

ST. LUKE ALUMNI NEWS

Winter '10

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CALENDAR

- Jan 8, 9** CYO One Act Play
- Jan 30** Catholic Schools' Week begins
- Feb 6** St. Luke School Open House for potential new students
- March 6** Spaghetti Supper



“Camp St. Luke!”



St. Luke Marketing Team, in conjunction with school principal, Sister William Adele, and the Development Office hosted its fifth annual Open House for potential new students on Tuesday night, November 16. The team hosts this annual event to encourage families considering a Catholic education for their children to take a closer look at St. Luke School to see what a St. Luke education has to offer. This year's theme was *Camping Fun*, and children participated in themed activities at “*Camp St. Luke*” while parents toured the school, met with teachers, and chatted with current St. Luke parents. The event was another tremendous success, with 40 families and over 120 people in attendance.

Many thanks to our Marketing Team, Student Ambassadors, student helpers, teachers, and all who volunteered their time and talent for the event. **Our next Open House will be held Sunday, February 6 from 10:30 AM until noon.**

ST. LUKE SCHOOL ALUMNI “RAISE THE ROOF” APPEAL



On September 13, 1920, classes officially began at St. Luke the Evangelist School for 89 girls and 80 boys. During the 90 years since, St. Luke School has graduated over 4,600 students, all of whom can proudly be called *St. Luke Alumni*. Though our graduates are spread far and wide across the globe, we know their hearts (and *yours!*) will always be here with us

in Glenside, at St. Luke's.

As our school embarks on its 91st year, we need the help of YOU, our *St. Luke Alumni*, as we look towards replacing the original roofs on the *Primary School Building and Gym*, and replacing the worn roofs of the *Convent and Upper School building*. We have filled our desks with students. Now, we need to put a **new roof** over their heads!

Our Alumni Appeal is in its early stages. Early this winter, all St. Luke Alumni will receive information about the Appeal, and ways you can help. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal ... every contribution will make a difference in the lives of the students at St. Luke School.

Our enrollment is at its highest in several years, and our 338 current students (*future St. Luke Alumni!*) are counting on you! (For information, contact Beth Stieritz, 215-572-0128 or Development@StLukeRC.org)

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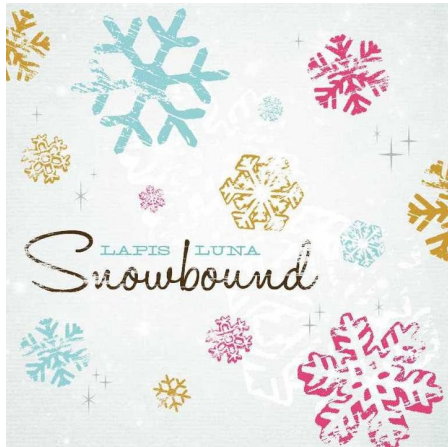
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CLASS NEWS

Nancy (Pannepacker) McKeane '60 and husband **Fran McKeane** '56 "love every minute (they) spend with (their) grandsons, CJ and Cooper. They are blessings beyond words".

1989-Shawn Aileen Clark has been living in New York City for the past 17 years. Her band 'Lapis Luna' (lapislunaband.com) has a just released a new holiday album, 'Snowbound', that can be downloaded from iTunes or purchased on CDBaby.com. The band can be seen frequently in *Martha Stewart Weddings Magazine*, they are the swing band in the ad for Kate Spade's new fragrance 'Twirl' (seen in *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*), and were the band for Mad Men star Christina Hendricks' wedding. *New York Magazine* continues to pick them as the top jazz & swing act for parties in NYC. Lapis Luna performs live every Thursday night at the Plaza Hotel in NYC. Shawn lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband.



[Http://www.lapislunaband.com](http://www.lapislunaband.com)
<http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/snowbound/id405484852?uo=4>
<http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/lapisluna2>

1999- Jacqueline (Gordon) Smith and husband **Scott Smith**, welcomed their first child, a baby girl. **Leilani Grace Smith** was born October 5, 2010. The family currently resides in Virginia.

Alumni T-Shirts

St. Luke Alumni T-Shirts (pictured below) are available for purchase!

Great Christmas gift for you and all Alumni of St. Luke's.

Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, only \$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!

Future Alumni Keeping SLS Beautiful

In October, St. Luke Kindergarteners (*yes, that would be SLS Class of 2019!*) spent some time beautifying our campus by planting daffodil bulbs

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...MORE CLASS NEWS

Reunions

Have you been in touch with your **St. Luke** classmates lately? Think about getting involved in organizing a **Class Reunion**. This coming year, Reunion Classes include class years ending in **1 or 6**. Contact **Development Office** for information on class lists.

Do not fear Failure...

*Instead, look forward
to Success!*

- Author Unknown

2004-Matt Davis, a junior at Albright College in Reading, earned *Academic All-District Honors* this fall. He has been named a CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine College Division All-District Second Team selection in soccer. Matt is only the second player in the Albright program history to receive this national honor, and the first since 2005. Matt currently carries a 3.98 GPA with majors in Business Administration and Journalism. Matt also gained membership in MAC Academic Honor Roll as a sophomore. To be considered for the CoSIDA Academic All-American program a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher. Sports Information Directors from the district then vote on the players academic and athletic achievements. ***Congratulations Matt!***

2009-Katie Cassidy, a sophomore at St. Basil's Academy is a member of the school Cross Country team. The Team finished fifth in the State Cross Country Championship this fall. Katie finished 61st in the race. Katie is pictured at far left with her team.



photo by Don Rich

We'd like to hear from YOU!

Name _____

Class of _____

Address _____

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

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Alumni Spotlight

A St. Luke Alumni laid to rest

The McDermott family has lived and worked in Glenside for four generations, and many of the 131 living family members remain parishioners of St. Luke Church. In addition, 24 of these family members are also Alumni of St. Luke School. On September 18, 2010, over 60 McDermott family members gathered for a memorial Mass at St. Luke Church and military honors at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for **Harry McDermott, Jr.** 2nd Lieutenant US Army Air Force who was killed in action on May 30, 1944 during WWII. He was 21 years of age when his plane was shot down over Dessau, Germany, and his body was never recovered.

The entire McDermott family, including surviving siblings **Mary (McDermott) May '36** and **Tom McDermott '38** (both lifelong parishioners of St. Luke), **Paul McDermott '43** (Hatboro, PA), and **Joan (McDermott) Bellwoar '47** (Ocean City, NJ) has waited more than 60 years to see their brother laid to rest. In an effort spearheaded by family members including Harry's surviving siblings, as well as **Harry May '67**, **Kathy May Seweryn '62**, **Eileen May Kiefer '60**, and **Maureen McDermott '78**, four generations gathered to see that happen.

St. Luke Pastor Msgr. J. Michael Flood officiated at the memorial Mass, delivering a homily honoring Harry and his family. Three generations of McDermotts were on the altar during Mass, as Harry's siblings served as readers and his brother Paul provided a touching eulogy. The hymns were chosen by Harry's siblings, one in particular chosen to honor their mother, Mary McDermott, who, along with her husband Harry, Sr. were long-time parishioners of St. Luke Church. McDermott family members also served as Extraordinary Ministers at Communion and altar servers at the Mass. The gathering was a strong statement of the level of love and respect the family holds for each other, and for those that have served our country.

The story was featured on September 29, 2010 in the Glenside News/Times Chronicle.



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!

Target

Take Charge of Education

While doing your Christmas shopping this season, remember ... Target Stores makes a cash donation to St. Luke's equal to **1% of all purchases at Target!** Whenever you use your Target Card or Target Visa and designate St. Luke's (**School ID# 14615**), we earn money! Log on to target.com/tcoe for details. A big thanks to those who have already signed up and are helping make our great school even better.