



ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA BEACON NEWS

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THE PILLAR FUND IS SET TO CHANGE SEA FOREVER

As part of the St. Joseph by-the-Sea family, there is so much to be proud of: Our tradition of excellence is strong, the campus is as beautiful as ever, and the most faithful and talented students walk the halls each and every day. As alumni, we can all agree that our top priority is to ensure that future generations have the same opportunity that we all did: To call Sea home.

Our Pillar Fund puts that sentiment into action. Your donations directly benefit students from across Staten Island and even in the surrounding boroughs and New Jersey, who dream of coming to Sea but simply cannot afford it. The fund helps make Sea affordable for students in need by providing financial aid, funding academic scholarships, and keeping tuition from increasing significantly. There are so many examples of students whose lives were forever changed because we were able to make a Catholic education at Sea a reality for them. It is our fundamental hope that that number continues to grow and grow.

Each year, the Pillar Fund Dinner celebrates the importance of giving and

The 2025 Pillar Fund Dinner Honorees



Dr. Theodore Strange
will receive the
Founders Award.

Mrs. Kathleen Ferman
will receive the Teacher
of Excellence Award.

Mrs. Susan Lapetina Angelico,
Class of 1993, and Mr. Sal Adragna,
Class of 1989, will receive the
Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The 2025 Chairman: Paul Cordasco, Class of 2000



gives us all the opportunity to remind ourselves of our mission. After the success of last year's dinner, we have asked Paul Cordasco, Class of 2000, to chair the 2025 banquet in the hopes that he will bring even more awareness to fellow alumni.

It is in that spirit that we invite you to this year's dinner on April 10 at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn (you can purchase tickets at josephsea.org), and to consider making a significant sacrificial pledge to our St. Joseph's Pillar Fund. The Pillar Fund is our vehicle for unrestricted giving to St. Joseph by-the-Sea. All donations are tax-deductible. To make your pledge, visit josephsea.org or call the main line at 718.984.6500 and ask for our Development Office.

We are always hearing from alumni who say that their four years at St. Joseph by-the-Sea were some of the best of their lives, and it is our dream to give all students who wish to come to Sea that same experience, regardless of their financial status. We hope that you can help us make that dream a reality!

To make a contribution to our Pillar Fund, visit josephsea.org and click on the "Pillar Fund" tab.

ATTENTION, CLASS OF 1975 - THIS ONE'S FOR YOU!

Let's celebrate 50 years since your graduation from St. Joseph by-the-Sea! Members of your class have been in touch and we are hosting your 50th Reunion at the school on Saturday, June 21st, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person and you'll get the chance to tour the

school, enjoy a nice meal catered by Osteria Santina, and catch up with your classmates to celebrate this major milestone.

You can purchase tickets at josephsea.org/alumni, and we ask that you continue to spread the word to make this reunion another success!



HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS ARE MORE FUN ON CAMPUS!



Members of the Class of 1984 gather in the auditorium.



Members of the Class of 1974 gather in the courtyard.



Members of the Class of 2004 sit in a classroom.



Members of the Class of 1999 pose in the Dining Hall.



The 1999 JV baseball team celebrates the 25th anniversary of their City Championship win.

There's a new growing tradition here on the St. Joseph by-the-Sea campus: Alumni are coming back for their class reunions! The events feature a buffet by Osteria Santina, tours of the building, lots of reminiscing, and more.

In the past year alone, we have welcomed the Classes of 1974, 1984, 1999, 2004, and 2005, and the 1999 JV Baseball City Champs. We also host sports reunions regularly.

Celebrating a "banner" reunion in the coming year? If you want to inquire about your own class's reunion or volunteer to be a class leader to help spread the word, email Jackie Lauria at lauriaj@josephsea.org. We hope to see many of you back at our beloved school soon!

RUGBY IS THE NEW SPORT TO WATCH!



High school is all about trying new things — maybe you joined a team on a whim and it turned into a lifelong passion for you, or maybe you went to college on a scholarship because of your athletic career at St. Joe's.

Current Vikings have a number of sports to choose from, and now rugby has been added to the list. As the only high school on the Island to offer the sport during our inaugural season in 2024, our players felt the importance of the moment as they made their mark, playing against schools like Fordham Prep and Xavier High School. Season two starts very soon!

FROM CLASSMATE TO FIANCÉ!

There's a long tradition of married couples who can say they met at St. Joseph by-the-Sea. Victoria Todd and Kenneth Tobin, Class of 2018, can credit alphabetized seating for their love story! When it was time to take engagement photos, the couple knew Sea was the perfect place. "It felt like a

full-circle moment because Sea represents the foundation of our relationship," says Victoria, who is now a math teacher at Sea. "We wanted to capture that in the place where it all started." Congratulations to the happy couple, who plan to marry this fall with Father Reilly as the celebrant!



A VIKING IN THE VARSITY CLUB



When it comes to awards on Staten Island, the Varsity Club is as exclusive as they come. Each year, the honor is bestowed upon only one scholar-athlete, and in 2024, Sea's own Soren Anderson was the recipient of the prestigious accolade.

Soren, a member of the Class of 2024 and a Student of Excellence, has competed in the PGA Jr. Tour and is currently finishing up his first year at Penn State University, where he competes at the D1 level.

When we received the call about his Varsity Club honor, we were reminded of the other Sea alumni who won the award (see left) over the years.

Soren is in good company with these former Viking Varsity Club recipients:

- 1982, Edward Pavia
- 2000, Jason DelRey
- 2004, Jesse Carlin





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FIRST-EVER "ALL-IN DAY" AT ST. JOSEPH BY-THE-SEA!

Want to celebrate all that Sea has to offer? Make sure you're by the phone on Tuesday, March 18th, for St. Joseph by-the-Sea's first-ever "All-In Day"! Former and current faculty members and coaches will be making calls to ask alumni to pledge an annual gift to our Pillar Fund. All donations will go directly toward ensuring that Catholic education remains affordable for future generations.

On this day, we plan to celebrate what Sea has meant to all of us, and what it could mean to future students.

Ready to donate now? Use the QR code at right to make your pledge.

