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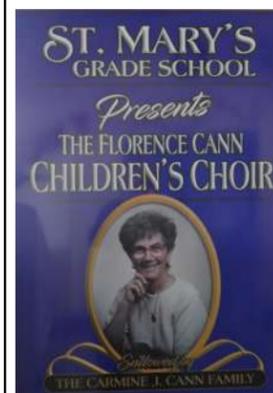
## Martino & Zummo Both Hit 1,000 Points

Senior basketball players Gabe Zummo and Taylor Martino both recorded their 1,000th point earlier in the basketball season. Martino achieved the milestone in a great early season win against Tucker County and Zummo accomplished the goal in the boys game against Tug Valley. Both said that the accomplishment felt really good and Martino continued, "Not only was it a nice accomplishment for me personally, but also for my team mates and coaches, including my Dad (Coach Bob

Martino) and Coach (Jarrod) West who has worked with me since I was little. I will cherish the moment and it was good to do it against Tucker County." Zummo added, "I was really happy with the way I scored the 1,000th point off a steal and then a three pointer from the corner." Video highlights of the moment that Martino and Zummo hit the 1,000 point mark are available on the Irish Online Network. Go to [notredamewv.org](http://notredamewv.org) and click the ION logo.



## The Florence Cann Children's Choir



The St. Mary's choir will now be known as The Florence Cann Children's Choir after Carmine J. Cann, a 1947 graduate of St. Mary's, and his children committed to fund the choir and other advancements in the performing arts at the school for the next five years.

This commitment, along with investment from the Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation and the Mary Ann Angotti Music Ministries Endowment will allow both St. Mary's and Notre Dame to continue to grow its performing arts and liturgical music programs.

"Florence Cann had a love of music and the arts and believed in fostering the talent

of young people in the community," said choir director, Michelle Palmer, "It is a tremendous honor for us to take on the legacy of Florence Cann. She, along with Mary Ann Angotti, had a deep faith and inspired so many."

Cann said, "My children and I decided to furnish funding for the Florence Cann Children's Choir and to support the Performing Arts Program at St. Mary's after our discussions regarding the mission of the Program with Nicole A. Folio, the School's principal, and Michelle Audia Palmer, the Enrollment and Choir Director. It was our understanding that the Program was being created to foster the God given talents and abilities of the students at St. Mary's and to provide not only musical skills but also to enrich the lives of the students so that each child has the opportunity to grow in friendships and in their Catholic Faith."

He continued, "It is well known that my wife, Florence Cann, had a special warmth and sensitivity to the singing per-



formances of young children and was especially proud when many of her grandchildren participated in the children's chorus at the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival. Upon her death, my children and I endowed a fund for the support of the Festival Chorus in my wife's memory. We now have agreed to endow the funding of the Florence Cann Children's Choir within the Performing Arts Program at St. Mary's. We support the Program, and view the Choir as an expansion of our mission to provide in my wife's memory an array of music performance opportunities for young children."

Watch school events live & on demand. Go to [notredamewv.org](http://notredamewv.org) and click on the ION Logo



## Stephanie Santilli Receives Recognition for Service



Congratulations to Notre Dame Freshman-Stephanie Santilli who was named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for her volunteer efforts, specifically for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. She will also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Your invitation to the  
**Irish Legends Gala**  
is enclosed within this newsletter.  
**Saturday, April 13.**  
Please save the date.



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## Chess Plays an Important Part in Academic Success

Bob Greer started the Notre Dame chess team in 2008 when his sons Joseph, Robert, and Christopher became students at the school. Greer speaks passionately about chess and the importance it plays in the overall academic success of students. Just over ten years later, Greer continues to come to the school once a week to work, not only with the chess team, but also with the 7th and 8th grade students during the school day.



**Bob Greer Working With the 7th & 8th Grade Students**

Chess is recognized as a stimulus which can improve decision making skills that can be transferred to multiple academic subjects. It is a great supplement to regular education classes and offers an alternative way to get students thinking. Playing chess is a wonderful way to improve focus and overcome any attention deficit problems that students may have.

Greer used his younger twin sons Christopher and Robert as an example of the success that chess played by saying, "The twins struggled with attention problems during their elementary school years but

by playing chess and attending a great school like Notre Dame, they were able to overcome those problems."

Greer sees chess as a great avenue for him to give back to the community. He organ-

izes chess tournaments and works with multiple students in the area. He concluded, "It's important for me to do community service and it is extremely rewarding to see the development of the students."

## Notre Dame & St. Mary's Announce Aquinas Medal Recipients

Notre Dame High School & St. Mary's Grade School both announced their Aquinas Medal Recipients recently. Amy Frosch will receive the award for Notre Dame and Dominick Bombardiere for St. Mary's. Every Catholic School in West Virginia chooses someone to receive this award from the highest grade level in the school. The Aquinas Medal is named after St. Thomas Aquinas, the Patron Saint of Scholars, who was distinguished by his keen intellect and by his commitment to the love and service of God. These students are representative of the outstanding quality of Catholic schools across the Diocese. Students are selected not only for their academic endeavors, but more importantly, for their modeling of the Gospel values that are so integral within the mission of Catholic schools, as well as the 3 R's: reverence, respect, and responsibility. Amy and Dominick will receive their award at the Bishop's Dinner on April 7 in Morgantown. Amy is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairmont and is the daughter of Ken &

Julie. Dominick is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarksburg and is the son of Chad & Whitney.



**Pictured Left: Amy Frosch  
Above: Dominick Bombardiere**

## Loyal Donor Recognition

The donor software program that is used at Notre Dame & St. Mary's has just implemented a new feature that recognizes donors who have made a gift to the schools for five or more consecutive years up to, and including, the current fiscal year. Thank you to the following loyal donors. Your contributions to our schools are sincerely appreciated.

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## Notre Dame Students Join Forces For St. Mary's Flagpole Project



Matthew Ellis (left) and Nathaniel Palmer (right) combined resources to install new flagpoles and hold flag retirement and flag raising ceremonies for the students and staff of St. Mary's Grade School.

Palmer was in charge of the fabrication and installation of two new flagpoles in St. Mary's front yard. The two new poles were placed alongside an existing pole.



Palmer said, "I would like to thank Christian and Chuck Marsh at Quality Machine for help with the fabrication of the poles and Mark Urso at Bear Contracting for help with installation."

Ellis was in charge of the retirement ceremony of the old flag and the educational aspect of the project. He said, "There is correct protocol of how old flags should

be removed and disposed of. It should be done in a respectful and dignified manner. Our goal was to show the St. Mary's students how to do this properly."

Flags of the United States, West Virginia, and St. Mary's Grade School will be raised permanently once the weather improves.

## Investing Class Focuses on Financial Success



Billy Pulice graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1971 and has been involved in the financial services industry since 1997. He has been passing on that knowledge and experience to the current students in Michelle Riggs' personal finance class. He said, "I'm appreciative of Mrs. Riggs allowing me to teach her class twice a month. As a graduate of Notre Dame, it is very rewarding to be able to give back to the current students."

The students in the class all have an account of \$100,000 through stock-marketgame.org and they invest in companies and other funds based on their research and what they are learning in the class. Notre Dame senior, Emma McKeen said, "It's

been a very interesting class. I knew very little about the stock market before. I've learned a lot."

Pulice hopes the students recognize the value of money and understand that it is not an unlimited resource. He encourages the students to, upon employment, only spend what you can afford and pay yourself first. He said, "I've been impressed with how involved and engaged the students have been with their \$100,000 investment accounts. I'm hoping they realize that the earlier they start saving, the more lucrative lifestyle in retirement is possible."

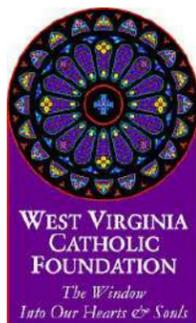
He concluded that, "It is not timing of the market that is important, It is time in the market."

## ION Continues to Broadcast School Events



The Irish Online Network, a student run broadcasting program, was launched in August 2015. ION is part of the NFHS Network which is based in Atlanta. Students in the program learn various skills, such as play-by-play commentary, color commentary, graphics, camera, etc., by receiving hands-on experience broadcasting events live. Events on the Irish Online Network can be viewed live and on demand by visiting [notredamewv.org](http://notredamewv.org) and clicking on the ION logo. Pictured broadcasting a recent basketball game are, from the left: Nicholas Palmer, Matthew McAra, Michael McAra, Brady Fagan, & Dylan O'Sullivan. Other ION members are Anthony Rogers, Michael Mazza, Matthew Ellis, & Luke McAra.

## Monsignor John J. O'Brien Planned Giving Society



Membership to the Monsignor John J. O'Brien Planned Giving Society goes to those who have made Notre Dame & St. Mary's a beneficiary in their estate plans. Annual giving campaigns are improving, and they are helping the schools make improvements and meet their budgetary needs. Planned gifts will secure the financial future of Notre Dame & St.

Mary's. Planned gifts can be placed in the Harrison County Catholic Schools Endowment fund and benefit the schools year after year. Monsignor O'Brien was instrumental in the planning and building of Notre Dame High School. To discuss leaving your legacy with a planned gift contact Ian McAra at 304-623-1026 or [imcara@notredamewv.org](mailto:imcara@notredamewv.org).



## Matthew Lehosit to Receive 2019 Distinguished Young Alumnus Award

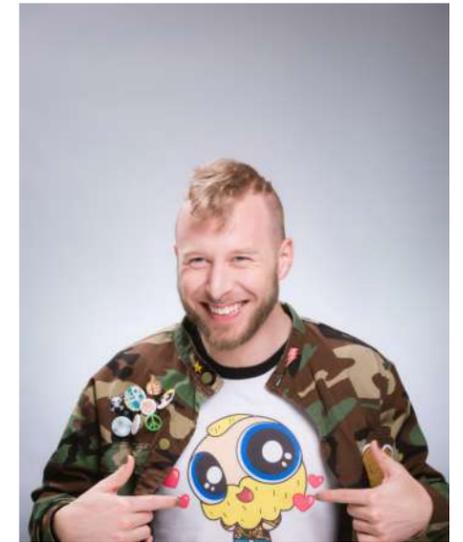
When Mathew Lehosit was a teenager attending Notre Dame High School, his biggest passion lied in the fantasy worlds of the novels, comic books, and cartoons that he consumed, where superheroes would battle injustices of the world, vampires and mutants could be seen as more than the sum of their circumstance, and wizards would cast spells in his imagination. Little did he know at the time that this passion would lead him to work as a key stakeholder in the global entertainment industry, helping to usher a new era of cartoon heroes into the lives of children and fans.

Matthew is the son of Roger Lehosit-NDHS Class of '71 & Irish Legends Recipient -and Suzi Lehosit, founders of MCM Business Systems in Nutter Fort, WV. The youngest of 3, all NDHS graduates - Michael Lehosit, Class of '96 and Cyndi Lehosit, Class of '97 - Matthew attended St. Mary's Elementary School and graduated Salutatorian from Notre Dame High School in 1999, where he was active in Student Body Government, National Honors Society, Key Club, and attended Governor's Honors Academy. He went on to study Advertising at West Virginia University where he graduated

Magna Cum Laude and as the Top Scholar of his graduating class in 2004.

Unsure of how his post-college life would unfold, Matthew decided to search the job listings at Turner Entertainment while watching Cartoon Network (his favorite channel) one evening, where he sought out an internship opportunity that would bring him to Atlanta in 2005 to work for the famed brand. 14 years later, Matthew still works at Cartoon Network as Director of Marketing where he leads strategic planning across a wide array of emerging and beloved brands including *The Power-Puff Girls*, *Steven Universe*, *Ben 10*, and *Adventure Time*. Together with his team, they work across all areas of business as the arrow to ensure everyone is working toward the same strategic bull's-eye. In his tenure, Lehosit has worked on global campaigns, executed events such as Comic Cons, The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, SXSW, Pop-Up shops and more, been published as a writer for DC Comics, and been honored as a Rising Brand Star by AdWeek.

2019 marks 20 years since graduating from Notre Dame High School. He is humbled and honored to return as a distin-



gished alumnus, joining the ranks of others he deeply admires for their achievements. He dedicates this honor to the memory of his brother Michael Lehosit, and the rest of his family Roger, Suzi, and Cyndi, whose love and support he credits to his achievements.

Matthew will receive the award at the Irish Legends Gala on April 13. Go to [notredamewv.org](http://notredamewv.org) for sponsorship/reservation information for the event.

## Gene & Betty Larosa Celebrate 60th Anniversary



Gene & Betty Larosa celebrated their 60th anniversary with a wedding vow renewal ceremony at All-Saints Church. A couple of days before this the basketball team surprised them by bringing them onto the floor to present them with a gift. Gene & Betty both graduated from Notre Dame in 1956. They have been named Irish Legends and received the Bishop's Cross for services to WV Catholic Education.



## The 2019 Notre Dame & St. Mary's Irish Legends Gala Honorees

### Jo Ann Ellis Iquinto '65



Jo Ann Ellis Iquinto attended All Saints and St Mary's Grade Schools and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1965. Jo Ann is the daughter of the late Joseph and Frances (Benincosa) Ellis. Both her brothers, Joseph ('67) and Jim ('80) are Notre Dame graduates. Her sister-in-law, Patricia Quinn Ellis ('81) is currently on

faculty at St. Mary's. Jo Ann graduated from Fairmont State College with a degree in Business Administration and Sociology. She began her career at the Veterans Administration and then completed her federal employment at the Social Security Administration as a technical expert. She values her forty years' service to those who paid into the program and earned the rights to their benefits. Jo Ann married Pete Iquinto in 1972 and they have two daughters, Jacqueline Susann ('94) and Cynthia Marie. Jacqueline is currently a school counselor at Notre Dame. Cynthia is a financial planner and the high school

tennis coach for the Fighting Irish. Jacqueline also had the honor of being the Distinguished Young Alumnus in 2013. Jacqueline is married to Jim Reed and they have two daughters, Francesca and Amelia, both students at St Mary's Grade School. Jo Ann was fortunate to attend Notre Dame with her brother and several cousins. She is proud to say she was in the largest graduating class at Notre Dame; they continue to enjoy each other's company whenever they can. Jo Ann is an avid supporter of Catholic education and is honored and humbled to be chosen as an Irish Legend.

### Theresa Cody White '66



Theresa White is a 1966 graduate of Notre Dame High School and obtained her BSN from West Virginia University in 1972 and her MSN in Nursing Education and Management from Bellarmine University in 1996. Her early career included Critical Care and Home Health Nursing before spending 32 years serving the nation's Veterans as a Med-Surg staff nurse, ICU Nurse Manager, Quality Assurance, Associate Chief Nurse of Critical Care

and Associate Hospital Director for Patient Care. She received the local VA 1989 Excellence in Nursing Award and chaired committees in writing policy. After retirement in 2012, she became a charter member of the Immaculate Conception's Parish Nurse Ministry. This group conducts several Health related programs including health fairs, a bereavement support group and an annual Bonnie's Bus mammogram screening. The Group was honored with the Diocese Salt and Light Community Service Group Award in 2016. White works one day a month at the local Mustard Seed Store which serves the needy with distribution of clothing and household goods. She serves on the Board of the Life Choice

Pregnancy Resource Center which provides classes for expectant and new mothers that covers pre and postnatal care as well as parenting and life skills classes, and volunteers at the Center working with the clients. Her proudest achievement is her family. She has been married to her husband Douglas for almost 49 years and they have 3 children, Doug Jr. who works for the Postal Service and his wife Dottie, Richard, who is a City Policeman and his wife, Wendy, and Beth, who works for a tutoring company in Virginia. They also have three "perfect" grandchildren: Brian, who is an Air Force Veteran and still works for the Air Force, Kayla who is a counselor, and Alexandra, who is a Fitness instructor.

### Frank Aucremanne '76



Frank Aucremanne graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1976. Aucremanne is an Executive Director at Cleveland Clinic, reporting to the Chief of Operations, and is responsible for all real estate, planning, design, construction, and facilities operations and maintenance across the Cleveland Clinic system. The system en-

compasses over 32 million square feet of facilities consisting of more than 200 buildings located across three states and four countries. Frank joined the Cleveland Clinic in 2010 from Naples, Italy, after retiring as a Navy Captain with over 28 years of service. While in Naples, Italy he was responsible for all U.S. Navy facility operations and maintenance across Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia. He is a registered professional engineer with over 30 years of experience in all facets of facility design, construction, operations and maintenance, a Certified Healthcare Facility Manager and a Certified Healthcare Constructor. Frank graduated from

the University of Notre Dame in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering then later went on to receive his Master of Science in Civil Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1986.

### Notre Dame & St. Mary's Irish Legends Gala

Saturday, April 13  
Social 6pm  
Dinner 7pm

Sponsorship/Reservation info at  
[www.notredamewv.org](http://www.notredamewv.org)

### Clara Basile '76

Clara Basile graduated valedictorian from Notre Dame in 1976. She is the daughter of the delightful Rafaella "Folly" (Romano) Basile and the late Tom Basile, both former Irish legends. Clara's two siblings, Tom and Mark were also Notre graduates. Basile, Romano, Arco and Scott have a proud heritage and deep ties to local Catholic schools. Among them are many "Irish Legends," most notable is Clara's uncle, the late Coach Angelo Basile, for whom the basketball court is named. Clara had many honors and successes during her time at Notre Dame. She had the distinction of being chosen the school's first Governor of Girl's State. Classmate Sam Spenia immediately followed with a win at Boy's State. It was the first time in WV history that two students from the same class took the state-wide honor in the same year. In true Irish spirit, Clara attended the University of Notre Dame in Indiana accom-

panying her brother Tom and Carmin Grandinetti, who were accepted in the prior two years. She was proud to be among one of the first classes to be admitted during a time when most women attended St Mary's across the lake. Clara left Notre Dame for San Francisco where she still lives today. She studied to be an opera singer and ran a very successful restaurant and bookstore for 7 years. With some prompting by Clara's father, who ran his own financial services firm, she changed course mid-stream to work as a floor trader on the option trading floor at the Pacific Stock Exchange. The timing was fortuitous. The combination of affordable home PCs, the advent of option trading and the proliferation of business news and data helped launch a successful career in finance. After one year at the Pacific stock exchange, Clara was hired by the prestigious San Francisco investment firm Bailard, Biehl and Kaiser. There she

quickly rose from international research assistant to VP of foreign currency trading. In 1992, after four years at Bailard, Clara and three senior partners left to start Avalon Capital Management, a comprehensive wealth management firm in Redwood City, CA. Today, Clara is the senior portfolio manager at Avalon and the company's CEO. She has spent 30 years counseling clients and developing models for managing global diversified investment portfolios. Her quantitative analytical model, Avalon Dynamic Allocation, is recognized for its ability to both capture upside return while cushioning assets during turbulent markets.



### Chuck Thayer '80

Charles O. "Chuck" Thayer IV '80 resides in Melbourne, FL with his wife Kathy. They are the parents of Ashley Thayer Schmid of Winter Garden, FL and the late Chad Thayer. He is the son of the late Charlie and Jerry Thayer. Chuck's sister Pam Thayer '74 and niece Whitney Martino Price '05 have also graduated from Notre Dame while niece Taylor Martino '19 and nephews Kobe and Clay Martino '21 will soon join that list. Chuck graduated magna cum laude with a B. S. in Computer Science in 1984 and a M. S. in Computer Science in 1988 from WVU. Upon graduation, Chuck went to work for Harris Corporation in Melbourne, FL. In 1991, Chuck took a job at

Northrop Grumman where he remains as a Staff Engineer. Chuck has had significant contributions to some of the most advanced defense, communications, and space systems over his 35-year career as a software engineer. Known for his gift of gab, Chuck regularly gives key customer presentations during formal reviews. Two experiences from his years at Notre Dame have played a significant role in Chuck's adult life. He was a 3-year letterman on NDHS's baseball team that went 60-15. A highlight was pitching back-to-back no-hitters during his senior season. Chuck was able to continue to successfully play and manage amateur baseball for over 25 years, twice being selected as Manager of

the Year as well as being inducted into the Florida Space Coast Baseball Hall of Fame. Another influence came as a member of the Blue Haze Band with other NDHS students, a band that evolved into the popular local band Amici. Chuck continued what had started as a guitarist during school mass to becoming a vocalist for a couple of popular Space Coast classic rock bands, leading to twice being nominated as favorite vocalist for the Brevard Music Awards. Chuck is a member of Holy Name of Jesus in Indialantic, FL.



### Dr. Carroll Kelly Morrison (Honorary)

Carroll Morrison served as the principal of Notre Dame High School for twenty years. She graduated from Holy Family Catholic School in Ashland, Kentucky, which she attended from the first through the 12th grades. Carroll graduated from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky with majors in psychology and teaching mathematics. She taught math at Henry Clay high school in Lexington to help put her husband, David, through law school. She first came to Notre Dame in the fall of 1981 when David took a job with Steptoe and Johnson where she taught math and coached the cheerleaders to the first ever West Virginia state cheerleading championship. After leaving Notre Dame as a

teacher, Carroll gained a doctorate in counseling psychology, and had a varied career which included time working with outpatient teenagers and families in crisis at the Fairmont psychiatric group and eight years as the Assistant Dean for Career Services at the WVU College of Law. Carroll came back to Notre Dame as principal in July 1998. During that time she made many improvements to the school and, in 2016, was awarded the Bishop's Cross, the highest honor for someone involved in Catholic education in West Virginia. In 2017, Carroll was honored as the NCWV educator of the year. She has volunteered for several organizations which included serving on the boards of the

YMCA, Healthy Harrison, and Waynesburg University. Carroll and David have three children who all graduated from Notre Dame: Elizabeth Grey Thomas (2005), who lives in Charleston, SC with her husband Brandon, Kelly Brynn Light (2006), who is married to Reed, and Chad Morrison (2015) who is a student at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL. Carroll retired in August, 2018.

