

The Paduan

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St. Anthony of Padua Alumni
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Over the four years the disciplined driven learning took its toll. In our sophomore year 34 returned. Junior year 26 started 24 finished. And finally senior year produced 18 young men.

Unfortunately, we have lost six: Joe Jurewicz, Ralph Tokarz, Ed Drost, Cliff Swirski, Stan Martin and Tom Malina. Two remain unfound: Anthony Jackowski and Siggly Malinowski. The weekend of August 12th will reunite some of the remaining 10 to rekindle old friendships', relive those grueling but great memories and catch up over the last 50 years of our lives.

Tony Specian '66

From the Editors Laptop

Flashback, late August 1962 as 57 adolescent boys prepared for a new phase in their life. Like the rigors of Navy Seals training the boys were introduced into a regimented bell driven disciplined day. Exercise was no problem. Up and down 4 flights of stairs a dozen times a day. Gym class run by Fr. Emil or coach Lemak (Aka Camel). Our beds were made according to military standards (Our class was the last class to have those 4" thick mattresses on the spring bed frame). Chapel 2 times a day and 3 times on Sunday. After lights out at night get caught talking and pay the price; kneel down in the hallway with arms extended, if you were lucky you didn't have to have your shoes hanging off your fingers. Other forms of discipline included work details like raking leaves in the fall, miss the Sunday night movie, the infamous essay of 5000 words on "life inside of a ping pong ball" and last but not least "Doc, take five thousand".

One of the earliest and quickest lessons learned was do not flush the gym shower room toilets without warning, especially when upper class men were showering. The first year turned out to be the ultimate learning experience and 54 made it to the end of the school year.



Class of '66, l to r, front row: Cliff Swirski, Ed Drost, Greg Zagloba, Mark Kiefer, Anthony Jackowski. Middle Row: Charlie Iwachow, Allen Brine, Ralph Tokarz, Joe Woepel, Andy Staroscik, Tom Malina, Steve Granacki, Joe Jurewicz, Stan Martin. Back Row: Siggly Malinowski, Dan Poplawski, Tony Specian, Alan Costich.

2016 Reunion

Reunion 2016 will be held August 12th to the 14th. The Class of '66 will be celebrating it's 50th and the Class of '56 will be celebrating it's 60th. The class of '61 celebrating its 55th.

Big Shoes to fill

The passing of Tom Malina left some big shoes to fill. Tom was as dedicated an alum as there was and he certainly was our go-to guy in Watkins Glen. He handled all of the logistics and organization for the reunions as well as handling the financials. He is sorely missed by all of us.

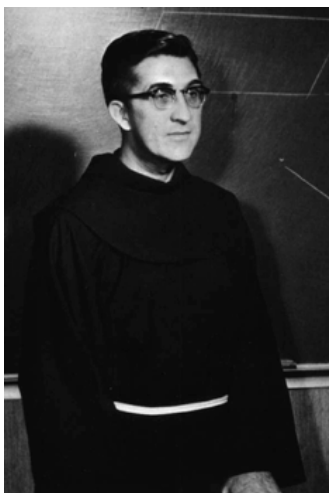
An ad-hoc committee consisting of Ed Opiola, Joe Biernat, Barb Malina, John Mielnik and John LaSalle has formed and divided up Tom's work. Barb, Ed & Joe (with the help of spouses) visited several venues in early April and the consensus was that we will continue with Friday at the Harbor Station and will once again have a catered Polish banquet at the Longhouse Manor on Saturday! John Mielnik has agreed to serve as financial secretary for the reunion.

Once again we would like to remind all of you that the reunion is open to all classes. Since so many people attend from a wide range of classes you are very likely to meet one of your classmates or folks that attended while you were there. With the graying of the alumni population please consider making an appearance. Many of us come back year after year and we all have a great time! Maybe this is your year to travel back in time.

John LaSalle '62

Visit our home website paduaprep.com. The site is rich in Padua History. In addition to a bulletin board, picture gallery and blog it has all the Siquaeris yearbooks and back issues of the Paduan. It is a great source to help you recall those memories of our days spent there.

We are also on Facebook:
[St Anthony Of Padua, Watkins Glen NY](#)



Fr Farrel Glab OFM



Fr Mel Baran OFM

Class of 1966 Moderators

Just like our freshman class, Fr Farrel Glab was also new to Padua. Fr Farrel a native of Buffalo NY was brought in to take over the duties of Fr Mel Baran who left to pursue a masters degree in Math at Fordham University. Prior to Padua, Fr Farrel served as a chaplain in hospitals and as a pastor in southern Missions.

Fr. Farrel duties included teaching Geometry, intermediate Algebra and Trigonometry, coach for the Cross Country team, Vice Disciplinarian and Moderator to our freshman and sophomore Class. He was somewhat low key and spoke in a low pitch voice. He earned the nickname Farfel. This may have come about from the Nestle Quick TV commercial with ventriloquist Jimmy Nelson, Human Dummy Danny O'Day and Fr Farrels voice and mannerism similarity to Farfel the dog. You may remember the commercial: Danny "N-E-S-T-L--S, Nestlé's makes the very best... Farfel: Choc'-laEte.

We had Fr Farrel for geometry in our sophomore year and he was an excellent teacher. One of Fr Farrels hobbies was geology. The Glen and surrounding shale based strata was chock full of fossilized brachiopods and ferns. I'm sure he enjoyed the Padua property for that feature. In our junior year Fr. Mel replaced Fr Farrel and his duties. Unfortunately no other information on Fr Farrel could be found with the exception that he did leave the Order.

Fr Mel was an excellent math teacher. We had him for intermediate Algebra and Trigonometry. Fr Mel was a strict disciplinarian, play by the rules or else. He was an excellent communicator and one on one he made you feel like "one of the guys". Our class definitely benefitted math wise with great Math teachers.

Fr. Mel left Padua after our senior year and eventually left the order post Padua. On June 23rd 1978 Mel Married Gayle Fitzpatrick in Fremont Michigan. They had one daughter Melissa and 2 Grandchildren Ashley and Brady. With a devoted Catholic faith, he was a proud and active member of St. Lucy's Catholic Church. He greatly enjoyed spending his time reading, working in the yard, playing cards, fishing, watching the Packers and helping his family, friends and neighbors with whatever he could.

He worked and retired from Modine Manufacturing as a Quality Assurance Specialist in 1998. Mel F. Baran (born 9/5/32) passed away November 7, 2012 at the age of 80.

Tony Specian '66

In Memory

Class of '53

Frank H. Czajkowski

Frank H. Czajkowski, Esq., age 80, was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 7, 1936. He was the son of the late Henry and Stephanie (Choinska) Czajkowski. A resident of Trumbull since 1972, he died peacefully in his home on March 12, 2016. He was the loving and devoted husband of the late Cecilia Artowicz Czajkowski. He is survived by his three daughters Karen A. Barrett of Fairfield, CT, Judith F. Rovinelli and husband Robert Rovinelli of Trumbull, CT, and Susan L. Czajkowski of Trumbull, CT; and his four grandchildren Jennifer M. Barrett, Michael J. Barrett, Frank D. Utz and Danielle N. Utz; his sister-in-laws Annette Mikucki and her husband Arthur of Trumbull and Annabelle Thomas and her husband Edward of Minnesota and several nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews. He graduated from St John's University with a Bachelor of Arts degree; St John's University School of Law with a Law degree; and received a Juris Doctorate degree from George Washington University.

He was admitted to practice law in the states of New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut, and the District of Columbia; as well as, before the Supreme Court of the United States. He began his career in private practice in New York, and then moved to Washington, D.C. for a position as an attorney for the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. He continued a successful career in employment law with organizations such as Sinclair Oil and Atlantic Richfield (ARCO). In 1972 he relocated his family to Trumbull, CT and was employed by Stauffer Chemical Company, Cheeseborough Ponds, and ultimately Unilever where he retired from corporate life. During his career he lectured, wrote, and taught university courses on various specialized legal subject matter. Following retirement, he continued a limited practice of law as an active member of the Connecticut Bar Association. He enjoyed playing both basketball and baseball for his high school and college teams, then assisted coaching several youth basketball teams for his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed history, politics, sports, travel and music. He was very much loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially his immediate family.

Class of '61

Chester Ostaszewski

Ostaszewski, Deacon Chester R. 72, went to his heavenly home on December 13, 2015, after a valiant battle with heart disease. His love for his family and his devotion to God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. Chester was born to the late Vincent and Antoinette "Stella" Ostaszewski, both of whom were the children of polish immigrants, in Brooklyn, NY on July 12, 1943. He was immersed in the Polish Catholic community that would be his lifelong support from an early age.

He proudly and honorably served in the United States Air Force for over 20 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant and receiving numerous commendations along the way. After serving the Lord through many Catholic ministries, Chester became a deacon in 1995 and passionately served at the altar of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in San Antonio, TX until his death. Chester was blessed with a large and loving family. He married his best friend, Donna Marie DeHaven, on July 12, 1968, in Wichita, KS. Chester helped raise his four children with patience, discipline and humility.

He taught them responsibility, honesty, willingness, and often took them on long family trips to see the natural beauty and history of the nation. From the very beginning, he dedicated his children to God and encouraged them to explore the beauty of the gospels, and to always give more than receive. Chester was a servant of God at heart. He was kind and funny, and always had time to answer a question or solve a problem, no matter how small. He is dearly missed by his loving family and the entire St. Rose of Lima community, who celebrate the fact that his is at peace with his creator.

Class of '67

Wayne Wozzik

Wayne M., 66, of Hawthorne, formerly of Ridgewood, passed away December 16, 2015. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee Brydon). Loving father of Jeffrey and wife Sarah. Adoring Papa of Zoe and Abigail. Devoted brother of Mark and Michael. Loving son of Matthew and Julie (nee Pardenek). A parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wayne was Product Manager at AT&T Wireless in Paramus. Wayne was Past Scout Master of Troop 7, Ridgewood. He served on the Ridgewood/Glen Rock Juvenile Conference Committee for over 20 years, and currently was full-time Papa for his girls

Roger Hetel

Hetel, Roger Frank, 66, of Garfield passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on April 22, 2016. Roger was the loving son of Nellie (nee Gut) and the late Frank Hetel. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his sister, Barbara Zackaroff; his nephew, Gregory Zackaroff and his wife Kimberly; his Uncle Robert Gut and wife, Florence; his Aunt Lillian Gut; his beloved Godchildren, Gregory Zackaroff and Kristen Giblin; many loving cousins and his faithful companion Molly.

Roger was a graduate of St. Anthony Padua High School. He received his B.A. and M.Ed. at William Paterson University

and attended the University of Copenhagen as an exchange student. He began his teaching career at Garfield High School where he spent 40 years as a Drama and English teacher, retiring in 2010.

Roger Hetel served for his entire career as the Drama Director of Garfield High School. In his tenure in this position he directed more than 40 plays and instilled a love of theater in hundreds of GHS students. Mr. Hetel established a chapter of the International Thespian Society at the high school to recognize student dedication to the arts. As the Drama Club advisor, he organized scores of trips to NYC for students to experience Broadway theater at its best.

As Student Activities Director, it was Roger Hetel's job to coordinate all GHS activities as well as advise Student Government and mentor the Student Government officers. In this capacity, he instituted the tradition of recognizing the Top 15 Academic Seniors along with their parents at a breakfast and ceremony in their honor. He was responsible for many fundraising efforts but one of his pet projects was the Freddie Porter Scholarship Fund. He organized numerous Art Auctions to benefit Project Graduation and the Drama Club. Mr. Hetel also served as a Class Advisor and Environmental Club Advisor. Mr. Hetel was also a member of the GFT Executive Council and negotiating team and he acted as the Social Chairperson for GHS union activities.

As a lifelong citizen of Garfield, Roger was proud of his past service on the Library Board of Trustees, his tenure as a commissioner of the Garfield Housing Authority, where he also served as Chairman, and his active role as the Chairman of the Garfield Redevelopment Agency. He was an avid proponent of all redevelopment efforts in the city. Proud of his Polish Heritage, Roger was a lifelong member of St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church, First Vice-President of the Pulaski Parade Association, and Grand Marshall of the Garfield Contingent of the Pulaski Day Parade in New York City in 1991. Roger Hetel was the founder of the Garfield Friends and Family Travel Club and organized numerous trips abroad and into NYC for Broadway plays and dinners at Carmine's.



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Class Notes

Class of '56

Condolences to Edward Przybysz on the passing of his wife Gloria Feb 20, 2016

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](#)

Shopping: [The Windmill](#), [Waterloo Premium Outlets](#),

[Finger Lakes Connection](#)

Places to Dine: [Montage at Glen Motor Inn](#), [Seneca Harbor Station](#)

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



Class of '56 Choir at Christmas. Front row; John Asiello, Richard Nawrot, Stan Lapczynski, Ted Iwachow, Joe Drozdowski, Joe Piniewski. Back Row; Ted Perzanowski, Ed Opiola, Bob Killigrew, Tom Tulko.

Theresa Malina (Tom and Barbs daughter) and family recently visited [The Schuyler County Historical Society](#) in Montour Falls. The museum has a section on Padua. Alumni can visit during alumni weekend. If you have any materials you would like to donate please do. The museum will be happy to add them to the Padua section.

If you have any milestones, anniversaries, interesting hobby, new family additions, or travel you would like to share with your alumni friends please consider submitting an article or a short comment for class notes. Volunteers or contributors are always welcome. Please email me at: paduan5370@gmail.com

Tentative 2016 Padua Reunion Schedule

Subject to change, will be emailed soon

The Longhouse Manor
Reunion Headquarters
3625 State Route 14
Watkins Glen, NY 14891
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Friday, August 12

3:00 – 5:30 pm Alumni Gathering and Meeting at the Longhouse Manor
6:30 pm Dinner at Seneca Harbor Station with pre-selected entree's
Afterward Return to Longhouse Manor for socializing
Beverages and Snacks provided

Saturday, August 13

12:00 Noon Lunch catered at the Longhouse Manor
Sandwich fixings, salads, fruit, and beverages
5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary of the Lake Church
7:15 pm Catered Polish Dinner at Longhouse Manor.
Socializing afterward – snacks and beverages provided

Sunday, August 14

Meet at the Longhouse Manor
to say 'good bye' until we meet again!