

The 2012 Alumni Reunion hosted by the anniversary class of '62 was held August 16-19 2012 and headquartered at the Long House Manor just north of Watkins Glen. The Class of '62 committee was spearheaded by John Mielnik, assisted by Walter Kurpiel and John LaSalle. Preparations for the event began in 2011 and six of the thirteen surviving members of the class were in attendance. A total of just under 50 people participated with a large contingent from the class of '58 as well representatives from many other classes.

Tom Malina ('66) is our resident go-to guy in Watkins and he arranged two terrific meals at his Castel Grisch Winery. On Friday night we had a wonderful groaning board of Polish delicacies including pierogi, golombki, kielbasa, kapusta and all of the fixings. Rumor has it that Tom made several trips to Buffalo to set things up! On Saturday night after Mass we had a great sit down dinner and on both nights rousing renditions of 'Sto Lat' rocked the restaurant. At the Saturday night party the class of '62 on behalf of the Alumni made special presentations to alumni who have had a major impact in keeping the spirit of the school alive.

The honorees were TOM MALINA for all of his hard work anchoring the alumni reunions at the Glen and setting up all the food, snacks and logistical formats, ANTHONY SPECIAN for his tireless dedication in editing and Alumni Paduan and CHAD ORLOWSKI for all of his hard work in setting up and maintaining the school website. Tom and Tony were there to accept their recognition but unfortunately Chad had a family commitment that precluded his coming.

The Paduan

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Group Photo at Our Lady of The Lake

Attending from the class of 1962 were John and Joyce Mielnik, John and Carol LaSalle, Walter Kurpiel, Henry Poczobut, Michael Gulas and the Rev. Canon Joseph Sredzinski who along with Fr. Joel Szydlowski OFM ('58) celebrated Mass on Saturday evening before dinner at St Mary of the Lake Church. Special Mass programs resembling the cover of the '62 Siquaris were created by John Mielnik who also used his artistic talents to recreate the dining hall logo as well as the former entrance sign of the school and a large welcoming banner at the Long House Manor. Additionally he had photographic story boards of the '62 class trip as well as photos from freshman through senior years of the class.

Many alumni made the trip up to St. Mary's Cemetery to visit Fr. Austin's grave, also passing through the Watkins Cemetery which as to be one of the most beautiful and tranquil final resting places in the country. It is surprising that the Chamber of Commerce doesn't advertise the place!

Many of you will remember the Masses held on the steps of the Rothschild

Mausoleum as well at the Noyes family plot. Remember Fr. Claude's buddy the newspaperman Art Richards telling his marriage story at the Noyes monument!

There is such a welcoming atmosphere among the classes and every one is welcome. The Long House Manor is such an ideal spot for meeting up. Although there are only a limited number of sleeping accommodations, the great room is open all the time for everyone attending and easily accommodates 75 people at one time. Whether you chose to stay at the Manor or the Long House Motel just down the hill or at the new hotel or a B & B you will find the region vastly changed from our school days. Wineries abound as well as great restaurants. Although the actual school may be gone the spirit lives! Plan to come home in 2013.

The dates for next year are August 16th to the 18th 2013 so plan accordingly. The class of '63 and their point man Mike Asiello will welcome members of all classes and their families!

[John LaSalle](#) Class of 1962

2012 Reunion Attendees

Class of 54

John Pilch

Class of 55

Leonard and Mary Ann

Dumchowski

Bob and Eva Malina

Class of 56

John and Laura Asiello

Thomas Kelley

Stan Lapczynski

Ed and Barbara Opiola

Class of 57

Joe and Carmen Barstys

Class of 58

John Rick Balsavage

Stan Ostaszewski

Fr Joel Szydlowski

Michael and June Uss

Andrew Zarski

Class of 60

Ed Drozd

Dennis McCarthy

Class of 62

Michael Gulas

Walter Kurpiel

John and Carol LaSalle

John and Joyce Mielnik

Henry Poczobut

Rev Canon Joseph Sredzinski

Class of 63

Michael Asiello

Class of 64

Lou and RoseAnn Czubachowski

David Susi

Paul Parzych

Class of 66

Tom and Barbara Malina

Tony and Christine Specian

Class of 67

Chris and Angeline Franzese

Class of 68

Joe and Chris Biernat

Gus and Linda Kuklinski

Class of 70

Edward Malina

Dates for Next Reunion

Aug 16th to the 18th

Class of 1963 celebrating it's

50th Class of 1953 celebrating

it's 60th Class of 1958 55th and

class of 1968 it's 45th

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Class Notes

Class of 1953

Joe Malina retired August 31st 2012 from University of Texas.

Joe joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1961 and has held the rank of professor since 1970. Joe has had a tremendous influence on shaping our department through his teaching, research, and administrative service. Joe served as department chair from 1976 to 1988 and was instrumental in overseeing the growth of the department from 41 tenure-track faculty members in 1976 to 51 in 1987. During this time, annual research expenditures increased from approximately 2 million to over 5 million and the graduate enrollment increased from 250 students to 360. Under Joe's leadership, the department's national and international reputation grew steadily.

Joe's impact on the profession has been widely recognized. During the past few years, he has received the Life-Time Achievement Award from the Water Environment Association of Texas, the Edward J. Cleary Award from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, and the Engineer of the Year Award from the Travis Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Class of 1954

John J. Pilch is visiting professor in the Odyssey Program at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and author of [A Cultural Handbook to the Bible](#). Released Early September this year through Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

In [A Cultural Handbook to the Bible](#) John Pilch bridges this cultural divide by translating important social concepts and applying them to biblical texts. In short, accessible chapters Pilch discusses sixty-three topics related to the cosmos, the earth, persons, family, language, human consciousness, God and the spirit world, and entertainment. Pilch's fresh interpretations of the Bible

challenge traditional views and explore topics often overlooked in commentaries. Each chapter concludes with a list of useful references from cultural anthropology or biblical studies, making this book an excellent resource for students of the Bible.

Class of 1966

Tony Specian retired Aug 30th after 40 years service at Hoffmann-LaRoche Nutley, NJ. Tony worked on numerous projects as a synthetic chemist in Drug Discovery. Areas he worked in included: peptide synthesis, vitamin chemistry, Anti-infective, Oncology and most recently Virology. He has co-authored numerous scientific publications and was a co-inventor on a drug patent.

If you have any milestone, we'd like to include it in the alumni Paduan, please submit to: paduan5370@gmail.com

Things to do when Visiting Watkins Glen

by [John Mielnik](#)

How far and how much will it cost to

Drive to [Watkins Glen](#)?

Yes the [Glen](#) is still there and open.

Museums: [Corning Museum of Glass](#), [Glenn Curtiss Museum](#)

Cruises: [Captain Bill's Seneca Cruises](#), [Esperanza Rose](#)

Shopping: [The Windmill](#), [Waterloo Premium Outlets](#), [Waterloo Market Street](#) – Corning

Places to Dine: [Castle Grisch](#) ; [Edgar's in Belhurst Castle](#) ; [Seneca Harbor Station](#)

Places to Stay: [Villager Motel](#) , [Idlwilde Inn](#), [Glen Harbor Hotel](#), [Longhouse Lodge](#)

In Memory

Ron Kwacz Class of 1964

PEORIA - Ronald Joseph Kwacz, 65, of Peoria, formerly of New Jersey, passed away at 7:01 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012, at home.

After he lost his battle with leukemia, he returned to the Lord. He was comforted by family members and friends.

His funeral liturgy will be at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, 2012, at Clary Funeral Home, 3004 W. Lake Ave. in Peoria, with Father Terry Cassidy officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Ron was born in Jersey City, N.J., on Jan. 3, 1947, the son of Joseph F. and Veronica D. (Kaminski) Kwacz. Shortly after his birth, his parents moved to Lyndhurst, N.J. They preceded him in death.

He married Eleanor J. Fitzherbert in 1972, and they resided in northern New Jersey, where he was employed as an actuary in the New York area. She survives.

Ron is also survived by his son, Jason M. (Shuangli Liu "Linda") Kwacz; grandson, Alex Z. Kwacz; and granddaughter, Sophia Kwacz, all of Peoria, but now assigned to Xi'an, China; son, Joseph N. (Racheal Khong) Kwacz of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; sister, Jo Ann (Eric) Wittig; nieces, Donna Carpenter and family; and Geri Wittig and nephew, Michael Wittig and family, all of California.

He attended Padua Prep School in Watkins Glen, N.Y., where he developed many lifelong friends, and he graduated from Seton Hall University.

Ron will be remembered for his humor, his compassion for others, his giving spirit and his devotion to his loving family.



Memories of Ron from his Classmates

Ron was kind of quiet, but always had a ready shy smile. He had some kind of physical disability, a bad leg or back, so he had to limit strenuous sports. Fr. Emil took Ron under his wing and got him interested in archery. He spent many hours at a hay bale target alongside of the gym and became quite an accomplished archer. Another happy memory of Ron was in Fr. Henry's French class when Ron was at the blackboard and ended up an interrogative French sentence with a backward question mark. Ron was active in the alumni association and I am glad to have seen him at our 40th class reunion. He will be greatly missed at the 50th..

Dave (Bill) Brzoska, '64

Always remembered Ron as quiet and studious. Tall and skinny was how I remembered him physically. Always had some kind of joke to share. As the group of Paduans met, he showed how much the school meant to him. He was always concerned about the well being of Fr. Austin and kept his fellow classmates up to date on Fr. Austin's

activities. He will be missed at future reunions, but always remembered. Paul Parzych '64

I have always known Ron to be kind, intelligent, studious and having a unique sense of humor.

Ron was always proud of being a Paduan and years after graduation developed a special relationship and bond with Fr. Austin.

Ron was humble regarding his accomplishments, loved his sons and their families and appreciated his friends.

I recall speaking with Ron a few times during his illness and never heard him complain. As a matter of fact, he was more interested in learning how I and my family were doing. Just a small example noting Ron as a special guy.

As noted in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

May Ron's soul Rest In Peace.

Lou Czubachowski '64

Stanley Martin Class of 1966

STANLEY J. MARTIN First Sgt. Stanley J. Martin, USMC Retired, went to be with his Lord on October 22, 2012 at age 65. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Caroline Martin (nee: Brooky), daughter, Angela Calhoun and husband Ray, son, Jason Martin and wife Melissa, grandchildren, Mykayla, Jamison, Kayla, and Madison. He is also survived by his niece Melissa Franzia, nephews, Jeffery Martin and Roger Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Bernard Martin, and his brother Bernie Martin.



Memories of Stan from his classmates

Stan was always game for an off property adventure. Early afternoon for Mothers' Day 1966 we (Stan, me, I think Granacki and can't remember who else) 'borrowed' my father's car and went down town looking for alcohol and trouble. We drove around town for awhile. We went past the sweet shop and the high school right out on to their track. Ya, I did doughnuts all around the track in the cinders.

I guess that left quite an impression...in the track because later that day some official from the high school came up and had a talk with Fr. Hyacinth. I seem to remember when we went to the gym for the Sunday night movie, I was called aside by Fr Hyacinth and informed I had to go and rake out the tire marks and ruts I had left behind. Stan et al were off the hook.

Alan Costich, '66

Stan was one of the funniest guys in our class. Two things about him stand out for me: The time he almost fell completely out of the infamous trestle over the gorge. He was hanging between the rails for dear life before we plucked him out. On another occasion a group of us went to go swimming in the brook across Rt 409. There was a waterfall that we would slide down into the water pool about 4 ft below. Stan

caught his hand on some rocks and was cut it pretty bad. We returned to the school and Stan was taken to see the doctor in town. We all caught hell for that!! Another great guy is gone, but I know in my heart he will always make me smile. God bless Stanley Martin.

Mark Kiefer '66

Stan had quite a sense of humor. You were always on your guard around Stan. One of Stan's stunts was to walk up to you and quickly raise his hand toward your face to make you flinch then finish the gesture moving his hand to brush the side of his head.

In our senior year members from the Class of '67 would get up in the middle of the night and sneak off into the cemetery. A group of us including Stan, snuck out one night and hid behind some headstones and waited in ambush. We gave them one heck of a scare. Stan played 3 years basketball. He had an uncanny knack for sinking foul shots. I remember watching for class competition and counting his foul shots. He hit almost perfect shot after shot, it was somewhere in the 20's before he missed one.

I spoke on the phone with Stan a while back. Stan served in the Marines. I asked him who was tougher the marines or Fransiscans. Stan called it a draw. Also reminded him of how he got me real good the night before our graduation. Stan gave me the "ultimate short sheet", with a whole can of shaving cream.

Tony Specian '66

Did You Know

by Reg Stanczyk '67

Where the gym was supposed to be built originally?

("Northwest corner of athletic field with the entrance facing south". That would have placed it near the baseball backstop I think. It would have been a long walk back to the school! I think someone told me the reason it wasn't put there was the field was too wet.)

Why the gym was delayed in being built? (Supply shortages due to the Korean War)

Why the bowling alley was never put in? (We were told the money went to St. Bonaventure's in Wisconsin to help them rebuild but the gym was completed in 1953 and St. Bonaventure did not burn until later.)

When was the fire at St. Bonaventure, Padua's sister school? (January 31, 1956)

Who built the lab tables? (Br. Felix, who also built many desks, altars, and other items for the school)

Who donated the pews and kneelers most of us used? (Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor of St. Mary's in Watkins Glen, when he remodelled the church circa 1951)

Who cut the church pews to size to fit the chapel? (Br. Felix. Fr. Emil and others helped sand and refinish them)

When the statue of St. Anthony of Padua at the entrance of the school arrived? (February 1, 1953, after a two year delay)

When the fire alarm system was installed? (1956)



This Glen Springs picture goes back to the early 1900's before the south wing was built. You can see the old front steps (which were eventually enclosed and became the library reading rooms and the end music rooms), the Palm Room (which was removed when the south wing was built), and the windows of the infirmary hall

TRIBUTE AND MEMORIES

Fr. Albin Miklaszewski

4/20/1915/ to 5/4/2004

Padua Years 1949-1970

by Tony Specian '66

What's up Doc?

Any science student may be challenged with the conundrum "What came first the chicken or the egg"? . A Paduan taking one of Fr Albin's science class conundrum would be who was the first to use the label "Doc" ? Fr Albin or Bugs Bunny*.

Fr Albin was one of the most enthusiastic friars teaching class. One would observe his excitement especially in the lab.

On the other hand, he ran the most strict study hall period of all. He demanded complete silence, as he slowly walked around with prayer book in hand. No one dared to make a sound, and there was no excuse to disrupt his reading of his prayers.

"Doc! take five thousand " was one thing any Paduan dreaded as a written punishment . Even more dreaded than write 500 times "I must not ____ ____ ____", or a thousand word essay on "Life inside of a ping pong ball".

Challenge Fr. Albin in class on anything and get a chorus of "bunk , baloney" from him. My first year at Padua a General Science student produced a schematic of which he claimed was a working Carnot Engine, challenging Fr Albin on it's existence. A rather heated argument resulted and the poor student could not get a word in through Fr Albin's rapid chorus of "bunk, baloney".

Did Fr Albin know everything science related? Well let's revisit an incident at Study Hall in my Sophomore year. A bat caused a major disturbance in Study Hall,



and student's began ducking and some tried valiantly to swat the bat. Fr. Albin said don't even try because the bat's radar would help it avoid getting whacked. No sooner than he finished that statement a student whacked the bat and killed the bat with a spiral notebook. In my Junior year during a winter semester biology class there was an observable flash of light in the room. Fr Albin told us it was not lightning because it was impossible weather wise to have a thunderstorm mid -winter. Within a few minutes another brighter flash followed by a clash of thunder. With these negatives put aside Doc's classes probably received the most attention from his students. The labs and biology nature trips were fun informative .

Excerpts rom Fr Albin's Obit
by Bro Jerry Tokarz OFM

Stanley Miklaszewski was born to Adam and Mary (Bzozowska) on April 20, 1915 in So. Milwaukee WI. He was baptized and confirmed at St Adalbert Parish where he also attended elementary school. Stanley Attended St. Bonaventure High School and Minor Seminary In Sturtevant WI from 1929-33.

Influenced by his Fransiscan teachers, he entered the novitiate of Assumption BVM Province at Pulaski WI in August 1933. His next step was to enter St Francis Friary and College in Burlington WI where he began to study philosophy. However, Only 12 novices could be accommodated and with 24 strong, he was one who was turned away. With his father unemployed in the post Depression, Stanley returned home and found a job to help support his family with included eight siblings.

Five years later, in 1938 under the guidance of friar Florian Zuchowski, Stanley re-entered the novitiate. He was given the religious name of Albin and completed his study of Philosophy. A year after final profession in 1942, he studied Theology at Lourdes Seminary in Cedar Lake, IN and was subsequently ordained to priesthood on June 15th 1946 by Bishop Francis Noll Of the Gary, IN diocese.

Those more intimately associated with Albin knew he could not help but make his presence felt. He was blessed with a commanding and sonorous voice.

After Ordination, Albin was sent as summer help at St. Bernadine Friary in Grand Rapids, MI. In the fall he received his first permanent assignment as parochial assistant at St. Mary of the Angels in Green Bay WI. It wasn't that he did not like Parochial ministry, he just loved to teach. So in 1949 Albin was sent to his alma mater in Sturtevant WI. It was love at first try. The following year he was sent to Padua. This was the beginning of a 20-year love affair with education at the Glen. Albin began advanced studies at St Bonaventure University at Olean, NY and received a Master's degree in Biology. He had a genius for Botany and Zoology and shared his enthusiasm with his students-demanding from them what he demanded of himself.

With the school closing in 1970 Albin returned to Sturtevant for another escapade of teaching. Unfortunately, Albin would witness the closing of Bonaventure in 1983 where the school was sold to the state as a correctional center.

In 1993, the province opened a newly constructed retirement home- Queen of Peace in Burlington WI. Albin was among it's first residents. He delighted in watching the birds at feeders outside the dining hall. He also relished fishing – a relaxation he enjoyed throughout his life.

Albin's debilitating condition came on quickly. And his passing even quicker like a thief in the night. On May 4th 2004 he embraced Sister Death in the 89th year of his life, the 66th year of his religious profession, and 58th of his priesthood.

John LaSalle Class of '62 recalls another nickname for Fr Albin was "Bugsy"

I clearly remember him, in perhaps early May, folding back the skin on his forearm to see his wristwatch, taking a long look at it, and pronouncing: "Boys, it's that time of the year to talk about (long pregnant pause) REPRO-duction", and then he would in thirty five seconds or less talk rapid-fire about the birds and the bees!

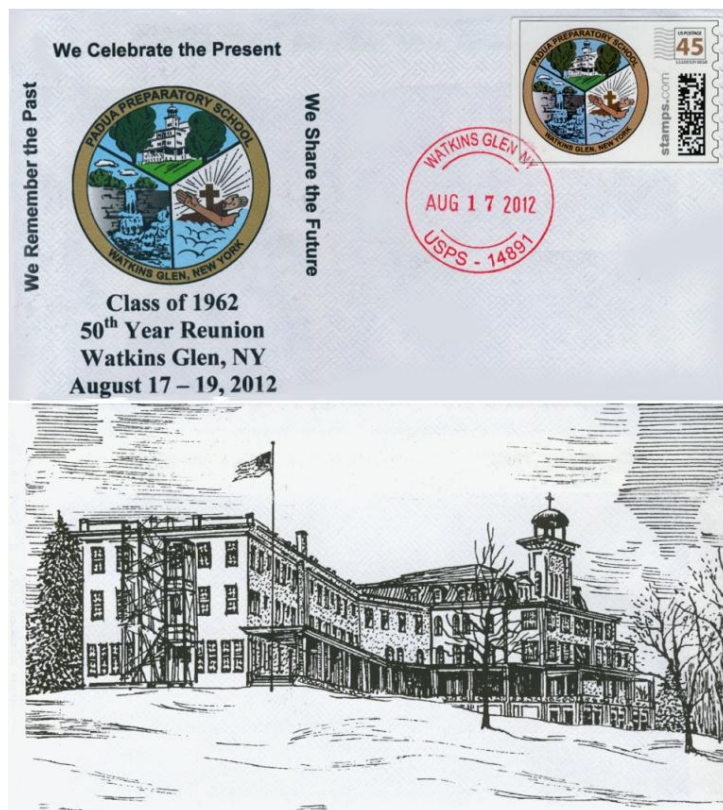
Who can also forget his having us capture some kitchen cats, and in the cause of science, do surgery!

* A Wild Hare Released in July 1940 by Warner Brothers and directed by Tex (Fred) Avery. Bugs Bunny asks hunter Elmer Fudd "What's up Doc?" One of my hobbies is a collection of cartoon's from 1929 to the late 1940's. I have over 4000 toon shorts and have been acknowledged in 2 publications: "Encyclopedia of Animated Cartoons" by Jeff Lenburg and "The Encyclopedia of Walt Disney's Animated Characters" 2nd ed. by John Grant.

Special Thanks to John Mielnik

In addition to all of his other hard work in helping to put together the 2012 Reunion, John Mielnik designed a stamp and envelope for a special one day postal cover. He recreated the logo from the dining hall and used it both as a stamp as well as a logo on an envelope which the Watkins Glen Postmaster hand canceled as a first day cover for Friday August 17th. On the reverse side of the letter was a pen and ink sketch of the school as it appeared in the fifties and early sixties.

This wonderful keepsake was distributed to the attending alumni and guests at the wrap up banquet at Castel Grisch. A tip of the hat to the creative and masterful work of John Mielnik!



Tom Malina '66 receives Recognition Award from class of '62 members John LaSalle and John Mielnik at 2012 Reunion.



Class of 1962
Walter Kurpiel, John LaSalle,
Rev. Canon Joseph
Sredzinski, Henry Poczobut,
Michael Gulas, John Mielnik

Visit our [PaduaPrep](#) site maintained by [Chad Orlowski](#) '65. It contains a [history](#) of the property along with our [Siquaeris](#) yearbooks, issues of the [Paduan](#), a [photo gallery](#) past and present and other tidbits to help us recall those wondrous years.

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Members of the class of '58 Stanley Ostaszewski , Fr Joel Szydlowski , Mike Uss and Rick (John) Balsavage reminisce at Reunion home base [Longhouse Manor](#).

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