

St. Stanislaus to induct 2016 Hall of Fame class

On Saturday evening, St. Stanislaus Parish will induct ten new individuals into its Hall of Fame.

"Each of the men and women going into the Hall are involved with one of the programs in the parish," said John Saleirno, president of the St. Stanislaus Endowment Committee. "We have so many great people involved with the school, church, sports, scouts and spiritual community. It's difficult to pick so few."

The Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on April 16 in the St. Stanislaus School Hall in Maspeth, with nearly 200 people expected to attend.

Father Joseph Palackal

Father Joseph Palackal is long-time priest at St. Stanislaus Church, where he started the children's choir and the junior lector program a decade ago.

Palackal is most proud of his work with the Aramaic Project, which documents the language that Jesus and his disciples spoke and preached the Gospel. The Library of Congress and New York Public Library have begun documenting his work.

He credits the generous support of Fr. Paul Wood and the parishioners of St. Stanislaus Kostka and Transfiguration Churches for the success of this project.

Palackal holds degrees in theology and psychology, and a doctoral degree in musicology from the City University of New York. He is no stranger to theatre and song.

In 1990, he made his debut in New York with a guest appearance in the off-Broadway show *Nunsense* at Douglas Fairbanks Theater, singing a Christian devotional song in Hindi. He has also performed at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Princeton University, and the Miller Theater at Columbia University.

James Regan

James Regan is the principal of Martin Luther School, where he graduated in 1976 and returned as a teacher in 1981. He has been the Director of Athletics at Martin Luther since 1985, and in 1986 he founded the Private Schools Athletic Association.

As president of the PSAA, Regan is responsible for developing and coordinating 18 different interscholastic athletic conferences for boys and girls serving 32 schools in the metropolitan area.

Martin Luther shares its athletic facilities with St. Stan's for its CYO basketball program.

"We are fortunate to be able to share our athletic facilities and values in education, as well as resources in the community," he said. "It's a pleasure to work with St. Stans here in Maspeth."

Born and raised in Flushing, Regan has a bachelor's degree from St. John's University, and master's degrees in physical education and education supervision and administration from Adelphi University and Columbia University, respectively.

"I am humbled and honored," he said of his induction. "The collective effort that St. Stan's and Martin Luther puts out working together for quality Christian education for the children of Maspeth is important."



Susan Kausch

Susan Kausch has been involved as a parent of a St. Stan's student since 1991, when her son entered the pre-K program. She says she immediately knew she had found a wonderful school for her children.

Her daughter entered St. Stan's four years later and graduated in 2005.

Kausch was a model mom, chaperoning class trips and participating in various school events without hesitation. She later worked at St. Stan's as a pre-K aide, and in 2004 took the post of school librarian, which she held until her retirement in 2015.

"I have met so many wonderful people at St. Stan's and have made lasting friendships," she said. "My years at St. Stan's have been very rewarding and enjoyable. I am very happy to have had the opportunity to be a part of the St. Stan's community."

Donald J. Kasten

Donald J. Kasten graduated from St. Stanislaus Kostka Elementary School, and is considered by many to be one of its most successful alumni.

Kasten joined the NYPD in 1962 and served in the Tactical Police Force. In 1966, he was promoted to detective and was eventually assigned to the 104th Precinct, serving the very community where he grew up.

Along with running mate Kenneth Rudzewick, he organized the popular Maspeth Federal Savings Fun Run. Kasten has numerous marathons to his credit, as well as four triathlons.

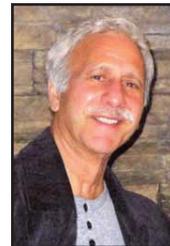
Kasten retired from the police department after 20 years of service. In 1981, he co-founded Advantage Security, which has grown into one of the largest private security companies in New York City, with many Fortune 500 companies as their clients.

He settled in Maspeth where he raised two daughters, Christine and Lynn, who like their father before them, attended St. Stanislaus. Maspeth Federal Savings elected Kasten to the its Board of Directors on October 16, 2001, where he continues to serve the Maspeth community.



Joseph Fleri

Joseph Fleri has been a staple at St. Stanislaus Church services for two decades, and is being recognized for his dedication. He was also a coach for his sons' sports teams throughout their youth, and John and Rob will stand beside him when he is entered into the Hall of Fame Saturday evening.



Robert Hutter

Robert Hutter was born in Brooklyn in 1939, grew up in Glendale, and attended Sacred Heart Grammar School and Most Holy Trinity High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Excelsior College.

He joined the Army National Guard in March of 1961 and was assigned to D Company, 165th Infantry Regiment (formerly known as the Fighting 69th of New York). He was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant in 1966.

In 1987, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and assumed command of the First Battalion, 69th Infantry in 1989. He retired from the National Guard in 1992.

In 1961, Hutter graduated from the Police Academy, and his first assignment was with the 90th Precinct in Williamsburg. He later transferred to the 104th Precinct, and after 34 years of service he retired as a third-grade detective.

Hutter joined Ridgewood Sav-

ings Bank as security supervisor in 1995 and retired in 2006. He presently lives in Maspeth with his wife Theresa, and is the proud father of three daughters, Linda, Deborah, and Tricia.

"My three daughters attended St. Stan's in the late 1970s and 1980s," he said. "Living in Maspeth as a person who believed in Catholic education, St. Stan's was an important institution in the growth of their lives and for the way my family lives."

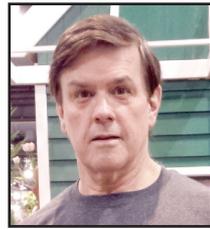


Nicholas Manos

Nicholas Manos was a track and field coach at St. Stan's for 11 years. He and his wife Pat were married at St. Stan's in 1979 and have been members of the parish ever since.

During that time they raised two daughters, Cassandra and Cynthia, and both girls are graduates of St. Stanislaus Kostka and Christ the King High School. In addition, Manos has served the parish as an usher and member of the Baptismal Committee for more than a decade.

Manos was born in Manhattan and is a graduate of St. Joan of Arc in Jackson Heights, Mater Christi High School in Astoria and Manhattan College in Riverdale. He has been a college professor at the City University of New York in the Department of Restorative Dentistry for 35 years.



William Smallwood

William Smallwood will be inducted into the Hall of Fame posthumously. A Boy Scout through and through, he had passion and drive to make sure kids knew that adults cared about them.

While his sons Joseph and David were at St. Stan's, Bill took charge of Cub Scouts Pack 312. He was what the Boy Scouts call a "true leader." The Queens Council named the borough-wide Pinewood Derby for Smallwood shortly after his untimely death in 2006.

After spending 20 years with the NYPD, Smallwood joined Martin Luther School, teaching forensics and earth science. According to

