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# DEPAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome to the Spartan Sentinel, our bi-weekly electronic newsletter for all things DePaul Catholic.

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## **Principal's Corner** Mr. Russell Petrocelli

Good Afternoon DePaul Catholic High School Community:

I hope that you had a joyous Easter and a restful Easter Break. Our virtual classes resume on Monday and I am sure that you are all looking forward to getting back to your studies. As you have heard from Gov. Murphy, school buildings are to remain closed until May 15, 2020. Your teachers and the entire staff are working hard to ensure that you are on target to successfully complete this academic year...please do your part by logging in every day and completing all of your assignments on the day that they are due.

So many activities have been postponed but we are trying to bring some sense of normalcy to our school events. In the next couple of weeks, you will be notified to tune in for activities and school functions which will be presented virtually.

Dr. Stickle continues to improve but he is still in need of your prayers...as is our entire DePaul Community. So many of you have had your personal lives touched by this horrible virus, please pray for each other for the strength to pull through during these difficult times.

I look forward to the day when we can gather together again and I repeat myself, I have not given up on the thought that we might be able to have a graduation ceremony at some time in the future. I do not know what that will look like but if we can legally conduct a ceremony - we will do it!

Please pray our Morning Prayer every morning and I can not wait to "see you" in class.

St. Vincent DePaul, Pray for Us!

For the entire DePaul Catholic Community,  
Russell D. Petrocelli, Principal

Quarter 3 Honor Roll

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## **Alexa LoMonaco Wins National Honor Society Scholarship**

We're proud to announce that Alexa LoMonaco has been selected as an NHS Scholarship recipient. Alexa was chosen from nearly 7,000 applicants and will receive a scholarship toward higher education. Recipients are chosen based on their demonstrated work to support the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Join us in congratulating Alexa on their

accomplishments!



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Dear DePaul Catholic High School Community:

I am pleased to share with you the news that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Fr. Kevin J. Sweeney, pastor of St. Michael Church in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, as the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson.

Please join together as the DePaul Catholic High School community to welcome and pray for our new Bishop.

St. Vincent DePaul, Pray for Us!

For the entire DePaul Catholic High School Community,  
Russell D. Petrocelli



WASHINGTON—Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, 75, from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Paterson and has named Father Kevin J. Sweeney, a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn as Bishop-elect of Paterson.

The appointment was publicized in Washington, D.C. on April 15, 2020 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-elect Sweeney was born on January 17, 1970 in Elmhurst, New York and was ordained to the priesthood on June 28, 1997 for the Diocese of Brooklyn. Father Sweeney graduated from St. John's University, Queens, New York in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts and received a Master of Divinity from Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York in 1997.

Father Sweeney's assignments in the Diocese of Brooklyn after ordination include: Parochial Vicar at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in Jamaica (1997-2003); Coordinator of the Irish Apostolate (1999-2001); Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Sorrows, Corona (2003-2004); Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Brooklyn (2004-2010); Chaplain at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn (2005); Administrator at St. Michael Parish, Brooklyn (2010-2012); Spiritual Director at Jovenes de Valor (2010-2013). His service includes membership on the Seminary Admissions Board (2010-present); Presbyteral Council (2011-2016); Dean of the Brooklyn 8 Deanery (2013-present); Vocations Representative (2014-present); and the Priest Personnel Assignment Board (2017-present). Bishop-elect Sweeney, who speaks both English and Spanish, is currently Pastor

## Moving Forward...

Mr. John Merritt '71

Vice Principal, Student Life

The Sentinel is a great opportunity to connect with other Spartans.

It is exciting, refreshing and uplifting to hear from other Spartans, some past and some present. The purpose of *Moving Forward* has never been more important than at this time.

Personally, I need something to work on, fix, prepare, ponder and fine tune. I think we all do, especially now. My wife and I, both being teachers, miss the interaction with the students.

I have watched, for a month, online education with my wife teaching her 4th grade students what they need to learn in order to advance to 5th grade. I have witnessed frustration, success and laughter. It is fun to watch a good teacher teach, whether here at home or when school is in session at DePaul.

I am convinced that a good teacher offers knowledge, discipline, humor, and hope.

A good teacher convinces the students that there is value in the day to day; that each school day can offer insight and time for thought. A good teacher leaves their students feeling good and positive about the education they are receiving.

As teachers continue to present online lessons, I hope people outside the education world are appreciative and supportive. Lots of hours of prep go into each lesson and lots of hours go into correcting the papers and other submissions by the students.

The hardest thing a teacher faces now, is making sure all the students are doing their work on a timely basis no matter what grade, no matter how old they are.

This is where supportive parents are vital. Please, check your child's daily work, not just their final grade (by that time it is too late). Check the assignments as posted by the teacher. Hold your child as accountable as your boss holds you for duties at work.

Why? Because when we get back to normal, your child needs to be prepared to move forward without finding themselves behind and trying to catch up.

Now I understand parents are also under stress, I get it. **However, when you signed on to parenthood you did not sign on for easy.** Parenting is hard and that is why proper parenting is so exhausting (there is no finish line). There are no "do-overs" in raising kids.

Prayer and patience help a lot. Both work to assist you in raising your children.

Good luck in these tough times and be well.

## How Can We help?

Mrs. Coleen Brophy '79

Director of Special Events & Alumni Relations

## The Sr. Patricia Flarity Scholarship Fund

"Spartans for Spartans" is a unique fund dedicated solely to assisting current Spartans in crisis. It is funded by you, the Spartans of the past and present, many remember Sister Pat or some who are just proud to say, "I am a DePaul Grad".

Each June, a portion of the funding comes from the Sister Patricia Flarity Annual Golf

Classic. This year, as with so many other events, The Classic has been put on hold and will not take place in June. Still, the need for funding continues and we are hoping you can once again be generous to the Sister Pat Fund - "Spartans For Spartans".

Your generosity will help to build a bridge for a family in a temporary crisis to continue to receive a DePaul education. The same education you were fortunate to receive. You can be assured that your generosity is appreciated and needed. The challenges facing all of us have hit some "Spartans" extra hard through illness and or job loss. Sometimes a little help can go a long way in helping a fellow Spartan in temporary need.

Thank you for being part of DePaul's history, DePaul's legacy. As Sister Jeanne says, we must stay together and follow Sister Pat's example by caring for one another all the time.

If you can help, here is the donation link:  
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/sisterpat2020>



**Click the video above for stories from John Merritt '71, Joe Lennon,  
& Sr. Jeanne Agans**



**St. Joseph's Health  
FOUNDATION**

St. Joseph's COVID-19 Response Fund will be used to support patients and caregivers impacted by the pandemic. The fund will provide assistance as needs continue to be identified throughout the crisis. To make a monetary donation to the COVID-19 Response Fund, please visit:

<https://support.stjosephshealth.org/covid19>

PPE Delivery to St. Joseph's 4/9/2020  
Donations on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to  
Noon.  
Curbside drop-off in the front of school.

Contact Coleen Brophy  
([brophyc@dpchs.org](mailto:brophyc@dpchs.org)) for details.



An Alumna from the Class of 1982  
is seeking our assistance to help out the  
**Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa.**  
See the Alumni Events Page for how you can help.



[Click Here For  
Details](#)

## **From The Theology Department**

In the Theology department, all of our students have been working on helping others feel less lonely during this time of isolation and thankful to those essential workers who are helping keep so many healthy and safe. Students have created short videos for those in assisted living facilities and long term health facilities. Now, the students have created "thank you" videos and they have been shared with numerous groups including:

Chilton hospital  
Hackensack hospital  
Wayne First Aid  
Wayne PD  
Wayne FD  
Passaic County Sheriff  
St. Joseph Hospitals  
NYPD  
Valley Hospitals  
Valley Home care  
Valley Hospice nurses  
Newark Police Department  
Paterson Fire and Rescue  
Clifton Police and Fire  
West Milford Fire and Police and First Aid  
Aphsawa First Aid Squad

### **These are some of the responses we have gotten:**

*"I want to let you know that the videos from everyone at DePaul Catholic High School*

*definitely lifted my spirits. It is comforting to know that we are in your thoughts and prayers. You certainly are in ours also. Please thank everyone at DePaul Catholic and stay safe."*

Sincerely,  
Captain Christopher R. Stabile  
City of Clifton Police Department  
Commander Field Operations Bureau

*Tara Mustafa, an EMT and a firefighter for company 1 (Apshawa) wrote "Oh my God those videos meant everything. It was very kind to see people concerned about my well being. We have been getting calls day in and day out, to make sure the community stays safe, I hope all is well and remember to continue social distancing, wear your masks, and keep up your hope. Thank you for the videos"*

*Tony Stevens, an EMT wrote "Thank you so much for sharing those inspirational videos from DePaul Catholic. As EMTs we know we are appreciated, but it's sure nice to hear it!!!"*

*Pat, an EMT wrote, "Thanks for the videos!!!"*

*"These are absolutely beautiful! I got choked up watching these. I will forward to our PR team right now. They send out a "Daily Dose of Happiness" to all of our 5,000+ staff across St. Joseph's Health. I think these would be a wonderful addition. Thank you again to the whole DePaul family for putting these together and sending our way. I know they will bring light and joy to our healthcare heroes on the front lines.*

*Stay safe and well,  
Melissa"*

*And from the Mayor of Wayne, "Thank you very much for your email. The videos are fantastic."*

Our videos may be viewed on the school's website at [www.depaulcatholic.org](http://www.depaulcatholic.org)

## Calendar Changes

- The Fashion Show/Tricky Tray has been postponed until Tuesday, August 4th, at the Westmount.
- The June 15th Golf Classic has been postponed until Tuesday, October 12, 2020.
- The following events have also been postponed to future dates to be determined:
  - The April 18th Kathleen Walsh High School Tournament
  - The April 18th Kathleen Walsh Friends and Family Classic
  - The April 25th 40th Reunion for the Class of 1980.
  - The April 25th 50th Reunion for the Class of 1970.
  - The June 3rd Hall of Fame Induction.
- The following **Admissions Events** have been updated:
- Class of 2024/8th Grade Prep Placement Testing/Parent Orientation
  - Online testing and orientation will be offered
- Spring Open House
  - Originally scheduled for April 8th, now scheduled for a **virtual** Open House on Thursday, May 7th - more details coming.

## Spend Your Summer As A Spartan

We still plan to hold our Summer Camps - both Academic & Sport, though all dates are tentative for now. Click the link below to see what we have planned.

**Summer at DPCHS**

## Welcome, Future Spartans!

Mrs. Brynn Merritt Campbell

Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

# VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a virtual look into why over 10,000 graduates believe we are "The Place To Be".

RSVP: [WWW.DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG](http://WWW.DEPAULCATHOLIC.ORG)



## INTRODUCING

### Spartan Virtual Shadow Program

Join us for Virtual Shadow Days, every day!

Send an email to the Admissions Office.  
(subject line: Virtual Shadow Day)  
List a of a few of your interests.

You'll be connected with an Ambassador ASAP.

[admissions@dpchs.org](mailto:admissions@dpchs.org)

Hi, Spartans,

We hope that everyone is HEALTHY and at HOME. Please remember, we're here to help. You can always find us on all of our social media platforms. ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#))

We are #SpartanStrong!

Brynn Merritt Campbell  
Director of Marketing & Enrollment Management

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### Still need to apply?

We will continue to review applications on a rolling basis.  
**[Class of 2024 & 8th Grade Prep Apply Here](#)**

#### New Admissions Process

Apply online (link above)

Send us a copy of your 6th, 7th, and 8th grade report cards. IF you cannot get transcripts from your school, a screen shot of your report cards will work.

Ask your favorite teacher to write a few paragraphs about you and send it to us.

We will set up HSPT exams when we return.

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### DePaul Catholic 8th Grade Prep "The Place To Begin"

Looking for more information about our 8th Grade Prep Program? Please call our office to set-up an appointment with a member of our team.  
973.694.3702, ext. 442

**DePaul Catholic**  
EIGHTH GRADE PREP SCHOOL

*The place to begin*

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**Men: Jesus needs you**

Mary, our Mother, said, “My spirit rejoices in God my savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.” And because of Mary’s perfect YES, our salvation, our King, our love, Jesus, came into the world and remains with us.

These words from Luke chapter 1 are the words which Mary herself used to explain her incredible experience to Elizabeth, and they are also the words men use to express the honor of serving Him as His priest. Can you feel the power of these words?

Now this is not a plea for numbers. We should never desire to live a vocation other than the one God desires for us. But for many reasons, the total number of priests (diocesan and religious) in the United States has dropped 37% over the past 53 years, from 59,000 in 1965 to 37,000 in 2018.

Men, we live in a culture, described by Pope Francis, where everything is provisional or temporary; where people are encouraged to pursue their dreams, but leave a “door open” in case it doesn’t work out; where “self-realization” is measured by money and power not by fidelity to the Gospel and Gospel values. Can you feel the power of those words?

At the end of our lives, the only thing we will take with us is our relationship with God, everything else stays. Our relationship with God is the only thing that matters, it is the only thing that will EVER matter.

Marriage is a beautiful vocation and many of us are called to it. But it is not the default. There is no default vocation. God’s desire for us is uniquely ours and it is made known to us if we only listen and embrace His love. But, what does it mean to love God?

If you love someone you want to do what they care about. Love is not passive. If God is Love, then all He wants to do is bring goodness into peoples’ lives. So we love God by taking part in His effort of loving, by taking part in what God brings into peoples’ lives.

We accomplish this by surrendering our will to His. We make what is good and true the most important matters that we are concerned with in our own lives, and we do them intentionally. We ask ourselves, “What are the ways that I can behave that are better aligned with the Lord’s love.” That is loving God.

Men, how will you align yourselves with the Lord’s love? Does fidelity to the Gospel and Gospel values sound good “for someone else” or is it something you can build your life around? Can you surrender your will to the God of Love?

“My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.” It all begins with these words... our Mother’s words... our words.

If any of this resonates with anyone, if it inspires questions, if it stirs your Spirit, please contact me or your Parish Office for information and advice.

Peace,  
Fr. Andrew

**Spartan Nation**



EDP Soccer

47 mins · 🌐



On International Keeper day we spoke with Toronto FC Keeper Eric Klenofsky who grew up with TSF Academy

#EDPPros #internationalgoalkeeperday

@eksoccertraining, @ericklenofsky @ltmwpodcast



Spotted! Eric Klenofsky '13

## DePaul Catholic Parents' Association



*The hardest times  
often show the  
greatest parts  
of your life.  
Keep going!  
Tough situations  
build strong people!*



### **From The TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE**

The 2020 **Mother Earth's Garden Party** Tricky Tray/Fashion Show  
Has been tentatively rescheduled to... Tuesday, August 4, 2020!  
We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.



Have you been social distancing and shopping online? If so, please support DePaul at no extra cost with [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) Choose DePaul Catholic High School Inc as your charitable organization and let the shopping begin!



Have you cleaned out your closets and drawers!  
The donations bins at the back of the parking lot are open for donations. It's an easy way to help out DePaul, help those in need and make some much needed room!

### **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Advisor-** Sr. Jeanne Agans **President-** Allison Beshada **Secretary-** Jean Raftery, Mina Farrell  
**Treasurer-** Kim Wilderson **Tricky Tray-** Donna DiPiano, Maryann Marren, Debbie Lozito  
**Hospitality-** Deb Murray, Julie Sullivan **Ambassadors-** Andie Pegel, Jo Spaulding **Calendar Raffle-** Cindy Winkler  
**Snack Stand-** Bob Niemiec, Allison Beshada **Public Relations-** Brenda Salamon **Stop & Shop-** Rosalind Tomeio

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## **Distance Learning**

We may not all be together on Alps Road, but Zoom, Google Hangouts, and Email are keeping us more connected than ever. Check out some scenes from the last two weeks.

## **Please Stand For Our Morning Prayer**

Join us each morning around 7:30am on social media as we come together for our morning prayer.



*Prayer for Students*  
*Lord our God, in Your wisdom and love You surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send Your Spirit upon these students and fill them with Your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*  
*from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

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**Our social media pages are always changing, but there are a few things that will remain the same each week.**

**MOTIVATION MONDAY** with Mr. Merritt  
**Takeout Tuesday**  
Wellness Wednesday  
**Thankful Thursday** with Mr. Petrocelli  
*Faith-filled Friday* with Sr. Jeanne

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**There Is No Stopping Creativity!**

Here are just a few examples of the work being done at home by the students in the Fine & Performing Arts Department. We hope to bring you more soon.

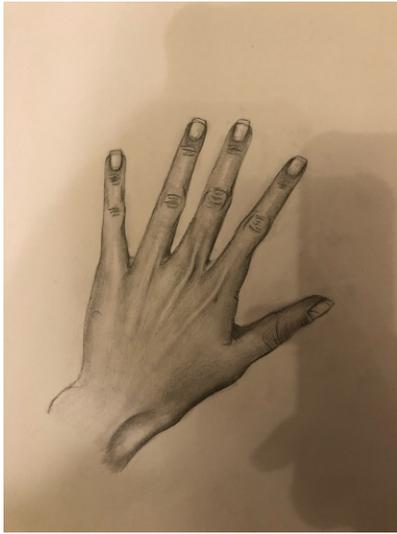
Can you guess the famous masterpieces recreated by the Photoshop students?



Maleah Jn-Louis - Photoshop



Amanda Callahan - Photoshop



Realistic Hand



Monochromatic Portrait

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### Scenes Of A Spartan

A look behind the scenes of our new classrooms and offices.



Catch all of our "Scenes of a Spartan" on our social media pages.

Desi's Jigsaw Puzzle Of The Week "Crosswinds"



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STAY CONNECTED

