

# St. Mary High School – Spring Appeal

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

This is an exciting time at Saint Mary as we have a new principal, Mrs. Tara Brunt, a new Alumni Center and new technology courtesy of a generous gift from the Estate of Paul J. Connolly.

Let me start by introducing myself to those of you who do not know me.

I am a graduate of the class of 1975 and the oldest of four boys that graduated from Saint Mary. I grew up in Rutherford and still call it my home today. My wife Lisa and I sent our four children to Saint Mary as well. I have been assisting with the finances of the schools on a volunteer basis since 1989. My service continues today as a member of the Parish Finance Committee as well as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors.

Saint Mary is currently in very good financial standing under the leadership of our pastor Fr. Michael Kreder. There are only a few parish schools left in the Archdiocese of Newark and we are one of them. The school operates financially separate from the parish and receives no direct funds from the parish but benefits from not paying rent.

This brings me to the reason for agreeing to chair the fundraising effort. Our current students come from families with different levels of financial resources just as they have over the history of our founding in 1929.

The difference today is that our faculty does not consist of Dominican Sisters but with lay teachers therefore causing operating costs of the school to continue to grow. Tuition for the current school year is \$9,900 plus \$975 in fees. The Alumni Board of Directors would like to take over funding the merit award and financial aid provided to our current students. This would allow the tuition

to go 100% to the operating costs and further allow the financials to stay strong at Saint Mary.

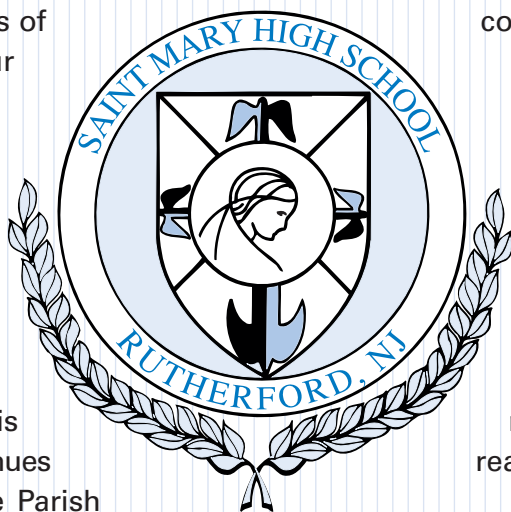
To accomplish this result we have an annual goal of \$350,000. A phonathon is scheduled for the Spring and our team of volunteers will be reaching out to assist in reaching our goal.

Please share my passion for Saint Mary by sending a donation so that this institution can go forward giving students from all financial resources the opportunity to attend your school for many years to come.

Thanks for listening!

Sincerely,  
Edward J. Ryan Jr. '75

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