

ST. LUKE ALUMNI NEWS

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New Website Launched

For Saint Luke School!

This summer, Mrs. Lisa Ortolani, (*Saint Luke School full-time technology teacher, network manager, and webmaster*) in conjunction with our school Marketing Team and “expert” tech volunteers completely redesigned and refreshed the Saint Luke School website. Designed to be more user-friendly for both current and prospective families, the website showcases many of the wonderful programs and activities at St. Luke’s. *New additions include parent and Alumni testimonials!* Check it out! Log on to:



www.saintlukeschool.org

CALENDAR

- Jan 6, 8** CYO One Act Play
- Jan 29** Catholic Schools’ Week begins
- Feb 5** St. Luke School Open House for potential new students
- Feb 24** Penny Party
- March 4** Spaghetti Supper



Words for Alumni from Father Joseph Brandt!

See Father’s letter on Page 3

Alumni Raise the Roof - Update

This past summer, two of our four roofs scheduled for replacement/repair have been completed! Since that time, through the generosity of our Alumni and Parishioners, an additional \$36,000 in pledges and gifts have been received. The next scheduled project - our **CONVENT ROOF!**

See page 4 for information on how YOU can help!

Contact Us:

Tell us what’s new with you ... send pictures!

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www.saintlukeschool.org - click **Parents and Alumni**

Villanova University Day of Service at St. Luke Parish



*Villanova Volunteers again visit Saint Luke Parish
See page 3 for story*



CLASS NEWS

1955 Reunion plans are just getting started! Contact:
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1981 Joe D'Elia and his wife, Traci, have three children, Zach (13), Maddie (11), and Peyton (4). Joe has been working in the healthcare IT field for 17 years and was recently promoted to Director, HIM Account Management and Sales at QuadraMed. Joe coaches travel soccer and all three of his children are active in the sport. Joe and his family are very much looking forward to moving closer to Glenside from Berks County in the very near future!

1989 Hank Sharkey and his wife, Jennifer, with sons Liam and Matthew, welcomed their daughter Keira LeeAnn to the world on July 27, 2011. Keira weighed in at 8lbs. 2oz. and 21 inches long.

2006 Erica Gillaspay was inducted into *Phi Eta Sigma* at Catholic University in Washington, DC on October 28, 2011. *Phi Eta Sigma* is an American freshman honor society. Founded in 1923, it is the oldest and largest freshman honor society and now has more than three hundred chapters throughout the United States and more than 1 million members. Catholic University's Class of 2014 entered at around 900 freshmen, and 164 students were inducted into *Phi Eta Sigma*. One requirement of members is a GPA of 3.5 or better.

2008 Mark Wilson and St. Luke's *Boy Scout Troop 304* completed a Service project at St. Joseph's Villa in October. The group constructed two raised garden beds for the Sisters.



Need a Christmas Gift idea for a Saint Luke Alum?

How about an Alumni T-Shirt!

St. Luke Alumni T-Shirts are available for purchase! Great for all Alumni of St. Luke's! **Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, \$10 each (XXL \$12).**



Stop by the Rectory and pick one up, E-mail order to: development@stlukerc.org or mail/drop order to Rectory, attn: Beth Stieritz. (Cash or checks made payable to St. Luke's). *Also, for a limited time, you'll get a FREE SLS Alumni 16-oz. blue stadium cup with every t-shirt purchase!*

Holiday Paper Recycling

St. Luke's continues to recycle ALL of our school (classroom / office) and parish paper. In addition, as you begin your gift wrapping this Christmas season, remember that holiday gift wrap and greeting cards can also be recycled! Our three **Abitibi Paper Recycling Bins**, located in our lower lot, accept **gift wrap, greeting cards, catalogs, magazines, office mail, newspapers, and even shredded paper (in plastic bags).** NO cardboard, phonebooks, tissue paper, or gift tote bags please. Help the environment AND St. Luke Parish by recycling your papers here! Our program is open to all school and parish families- **and Alumni!**

Since the Program's inception in January 2006, Saint Luke's has earned over **\$6,000!**



Villanova University Day of Service 2011 at St. Luke Parish

St. Luke School and Parish was again selected as a Service Site for Villanova University's *St. Thomas of Villanova Day of Service* on September 24, 2011. On that day, over 4,000 Villanova students, faculty, and staff travelled to neighboring communities and spent the day doing service projects. Over two dozen Villanova volunteers, including students and two professors of Engineering, spent their day on St. Luke's campus, targeting projects including gardening, attic cleaning in various buildings, and cleaning the church. Several St. Luke Parishioners assisted with the day, working alongside the volunteers and serving as work group leaders.

Thank you Villanova!



Dear Alumni,

I hope you have fond memories of your days at Saint Luke School at this Christmas time of year. While the actual events may have changed over the decades, the beauty and excitement of these days for all children - but especially the youngest ones - we never forget. How long did you "believe"? How long did you "WANT" to "believe"? While Christmas means so much more to us now, the simplicity and wonder of our childhood last our whole lives.

Our school children currently do their little shopping at Santa's Secret Shop, some have Lunch with Santa, and the School Christmas event "The Three Wise Women" will involve the entire student body. School ends for the holidays on Friday, December 23 with a half-day reflection time as Advent ends and we ready for Christmas. Thanks to all who make these events happen.

To update you on many of the positive things happening at Saint Luke's: First, we continue to strengthen the Catholic faith life of our children and their families. Second, we continue to upgrade and add to the Technology Program of the school with netbooks, Smartboards, and an upgraded Web page for the school to name just a few things. Third, our Music Program has students qualifying for All-Catholic chorus and bands which will perform in the Spring. It's good to see our children as they manage a bell choir. Fourth, our Spanish Program on Wednesdays continues to expose children from Grades 3 to 8 to a new language and culture.

There are many things changing in the nature of education and teaching in the 21st Century. As we strive to keep up with it our teachers continue to embrace the challenges they face.

I again thank you for your continued support of Saint Luke School, especially the Raise the Roof Program. If you have already given to that and would like to help us again, we can also use help with Tuition Assistance throughout the year. We will be trying to build this in the future, but any help you can give now would be appreciated. Just mark your donation "Tuition Assistance".

God has given us so much. Christmas each year is a reminder of that. May your family be blessed throughout these holy and happy days and may 2012 have many graces for you. Saint Luke, pray for us.

Fr. Joe Brandt

RAISE THE ROOF - TWO ROOFS DOWN ... TWO TO GO!



ST. LUKE SCHOOL ALUMNI "RAISE THE ROOF" APPEAL PLEDGE CARD 2011-2012

_____	_____
<i>Name, Maiden name</i>	<i>Class Year</i>
_____	_____
<i>Address</i>	<i>E-Mail</i>
_____	_____
<i>City, State, Zip</i>	<i>Telephone</i>

- Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ (*Checks payable to St. Luke School*).
- I would like to make a total pledge of \$ _____ and have enclosed \$ _____ as my first payment
- My gift is eligible for matching from my employer- I have enclosed a Matching Gift Form

Saint Luke's accepts donations On-Line. Visit our website www.saintlukeschool.org click **Parents and Alumni** or mail donations to: **St. Luke Rectory, 2316 Fairhill Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038 attn: Raise the Roof Appeal**

PLAYGROUND FENCE PICKETS

Just as our Saint Luke School and Alumni Family is growing, so is our Playground Fence! This fall, we have started adding a row of NEW PICKETS to the INSIDE of our Playground Fence. If you are new to the Saint Luke School Alumni Association, have added a new family member, or just would like to have your family or business represented on a picket. **NOW is the time!**



RECORD YOUR FAMILY'S NAME OR SPECIAL MESSAGE

ON THE FENCE OF FAME



PERSONALIZE YOUR PICKET
(20 CHARACTERS INCLUDING SPACES AND PUNCTUATION)

INCLUDE A CHECK FOR **\$50** PAYABLE TO
ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
AND RETURN WITH THIS FORM TO
BETH STIERITZ AT ST. LUKE RECTORY
2316 FAIRHILL AVENUE, GLENSIDE PA 19038

NAME : _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PERSONALIZATION _____

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