireland. She is the seventh child in a family of 13. While growing up, she and her friend Theresa often talked about emigrating to America.

In 1956, she applied for a job with the Overseas Domestic Scheme, an agency that would find a family in America to pay her way, in exchange for domestic help. Soon Anne was sailing on a ship from Liverpool to New Rochelle, New York to work as a nanny for a Jewish family with three children. The family had dismissed their previous nanny because a 19-year old Irish Catholic girl would work cheaper.

Anne worked for the family for six months, long enough to pay off her debt to them. She then moved on to Detroit, Michigan to work for Detroit Edison. While there, she lived at the home of the League for Catholic Women.

Before coming to America, Anne and her family had befriended a U.S. soldier stationed in Germany. He spent time with them and dated Anne when he was in Ireland on leave. His name was Bill Eddy and he was from Portland, Michigan. The young serviceman

had continued to stay in contact with Anne's mother in Ireland, and Anne thought that since she was now living in Michigan, it would be interesting to meet the Eddy family. She and Bill resumed their courtship and were soon engaged. They were married in 1957 by Father Flohe at St. Patrick's Church. Their two children, Sean (born in 1961) and Maureen (born in 1965) attended and graduated from St. Patrick's School.

In 1965, Anne was asked by the Portland Civic Players to teach the Irish Jig to the cast of players for their production of Finnegans Rainbow. She joined the cast and did the choreography for the play. Little did she know at the time, that this group would become a second family. Anne has directed over 30 plays and appeared on stage in even more. For the past 20 years, she has been a member of the PCP Board, ensuring that PCP continues and grows. Her faithful helpers in this endeavor are her sister Rosemary Leik, who sews costumes and helps anywhere she is needed, and husband Bill, who is talented in building and lighting. Anne has been a recipient of the Portland Civic Play-

er of the Year---Portland's version of the Oscar.

After directing Brigadoon at St. Pat's gymnasium in 1969, Principal Lou LaScala asked Anne to take charge of the Drama Club. She agreed, and kept that job until her daughter Maureen graduated in 1983. Anne considers "Westside Story" to be her crowning achievement during her involvement at St. Pat's, because she had been told that it couldn't be done!

But, Anne's life hasn't been just family and theater! Around 1965, women were finally being allowed to sing in Catholic church choirs. St. Pat's welcomed women in to sing on Sundays and at funerals, though at first the women had to sing from the organ room (the room where confessions are now heard, located on the right side of the altar). After a few years, under the direction of Father Pettit, they were allowed to join the men in the sanctuary. Anne was one of the first women to join the choir. In 1991, she assumed the role of Choir Director of the Sunday and Resurrection Choirs, a role that she continues to this day.

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What's Happening?

BIRTHS

To Ryan and Paula (Hamberg) Eklund, a daughter, Tara Sue on June 18, 2010.

To Jason (1991) and Jennifer (Thelen, 1993) Chamberlain, a daughter, Reese Ann on April 28, 2010.

To Scott (2004) and Autumn Peake, a daughter, Taeghan Marie on May 9, 2010.

To Charlie and Emily Burns a daughter, Reese Carol on May 21, 2010. She joins one sister, Libby.

To Nicholas and Julie (Chamberlain, 2001) LaVoy of Lansing a son Caleb Michael on April 5, 2010.

To Christopher and Heather (Wohlscheid) Hudson of Barstow, California, a son Jackson McKinnon on April 2, 2010. He joins sister Olivia, 12, and brothers Zachary, 5, and Seth, 4.

To Ashley Miller (2006) and Derek Hinds, a son Easton John, on April 8, 2010.

To Aaron and Mashon (Hoppes, 2002) Stahl of Lake Odessa, a daughter Georgia Marie on March 2, 2010.

To Chris and Lyndsey (Huhn, 1999) Spitzley, a son Brayden Richard on March 1, 2010. He joins one brother, Devin, 4.

To Thomas and Sarah (VanDerWoude, 1997) Kiebach of Bellevue, a son Forrest Carpenter on March 15, 2010. He joins sister, Summer and brother, Kaleb.

To Mandy (Fox, 2000) and Mark Spitzley, a daughter, Selia Rae on July 26, 2010. She joins sister, Isabella, 2 1/2.

To Doctors Kyle (1994) and Bonnie Pline of Ravenna, a son, Anthony John on February 19, 2010.

To Mark (2003) and Amy (Schafer, 2003) Pung, a daughter, Natalie Jane on March 30, 2010.

To Melissa (Burnham, 1998) and Darik Hebler of Ovid, a son, Jack Robert on October 18, 2009.

To Jessica (Simon, 2001) and Steve Murphy of Portland, twin daughters, Charlotte and Kathleen on August 19, 2010.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jennifer Sandborn (2006) and Derek Brown (2006) will be married on June 11, 2011.

Randy Schafer (2001) and Barb Boehm will be married on October 23, 2010 in Grand Rapids.

WEDDINGS

David Logel (2001) and Shelby Henry (former St. Patrick teacher) were married on June 12, 2010 at Grand Ledge St. Michael Church.

Sarah Weller (2003) and Dan Harraka were married on July 3, 2010 at St. Patrick Church. The couple will reside in Alexandria, Virginia. Sarah is a kindergarten teacher at St. John Academy in McLean, Virginia.

Chrissi Pung (1997) and Trevor Mahoney were married in July, 2010 in Lansing. The couple reside in Mesa, Arizona.

Beth Makowski (1999) and Mitchell Grohowski of Grand Rapids were married at St. Patrick Chapel on October 10, 2009.

Allison Pline (2003) and Andrew Schlosser were married on September 18, 2010 at St. Patrick Church.

Nicole Miller (1999) and Todd Pawielski (former St. Patrick teacher) were married on August 7, 2010.

Jessica Sandborn (2003) and Kyle Ferris were married on May 15, 2010.

Ted Goodrich (1970) and Vicki Gillette were married on July 17, 2010 at the Eagle Eye Convention Center in Bath.

Dave Brown (1990) and Melody Enz were married on September 7, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Through the magic of the internet, their families in Michigan were able to watch the ceremony, which was live-streamed.

Leah Russman (2003) and Matt Anthony Jr. were married on June 12, 2010. They reside in Lake Odessa.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wayne and Delores Pline celebrated their 60th anniversary on August 24, 2010, with a family dinner.

Ron and Mary Trierweiler celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 8, 2010 with Mass and a reception for family and friends.

Don and Delores Gross celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 13, 2010. Family and friends attended Mass and then gathered to celebrate the occasion.

David and Shelly Martin celebrated their 25th anniversary on July 31, 2010, with a gathering of family and friends at Bogue Flats.

Leon and Jeri May celebrated 50 years of marriage on May 21, 2010. The couple celebrated with a Mass at St. Patrick Church and a gathering of family and friends at the KC Hall.

Mike and Marcy Lay were guests of honor at a surprise party at their home, to celebrate their 25th anniversary. The couple were married on April 19, 1985.

Dick and Fran Mauren celebrated their 50th anniversary on April 25, 2010 with Mass at St. Patrick's followed by a family dinner.

Fritz (1966) and Anne (Brown, 1969) Russman celebrated their 40-year anniversary on May 2, 2010. They spent a weekend in Traverse City with all of their children to celebrate.

Jim (1967) and Ann Fedewa celebrated their 40 year wedding anniversary on August 14, 2010.

GRADUATIONS, ETC

Lynda (Martin, 1984) Lemke graduated from Michigan State University as a registered nurse. Lynda was named to the Dean's List and graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Nicholas W. Abbate, son of Bob (1976) and Julie Abbate graduated from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Cum Laude on May 8, 2010. The day before on May 7, 2010 he commissioned into the Air Force and is now a 2nd Lieutenant USAF. Nick will be stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, FL. Nick received a rated position and will be in training as an Air Battle Manager for the next year. After this he'll be heading for Oklahoma for more training.

Esther Schrauben celebrated her 99th birthday on July 15. Her neighbor, Ivan Wilcox celebrated 98 years on July 10.

Beth (Makowski, 1999) Grohowski, an internal medicine doctor at Metro Health in Grand Rapids, has been selected to complete a cardiology fellowship which began the summer of 2010. Beth's husband, Mitchell, is also a doctor at Metro Health.

Jim and Jean Klein were the recipients of a 2010 Michigan Recreation and Park Association Community Service Award on March 10, 2010. The award was presented in recognition of everything that the couple have contributed over the years to the Portland Parks and Recreation

IN MEMORY OF

Mary L. (Densmore) Powell age 52, of Sheridan passed away on Friday, November 6, 2009, at her home with her family at her side, following a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Jan, children, Nate & Rebecca Buck of Portland, Dana and Jeff Jensen of Gowen, Taryn Powell of Belding, Michael Rohn of Stanton; four grandchildren; four sisters, Sister Diane Densmore or Taylor, Cheryl Pline of Grand Ledge, Marlene (Dave) Simon of Portland and Linda (Brent Hadfield) of Vermontville; Two brothers, Dave (Tina) and Tom (Cathy) Densmore both of Portland; several nieces and nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Francis and Joyce Densmore and a son, Trevor Buck.

Vivian Fedewa age 66, passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Fedewa in 2002. Surviving are her children, Timothy (fiancee, Carol Levin) Fedewa of Seattle, WA, Kimberly (Thomas) Hooker of Portland, Pamela (Charles) Wolhuis of Portland; grandchildren, Linzey, Matt, Becca, Melanee, Nicolas, and Malarie; great grand-

son, Skyler; sisters, Joan (Bill) Haney, Elaine (Rod) Wawiernia, brother, Pete (Vernie) Hough, sisters-in-law, Nancy Meade, Mary Beth (John) Hansen, and Beverly Fedewa; special friends, Louise Gensterblum and Sue Kimmel; several nieces and nephews.

William J. Klein age 86, passed away on Friday, April 9, 2010.. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Klein; sister, Mary Ann Klein. Surviving are his brothers, Joseph H. (Patricia) Klein of Portland and Harry W. Klein, Jr. of Portland; 1 niece; 3 nephews; several great and great great nieces and nephews.

Francis A. Bauer age 84, passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; son, Jerry; second wife Jeanene. Surviving are children Larry (Linda) Bauer of Lansing, Jeanette (Jerry) Quinlan of Kansas, Gary (Rosa) Bauer of New Jersey, Julie (Jonathan) Rice of Minnesota, Joanne (David) Schepers of Kentwood, Laurie (Michael) Tuason of Ohio and Louise Bauer of New York; 15 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 5 stepchildren; 12 step grandchildren; 8 step great grandchildren; siblings Joe Bauer of Florida and Agnes Briggs of Grand Ledge; special friends Mike and Linda Simon of Portland.

Geraldine Osmar age 82, of the Dolar Settlement, Michigan, passed away on April 20, 2010 in Sault Ste. Marie. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Loring J.; children, Leanne (Gregory) Vadnais, Carol (Keith) Allen, Steve (Mary) Osmar, Ken (Susan) Osmar, Janet (Larry) Goodell, Joleen (Bill) Pennington, Laurie (Anthony) Gardner, Scott (Kim) Osmar; 28 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister Joanne Sare; several nieces and nephews.

Shirley Noren age 74, passed away on April 26, 2010. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Karl; brother, Clarence; sister, Lorraine. Surviving are her husband, Carl; children Ken (Debbie) Noren of Troy, ID, Kevin (Laura) Noren of Lansing, Kimberly Noren, and Kirk (Gail) Noren both of Williamston; grandchildren Taylor and Jacob Noren and Katherine Noren; siblings Joanne Grow of Lansing, Janice Carmody of Rockford, Linda (Larry) Kupferschmid of Palisades, NY, Mary (Jim) Collier-Ditta of Holland, Duane Irrer of Portland and David (Chris) Irrer of Detroit; sisters-in-law, Esther Irrer of Portland, Jean O'Bannon of Portland, Alice (Joe) Hoppes of Portland and Jill Smith of North Carolina; many nieces and nephews.

Betty Lou Pohl, age 86, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away on May 26, 2010. Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Harry in 1982; brother, Robert Farmer; daughters-in-law, Joanne Pohl and Tina Pohl. Surviving are her children Joseph (Susan Luna) Pohl of Portland, Patricia (Donald) Stump of Pewamo, Kathleen (Robert) Hann of Grand Rapids, Richard (Dorothy) Pohl of Portland, Gary (Jan Marie) Pohl of Portland and Colleen Pohl of Portland; 10 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; brother, Roger Farmer of Grand Rapids; sisters-in-law, Viola Spickler of Arizona and Frances Pohl of Portland; special friends Leon and Geri May of Portland.

Mary Russman age 53, our loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend was called home to our Lord on June 3, 2010. Her courageous two year battle with Leukemia ended peacefully surrounded by family at her home on Pleasant Street. Mary was preceded in death by her brother Frederick, Jr., and parents Julaine and Frederick "Fritz" Russman. She was blessed with two daughters and four granddaughters, Melissa Rapp (Summer, Lili and Stella) and Heather (Kevin Lee) Moore (Tianna); three sisters, Joan Russman, Bonnie (Pat) Dawdy and Connie (Todd) Droste; two brothers, Bill (Barbara) Russman and Bob (Tracy) Russman; several nieces and nephews.

Shane William Platte, age 24, passed away on June 4, 2010 peacefully with his family by his side. Surviving are his mother Liz Platte of Portland; father Brian (Lisa) Platte of Swanton, OH; brothers Brian (Jill Hodges) Platte of Portland, Kiel (Kayla Keeven) Platte of Pewamo and Evan Platte of Portland; sister Ashley Guthridge of Pennsylvania; special friend Kelli Petersen; grandparents John Schmitt and Bill and Connie Platte all of Westphalia; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Helen Snell age 83, loving mother and grandmother, passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2010. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles in 1998; brothers, Elmer, Donald, Herbert, Henry, Richard, and Robert Fedewa; sister, Aileen Bednarz. Surviving are her children, David Snell of St. Cloud, Florida, and Pamela (Don, Jr.) Ockert of Eagle; 6 grandchildren; great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Philip Koelzer, Sr. age 88, passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2010. He was

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The State of the School

The 2010 – 2011 school year is off to a strong start. Much time and effort was put forth during the summer to ensure the new school year will be a successful one. I would like to give you an update about recent developments at St. Patrick School.

Daycare and Preschool: The Preschool and Daycare programs continue to grow. Last year the Pre-school was full to capacity, so this year we added an additional afternoon session. We currently have a waiting list for our morning program. The daycare numbers have also increased to the point where it has become necessary to add an additional part-time staff member.

DK – 12: Enrollment: The school enrollment continues to grow. School enrollment has grown by 11% since August of 2008. We are excited by the many new students and families who have joined us over the past two years.

Father Flohe Foundation Grant: The Father Flohe Foundation has been a great blessing to the school. They were able to provide a larger than anticipated grant to the school the last two years, which helped to provide a one year tuition freeze last year and assisted in keeping tuition increases to a minimum for this school year.

In addition to stabilizing tuition costs, the Father Flohe Foundation provided the school and parish with the opportunity to upgrade technology. We purchased a new server to give the school and parish more capacity, and will also renovate the older computer lab. As part of the renovation, the wall partition will be removed, a drop ceiling and a multimedia projector will be installed. The computers will be turned to face one direction which will allow staff to use this lab for instruction as well as for research and word process-

ing. We are hoping this will take place over Christmas break. Please continue to support the Father Flohe Foundation, as it provides crucial support for the school.

Shamrock Alumni Scholarship Fund: The Alumni Scholarship Fund was started a few years ago to provide tuition assistance to families who want to send their child to a Catholic School but lacked the financial means to do so. This fund is providing assistance to a number of families and is making the dream of attending St. Patrick School a reality for more than 20 students.

Growing in Faith: The staff at St. Patrick School is committed to helping our students grow in understanding, applying, and being active participants in their Faith. This objective remains the foundation of our parish school.

Alumni and other visitors are always welcome: If you are a graduate of St. Patrick School and are visiting the area and would like to receive a tour of the school contact me! I enjoy giving tours and hearing stories about the “good old days” from Alumni. Call the school office at (517)647 – 7551 or email me (randy.hodge@portlandstpats.org) to let me know when you’ll be here!

New Softball Field

The St. Patrick Athletic Association is excited to announce that the Shamrock Softball teams will have their own home field, beginning in the spring of 2011. The softball teams have played on city-owned fields, primarily Powers Park, for the past three decades. Though the city of Portland has been extremely



Dale Cook (1981) of Cook Brother's Excavating removing stumps for the new ball field as Keith Cook (1973) looks on.

hospitable to work with, it has become increasingly complicated and difficult to ensure that the field will be available for all of our games and practices.

The new softball field will be lo-

cated near the grove area of Father Flohe Field, in the area where the 8-year old youth baseball teams have played. This new configuration has the added benefit of allowing the Shamrock baseball and softball teams to play side by side, which will add to the spirit and enthusiasm for both games. It will also allow St. Pat's to host tournaments for baseball and softball.

The total cost for this project is project to be around \$10,000. Over 70% of the money has already been donated, through memorials or other donations. The Athletic Association will be working extra hard this year to acquire the rest of the money so that it doesn't affect the rest of their budget.

Work on the field is currently under way. If you have questions or would like to make a donation toward the project, please contact Dan Lawless (647-1709).



From the School Commission

by Ken Cook

It is truly exciting to have another school year upon us and have the opportunity to help advance our mission to make the student experience at St. Patrick School a tremendous one. Maximizing each student's spiritual, academic, social and extra curricular potential is our top priority.

On behalf of the Education Commission I want to express our commitment to help support our students, parents, faculty and administration. We, as a commission, act in an advisory role to interpret policy, listen to any concerns that may be brought forward and act accordingly. We are also willing to engage in special projects that forward the long term success of our school.

Please feel free to contact any or all of our members to express your ideas, thoughts or concerns. We value your input and will give it the thoughtful consideration and follow-up it deserves. Thank you to all parents for choosing St. Patrick's to help form your child's foundation in life.....you made a great choice!

Standardized Scores-- Excellent, Again!

Test results from the 2010 ACT and MME were released in August. St. Patrick's students did very well, again, scoring the highest in the area in nearly every category!!

American College Test (ACT)

The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of four subject area tests plus a 30-minute Writing Test. ACT results are accepted by all 4-year colleges and universities in the U.S.

High School	Composite	English	English & Writing	Math	Reading	Science	Writing
Belding	19.7	18.5	17.7	20	19.2	20.8	6.2
Ionia	18.7	17.5	17	18.2	18.9	19.4	6.2
Lakewood	19.2	18.4	17.9	19.2	19.3	19.6	6.5
Portland	20.3	19.2	19.4	20.6	19.9	21	7.4
PW	20.2	18.9	18.7	21.1	19.5	21	6.9
Saranac	19.7	17.7	16.8	20.4	19.8	20.3	5.8
St. Pats	22.1	22.1	21.6	20.4	22.4	22.9	7.5
State	19.3	18.3	17.9	19.3	19.4	19.7	6.5

Michigan Merit Exam (MME)

The Michigan Merit Examination (MME) assesses students in grade 11 and eligible students in grade 12 based on Michigan high school standards. It is administered each March, and consists of three components:

- * ACT Plus Writing® college entrance examination
- * WorkKeys® job skills assessments in reading, mathematics, and "locating information"
- * Michigan-developed assessments in mathematics, science, and social studies

High School	Math	Reading	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Belding	63.8	68.3	70.3	83.3	48.9
Ionia	39	65.3	57.3	61.2	34.5
Lakewood	53.3	67.1	62.5	84.4	48.8
Portland	66.5	68.9	74.4	87.7	49.7
PW	76.5	79	79	93.8	44.4
Saranac	56	61.8	55.36	84	45.5
St. Pats	65	85	95	95	75
State	50.4	65.2	57.9	79.4	43.7

P · A · R · I · S · H NEWS

Stewardship at St. Patrick Parish

By Becca Fedewa and Ken Schneider

St. Patrick Parish has an active Stewardship Committee whose purpose is to help our parish best meet the stewardship development needs of the parish community. St. Patrick Parish celebrated September as Stewardship Renewal Month. The Stewardship Committee planned the renewal month, and would like to thank everyone for participating. The theme throughout the month was “Answer the Call,” and parishioners participated through prayer, reflection, and hearing a lay witness speak about stewardship as a way of life. The month culminated with a Ministry Fair during the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd which featured the many service efforts in our parish and gave us all a chance to say a big “thank you” to some of the people who serve in our parish while learning about the various ministries.

Do you know there are over 60 established ministries at St. Patrick Parish? There are the visible ministries that we see during Mass each week - Lectors, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and the various musical groups. These people help make the celebration of the Holy Eucharist meaningful.

But there are also many “behind the scenes” ministries that are essential to help fulfill the mission of St. Patrick Parish. Do you know a fellow parishioner who received help with meals due to hospitalization, tragedy, a new baby, or death of a loved one? Thank the Culinary Angels. Do you enjoy seeing the various decorations in church, especially during Christmas and Easter? Thank the Art and Environment Committee. Do you ever wonder who plants and maintains the gardens around church? Thank the Gardening Angels. There are numerous volunteers who willingly share their Catholic beliefs through faith formation and catechesis of adults, youth, children, and families. Thank the numerous volunteers who make this possible. Each January we receive a financial statement from the parish office for donations made during the

previous year. Thank the many volunteers who help count and record these donations. Do you realize that over 300 individuals help make the annual Parish Festival the major fundraising and social event at St. Patrick Parish? And don't forget all those who volunteer at St. Patrick School and those who support the Athletic Association. Hundreds of volunteers spend thousands of hours each year to help make St. Pat's a vibrant parish that helps meet the spiritual, physical, and social needs of parish members. Hopefully the Stewardship Renewal Month has encouraged you to “Answer the Call” the next time you feel moved to share your time, talents, and treasure.

For more information on the various ministries at St. Patrick Parish, check out the Stewardship link at the top of the parish website at www.stpatrickportland.com to find out how you can assist in the mission of St. Patrick Parish. You will find a description of the various ministries, an estimated time commitment, and contact information for the numerous ministries at St. Patrick Parish. The Stewardship Committee encourages every parishioner to “Answer the Call” by being involved in at least one ministry.



Stewardship takes many forms, and also contains an element of brotherly love and cooperation! Scott Pline gives his brother, Dave a boost, so that he can string lights at the 2010 Parish Festival.



KING'S KOLUMN

by Father Larry King

Because the Shamrock Newsletter gets a wide circulation outside of Portland, I thought I'd give you a little update about recent changes and growth at St. Pat's.

- Over the summer we "striped" the parking lot behind the church to identify specific parking without anyone having to worry about being blocked in when they come to Mass or a school event. We had previously increased parking spaces available by expanding our parking lot across from the church on Church St.

- We hired a new Youth Ministry Coordinator, David McHugh, who just happens to be married to Noelle (Garcia). Noelle was Youth Minister here a few years ago. Watch the next issue of The Shamrock for an interview with David.

- We're updating our computer servers.
- We're working to increase handicap seating in church. Hopefully that will be completed this fall.

- We replaced the roof on the Parish Office.
- The Fr. Flohe Foundation continues to work hard to keep the cost of Catholic education affordable.

- New community building efforts over the past couple of years are producing great results – *Culinary Angels* which provides food for funeral luncheons; short-term meals for those in need; *Martha's Kitchen* which provides food for special needs / occasions; *Parish Picnic* at Alton Park – this fun time is beginning to catch on more and more each year; *Soup Suppers* following the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent fills the Parish Hall with those eager to taste a dozen or more scrumptious non-meat soups that volunteers bring; *Welcome Weekend* where on behalf of the parish I give out loaves of homemade bread on the first weekend of each month to the newly registered in the parish or folks just visiting with us.

- Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure is gradually making headway in the parish as parishioners realize that tremendous blessings come when we are generous with all that God has given to us.

- We have made great strides both at the Parish and the School in establishing user-friendly and interesting websites.

And now for a little bit of dreaming...

- In the not too distant future we're looking at upgrading the lighting and sound system in church to enhance our worship experience.

- Something that some people have wanted for many years and after this hot summer it's become much more of a "hot" issue is to cool the church. We're hoping to accomplish this within the next 2-3 years

- We are in the process of upgrading the technology in the Parish Office and School which will take advantage of web-based software.

- I'd like to resurrect the "Mentoring" program for engaged couples as well as establish a Follow-up program for couples during their first five years of marriage. Parishes that have established such a program have seen a 90% decrease in divorces. All this of course depends on getting volunteers to step forward and want to get involved in making these two programs a reality.

Well, those are just some of the things we are doing and hope / dream to do in the upcoming months and years. I thought I'd just let everyone see the foundation you helped establish and upon which we are still building.

Parish Picnic

The 3rd Annual Parish Picnic was held on Sunday, August 22 after the 11:30 Mass. Approximately 125 people attended and enjoyed a great meal featuring BBQ chicken grilled by some of the Knights of Columbus men. The Youth Group took charge of providing fun for children by having many games and treats available for them. Many enjoyed a euchre tournament, while others just enjoyed a pleasant time of visiting with each other. Many thanks go to the Knights of Columbus, the Youth Group, and the Welcoming & Social Committee for making this event happen!





From the President's Desk *by Kevin Schrauben*

Your Contributions

As of June 30, 2010, the Foundation has received approximately \$1,567,000 in contributions/donations since its inception. Your continued support and donations are important in providing an excellent education for the students of St. Patrick. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation. Such donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office, put in the offering at mass, or mailed to the Foundation at 140 Church Street, Portland MI 48875.

Planned Giving - Tax Advantages

Planned giving not only benefits the school, it also provides substantial tax benefits to the giver. There are many ways to contribute to St. Patrick School through the Father Flohe Foundation including:

- Gifts of cash
- Securities and Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Other Appreciated Assets

For more information on any of these options or additional gift plans, contact your tax advisor, CPA, insurance agent or legal consultant.

Slowinski Scholarship Award

In addition to the Education Bell Award, the Foundation also announced that the winner of the Marie Leik Slowinski Scholarship is Ariana Solagar. The award is presented each year to a student who demonstrates good study habits, steady improvement and hard work to achieve. Congratulations Ariana!

Bell Award Nominations Needed

The Foundation is looking for nominations for the Education Bell Award that is given annually at the high school graduation ceremony in the spring. Nominees should be past students from St. Patrick (either eighth grade or high school graduates, can be living or deceased), who by their life and achievements exemplify the high goals that our alumni can attain.

Write a brief description about your nominee, including the year they graduated and submit to the Father Flohe Foundation, 140 Church Street, Portland MI. 48875 by November 1, 2010. Nomination forms are also available on the FFF website that can be accessed through the school website at www.portlandstpats.com

2010 Education Bell Award

The Father Flohe Foundation presented the 2010 Fr. Flohe Education Bell Award to Bruce Bennett at St. Patrick's graduation commencement ceremonies on May 23, 2010. Foundation President Kevin Schrauben presented the award that is given annually to an alumnus of St. Patrick's School, who in their life has exemplified the high goals and accomplishments that a graduate of St. Patrick's can achieve.

Bruce graduated from St. Patrick High School in 1964 and went on to a very successful career as the Regional Facilities Manager with the State of Michigan where he retired in 1997 after 33 years. Bruce and his

wife Noel have 2 children, Anne and Mark, both graduates of St. Patrick School.

Over the years, Bruce has been actively involved in the Portland and St. Patrick's community contributing in many ways. Many people in the Portland Community know Bruce as the go-to guy if your bicycle or baseball glove is in need of repair.



He has also been involved in The Portland Jaycees, organizing 4th of July parades, assisting in getting the ice skating rink up and running, and participating in Right to Life Marches. Like the community at large, St. Patrick's is also very important to Bruce, which again clearly is evident in his actions. In giving of his time, talent and treasure, Bruce is quite the handy-man, making the possession arrow for home basketball games, sawhorses that keep the kids safe in the parking lot and countless other odds and ends. Bruce also served as President of Athletic Association, served on Fall Festival and the Parish Summer Festival committees, has been running the clock at basketball games since the 1980's, served as a bus driver to sporting and school events, is part of the chain gang at high school football games, volunteers for the Youth Mission Trip, and much more.

Bruce is definitely one of those few individuals who is a great example of what graduates of St. Patrick School can accomplish.

St. Pat's Grad Enters Seminary

Hello, I am Michael Steffes Jr. I graduated from St. Patrick in 2008. I have been discerning the priesthood for about a year now. I remember when I was young I use to always say I was going to be a priest. Then I put it off, but it was still in the back of my mind.



Going to St. Patrick's school definitely helped. I wish I would have thought more about the seminary in high school. The two teachers that had the biggest impact for me in high school were Mr. Spitzley and Mrs. Pung. Mr. Spitzley was my religion teacher and a great role model. At the

time I did not really think much when Mr. Spitzley talked about the seminary or priesthood. When I started to discern I started to remember some of the things he said. Mrs. Pung was probably my favorite teacher in high school; she truly cared for every one of her students. She was always in a good mood with a smile on her face. I always remember her saying something like "you aren't just cheating yourself if you do not reach your potential; you are cheating your community." I did not necessarily think about the seminary when I

heard it, but it always made me want to become a better person.

I always thought I would be in the seminary eventually, but I figured it would be later in life. I am glad to be in the seminary now. I am still unsure what God is calling me to, but I knew I had to give the seminary a shot. I would appreciate any prayers, and I will continue to pray for the parish.

*God Bless,
Michael Steffes Jr*

PS: Good Luck to the Shamrock football team this season

Alum Honored by Peers

From the R & O -- July 2010

Mike Wilcox has been doing his part to promote the sport of golf in Portland for many years. Recently he was honored for his efforts.

Wilcox was awarded the Mae Rose Fedewa Award on July 3 at the Portland Country Club. The award honors an individual who has made a significant contribution to golf in some form, and is presented each year during the Waara/Dawdy Invitational golf outing.

One of the major highlights of Wilcox's golfing career is the youth golf program that he has been a part of for the last 20 years. Wilcox and his father, Jim, started the youth program in 1990 at the Portland Country Club. A total of 104 children took part in the first year of the program, which taught the participants the fundamentals of golf.

Wilcox, with the help of his family, has continued to offer the youth program and had over 100 participants this year.

Wilcox is also the head golf coach for the varsity gold team at St. Patrick School. Last year's team qualified for the Division 4 state championship tournament.

Wilcox started golfing at age 6 and won his first trophy at age 12. While a student at St. Patrick, he and fellow classmate Mike Sines asked the school's Athletic Association to bring back golf as a varsity sport. Golf returned to St. Patrick in the fall of 1979.

During his high school career, Mike was named to the All-State team three times and tied for medalist honors at the 1981 Class D state finals, where he finished in the runner-up spot after a playoff. He attended Western Michigan University on a golf scholarship and earned a degree in electrical engineering.

Reunion News

Reunion Alerts

The *Class of 1985* will hold their 25-year reunion on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Portland Country Club. For more information contact Kirk Beard at (517) 930-1949 or Sonja Scheurer at (517) 580-8979.

Several class reunions were held in September, too late to make it into this newsletter. Be sure to send in reports and pictures for the Spring 2011 issue:

- *Class of 1970* was held on September 18 at Dale and Carol Kramer's house.
- *Class of 1975* was held on September 11 at the Portland Country Club.
- *Class of 1980* is scheduled for October 2 at Duke's, followed by a bonfire at Darryl Smith's house.
- *Class of 1995* was held on September 18 at the Oakwood Lounge.

Reunion Reports

The *Class of 1990* held their 20-year reunion on Saturday, August 28 at the home of Nick and Lisa Pung. The group canoed on the Grand River in the afternoon, then enjoyed an evening dinner and bonfire.



The *Class of 2000* held their 10-year reunion on Saturday, August 14, 2010 in Pewamo. The day began with

a golf scramble at Huckleberry Golf Course followed by dinner and a band at the Oakwood Lounge. A total of 19 classmates joined throughout the day, with one classmate traveling from Houston, Texas to join in the weekend celebration. Everyone had a great time together and would like to thank Huckleberry and the Oakwood for helping to make the day so enjoyable.



The *Class of 2005* held their 5-year reunion on August 28, 2010. Twenty of the original 26 classmates attended a barbeque at Zach Wight's house, then the group hopped on a party bus for the evening. Everyone had a great time and can't wait for the 10-year reunion.



If you are planning a reunion or wedding, or have another reason for needing a list of your classmates, contact Jan at the Parish Office Building (517-647-6505 or stpats@cablespeed.com). She will provide you with a printout or address labels.

Upcoming Events....

Fall Festival	October 10, 2010
Catholic Schools Week.....	Jan 30 - Feb 5, 2011
Pancake Breakfast	January 30, 2011
Festival of Tables.....	February 5, 2011
Winter Gala.....	January 29, 2011
Shamrock Auction.....	April 16, 2011
First Communion.....	May 1, 2011
Graduation	May 22, 2011
Parish Festival	June 24-26, 2011
Class of 1961 50-Year Reunion	Sept 10, 2011

Next issue of The Shamrock—Early April.
Send in your news as soon as possible!

LOST SHEEP

Sometimes readers are surprised to find their own names or the names of their loved ones on the Lost Sheep list. Many times these people aren't lost at all, they have simply moved without letting us know. If we mail a newsletter and it comes back without forwarding information, we put that name onto the Lost Sheep list. To prevent this from happening, you can help us out by using the form on the back page to let us know when you move. *(We have removed the names of alumni*



who have been on our list for ten years or more. If you would like to see the entire list of Lost Sheep, please visit the Alumni Page at www.portlandstpats.com.)

1963 John Bengel
1965 Mike Feldpausch
1973 Lillian O'Neill
1974 Leon Schrauben
1976 Chris Pung

1978 Pat Dutcher
1982 Patricia Fitzpatrick
1986 Cari Tichvon
1988 Steve Gunderman
1990 John Huhtala

1993 Dave Fox
1993 Darcy Hinds
1993 Lisa Huhtala
1994 Laurie Sandborn
1995 Ryan Kammers

1996 Paul Theuerkauf
1997 Jenny Chamberlain
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2001 Robyn Thelen
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2007 Jenna Schneider

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www.portlandstpats.com > Fall Festival

Sunday, October 10, 2010

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Upcoming Parish Events

ETHNIC DINNER An Ethnic Dinner, hosted by the Welcoming & Social Committee, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Parishioners will be asked to prepare their favorite dishes. If you would like to help with this event in any way or host a country, please call Sue Kreiner at 566-8010.

FESTIVAL OF TABLES Women, save the date of Saturday, February 5, 2011 for the annual Festival of Tables! This event will be held at the Portland Church of the Nazarene beginning at 10:30 am. The proceeds will again benefit the Portland Area Ministerial Association. This time we are adding a Silent Auction to the event and are looking for donations of any homemade crafts, gift certificates, etc. If you have anything that you would be willing to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Kim Thorp at 647-6578.

WINTER GALA St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting the 3rd annual Winter Gala FUNdraiser on Saturday January 29, 2011 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This years theme will be a Mexican Fiesta, which will include a semi-formal dinner with hors d'oeuvres and desserts, live entertainment, raffles, dancing and prizes. Contact Tim and Laura Krizov at 517.526.0577 for more information.

In Memory Of *(continued from page 5)*

preceded in death by his parents; a wife, Mildred and a daughter, Michelle. Surviving are his son Philip E. (Linda) Koelzer, Jr. of Dimondale; daughter, Nadyne (Jim) Foley of Belmont, MI; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

Elaine (Bugsy) Willemin age 77, beloved mother, grandmother passed away on July 30, 2010. Bugsy was preceded in death by her husband, Bill in 2009; her parents; stepmother, Elaine Spohn; brother, Larry Spohn. Surviving are her sons Dr. Russ (Kathy) Willemin, Denny (Meg) Willemin, Dr. Doug (Laura) Willemin, Mike (Shari) Willemin, and John (Chris) Willemin; 15 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; siblings V.A. (Al) Goodrich, Doreen (Jack) Warder, Diane (Dennis) Goff, Dan (Margo) Spohn, Don (Karen) Spohn and Debbie (Dan) Grohs; very special sister-in-law, Ellen (Ted) Lentz; sister-in-law, Jan Trierweiler; many nieces and nephews.

Ed Mallek age 70, loving husband, father and grandfather passed away on August 3, 2010. Ed is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Connie (Dembowski), loving children: Katrina (Jeff) Kalo of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Denise (Jerry) Johnson of Portland, Edward II (Nikki Guldager) of Fairbanks, Alaska and Damon (Wendy) Mallek of Portland; 7 grandchildren Jessica, Sarah and Katherine Johnson, Jennifer and Danelle Kalo, Elizabeth and Mitchell Mallek. brother Ronald (Betsy) Mallek of Weston, Florida. He was preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn and parents Leo and Margaret Mallek.

Judy Fedewa age 64, passed away on Wednesday, August 4, 2010. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jane. Surviving are her husband of 43 years, Ray Fedewa; children, Patty (Marshall Widick) Fedewa of Detroit, Andy (Sandy) Fedewa of Marshall, Russ (Colleen) Fedewa of Shaker Heights, OH, Dorothy (Eric) VanAlstine of Chattanooga, TN, Sam (Samantha Reichbach) Fedewa of Charlotte, NC, Luke (Heather) Fedewa of Cheshire, CT, and Tony (Valerie) Fedewa of Marshall; 13 grandchildren; siblings, Catherine (Ray) Rowell of Fowler, Anne Marie (Lawrence) Pung of Portland, Rita (Wayne) Thelen of Lima, OH, Henry (Donelyn) Knoop of Ionia, John (Cynthia) Knoop of Portland, and Dennis Knoop of Fenwick; several nieces and nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law.

Roy Wireman age 75, of Eagle, passed away on August 19, 2010. Roy was preceded in death by his parents; 6 brothers and 4 sisters. Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Pauline; children Angie (Pete) Pohl of Portland, Lucy (Russell Swisher) Black of Portland, Roy (Tina) Wireman of Eagle and Pam (Mike) Pung-Dahl of Grand Ledge; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; special friends Mike Pung, George Black and sister-in-law, Rosie Baker; 4 sisters; 1 brother; many nieces and nephews.

Dennis M. Schrauben, age 73, of Delta Township passed away August 25, 2010 in Lansing. Denny was a graduate of Portland St. Patrick School Class of 1956, retired from General Motors and then worked eight more years at Quality Dairy. Denny and his wife of 48 years, Karen served in almost every outreach ministry through St. Michael Parish. He is survived by children Robert of North Carolina, Amy (Hal) Mann of California, and Kristine (Steve) Prince of Grand Haven; nine grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; siblings, Don, Arlene (Glen) McCrumb, Betty Dinkel and Gertrude Dilly; numerous nieces and nephews.

Anna Thelen, age 90, passed away on Thursday, August 26, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred in 1990; 1 sister and 1 brother. Surviving are her children Agnes (Philip) Schrauben of Portland, Ronald (Deb) Thelen of Portland, Roger (Karen) Thelen of Lake Odessa, Phillip (Jan) Thelen of Portland, Marie (Robert) Tack of Armada, MI., Gladys (Jodey) Lafler of Clarksville, Gregory (Kristine) Thelen of Lake Odessa, and George (Penny) Thelen of Portland; 24 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; sisters Janet Fedewa, Agnes Schneider and Mary Simon; several in-laws, nieces and nephews; her "special mom" at Heartland Healthcare, Arletta Dibble.

Sister Marie Travers, age 93 passed away in August 2010. Sister Marie taught at Portland St. Patrick School as her first assignment at age 18. At that

time, the school was a small two-story building and the Sisters lived on the second floor. She loved Portland and always had fond memories of the time she spent here.

John F. Ladisky, Sr. passed away September 6, 2010. He was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Donna Ladisky. He is survived by his daughter Sonja (Clayton) Milligan of Olivet, son John (Sharon) Ladisky of Portland.

Ruth A. Keusch age 92, passed away on Friday, September 10, 2010. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas Keusch, Sr. in 1999; grandson, David Keusch in 2005. Surviving are 3 sons, Thomas (Dorothy) Keusch of Portland, Richard (Connie) Keusch of Stanton, Robert (Teri) Keusch of Lansing; 4 daughters, Kay (Roger) Steed of Traverse City, Mary Jo (Dan) Schneider of Portland, Ann (Derek) Strong of DeWitt, and Paula (Gery) Beachnau of Chicago; 34 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; sisters, Eleanor Lynch and Marilyn Muirhead; brother, Bernard Hoppes, Jr.; several sisters and brothers-in-law; special friends, Patricia Hoppes and Gert Manning.

Jack Zimmerman, age 69, passed away on September 11, 2010. He was born on July 21, 1941 the son of Nick and Helen (Simunek) Zimmerman. On November 28, 1964 he married Diane Schrauben and together they shared 45 years of marriage. Surviving are his wife, Diane; children Jack (Rhonda) Zimmerman of Charlotte, Kristi Zimmerman of Ludington and David (Amy) Zimmerman of Portland; granddaughters Avery, Carly and Eden Zimmerman; siblings Thomas (Alice) Zimmerman of Portland, Gerald Zimmerman of Grand Ledge, Diane (Jerrold) Peiffer of Grand Ledge, Linda (Steve) Spedoske of Portland, Kathleen (Charles) Schrauben of Muir, Virginia Zimmerman of Charlotte, Donna (Jamie) King of Grand Ledge and Lois (Douglas) Musbach of Charlotte; many in-laws, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

St. Pat's On the Web

It's easy to stay up-to-date with the parish and school by using the websites!

Parish: www.stpatrickportland.com

School: www.portlandstpats.com



The FALL puzzle is a Word Search, which is the most popular type of puzzle that we run. This one deals with AUTUMN words. You'll find 19 fall-type words at the bottom of the page. When you've finished finding all of the words, the letters that are leftover will spell out a quote by Abraham Lincoln. Good luck!

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ANSWER TO SPRING PUZZLE: There were LOTS of entries in the spring contest, and every single one had the correct answer! *"A joke is a very serious thing."*

The winner, drawn from all of the correct entries was Lindsey Hitchcock. She received a \$50 cash prize. Congratulations to Lindsey, and thank you to all who entered the contest!

ENTRY FORM AND RULES

Send this entry form, by any of the means described on the back page, or drop in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked SHAMROCK CONTEST. Entries must be received by NOVEMBER 1, 2010. Cash prize of \$50 will be awarded to the winner, who will be chosen by random drawing from all correct entries. You must be 18 or older to enter. Limit of one entry per person.

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Spotlight on Anne Eddy *(continued from page 3)*

Anne and Bill try to get back to Ireland every two years, and her sister Maureen comes to Portland on the odd years. But there is no doubt that Portland and St. Patrick's are her home now, and we are very blessed to have her be a part of us. She has given countless hours of her time and considerable talent to do God's work.

Anyone under Anne's direction can attest to her sense of humor and patience. She makes it so enjoyable to be a part of the music program. She and fellow choir member, Fritz Russman have an ongoing thing. One day when Anne remarked to a friend that she was very tired, the friend recommended that Anne skip choir rehearsal. "Oh, no!" Anne said. "I need my weekly Fritz fix!"

If I were asked to write about a person who most affected me in a positive way, I would write about Anne. Wait a minute! I think I just did that! Thank you, Anne for being a part of my life and the lives of so many Portland people.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL HUMOR

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of the Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. Sister made a note, and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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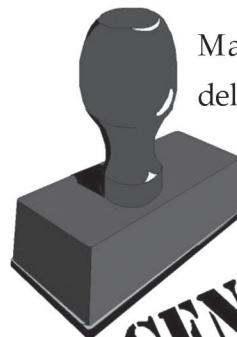
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Many newsletters are still being delivered to parent's addresses, even though the "kids" live in their own homes. Help us update the files so that they will be correct when used for weddings, reunions and newsletter mailings.

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