

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



From our Pastor

Greetings,

Next year we will be celebrating our parish's 90th anniversary. In preparing for this momentous event, it has been interesting to look into the history of our parish. There have been a few times that the pastor has had concerns over the financial health of the parish. Of course, the first would be at the founding of the parish when land needed to be purchased and a building erected.

Another nerve-racking time was during the Great Depression. In 1933, Monsignor Zwisler wrote, "A grave emergency has arisen. Your parish faces a serious crisis, which you alone can, and, I have every confidence, will avert. This Emergency occasions an Urgent Appeal... the success of the Appeal will save your parish with



its efficient Church, School, and convent." It was not that the parish was unwise with its resources or had failed to collect enough to cover its debts, it was that a bank had failed, and the parish lost all of its savings. But the parish rallied, and all was fine.

A meeting was held in 1936 in which the pastor spoke of the remarkable first eight years of the parish; the construction of the beautiful, all-purpose building and the creation of beautiful grounds making St. Sebastian "the greatest parish in the diocese." But there was need of a rectory and a paying down of parish debt. A highly successful campaign ensued as is evidenced by the rectory building that now stands at 476 Mull Avenue.

Today the parish stands as a solid anchor to our neighborhood. It is the job of the Foundation to keep it that way financially. It is currently accomplishing this goal in two ways. One way is by the building of the general fund in the Foundation that feeds needed resources to the parish and school so that you are not tapped on the shoulder every time something requires attention. Secondly, the Foundation is working on raising funds so that our beautiful parish church might be restored to its original beauty in time for our 90th anniversary in 2018 and that it might be preserved for generations yet to come.

Echoing the sentiments of our founding pastor, Monsignor Zwisler, I have every confidence we will rise to the occasion in these two worthy endeavors and help keep St. Sebastian "the greatest parish in the diocese."

Thank you for all that you do. Please keep the parish in your prayers.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. John A. Valencheck".

Rev. John A. Valencheck
Pastor
St. Sebastian Parish



From our President

To Our Fellow Parishioners,
Families and Friends,

On behalf of the entire
Foundation Board, we thank
you for your continued
generosity to St. Sebastian
Parish and to the Foundation.
Your continued financial
support and prayers allow our
parish to be a beacon of light
to the West Akron community



and to those we call our neighbors. For nearly 90 years, this parish has stood the test of time and continues to be a place where our Catholic faith is lived out in a real way to a world that is in desperate need of knowing Jesus Christ.

We are just one year away from celebrating our 90th anniversary, and as part of that, we are in the process of raising money to restore our beautiful church and preserve it for future generations. Many of us on the Foundation Board have children or grandchildren attending the school (or soon will be). We owe it to them to keep our parish and school strong so they will all experience the richness of Catholic life and so they will choose to make this parish their faith home for their children and grandchildren.

Today our parish stands on solid financial ground thanks to the generosity of all of you and those who came before us. It is our responsibility as trustees of the Foundation to keep it that way and to grow the Foundation assets for future generations.

We took another step in that direction this past year when we hired Kathy Holaday as our new director of development. She hit the ground running in September and brings her enthusiasm, experience and love of our parish to work with her every day. She has a big job ahead, and her first seven months have shown that we have the right person. The Foundation is once again fully-staffed with the recent hiring of a new development assistant, Anne Dennée, who joins Kathy and Rosanne Burns, the Foundation's bookkeeper.

In addition, we welcomed Brenda Pier Beck as a new trustee of the Foundation. Brenda is a long-time parishioner with deep roots in our community, and we are thrilled to have her serving you. Along with the other trustees, I welcome her on board.

Please continue to keep in your prayers those who give much of their time to serve this parish by volunteering countless hours. I am so grateful to serve with all the members of the Foundation Board because I get to see and experience first-hand how each of them have servant hearts and care about the St. Sebastian Parish family. We all thank you for your continued generosity.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick O'Neill".

Patrick O'Neill
President
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Board of Trustees



Financial Statements

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2015 and 2016. The total contributions to the church and school from the Foundation from 1971 through 2016 totals \$9,275,729.

Assets	2015	2016
Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 119,018	\$ 190,527
Long-term Investments at Market:		
Fixed Income	\$ 1,659,370	\$ 1,770,396
Equities	\$ 2,154,126	\$ 2,328,153
Total Assets	\$ 3,932,514	\$ 4,289,076
Liabilities and Fund Balances	2015	2016
Grants Approved for Future Payment	\$ 0	\$ 0
Fund Balances	\$ 3,932,514	\$ 4,289,076
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 3,932,514	\$ 4,289,076

The Foundation value over the last four years.

Total Market Value

2016	\$ 4,289,076
2015	\$ 3,932,514
2014	\$ 4,373,990
2013	\$ 4,313,080

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Income and Expenses for the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2015 and 2016.

Income	2015	2016
Gifts & Fundraisers	\$ 750,649	\$ 366,343
Net Gains/[Losses] from Investments	[\$ 97,726]	\$ 356,022
Total Gifts and Gains	\$ 652,923	\$ 722,365
Distribution and Expenses	2015	2016
Distributions to Church and School	\$ 942,756	\$ 228,851
Expenses	\$ 151,643	\$ 136,951
Total Distributions and Expenses	\$ 1,094,399	\$ 365,802

Unrestricted Value

2016	\$ 2,046,602
2015	\$ 1,999,157
2014	\$ 2,206,051
2013	\$ 2,378,674

Restricted Value

2016	\$ 2,242,474
2015	\$ 1,933,357
2014	\$ 2,167,939
2013	\$ 1,934,406





Donations to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation have enabled the parish to complete a remarkable array of projects and provide substantial financial support for the parish and school since the Foundation's inception in 1971. Here is a snapshot of distributions made over the last 10 years.

2006		2011			
Campus Signs	\$16,300	Victor E. Buehrl, Jr. Science Projects	\$11,115	School Financial Aid and Scholarships	\$83,992
Church Chiller	\$11,499	Byrider Renovations	\$18,500	Social Ministry	\$1,277
Church Repair	\$6,000	Deficit Reduction	\$34,012	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$127
Classroom Renovation	\$15,432	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovation	\$53,061	Vocational Health & Wellness Support	\$474
HVAC Monitor	\$7,900	Rectory Renovations	\$8,992	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$3,122
Rectory Boiler	\$16,017	School Financial Aid	\$35,000		
Rectory Repair	\$9,581	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$9,020	2015	
Restricted Accts. Distributions	\$118,642			AOH Scholarship	\$250
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	2012		Art Classroom Supplies	\$1,751
Seinna Institute	\$3,784	Art Classroom Supplies	\$3,200	Boy Scout Troop #96 Scholarship	\$500
Stewardship	\$6,000	Victor E. Buehrl, Jr. Science Projects	\$4,310	Brick Parking Lot	\$555,905
		Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	Victor E. Buehrl, Jr. Science Projects	\$2,022
2007		Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,500	Byrider Hall Windows	\$4,946
Church Chiller	\$11,980	GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500	Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$2,651
Classroom Renovation	\$10,763	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$2,356	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$500
Playground	\$25,000	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$983	Foley Adult Education	\$386
Rectory Repair	\$4,390	Organ System Project	\$125,850	Garden Fund	\$327
Restricted Accts. Distributions	\$199,306	School Financial Aid	\$35,000	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,000
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	Seminarian Scholarships	\$1,397	GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500
School Video Security System	\$10,000	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$47,925	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$15,000
		Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$272	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,028
				iPad Fund	\$9,295
2008		2013		Music Endowment	\$821
Church Exterior Repairs	\$61,163	Art Classroom Supplies	\$2,305	Organ System Project	\$2,928
Classroom Renovations	\$9,642	Victor E. Buehrl, Jr. Science Projects	\$2,326	Francis L. Sharp Scholarship	\$500
Deficit Reduction	\$21,000	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	School Financial Aid and Scholarships	\$78,339
Restricted Accts. Distributions	\$123,434	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,500	Social Ministry	\$13,061
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500	St. Anthony Scholarship	\$4,000
Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$86,187	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$3,270	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$4,452
		Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,063	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$17,227
2009		Music Endowment	\$1,700		
Bell Tower Repair	\$4,000	Organ System Project	\$304,462	2016	
Classroom Renovation	\$9,848	School Financial Aid	\$35,000	AOH Scholarship	\$250
Deficit Reduction	\$60,117	Seminarian Scholarships	\$1,200	Boy Scout Troop #96 Scholarship	\$500
Restricted Accts. Distributions	\$156,063	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$6,089	Victor E. Buehrl, Jr. Science Projects	\$2,638
School Financial Aid	\$35,999	Vocational Health & Wellness Support	\$916	Clergy Enrichment & Seminary Scholarships	\$2,104
		Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$7,329	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000
2010				Foley Adult Education	\$387
Byrider Boiler Replacement	\$44,766	2014		Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,500
Byrider Window Replacement	\$10,000	Art Classroom Supplies	\$977	GOAL Scholarship	\$2,000
Church Bells	\$13,300	Victor E. Buehrl, Jr. Science Projects	\$6,946	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$11,529
Classroom Renovations	\$11,666	Clergy Enrichment & Seminarian Scholarships	\$4,039	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,029
Deficit Reduction	\$60,000	Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship	\$1,000	Music Endowment	\$1,825
Endowment Contributions	\$33,473	Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship	\$1,200	Organ System Project	\$9,861
Jesus Shrine	\$22,621	GOAL Scholarship	\$1,500	Catherine Paparella Memorial Scholarship	\$400
Misc. Items from Directed Funds	\$63,158	Helen Barry Hamlin Library Renovations	\$1,150	Roberts Math Endowment	\$979
Rectory Upgrades	\$7,561	Hummel Bereavement Endowment	\$1,075	School Financial Aid and Scholarships	\$78,546
School Boiler Repair	\$10,700	Music Endowment	\$9,853	Francis L. Sharp Scholarship	\$500
School Financial Aid	\$35,000	Organ System Project	\$1,282	Social Ministry	\$12,355
Science Lab Renovation	\$17,625	Piano	\$18,441	St. Anthony Scholarship	\$4,000
		Roof Repairs	\$56,692	Tormey Fund Rectory Renovations	\$315
		School Door Replacement	\$16,500	Zwisler Hall Plaza	\$360

From our Director

I joined the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation team in September, 2016, and I can honestly say that I am so very pleased with my decision! I am enjoying learning more about the Foundation and our parish community. As a member of St. Sebastian Parish for nearly 40 years, I have been fortunate to have been involved in various areas of our parish community, and I am grateful to now be working full time to benefit our parish church and school as part of the Foundation team. I am touched and humbled by the generosity and kindness of our parishioners, alumni, school parents and friends. Thank you for your support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Your dedication and loyalty allow us to provide such wonderful care and assistance to our parish church and school.

This 2016 Annual Report has been prepared to provide you with a summary and accounting of the Foundation's activity during the year. As you know, St. Sebastian Parish Foundation was established in 1971 and exists solely to support our parish church and school. It is amazing to consider the forethought and vision of Fr. Byrider and the Foundation founders! Because of their planning and commitment, they ensured funds would always be available to support St. Sebastian Parish. The funds and endowments held by the Foundation continue to grow in number, and just this year we have finalized five new funds or endowments. This report includes short features on each of these new funds/endowments. I hope you will enjoy reading the stories about the reasons they were created!

Recent annual reports from the Foundation have highlighted aspects of our church building that are in need of restoration. The parish is in the process of finalizing a formal project to restore the interior of our church to its full beauty and has asked the Foundation to take on the fundraising portion of the project. This report includes a feature on items proposed for this restoration project. Further announcements and a formal campaign kickoff are planned for spring, 2017. We hope you will join us in support of our church restoration project, which is planned for completion by late 2018, when the parish celebrates its 90th anniversary. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us November 10, 2018 for our 90th anniversary celebration.

Thank you! Your continued support and generosity is making a difference for St. Sebastian Parish Church and St. Sebastian Parish School. We truly appreciate your support!

God's blessings to you and your family,



Kathleen Zehenni Holaday
Director of Development
St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



Foundation Funds and Endowments

St. Sebastian Development Fund
Unrestricted Gifts for the Greatest Needs of the Parish

Church Funds and Endowments

Adult Education

Foley Family Adult Religious Education Endowment
Fr. William D. Karg Faith Formation Fund

Bereavement

Paul A. and Patricia A. Hummel Bereavement Endowment

Capital

Adoration Chapel Fund
Church Improvement Fund
John L. Tormey Restoration Fund (Rectory)

Clergy

Fickes Family Clergy Enrichment Endowment
Seminarian Scholarship Fund
Vocational Health and Wellness Fund

Education

The Academy of Culture and Arts Fund

Grounds

The Grounds Crew Flower Fund
The Plaza Fund (Zwisler Hall)
St. Sebastian Greenhouse Project

Music

Music Endowment
Organ Project Fund

Other

Natural Family Planning Fund (NFP)
Catherine Paparella Memorial Fund
Sanctuary Society Fund

School Funds and Endowments

Athletics

Athletic Booster Club Fund
Byrider Window Fund
Locker Fund (Byrider Hall)

Capital

St. Sebastian School Endowment

Education

Art Fund
Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab Fund
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund
Mary Jane Hudak Roberts Math Endowment
September Spectacular Arts and Cultural Enrichment Fund
September Spectacular Garden Fund
September Spectacular Technology Fund
September Spectacular Tuition Reduction Fund

Tuition Assistance

Alumni Scholarship Endowment
Fr. Charles Byrider Education Endowment
Hugh Colopy Scholarship Endowment
Meyo Clarke Comunale Scholarship Endowment
Franklin K. and Delores H. Dietzler Education Endowment
The Alberta Hensley Scholarship Endowment
Hank and Eileen Hudson Scholarship Endowment
John and Joan Kelley Scholarship Endowment
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lyons, Sr. Family Endowment
The M.G. O'Neil Scholarship Endowment
The Wm. J. O'Neil Scholarship Endowment
The Lewis and Kathleen Seikel Scholarship Endowment
Sheeks Family Scholarship Endowment
Stiller Family Scholarship Endowment
Jay and Marilyn Stitz Scholarship Endowment
The Victor Yanko Scholarship Endowment

Tuition Assistance and Teacher/Staff Support

Dr. H. Thomas and Mary Rita Baumgardner Scholarship Endowment
Cleary Family Scholarship Endowment
Eugene D. and Marie T. Graham Scholarship Endowment
Dr. Carl E. Krill, Sr. Family Endowment
McFarland Education Scholarship Endowment
Esther Simonetti Owen Scholarship Endowment
James M. Pier, Sr. Scholarship Endowment
William and Mildred Walzer Education Endowment
Richard and Carroll Weber Scholarship Endowment

Teacher/Staff Support

Louis H. Amer Education Endowment
Mary Jo Costigan Teacher's Salary Endowment
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment
Social Ministry Fund

Scholarships

AOH Arrow Scholarship Fund
Boy Scout Troop #96 Scholarship Fund
Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship Fund
Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship Endowment
GOAL Endowment (Graves O'Neill Academic Leaders)
The Frances L. Sharp Scholarship Endowment
St. Anthony Scholarship Fund
John A. Trecaso Scholarship Endowment

If you would like to support any of the above endowments or funds, please feel free to use the enclosed envelope. If you would like to start your own named endowment with the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, we can help! Starting an endowment or fund is a great way to help secure the financial future of the parish. For more information, please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or holadayk@stsebastian.org.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2016!

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation would like to gratefully acknowledge the following donors for making a gift to the Foundation during the 2016 fiscal year. The contributions of these individuals, families, businesses and foundations provide essential and lasting support for our church and school. From designated gifts to scholarship funds that help our students, to unrestricted gifts that help in the areas of greatest need at our parish, your support is truly appreciated. If we have inaccurately listed or inadvertently omitted your name, please contact the Foundation (foundation@stsebastian.org, 330-836-2233 ext. 113) so we may correct our records. Thank you for your support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation.

Designated Gifts

Alumni Scholarship Endowment

Anonymous (2)
Donna and Peter Baldacci
Thomas C. Bauer
Max Bedell
Lisa and Stanley Bernat
Thomas Bray
Barbara Farr Brizes
Teresa Brostowitz
Robert Budd
Catherine and Stephen Buschko
Janet, Jimmy and Julie Ciotola
Anne Clark
The Associates of Columbus Academy
Edward Dannemiller
Amy DiFilippo
Firestone Federal Credit Union
Thomas E. Gardner
Vince and Karen Thompson Gibaldi
Dr. and Mrs. Dennis A. Glazer
Delores Hodnick
Michelle and Michael Huber
John C. Jost
Stephen Jost
David Keeney
Barbara A. Kelly
Charles Kincaid
Susan Korosa
Sherry and David Marshall
Dennis McAleese
Dr. James E. McDonald
Richard B. McGuckin
Virginia and Michael McGuckin
Barbara and Don McKee
Paul R. Murrow
David Naples
Margot Nischt
James K. O'Connor
Lauren O'Neill
Luke O'Neill
Mari O'Neill
Patrick O'Neill
Jeanne Ott
Melissa and Matt Paden
Julie and John Randall
John Reichart

Thomas Riegler
Marlene, Ray and Mason Sands
Toni Schapansky
George Schumacher
Michael Stiller
Joseph I. Walsh
Katie Walsh, M.D.
Dennis Whisler
Madeline Wiley
Ann and Nicholas Yancura
Maureen Zraik
Robert Zwislser, III

**Dr. H. Thomas and
Mary Rita Baumgardner
Scholarship Endowment**
Mark Baumgardner

**Julie Billiard School of
St. Sebastian Parish**
(Fiduciary Account)
Sharon Deitrick
Roberta F. Hawkins
Ann Hubiak

**Victor E. Buehrle, Jr.
Science Lab Fund**
Rosemary and Frank Floccari

Byrider Window Fund
The Lehner Family Foundation
Laura R. & Lucian Q. Moffitt Foundation
Lloyd L. & Louise K. Smith Memorial
Foundation

**Fr. Charles Byrider Education
Endowment**
Anonymous

**Church Improvement Fund
Cornerstone of Our Faith Campaign**
Anonymous (3)
Alec Bianchi
Ernie and Allie Bianchi
Joan and Robert Brownfield
Frances Caruso

The H. E. Graves, Jr. Family Foundation
Mary Helen Hohman
John D. Kelley, Jr.
Susan Dessecker Korosa
Maureen and Gregory Kudlac
Ann and Mary Loftus
Frank Otremsky
Thomas Reiderman
Lois Reymann
The Rossi Family
Frances Sharp
William and Patricia Stiller
Micki and Louis Trenta
Marie White

**Cleary Family Scholarship
Endowment**
Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Cleary
Dr. Frank and Anna Lee Cleary
Michael Cleary and Family
Patricia and Thomas Cleary
Cathleen Cleary Hawes

**Mary Jo Costigan Teacher's Salary
Endowment**
James Costigan
William J. Costigan, Sr., Trust

**Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship
Fund**
Anonymous
Lisa and Michael Toth

**James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family
Endowment**
James E. and Yvonne Dietrich

**Fickes Family Clergy Enrichment
Endowment**
Lynn and Jeffrey Fickes

**Gerstenmaier Family Scholarship
Endowment**
Aaron Gerstenmaier and Kate Noonan
John and Lois Gerstenmaier

**GOAL Endowment (Graves O'Neill
Academic Leaders)**
Pamela and Patrick O'Neill

Grounds Crew Flower Fund
Mary Jane and Dan McCorkle
Ruth Ann Struglinski

Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund
Anonymous
Ann and David Brennan
The Richard M. and Yvonne Hamlin
Foundation

**Paul A. and Patricia A. Hummel
Bereavement Endowment**
Jennifer and Paul Hummel

**John and Joan Kelley Scholarship
Endowment**
Joan and Jim Kelley
John D. Kelley, Jr.

Dr. Carl E. Krill, Sr. Family Endowment
Akron General Medical Center Staff
Anonymous
Jenny and Ted Banker
Brideweser Family
Patricia and Robert Crabtree
Theresa Darcy
Bill and Cathy Evans
Mary Frances Evans
Roberta F. Hawkins
Terry Henretty
Peg and Gerhard Hopf
Laura Kincaid
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Kloss
Debbie Koonts
Ellen Martucci
Phyllis and John Mascolo
Gerrie McTaggart
Barbara Ann Mesek
Gini Paige
Lois Ann and Stanley Rose
Rita and Lawrence Stallings
Judith Warner
Fonda Weeman

**Mr. and Mrs. James M. Lyons, Sr.
Family Endowment**

Mary and James Lyons, Jr.

**McFarland Education Scholarship
Endowment**

Patricia and Rodger Post

Music Endowment

Becky and Jeff Davis

Natural Family Planning Fund (NFP)

Carly and Daniel Slattery

**The M.G. O'Neil Scholarship
Endowment**

The M. G. O'Neil Foundation

**The Wm. J. O'Neil Scholarship
Endowment**

Nancy and John Beringer

Catherine Paparella Memorial Fund

Anonymous

Chris, Frances, and Simon Bohan

Anita and Peter Calleri

Sylvia and Howard Johnson

Kristie Lang

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Rohrbach

Plaza Fund (Zwisler Hall)

Commemorative Brick:

Dorothy Bartlett †

Roberts Mathematics Endowment

James E. Roberts, Jr.

Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Ann and Mary Loftus

**Frances L. Sharp Scholarship
Endowment**

Frances L. Sharp

**Sheeks Family Scholarship
Endowment**

Donn Cramblette

Laura and Paul Sheeks

Social Ministry Fund

Rebecca Adamczyk

Anonymous (2)

Artists Inc.

Erin Barbour

Candace and Joshua Bates

Beacon Wealth Consultants

Linda Beringer

Anne and Steven Bordenkircher

Anacielo and Paulo Borges

Darko Brdarski

Sara Brebant

Katie Brockett

Laura and Kenneth Buehner

Wendy and Tony Burgoyne

Anita and Peter Calleri

Sarah and Larry Chuba

Danielle Cianciola

Elizabeth Clough

John C. Collins Co. LPA

Cynthia Cook

Becky Jo Davis

Donna Deagan

Kristen and Todd DeKatch

Anne Dennée

Christopher Derikart

Karrie Dettling

Kathryn Dietrich

Laura DiNicola

G. Charles Dix, II

Natalie and Angelo Donatelli

Jennifer and Brian Doucet

Danielle Edgar

Erica Gerstenmaier

Lois Gerstenmaier

Kellie Gilbert

Mary Graves-Latrashe

Carol Greber

Elizabeth Grizer

Rachel Hagenbush

Susan and William Hagey

Diane and Thomas Haller

Jennifer Hanlon

Rhonda Hardin

Linda Heffern

Heidi Heinle

Jason Hill

Erica and Sean Holvey

Michelle Huber

Kathleen Huckabee

Marion Iorfida

Sandra Isabella

Isabella January

Margaret and John Jewell

Amy Jones

Molly Karg

Tiffany and Brian Kenny

Sarah Keso

Elizabeth Khayyat

Gilda Khayyat

Anne and Kevin Kindbom

Melissa and Thomas Knauer

Krissy Kough

Trisha and Brian Large

Mark and Ashley Woodford Lawson

Tina Lee

Amanda and Daniel Leffler

The James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment

The James E. and Yvonne Dietrich Family Endowment was established in 2014 and fully-endowed shortly thereafter to provide teacher enrichment at St. Sebastian Parish School. This teacher-focused endowment is specifically for the benefit of the teaching faculty at St. Sebastian Parish School. This benefit can include, but is not limited to, reimbursement for enrollment in continuing education classes and workshops, classroom supplies, and other enrichment expenses.

Yvonne and Jim stated, *"Our St. Sebastian Parish School teachers are important. Our daughter, Tricia, is a teacher, and we are so very proud of her efforts and her dedication to the education of our youth. It is really all about wanting to show our support to the teachers at St. Sebastian Parish School. This endowment will provide them with additional funding to enrich their teaching experience by helping them to afford continuing education, creating classroom projects and to help offset some of the out-of-pocket expenses associated with managing a classroom."*





The Jay and Marilyn Stitz Scholarship Endowment

This new fund, which was fully-endowed in 2016, was established by parishioners Jay and Marilyn Stitz to foster catholic education by providing tuition assistance to students at St. Sebastian Parish School. Marilyn Collins Stitz is a St. Sebastian graduate, Class of 1951.

Marilyn feels very fortunate to have attended St. Sebastian Parish School. She also feels fortunate to be able to "pay it forward" by making it easier for families to afford catholic education. Marilyn and Jay want to pass along to another child what her parents provided: a good education at St. Sebastian Parish School.

Marilyn stated, *"I had such a great experience at St. Sebastian and so many wonderful memories. I am sure that many alumni have fond memories of their St. Sebastian school days! I really just want someone else to have the same opportunity that I was fortunate to have and want to give the children the chance to have the same experience."*

Social Ministry Fund (cont'd.)

Kristin Lopez
 Marie and Matthew Loyed
 Colleen and Michael Madonia
 Patricia and Jeffrey Matthews
 Lynn Matzules
 Jennifer McDonald
 Diana McGee
 Mackenzie and Michael McKeon
 Kathryn Miller
 Jenny Minear
 Bill and Lynette Monaghan
 Kathleen Mullin
 Ann Marie O'Brien
 Pamela O'Neill
 Tricia Oval
 Barbara Panzner
 Kindra Paxton
 Julie and Jason Pellerite
 Danielle Petit
 Regina Petit
 Christine Poth
 Carrie Pozsgay
 Elizabeth and Ramsey Rea
 Wendy Reeves
 Tracy and Michael Reiss
 Alexis Rizopoulos
 Thomas Robitaille
 Cynthia Rodeman
 Nancy Rosche
 Sarah Ross and Christopher Spisak
 Patti and Ryan Russell
 Aaron Salisbury
 Jennifer Salisbury
 Amy Sboray
 Judith Severns
 Meri Skiera
 Lara Smithers
 Katie Smucker
 Janice Stahl
 Christine and Daniel Stummer
 Jennifer and Timothy Sullivan
 Christine and Andrew Taray
 Kathryn and Jon Tatman
 Monica and Joseph Thomas
 Melissa and Timothy Tober
 Christie and Clinton Trenor
 Laura Wack
 Gina and Thomas Walker
 Rebecca and Benjamin Whitney
 Holly Wilt
 Jennifer Yori
 Stacey and Richard Zahoranski
 Colleen and John Zografakis

St. Sebastian Greenhouse Project

Julie and John Randall

Stiller Family Scholarship Endowment

William and Patricia Stiller

Jay and Marilyn Stitz Scholarship Endowment

Jay and Marilyn Stitz Foundation

John Tormey Restoration Fund (Rectory)

John L. and Nellie A. Tormey Trust

John A. Trecaso Scholarship Endowment

John S. Trecaso

Unrestricted Gifts

Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott
 Terrie and Mark Adams
 Anonymous (13)
 Michael and Mary Alice Aldrich
 Janice Alpeter
 Judith Amato
 James W. Amer, West Hill Marathon
 Mary Ellen and Al Amer
 Sally and Jerry Antonucci
 Jan and George Bachmann
 Chloe Banholzer
 Donald Bates
 Sara and Gregory Beatty
 Sean Beck
 Angelo Bergomi †
 Maria Pia Bergomi
 Sara and Roland Bertolini
 Alvina and Ernie Bianchi
 Charles Bobosky
 Kelly Bradham
 Annette and Charles Brady
 Martha and David Bremer
 Mary Briggs
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Board of Trustees Welcomes Brenda Pier Beck



The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is pleased to welcome Brenda Pier Beck to the board of trustees. Brenda has been a member of St. Sebastian Parish since 1987 when she and her husband, Jim, moved into the neighborhood. As the mother of two boys at St. Sebastian Parish School, she volunteered for a wide variety of projects and committees, from serving as a member of the School Advisory Council and as the president of Sanctuary Society, to coordinating the building of the first playground on the school yard (beyond "the tire"). In the past, Brenda has also served on the CYO Board and as a co-chair of the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Showcase fundraiser, and she continues to volunteer at St. Sebastian Parish as a Mass Coordinator and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Brenda worked behind the scenes during the renovation and expansion of the parish and school under Fr. William Karg with her husband Jim, St. Sebastian Parish Foundation members, and many parishioners. Together they fashioned the Center for Early Learning from the former convent, transformed Zwislter Hall, and completed the computer lab and junior high science lab. Jim served on the parish Foundation from 1998 until his death in 2007. He would be immensely pleased to see how the parish has flourished and expanded upon these improvements under the leadership of the current pastor, Fr. John Valencheck, and the present day Foundation. Brenda looks forward to continuing the work that has carried the parish to this point.

Brenda graduated from Miami University with a degree in Interior Design and her company, Pier Concepts, does residential design around northeastern Ohio. Brenda has two sons, Brian (Emily) and Gregg, and has been continually blessed to have met Mike Beck and married him in 2014. Brenda and Mike have a combined family that includes five graduates from St. Sebastian Parish School and an ever-growing number of grandchildren who they hope to see attend the school as well.

The generosity of Brenda and her family and their dedication to catholic education is evident in their philanthropy. The James M. Pier, Jr. Scholarship Endowment, which is managed by the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, was established in 2007 to benefit the students and faculty of St. Sebastian Parish School. A separate fund also named in memory of Jim provides financial support to students of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. Mike Beck and his children also established The Beck Family Foundation, which provides tuition assistance to students from St. Sebastian Parish School who choose to attend Walsh Jesuit High School and Our Lady of the Elms High School.

The John A. Trecaso Scholarship Endowment

This new fund held by the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation was established in 2016 in memory of St. Sebastian parishioner John A. Trecaso, who passed away January 13, 2015. The scholarship was funded thanks to many generous people who made donations to the Foundation in memory of John A. Trecaso. It will be awarded annually to an eighth-grade student from St. Sebastian Parish School who will be attending St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. The award is for \$500 toward freshman year tuition. The first scholarship was awarded in the spring of 2017.

John A. Trecaso's nephew and namesake, John S. Trecaso, who started the fund in honor of his uncle, stated, *"I am so pleased to honor my Uncle John in this way. Even though Uncle John never had any children, he loved children and believed in the benefits of a catholic education. I have made it my personal goal in life to fulfill my Uncle John's wish, which is to have a positive impact on people and their lives."*



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Gifts in Memory, Honor, Celebration, Appreciation

We thank and acknowledge all those who have designated a gift to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in memory, honor, celebration, or appreciation of their loved ones. We are grateful for their generosity in making a lasting gift to benefit our parish. If we have inaccurately listed or inadvertently omitted your name, please contact the Foundation (foundation@stsebastian.org, 330-836-2233 ext. 113) so we may correct our records. If you would like to honor someone you love, please feel free to use the enclosed envelope for your gift.

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Natural Family Planning Fund

This new fund was established in 2016 by parishioners Daniel and Carly Slattery to increase awareness of the Natural Family Planning concept and to defray costs for couples who enroll in Natural Family Planning classes. The fund will pay for class enrollment fees for any engaged or married couple who are St. Sebastian parishioners or who plan to get married at St. Sebastian Parish Church.

Daniel and Carly shared their reason for starting the fund: *"We want to help promote a culture of love and respect for the value of life and God's plan for our bodies and our marriages. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to learn about Natural Family Planning and God's design for married love."*

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The Catherine Paparella Memorial Fund

This scholarship fund was established in memory of Catherine Paparella, who passed away in October of 2015. The unexpected death of this active St. Sebastian parishioner and well-loved mother of two young girls who attended St. Sebastian Parish School prompted an outpouring of generous gifts to the parish she loved so much. Her husband, David Hershberger, worked with the Foundation to direct these memorial donations to a new fund, established in 2016, to benefit two of Catherine's favorite parish programs: the El Salvador Mission Trip and the Youth Retreat Program.

Fr. Valencheck, a long-time friend of Catherine's, had this to say about the new fund: *"Cathy gave so much to this parish, and what a beautiful tribute this is: a way to remember her and for her life to still have an impact on our community."*



Rev. John T. McDonough, 1925-2016

St. Sebastian Parish hosted a beautiful funeral Mass on January 12, 2016 for the Reverend John T. McDonough, who was pastor of St. Sebastian from 1985-1995.

Fr. McDonough passed away on January 5, 2016. The day before the funeral, mourners gathered at Our Lady of Grace Church in Hinckley Township for his wake, with Bishop Roger Gries presiding over ves-

pers. Bishop Richard Lennon presided over Fr. McDonough's funeral Mass at St. Sebastian Parish, with the sermon delivered by the Rev. James O'Donnell. Burial took place at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

Fr. McDonough was ordained into the priesthood on April 29, 1950 in the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist by Archbishop Edward F. Hoban. His first assignment was as Parochial Vicar of Ascension Catholic Church in Cleveland. Other assignments included St. Christopher, Cleveland (Parochial Vicar), Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (Parochial Vicar), University of Akron (Director and Resident Chaplain of Akron Newman Club), St. Joseph Christian Life Center (Assistant Director), and St. Mary Magdalene, Willowick (Coordinator of the Pastoral Team). In 1985, Fr. McDonough was appointed Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, where he served until 1995, when he retired and was named Pastor Emeritus. In 1996 Fr. McDonough took up residence at Our Lady of Grace (Hinckley), where he lived as a Senior-Retired priest.

One of Fr. McDonough's first major projects at St. Sebastian Parish was leading the parish through three years of RENEW, a national spiritual growth process. Fr. McDonough also led the parish in increasing the involvement of the laity, establishing a commission system in 1986 and a pastoral council in 1990, and welcoming members of St. Peter Church (Kenmore) into our parish after the closure of their church in 1989. Known to some as "Big Jack," Fr. McDonough was well loved for his wisdom, compassion and sense of humor, and he enjoyed the friendship and support of many parishioners from his assignments.

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In celebration of Christmas

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In celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Dr. Mike and Susie Murphy

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In thanks for allowing Clarice Regan to attend St. Sebastian School while visiting from Peru

Elizabeth Regan

In thanks for Mandy Brooks' help in planning the Class of 1976's reunion

James Meadows

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation

Ways of Giving

No gift is too big or too small! All gifts to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation help support the parish for generations to come. There are many ways to give:

Gift Methods

- Cash or check
- Donation of real estate
- Transfer of stock holdings or retirement plan
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Gift Designations

- To support Cornerstone of Our Faith, Church Restoration Project
- To support the parish's greatest current need
- To support any of the nearly 70 funds and endowments

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Planned Giving

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation relies on the generosity of our community to help secure a stable future for our parish for generations. Planned gifts are becoming an increasingly important source of endowment income for St. Sebastian Parish. Planned gifts are simply gifts that St. Sebastian Parish will receive sometime in the future. They often provide benefits (income and tax) to the donor as well as to St. Sebastian Parish. Long-term giving and planned commitments to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation may be made in many ways, including deferred gifts and estate trusts. You may also designate the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of a will or trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank account or stock holding.

➡ Arrow Society ←

If you have included the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in your estate plans, or are considering including the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in your plans, please let us know so we may record how you intend for your gift to be used. Individuals who have included St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in their estate plans are invited to become members of our Arrow Society, whose names appear in our remembrance plaque in the church narthex.



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INTRODUCING



CORNERSTONE - OF OUR FAITH - ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH RESTORATION

St. Sebastian Parish has asked the Foundation to lead a campaign to raise funds for a major church restoration project. St. Sebastian Church is a beautiful and awe-inspiring place that serves as a cornerstone of faith for our parishioners and as an anchor of the West Akron community. St. Sebastian Parish was established in 1928. Our early parishioners inhabited several buildings before the church as we know it today was completed in 1960. For more than 55 years, this wonderful structure has been the site of many experiences of spiritual engagement and renewal, but all of this loving use has resulted in wear and tear.

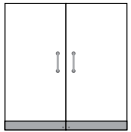
Cornerstone of Our Faith is an estimated \$1 million capital campaign to restore St. Sebastian Church to its full grandeur and beauty. The restoration projects funded by the campaign will be completed in time for the celebration of the parish's 90th anniversary in November, 2018. Below is a brief overview of the proposed campaign projects. All parishioners, alumni and benefactors of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation will receive Cornerstone of Our Faith campaign materials this spring. We hope you will join us in supporting this exciting project!

Primary Projects and Estimated Costs



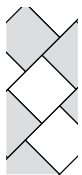
PEWS (\$200,000)

Completely refurbish the pews by refinishing the woodwork, replacing the kneelers, and adding book racks



DOORS (\$60,000)

Replace all interior and exterior metal doors and thresholds (glass and metal) and paint the door jambs



FLOORS (\$75,000)

Recondition the terrazzo and marble floors, which were painstakingly installed by skilled craftsmen, including the repair of wear & tear and restoration of the floor to its original luster



SOUND SYSTEM (\$25,000)

General maintenance and improvements (not a replacement)

SOUND BANK AND SOUND LOOP (\$30,000)

Replace the sound bank and add a sound loop



WOODWORK & BRASS (\$25,000)

Refinish woodwork (such as doors, cabinets, confessionals), re-plate brass in sanctuary

Secondary Projects and Estimated Costs



MAIN ENTRANCE (\$200,000)

Redesign the main entrance by pushing out the steps and adding a ramp to make the main entrance more handicap accessible. Redesign the plaza to be more visitor friendly and visually appealing and improve outdoor lighting



SHRINES & SANCTUARY (\$75,000)

Refresh the painting, treatment and condition of the sanctuary, shrines and statues



ACCESSIBILITY (\$25,000)

Improve the south west door entrance for greater handicap accessibility



LIGHTING (\$75,000)

Convert to energy efficient LED lighting, re-direct overhead lights for the Stations of the Cross



FINISHING TOUCHES (TBD)

Redesign the bulletin board/bookrack in the south west entrance, apply fresh paint where needed, clean the interior masonry, and clean the exterior of the church building including the bell tower

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On behalf of St. Sebastian Parish, I invite you to join us in supporting the Cornerstone of Our Faith Campaign for the restoration of our beloved church building. St. Sebastian Church is the cornerstone of our faith. It is where we celebrate the Eucharist, the source and summit of our lives. After nearly 60 years of loving use, our church is in need of attention. This is our home. It is time to turn our eyes back on our home and make it match the beauty of the Eucharistic celebration and its role as the epicenter of the parish.

CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$1 MILLION

PRIMARY PROJECTS: Restoration of the pews, terrazzo floors, doors, sound system, woodwork and brass

SECONDARY PROJECTS: Restoration of entrances, steps, ramps, front plaza, shrines, marble floors, lighting and masonry

CAMPAIGN TIMELINE: 3 YEARS

Your commitment is needed today to ensure that we can complete the church restoration on time. Pledges/payments to the Cornerstone of our Faith Campaign can be made over a three-year period through 2019.

RESTORATION WORK TIMEFRAME: APRIL - NOVEMBER, 2018

The church restoration project will be completed during an eight-month timeframe: work will begin in April, 2018 after the celebration of Easter, with work scheduled to be completed before the 90th Anniversary Celebration on November 10, 2018.

METHODS OF GIVING: CASH, CHECK, STOCK

While gifts of cash or check are the most popular, gifts may also be made by credit card or through transfers of stock or IRA distributions. Checks may be made payable to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation (please indicate in the memo: Cornerstone of Our Faith). All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

CAMPAIGN CONTACT: KATHY HOLADAY, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Please contact Kathy Holaday, St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Director of Development, if you would like to make a donation or for more information on the campaign. She may be reached at 330-836-2233 ext. 113 or holadayk@stsebastian.org



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SAVE THE DATE

90th Anniversary Celebration

NOVEMBER 10, 2018

We invite you to join us in celebrating the 90th anniversary of our church on November 10, 2018 with Mass in the newly, beautifully restored church followed by a celebration dinner in Zwisler Hall.



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ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH RESTORATION

Church Restoration Town Hall Meeting May 22

Please join us for a town hall meeting on Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. at St. Sebastian Church to learn more about Cornerstone of our Faith, a campaign for the restoration of St. Sebastian Church.

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Mission Statement

To help bring Christ to the world by acting as faithful stewards, to build and manage funds for long term growth and to provide financial support for the religious, educational and capital activities of St. Sebastian Parish for current and future generations.

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