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IN-STEP WITH TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## A YEAR IN REVIEW 2023-2024



**CLASS OF 2024** – Graduation ceremonies at Christ the Good Shepherd Church recognized Trinity Catholic graduates. All of the students this year will attend Oswego Middle School. Pictured front l-r are Mason Pauldine, Caden Victory, Ryan Battelle, Caroline Coniski, Ayla McManus, Mia Gibson, Miles Dodd, and Liam Bond. In the back row are Mr. Myles, Principal, Colton DeSantis, Nolan Sweet, Oliver Lukowski, Matthew Woodruff, Quinn Douglas, Devon Bond, Anna Canale, Nolan Verburg, and Jason Crouch.

### Trinity Catholic School Mission Statement

We are Trinity Catholic School. We follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and the mission of the Diocese of Syracuse to develop the minds, bodies, and souls of the students of Oswego County.

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**REACHING NEW HEIGHTS** – Some of the members of Trinity Catholic School Class of 2018 gathered at the school as they concluded their high school years. Shown above l-r are Quinn Joyce, Moira Spiegel, Ian Windsor, Matthew Beshures, Treyse Miller, Sean Kinney, Tyler Flack, Beatrice Rastley, Bradley Livesey, Ian Cady, Michael Paestella, David Pearson and Thi Huynh.



**COMMUNITY SERVICE** continues to be an integral part of the mission of Trinity Catholic School. A popular activity with the fifth grade class is preparing the Peace Garden, located on East 1st St. near the railroad bridge, for winter. The garden is planted and maintained by members and friends of the Sunrise Rotary Club.



**LANIGAN SPIRITUAL LIBRARY** – Starting in 2022, the Lanigan Family Foundation has donated over 1,500 books in all genres to the Trinity library. The Foundation goal is to give back in gratitude for the excellent education all 9 children of Harold & Mary Lanigan received at St. Paul's Academy/Trinity Catholic School. The mission is to enhance classroom learning with books that lead to a greater appreciation of our Catholic faith & the world we inhabit. There are books for teachers, parents, and students; all lovingly chosen by Terry Lanigan, a retired reading teacher. Shown with the newest collection of Christmas books is library volunteer, Frances Lanigan. Check out the library today!



**SUCCESS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM** – Trinity Catholic School has a long standing tradition of preparing students to succeed academically, but did you know that our students also achieve athletic success? Trinity students participate in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swim & dive, tennis, and volleyball at their respective high schools. Several students received recognition as Athletes of the Week, CNY All League, and reached NYS finals. Two 2025 OHS graduates have committed to play at the Division 1 level in college. Amanda Connelly, front 3rd from right, will play lacrosse at Fairleigh Dickinson in New Jersey and Tommy Kirwan, top row-second from left, will attend Wofford College in South Carolina to play baseball.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL



I am enjoying my third year at Trinity as the Principal. Every day, I look forward to coming to work and seeing our students grow socially and academically. I also enjoy working with a very dedicated and professional teaching and support staff. This school year our enrollment is 138 students. We expanded our 3-year-old

PK to include both full-day and half-day options. We also added a second section of PK4.

Open house for prospective students for the 2025 - 2026 school year is February 5, 2025 @6:00. All our classroom teachers will be available to welcome new families and answer any questions they may have.

This past spring, 100% of our students in grades 3 - 6 took both the NYS test in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math as computer-based tests. For ELA 63 % of our students scored at Level 3 or 4. For Math,

almost 74% of our students scored at Level 3 or 4. Students scoring at Level 4 excel in standards for their grade. Students scoring at Level 3 are proficient in standards for their grade. According to the data listed in The Palladium Times (November 22, 2024), TCS students significantly outperformed all Oswego County schools. I am very pleased with our students' overall performance on these tests, which not only shows academic growth but a dedication to their academics.

– Peter Myles

# Trinity Catholic School Scholarship Awards

Trinity Catholic Scholarship Awards are made based on the criteria established by the donor. Consideration may be based on service, number of children attending TCS, Catholic identity, need, character, and academic performance.

### Cullinan Scholarships

Cardone Family     Dodd Family  
Carroll Family     Gilkey Family  
Cummings Family     Malone Family  
DeSantis Family     Pytlak Family  
Digby Family     Verberg Family

### Merrill & Mary Agnes Young Scholarship

Taylor Asmus     Charlotte Gilkey  
Mila Bateman     Isabella Graves  
John Bosco

### Al & Anne Pisa Scholarship

Greyson Sugar     Anthony Talamo

### Mac & Mary McElhone Scholarship

Isabel Baldwin     Anthony Talamo

### Lysbeth Santon Scholarship

Claire Crouch

### Fr. Quigley Scholarship

Michael Ohnmacht

### LaLa Ponzi Scholarship

Ari Otokiti     Claire Sprowson

### Legacy Scholarships

Lucy Carroll     Pritchard  
Claire Crouch     Elsie Verburg  
Michael Ohnmacht     Kerrigan  
Kerrigan

### Mary Alice & Bronislaw Zaryski Scholarship

Sarah Stevens

### Joan Leonard Scholarships

Ella Buske     Charlotte Gilkey  
Catherine Canale     Samantha Gurney  
Clare Carroll     Jana Lorenz  
Carly Cummings     Violet Malone  
Elsie Verburg     Kalin Sprowson  
Vivian Fenske

### Owen Schwartz Award

Oliver Lukowski

### John Sugar Scholarship

Michael Digby

### Laborer's Local #633

Samuel Terpening

### Evan & Florence Walsh Scholarship

Ellie Martin

### Joe & Shirley Sugar Scholarship

George Pytlak

### Fr. Scardella Scholarship

Violet Malone

### Jane Conaway Award

Colton DeSantis

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Vivian Malone

### Mary Fran Ratigan Scholarship

Ethan Miller

### Betty Bateman Scholarship

Elliot Bateman

### Rev. Richard Morissette Scholarship

Elliot Bateman     Jerico Julian  
Ella Buske     Violet Malone  
Catherine Canale     Kerrigan Pritchard  
Sophia DeSantis     Eila Smithers  
Cameron Fenske     Anthony Talamo

### Light the Way Awards

Lucy Carroll     Claire Sprowson  
Sophia DeSantis     Greyson Sugar  
Silas Henderson     Elsie Verburg  
Torin Mott

### Academic Merit Awards

Lucy Bozek     Ari Otokiti  
Catherine Canale     Kerrigan Pritchard  
Michael Digby     Samuel Terpening  
Isabella Graves

### Eugene & Julie Saloga Scholarships

Baldwin Family     Julian Family  
Bateman Family     Koscielniak Family  
Burdick Family     Malone Family  
Buske Family     Molinari Family  
Canale Family     Moody Family  
Carroll Family     Mott Family  
Casper Family     Musico Family  
Castillo Family     Nelson Family  
Clark Family     Ohnmacht Family  
Cummings Family     Otokiti Family  
Dator Family     Perry Family  
DeSantis Family     Pritchard Family  
Digby Family     Pytlak Family  
Driscoll Family     Runge Family  
Fenske Family     Smithers Family  
Gibson Family     Sprowson Family  
Gilmore Family     Sugar Family  
Gurney Family     Terpening Family  
Henderson Family     Victory Family

### Annual Fund Service Based Awards

Bateman Family     LeBaudy Family  
Buske Family     Miles Family  
Canale Family     Miller Family  
Carroll Family     Molinari Family  
Casper Family     Moody Family  
Castillo Family     Mott Family  
Crouch Family     Musico Family  
Cummings Family     Nelson Family  
Dator Family     Ohnmacht Family  
DeSantis Family     Otokiti Family  
Digby Family     Perry Family  
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Fenske Family     Pytlak Family  
Gibson Family     Runge Family  
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Graves Family     Sprowson Family  
Gurney Family     Sugar Family  
Hein Family     Talamo Family  
Henderson Family     Terpening Family  
Inzalaco Family     Verburg Family  
Julian Family     Victory Family  
Koscielniak Family



# TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DONORS

## 2023-2024

(Donations received as of June 30, 2024)

3 Sisters Gifts	Circle T Enterprise	Gibby's Irish Pub	Molinari, M/M Ronald	Rooftop Lounge	Sugar, M/M Bob <i>in memory of Janet &amp; Pat Matthews</i>
5 Points Wine & Liquor	Coleman, Lou Anne	Gibson, M/M Joe <i>in memory of Mike Gibson</i>	Morisette, Rev. Richard	Ruttan, Mrs. Noreen	Sugar, M/M Bob <i>in memory of Pat Battelle</i>
Ancient Order of Hibernians	Compass Credit Union	Gilkey, Caitlin Reynolds	Nelson Funeral Home	Sausage Shack	Sunoco
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies Auxiliary	Conaway, M/M Frank <i>in memory of Jane Conaway</i>	GJP	Nicholson, M/M Robert & family	Shanley-Graves Law Firm	Texas Roadhouse
Aqua Spa	Conaway, M/M Frank <i>in memory of Owen Schwartz</i>	Good Guys Barber Shop	O'Brien, M/M Will <i>in memory of Jaye O'Brien</i>	Shannon, M/M David <i>in memory of LaTulip &amp; Shannon Families</i>	The Fuse
Azteca Mexican Grill	Connelly, M/M Robert	GS Steamers	O'Brien, Margaret <i>in memory of M/M Lawrence O'Brien</i>	Sheridan, Gina	the river's end bookstore
Baer, M/M Geoff	C's Beverage Center	Hageny, Robert	Olson, M/M Andrew	Six Scoops	Todd, M/M Don
Bateman, Corine	Crouch. J.T.	Hageny, Robert <i>in memory of Carolyn Spath</i>	Ontario Orchards	Smegelsky, Rev. John	Vayner, Eleanor
Baxter, M/M Lyle	Curley, Barbara	Holgado, M/M Philip	Oswego Cinema	Splash Water Park	Victory Creative Sound
Bertonneau, Susan	Dator, Carlos Jr. MD	Holy Trinity Altar Society	Oswego County Farm Bureau <i>in memory of Joan Osypiewski</i>	Stone Creek Golf Club	Walsh, M/M Evan
Bison Scholarship Fund	Davis Bros.	Jabbers Wing Sauce	Oswego County Federal Credit Union	St. Vincent dePaul Society <i>in memory of Mac &amp; Mary McElhone</i>	Wolfe, M/M Andrew
Bornheimer, M/M Kevin, <i>in memory of Mary Fran Ratigan</i>	Donovan, M/M Peter	James Comerford Memorial Fund	Oswego Family Dentistry	Sugar, M/M Joe <i>in memory of Joe &amp; Shirley Sugar</i>	Young, Fran <i>in memory of Merrill &amp; Mary Agnes Young</i>
Boronkay, M/M John <i>in memory of Carolyn Spath</i>	Dowdle, Adrian	K of C Council #254	Oswego Co. Labor Council	Sugar, M/M Joe <i>in honor of Peg</i>	
Cabrini Health Foundation	Dowdle Funeral Home	Kieper, Linda <i>in memory of Al &amp; Ann Pisa</i>	Oswego Mechanical	Sugar, Mary <i>in memory of John Sugar</i>	
Cady, Charlotte	Eagle Beverage	Laborer's Local 633	Oswego Speedway	Sugar, M/M Bob <i>in memory of Michael Shanley</i>	
Cafalone, M/M Dick <i>in memory of Carolyn Spath</i>	Elk's Club	Lagraf's Pub	Palmer, Mark	Sugar, M/M Bob <i>in memory of Jack Pidgeon</i>	
Cafalone, M/M Dick <i>in memory of Frances Cenaro</i>	Enwright, M/M Martin <i>in memory of Brandon</i>	Lake City Police Club	Palmer, Pamela	Sugar, M/M Bob <i>in memory of Carolyn Spath</i>	
Canale's Insurance	Fajita Grill	Lalande, Dc. John	The Press Box	Sugar, M/M Bob <i>in memory of Philip Sugar</i>	
Canale's Restaurant	Farrell, M/M Robert	Lebaudy Law Office	Pritchard, M/M Ryan <i>in memory of Dan Atkinson</i>		
Catholic Schools Office	Fierro, M/M Mark	Leprechaun League	Proper Pest		
Campbell, M/M Gordon	Furdi's Modular Homes	Man in the Moon Candies	Raby's		
Chamberlain, Carol <i>in memory of David</i>	Garafalo's Importing	Mattot, M/M Edward	Reiner, M/M Michael		
	Gemily Acres	McKinstry, M/M Robert			
	Generation Bridge (NRG)	McNamara, Michael			





**THE SAVE TO SEND** project successfully distributed school supplies to 88 students at Sangcol Elementary School, Laoang, Northern Samar in the Philippines. Trinity Catholic School students, staff, and families collected school supplies and drawstring bags to be provided to each student during Catholic Schools' Week, 2024. The donation also included food, through the generosity of Step One Creative.



Our marvelous moms and grandmas were recognized by our Kindergarten students at the Mother's Day Mass. A May Crowning, recognizing the importance of Mother Mary in the life of Jesus, concluded the celebration.



A series of mini plays depicting the Nativity theme were presented by students in grades 3 through 6 in December. The students prepared for the performance in the school's new Drama class, under the direction of Ms. Lyndsie Jones.



**THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** were reenacted for the school community in preparation for Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.



**SHANE BOND®** challenged the fastest TCS boy and girl on the obstacle course at Sports' Day. This year marks the end of an era of the Bond Family at Trinity, after 14 years and five children. L-R: Peyton, Devon, Liam, Kaelyn and Shane Bond. Thank you for all you've done for TCS!



**SPORTS' DAY** is an annual celebration for students in PreK-Grade 6.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK** is a national celebration which recognizes the impact and excellence of the work done by our Catholic Schools and their staff. These students gathered at Sunday Mass to kick off the week's activities.





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## UPCOMING DATES

**Feb. 5th** Open House  
**April 26th** Trash & Treasure Sale & BBQ  
**May 31st** Golf Tournament



# CALLING ALL ALUMNI

We are currently compiling a list of all our alumni. We are asking all alumni of St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Paul's, Holy Family, Immaculate Conception, Fulton Catholic, or OCHS/Bishop Cunningham to email the school, [adefazio@syrdiocese.org](mailto:adefazio@syrdiocese.org), with their Name, Address, Email Address, School Attended & Year of Graduation.



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