

THEN + NOW PROJECT

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Joe Stein and I am the Youth Committee Chair for St. Patrick Church's Capital Improvement Committee.

St. Patrick Church and School have a long history in Downtown York. In 2016 the school celebrated its 165th year of providing Catholic education to students. On September 11, 2018, our Parish will celebrate the 120th anniversary of the dedication of the current church. It is this long and storied history of which I wish to share with the current students of St Patrick's school and religious education program.

In my role as Youth Committee Chair, I would like to convey some of the past history to the present through what I have termed, the "Then and Now Project." This Project is designed to reach out to you, the Priests, Nuns, lay teachers, staff and alumni of the past and ask you to share your thoughts and memories of your time at St. Patrick's church or school. I am looking for stories, notes, or pictures that you cherish, and these items will then be shared with today's students. If desired, you may choose to accept letters and/or pictures from current staff and students, telling you about their experiences at St. Patrick's.

This year, the Parish will be kicking off a Capital Improvement Campaign to raise funds necessary to restore and preserve the facilities of the parish. The many years of activity and weather have worn out structures, foundations and surrounding grounds. I have attempted to develop the Then and Now Project that demonstrates to our children the importance of these buildings and grounds and how they have impacted the lives of those who taught, worshipped, or learned here for a few or many years. My hope is that it will provide the children with an understanding of why the Parish will be working hard to restore and preserve these buildings for future generations.

Any and all stories, pictures or other memories you wish to share are greatly appreciated. Consider a special mass, a funny moment in the classroom, your First Holy Communion, sports, weddings, holidays or anything else that comes to mind. The best way to submit pictures/stories is to my email address, jstein550@comcast.net. Hard copies may be submitted via mail to:

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Please indicate if you wish to hear back from today's students and staff.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Joe Stein