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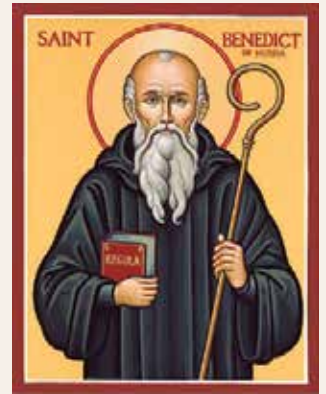
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# The Practice of Listening

This column is a continuation on our reflection on the Practice of Listening. We read in the Prologue of St. Benedict,

Seeking his workman in a multitude of people, the Lord calls out to him and lifts his voice again, *Is there any here who yearns for life and desires to see good days?* (Ps. 33/34:13) If you hear this and your answer is "I do," God then directs these words to you, *If you desire true and eternal life, keep your tongue from vicious talk and your lips from all deceit; turn away from evil and do good; let peace be your quest and pursue it.* (Ps. 33/34:14-15). Once you have done this, *My eyes will be upon you and My ears will listen for your prayers; and even before you ask Me, I will say to you, Here I am.* (Isa. 58:9). What, dear brothers, is more delightful than this voice of the Lord calling to us? See how the Lord, in His Love, shows us the way of life. \*\* (RB Prologue 14-20)



St. Benedict reminds us that even though in our lives we may find ourselves surrounded by many people, as well as many responsibilities, God calls out to us and He reaches out to us in the inner sanctum of our being. God speaks within our heart and soul to guide us along the way to eternal life with Him. Through prayer we talk and listen with God – Prayer is a dialogue.

In order to enter into prayer with God, we must prepare ourselves mentally and emotionally by letting go of everything which keeps our minds and hearts preoccupied in life, which was the focus of part 1 on the practice of listening. However, St. Benedict doesn't stop there. He goes deeper and addresses the *way we live our lives*. In order to truly place ourselves in the presence of God, we must examine how we relate with others through our thoughts, words and actions.

The spoken word typically follows a period of thinking of and processing our observations, ideas, and reflections about someone or a situation. St. Benedict begins guiding us so wisely by saying that we must stop speaking hurtful and disparaging words towards others which tear down another's self-image and esteem. By curbing our tongue and saying only those positive things which one needs to hear, not only do we help build up the other's self-image so that they may see themselves more fully as God sees them, but also internally change our view of the other person and see them as well as ourselves as a daughter/son of God. We begin an inner transformation of ourselves and the other along with a true conversion of heart.

Take the time now to reflect upon your own experiences. Recall a time when someone said something which was pretty devastating.

You may have felt hurt. Perhaps you were angry. Maybe you even wanted to get revenge towards the other person. Perhaps you retaliated by some action or harmful words. As the saying goes, "one bad deed doesn't justify another." By doing so, the cycle continues. By doing so we continue to diminish seeing the other and ourselves as created in the image and likeness of God. St. Benedict calls us to build up and not tear down. He challenges us to break that cycle and create a life-giving, God loving cycle. Then and only then are we able to truly hear and see God. Then and only then we are able to truly pray.

Peace,

*Rt. Rev. Gary A. Hoover OSB*

Abbot Gary Hoover, OSB

I am reminded of the song, "Words" by Hawk Nelson,

They've made me feel like a prisoner  
They've made me feel set free  
They've made me feel like a criminal  
Made me feel like a king

They've lifted my heart  
To places I'd never been  
And they've dragged me down  
Back to where I began

Words can build you up  
Words can break you down  
Start a fire in your heart or  
Put it out

Let my words be life  
Let my words be truth  
I don't wanna say a word  
Unless it points the world  
back to You

You can heal the heartache  
Speak over the fear  
(Speak over the fear)  
God, Your voice is the only  
thing  
We need to hear  
(We need to hear)

Words can build you up  
Words can break you down  
Start a fire in your heart or  
Put it out

Let my words be life  
Let my words be truth  
I don't wanna say a word  
Unless it points the world  
back to You  
(Back to You)

Let the words I say  
(Let the words I say)  
Be the sound of Your grace  
(Sound like Your grace)  
I don't wanna say a word  
Unless it points the world  
back to You

I wanna speak Your love  
Not just another noise  
Oh, I wanna be Your light  
I wanna be Your voice

Let my words be life  
Let my words be truth  
I don't wanna say a word  
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# Regina Health Center

The monks of Saint Andrew Abbey have developed a practice of faithfully visiting their confreres at Regina Health Center every first Wednesday of the month. Regina Health Center is located at 5232 Broadview Road in Richfield, Ohio. The spacious grounds and handsome complex of buildings was originally built in 1957 as the motherhouse for the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, a religious order of nuns who have ministered in the Diocese of Cleveland since 1851.

Recognizing the growing need for long term health care of other religious communities in the diocese for their aging members, the Sisters decided in the early 1990s to convert part of their motherhouse into a facility where members of different religious orders could receive various levels of care. It is the first inter-community health care facility of its kind in the country. Previously, religious communities cared for their sick and elderly in their own motherhouse or monastery.

Saint Andrew Abbey built a twelve room infirmary in 1984 that served the monks well for over 25 years. However, the lack of full-time nursing personnel and the need for twenty-four hour supervision caused the monks to move individuals with special care needs to Regina in the late 1990's. Over 20 other religious communities have done likewise.

Twelve monks of Saint Andrew Abbey have been cared for at Regina Health Center including current residents **Fr. Placid Pientek, OSB, 99; Fr. Joachim Pastirik, OSB, 76; Fr. Dominic Mondzelewski, OSB, 75; and Abbot Christopher Schwartz, OSB, 71.**



Every first Wednesday of the month, the 17 resident monks at the abbey drive to Regina Health Center and celebrate evening prayer (vespers) with their confreres and enjoy supper together. Some of the Regina monks periodically visit the abbey. Relatives and friends of the monks who live at Regina may also visit them. Calling in advance is recommended (330-659-5113). This July 26, Fr. Placid will be the first monk of Saint Andrew Abbey to reach his 100th birthday.



The monks of Saint Andrew Abbey gather with their confreres at Regina Health Center during one of their first Wednesday of the month visits. (Seated L-R): Fr. Joachim Pastirik, Fr. Dominic Mondzelewski, Prior Timothy Buyansky, Abbot Gary Hoover, Fr. Placid Pientek, Abbot Christopher Schwartz. (Standing L-R): Fr. Gerard Gonda, Bro. Philip Petrow, Fr. Dismas Boeff, Fr. Bede Kotlinski, Fr. Louis Carey, Fr. Anselm Zupka, Bro. Peter Ancell, Fr. Paschal Petcavage, Fr. Thomas Sanders, Fr. Justin Dyrwal, Bro. Mario Parisi, Fr. Finbar Ramsak, Bro. Conrad Wald, Bro. Gabriel Balazovic.

Missing from the photo: Abbot Roger Gries, Abbot Clement Zeleznik, Fr. Kenneth Katricak, Fr. Michael Brunovsky, Bro. Nicholas Spisak, and Novice Simon Corrigan.

# Abbey Barbershop

In Chapter 35 of his Holy Rule for Monasteries, Saint Benedict writes, “Let all the brothers serve one another in love.” Whenever a new man joins a Benedictine monastic community, he puts all of his talents at the service of his fellow monks and the apostolic works of the monastery. One talent that has always been needed in monasteries is to have a barber.

Somewhere in every Benedictine monastery there is a barber shop. In Saint Andrew Abbey, the barber shop has been located on the first floor of the residential wing for many years. Fully equipped with a standard, swivel barber’s chair and electric hair trimmers, the barber shop is not only a place to get your hair cut, but also to chat with the barber and those waiting for a haircut.

Since graduating from the Ohio Barber College in Cleveland in 1980 after he professed his first vows two years earlier, **Brother Peter Ancell, OSB** has continuously been cutting his brother monks’ hair part-time while holding down a series of other major assignments such as director of the Benedictine High School cafeteria, director of the Abbey Kitchen, van driver for the BHS Transportation Department, subprior (third superior), and his current assignment as the health care delegate.

Brother Peter observed that monks are just as fussy as laymen in being concerned if their hair is cut too long or too short. Scheduling is also a challenge since the barbershop at Saint Andrew Abbey never has posted its hours of operation. Breakfast or lunch is a favorite time for a monk to catch a barber for a quick haircut after the meal.

It used to be the custom at Saint Andrew Abbey to give new members a chance to cut the hair of willing volunteer monks to see if the newcomer had any potential talent as a barber. That is how **Fr. Joachim Pastirik, OSB** got assigned as one of the community barbers back in the early 1960s. His talents as an artist were appreciated by his confreres who needed a haircut and were concerned about their appearance. He continued to cut hair at the abbey part-time for five decades until moving to Regina Health Center several years ago.

For a short while when **Brother Oblate Donald LaPlante, OSB** lived in the abbey until 2005, there were three monk barbers available for service, Father Joachim, Brother Peter, and Brother Donald. Nowadays with the popularity of shaved heads and buzz cuts, monks like **Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB** have learned how to cut their own hair and offer similar services to others who trust them.

When longer hairstyles came into fashion in the 1970s and ’80s, some monks opted for outside barber service often from friends or parishioners from their weekend parish assignment who were barbers. **Mr. Tim Wenzel**, who operates TJ’s Barbershop on State Road in Parma, has welcomed several monks as customers over the years. Also, **Mr. John Nypaver** of Garfield Heights some years ago used to regularly come by the abbey and provide haircuts.

Cutting hair has also had a deeper, religious meaning in monastic life. From the earliest centuries, when a man begins his journey of becoming a monk, he undergoes a ritual called **tonsure** (from the Latin word for “shearing”) in which the superior cuts either a small portion of hair or shaves the entire head of the candidate.

The tonsure was later extended to those also studying for the diocesan priesthood (until 1972). It was meant to be a public symbol that identified the person as someone who was dedicating his life to God. On January 22, 2018, postulant **Thomas Corrigan**, 37, of Hinckley, Ohio was invested as a novice by **Abbot Gary** who cut his hair in four places for tonsure and invested him with the novice’s habit and a new religious name of Brother **Simon**. For the next 12 months **Brother Simon** will continue his formation as novice under the guidance of the abbey formation director **Fr. Michael Brunovsky, OSB**.



*Bro. Peter gives Fr. Thomas a trim in the Abbey barbershop.*



*Fr. Joachim gives the late Fr. Robert a haircut in 1980.*



*Abbot Gary gives tonsure to Bro. Simon (kneeling).*



# In recognition of our Coach Augie Bossu passing a decade ago, Doc Bossu reflects on the continuing impact of his Dad on our Men of Benedictine.



Dr. Frank Bossu '67

One of the pleasures of my job is that I hear “Augie Stories” from our graduates and friends all the time. While sport is often the setting of the story, the memory usually centers on the character of the man as a role model, a motivator and a helper...as simply their **COACH**.



Frank presents his father with the Latin victory game ball in fall of 1966.

I was asked recently by one of his players what Coach was like as a father. After some thought I responded that what he experienced in Coach Bossu was exactly the same thing I experienced in Dad.

Further, I've come to understand that what we both experienced in Coach/Dad was his ability to bring our Benedictine mission of “developing young men in mind, body and spirit” **ALIVE**. His focus was that the development would result in a good, successful, educated young man. And, since he still connects generations of our young men with shared experiences as our **COACH**, his work continues today.

Here are some of my reflections ... “Augie Stories” ... on how **COACH** embraced the Benedictine mission.

**Body:** Dad's dedication, discipline and extraordinary effort in sports are legendary. In Dad's own youth he leveraged sports to escape the Pennsylvania coal mines of the 1930s and that strategy turned into a lifelong passion. He valued the discipline of exercise on the body and the mind. He believed in the values taught by being committed to a team. I learned that at an early age when I discovered that I was too young to play CYO football and he sent me back to practice with my own hip pads, so I could be part of a team. I hear stories of how he had a knack to identify the best match between a player's skill and the team's needs. That was especially true with identifying and nurturing team leaders.

**Mind:** But being athletic wasn't enough and not even necessary. Developing the mind and the discipline to learn was most important. Most know that Dad graduated from the University of Notre Dame. I'm not sure everyone knows he also had a master's degree from Stanford. One “Augie Story” tells of how, as the



The BHS coaching staff 1967-68: (l-r): Gary Stevens, Dan O'Shaughnessy, Chuck Reynolds, and Fr. Roger pose with Augie.

freshman English teacher, he motivated a young man to become a better reader, helping him have the skill and confidence to eventually achieve a successful career. He was proud to help young men have a chance to attend college. And, if athletic prowess could offer a college opportunity, he wanted "Mind" to be an equal partner to leverage the opportunity.

**Spirit:** Dad was a man of prayer. He said the rosary every morning driving to school. Dad going to daily Mass is part of Bishop Roger's vocation story. He also asked us to be more than we thought we could be. He motivated a reluctant young man to climb the gym class ropes by telling him that his future lay at the top. Once at the top and seeing the Cleveland skyline, the young man decided to expand his world beyond Cleveland.

So, I would love to hear your Augie/COACH story! Please email me or call me. We'll publish "Augie Stories" as a way to keep what **COACH** taught us – **ALIVE**.

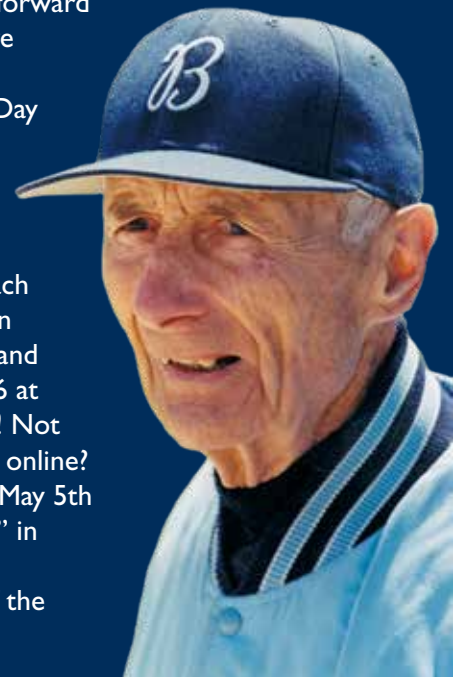
Yours in Benedictine,

Doc Bossu '67

Join us as we pay tribute to legendary mentor and teacher, Coach Augie Bossu, by memorializing his 10 year anniversary of his death on his birthday – May 5. Stay tuned through Benedictine High School e-mail and social media for more information!

## AUGIE BOSSU DAY OF GIVING

Coach Augie Bossu impacted thousands of lives during his 50 years of leadership at the "Home of Champions." We look forward to your participation as we remember coach's legacy through the Augie Bossu Day of Giving. Please visit [www.cbhs.edu/donate](http://www.cbhs.edu/donate) during our 36-hour campaign memorializing Coach Bossu's legacy. Coach Augie Bossu Day will begin at 12PM on Friday, May 4 and conclude on Sunday, May 6 at 12AM – Coach's Birthday! Not interested in making a gift online? Donors can date a check May 5th adding "Coach Bossu Day" in the memo. Checks can be mailed to the attention of the advancement office.





# Alumni Seek Buckeye Improvements

For the last 50 years, Saint Andrew Abbey and Benedictine High School have survived and even thrived despite many challenges in the “old neighborhood.” Before retiring in 1981 after serving 15 years as superior, the late **Abbot Jerome Koval, OSB** made a strangely accurate prophecy when he said, “Someday the Cleveland Clinic is going to change this neighborhood for the better.” And indeed, his prediction started to take shape in the year 2000 when the old Fresh Air Camp later known as Health Hill Hospital on the corner of Buckeye Road and M.L. King Drive became the **Cleveland Clinic Children’s Hospital for Rehabilitation** and a year later the **Lerner School for Autism** was built on the same corner.

Now, ambitious plans are underway to make further improvements to the Buckeye neighborhood and very appropriately, four Benedictine alumni have roles to play in this transformation.

Supervising the big picture of neighborhood improvements in the City of Cleveland since being named Director of Planning for the City of Cleveland in 2014 is **Freddy Collier ’92**. Growing up in the Buckeye neighborhood, he remembers an assembly at BHS while he was a student given by then Mayor Michael White. Mayor White challenged the students not to leave Cleveland after college, but to stay and improve the city. Collier did just that after earning his degree in Urban Studies from Cleveland State University.

The project with the longest history that has the potential to have the greatest impact on Benedictine is called the **Opportunity Corridor**. Dating back conceptually to 2008, the plan is to construct a three-mile boulevard connecting I-490 at East 55th Street to University Circle, making it easier for west side residents to navigate their way to the health facilities and cultural institutions in that area. It will also create economic opportunities for the surrounding neighborhoods with commercial zones along the boulevard.

The \$330 million project has had many challenges in the past decade, but funding has been secured and the \$20 million first phase of the project, from Chester Avenue south to Quebec Avenue in Cleveland, is already completed. When it is finished in the next few years, the **Opportunity Corridor** will not only impact Benedictine with its reinvestment in the Buckeye neighborhood,



Looking at plans for the Buckeye neighborhood at City Hall are (l-r): Ed St. John '84, Richard Switalski '73, Freddy Collier '92, and Andy Cross '90.

but it will allow students and families from the west side to take I-490 into town and continue on the new boulevard all the way to Buckeye Road close to St. Elizabeth’s Church. Upon exiting the new boulevard, these students will have a four minute ride up the hill to Benedictine.

Alumnus **Andrew Cross ’90** is a traffic engineer for the City of Cleveland Division of Traffic Engineering. He has been involved in the planning of the **Opportunity Corridor** project from the beginning. He assisted with the selection of the roadway alignment and he reviewed the preliminary and detailed traffic studies and requested changes to the configuration of many of the intersections especially at Buckeye Road. Cross has been the city’s traffic control plan

reviewer for all three phases of the project. His work will continue when the construction is completed when he will be responsible for timing the traffic signals along the boulevard to improve traffic flow.

Freddy Collier also oversees the **Mayor’s Transformational Neighborhood Initiative** in which Mayor Frank Jackson is investing significant funding to develop less prosperous communities such as the Buckeye neighborhood in a strategy developed by Collier’s City Planning Commission. Already \$2 million has been granted to Simon’s Supermarket and Pharmacy to open in the vacant Giant Eagle space in the commercial strip on Buckeye Road north of East 116 Street. Another \$2.5 million renovation of vacant



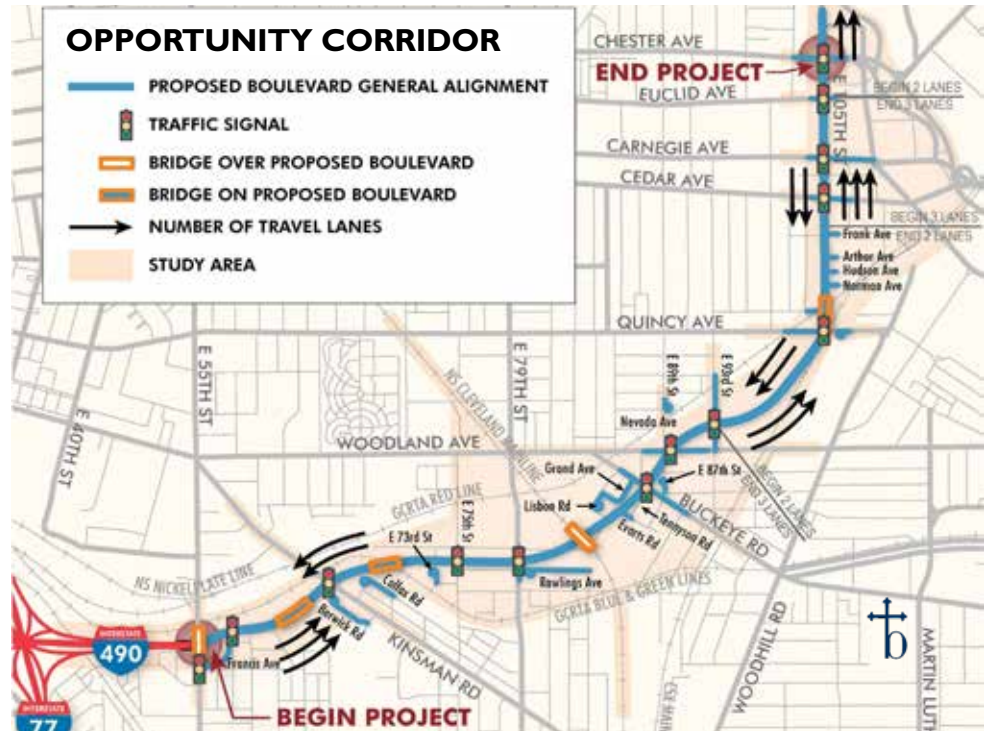
apartment buildings at Buckeye and East 130 Street will begin this summer. And plans are being finalized for the redevelopment of the old Buckeye-Woodland Elementary School at the Buckeye and Woodhill intersection into new apartment buildings.

Alumnus and former “Mr. Benedictine” **Edward St. John '84** is proudly serving as the Project Manager for the planning, design, and construction of the **Union/Buckeye Green Infrastructure Project (UBGI)**. He is an Associate and senior Leader at the downtown Cleveland office of CDM Smith engineering, construction, and operations firm, which was retained by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the \$4.85 million project that involves both the Buckeye and Slavic Village neighborhoods.

Basically, the UBGI Project seeks to better manage stormwater and improve the water quality of Lake Erie by reducing combined sewer overflows taking stormwater out of the combined sewers. In order to do this, the Sewer District obtained residential and commercial properties on Buckeye Road north of the property fence of Saint Andrew Abbey and has cleared several blocks for the construction of four open, earthen stormwater detention basins, one subsurface storage basin, and fully landscaped greenspace that will include a park with walkways, benches, and art work. A large modern sculpture of a water tower will stand at the point where Buckeye Road and Shaker Boulevard meet.



Green space and plaza at the corner of Buckeye Rd. and Shaker Blvd.



# Experiencing the Benedictine Tradition at Saint Vincent

By *Bridget Fertal, Public Relations Student Assistant*  
*Saint Vincent College and Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB*

LATROBE, PA – Often friends of Saint Andrew Abbey and Benedictine High School think that the “Benedictine tradition” of prayer and work and community originated in Cleveland on Buckeye Road. They forget that BHS and the abbey are part of a historic 1500 year tradition that began in Italy with Saint Benedict in the 6th century and continues into the present with a worldwide federation of monasteries and educational institutions.

Benedictine monks first came to the United States in 1846 from the Abbey of Metten in Bavaria under the leadership of Boniface Wimmer, an intrepid and determined monk and later abbot, who settled in Latrobe in western Pennsylvania. The monks established a monastery, a seminary, and a college under the patronage of St. Vincent. Monks from Saint Vincent founded Saint Procopius Abbey in Lisle, Illinois in 1885 and later in 1922, monks from Saint Procopius Abbey came to Cleveland.



Abbot Boniface Wimmer (center with white beard) and pioneer monks at Saint Vincent in the 1850's.

Over the last 96 years a number of monks from Saint Andrew Abbey have received some of their religious training at Saint Vincent and some graduates of Benedictine High School have continued their education at Saint Vincent College. However, there are currently six recent BHS alumni attending Saint Vincent College in

addition to two student monks from Saint Andrew Abbey studying for the priesthood at Saint Vincent Seminary. That is the largest Cleveland Benedictine contingent at Saint Vincent in recent memory.

The six undergraduate students are **Paul Gnatowski**, a junior philosophy and political science double-major from Broadview Heights; **Dan Simko**, a junior criminology, law and society major from Cleveland; **Tom Bennett**, a junior criminology, law and society major from Cleveland; **Dylan Paduano**, a sophomore early childhood education major from Cleveland; **Timothy Shean**, a freshman accounting major from Lyndhurst; and **Isaac Pesicka**, a freshman undeclared major from Cleveland.

In addition, **Brother Louis Carey, OSB** (deacon) and **Brother Conrad Wald, OSB** are studying at Saint Vincent Seminary, which shares a campus with Saint Vincent College.

These students and monks reflected on their time at both institutions and how the Benedictine values have shaped them as individuals and members of the community. The collegiate students from Benedictine High School each have their own reasons for choosing Saint Vincent. Several of them compared their beloved high school to Saint Vincent and said that the two schools were comparable in many ways.



Among BHS and Saint Andrew Abbey personnel currently studying at Saint Vincent's are: seated (L-R): Brother Conrad Wald, OSB and Brother Louis Carey, OSB and standing (L-R): Dylan Paduano, Isaac Pesicka, Dan Simko and Thomas Bennett.



Timothy Shean (left) and Paul Gnatowski (right) talk with Fr. Thomas before leaving for their fall semester at Saint Vincent.



"I chose Saint Vincent because it reminds me a lot of Benedictine High School," Bennett reflected. "Both schools are really big on tradition and they make a big effort to make you feel a part of the community and family."

Additionally, they noted the feeling of comradery exuded at Saint Vincent, partially as a result of the familiarity of Benedictine customs practiced on the campus.

"I chose Saint Vincent because I desired to attend a small Catholic school with solid academics and a great community," Gnatowski said. "In addition, attending Benedictine High School helped solidify Saint Vincent as my top choice because of the Benedictine connection."

Brother Louis and Brother Conrad appreciate the opportunity that Saint Vincent Seminary gave them this winter when they were able to go on a study trip to the Holy Land during their mid-semester break. On Saturday, May 26, Bishop Nelson Perez of Cleveland will ordain Brother Louis to the priesthood and Brother Conrad to the transitional diaconate at Saint Andrew Abbey Church.

When Saint Andrew's Priory was established in Cleveland in 1922 to serve the pastoral needs of Slovak immigrants, monks of Slovak-American heritage at other abbeys were given permission to transfer their vow of stability to the new monastery in Cleveland. **Fr. Paschal Kavulic, OSB** (died in 1940) and former BHS principal **Fr. Armand Gress, OSB** (died in 2001) were professed members of Saint Vincent Archabbey who transferred to Cleveland.

A further connection between Cleveland Benedictine High School and Saint Vincent College occurred when the Pittsburgh Steelers hired BHS alumnus **Chuck Noll '49** as their head coach in 1969 and he decided to have the Steelers summer camp at Saint Vincent where they have remained since then.

On August 2, 2007, Saint Vincent College formally named their football field "**Chuck**



*August 2, 2007: (L-R) Archabbot Douglas Nowicki, OSB of Saint Vincent, John Rooney, Steelers Chairman Dan Rooney, Art Rooney, Jr., Steelers President Art Rooney II, and former SVC President Jim Towey with a framed portrait of Chuck Noll during the dedication of the football field in his name.*

**Noll Field**" before a crowd of thousands of Steelers fans before one of the summer practice sessions. Chuck Noll was 75 at the time and was having health problems so he did not attend. However, he sent a statement about Saint Vincent that read, "It was the perfect summer home. The successes we enjoyed started there. I am very touched and appreciative of this honor."



*Mr. Phil Bokovitz*

The Cleveland Benedictine connection to Saint Vincent College has also reached the BHS faculty. Current BHS Dean of Men and assistant football coach **Mr. Phil Bokovitz** was at Saint Vincent College from February, 2014 to May 2016. He joined their football coaching staff and worked on his master's degree in Counseling Education there after graduating from John Carroll University.



Coach Bokovitz was the Special Teams Coordinator and Outside Linebackers Coach and helped recruit some of the current BHS football alumni for the Bearcats. He finished his master's degree in May of 2015 and was one of the first graduates in the Counselor Education program at Saint Vincent and won an award there for Outstanding Academic Accomplishment.

"The education I received at Saint Vincent and the knowledge of the Benedictine Hallmarks has greatly helped me to transition to the Dean of Men position at Benedictine," he commented.

Saint Vincent Archabbey and College are located just three hours from Cleveland. With nearly 160 monks, it is the largest Benedictine monastery in the world. Saint Vincent College, with more than 1,800 students offers 50 undergraduate majors and 10 graduate programs. On average 83% of first-year students return as sophomores. Among them are the six BHS alumni who chose to continue their education in the Benedictine tradition.

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Mrs. Sue Zulandt

# Principal's Message

Dear Friends of Benedictine,

Another year has flown by and our accomplishments continue to grow. Through our College Ready – Career Bound Program, we not only have a working Engineering Program in place, but we have also added two more, our BenMed and our Business-Entrepreneurship Series. All are connected to the CCP program (College Credit Plus). 62% of the seniors and 28% of the juniors are enrolled currently. Through this program, our students can take courses at the following colleges and universities: Notre Dame College, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Cleveland State University, Baldwin-Wallace University, Kent State University, Case Western Reserve University, Bowling Green State University, Cuyahoga Community College, and Lakeland Community College. This not only benefits our students, but it also helps the parents, because money for the CCP program is granted to the students through the State of Ohio.

Catholic Schools Week was a success. Our students had the opportunity to read to children in different elementary schools. In addition, our Drama Club and our Men's Chorus also performed for the elderly at Judson Park. We chose Malachi House which

is a hospice facility for the indigent as our special charitable cause. The residents requested pop, because that is something that they crave, but rarely receive. Within three days our Men of Benedictine brought in over 400 12-packs of soft drinks.

Our young men are also busy with a multitude of extracurricular activities. The Drama Club had two incredible performances of M\*A\*S\*H\* at the end of February! They also participated in the One Act Festival through the Cleveland Theatre Conference. Four students were recognized for their performances. Theodore (Teddy) Morris was given an honorable mention and won tickets to The Beck Center. Kyle Mallett and John Poston each received a bronze medal and Marcus Mathis received a gold medal!

In conclusion, I would like to thank my faculty and staff for their continued help and support. I also want to extend a warm welcome to all to visit the Home of Champions, the most unique school in the Cleveland area. Thank you for all you do to make Benedictine a success.

May God Bless you and GO BENGALS!!

Sue Zulandt, Principal



Members of the Key Club delivered over 400 cases of pop to the Malachi House during Catholic Schools Week.



# College Ready – Career Bound

“I don’t ever remember having a chance in high school to talk to real professionals about their careers. And, at times I thought, ‘I wonder what I’ll ever need this ‘fill in the subject’ for in *real life*?’” – Dr. Frank Bossu ’67, President

Well, starting next school year some student learning will come from career professionals joining our teachers in the new **College Ready – Career Bound** curriculum. This four-year program will have a special concentration of study in the areas of Engineering, Medicine, Media, and Business-Entrepreneurship. For students in this program their Benedictine college prep diploma will also designate them as successfully completing one of these areas of study.

For students accepted into the **College Ready – Career Bound** programs, in addition to college prep courses, Benedictine students will now have:

1. Special content courses in each area including college credit courses and ethics courses
2. Lectures and workshops by our career professionals.
3. Opportunities for summer internship experiences as an upperclassman.

Students begin the program their freshman year as members of their respective clubs to learn more about the career field, leading to applications later in their freshman year. Courses in subsequent years fit into students’ normal college prep schedule.

The program is generating the expected high interest among students and parents alike. About two-thirds of our incoming freshmen have expressed interest. They like the way these programs can give them an early start for eventually choosing a major in college.

This builds on the strength of our community, where so many of our graduates and friends want to give back to the current students. Please let us know if you’re available to help give a lecture, host a field trip, provide a summer experience or mentor a student. We want to link your current success to our students’ futures.



(L-R:) Fr. Michael, Academic Dean; Fr. Jonathan Zingales, BenMed Program Director; Mrs. Sue Zulandt, Principal; Dr. David Perse, President of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, and Dr. Joseph DiBlasio, preceptor of the program for SVCMC meet to discuss the BenMed partnership.



Look for this icon on the newly created Benedictine App. Download the App through the Apple Store or Google Play.

## Benedictine Community,



*Chris Lorber '04*

What a night! Over 400 guests joined together for what has turned out to be the most popular event of the year – the 16th Annual Blue and White Gala!

The night's MC was Board Chairman, Mr. Matt Joyce '90, who kicked off the night with a slideshow highlighting

some of our academic success stories of our students. Prior to the live auction portion of the evening, which included key items such as Cavs floor seats, trips to Hilton Head and Chautauqua, Golf with the Bishop, Japanese dinner at your home, Dinner with the President, Mass at your home with Fr. Gerard, The ultimate Cleveland Indians experience, and a Terminal Tower private cocktail party, Mr. Joyce emphasized the importance of everyone's financial support and commitment to Benedictine education by informing all in attendance of the cost to educate just one student –\$16,000!

After an emotional video was presented by the Howley Scholars, nearly 40 students who receive tuition assistance by meeting certain academic and extracurricular criteria from their sponsor, the Howley Foundation, Mrs. Lorie Howley followed by sharing stories of her own experiences and the impact these opportunities have provided our young men.

An ultra-animated Fund-a-Need portion followed the live auction as guests participated in an auction-like tempo with financial commitments specific to student scholarships. Once again, the Blue and White Gala has continued our pattern of netting a profit of nearly **\$300,000** for the annual budget!

Dr. Frank Bossu '67, President of Benedictine High School, concluded the night by sharing his optimism of the future regarding the school's College Ready – Career Bound newly created curriculum, alumni and friend participation, and all of the opportunities which lie ahead.

Thank you to all of our alumni, friends, parents (past and present), corporate sponsors, supporters, and attendees. A special thanks to the Gala Committee, Board of Directors, and Advancement staff for the planning, details, and organization of a memorable and successful evening!

Thank you,  
Chris Lorber '04  
Vice-President of Advancement

# Blue & White Gala



*Julianne Malloy and her father Ray Smiley are welcomed by Bishop Roger and Dr. Frank Bossu.*



*Louise Raffin looks over some necklaces displayed by student ushers John DiNovo '21 (center) and Will Young '20.*





*Abbot Gary and Pat Trzcinski*



*Seniors John Dosen and Ted Houser with Sheila Evensen, mother of Eren '21.*



*(L-R): John Koppitch, Laura Caserta, Shirley Caserta and Donald Caserta '67.*

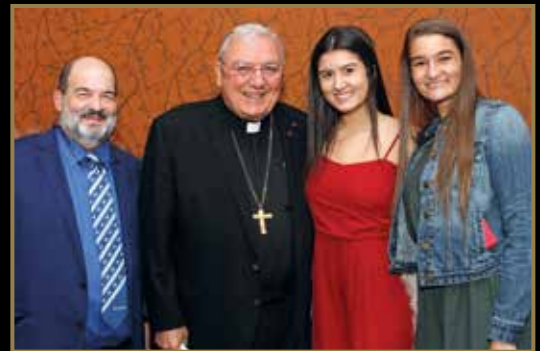
*Mrs. Lorie Howley congratulates the past and current Benedictine Howley Scholars.*



*Joe Sweeney '98 and Mary Jo Hayes with Clare Smith Long.*



*Mike Kaput '73 and his wife Bonnie with Fr. Anselm.*



*Bishop Roger catches up with Jamie Georgeson '78 and his daughters Olivia (center) and Gabrielle (right).*



*BHS Board Chair Matt Joyce '90 (l) with Kathy and Greg Rufus '74 and John DiPaola '78 (r).*



*(L-R): Mary Ann Johaneck, Kathy Boldizar, and Irene Drotleff of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association.*



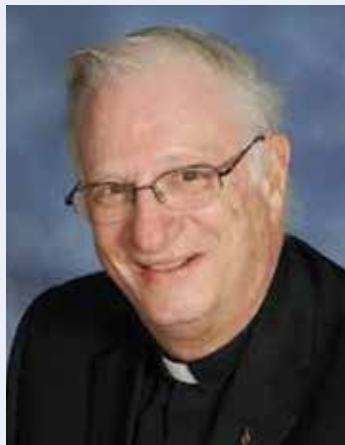
*Ted and Tina Beltavski*

# Fr. Tim Takes a Bow

When Fr. Timothy Buyansky, OSB '60 joined the faculty of Benedictine High School in August of 1970, Richard Nixon was in the White House, U.S. troops were still fighting in Vietnam, Simon and Garfunkel recorded their last album together, the Beatles decided to disband, and Brother Louis Carey, OSB and Brother Mario Parisi, OSB were born. Yes, it was a long time ago.



Fr. Timothy at the time of his solemn vows in 1966.



Fr. Timothy still smiling today.

This past September was the first time that Fr. Timothy did not walk over to the library on the second floor of BHS in 48 years. Having been appointed prior, or second in command at the abbey, by Abbot Gary in 2014, Fr. Timothy began to realize that there was a growing need for his full-time presence in the monastery. He had previously served as prior from 1991-95.

The decision to leave the faculty also meant the end of his remarkable four decades of directing over 80 plays and musicals at the Home of Champions. Having assisted former directors Mr. John Turchon and Mr. Walter Cooper in the early 1970's, he stepped into the spotlight as the sole director in 1975 and remained there until this current year.

A lifelong fan of musical theatre, Fr. Tim brought many of his favorite shows to the second floor Benedictine auditorium stage starting with *See How They Run* in 1975. Girls from the former Regina High School in South Euclid (which closed in 2010), Beaumont School for Girls in Cleveland Heights, and other schools eagerly tried out for parts in the Benedictine musicals, while Benedictine actors repaid the favor by joining the cast for musicals at the girls' schools.

Other successful musicals directed by Fr. Tim include *Godspell* (1978) with Andy Herbcha, *Bye, Bye Birdie* (1979) with Alan Fugo, *Damn Yankees* (1980) with Ray Kasper and Gerard Breland, *Godspell* (second time in 1984) with Tony Piotrkowski, *Some Like it Hot* (1987) with Glenn Heiss and Danny Schroeder, *The Pajama Game* (1996) with Michael Brown and



Dr. Sue Rothmann and Fr. Tim

Nate Shelman, *Grease* (1999) with Allen Lechner, *My Fair Lady* (2000) with Jeremy Paul, Jeff Snitzer, and Joe Matuszewski, *Brigadoon* (2004) with Jack Matuszewski, *Man of LaMancha* (2006) with Jack Matuszewski and Chris Chounet, *Big River* (2012) with Evan Wright and Paul Mims.

In addition to the musical shows, Fr. Timothy would direct a non-musical drama or comedy each fall. His drama troupes would compete annually in the Cleveland Theatre Conference competition at Baldwin-Wallace College and captured many awards.

The Benedictine Hallmark of Stability was very evident in the Benedictine Drama Club during Fr. Timothy's tenure because a trio of BHS alumni, *Bob Soeder '74* (piano), *Mike Dragas '78* (bass), and *John Hubiak '81* (drums) provided music for shows for over 30 years. Beginning in 1997, *Dr. Susan Rothmann*, mother of *Jeremy Paul '01*, became Fr. Tim's costume designer and assistant director.

Sue also organized a series of successful music cabaret fundraisers for the Drama Club beginning in 2000 under the title *Some*



**Enchanted Evening.** These dinner theatre productions featured a variety of love songs from the American songbook and included performances by current students, alumni, and even Fr. Tim and Susan Rothmann themselves. Drama Club alumnus **Scott Dennis '98** was the chef for these annual fundraisers.

A number of Fr. Tim's former drama students have gone on to successful careers in the performing arts. **Shannon Preto '91** earned his masters degree in Fine Arts from the University of Colorado at Boulder and is a professional dancer and choreographer. **Jeremy Paul '01** founded his own drama troupe in Cleveland in 2006 shortly after graduating from Wesleyan University. Formerly known as "Theatre Ninjas," the group now goes by the name of Maelstrom Collaborative Arts and performs experimental, immersive productions in nontraditional venues.

In 2004, the stage of the second floor BHS auditorium was named **The Fr. Timothy Buyansky, OSB Theatre** in recognition of his over four decades of developing and directing the dramatic program at his alma mater. Two of his former student actors are now members of the BHS faculty: **Richard Salem '90**, who not only acted in several productions, but later also directed some shows, and **Joe Dowling '04**.

Fr. Tim did much more for Benedictine High School than direct drama practices for countless evenings over the span of 48 years. His primary assignment was as librarian and multi-media specialist. As libraries evolved and began to utilize computers more, Fr. Timothy became one of the first veteran teachers to become proficient in online learning, teaching a yearly course to freshmen instructing them in various modes of research including the latest technology.

He also moderated the BHS chess team for a number of years and the Ski Club, still hitting the slopes with the students until a little over a year ago. In the monastery, apart from his two terms as prior, he has also served as the formation



Fr. Tim and his first Drama Club members (1975). Standing (l-r): Gary Collum, Darryl Fore, Theron Morgan, Steve Harth, Charles McCormack, George Shannon, Preston Pearson, Eric T. Williams, and Keith Donohue. Sitting (l-r): Dean Koers, Ted Deal, Mike O'Brien, Fr. Tim, Paul Johnson, Steve Deininger, Kevin Franklin. Sitting on the stage (l-r): Keith Cylar, Patrick Hogan, James Buttitta.



Fr. Tim and his cast from *Brigadoon* (2004).

director of new monks. For 36 years he provided pastoral assistance on weekends at the former St. Paul's Parish in Euclid and for the last 9 years at St. John of the Cross Parish also in Euclid.

Although the smell of his pipe no longer can be detected in the second floor library

(now converted into the Learning Center), the influence and impact of Fr. Tim in the lives of countless Benedictine students past and present will continue to be felt and appreciated.

# Drama at BHS Through the Decades

"All the world's a stage, And all the men and women merely players; They have their exits and their entrances, And one man in his time plays many parts, His acts being seven ages." from *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare. Drama at Benedictine High School has also had many entrances and exits over a span of nine "ages" or decades instead of seven.

The first mention of a drama club can be found in the earliest extant issue of *The Benedictine* (the forerunner of *The Benet*) dated September 10, 1931. The high school had been founded in 1927 and the first graduation had taken place just three months earlier.

The faded mimeographed newsletter reveals that "Plans have been made to give the student body entertainment in the form of short plays during the coming year." An abbey seminarian, **Frater Joseph Buc, OSB** and the athletic director, **Mr. John Meluch**, were the first moderators of the new BHS drama club.

Thirty boys attended the first drama club meeting later that month. *The Country Boy Scout* was the first play selected and it was performed at Saint Andrew Parish on Superior Avenue (original site of BHS until 1929), neighboring Saint Benedict Parish, and finally to the student body on Halloween night.

Frater Joseph never professed his final vows and the drama club fell silent for two years until 1936 when **Fr. Augustine LaMarche, OSB**, a monk on loan to Saint Andrew Abbey from Holy Cross Abbey in Colorado, revived dramatics and directed plays for three seasons. He made the decision to invite girls from neighboring parishes to play the female roles, which up to that time had been played by male BHS students.

When Fr. Augustine returned to Colorado in 1938, the BHS drama club took another break. But in 1940, alumnus **Leonard Pchola '36** returned to his alma mater, not as a teacher, but



BHS Drama Club performs "Wild Oats" on stage in 1937.

only as the new drama director. He staged a three-act comedy titled *Soup to Nuts* which played before a capacity crowd in Saint Benedict Parish hall.

From 1944 to 1949, founder and first principal of BHS, **Fr. George Luba, OSB** took over as director with **Fr. Cyril Novotny, OSB '31** as the technical director. They called their acting troupe "The Footlights Club" and in 1949 invited high school girls (from Marymount High School in Garfield Heights) to be in a Benedictine play for the first time.

The stage lights went dark again from 1950-54 until September 1954 when **Mr. Thomas Morrison**, a history teacher, revived and renamed the club as "The Abbey Players" and put on an historical drama, *Joan of Lorraine*, about St. Joan of Arc.



Mr. Leonard Pchola

In the fall of 1955, **Mr. Leonard Pchola '36**, who had coached the drama club in 1940, now returned as a member of the faculty and gave new life and energy to the The Abbey Players for the next five years. From 1961 to '66, English teacher **Mr. John Grillo** directed plays in three of the years he served on the faculty. It was also

during this time that the senior English classes would stage a play annually for the Parents-Boosters Club.

In the 1967-68 school year, first-year English teacher **Mr. Henry Czekalinski** ushered in a new era as director of the Benedictine Drama Club. He at first staged comedies from contemporary writers like Neil Simon and Woody Allen, but eventually turned to more introspective drama without the





The 1968 Abbey Players: Seated (l-r): John Mahr, Steve Hiligan, Mike Mazur, Bob Cervený. Standing (l-r): Director Mr. Henry Czekalinski, Gary Weber, Terry Kurimski, Joe Mancuso, Ted Mieskoski, Jerry Cajka, Frank Kickel, Terry Smith, Pat Burns, Alex Karnavas, Jim Amato, John Kurimski and John Wiecek.

traditional religious themes such as John Steinbeck's, *Of Mice and Men* (in which senior **Mark Francioli** played the part of Candy, the old swamper, in 1970).

With the departure of Mr. Czekalinski in 1971, Benedictine drama took a pause for a year before a remarkable revival took place during the 1972-73 school year. New English teacher Mr. John Turchon assisted by the 30 year-old BHS librarian **Fr. Timothy Buyansky, OSB**, not only produced a play in the fall called *Black Comedy*, but they staged the first musical in BHS theatre history in the spring with the comedy, *A Funny Thing Happened on*

*the Way to the Forum*. Girls from seven area girls' schools participated in the two productions.

After two years, a math teacher, **Mr. Walter Cooper**, took over the Drama Club and continued the tradition of a play in the fall and a musical in the spring – this time a rock musical *Your Own Thing* in the spring of 1975. Fr. Timothy not only assisted, but also had a role on stage.

Finally, the most significant event in the history of Benedictine High School drama came to pass in the 1975-76 school year when **Fr. Timothy** took his seat in the director's chair for *Ten Little Indians*,

which would be the first of a remarkable line of over 80 productions that would take place over the next 48 years under his tutelage. For coaching the Drama Club for over half of its history, Fr. Timothy was honored with the BHS auditorium being named in his honor.

The curtain opened on a new "stage" of Benedictine drama history on February 23, 2018 as the new BHS drama director **Mrs. Whitney Mihalik** successfully produced a very entertaining version of *M\*A\*S\*H*. Sitting with the audience for the first time in many decades and offering moral support was Fr. Timothy.



**BENEDICTINE  
BENGALS**

# Winter Sports Recap

## SWIMMING

Although Benedictine has been represented before in swimming at the state finals in Canton, Luke Faulisi is the school's first representative to participate in the diving finals. Not only did he compete, but he finished 8th overall in the competition placing him on the winners platform in his first year. Congratulations to Luke and to the district qualifying relay team of Jestin Rubin, Jaydin Rubin, Lawrence Rummel and Jordan Myers and all the Bengals who, despite a small roster, represented Benedictine so well including capturing the Cleveland Hts. Invitational in December.

## WRESTLING

The wrestling team had a very good winter as well. Starting with a roster of 15 Bengals, they captured fourth place at Hawken, Maple Hts., and the North Coast League tournament. They also finished second as a team at Villa Angela-St. Joseph and took first place at Columbia shortly after the New Year. Ten wrestlers finished better than .500 and nine participated in the NCL Tournament and of those, seven finished fourth or better in the NCL. Joe Marrone, Derek Berdysz, Eddie Findura and Thomas McGee all qualified for the District tournament at Norwalk and Matt Stauffer not only won the NCL tourney, but also qualified from Norwalk to the state finals in Columbus. Coach Phil Muttillio is proud of the whole group and anxious for a return to Columbus.



*The varsity basketball team poses for a picture after winning the championship at the JP Fund Tournament in Elmira, NY.*

## BASKETBALL

In basketball the Bengals won an outright title in the North Coast League at 9-1 and finished 18-6 overall for the season. Coach Rob Stircula had a very demanding schedule right from the get go including a season opening 89-83 loss to Garfield Hts. which may go down as the most crowded game ever at Benedictine High School. The Bengals were also the 2017 JP Fund-Elmira Holiday Inn National Division Champions During

their Christmas break. Seniors Jerwon Thomas, Mario Caywood, Bryan Washington and Chris Jefferson all contributed at the tourney and throughout the season with Jefferson also named as NCL Most Valuable Player. Wins over Cleveland Central Catholic, St. Ignatius and the NCL clincher against Hoban highlighted the regular season. Despite the return of junior standout Davin Zeigler the Bengals dropped a heartbreaker to Cleveland Hts. to end the season in a Division I sectional final.

## BOWLING

The bowlers got into the action too tying Padua for first place in Division II handicap scoring. The Bengals finished sixth overall in the scratch competition and were led by season high performances by Casey Meinecke's 226 and Chuck Malberti's 206. Coach Jim Konczos was very pleased with the turnout of bowlers this year. Lastly, senior Nate Fink placed 4th in the GCIBL End of Season Tournament.



*The hockey team gathers for the National Anthem prior to a playoff contest in February.*

## HOCKEY

The hockey team finished the season at 13-12-2. Despite a much smaller roster than most every opponent, the Bengals fought hard throughout the season. The four game win streak in January against the likes of Chagrin Falls, Lakewood, Brecksville and NDCL primed the team for the post season. Coach Joe Primiano's Bengals won a first round Baron Cup II playoff game vs. Canfield 1-0. Like much of the season, the streak and the shutout game were noteworthy because of the play of sophomore goalie Tristan Cotter and the scoring of junior Matt Carson. Others who received individual honors from the Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League included Andrew Schiffer and Mike Price. Senior Luke Brown was selected to the GCHSHL All-Star game.



## Class of 1938



**Joe Banas** celebrated his 98th birthday with a luncheon after Easter shared with fellow military veteran **Denis Gonda '74** (left) and **Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB '71** whose late father John Gonda was Joe's cousin. Joe is preparing to mark the **80th anniversary** of his graduation from BHS this spring. He will be only the second Benedictine alumnus in the 90-year history of the school to reach that milestone.

## Class of 1966

**Philip Spinucci** has recently retired from Bay Shore Fluid Power, Inc. He is now residing in North Venice, FL with his wife Susan.

## Class of 1968

**Gene Romanowski** reports his retirement after owning Romanowski Floor & Tile Inc. for 36 years. Gene now lives in Sonoma County with his wife Ginny.

## Class of 2000

**Raymond Laylin** is currently married with 2 step-children. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Cleveland State and is now working as a press operator with a company in Austinburg, OH. Raymond has recently enrolled back in school at Lakeland Community College, working towards a career in welding.

## Class of 2002

**Roger Baum-Shmigel** obtained an Associate Degree in Computer Science in 2009. He then moved from Lakewood to Parma, where he bought a house in the summer of 2013. Two years later, Roger got married in Las Vegas and rescued a dog. He is now planning two trips back to Las Vegas in 2018 and is considering relocating his family to Nevada or Arizona.

## Class of 2004

**Joseph Fyfe** is engaged, to be married in June to Myriam Henrie from Ottawa, Canada. Joseph was recently promoted to the rank of Major with Force Sustainment. He will be moving to Ft. Drum, NY in the fall of 2018.

## Class of 2008

**Andrew Kaczynski** is the senior reporter and editor of CNN's KFILE. He and his team have been responsible for keeping government appointees and nominees honest and responsible. Due to their diligent work with the Trump Administration, Andrew and his team were invited to a special edition of CNN's "Reliable Sources" podcast.

## Class of 2009

**Paul Havel** and his partner Jackie Greaney own a full service creative studio based in Kennebunkport, Maine. Focusing on all things visual, the studio creates stop-motion animated video and photography to help brands in the fashion, lifestyle and travel industries tell their stories on social media and the web. Clients include Alaska Airlines, Brooks Brothers, L.L. Bean, Vineyard Vines, Barbour, Cole Haan, Poland Spring, Belvedere and more. Paul was recently named to *Country Living Magazine's* list of "The Country's 100 Most Creative People," and his work has also been published in *Vogue*, *Coastal Living*, *Town & Country*, and *Maine Magazine*. Paul posts creative video content and documents his travels on his Instagram account, @pjhavel.

## Class of 2013

**Chaz Bottoms** had a short film premier at the Cleveland International Film Festival, which ran from April 4-15 at Tower City Cinemas. Chaz' film was shown on Friday, April 6 only at 11:30 p.m. It was an animated comedy called *All Kids Go to Hell* and was shown in a group of "shorts." Chaz was present for the viewing. Chaz graduated from DePaul University last year with a BFA in animation and film.



**Ryan Gajdos** graduated from Baldwin-Wallace University with his bachelor's degree in Technical Theatre and Design. He has also served as the Assistant Technical Director for the summer productions at the Porthouse

Theatre in Cuyahoga Falls. He will be attending graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to work on a Master of Fine Arts degree in Scenic Technology this fall.

## Class of 2014



**Charles (Chip) Faust** graduated from Bowling Green State University in May, 2017 and will begin medical school at Kansas City University in July, 2018.



**Jacob Gedetsis** has been named one of the prestigious 12 Syracuse University Scholars for 2018, the highest undergraduate honor that the University bestows. University Scholars will represent the entire graduating class at the May 13 Commencement ceremony wearing special

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medallions. The Syracuse University Scholars Selection Committee, a University wide faculty committee, selected the 2018 scholars using criteria that included coursework and academic achievement, independent research and creative work, evidence of intellectual growth and/or innovation in their disciplinary field, a personal statement and faculty letters of recommendation.



**Rob Cramer** has been accepted into the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine this fall. While completing his degree in Animal Science this year at the University of

Findlay, Rob worked on the campus farm. The University of Findlay's farm is about 100 acres. It has about 300 sheep and about 100 head of cattle as well as a few pigs and goats. Rob has been working there as an animal science intern, caring for livestock as well as helping with classes that are taught at the farm.

## Class of 2015



**Jerome Baker** participated in this year's NFL Combine. Jerome, who played for The Ohio State Buckeyes, finished his collegiate career with 158 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss, 7 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

**Joshua Jackiewicz**, who went through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and was baptized as a Catholic during his senior year at Benedictine at St. Charles Parish in Parma, reports that his mother followed him into the Church this Easter. He continues to actively live his faith through his involvement at St. Mary's Catholic Center at Miami University in Ohio. He serves on the student ministry board and is the music director for the student weekend Masses. He will be part of the Catholic Center's leadership team next year. He credits "the strong influence of the Benedictine monks at BHS" for his journey to the Catholic Church as well as his mother's.

## Class of 2017

**Graham Hallman Taylor** is having academic success at the start of his college career. Graham earned himself a spot on the Dean's List his first semester at John Carroll University, where he is majoring in computer science.



Despite some unexpected time in the hospital this past fall during his freshman year at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, **Timmy Shean** was inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman college year honor society, during ceremonies on February 27, 2018. He is pictured with Megan Mooney. Ninety-two new members were inducted into Saint Vincent College's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, an international honor society for first-year students with outstanding academic achievement. Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their first year of study to be considered for membership in the organization.



### Mr. Vincent Francioli

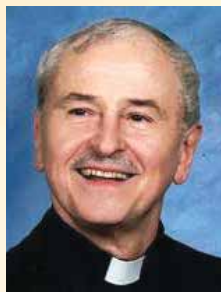
who began teaching social studies at Benedictine in 1955 and who is the father of veteran English teacher Mark Francioli '71, has published a book on his experiences in World War II. The title of the book is *From Cleveland, Ohio to Nazi Germany* and it was published by Pine Mountain Books in Irving, Texas. Copies are now available for \$16 at Loganberry Books located at 13015 Larchmere Boulevard (off Shaker Square). The phone number is 216-795-9800. The photo from the cover of the book shows Vince in 1943 shortly after he graduated from Collinwood High School.

*Celebrating a marriage, birth, job promotion, recent award, or interesting vacation? Contact BHS Alumni Director Bryan Lacey '12 at [lacey@cbhs.edu](mailto:lacey@cbhs.edu) (and include photos). Phone 216-421-2080, ext. 342 to share your news in the next publication.*



# In Memoriam

of Benedictine High School and friends of Saint Andrew Abbey



## Fr. John Juhas '57

Fr. Juhas died on January 1, 2018 after a long illness. At BHS he played football and baseball and then served in the U.S. Air Force for four years before entering the seminary. After his ordination in 1975, he served at St. Justin Martyr (Eastlake), Borromeo College, St. Gregory the Great (South Euclid), St. Paul's (Cleveland), St. Thomas More (Brooklyn), and as pastor of

St. Joseph's (Collinwood) from 1981-89. Bishop Roger and Fr. Gerard, OSB concelebrated his funeral Mass.



## Raymond Schmidlin '53

Ray passed away on January 10, 2018 at the age of 82. He practiced law since 1965 and enjoyed playing golf with Bishop Roger who celebrated his funeral at St. Clare's Church on January 20. Together with his son Ray, Jr. of the Class of '82, he was an early supporter of the campaign to construct Bossu Field. Abbot Gary concelebrated his funeral Mass.



## Rosemary (DiCioccio) Lucas

Rosemary, 72, the sister of John DiCioccio '55, died on March 24, 2018. For 18 years from 1996 to 2014, she worked in the BHS Business Office where she took personal interest in many students and their tuition challenges. Her generosity and willingness to serve led to her involvement in a variety

of Benedictine activities especially the annual Italian Festa and the Hall of Distinction. Abbot Gary celebrated her funeral service on Good Friday. Rosemary is pictured in the center with Sandi Benedict (l) and Carol Fyfe (r) at the Italian Festa.



## Dave Zelenka '72

Dave passed away in his sleep on January 27, 2018 at the age of 63. He was one of three brothers to attend BHS along with the late Joseph '58 and the late Robert '63. He was the uncle of Joe Zelenka '94 and Michael Zelenka '97. His wife Cheryl is the longtime secretary of Bishop Roger Gries, OSB who celebrated his funeral Mass on February

1 at St. Albert the Great Church in North Royalton along with Bishop Anthony Pilla, Abbot Gary, and Fr. Gerard. A professional chef for many years, Dave organized a catering service out of the BHS cafeteria in 1990 known as "The Abbey Deli" that prepared student lunches and outside orders until 2006.



## Brian Haluska '80

Fr. Bede, OSB was the celebrant of the funeral Mass for Brian Haluska of the Class of 1980 on Friday, March 2, 2018 at St. Colette's Church in Brunswick. Brian, 55, lived in Australia where he worked as a cardiac sonographer. He is the son of Don '54 and brother of Edward '89 and the late Tom '85.



## Martin Carey

Mr. Carey, age 81, the father of **Brother Louis Carey, OSB '88** of Saint Andrew Abbey, passed away on December 20, 2017. A native of County Mayo, Ireland, he was very proud of his Irish Heritage and a founding member of the Eastside Irish-American Club, where he was honored as member of the year in 2012. Martin worked as an iron worker with Local 17 for 40 years.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Class	Name	Deceased Date
1954	Edward Sedlock	11/28/17
	Emma Kozsey	12/12/17
	Frank J. Rushen	12/16/17
1949	Jerry A. O'Sickey	12/16/17
	John Belin	12/28/17
1957	Fr. John S. Juhas	1/1/18
1957	Emil J. Vincik	1/1/18
1952	Stephen E. Biro	1/4/18
1953	Ray J. Schmidlin	1/10/18
	Nancy E. Boothe	1/16/18
1946	Joseph R. Puskar	1/17/18
1971	Paul R. Linn	1/20/18
	Margaret Hertrick	1/25/18
	Ann Pavlovsky	1/27/18
1972	David M. Zelenka	1/27/18
	Mary Therese Hurley	2/6/18
	Vid Slemc	2/19/18
1963	Richard J. Lini	2/25/18
	Judith Baltas	2/26/18
1980	Brian A. Haluska	2/27/18
	Ethel M. Quinlan	3/13/18
1951	F. Lawrence Mzik	3/20/18
	Rosemary Lucas	3/24/18

If anyone knows of other recently deceased alumni, please contact Bryan Lacey at [Lacey@cbhs.edu](mailto:Lacey@cbhs.edu) or at 216-421-2080, ext. 342

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## UPCOMING DATES & ACTIVITIES

### EVENT

**May 4-5**

Augie Bossu Day of Giving

**June 7**

Joe Marino '78  
Golf Outing

**June 21**

Mr. Benedictine Dinner

**June 22-24**

Reunion Weekend

**July 28**

Class of '71  
Annual Golf Outing

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**2013**

5 YEAR REUNION

**1973**

45 YEAR REUNION

**2008**

10 YEAR REUNION

**1968**

**50 YEAR REUNION  
GOLDEN YEAR!**

**2003**

15 YEAR REUNION

**1963**

55 YEAR REUNION

**1998**

20 YEAR REUNION

**1958**

60 YEAR REUNION

**1993**

25 YEAR REUNION

**1953**

65 YEAR REUNION

**1988**

30 YEAR REUNION

**1948**

70 YEAR REUNION

**1983**

35 YEAR REUNION

**1943**

75 YEAR REUNION

**1978**

40 YEAR REUNION

**1938**

80 YEAR REUNION

## REUNION 2018

We are looking for class leaders and volunteers from classes ending in the 3's and 8's for our 2018 reunion to help celebrate anniversary years. **Please contact [alumni@cbhs.edu](mailto:alumni@cbhs.edu).**

**50TH 1968**

**25TH 1993**

**10TH 2008**