



Together we live the Legacy that is The Daughters of Divine Charity.

Introducing Hill's New Principal

The Board of Trustees of St. Joseph Hill Academy is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Stephanie Brodeur as Principal of the Academy. Mrs. Brodeur's appointment became effective August 8, 2016, as she succeeds Angela T. Ferrando, who recently retired after serving and leading the High School successfully for twelve years.

"I am very excited to join with the faculty, staff, families, and alumnae in serving the amazing young women of Hill," said Mrs. Brodeur. "This school has a great tradition and an exciting future."



Mrs. Brodeur received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, cum laude, in English with a concentration in Communications, as well as a Masters of Arts in English and Middle School and Secondary Education from Quinnipiac University. She is currently in the final stages of completing a Doctoral degree in Education Leadership at the College of St. Elizabeth. She is joining St. Joseph Hill Academy after serving as the Assistant Principal of Academics and Technology and the Chairperson of the Communications and Technology Departments at Immaculate Heart Academy located in Washington Township, New Jersey.

While at Immaculate Heart, she oversaw the development of the Communications Department, as well as an innovative STEM program focusing on fostering creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking skills, in varied academic disciplines, not just science, mathematics, engineering and technology.

We are confident that Mrs. Brodeur's dedication to Catholic education and her unique expertise and leadership skills will help sustain St. Joseph Hill Academy's ninety-seven year history of educating and empowering young women to become principled leaders who stand ready to meet society's challenges. "The Board and the Sisters are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Brodeur to this important ministry of the Daughters of Divine Charity," said Academy President Sister M. William McGovern. "Together we will live and deepen our Legacy through her leadership."

Notes from The Editor...

The fall edition of our Newsletter is finally here and there is lots of news to share. The Sisters are proud to announce the appointment of Hill's new high school principal, Mrs. Stephanie Brodeur. They look forward to seeing how Principal Brodeur helps us continue the mission of the Daughters of Divine Charity, making God's love visible.

The Sisters established a new group of friends...members of the Amor Dei Society. These are friends who include the Daughters of Divine Charity in their wills. Read about this new giving society and how you can be a part of this.

Sadly the Sisters lost one of their own...Sister M Paschal Grand. Read about Sister and all her good works as a 68-year member of the community.

Not all Sisters live in a large house with many Sisters. Read about two of our Sisters who minister in a parish in South Bend, Indiana.

Save the date of our upcoming St. Joseph Retreat Center programs. Read more about our offerings and program descriptions.

Retreat Center Continues to Thrive:

Calendar of Events September to December



We are happy to share the news that the St. Joseph Retreat Center is thriving, with a variety of programs, retreats and guests finding their own slice of peace and solitude at the Retreat Center.

Below, you'll find some of our upcoming programs held from now to the end of the year. Don't forget to check out our website sjretreatcenter.org to get the full list of events, pricing, and how to make a reservation at the St. Joseph Retreat Center.

We hope to see you soon!

Ministry/Leadership in the Christian Tradition

September 22nd 10:00am – 3:00pm

Fee: \$50 *includes lunch*

Facilitated by Joanne Hall

Authentic Christian Ministry/Leadership is about service and expresses itself best through relationships. As leaders we need to do more than just manage or direct people. We will explore how we can become better leaders by following the example of Pope Francis, who reminds us that authentic power is SERVICE. This presentation is appropriate for those in parish ministry, school administration and Catechetical Directors.

Good News through the Arts

November 29 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Fee \$20

Facilitated by Kyle Galante

Come and explore the Divine Artist within and find a way to evangelize through the arts. This presentation will nurture personal expression that is intuitive, authentic and inspired by the Holy Spirit. The day will include scripture, music and movement, prayer, and the arts. Materials will be provided and no experience is needed.

Women on the Journey: Book Discussion

October 5th, 12th, 19th 10:30am – 12:00pm

Fee: \$15 per session | Book: \$7

Facilitated by Pat Stephens

Come and explore together Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si", Praise be to You, as we strive to reverence and cherish the beauty of our common home- our precious, fragile earth. Each reflection mirrors the unfolding glory of creation. Together we will help each other deepen our connections not only to other people, but also to all of creation in present and future generations.

12 Steps to Spirituality for Everyday Life

December 6th 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Fee \$20

Facilitated by Grace Conte

This series will help us recognize faulty patterns, beliefs and thinking that prevent us from dealing with reality in a healthy way. Come and join with others in an atmosphere of trust and safety that enables us to be transparent.

Loving Presence in South Bend

Sister Carmela Chojnacki and Sister Paula Krizancic continue the presence of the Daughters of Divine Charity in South Bend, Indiana, that began in 1961. Since there are just two Sisters now living in the convent, this is an "affiliated house" of the Congregation. But do not tell these wonderful women that they are anything but fully functional convent! Common prayer, shared meals, and recreation together are just a few of the things these two Sisters enjoy, which are exactly those activities that are inherent in Daughters every convent of the of Divine Charity.

Both Sister Carmela and Sister Paula are an integral part of

Corpus Christi Parish and School in South Bend. Sister Carmela is a "full time" substitute teacher for the school. Since school began this year Sister Carmela has been the teacher in charge of the 8th grade homeroom and teaching four religion classes and two classes of literature. She also teaches music to the upper grades three days a week.

Both Sister Carmella and Sister Paula attend Pastoral Council Meetings monthly, are a vital part of the Altar/Rosary Society, both co-lead the weekly "Why Catholic" Parish Prayers Groups in the Fall and during Lent. Sister Carmella can- ters the 5:00 PM Mass of Antic- ipation each Saturday, Sister

Paula is a Eucharistic minister and leads the parish in the Rosary before Mass on Saturday evening and after daily Mass at 8:00 AM.



Both Sisters are Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament and make a Holy Hour each week in the Eucharistic Chapel which is opened from 5:00 AM until 9:00 PM daily. Both Sisters are also substitute Adorers and take the place of other Adorers who for some reason cannot fulfill their commitment.

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In Memoriam

In 2013, a new tradition was inaugurated at St. Joseph Hill Academy. Each subsequent autumn a request is sent to all in the Hill community who wish to remember a loved one in a special way. The SJHA In Memoriam provides a donor the opportunity to include the name of a loved one who has died on a special plaque that will hang in the school chapel for a period of one year. During morning prayers, our loved ones are remembered by the student body. Religion classes visit the chapel weekly and pray for each member of this special group.

To include your loved ones in the SJHA In Memoriam, please complete the tear off below and submit in the enclosed envelope.

Please Print _____

Enclosed is my gift in the amount of \$_____ (\$10 per individual listed).

Kindly include the following on the In Memoriam plaque for the 2016-2017 school year.

Requiem in Pace Sister M. Paschal Grand



Sister M. Paschal Grand, F.D.C., a faithful Daughter of Divine Charity for 68 years passed away peacefully into

the arms of her Lord on May 5, 2016. Born in Chicago, Illinois on May 22, 1927 and baptized Adeline, she was a daughter of Adam and Mary (Dunn).

Sister Paschal professed her final vows on August 15, 1955 at St Joseph Hill Convent chapel in Arrochar, Staten Island and spent many years teaching and serving as principal in the elementary schools staffed by the Daughters of Divine Charity. While she served in many places, Sister spent many years at Corpus Christi parish in South Bend, Indiana and made many lasting friendships there.

The congregation asked her to

serve as Administrator of St. Elizabeth Briarbank, an Assisted Living Facility for Women in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan which she did for the past 22 years up until the time of her death.

In addition to her service to God's people, young and old, because of her organizational skills and leadership qualities, she was called upon by the Congregation to serve as a house superior, Provincial Superior, Councilor, Treasurer and Delegate to various chapters both in the United States and in Europe.

Her legacy was that of always putting the needs of others first and living "All for God, for the Poor and for our Congregation." This was visible by her prayerfulness, generous heart, and joy-filled life as a religious. As anyone who was lucky enough to meet Sister would tell you, she was the

most gracious hostess, evident of putting the needs of others first. As her name indicates, she also had a great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If Sister told you she was going to pray for you and your intentions before the Blessed Sacrament you were assured of most special prayers.

Sister Paschal was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Margaret Mount and Marie Urban and her brother Richard Grand. In addition to her Sisters in Religious life, she is survived by her nephews Tim Mount and Gregory Urban, niece Judy Osiecki and their families. Sister Paschal will be missed by all those whose lives she has touched especially her religious community, the families of St. Elizabeth and the friends she has made in her life of service.

May she rest in peace!

Loving Presence in South Bend

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Sister Paula is the organist for the parish and is the music teacher for the lower grades in the school two days a week.

These Sisters have an integral role at the parish picnic. Sister Paula runs the Ping Pong Toss with LIVE goldfish; Sister Carmela runs the Lucky Ducks

that swim in a kiddie pool.

By the time the picnic is over both the Sisters are a bit wetter than when they arrived!

Part of the legacy of the Sisters is taking care of their own Sisters. Once summer comes these two Sisters do not sit home and wait for September.

Sister Carmela spent this past summer at St. Elizabeth's Convent in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and Sister Paula traveled to the convent in Akron, Ohio. These Sisters volunteered their time to take care of the elderly Sisters living in these communities.

Development Office Establishes Amor Dei Society

Many religious orders of both men and women have established legacy societies for those special donors who have included the Sisters, Priests, or Brothers in their wills. This past spring the Daughters of Divine Charity established the *Amor Dei* Society to honor those donors who have included the Daughters of Divine Charity in their wills.

There are benefits to our friends who join *Amor Dei*,

which is Latin for "God's love." Members are remembered at a monthly Mass celebrated in the Sisters' chapel at St. Joseph Hill convent; they are invited to an annual luncheon with the Sisters; and they have the ability to make it clear to their heirs their own charitable priorities.

A charitable bequest enables you, the donor, to share in continuing the work of the Sisters whom you have supported during your lifetimes. Many be-

lieve that bequests are made only by the very rich. This is NOT true. Any donor can indicate an amount of money or a percentage of their inheritance in ones' will to be given at the donors' time of death.

If you are interested in joining the *Amor Dei* Society, return the reply card sent with the invitation recently mailed, or call our office at 718-720-7365 for more information.

Vacation House Raffle Proves to be a Huge Success

This spring, we raffled off two weeks at a beach house in Belmar, New Jersey to benefit the St. Joseph Retreat Center and St. Joseph Hill Academy. Congratulations to our two winners— Glenn Kaiser and Jessica Marino!

Each winner had fun in the sun all week with family and friends celebrating the 4th of July and Labor Day holidays.

We extend our congratulations to our first winner, Glenn Kaiser, an elementary school graduate with deep roots in Hill traditions. Glenn is the music director at St. Patrick's Church and his family hosts our annual



night of Caroling with the Sisters.

Congratulations to our second winner, Jessica Marino! Jessica's husband is a proud Hill graduate. Together, they look forward to sending their son, Teddy, to preschool at Hill, making him the 3rd generation in his family to attend Hill.

Although the Vacation Raffle was advertised late in the game of summer planning, it was a huge success. We are pleased to announce that through the generosity of our anonymous donor this raffle will continue in 2017. Tickets will remain at \$100 per

chance for the following dates:

4th of July: 6/28 through 6/5/2017

Labor Day: 8/31 through 9/7/2017

Stay tuned for more information about this raffle, but in the meantime, mark your calendars and dream of a week at the Jersey Shore.



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