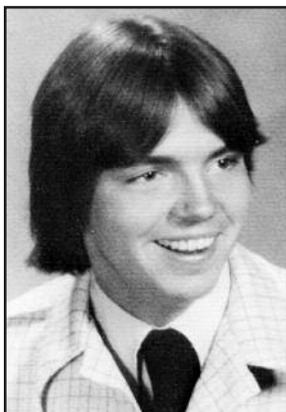


# ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTEES



## ***Bernard Good, Jr. – 1976***

Our inductee was a fiery, talented two-sport athlete at St Mary in the mid 1970s. He was a tricky, hard throwing pitcher and consistent hitter for the Gaels. As a sophomore in 1974, Bernie Good exploded onto the Tamblyn field scene with a miniscule 0.68 earned run average and a glitzy 5-2 record in his sophomore campaign. The next year, 1975, our inductee continued his success with a 6-3 record and a 1.27 ERA, and achieved 2nd Team All Big Conference honors. Thereafter, Bernie sustained an unfortunate pitching injury which shut down his pitching, but Bernie persevered and generated a .300 batting average at first base. Our inductee is remembered as a valuable member of the 1974 and 1976 State Championship baseball teams.

On the hardwood, our inductee was a flashy, productive guard who set up the plays and was a high scorer who amassed 860 points during his basketball years. For his basketball heroics, Bernie received Second Team All Big Five Conference distinction in his junior year and First Team All-Tri-County Conference and Third Team All Area (Herald News) accolades.

After his distinguished high school career, our inductee continued his basketball and baseball careers at Ursinus in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, and completed his college degree with a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1980 at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

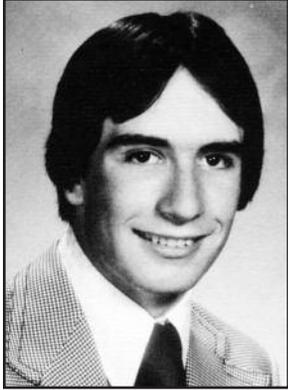
After his academic career, our inductee embraced a distinguished new career in the United States Marine Corps. from 1981 to 1985. His dangerous term as a First Lieutenant Ground Officer, Fleet Marine Force, NBC (Nuclear Biological Chemical) Warfare Training officer and Top Secret Clearance and Cryptological expert was a distinctive service that the people of the United States are surely very proud of.

Bernie was employed in homebuilding Industry from 1985 to 2014 as a Construction Manager for General Homes, Vice President for US Home Corporation, and as Vice President of Operations for Toll Brothers, Inc. and Western Regional Safety Officer for OSHA.

Bernie currently works as a substitute instructor at the Chandler Unified School District in Chandler, Arizona.

In addition to his high school and college athletic careers, our inductee enjoyed a diversified additional coaching career as St. Mary's assistant varsity basketball coach in 1980, the Men's Varsity Basketball Coach for Seton Catholic High School in Chandler, Arizona from 1990 to 1992 and 1997 to 1999, coach of his children's basketball teams at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tempe, Arizona, and managers of his son's competitive baseball teams from 1996 through 2006.

Bernie is happily married to his wife of 35 years, Patricia Ann. They have 2 sons, Sean and Kevin, both of whom were All Conference college baseball players with Bachelor of Science degrees, and their daughter, Mary, who was the athletic trainer at Bashas High School and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree and Master's degree in Education at Northern Arizona University.



## ***Tim Doran – 1978***

Our inductee was a remarkable middle distance runner in the late 1970s. Tim Doran was a fleet, explosive runner who had a late kick which won him many races. He received two varsity letters in Cross Country and Spring Track in his junior and senior seasons, and excelled in many important races in Bergen County.

During his 1977 track season, our inductee was an important member of the four mile relay which won first place in the Rutherford Relays. In the 1977 Bergen County Championship Group I mile race, Tim placed third with a time of 4:43.6.

As co-captain of the Gaels in his 1978 season, our inductee placed:

- First with his teammates in the Cresskill Relays Sport Medley
- Third in the Englewood Invitational 1500 meter with a school record of 4:00.7
- Second place in the Cresskill Relays Distance Medley
- Second place, Herald News Invitational in the mile
- Bergen County Championships Group 1 880 first place (2:01.5)
- Bergen County Championships Group 1 Mile first place (4:31.2)
- Bergen County Meet of Champions 1500 meters fourth place (4:03.7)
- Tri County League Championship, Mile, second place
- All League, Second Team, Mile
- Herald News Third Team, All County in mile
- Bergen Record, Honorable Mention, for the mile and half mile.

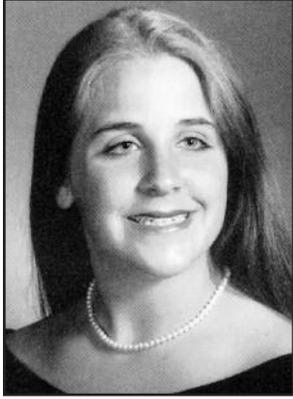
However, Tim's lasting achievement is his school record in the mile of 4:24.2, which still stands for the past 40 years. In his senior year, our inductee was the recipient of the Bob Blum Student Athlete Award.

Following his extraordinary athletic career at St. Mary, Tim attended Widener College and Upsala College. He then served for four years as an assistant basketball coach at Upsala, where the team was a National Division III Final Four participant. Tim went on to serve as an assistant basketball coach at Rutgers University in Newark, where the team made its first appearance in the N.J.A.C. Post Season tournament. Tim also served as an assistant basketball coach for St. Mary for two years and head coach for another two years.

***Congratulations to all the  
2019 Hall of Fame Inductees!***

**MARTY MCGONIGLE '59**

*Hall of Fame 2013*



## ***Kelly Powers – 1996***

Kelly Powers was a phenomenal performer and team leader on the softball, basketball, and volleyball teams during her athletic career at St. Mary High School. Kelly transferred to St. Mary for her junior year and received six varsity letters.

Kelly is best remembered for her tenacity and dominance on the softball diamond, both at bat, and behind the plate. Her love for the game was evident every time she stepped between the two white lines. During Kelly's senior season, she received 1st Team All-League, 1st Team All-County, and 1st Team All-State Parochial honors. Batting from the number 4 spot in the lineup, Kelly produced an astounding batting average of .430 while collecting 35 RBI's. As a catcher, our inductee threw out 18 of 41 base stealers and picked off 15. Kelly led the Lady Gaels with 164 putouts and a glitzy .975 fielding percentage.

Our inductee received the St. Mary Scholar Athlete Award in her senior year for recognition of her outstanding performance in both the classroom and on the fields of play.

Upon graduating from St. Mary in 1996, Kelly received scholarships to Seton Hall University and The University of Scranton. Kelly attended both universities before matriculating at Felician College in the fall of 1998. While at Felician, our inductee played softball and earned a BA in Art, and later earned a BA in Mathematics at New Jersey City University.

Kelly has been teaching since 2005 and has been the recipient of the Governor's Teacher Award for Excellence twice. She brought her love for the game to the coaching side of the white lines where over 12 years she coached at University High School, Barringer High School, American History High School, and EastSide High School. Kelly is currently the Mathematics Department Chairperson at East Orange Campus High School and volunteers her time with the EOCHS Lady Jaguars softball team.



## ***Jennifer Simmons – 1997***

Jennifer Simmons, know by all as "Simmons", was a two-sport athlete who earned two letters in soccer and two letters in softball during her tenure at St. Mary.

While she was known for her fun-loving personality with her teammates and classmates, Simmons was all business when she stepped between the lines. She was one of the most fierce and fearless players to wear a Gaels' jersey. A dominating presence in the outfield, Simmons was known to track down a ball 30 yards into foul territory and would run into fences to catch the ball. Nothing got past her. On offense she was equally focused and failure never crossed her mind, as evidenced by her 100% success rate on suicide squeeze attempts. Her aggressiveness and speed made her one of the most threatening base runners in the county and she often took not only second base, but third base as well on a sacrifice bunt. She was a leader and key member of the 1997 Hall of Fame team, batting .494 with 24 RBIs and 28 Runs scored that year.

In recognition of her stellar offensive and defensive play, our inductee was awarded spots on the Second Team, All-State, All-Groups; the First Team All-Bergen County, and the First Team, All BCSL. To wrap up her high school career Simmons was also selected to play in the prestigious Bergen/Passaic All Star game, a game only the best local athletes are invited to attend.

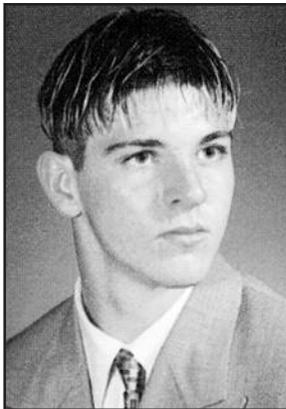
Following graduation from St. Mary, Simmons matriculated at Mars Hill College a Division II school in North Carolina. There she earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and continued her athletic career on the soccer pitch and softball diamond. Today she resides in New Milford and works as a Sales Representative for SeaCube Container Leasing. Not surprisingly, Simmons has not hung up her cleats, as she continues to be a key member of her woman's team that has won the championship the past two seasons.



### ***Ray Duffy – 1938***

Ray Duffy was a stand-out performer for St. Mary's in its pioneer years of the 1930s. On the gridiron, our inductee was a quick, elusive halfback and safety on the Gaels squads of 1935, 1936 and 1937. Ray was six feet tall and towered over his most of his teammates, and had raw-boned strength to take down wide receivers and running backs in the open field. In his senior season, Ray was a valued member of St. Mary's Varsity Club, and was tenth in the State and seventh in Bergen County in scoring with seven touchdowns totaling 42 points. Our Inductee was named 2nd Team All-State Group 2 Prep in the Newark Star Eagle in recognition of his stalwart football efforts. His teammates were Hall of Famers, Godfrey Cassella and Ed Caughey, and

Donnie Boyd. Ray Duffy should be remembered as one of St. Mary's toughest and fastest players during the mid-years of the 1930's.



### ***James Logue – 2000***

James Logue was a talented three sport athlete at St. Mary earning ten varsity letters, four in football, four in track, and two in basketball. James excelled in football where he played the linebacker and tight end positions. He made his mark on the defensive side of the football playing linebacker and earned First Team All League honors in 1998 and 1999. He also was Second Team All County linebacker and the Thomas Holden MVP Award winner in 1999.

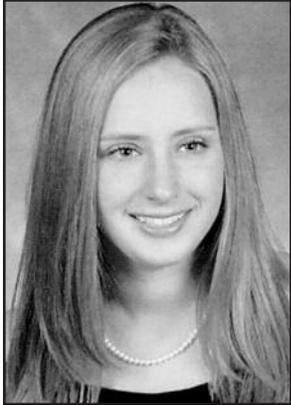
James was a swift hurdler in track competing in the 400 intermediate and 110 high hurdles. His stature and athletic ability made him a natural to compete in the 110 high hurdles, where he excelled in the league and county events. He also contributed to the basketball program and earned two varsity letters playing forward.

Upon graduation from St. Mary, James accepted a full scholarship to play football at Northeastern University. He is a member of the UWUA Local 601 is employed by PSE&G in the collections department. He is pursuing a degree in public administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University. James is married to his wife, Christine, and they have a daughter, Lily.

***Congratulations  
to the NEW Hall of Famers!***

**JERRY BRESLIN '55**

*Hall of Fame 1994*



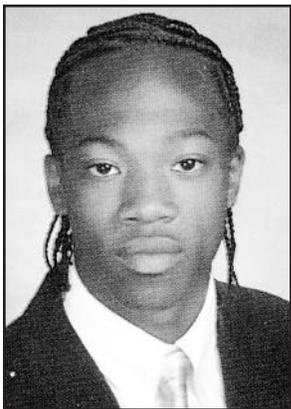
## ***Bridget Spanarkel – 2005***

Our next inductee was a talented hitter and spiker in Volleyball and a forward and center in basketball. From her position on the front line, Bridget Spanarkel was a ferocious, mobile, punishing spiker who returned her opponent's salvos with startling alacrity for four years. Once she positioned herself in front of the net, it more likely than not was a point for the Lady Gaels due to her aggressive and precise spikes and defensive blocks. In recognition of her volleyball prowess, our inductee received First Team, All League, HM AC in her junior and senior seasons and was captain of the volleyball team.

On the hard court, Bridget was a multi-talented forward who swept the boards and made difficult shots on the inside. She was a valuable member of three league championship teams, was a senior team captain and received Second team All County, First Team All Area and First Team All League honors in her junior and senior seasons. In recognition of her talent, indefatigable tenacity and remarkable scholarship, Bridget was awarded the Bob Blum Student Athlete Award.

After her remarkable years at St. Mary, Bridget completed her bachelor's degree at the College of New Jersey and participated in intramural sports. Thereafter, our inductee achieved Master's degrees in Psychology at Seton Hall University and in Applied Behavior Analysis at Caldwell College. During the past decade, Bridget has worked in the field of special education, working specifically with autistic students. She also became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and worked for about eight years in private ABA schools with students with autism. At the present time, our inductee works for the Rutherford School District on the Child Study Team as their District Behaviorist.

Bridget got married last July to her husband, Chris, and they recently bought a house in Rutherford. She remains very close with her family, including her parents, Jim and Janet, and her siblings, Jim, Stephanie, and Andrew, all graduates of St. Mary.



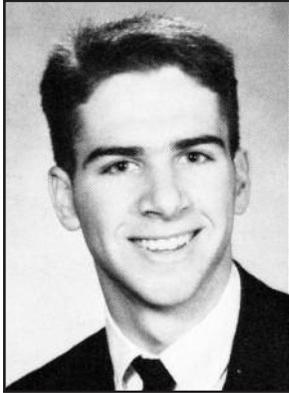
## ***Joshua Richmond – 2006***

After a season playing football at Passaic High School, Josh and his family made a monumental decision, and he transferred to SMHS where they believed he would benefit from the academics as well as the athletic tradition. As a freshman, Josh played quarterback on an undefeated team, but once he became a Gael he transitioned to a receiver and scored 10 TDs as a sophomore and helped the team earn a berth in the State playoffs. Under the leadership of Coach Sheridan and Coach Jones, Josh once again took the QB reins junior and senior years, but depending on the game situation, he played wide receiver and tailback, and was the team's kicker and punter. Those years the Gaels' overall record was 23-2; both bitter losses were to the perennial powerhouse Paterson Catholic in championship games. In three years, Josh scored 43 touchdowns, 18 of which were in his senior year when he rushed for 1479 yards as the team's captain.

He earned 3rd Team All-State Non-Public, 1st Team All-County, 1st Team All-Area, and 1st Team All-League honors in football and was selected for the prestigious North/South New Jersey All-Star Game. Josh lettered in basketball all three years, captained the team, and was recognized as a 1st Team All-League Guard his senior year. The experiences at SM prepared Josh to pursue a college football career.

Josh attended the premier prep school, Milford Academy and led the football team to an 11-1 record and a National Prep School Championship. He was offered multiple scholarships and committed to the University of Akron as a defensive back. Josh played 31 games at the Division 1 level, earned All-Mac Conference Honors, and captained the defense his senior year.

After graduation from UA, Josh returned to his Alma Mater as an assistant football coach.



## ***Matt Stone '92 – Coach Award***

Matt Stone, a St. Mary graduate of 1992, was hired as the Boy's Basketball Coach for the 1997-1998 season and held the position for 14 seasons until the 2010-2011 season. At 23 years of age he became one of the youngest head coaches in Bergen County history. After finishing as St. Mary's all time leading Boy's Basketball scorer, Matt enjoyed a successful four year career playing collegiate basketball on the NCAA Division 2 level at Keene State College, where he finished among the all-time leaders in points and assists. During Matt's senior year at Keene State he finished 8th in the country in assists for Division 2 schools. Upon graduation Coach Stone began his coaching career as the Junior Varsity Coach at Wood-Ridge High School before returning home to Chestnut Street.

Throughout his 14 year Varsity Coaching career at St. Mary, Coach Stone won over 200 games, 8 BCSL National Titles and 7 BCSL National Coach of the Year Awards. His teams were selected to play in the Bergen County Jamboree 9 times and they participated in the NJSIAA State Tournament 12 out of 14 seasons. Coach Stone also was selected to coach in the prestigious Bergen Passaic All Star Game and was only the second person in the history of the event to participate as a player and later as a coach.

At the beginning of his tenure as Head Coach, Coach Stone was instrumental, with Assistant Coach Brian Good, in creating the Bill "Moose" Young Scholarship Fund and creating St. Mary's Night At The Final Four to raise monies for the Scholarship Fund and the basketball program. In over 20 years the Scholarship Fund has raised and contributed over \$200,000 to St. Mary through tuition assistance, gifts to the school, equipment for the basketball program and helping fund other basketball related expenses.

Five years ago, current Head Coach Brian Gaccione and Coach Stone started the Jack Stone Shootout at St. Mary, a High School Christmas Tournament named in honor of Coach Stone's father, Jack Stone. The event has grown to include eight high school teams and is regarded as one of the most competitive tournaments in North Jersey. Monies raised through the tournament have been used to help to improve St. Mary High School. Furniture was purchased in the Alumni Center between offices reception area, the Margaret and Wallace Tyburczy conference room (the skybox overlooking the gym) was furnished this past fall from monies raised through the Shootout. Most recently over \$7,000 worth of new weight room equipment was purchased and the entire weight room will be refurbished this spring to benefit all St. Mary students though the Jack Stone Shootout and in memory of Jack Stone.

Coach Stone also formerly coached Cross Country and Track and was fortunate to coach two Bergen County Meet of Champions winners, eight overall individual County Champion athletes and seven State Champions. A career Catholic School educator Coach Stone began his teaching career in 1996 at St. Aloysius in Jersey City before teaching at St. Mary in 1999 and has been the Director of Athletics for the past 14 years at St. Mary. Coach Stone resides in North Arlington with his wife, Liz, and their three children McKenzie, Dylan, and Brody.

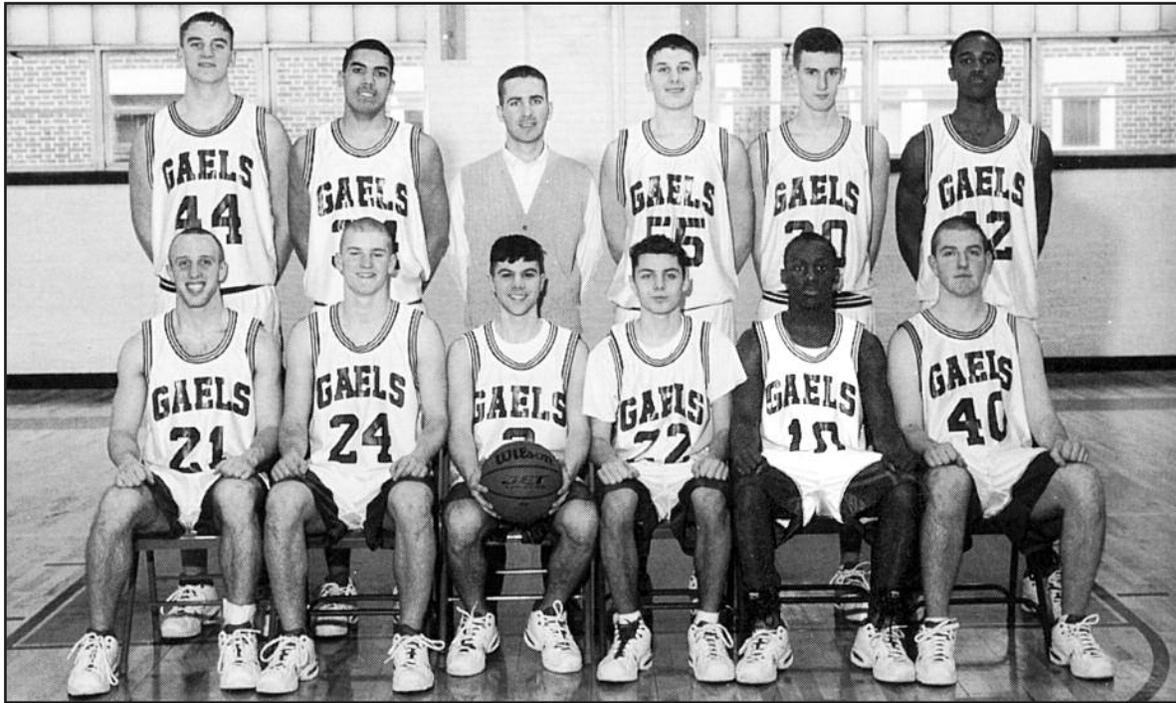
**Congratulations to the 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees!**

*Best wishes and congratulations to  
my friends and classmates from St. Luke's.*

**Your Honor is Well Deserved!**

**RICK CAPUTO '70**

*Hall of Fame 1997*



*Bottom: Matt Swetits, Joe Reid, Mark Illuzzi, Mark Paiotti, Le'Var Starr, Jonathan Chipko.  
Top: Joe Tyburczy, Steve Armstrong, Coach Stone, Justin Soccol, Russell Meyer, Justin Bridges*

## ***2000 Boys Basketball Team***

The 1999-2000 St. Mary Boys Basketball team finished the season with 21 wins and 5 losses. The team's accomplishments during the season were some of the greatest in school history and their offseason accomplishments were just as impressive. During the summer of 1999 the Gaels were invited to and participated in the prestigious Metro Classic, a one of a kind 64 team high school tournament of the best teams from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. After defeating New Jersey top ranked 20 team Mendham High School in the first round, the Gaels were defeated in a 3 point thriller by Top 10 Linden High School. In consolation round play, St. Mary went on to defeat another State top 20 team, Atlantic City High School, before falling to Shore Power Manasquan High School. The weekend tournament cemented the Gaels as force to be reckon with in the coming season.

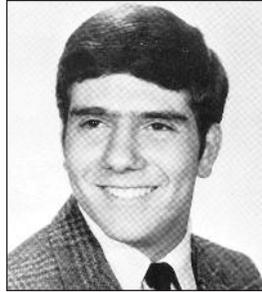
The Gaels began the 1999-2000 season by competing in the Indian Hills Christmas tournament, which was regarded as one of the top Holiday Tournaments in New Jersey. After losing to state power Memorial High School in the first round, St. Mary rebounded to beat Group 4 powerhouse Passaic County Tech in the consolation round. The Gaels then won their next ten games and headed into the Bergen County Jamboree where their selection would make history.

The 1999-2000 Boys Basketball team, with a record at the time of 12-1, were seeded #3 in the Bergen County Jamboree, the highest seeded St. Mary team in Boy's Basketball history. The Gaels advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to eventual finalist Teaneck HS. After the Jamboree St. Mary finished 17-1 in BCSL National League play and was crowned BCSL National Champions.

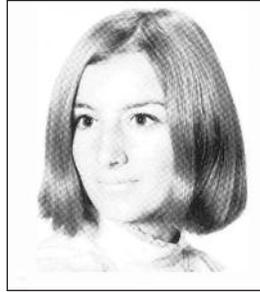
Earning the #4 seed in the State Tournament, the Gaels defeated Newark Academy in Round 1 and then, because of an antiquated seeding system, hosted the number 2 overall team in the State of New Jersey, St. Patrick's of Elizabeth, in the quarterfinals. After being down only 5 points at halftime and 11 at the end of three quarters, the record breaking season would come to an end after a respectable battle with the best the State had to offer. The 1999-2000 Gaels Boys Basketball team was one that drew sold out crowds at home and on the road, they were an attraction for all to see. Having spent 4 different weeks in the State Top 25, they proved themselves to be amongst the best teams in the State of New Jersey, and in Gaels history.



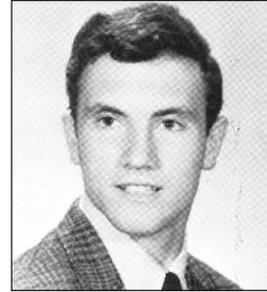
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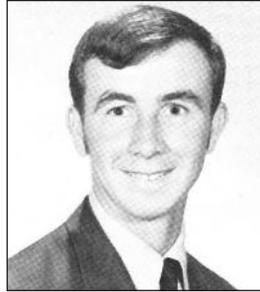
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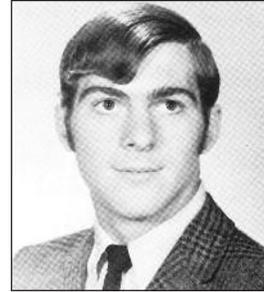
*Edward Guy*



*Peter Keenen*



*Eugene Smith*



*James von Doehren*

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**

**– Unsung Heroes –**

### ***Contributions to Athletics by Players from St. Luke's High School***

In Spring, 1969, St. Luke's High School in Ho-Ho-Kus closed its doors. This was unheard of back then since Catholic high schools were plentiful and thriving. Unfortunately, St. Luke's turned out to be the first of many great Catholic high schools to close, and this was uncharted territory for the affected students. However, something very special was in the making, and this group of gritty, focused St. Luke's students were to be the ministers of their own miracle. At that time, they did not know what was going to happen, but they were willing to find their own miracle at St. Mary. In the autumn of 1969, these hardcore, talented students and student athletes immediately found a new home and a new group of friends who embraced them without any questions. You may think that is miracle enough, but the miracle went "viral" when those athletes morphed into Gaels. Before the 1969 football season started, Coach Richie Higgins and Coach Gloria Cephas received the wonderful gift of several new, experienced, senior student athletes who transformed the Gaels into a powerhouse.

Tonight we will honor the students from St. Luke's who came to St. Mary and made great contributions to our school and to our teams. Seven athletes came to St. Mary and filled seven starting positions in football, three in boys' basketball, and one starter/co-captain in girls' basketball. Jane Ferrone played for Coach Gloria Cephas Killings' girls' basketball team and was a co-captain, leading scorer, and all-around player who made others around her better. Jimmy von Doehren was the quarterback, and nobody ran the option in our "Quick Offense" better than he could. He was a 2nd Team All-League guard in basketball, as well as a pole vaulter in track. Eddie Guy played both ways as a defensive and offensive back, receiving 1st team All-League football honors and 2nd Team All-League honors in basketball at guard. Pete Keenan played end on offense and defense, and played center and forward on the basketball team. Danny Connor was a two-way performer and Team MVP at defensive end and fullback, and Alan DiPetrillo was a strong, quick defensive interior lineman. Gene Smith also played with great vigor on defense at end and linebacker.

This is a special group of athletes and people. In their one year at St. Mary's, they made a big difference and created their own miracle.