

ST. LUKE ALUMNI NEWS

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91st "Back-to-School" at St. Luke the Evangelist



Father Joseph Brandt and Sister William Adele lead the Pledge of Allegiance on the first day of school

St. Luke the Evangelist in Glenside opens its doors this fall for the 91st year, and welcomes **29** new Kindergartners and **14** new students in grades one through eight, bringing total starting enrollment to **320** students. The official "First Day of School" was Wednesday, September 7, and our students entered buildings with **TWO** new roofs over their heads! The Primary School Building and Gym have been outfitted with new shingle roofs and new gutters, a result of the generosity of Alumni and other donors through the **St. Luke School Alumni "Raise the Roof" Appeal.** *(story continued on page 3)*



Parents wave the traditional "goodbye" as their children embark on their first day of school

CALENDAR



- Sept 7 School opens
- Sept 10 Blue Mass (Police, Firefighters, EMS)
- Sept 17 Home & School Pig Roast
- Sept 24 Villanova Day of Service
- October Preschool Story time Series
- Nov 15 Open House for potential new students
- Nov 18 Silent Auction

New Website Launched For Saint Luke School!

www.saintlukeschool.org

See page 3 for full story

Words for Alumni from Father Joseph Brandt!

See Father's letter on Page 3

Contact Us:

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

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www.saintlukeschool.org -click Parents and Alumni



CLASS NEWS

1955 Reunion plans are just getting started! Contact:
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1961 It's been 50 years! Reunion on **November 25, 2011**
at the Knights of Columbus in Glenside.
Please contact: Jane Wills Doyle- janetraylor@comcast.net
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1961 Michael Mathews, whose amazing story of the reconnection he made with the memory of the father he lost at age two was featured in *Fall 2010 Alumni News*, reports that a plaque will be dedicated to his father, Officer Thomas J. Mathews, at the Abington Police station on September 27th. Officer Mathews was the only Abington Police Officer ever killed in the line of duty. His story can be found at <http://abingtonpd.org/about-apd/departement-history/52-departement-history.html>, and the *Alumni News* story from Fall 2010 can be found at www.saintlukeschool.org, click on **Parents and Alumni**.

1967 John Siegfried is proud to announce that his first book, *Six Degrees of the Bracelet: Vietnam's Continuing Grip*, has been released, and is now available for purchase. John says that the book relates "how we are all 'connected,' since our generation will continue to be impacted by our presence in Vietnam for the balance of our lifetime." Also, how the extended families and children of the over 3,000,000 men and women who served in Southeast Asia will continue to be affected by the War. Visit www.johnsiegfried.com, www.amazon.com and www.Xlibris.com for information on the book. Twenty percent of revenue generated from sales of the book will be donated to Veteran Organizations, including those foundations assisting current service men and women.

1968-1969 Jim '69 & Rosalie (Ciocca) '68 Baird are living in Wildwood Crest, "loving life"! They enjoy spending time with their grandson, and have another grandchild on the way.

1990 Beth (Klady) Tinari and her husband now live in Skippack, PA with their 2 daughters. Beth is a Preschool Teacher at the Hopwood School in Lansdale, PA.

2004 Kyle Lorenz has been selected to be 1 of 5 gentlemen appointed to the 2011 Penn State Homecoming Court. The crowning of the King and Queen of 2011 PSU Homecoming will take place on 10/14/11 and the festivities will continue with the Homecoming Football game on 10/15/11. Congrats Kyle!

2006 Todd Stieritz is starting his sophomore year at Lafayette College. He achieved Dean's List status last semester in the Government and Law Program, and served as Novice Captain of the Crew Team.

2007 Jim Rose was recently selected as a flute player for the Temple University Symphony Orchestra, a major accomplishment for an incoming Freshman. He studies at Temple's Boyer College of Music and Dance with David Cramer, associate principal flute of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Alumni T-Shirts

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!*

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Mrs. Lori Dolan and her Second Grade students are eager to begin the new year!

Phase Two of the “Saint Luke Alumni Raise the Roof” Appeal is now underway, as we begin to raise funds for the final stage of our project, the Convent and Upper School roofs. Please see Page 4 on information on how you can help with our Appeal. Every contribution will make a difference in the lives of the students at St. Luke School.

Our Children’s Playground has also been undergoing some needed maintenance. Additional drainage has been installed, and new “Woodcarpet” engineered wood mulch has been purchased and installed to replenish our safety surfacing. *(Many thanks to our many volunteers and Lorenz Landscaping for the work day to move the mulch on Saturday, September 10!!)* In addition, our fence will be enhanced as we start a new row of pickets on the INSIDE of the fence. Alumni, school families, parish families, and friends are invited to represent their family, business, or special message on an engraved picket -see page 4 for details.

The annual **Fall Open House** for potential new students will be held Tuesday, November 15. Log onto www.saintlukeschool.org for more information.

New Website Launched For Saint Luke School!

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This summer, Mrs. Lisa Ortolani, (*our full-time technology teacher, network manager, and webmaster*) in conjunction with our school Marketing Team and “expert” tech volunteers completely redesigned and refreshed our 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. Check it out! Log on to:

www.saintlukeschool.org

Dear Alumni,

This month of September is always an exciting time as the life of a new school year brings renewed energy to the entire Parish. I am very grateful to Sister William Adele, our Principal, the entire faculty and staff who help make St. Luke’s an exceptional School for the children of the 21st Century. We appreciate all those who help, the Senior Door Monitors, the lunch parents, the Home and School Association, and other Advisory Committees who help and support us in this important work.

On Friday afternoon of the first week of school, September 9, we held a Prayer Service for the children in Church. The children brought their religion books with them. During the Prayer Service, we asked God’s blessing on our work this year, we met the new students and teacher who have joined us this year, and we concluded by blessing the religion books. As I told the children—it’s what makes us different from all the good public schools in our community. Sister William reminded them to respect their religion book in a special way and always treat it with special care.

I thank all Alumni who contributed to the Raise the Roof Appeal. We used some of the money raised along with the Heritage of Faith funds to replace the roofs on the Lower School and Gym over the Summer. We are continuing to raise funds to replace the roofs on the Convent and Upper School. It’s not too late to contribute!

Finally, I want to thank Beth Stieritz for her work in keeping you and me informed. Over the past few years she has created quite a database, developed a strong program, and continues to come up with new ideas to reach out and stay in contact with you. Never hesitate to be in contact with us.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you, and you are most welcome back to Saint Luke’s.

St. Luke, pray for us

Father Joe Brandt



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

Name, Maiden name

Class Year

Address

E-Mail

City, State, Zip

Telephone

- 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**

Dear Saint Luke School Alumni,

September, 2011

Just as our Saint Luke School and Alumni Family is growing, so is our Playground Fence! This fall, we are 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
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NAME : _____

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PERSONALIZATION _____

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