

# St. Peter's Parish Alumni Newsletter



## Archive Photo

**We dedicate this photo to the Class of 1966 who are gearing up for their 50th reunion year. Pretty adorable, no?**



## Alumni Updates

### Alumni Visit Classrooms

A terrific group of teachers planned a week's worth of activities and events at school in November to celebrate St. Peter's 90th parish birthday. On Thursday, November 12, right after the all-school Mass, six alums and one hardy spouse visited with our students, grades 1 through 6. Each of them was asked to tell a little about their time in school, and how things are the same and different now. It was, of course, a great success.

Jim McManus ('59) was joined by his wife Julie, who was one of the authors of our *indispensable* parish history book, "In Our Times, In Our Words....," created for the St. Peter's 75th birthday.

This was a special group of visitors for another important reason: Gwen, Jerry, and Jim and Julie all have grandchildren at St. Peter's school. What could be better? We're not sure who had the better time, our fabulous alums, or the students!



Pictured from left: Gwen Sterner Brooks (1961), Jay Reardon (1965), Kathleen Fleming Barry (1965), Augie Huber (1961), Fr. Terry Bruce (1955), Julie and Jim McManus (1959).

### **Class of 1966 50th Reunion**

Sherry Super Wilson and her brother Terry are gathering ideas and making plans for a 50th reunion gathering this summer for the Class of 1966. They would welcome ideas for the gathering, and are especially eager to hear from classmates. **Special Request:** if you had a sibling in the Class of 1966, please forward this newsletter to him/her - we may not yet have his/her email contact information. It would be great to include as many class members as possible in the reunion communication. If you are a member of this class, feel free to email [Sherry](#) directly.

### **Alumni Parishioners Gather for Our 90th**

As part of our 90th birthday celebrations, we had receptions after each Mass on the weekend of November 7 and 8, 2015. Here's a photo of the alums who joined us after one of the morning Masses. We are blessed to have so many alumni who are still part of our parish family!



### **Church Architect Remembered**

Our 90th birthday celebrations brought us many happy surprises. One was a conversation, and follow up lunch with M. Suzanne Carroll, the daughter of Maurice Carroll. Mr. Carroll was one of the principals at Carroll and Dean, the architects of our beautiful limestone church, built 1944 - 1946. Suzanne was born and raised in Kansas City, and returned to live here in 1998. She remembers visiting the construction site when the church was being built, and spoke with great affection about all the churches and other buildings Carroll & Dean designed. These buildings include: the Rockne Field House at Notre Dame, St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, and The Mother House for the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth (then Xavier), Kansas. Although our church was not 90 years old last year, it seems very appropriate that we made this connection with Suzanne during our birthday festivities.

### **News of St. Peter's Alums**

We're always looking for news and updates on our alumni - do you know of someone who has an interesting story or has recently received some special recognition? Email [Karen Conley](#) and we'll include it in a future newsletter. Thanks!

## **What's Up At School?**

### **Teachers and Staff Service Project**

On Tuesday, November 24, our St. Peter's School teachers and administrators gave a day of service at Harvesters, packing back pack snacks. These back packs are sent home from school on weekends for children living in poverty. They set a good example for us all, demonstrating the corporal works for mercy.



### **Catholic Schools Week**

The annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week began on Friday, January 31st. Our teachers and staff make it a fun week, to be sure, including a skating party and "Crazy Sock Day." But it is also a week when we all reflect on how important our school is to St. Peter's. It is our largest mission, and the mission which touches the most lives in our parish family. Our students are collecting non-perishables for our Food Pantry, and clothing for Operation Breakthrough. [Click Here](#) to see a video about Catholic Schools week.

### **FIRST Lego League**

Our St. Peter's Kick Bots team members were interviewed (live, at the time) down at Union Station, at the beginning of the FIRST Lego League Robotics Regional Championship on January 16th. Robotics is really taking off at St. Peter's and our Lego League teams are doing us proud! Check out this video of the live interview.



## Safe To School - Parking Lot Renovation

In late January we received final permission from Bishop James Vann Johnson to proceed this summer with construction of our new parking lot. The architects are completing final drawings and we will soon pursue bids. The new parking lot will create safer, off-street access for morning student drop-off. The space will beautify and visually unite our campus, echoing the Gothic arches of our limestone church, and will create a new, more convenient entrance to the school on the north side of the lobby. We are very excited to be able to complete this important project, and are grateful to all who have contributed so generously to our Safe to School Fund. If you would like to make a donation to this project, click here to go to our parish donation site, and select the "Safe to School" line.



## Pinewood Derby 2015

Troop 118 and Pack 118 continue to be a vibrant part of our parish community. In November, the annual Pinewood Derby was a great time for all the leaders and scouts. Thanks to dad and Videomeister Peter LaFond for this rockin' video of the event!



## Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On January 10, Troop 118 convened an Eagle Scout Court of Honor and welcomed three new Eagle Scouts to its ranks: Louis Chapman, Paul Davis, and Timmy Keans. Congratulations to these young men, and thanks to all the scoutmasters, parents, and supporters of scouting who have helped these young men throughout the years.



### **St. Peter's Annual Report**

We thought you'd enjoy taking a look at this year's annual report. It's a great glimpse at our most recent year - and the cover features the alumni-parishioner photo from last fall that we love so much! [Click Here](#).

## **You're Invited**

### **St. Joseph Table - Sunday, February 28**

**12 - 4 p.m. in the St. Peter's School Cafeteria**

**Blessing of the Table immediately following 11:00 a.m. Mass**



Our fourth-annual St. Joseph Table will feature all the delicious traditions of this Italian celebration. We will have a free-will spaghetti dinner, along with Italian cookies, sfinge, fresh cannoli, and great camaraderie. The cookie-bakers have begun. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon.

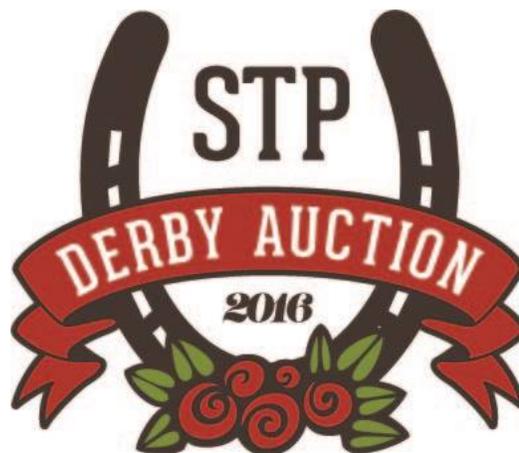
### **STP Derby Auction**

**Saturday, March 5**

**Doors open at 6**

**Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Just when we thought the PTA Auction Committee couldn't possibly top last year's event, plans for this year's Derby Auction appear to do just that. We would love to have you join us! Tickets are just \$50/pp (\$60 at the door). Your ticket includes dinner, drinks and after party. Traditional Kentucky Derby attire is encouraged. This is our largest fundraiser for the school and is always a great time. You may purchase tickets or become a sponsor [online](#).



### **Holey Hooley Golf Tournament**

**Friday, April 15**

**Swope Memorial Golf Course**

**11:00 a.m. Check-in / Tee off at Noon**



Put together a group of your St. Peter's alumni chums and join us for an afternoon of spring golf and fellowship. Or (and?) consider being one of our sponsors. All funds raised this year will go to safety improvement projects at the school. The price is \$125 per player (\$500 for a foursome). Registration includes lunch and dinner. Contacts for tournament questions are [Josh Lary](#) and [T.J. Salmon](#) (son of Connie Ziller Salmon, '61). To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact [Kristi Fuemmeler](#) or [Lori Lewellen](#).

## In Memory

### We remember in our prayers those who have recently died:

**Joseph Allen**, father of Terry '75, James '77, Tim '80, Lori '85, as well as Jeff, Jari, Tom, Vicki and Michele. Joe's obituary may be found [online](#).

**Bill Farnen**, father of Stephen '69, Caroline Evers '71, Linda Stryker '74, and Roger '75. Bill's obituary may be found [online](#).

**Marilyn "Jeanne" Giblin**, mother of Mary Jo Saviano '63, Maliea Burrichter '65, Marcia Mailliard '67, Michelle '70, as well as Thomas Giblin and Maria Bilyeu. Two of Jeanne's 23 great-grandchildren are growing up in St. Peter's parish. Her obituary may be found [online](#).

**Herb Meagher**, father of Steven '74, Chris '75 and Kathleen Ruscis '76. Herb's obituary may be found [online](#).

**Elizabeth Vogl Miller**, class of 1935. Liz's obituary may be found [online](#).

**Doug Retherford '64**, brother of Sr. Sue Retherford '54, Steve '57, and Eva Jones. Doug's obituary may be found [online](#).

## Giving to St. Peter's

### Alumni Support for St. Peter's

We are grateful to the family of Jeanne Giblin (see above) for suggesting St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund for gifts in memory of Thomas and Jeanne Giblin. Over 25 individuals or families gave in their memory, adding over \$1,500 to our endowment fund. We are truly blessed, and the gifts given memory of Thomas and Jeanne Giblin will support St. Peter's parish *for generations*.

In addition, just weeks prior to his death, Herb Meagher gave a gift to our parish endowment fund. When Herb called Karen Conley in the development office, they had a lengthy, animated conversation about his years at St. Peter's parish. He was a joy to speak to, and his gift is greatly appreciated.



St. Peter's has two endowment funds, the Endowment Trust Fund for Catholic Education, which is restricted to use for Catholic education, and the St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund, which is unrestricted and will support needs across the parish and school.

If you would like to make a gift, current or planned, to support St. Peter's parish for generations to come, we encourage you to consider one of these endowment funds. Contact Karen Conley at the parish office: 816.800.0105 or [email](#).

## Class Reps

We continue to build our ranks of Class Reps. Our goal is to have a rep for each class who can help us keep our information up to date, and let us know of recent alumni achievements and milestones. If you would like to be a rep for your class, please email us!

- 1951 - [Vince Soebbing](#)
- 1955 - [Fr. Terry Bruce](#)
- 1957 - [Margay Green Welch](#)
- 1958 - [Kathy Wilborn Haug](#) (mail only - [click here](#) to receive contact info)
- 1961 - [Katie McGonigle Daniels](#) and [Dave Anderson](#)
- 1962 - [Nancy Schieber Dannhauser](#)
- 1963 - [Jim Callahan](#)
- 1964 - [John McCarthy](#)
- 1965 - [Kathleen Fleming Barry](#)
- 1967 - [Mike Hoefler](#)
- 1968 - [Don Brain](#)
- 1970 - [Mark Fitzpatrick](#)
- 1971 - [Mary Hesion McCalla](#)
- 1972 - [Jay Reardon](#) and [Mark Tamasi](#)
- 1973 - [Dan Cosgrove](#)
- 1974 - [Moir Kelly Healy](#)
- 1975 - [Gina Tamasi](#)
- 1977 - [Noreen Beitling Zahner](#)
- 1978 - [Shawn Hair](#)
- 1979 - [Mary Beth Rice Andersson](#)
- 1980 - [Ellen Kelly Daley](#)
- 1982 - [Karen McShane](#)
- 1983 - [BJ Hair](#)
- 1984 - [Bridget Heili Fitzgerald](#)
- 1986 - [Andrea Ways Newman](#)
- 1988 - [Mary O'Meara Hellings](#)
- 1990 - [Jennifer McAdam](#)
- 1994 - [Anna Saviano](#)
- 1995 - [Laura Sundblad Dold](#)
- 1998 - [Meaghan Healy Cisneros](#) and [Gwen McGaughey Hoefler](#)
- 2003 - [Tracy Haden](#)

### Calling All Composites!

Any local alumni who might have a composite - or maybe a First Communion photo - from your SPS class: we'd love to borrow it to scan and put in our digital archives. We're trying to get a complete file. Composites will be returned

promptly after scanning. [Email Karen Conley](#) at the parish office or call at (816.363.7051, ext. #127).

### **Help Us Expand Our Reach**

We'd love to increase the number of alumni who receive our email newsletter. Please forward this to classmates you know who might enjoy it. They can join our mailing list to subscribe by using the link at the top of the newsletter, or call/email Karen to provide contact information. It's a great way to help us all stay in touch. Email represents a truly cost-effective way for us to communicate with our members and supporters.

### **Facebook Fan Page**

St. Peter's Parish has a Facebook fan page. [Like us!](#) It's not alumni-specific, but it's a great way to keep current on what's going on in the parish.

### **Parish Website**

Check it out our website for parish news between e-newsletter issues! We have a new, simpler web address, so change your bookmark to: [www.stpkc.org](http://www.stpkc.org)

### **St. Peter's YouTube Channel**

We now have a St. Peter's Parish YouTube channel. [Check it out!](#)

Sincerely,

Karen Conley, Mary Heshion McCalla, Bebe Geisel Harrington & Moira Kelly Healy  
St. Peter's School Alumni Team

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