





# A MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL KEVIN KELLEHER '89



Dear St. Mary's Family,

I hope this letter finds you well. It goes without saying that things have been different this past year. With all that has happened, I am proud to say that St. Mary's High School has provided our students with a safe face-to-face learning environment since September. I am also so very proud and humbled by our academic team, led by Dean of Academics Keith Junik, who have not only navigated the in-person learning environment, but have accommodated all students with a virtual learning option as well. Our entire staff has proven to be a great asset to the school in keeping things running.

With the academic side of the school keeping our students engaged and safe, we are thrilled to report that with new guidelines released by NYS, our Winter and

Spring athletes will have a season. This past September, Zach Weiss '07 was named the new Athletic Director of the school. Zach is no stranger to St. Mary's. As an alumnus, he has been an essential part of our Athletics and Marketing efforts for the past four years as a staff member and the past eight years as the Head Coach of the Wrestling Program.

Due to the pandemic, we have had to make many changes, including the move of our **Lancer Gala** from February to June 25, 2021, in order to hold the event in-person. The Gala will be the opening event of our **Reunion Weekend June 25-28, 2021**. While we are featuring the classes ending in 0, 1, 5 & 6, all alumni are invited to attend the weekend's events. More information can be found inside.

Recognizing the skyrocketing costs of a college education, we continue to do our part to try and keep St. Mary's tuition as affordable as possible. To do so, we need your help! We rely more and more on your donations to provide assistance to both incoming and present students. This year, we have been graced by several alumni who have helped us start or add to our endowment fund. Please take a moment and consider yours and your family's legacy with a gift to St. Mary's.

Finally, we are kicking off our "21 for 21" Campaign. The majority of you reading this newsletter are alumni of the school. Over the next 12 months (January – December 2021), we are challenging each graduating class to invest in St. Mary's and achieve a 21% class participation rate.

For those that already donated in 2021, **THANK YOU!** For those that haven't yet, please consider adding us to your charitable giving. I can assure you, investing in the future leaders of our community is money well-spent with a lasting impact. So remember ... "21 for 21" and consider a gift now!

My sincere thanks to all those that have been keeping the "Lancer Spirit" going strong!

Stay safe. Keep the faith. God Bless.

Kevin Kelleher '89 HEAD OF SCHOOL

#### **► TONIGHT'S FEATURE FILM:**

# THE CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES



The Class of 2020 got the send-off they deserved when St. Mary's took over the Transit Drive-In to celebrate our 116<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremonies on May 28, 2020. Complete with an original 90-minute movie of the ceremony, featuring everyone's favorite SMH staples: Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Class President addresses, a speech from the Head of School and Dean of Academics, and even a one-of-akind Commencement Address given by the faculty and staff, graduates and families were thrilled to be a part of such an event. Each graduate also received an award show-worthy "swag bag" courtesy of the generosity of Don Denz '76 to complete the night.

You can catch the story here: https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/buffalo/news/2020/05/29/st--mary-s-seniors-graduate-at-the-transit-drive-in

#### ► ST. MARY'S NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE

The Village of Lancaster is experiencing a revitalization! The new West Main Street Project and Central Avenue have welcomed a host of new vendors and restaurateurs, and soon, recreational space and luxury apartments will complete the new feel to the area.

On select nights in December, St. Mary's hosted A Night in the Village, inviting Lancer families and those from our neighbors at St. Mary's Elementary to shop local and support the businesses in the Village during the holiday season. These shops and restaurants stayed open late and even offered discounts for our families for coming in! We plan on continuing this great relationship with the Village and for more nights like this in the future for St. Mary's families and alumni.



Head of School Kevin Kelleher (middle) poses for a quick photo with Ryan '21 (left) & Summer Slade '18 (right).

#### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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To see the latest info on faculty, staff, and "who's who" at St. Mary's, visit: our website at https://smhlancers.org/facultystaffboard-directory/

# **TEACHING IN A PANDEMIC**

Virtual instruction - Google Classroom, Zoom, Schoology - the list goes on and on as to the new technology and tools our teachers have had to master over the past year in order to ensure our students receive the highest level of education possible - no matter the circumstances. In March 2020, St. Mary's closed its doors to in-person instruction and transitioned to all virtual classes. Then, this Fall, St. Mary's was thrilled to open its doors back up to students for in-school learning five days a week after equipping the building with proper safety measures, including masking all students, staff, and visitors, socially-distanced classrooms, and installing hand sanitizing stations.

Over the summer, St. Mary's upgraded its bandwidth infrastructure to accommodate greater Internet usage. As part of the 1:1 Chromebook program, students use their devices to work on assignments and take exams. They are also able to log in and take a class from anywhere, as classes are live-streamed via Google Meet. All of these measures have ensured the overall level of academic performance of students remains incredibly high.

St. Mary's also implemented a comprehensive Covid-19 testing program, testing every student and staff member after Thanksgiving break and following NYS quidelines to test a certain percentage of the school population right in the Athletic Center. These tests ensure students (whose parents have consented) are able to receive an in-person education.

Despite so much looking so new, we try to keep some things central to a St. Mary's education, including nourishing the mind and spirit. Campus Minister Deacon Robb Ciezki has celebrated Eucharistic Prayer Services with each and every religion class several times throughout the Fall semester, ensuring students can continue to receive the healing of Jesus through the Body of Christ.

While we may not be able to gather as a school family right now, we still try to incorporate fun into the school weeks with dress down days each Friday and Buffalo Bills pride days on Mondays.





# **ZACH WEISS '07 NAMED DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

Zach Weiss '07 is the new Athletic Director of St. Mary's High School, effective October 2020.

As an alumnus of the school, Weiss has been a member of the St. Mary's Wrestling coaching staff since he graduated and has been the Head Coach of the program for the past eight years. As a Lancer wrestler himself, he finished his career as one of the most decorated athletes in the history of St. Mary's Athletics. Weiss has also been a part of the St. Mary's Football and Men's Lacrosse coaching staffs for the past two seasons.

Weiss is a graduate of Medaille College with a degree in Media Communications and has worked at St. Mary's for the past three years in the Marketing and Athletics Departments, helping the school grow as a whole.

Weiss takes the reins of an athletic program at an unprecedented time, not only in high school athletics, but in the world as a whole.



Weiss coaches Matt Ash '20 at the Catholic State Wrestling Championships. Ash finished second in his weight class for the tournament.

Despite these new challenges, St. Mary's Athletics are synonymous with winning on the field, court, and track. capturing 22 championships in the last four years alone and dozens more in the decades before. "St. Mary's provides the opportunity for all to contribute to our success, from the players on the court to the alumni in the stands. Once you become a part of the St. Mary's Athletics family, it stays with you," Weiss said.

# ATHLETICS IN A PANDEMIC

For so many Lancers, athletics are a huge part of their high school experience. There is no question that the last year has been extraordinarily difficult for our student athletes.

Spring sports came to a screeching halt in their first week of practices and never got back up and running. Fall sports were limited to just soccer, golf, and cross country. The rest of the Fall and Winter sports seasons will be cut to just a few short weeks.

There were still some highlights for this year's Fall sports that were able to play:

- Women's Varsity Soccer had a fantastic season, falling just short of a second consecutive championship, losing to Nardin in the Finals. Junior Shae O'Rourke was named All-WNY Player of the Year and was the Co-Player of the Year in the Monsignor Martin. She finished the season with 39 goals in just 10 games and increased her school-record total to 115 goals.
- Men's Varsity Soccer is a young team that made great strides in their first season in the A Division.
- Cross Country won several meets, and junior runner Margaret Nawojski was named to the All-Catholic
- Golf took home the league championship in the A Division, thanks to another stellar performance from sophomore Jake Dantonio, who also defended his individual All-Catholic title. Junior Tyler Dantonio and sophomore Alex Standish also joined Jake on the All-Catholic team this year.

#### Go Lancers!

# TWO ST. MARY'S LEGENDS RETIRE



## MR. TOM FAY

Mr. Tom Fay has decided to retire after 52 years of teaching - 41 of which have been spent at St. Mary's. Mr. Fay has taught over 5,000 students throughout his career in Math, Religion and Latin, and he has a story to go along with just about every one of those students!



# MRS. EVELYN SKALSKI

Not to be outdone, **Mrs. Evelyn Skalski** has also decided to ride off into the sunset after 42 years of service to St. Mary's, working in the cafeteria. You could feel the love that Mrs. Skalski had for every student that came through her lunch line, and that spirit is what makes St. Mary's home to so many.

There are no words to express our gratitude for all of the life lessons and memories Mr. Fay and Mrs. Skalski have blessed our students with for over 40 years. We wish them nothing but a long, enjoyable, peaceful retirement!

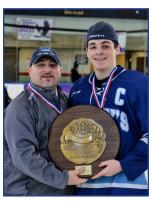
Do you have a story about Mr. Fay or Mrs. Skalski? Please share it with us by emailing Marketing Director Amy Kawa at akawa@smhlancers.org.

# LANCERS HOCKEY WINS STATE TITLE

In the last high school sporting event this winter before the pandemic hit, St. Mary's defeated Chaminade 4-1 to capture the ever-elusive State Catholic High School Athletic Association Championship.

The Lancers trailed 1-0 after the first period but scored twice in the second to take the 2-1 lead on goals by **Nick Reif** and **Cole Young**.

**Dan Reif**, Nick's brother, also scored in the third to make it 3-1, and **Connor Payne** finished the scoring for the night, capping off the Lancers' State Championship!



Coach Mark Dantonio poses with his son, senior captain Sam Dantonio '20 after winning the championship.

# LANCER GALA • SAVE THE DATE JUNE 25, 2021



RESCHEDULED: St. Mary's premiere fundraising event of the year will now kick off the 2021 Reunion Weekend!

It's a fabulous evening of fun, cocktails, auctions, prizes, and live music all to support St. Mary's

students and programs. Please plan to come with your friends to participate in the biggest fundraiser of the year! Watch for tickets and sponsor information in the coming month.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Purchase your tickets online at smhlancers.org.

We are also collecting auction items to be featured during both our silent and live auctions. To host a gift-gathering party or to donate items, please contact Mark Tramont, VP of Institutional Advancement at mtramont@smhlancers.org or 716.683.4824 x. 237. You can also find donation forms and more information online at smhlancers.org.



# SMH EVENTS GO VIRTUAL ... 2020 BASH FOR CASH

In keeping with all-things-virtual, the **2020 Bash for Cash** went to the World Wide Web. We are pleased to report that families and friends of current and past students, as well as many alumni and friends of the school, did not let us down!

We would like to thank all who participated for bringing this event over the top. We increased ticket sales by 10%! Also, a special thanks to Amy Kawa, Zach Weiss, and our emcee Doug Buczak for creating the format. We are certainly hopeful to be back together for our usual Bash in 2021!

## **▶ SMH BABY BOOM**

# **Alumni Spotlight**

#### PATRICK O'BRIEN '98



Patrick O'Brien '98, has certainly been busy since he left SMH. He is the Founder and CEO of LenderLogix which continues to grow and thrive.

Patrick worked as a residential mortgage

banker for a large regional financial institution for 15 years, was a successful retail loan originator, and understands the importance of the lender/realtor relationship. Therefore, Patrick created LenderLogix from a banker's perspective.

Patrick has a passion for process improvement and led initiatives to bring efficiencies to the mortgage process. He's advised on several major LOS implementations and consulted throughout design, testing and implementation.

# **Alumni Updates**

Cheryl Scherbarth '67 was recently re-married to Jerry Hanypsiak in November 2020. They currently reside in The Villages in Florida.

Dawn [Dannecker] Bishop '73 is enjoying semi-retired life working two-days a week as a tenant coordinator for a property management company in Depew. Summers are spent camping and traveling in her and her husband's RV.

Trisha [Szulczewski] Moore '80 was recently blessed to reunite with her birth parents. She is proud to discover that she is one of 11 children of Mohawk/Celtic and Tribal Michoacán ancestry. Trisha currently works as a mixed media artist and voice actress.

Melissa [Kulpa] Kurzawski '88 is very proud of her daughter as she attends Penn State as a Freshman.

(Michelle) Maureen [Waldo] Hood '89 is a mom of three with two pets and is an Occupational Therapist.

Marie [Erdman] Henderson '92 recently moved back to WNY after many moves due to her and her husband's military careers. Happily married for 26 years, her husband recently retired from the Air Force and currently works for Space and Defense at Moog.

Tom Bednarek '01 recently got married this past Fall.

Annie [Adrienne] Stachura '05 announced her engagement to Mike Gengo in August 2020.

Kristen [Warner] Prieto '11 recently married her husband Jesse.

Mary [Hamilton] Owczarczak '13 married Josh Owczarczak '13 this past summer. The reception was held at St. Mary's High School - a tradition we hope to continue for future alumni.

James Podwika '13 is currently studying at Columbia University in New York City.

#### **FUTURE LANCERS:**

Kylie [Bett] Taylor '11 welcomed a son, Nolan.

James Gangloff III '07 welcomed a baby boy, James Edward IV.

Jordan Sulkowski '02 welcomed twins. Frankie and Cecelia.

Jonathan Miller '01 welcomed a son, Colton.

Gary Schmelzer '07 welcomed a son, Lucas.

Lyndsey [Styborski] Wood '01 welcomed a son, Leon Alan.

Elizabeth [Knittel] Agnello '07 welcomed a daughter, Amelia Grace Agnello.

Maggie [Wirth] Lauricello '09 welcomed a daughter, Maureen Lauricello.

Mark Guay '03 welcomed a son, Rowan.

Katie [Schaller] Bailey '05 welcomed a daughter, Emmarie Rae.

Darren Fiume '05 welcomed a son, Jack, to the world. The Fiume Family has quite the SMH legacy, as four Fiume sons and a daughter graduated from St. Mary's, Nick Fiume is our Board Chair, and the matriarch of the family, Claudia, worked in the Attendance Office at St. Mary's for 23 years.













Did you or someone you know have a baby recently? Would they love to sport some Lancer gear?

Get that SMH pride started early with our St. Mary's Baby Bibs! Just tell us where to send it, and watch the mail for your FREE merch! It's our way of saying congratulations and welcome to the St. Mary's Family!

Contact Doug Buczak at dbuczak@smhlancers.org or by calling 716.683.4824 x. 225 to get yours today!

If you would like to share any updates with us to include in the next Lance newsletter, you can do so online at https://smhlancers.org/alumni-updates or you can drop us a note to Alumni Relations at 142 Laverack Avenue, Lancaster, NY 14086.

# **► ALUMNI UPDATES**

## **Job Announcements**

**Joseph Gajewski '89** was recently promoted to New York Fire Dept. Lieutenant.

**Eric Kufel '06**, currently a Captain in Army, will be promoted to the rank of Major in 2021. Currently stationed in Germany, Eric is also scheduled to return to the U.S. in 2021. Eric was serving in Explosive Ordnance Disposal but is now working in Logistics as a Purchasing Agent.

Mary [Hamilton] Owczarczak '13 and Kelsey Hatfield '13 both recently passed the NYS Bar exam.

**Josiah Leroy '08** was recently appointed branch manager for Bank on Buffalo's Akron, NY location. He was also selected to Buffalo Business First's 30 under 30 in April '20.

**Anne [Krolczyk] Spisiak '82**, Executive Director of the Cantalician Center, was recently selected as a Woman of Influence in September 2020 by Buffalo Business First.

**Jerome Sheehan '92**, CEO of SynchroNet Industries, is gaining notoriety, as Synchronet is making it easier for folks to be safer and smarter online through its free training channel www.vimeo.com/channels/SynchroNet. This is a starting point for CyberNet Way - a robust program designed to help SynchroNet's clients beat the bad guys through engaging training and real-world practice sessions.

**Deanna Roehner '04** celebrated 10 years of employment at GEICO in January '20.

**Brandon Tytka '11** currently works as a Physical Therapist for Buffalo Rehab Group. He also co-founded and co-owns The Golf Fit PT, PLLC to help golfers with their health and fitness on and off the course.

#### Retirement Announcements

**Joseph Kishel '85** recently retired from the US Army following 29 years of active duty.

Patricia [McKernan] Michaels '78 survived open heart surgery for aortic valve replacement in 2018 and retired after 32 years as a financial software training coordinator in 2019.

**Michele [Chudy] Bierl '70** retired in early 2020 after working 43 years at Fisher-Price. Currently she resides in Elma with her husband. She is proud to have 3 children and 7 grandchildren and notes that daughter Jennifer graduated from SMH in 1999.

#### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Lancer alumnus **Andrew Adolf '09** is running for Trustee of the Village of Depew, NY.

Andrew believes he has what it takes to affect positive change in the Depew community. As a member of the Depew Planning Board, he has already made contributions to the community through the approval of important projects,



including a future solar farm on an old landfill in Depew. For those who are Depew residents, Election Day is Tuesday, March 16, 2021, from 12 to 9 p.m. at Depew Village Hall (85 Manitou St.).

For more information on the Citizens for Change, you can visit their Facebook page or website at www.citizens4changedepew.com

#### **▶ ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**



Dr. Norbert Myslinski
'65 (center) with **Kaitlyn Kowalewski '17** (right)
and his nephew Martin
Mlodozeniec (left),
presenting her with a
scholarship awarded
each year to a graduating
senior looking to pursue
a Nursing Degree in
college. The scholarship
honors Norbert's wife,
Patricia (Byrne) '65, who
passed away in 1980.

The University of Maryland System bestowed the 2020 Board of Regents Faculty Award on Dr. Norbert Myslinski, a professor at the University of Maryland Department of Neural Sciences.

The award recognizes his excellence in public service and is the highest honor that the System bestows on faculty members statewide.

Dr. Myslinski's international innovative programs in more than 60 countries have inspired young men and women to enter the field of neuroscience to help treat and find cures for brain disorders. He is graduate of St. Augustine's Elementary School and St. Mary's High School and his work "builds better brains to fight brain disorders."

#### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

After graduation from St. Mary's, **TaShauna Goldsby '02** attended Lincoln University and earned her degree in Chemistry with a minor in Environmental Health Sciences. She then went on to the University of Massachusetts Amherst for her Masters and the University of Connecticut to earn her Ph.D in Public Health.



Professionally, TaShauna recently joined Regions Bank in August of 2020 as the Vice President of Data Governance. Prior to Regions, she was appointed by Mayor Randall Woodfin as the Director of Grants and Strategic Partnerships for the City of Birmingham, AL, in 2018. While there, her work was instrumental in establishing the city's health report card, known as Shape Birmingham.

TaShauna also recently graduated from Leadership Birmingham, which ensures leaders in the community are educated about current issues and challenges in the region by bringing together a group of 50 leaders each year from diverse backgrounds.

# Legacy Scholarshi

# ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL IS A CONSTANT

Since 1904, St. Mary's High School has withstood world wars, natural disasters, and financial crises, and now, a pandemic. Our history has proven that what is inside of us is stronger than what is in front of us.

Generation after generation, St. Mary's High School continues to be a shining light for so many. It is where we were challenged in the classroom, reflected on our beliefs during liturgy, broadened our athleticism on the field, and shined on the stage. It is a place where we forged life-long friendships and, in many cases, met our spouse and began our own traditions.

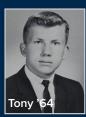
#### ► THE NOSEK FAMILY STORY

The Noseks have been part of the St. Mary's Family since the oldest brother Anthony (Tony), entered the school as a freshman in 1960. Here, he met his wife Mary (nee Schill) '64 and formed other life-long friendships. His twin brothers, Walter and Stephen (Steve), also graduated from St. Mary's in 1972. In keeping with the family tradition, Steve also met his wife, Eileen (nee Suchyna) '73, at St. Mary's.

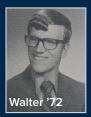
Through the generosity of Tony '64 & Mary '64, Steve '72 & Eileen '73, Walter '72 & Cheryl, an endowed gift program under the Nosek Family name has been established.

As Steve stated, "This is not as much to honor my brothers, our wives, and children as it is a chance to honor our parents." Tony went on to state, "Our parents were immigrants from Poland who instilled in us the benefits of an education."

We encourage you to follow the Noseks' lead, and whether it is with a group of your siblings or close friends who are alumni of St. Mary's, this is the time to create a lasting legacy for generations to come.











# THE LEGACY OF ST MARY'S **DEPENDS ON YOU.**

For 117 years, St. Mary's has been shaping the hearts, minds, and spirits of young people. Legacy gifts are crucial to ensuring the future of St. Mary's for the next generation of Lancers.

Whether you are looking to honor your parents, a special friend or teacher, or looking to help an area of study that has benefited you, we have the perfect vehicle to do so.

We are thrilled to announce the formation of the SMH Legacy Scholarship and Gift Fund. Your individual, family, or group's contribution to this fund will help us chart our course for the future.

#### Other families and friends have followed suit.

Over the past year, we have been blessed to receive gifts from other individuals that have directed their gift to specific areas.

- In Science, Dr. David Hangauer '70 made a commitment to the school's fund that is to be used for student-directed research projects in the science department. Areas that the students are exploring include: organic vs. nonorganic fruits and vegetables, our fish hatchery project, raising honey bees, and others.
- John Rappl '76 and his wife, Myra, made a donation that is directed towards Technology and the Performing Arts. This has allowed the school to make some much-needed updates to our technology infrastructure and will assist the Theatre Department produce this year's musical virtually.
- We have also had numerous gifts to existing individual family scholarships from family members and friends to:
  - The Lynch Family Scholarship
  - The Richard C. Penfold Scholarship
  - The Rev. Msgr. David LiPuma Scholarship

Please consider establishing a family, friend, or class endowed scholarship or endowed gift. This is your chance to help set the course for St. Mary's High School.

Contact VP of Institutional Advancement, Mark Tramont at mtramont@smhlancers.org or (716) 683-4824 ext. 237 for more information.

# **Our Donors**

Thank you to all who donated their time and talents during our '19-'20 fiscal campaign. St. Mary's High School relies on the generosity of our alumni, family, & friends to help us bring our mission to life. We are grateful for your investment in helping us prepare our students for success in college, careers, and life. Thank you!



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# ► REUNION WEEKEND JUNE 24 - 28, 2021



We will be specifically honoring the years ending in 0's, 1's, 5's, and 6's! All classes are welcome to join us for Reunion Weekend June 25 - 28, 2021, as we celebrate all things St. Mary's! Register at smhlancers.org.

#### Thursday, June 24th

6 pm President's Reception - Russell's Steaks, Chops & More (invitation only)

# Friday, June 25th

- 6 9 pm Lancer Gala St. Mary's High School (\$150/person)
- 9 pm Post-Gala Party Frank's Grille

#### Saturday, June 26th

- 11 am Scholars Brunch for all Valedictorians, Salutatorians, Class Officers, Senate Officers and Marian Award Recipients - St. Mary's High School (invitation only)
- 1 4 pm **Double-Decker Bus Tour of Buffalo** departs from & returns to St. Mary's High School (\$35/person, reservations required)
- 4 -11 pm Reunion Celebration St. Mary's High School

(\$25/person, kids age 17 & under free)

4:30 pm Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii (optional)

State of the School Breakout Sessions (optional to attend):

5 pm State of Athletics - Director of Athletics, Zach Weiss '07 (Gus Galasso Auditorium)

5:30 pm State of Academics - Dean of Academics, Keith Junik (Peter K.'46 & Vilma Kamsyz Finance Center)

6 pm VIP Tour of the School - NHS Students

6 pm Dinner & Live Music by various alumni artists (ongoing throughout the night)

6:30 pm Village of Lancaster Revitalization Presentation - Developer, Tom Sweeney (Gus Galasso Aud)

7 pm Performing Arts Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (Gus Galasso Auditorium)

8 pm Bingo Power Hour / Meat Raffle

10 pm Fireworks!

# Sunday, June 27th

AM Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii (8:30, 10, 11:30 am)

11 am Alumni Basketball & Volleyball Pickup Games - St. Mary's High School

6 - 9 pm Pre-Golf Tournament Cocktail Party & Athletics Hall of Fame Induction

**Ceremony -** Lancaster Country Club

6 - 8 pm - Open Bar & hors d'oeuvres / 8 - 9 pm Cash Bar (\$40/person except golfers & HOF inductees)

7 pm - Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

#### Monday, June 28th

7:30 am - 5 pm St. Mary's Golf Tournament - Lancaster Country Club (\$150/person, \$600/foursome)

Scheduled tee times includes golf, cart, gift, food, drink, fun and access to Sunday's Cocktail Party.

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