

# ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Newsletter

1866 - 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16 & 17 - Diaper Drive

*Look for white crosses on Church property!*

- January 22 - March for Life
- February 3 - Scout Sunday

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## St. Joseph School Alumni Reunion

Parishioner Frank Santucci shares his memories of his first day of school at St. Joseph school as part of this week's bulletin. Like Frank, many of us, our family members, or our friends are alumni of St. Joseph School. To celebrate those special bonds made within the hallways and classrooms of St. Joseph School, the Sesquicentennial Committee is now taking reservations for the Alumni Reunion on Saturday, April 23.

The evening will start with a special Folk Mass at 5:00 pm with a reception immediately following in the school cafeteria. Cost is \$20 per person and includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, beer, soda and wine. **All alumni are invited, and guests are welcome.**

Please send reservations to Rose Ritter at 815 North Avenue, Verona, PA 15147. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Parish, and include your name, the



name of your guest(s), your address, phone number, email, and years you attended St. Joseph School. RSVP by March 1.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Rose at 412-828-4651, Donna Santucci at 412-795-9569 or Frank at santucci917@comcast.net.

*Please bring any pictures or memorabilia to share!*



## WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

Did you know the St. Joseph family has several pages on Facebook? The parish page is St. Joseph Parish Verona PA, the school's page is St. Joseph School Verona, and — just added — the

Sesquicentennial celebration page is St. Joseph Sesquicentennial.

The committee will post upcoming events related to our 150th anniversary as well as photos taken

during the events.

Please follow and share our pages!



# 150 YEARS



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<http://www.stjosephveronapa.com>

*If you have suggestions for a Sesquicentennial event, please email us!*

## ***Prayer for On Mission for The Church Alive***

Father of Mercy, we ask you for your guidance as we journey On Mission for The Church Alive! Endow us with your gifts of courage, collaboration, and compassion so that we can continue to fulfill the mission of Christ and his Church through vibrant parishes, dynamic schools, religious education programs, and effective ministries. Raise up selfless, energetic leaders—lay, religious, deacons and priests, to serve the Church in fidelity and with care. May we, the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Lawrence and Washington Counties, all be sustained and strengthened by your grace. Help us to learn Jesus, love Jesus and live Jesus. Hear this prayer and grant it through Jesus Christ our Lord, with the help of our dear Blessed Mother, who protects us under the mantle of her love. Amen.

## **Mark Your Calendars – New Events**

January 16 & 17 - Diaper Drive	March - Men's Retreat	May 7 - June 19 - Baby Bottle Drive	August 1 - Golf Outing
January 22 - March for Life	April 2 - 6 - Parish Mission	May 22 - Memorial Motorcade to St. Joseph Cemetery	August 21 - Parish Picnic at Penn Hills Park
February 7 - Scout Sunday	April 23- Alumni Reunion	June 21 - 25 & July 5- 9 - Photos for Parish Directory	September - Women's Retreat
March 19 - Ethnic Dinner	May 1 - Anniversary Mass	July - Pirates Game (TBA)	October 16 - 150th Anniversary Banquet



## **Coming Soon!**

The Sesquicentennial Anniversary Committee is pleased to announce that we will be putting up a billboard (or two) to announce to the surrounding communities that we're celebrating 150 great years! Keep a look out!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- ◇ There have been 5 different church buildings called St. Joseph Church Verona?
- ◇ The first recorded marriages at our parish were celebrated in 1871?