



# SAINTS SCENE



**PROGRESS**—The new student center and gym project now being built on campus is almost 80 percent complete as the project soars to an expected completion date in early 2017.

## PARKING, TRAFFIC & NEIGHBOR RELATIONS

DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS,



Principal James Horne

St. Augustine High School respects and values its home, the historic North Park district in San Diego. We strive to treat our friends and neighbors, the citizens of North Park, with respect in everything we do.

Over the years we have worked to improve parking both for the members of the campus community and for the benefit of our neighbors.

Parking continues to be one of the most pressing concerns among our neighbors, particularly in light of the construction of the new Student Activities Center. The number of spots is limited, the streets are narrow and the patience of many can be tried at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Saints asks all parents and students to consider these parking and traffic guidelines in an effort to continue our pattern of responsiveness to neighborhood parking issues.

- Do not block driveways of our neighbors.
- Consider arranging a drop-off / pick-up location a few blocks from campus with your son to avoid the congestion on Palm and Nutmeg in the 15 minutes before and after school.

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## ABC'S OF SAINTS COUNSELING CHANGES

With a couple of months under our belts of working with our new alphabetical student caseloads the counseling staff is feeling very good about our new arrangement. We have been focusing mostly on our seniors and their college lists, applications, and recommendations while getting to know some of our sophomores and juniors who have come in to see us for specific issues. Carl Bronson has been working with small groups of freshmen to talk about their transition to Saints, give them their "Counseling Folder" and initial 4-Year Plan Worksheet, and talk about their adjustment to Saints and the activities available to them. Ms. Julia Mekrut, Mr. Tim Golden, and Dr. Jerry Rey are excited to begin working with our sophomores and juniors as we will be building a relationship with them to work with them through their senior year.

**SENIORS:** Watch your deadlines for college applications and financial aid. Be sure to talk to your counselor and chosen teacher about needed recommendation letters. There is still time to register for a last SAT or ACT if needed: The registration deadline for the December 3 SAT is November 3; and the registration deadline for the December 10 ACT is November 4. (If you miss these, there are Late Registration deadlines also. See the websites or your counselor.)

**JUNIORS:** This is a crucial year for maintaining your grades, or to show a strong "upward trend" in your grades. You will be glad you did a year from now when you are

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**BOCCE TOURNEY RESULTS**—The much awaited results of the 2016 Saints Alumni Association Bocce Ball Tournament are in. Go to page 9.

**NEW COLUMNIST**—Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A. (above) has assumed the duties of Saint Chaplain shortly after the well earned



Fr. Kirk Davis

retirement of Fr. Bob Gavotto ('55), O.S.A. Fr. Kirk has kindly agreed to pen a monthly column in Saints Scene, which will replace Fr. Bob's familiar "Augustinian Heritage." For the first few months, his column will focus on the great Saints of the Augustinian order. Fr.

Kirk's column called "Chaplain's Corner" has its debut this issue on page two.

# AUGUSTINIAN HERITAGE

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL, 1922-2016

Part 1 of 3 segments.



## THE EARLY DAYS

In 1922, Fr. Nicholas Vasey, OSA, provincial for the Augustinians in the United States approached Fr. Alphonse Martel, OSA, in his chemistry lab at Villanova College and asked: "How would you like to go to California and start a high school for boys?" Martel without hesitation said, "Yes, I would."

Martel arrived at the Santa Fe Depot in San Diego September 2, 1922, and set himself to open St. Augustine School for Boys

on September 18. And he did: fifteen boys assembled at the parish hall of St. Vincent's parish hall on that date and began St. Augustine High School.

Preparation for the one room Augustinian school house was the result of Archbishop John Cantwell's initiative to found a school in the southernmost city of his sprawling California diocese. Negotiations with Vasey followed, and the appointment of Fr. Thomas

Healy, OSA, as the pastor of the Mission Hills parish of St. Vincent provided the school's base of operations.

However the school was not to stay in Mission Hills for long. A ten-acre lot was purchased by October 4 in the developing North Park area of the city for \$17,000, with Frank Mead and Richard Requa as architects, construction began on April 3, 1923, and the school opened its new Nutmeg Street campus

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## FROM PHILADELPHIA WITH LOVE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

By Daniel Webbe ('17), Student Editor  
The Augustinian campus newspaper



Jon Heisler

As fall rolls around, many students are eager to see who the new Augustinian Volunteer for Campus Ministry will be. This year it is Jon Heisler, 25, of Philadelphia.

Jon recently graduated from Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland, studying history and secondary education. Before his academic endeavors in college, however, Jon spent his high school days at Malvern Prep in Philadelphia. Malvern is one of the eight other Augustinian schools in North America.

Students at Malvern Prep are required to go on an international service trip during their time in high school. Jon traveled to Chkulucanas, Peru, where a group of Augustinian Volunteers were stationed.

"Working with them made me want to do a post-grad year of service," Jon said.

And here he is.

The Saints experience has already made an impression on him. "This community is very tight knit, and everyone is especially open towards one another," he said. "I was surprised at how I was quickly welcomed with

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## VOICE OF INCLUSION

By Wyatt Pliskin ('18) Staff Writer  
The Augustinian campus newspaper



Mrs. Kate Crachy

Saintsmen attending one of the first school Masses of the year agree it was a pleasant surprise to hear a new and terrific singing voice on campus. An even bigger surprise was the voice belongs to Mrs. Kate Crachy, who has been a part of the Christian

Ministry on campus for several years.

Although, her singing is new to Saints, she has been vocalizing for her entire life. She was a member of her high school choir and was the cantor for Sunday Mass while attending the University of San Diego.

When it came time for the first Mass, it was decided that she and other faculty musicians would perform for the congregation. Fr. Kirk, the new Saints Chaplain, knew of Mrs. Crachy's musical background and asked if she would join in.

"Fr. Kirk asked me to sing one song and well—who can say no to him?" Mrs. Crachy said. "I especially like the Masses when the music is upbeat and more modern," she said.

She performed "Restless" by Audrey Assad and wowed everyone in attendance. And, the addition of new faculty performers to the Mass reflects Fr. Kirk's determination to increase faculty participation in Mass alongside students as lectors and musicians.

"Mass is meant to bring the entire

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Blessed Maria Teresa Fasce

## AN AUGUSTINIAN'S ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

By Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A., St. Augustine High School Chaplain



Fr. Kirk Davis

Our Augustinian Saint of the Month is Blessed Maria Teresa Fasce, who combined the qualities of prayerfulness, perseverance and courage in both her discernment of a vocation to the Augustinian way of life,

and in her life as a religious superior. Her Memorial is celebrated on October 12.

Maria Teresa Fasce (1881-1947) was an Augustinian Nun with high ideals who inspired a renewal of Augustinian life in her community.

Maria Teresa was born December 27, 1881 in Torriglia, Italy, near Genoa. She was Baptized Maria, but her family called her Marietta. When she was eight years old her mother died. Luigia, the oldest girl, took

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# SENIOR CLASS TOURS FEDERAL COURTS



Last month, the entire Senior class headed Downtown to the Federal Courthouse on Broadway, where the Class of 2017 was greeted by Kathleen Walford, the Community Outreach Programs Coordinator for the Federal Court in San Diego.

After a quick, but very thorough security check Mrs. Walford guided the students into a large presentation room where the Honorable Thomas Whelan, Saints graduate from the Class of 1957, gave the students an introduction and overview of his path to becoming a Judge and the history of the Federal Court system in San Diego.

He then went on and discussed some of the cases that he has tried as a State Superior Court and Federal Court Judge. The students were also given an overview of the Bill of Rights, where they asked questions and engaged in some lively debate on the Rule of Law and the Freedoms we sometimes take for granted.

To close out the day, several Federal officers representing the F.B.I., the U.S. Marshal's, Pre-Trial Services, and Prosecutor and Defense attorneys talked to the students about what they do and career opportunities that are available throughout the Federal Courts.

All in all, it was a great experience for the Senior class in gaining a better understanding of the Federal Court system and career opportunities that are available to them if they seek to pursue a career as a public servant.



Judge Whelan



## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAINTSMEN

- Catholic Worker is looking for students to help sort clothes. Dates and times are flexible. Please contact sheverett10@yahoo.com for more information.
- Border Angels will be hosting "Opening the Door" on 11/19. Please contact enrique@borderangels.org for more details on how you can help.
- Hogar Infantil la Gloria visit on 11/19 from noon-7:30. Permission forms can be found on <http://www.sahs.org/campus-ministry/christian-service/christian-service-forms/> and are due to Campus Ministry. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.
- Turkey Collection- Catholic Charities will be collecting food and gift cards. Donations due to Campus Ministry by 9AM 11/16.
- Fr. Joe's Village will have their annual 5K on Thanksgiving. Sign up at <https://fvthanksgivingday5k.squarespace.com/>



Augustinian Values Institute  
Cascia Hall Preparatory School - Tulsa, Oklahoma  
October 7-9, 2016

## BUILDING THE CITY OF GOD

During the second week of October, members of the faculty and staff of Augustinian schools, nine from North America, one from England, and two from Australia, and one from Peru gathered at Cascia Hall High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma for the 14th gathering of the Augustinian Values Institute.

The Institute was originated in January of 2004 and is designed to give all Augustinian educators a deepened clarity of mission as regards the expression of Augustinian Values (community, truth and love) in our schools. By participating in the three day event faculty, staff, and board members will see, explore and apply the values to the curriculum and programs in our schools.

This year members from Saints who traveled to Tulsa to participate included: James Horne, Ed Hearn, Fr. John Keller, Bro. Barney Johns, Michelle Drummy, Catherine Horne, Ross Provenzano (Board of Directors), and Michael Whitton (Board of Directors).

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# NEW GYM COMPLEX UPDATE

Photography and Text By Steve Chipp ('68) Saints Executive Director of Finance and Facilities

Construction on the Activities Center is now nearly 60 percent complete with many of the first floor interior sheet rocked walls being taped in preparation applying finish coats. Builder DPR continues to install wall, door, and window framing as well as mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems in both the second (main entry) floor, and mezzanine floor. In the coming days work will begin for the preparation and application of exterior lath and plaster.

Demo of the outside court parking area begins next week. In preparation for this the DPR construction trailers will be moved into the north east area of the construction site. Perimeter construction fencing will also be expanded to include the area west of Dougherty Gym. Access to the south entrances of Dougherty Gym will remain but the pathway between the outside courts and the walkway south of the gym will be closed off at the southwest corner of the Turtle Shop.



**THREE LEVELS**—Looking toward the south east to the three levels of the activities center nearing completion. Take a last look at construction ramp.



**FROM THE TOP**—View inside looking south west from the mezzanine level onto the main court.



**LOCKERS**—Here's a view of the locker room east entries as the walls begin to appear.



**FLOOR LEVEL**—On the main floor looking East.



**NEW WALLS**—View of the physical education offices and locker room hallway in progress.

# EXCLUSIVE COVERAGE SAINTSMEN ATTEND ST. TERESA'S CANONIZATION MASS

Saintsmen Alec and Xavier Stonehouse along with 17 members of their family traveled to the Vatican to attend the canonization Mass for Mother Teresa, now Saint Teresa of Calcutta on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 11:30 am. They traveled to Rome and to the Vatican, where they witnessed the full glory of the Roman Catholic Church enact a most holy event: the canonization of a saint. The Saintsmen came within ten feet of Pope Francis as he circled St. Peter's Square.

Upon their return, the Stonehouse brothers responded to questions from Saints Scene about their once in a lifetime trip to Rome and how it came about.

**Q:** Where was St. Teresa's canonization Mass held?

**A:** Rome. Specifically in Saint Peter's Plaza at the Vatican, where the whole Plaza was filled with people from all over the world.

**Q:** How did this once in a lifetime journey happen?

**A:** Our grandfather, Xavier Wiechers, knew two of the original fathers of the Missionaries of Charity Order. The Fathers' names were Father Brian and Father Gary. These priests knew grandfather very well, and they generously presented him enough tickets so our entire family could experience such a wonderful thing. Also, our grandfather worked on a project with Saint Teresa when she was in Tijuana.

**Q:** Describe the canonization ceremony?

**A:** We were right in front, once again thanks to our grandfather and the Missionaries of Charity. The Mass celebrated in multiple languages as we went through a hundred page mass booklet. Communion was a spectacle on its own with more than a 100 priests offering communion. We were in awe.

**Q:** You mentioned the Pope came very close to you.

**A:** Yes! Twice! Both within ten feet. We saw the Pope Francis two days in a row. The first day was at the catechism with the Pope the day before the canonization. After the catechism ended he drove by in his Pope-mobile. We couldn't believe our luck as Pope Francis came by us within ten feet. Then on the second day we saw him after the canonization when he drove by again in his Pope-mobile. What a lifetime experience it turned out to be.

**Q:** Were you able to include some sightseeing while in Rome?

**A:** We took advantage of the opportunity and we toured much of Rome. We first visited a large number of Churches, including the Basilica of Saint Augustine. Of course, we toured the Vatican and through the Roman Forum, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, and Palatino.

**Q:** Aside from the canonization festivities what else impressed you?

**A:** Easily, it was being able to see as much of St. Peter's Basilica as possible. We went from the top of the dome, below to the necropolis and viewing "La Pieta" by Michelangelo.

For news coverage of the Canonization see: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/04/europe/mother-teresa-canonization/>



**TAPESTRY**—Close up of the tapestry of St. Teresa that hung on the front façade of St. Peter's Basilica with Swiss Guard in foreground.



**UP CLOSE**—This is a photo of the Pope taken by Xavier Stonehouse.



**TRAVELING STONEHOUSES**—Saintsmen Senior Xavier Stonehouse(center)and Alec Stonehouse('19) pose with their sister Andrea Stonehouse('15), a Mater Dei Catholic high school grad, in front of St. Peter's Basilica after the Canonization Mass.

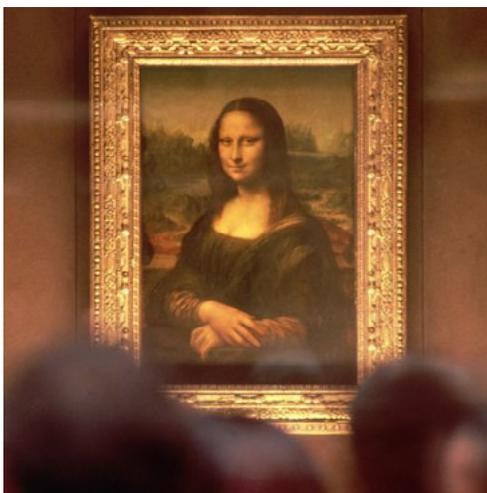


**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**—Screen capture of CNN's coverage of the Canonization shows a recap of the ceremony.



**FANS IN STANDS**—It was a beautiful night for Saints Football as this panorama photo by Ivan Hardy shows. Fans in the stands at Mesa College viewed a rare Saints loss to arch rival Cathedral Catholic, but the season is far from over as the CIF Playoffs loom. Watching the pregame is Kevin Hardy, a long time Saints football aficionado and dad of Saints alum Jason Hardy ('99) and OLP alum Kristin Hardy ('05).

For more football see a wrap up of Saints 2016 Football season in a photo essay by photographer/parent of alum, Mr. William Hill in next month's Saints Scene.



## STUDENT ART SHOW ON CAMPUS

Alas, the Mona Lisa will *not* be part of this year's Saints/AOLP Art Show and Film Festival set for Friday, November 18, but there will be plenty of fine student art on view. OLP and Saintsmen and their families are invited to view the show, which runs between 1 and 3 pm in the Saints Art Room. Art, live music and film student presentations are offered at this free event.

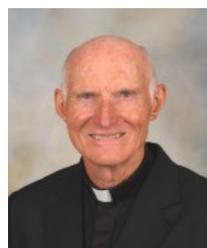
**HALL OF FAMERS**—In the October issue of *Saints Scene*, three top St. Augustine High School athletes, who went on to outstanding sports careers during their prep years and after graduating from our Nutmeg Street campus, were announced as inductees into the St. Augustine High School Sports Hall of Fame.



This month, photos of the induction ceremony held on campus with Athletic Director Michael Stephenson presiding are featured (Left to right): Jordan Congdon/football ('05); Ruben Carriedo/tennis ('60) and Eric Osmundson/basketball ('01).



Matt Linville



Dn. Richard Hardick

**NEW INTRAMURAL LEADER**—Long time Saints faculty and coach, Mr. Matt Linville has been named Saints new Intramural Activities Director effective earlier this year when Deacon Richard Hardick retired from the Intramural leadership post he held at the school for 30 years. For more on Intramural play go to page 10.

## NEW SAINTS CHAPLAIN: FR. KIRK DAVIS, O.S.A.

By Ian Haliburton ('18), Student Editor  
The Augustinian campus newspaper

Fr. Kirk Davis, O.S.A., the current Saints Director of Christian Service, has been named, the new School Chaplain. Fr. Kirk's role as School Chaplain comes on the heels of the retirement of Fr. Bob Gavotto, O.S.A. ('55), who held the post for 11 years.

"It's great to have an added job in such familiar surroundings," Fr. Kirk said.

And, as one might expect, he has a different focus in his new role, but is still working in the same realm, fostering spiritual growth in the greater Saints Community.

One of his focuses is on added attention to the liturgical aspects of life at Saints and to provide new opportunities for common prayer.

As the new school year is developing, he is working with students to prepare them to be lectors at the weekly Mass. This is a novel experience for Fr. Kirk, but one that is rewarding as he is strengthening his connection to the students.

He is looking forward to strengthening the bond with faculty and administrators as well. He has led the annual retreat for the faculty and will be organizing regular before school opportunities for prayer and he hopes to involve more of the school's leadership and involve them at Mass as regular lectors.

In that way, he is now more connected to everyone who contributes to the weekly celebration. Father Kirk will still be involved in service around campus, working with Ms. Nicole Quirk, who now acts as the new Director of Christian Service.

Another challenge the chaplain must face this year will be adapting school liturgies to the new gym. Fr. Kirk sees his role in the transition as "one that honors tradition while embracing the new."

Father Kirk is also dedicated to preserving the legacy of Fr. Bob Gavotto's time as chaplain.

"We both genuinely embody our Augustinian core values and our ministry flows from those," he said.



**AMBASSADOR KIRK**—Fr. Kirk Davis (far left) is shown leading a group of Saintsmen on an Intersession tour of Russia last winter.

## FAREWELL AND THANK YOU, FOREVER, MRS. COURTNEY



Kathleen Courtney

Kathleen Courtney, the retired registrar of St. Augustine High School passed away September 25, 2016 at home while surrounded by her family. Mrs. Courtney was born in Riverstown, Kilmessan, County Meath, Ireland in 1932 and later immigrated to Canada and San Diego with her husband the late Frank Courtney.

During her 33 years as Saints Registrar, she developed lifelong friendships and attended Saints sporting events.

In 2006, she was affiliated as a member of the Augustinian Order. She was a real estate broker for over 33 years. She was a brilliant seamstress, competitive tennis player, played badminton and table tennis, ballroom dancer, member of the Irish Sewing Club and an active member of Adventures in Bridge.

She was the beloved mother to Gael Courtney, Maura Powers, Declan Courtney, Patricia Haag and 11 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## CAMPUS ROYALTY



2016 Homecoming Queen and King are OLP's Hailey Martin and Saintsman Noah DiNapoli.

## THE EARLY DAYS

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**ORIGINAL CAMPUS**—In 1927, the Nutmeg side of Saints core campus were described in the San Diego Union as “a monument of architecture embodying the most perfect type of Spanish Mission style...”

on September 4, 1923 (constructed at a cost of \$70,000) with an astonishingly increased student enrollment of 59!

In the next year, four Augustinians were on the faculty, and by 1926 the school took on its familiar name of “Saints.” While Martel said at the school’s opening that St. Augustine’s “was a credit to the city,...a power for culture and perfect manhood, and a more upright citizenship,” he must have known, despite his rhetoric, that the school’s limitations would result in ongoing struggles to achieve these claims. There would be many beginnings.

Saints’ second principal, Fr. George O’Meara, OSA, faced external threats, hostile, anti-Catholic feelings that were present in the San Diego of the times. The school received unsigned threats and even a cross-burning in front of the school property. The school endured further hardship in 1927 when a road paved down the center of the school property hindered future development. O’Meara fumed that not only had the school been “stabbed in the heart,” but was assessed \$27,000 to pay for it!

Internal challenges were reflected in the action of Saints third principal, Fr. James Hurley, OSA. Acknowledging that “the school had to admit anyone who could pay,” he judged that “St. Augustine School for Boys” was “too highfalutin” and he re-named the school “St. Augustine’s High School.” Indeed Saints struggled in the 1930s with a student body of dubious academic quality with its share of troubled boys, but this was to end by 1940.

In this period, and a constant concern of the school, was the financial struggle to provide Catholic education. In the mid-30s the school, along with the entire nation, was in financial crisis. Few Catholic families

could afford the tuition (about \$100 per year) and many students were attending free of charge. When Fr. William Kelly, OSA, arrived as principal in 1932 only a dozen families were able to pay their bills in full. Financial support from the Augustinians and donors from the East Coast kept the school alive.

Spurred on by the Augustinian provincial of the time, an economic reorganization of the school brought on a firm policy that “all students must pay full tuition.” Unpopular and painful as this was it was nonetheless effective and a 1942 report indicated that “for the past two years the school has been self-supporting.” The school survived this crisis and the hardships of World War II.



**TOP DESIGNER**—Richard Requa was considered the top architect in San Diego when he was commissioned to design the original Nutmeg campus, which opened in 1922.

By 1947 enrollment topped 350 students with nine Augustinians on the faculty. Four new classrooms (Sullivan Hall) were built in 1947, and in 1952 six additional classrooms (Sheehan Hall) and Dougherty Gymnasium were completed.

In the fall of 1953, Fr. John R. Aherne, OSA, school’s new principal set out to accomplish a three-fold task: to bring the school to greater academic excellence, to intensify the school’s role in the San Diego community, and to have Saints admitted into the public schools’ athletic program. By the time he completed his nine year tenure, he had succeeded in all three tasks. He prepared the platform and gave the profile of what St. Augustine High School was to be in the following years, by the mid-50s the school’s enrollment exceeded 850 students, its highest number ever.

This narrative depends heavily on the book of Fr. John Sanders, OSA, “Before All Else: The History of the Augustinians in the Western United States, 1922-1985” (Augustinian Historical Institute, 1987).



**ARCHBISHOP DECIDES**—Rev. John Cantwell (pictured in 1922) was the driving force for creating a school for boys in the San Diego area. He was Archbishop for Los Angeles when the Diocese extended from LA to San Diego County.



# BOCCE BALL RESULTS ARE IN

By Tournament Co-chairs, Danny Toscano ('68) and Pete Reck ('68)

The 2016 Alumni Bocce Ball Tournament was held at Saints during homecoming weekend this year. The event which is put on by the Alumni Association but open to any members or friends of the Saints community was a great success. Members across the classes of 1954 stretching all the way to class of 2011 turned out for the event, kicking off a full day of Saints spirit and community. The day began with registration, coffee, donuts, and recounts of the previous night's homecoming football victory at 9am.

Of particular note as the tournament launched was the founding of the tournament proceeds being gifted to the Michele Eggleton Caritas Scholarship, which provides tuition aid to sons of alums as they begin their own Saints Experience.

Shortly thereafter teams made up of alumni classmates, couples, friends, and newcomers all made their way to the Big Board to find out and size up their first round opponents.

Groups consisted of 4 to 5 teams each with a round robin of hotly contested matches taking place throughout the early part of the day. Full of complete banter and trademark Saints sportsmanship, these matches were used to determine playoff seeds.

Beverages of choice were flowing throughout the event for both participants and fans along the outskirts of Dougherty gym as the action itself took place on the turf football field.

After the early round of games play took a recess for a midday lunch. It was during this time that the Alumni Raffle took place, awarding ornate prize baskets and gifts to raffle winners which was highlighted by longtime participant Mac Colmenero '54 taking home a lovely saltwater fishing pole set.

After the raffle the action quickly heated back up on the football field as the playoffs took shape. With upsets galore marking the early rounds of playoff action, the remaining participants in the semifinals were given new hope of a title and the energy and excitement surrounding the games was raised accordingly.

Ultimately the finals pitted bocce veteran and multiple-tournament champion Greg Croff '99 and his teammate Theresa against the upstart tandem of Bill Sovey '68 and his daughter Kayla. The Sovey's, who amazingly did not win a single game in the round robin and entered the championship round as the lowest seed, got some momentum going in early in the playoffs and never looked back on their way to the 2016 Tournament Title. With an ever-growing number and range of participants be sure to be a part of next year's Alumni Bocce Ball festivities and not miss out on any of the food, fun, and friends.



## A BLESSING

(before we eat)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the nourishment that you give us. You uplift us with your grace and you fill us with your hope. You console us in dark times and bring us joy in appreciation of the simple. You humble us when we are proud and you exalt us when our esteem is low. Bless the food we are about to eat and keep us mindful of the hungry, the desperate, and those who seek justice. Direct our hearts to what we truly need to be sustained in you. We ask all of through your Spirit who reigns throughout the world. Amen.

Rev. John Sanders OSA



**TOURNAMENT FINALISTS**—(left to right): Greg Croff ('99) and teammate Theresa with Tournament Champs: the daughter and dad duo of Kayla Sovey & Bill Sovey ('68).



**BOWLING GREEN**—This year Alumni Bocce Ball Tournament action took place on campus at the upper football field.

# INTRAMURAL SPORTS UPDATE

Another exciting season of lunchtime fun and games is underway at Saints with intramural flag football play. There are 34 teams registered this season, led by the freshman class with 12 teams.

As always, intramural team names are particularly funny, clever, and interesting. Some of this year's better team names are:

Pop Rocks: Science or Voodoo? (Mr. Wallace's homeroom)  
Au, That Hurt (Ms. Au's homeroom)  
The Backyardigans (Mrs. MacVay's homeroom)  
Vedder Than You (for team captain Nik Vedder)  
The Quack Masters (Mr. Isaak's homeroom)

Playoffs for this year's football season will begin on Nov. 8, culminating with the SuperBowl on Dec. 7. To honor the founder of the Intramural Program, Deacon Hardick, the SuperBowl will be renamed the "Deacon Hardick SuperBowl." Deacon Hardick

has stepped down from the intramural program after over 30 years of directing the program. The entire Saints' community is grateful for all of Deacon Hardick's hard work over the years.

"Saints' intramural program owes all of its lore, mystique, and faithful following to all of Deacon Hardick's hard work," said new Intramural Director Mr. Matt Linville. "This program is what it is today because of Deke."

Of an interesting note for this particular school year is the on-going construction of the new gymnasium. Due to construction issues, an intramural basketball season is, as of right now, highly unlikely. Although this is sure to be sad news for some intramural enthusiasts, the future of intramural basketball will be better than ever with Saints' new state-of-the-art facilities. To help fill and occupy the gap left by no intramural basketball this year, Mr. Linville is planning on running a bigger and longer intramural dodgeball season.



Freshman Christian Scott drops back as quarterback



Junior Joe da Luz tries to evade the defense of juniors Teddy Medina and Ryan Camarata



Junior Joe da Luz goes up for a jump-ball



Senior Josue Lara runs for the endzone



Senior Joe Mikolaycik runs for a 1st down



Junior Albert Rodrigo drops back as quarterback

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the ones applying to colleges! The PSAT-NMSQT was taken on October 19 and we expect result from College Board in Mid-December.

**SOPHOMORES:** ASB Club Day is coming up soon. Strengthen your college resume by joining a club to be an active and productive member of our Saints community. Your "practice" PSAT results will also be available in mid-December.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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charge of raising the younger children.

Marietta's family lived comfortably. As a girl she was given a good education, absorbing solid religious values as well as knowledge of secular subjects. She actively participated in the life of Mother of Consolation Parish, which was in the pastoral care of Augustinian Friars. She taught singing and religious education, and was active in parish organizations.

Under the guidance of Father Mariano Ferriello, O.S.A., Marietta came to know and love the spirituality of Saint Augustine. The canonization of Augustinian Nun Saint Rita of Cascia in 1900 made a strong impression on the young woman.

Marietta felt a call to join the Augustinian monastery in Cascia, where Rita had lived. Her brothers tried to dissuade her from becoming a nun. Luigia, while accepting Marietta's religious vocation, could not understand why her sister wanted to live in such an isolated and primitive place as Cascia.

Marietta was insistent, and, with Father Ferriello's help, made application for acceptance into the monastery of Cascia. At first her request was denied. The Abbess believed that a woman who had been raised in a prosperous family enjoying all the conveniences of city life would never be able to adjust to the harsh life in the remote mountain town of Cascia.

She applied a second time and, in 1906 was finally accepted. She professed her vows as an Augustinian in 1907, and was given the name Teresa Eletta.

Although she thought at first that she had found Paradise, Maria Teresa soon discovered that the Cascia monastery had some serious problems. A group of younger nuns from another monastery joined the Cascia community. Soon there arose great tension between the young newcomers and the sisters who had been part of the Cascia monastery for many years. Lax observance of the tenets of religious life had displaced a spirit of prayer.

Disillusioned, Maria Teresa left the community in 1910. However, she returned in 1911, intending to bring about a revival of Augustinian spirit and observance in the monastery. She began by writing letters to

**FRESHMEN:** Put on your calendar: Freshman Parent College Night is Tuesday, November 15 in the Gym. We will talk about the four-year plan and being involved in character building activities that will contribute to your development as a Christian Gentleman and lead to the "right fit" college and career for you.

**Bottom line tip:** KEEP YOUR GRADES

her superiors denouncing the lax situation in Cascia.

Her superiors responded by naming her Director of Novices in 1914. In 1920 she was elected Abbess, a position she held for the next 27 years.

As Abbess, she governed with wisdom and prudence, with kindness but firmness. She was authoritative, but not authoritarian. She guided the nuns to a renewal of prayer, meditation and work. Gradually, the community became a model of Augustinian life.

One of Maria Teresa's goals was to build a new orphanage for girls and a larger church to receive the many pilgrims going to the place where Saint Rita had lived. The first thing she did was start a newsletter called *From the Bees to the Roses*, which is still published today. This newsletter helped publicize the need for funds to finance the new construction.

Donations started coming in, but construction was slow because of poor economic conditions and World War II. It took 22 years to complete the building project. The campaign began in 1925. The orphanage opened in 1938, but the new basilica was not dedicated until 1947.

After the opening of the orphanage, Maria Teresa delighted in caring for the girls there. She not only instructed them, but also took time to play with them, an activity which she loved. She called the orphan girls her "bees".

The story is told that during World War II, German SS troops violently forced their way into the monastery, seeking members of the opposition whom they thought to be hiding there. Maria Teresa was not intimidated by the soldiers. She resolutely kept them from bothering both the nuns and the orphans. The soldiers calmly departed after the Abbess had spoken with them.

Plagued with health problems, Maria Teresa accepted her aches and pains, which she called "her treasure". She suffered from painful breast cancer, for which she twice underwent surgery. She had asthma, diabetes, heart problems and poor circulation. She was quite heavy and had great difficulty walking.

Maria Teresa did not live to see the completion of the new basilica. She died January 18, 1947. Pope John Paul II declared her Blessed in 1997.

UP!! Many colleges will want to see a midyear transcript.

## COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Carl Bronson -All Freshmen  
10th, 11th, and 12th Grades:  
Mr. Tim Golden: A – Ga  
Ms. Julia Mekrut: Gb – Pa  
Dr. Jerry Rey: Pb – Z



**SCHOOL COUNSELORS**—Here are the faculty counselors assigned to the Classes of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Left to right: Julia Mekrut, Dr. Jerry Rey, Tim Golden and Carl Bronson.

## DEAR PARENTS AND FRIENDS

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- Organize carpools with neighboring students or members of your same team/activity in an effort to help us reduce traffic.
- Remember there are no U-turns allowed on Nutmeg.
- Be sure to use the underground lot for all evening events on the campus.
- Always greet neighbors courteously and respond to their concerns politely.

If you are a neighbor and have comments about parking/traffic or want to report an issue with a car displaying a Saints parking placard, please contact us.

In the spirit of Catholic Education and neighborly cooperation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Horne".

James Horne  
Principal

## VOICE OF INCLUSION

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community together, so participation by different/new members of Saints does just that," said Fr. Kirk.

Look for Mrs. Cratchy to perform at more school Masses soon.

## FROM PHILADELPHIA WITH LOVE

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open arms and ingrained into the Saints traditions. All the students and faculty I've come into contact with have been very friendly as well."

Each Augustinian volunteer brings something new. Jon brings his volunteering experience, along with a "get-it-done" attitude. Jon made it clear that he wants to contribute to the community this year.

"I want to help Saintsmen on their journey of faith. I am a very open and honest person and encourage all students to stop by the Campus Ministry Office to speak with me about anything from sports to classes to faith."

Currently, he is helping Fr. Mark put together the Frosh overnight retreat. He has also been avidly promoting the upcoming Kairos retreat to all upper classmen.

As we can see, he's right in the thick of things.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- Christmas Drive- Catholic Charities will be collecting gift cards and monetary donation. Donations due to Campus Ministry 12/9
- Hogar Infantil la Gloria visit on 11/19 from 9AM-3PM. Permission forms can be found on <http://www.sahs.org/campus-ministry/christian-service/christian-service-forms/> and are due to Campus Ministry. Spots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.
- This year the alternate spring break trip will be to Philadelphia this year. The price is \$850 and more information can be found at <http://www.sahs.org/campus-ministry/christian-service/christian-service-forms/> or by speaking to Miss Quirk in Campus Ministry.

**HOGAR INFANTIL LA GLORIA** is the Augustinian orphanage in the Tijuana neighborhood of San Antonio de los Buenos Baja California, Mexico. Donations may be mailed to Hogar Infantil, Inc., c/o The Augustinians, 1605 – 28th St., San Diego, CA 92102



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Click on "change my group selection"

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