

June 7, 2021



# DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the Spartan Sentinel, our bi-weekly electronic newsletter for all things DePaul Catholic.

## Principal's Corner

Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Dear Spartan Community:

Graduation for the Class of 2021 is Monday, June 7 at 6:00 PM on Alumni Field. The 104 members of the graduating class will be honored for their academic achievements and be presented their diploma by His Excellency, Bishop Kevin Sweeney. At approximately 7:30 PM, they will process off the field and join the ranks of the DePaul Catholic High School Alumni. I am so very proud of this class and all that they accomplished under incredibly adverse conditions. We celebrated their time in high school at the Senior Prom and now it's time to say good bye. I will continue to pray for them and their continued happiness and success, and it is my hope that we have prepared them for the challenges that face them as members of this global community. May Saint Vincent DePaul watch over them and intercede for them.

The 8th Grade Prep will be graduating on Friday, June 11 at 10:00 AM and Final Exams will be administered from June 14 to June 17, 2021 and...just like that, the school year will officially come to an end.

There is so much that can be said about this year but I will not. I will leave that for another day or when I write my memoirs.

Please visit this newsletter on a regular basis to be brought up to speed on the happenings across the campus. If you are a graduate and are in the neighborhood, please stop in and say hello.

St. Vincent DePaul...Pray for Us!

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## Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71  
Vice Principal, Student Life

Our Seniors will graduate tonight. Some are the first child to graduate, others the last, some are in the middle of the family.

When a DePaul family watches their final child graduate it is a night of some conflict for the parents. Of course there is the feeling of a job well done by mom and dad, the other is the sense of finality that this portion of their lives as parents has ended. No longer will DePaul be a daily part of their lives. The parents will, I hope, always stay connected with DePaul, but the daily connection is over.

My brothers and I attended DePaul in the late 60s and 70s. My parents, although both working, were continuously connected. They attended report card night, Back to School Night, my dad worked Bingo, my mom volunteered in the cafeteria, they chaperoned dances and, of course, attended all our games. They held us accountable for our grades and our actions and we paid a price if we did not put forth our best effort. They did not blame

others when we messed up.

My parents were just like most parents today: connected, motivating, disciplined and always setting a positive example.

Graduation night for parents is a night to continue the process of letting go. At graduation practice we remind the students to thank those who have helped them get to this night. We remind students to thank the teacher, the advisor, the coach, the Sister, the priest and all who have helped them and supported them. We ask the students to give their parents a gift.

A gift?

A gift we call..... the gift of time.

All parents know that as kids grow older we see them less and less as they move on. The greatest gift a child can offer to their parent is the gift of time.

On graduation night, after the ceremony ends, we suggest that the students spend the evening with parents and family, offering family the gift of time. We suggest the family go to dinner, have a family gathering, that they go visit grandma and not look at their watch worried about missing something with their friends.

**The greatest Project Graduation is spending the evening with family...the entire evening.**

Parents should hope for this and expect this, and should be disappointed if the graduates choose friends over family. Parents deserve the evening with their graduate.

We have spoken about this to the seniors at graduation practice for many years and many students have followed our suggestions and had a wonderful evening....with family. I hope this year's class does the same.

DePaul has always been about about **Faith, Family and Friends**.

On graduation night, and forever, the words should always remain in that order.

Congratulations to the parents and all who have helped the Class of 2021.

These kids will continue to make you proud in the future.

## Class of 2021 Graduation



This is a free link to watch our Class of 2021 Graduation Ceremony: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/depaul-catholic-high-school-wayne-nj>  
The livestream will begin at 6:00pm on Monday, June 7th.

The sound and quality may not be perfect as this streaming service is meant for sporting events only. However, it will give you an opportunity to view the ceremony from the comfort of your home.

[Click Here To See Where The Class of 2021 Has Been Accepted](#)

## Welcome, Future Spartans!

[Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell](#)  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

### How to contact the Admissions Office...

#### PeerPal Message

<https://dpchsstudents.org/#/>

#### Email

[admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)

#### 30 Minute Zoom Meeting

*For longer questions that cannot be answered via email or PeerPal message.*

### How To Contact The DePaul Catholic Admissions Office...

**Email** [admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)

**Message** [dpchsstudents.org](https://dpchsstudents.org)

**Zoom** <https://depaulcatholic.org/pages/admissionsdirector.html>



[https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public\\_calendars/zoom\\_admissions\\_meetings](https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/portal/public_calendars/zoom_admissions_meetings)

Due to the large number of inquiries, phone messages will not be returned at this time. Please utilize one of the communication methods above.

### Class of 2025 Admissions Process

While we are still accepting applications for the Class of 2025, items submitted now will be reviewed on a rolling basis if there is room in the incoming class. ***Please note: The Class of 2025 is nearly filled to capacity.***

**Apply Online, Send Your Transcripts, Test Scores, & Teacher Recommendation ASAP!**

[Click Here To Apply](#)

Email is best: [admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)

Transcripts from 6th, 7th, and 1st Marking Period of 8th

Test Scores = any State testing completed in Middle School  
Teacher Recommendation = Middle School Academic Teacher

DePaul Catholic High School  
**CLASS OF 2025**  
Class of 2025  
Only a few seats left!  
Apply Now! Register Today!

## View our Virtual Open House.

# DePaul Catholic

EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

*The place to begin*

We are in the process of interviewing our next group of Prep students.

To be considered, please apply here:

[https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign\\_in](https://depaulcatholic.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in)

Be sure to indicate that you are interested in 8th Grade Prep.



The Spartan Shop

Pick-up & Shipping Options

Questions?  
Contact  
Mrs. Janet Baldo  
baldoj@dpchs.org

Shop Now!

**While you will be able to place orders throughout the summer, nothing will be available to ship or pick up during the month of July.**

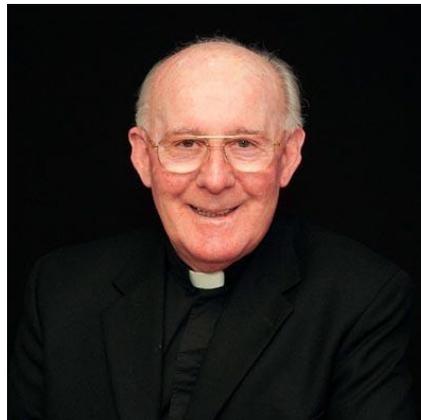
**Place your orders today!**

## Alumni & Advancement News

Joe Lennon, Director of Development

Coleen Fitzgerald Brophy '79, Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

### Former DePaul Director, Fr. O'Rorke, Celebrates 60 years



Msgr. James H. O'Rorke

A native of Ireland, Msgr. O'Rorke was ordained on June 18, 1961 at All Hallows Seminary in Dublin, Ireland. His first assignment was at St. Andrew Parish, Clifton. He then served at DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne as a theology teacher and chaplain. From 1975 to 1976, he was assistant director of DePaul and then in 1976 to 1981, he served as director. He was appointed as the first pastor of St. Jude the Apostle in Hamburg, when it was

raised to parish status in 1981. In 1988, he was named pastor of St. Vincent Martyr, Madison, until being named pastor of Our Lady of the Valley, Wayne in 1993, where he remained until he retired in 2003.

[See full article in The Beacon.](#)

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### **Kendra Karsen '16 Earns Nursing Excellence Award**

Kendra Karsen '16 was recently presented with the 2020 Nurse Rookie of the Year award at Newark Beth Israel Hospital. Not only was Kendra on a COVID ICU for most of the pandemic, she had to move out of her family home for over 6 months to prevent the spread of the virus. Congratulations, Kendra, and thank you!

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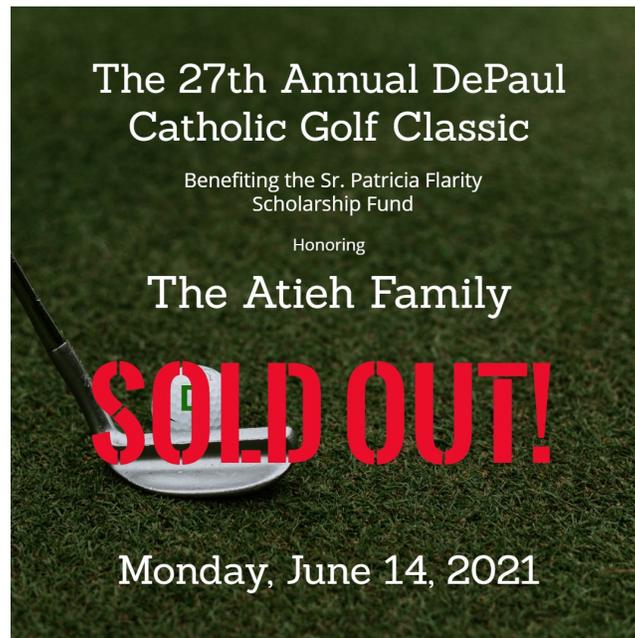
### **Two Students From Class of 2010 Ordained Into Priesthood**

Recently Francis Lennie '10 and Christian Scalo '10 were ordained as priests. Fr. Lennie will serve in the Diocese of Paterson, while Fr. Scalo will be in the Archdiocese of Newark. Congratulations and God Bless.

Fr. Lennie: <http://www.evergreeneditions.com/publication/?m=32257&l=1>

Fr. Scalo: <https://jerseycatholic.org/qa-with-the-five-new-priests/>

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There are limited dinner tickets and sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact Coleen Brophy ([brophyc@dpchs.org](mailto:brophyc@dpchs.org).)

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**The Kristen Koenig Scholarship Fund**  
**Est. in 2010**

Kristen graduated from DePaul in 2002. She had a strong sense of belonging in DePaul Catholic and loved her days here as a student.

The scholarship supports a DePaul Catholic junior who best embodies the life and legacy of Kristen. The scholarship is for two years.

If you would like to make a donation please click on the link below.

Thank you for your continued support!

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## The Alumni Scholarship Program

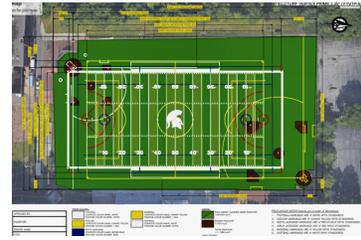
Calling all Alumni! Want to be a part of giving the gift of a Spartan education? The Alumni Scholarship was created in the 2020-2021 school year by DePaul Catholic Alumni. For more information on how to be a part of this scholarship program contact Joe Lennon at

[lennonj@dpchs.org](mailto:lennonj@dpchs.org) / 973-865-8725 or Coleen Brophy at [brophyc@dpchs.org](mailto:brophyc@dpchs.org)/973-865-4787.



[Click here to listen to what some of our current sponsors & scholars are saying.](#)

## Annual Fund For The Future



DePaul Catholic would like to thank all alumni who have sent donations to offset the new athletic turf installation, the Annual Fund, The Alumni Scholars Fund and the Sr. Patricia Flarity Fund.

DePaul Catholic's most pressing issue is the need for a **new roof** for the gym and for the west wing. The cost is \$300,000.00. Starting on February 11, 2021 all donations to the Annual Fund will go towards the new roof. Anyone who would like to donate directly to that fund can send their donation to the Development Department in care of Joe Lennon or Coleen Brophy.

When Coach Lennon first started working at DePaul, Monsignor John McHugh said that DePaul's foundation was based on the students & alumni, teachers and parents. That foundation has remained strong for the past 64 years. Thank you in advance for all your help.

Stay Safe and God Bless  
Go Spartans  
Joe Lennon & Coleen Brophy

To donate, please use this link: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/spartanfund>

## Spend Your Summer As A Spartan



**Test Prep  
at DPCHS**  
*July 12-22, 2021*

The Test Prep course focuses on preparing middle school students who intend to sit for a High School entrance exam. Students will navigate through the structure and setup of a variety of entrance exams and practice sample content while receiving valuable test-taking tips. Our goals are to familiarize students with possible formats, help them build confidence in their abilities, and give them a competitive advantage on test day.

Questions: [forsythk@dpcchs.org](mailto:forsythk@dpcchs.org)



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SUMMER SPORTS  
CAMPS**

**SPEND YOUR SUMMER AS A SPARTAN**



[www.depauletholic.org](http://www.depauletholic.org) Grades 5-9

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## Spartan Nation

### National High School Coaches Association All-American Team

DePaul Catholic Girls Soccer placed three girls on the National High School Coaches Association All-American Team.

Senior, Shay Bradley made National High School Coaches Association Honorable Mention Academic All-American Team along with Senior, Camryn Wolf. Junior, Arianna Silva made First Team National High School Coaches Association Academic All-American!

Congratulations!

## AROUND THE HALLS

### Congratulations To Our AP Scholars!

Every fall, the AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams. AP Scholar Awards come in different levels and types. See the criteria here:

**AP Scholar:** Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exam

**AP Scholar with Honor:** Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams

**AP Scholar with Distinction:** Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams

**National AP Scholar:** Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

We are so fortunate to announce that for 2020, 20 of our DePaul students were announced as AP Scholars, 4 were announced as AP Scholars with Honor, 6 were announced as AP Scholars with Distinction, and one was announced as a National AP Scholar.

*These honors are based on tests taken in 2020. The 2021 scores have not yet been released.*

Amanda Callahan - AP Scholar  
Faith Cancro - AP Scholar

Drew Clark - AP Scholar with Honor  
 Jesus Delgado - AP Scholar with Distinction  
 Alexander Emuang - AP Scholar  
 Krystian Gabin - AP Scholar  
 Jesal Gandhi - AP Scholar  
 Katelyn Heaney - AP Scholar  
 Jamielyn Juan - AP Scholar  
 Owen Kulick - AP Scholar  
 Katherine Lencsak - AP Scholar  
 Alexa Lo Monaco - AP Scholar with Distinction  
 Jessica Long - AP Scholar with Distinction  
 Emily McGourty - AP Scholar  
 Jacquelyn Nemeth - AP Scholar  
 Mia Nguyen - AP Scholar with Honor  
 Gianna Nicosia - AP Scholar  
 John O'Reilly - AP Scholar with Honor  
 Charlotte Ortzian - AP Scholar  
 Olivia Peiser - AP Scholar  
 Michael Ramundo - AP Scholar  
 Kaylee Reyes - AP Scholar with Distinction  
 Annabelle Schmidt - AP Scholar  
 Catherine Serek - AP Scholar  
 Riley Sikorski - AP Scholar with Distinction  
 Sydney Smith - AP Scholar  
 Anna Soltys - AP Scholar with Honor  
 Dana Tagliaferro - AP Scholar  
 Hanna Vaidya - National AP Scholar & AP Scholar with Distinction  
 Michael Zepernick - AP Scholar



### **Duty Calls!**

Our DePaul Catholic School Chaplain, Fr. Jhon Madrid, is currently a U.S. Army Captain. He will be leaving us at the end of June to serve our country as an Army Chaplain at Fort Hood, Texas. Please remember him in your prayers this summer.

### **Joseph Styskal '24 Invited to West Point STEM Camp**

LTC Andrew C. Lee of West Point Military Academy recently announced that Joseph Styskal had been selected to attend the West Point STEM Camp. Only 100 high school students were selected to attend.

The United States Military Academy at West Point is one of the country's most highly regarded undergraduate engineering schools, requiring competency in STEM among all its cadets. The center has developed a comprehensive program that extends from the middle school level up through the graduate and professional level, seeking to build an overall stronger STEM career path.



### **Photos From The DP Greenhouse**



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### **Interact Club and National Honor Society**

Quite a few years ago, Fr. Peter and Mrs. Dacles, under the organization from Our Lady of Good Counsel in Pequannock, joined that parish with 12 DePaul students to go on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. There is a group of Sisters that have established a school there in a very poor area where they provide schooling, healthcare, and general support to the entire area. Good Counsel has committed to supporting this mission on a continuing basis, visiting the Dominican Republic each year with donations and other assistance. Last year, they were unable to go because of COVID. This year they are sending a container of supplies.



Pictured here are members of the DePaul Catholic Interact Club and the National Honor Society sorting some of the donations of school supplies from the DePaul Catholic Community in support of this mission.

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### **Senior Luncheon**

On May 21, 2021, the senior class was treated to a delicious luncheon and visit from the "Ice Cream Queen" truck on their final day of classes. They received their caps and gowns, lawn signs and detailed graduation instructions from Mr. Merritt.



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### **Field Work for Advanced Placement Statistics**

Once the AP Statistics exam is over and the seniors are practicing for graduation, the junior members of the class use their knowledge and skills to conduct a multi-level hands-on experiment consisting of several treatments. The careful recording of data and the

statistical analysis of their findings will bring them to a new appreciation of what they have accomplished this year.



## DePaul Catholic Parents' Association WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The end of another memorable year at DePaul Catholic is drawing near, and while many may be ready to let it go, I can't without saying thank you to a few more people.

Thank you to all the 2020-2021 Parents Association coordinators and countless volunteers for keeping the programs we could run, running! Every second of service during these unprecedented times was truly a blessing.

We'd also like to say a special thank you to Mina Farrell, Andie Pegel, and Cindy Winkler for their years of dedication to the Parents Association Board. We will always be grateful for the contributions you made to your Spartan family. You will be sorely missed, but the door is always open for you to visit us as parent alums!

Sincerely,  
Allison

[Tricky Tray Video - Click Here](#)





## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Advisor-** Sr. Jeanne Agans **President-** Allison Beshada **Secretary-** Mina Farrell, Leslie Minuitti  
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**Hospitality-** Deb Murray, Julie Sullivan **Ambassadors-** Andie Pegel  
**Calendar Raffle-** Cindy Winkler  
**Snack Stand-** Bob Niemiec, Allison Beshada **Public Relations-** Brenda Salamon  
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## The Sister Jeanne Academic Scholarship Fund



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