

All-Inclusive Class Reunion Shamrock Hall of Fame Induction

Saturday November 5, 2022



Honoring Anniversary Classes

1977 · 1982 · 1987 · 1992 · 1997 · 2002 · 2007 · 2012 · 2017



SAINT PATRICK
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PROGRAM

5:00 p.m.

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

6:00 p.m.

Cocktails

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

Welcome | Ralph Scorio '10

Invocation | Br. David Galinski, F. S. C.

Remarks | Dan Santucci '02, President

8:00 p.m.

Alumni Awards | Class Photos | School Tours

9:00 p.m.

Cocktails

Hall of Fame Inductee

1970-71 Football Team



The Saint Patrick Football program has had many outstanding individuals throughout history and some very good teams. The 1970-1971 Football season was certainly a season to remember. Under the leadership of head coach Larry Scannell, this talented group of men brought great pride to Saint Patrick High School.

The 1970-71 Saint Patrick Football team dominated their conference, finishing with a 9-1 record in the Suburban Catholic League! Like Basketball, this was the first year playing in the Suburban Catholic Conference after many years in the Chicagoland Prep League. The football team captured the East Division Championship by defeating neighborhood rival Notre Dame. The Shamrocks defeated the West Division Champion, Marmion Military Academy, to claim the Suburban Catholic Conference Championship and finished in the top 10 for state.

Coaches: Larry Scannell, Frank Bauer*,
Paul Camastro*, Tom Buscarini*, Mark Cummings*

Lawrence Andrews	Tony Giovannetti	Timothy P. O'Leary*
Doug Baran	Stephen Griffin	Gerald Oliveri
Michael Callahan	John Jordan*	Kenneth Potempa
William Carroll	Jerome Killian	Terrance Quane
Lawrence Casey	Richard Klein*	Richard Rakoczy*
Timothy Chambers	Gary Knops	Pete Schmit
Timothy Clark	Gary Landem	James Skelly
Gary Didier	William Mandis	Joseph Sorgani*
John Dorn	Richard Marek	Nick Sorrentino
John Duff*	John Marsden	Roman Szumnarski*
Michael Ferrara	Michael McKiernan	Vincent Tornes
Ron Ferraro	Kevin Mullarkey	Bernard Wise
Charlie Fiduccia	Jim Munroe*	Kenneth Zigmunt
James Finneke	Thomas Muraski	
Terry Gaughan	Walter Narajowski	

* deceased

Hall of Fame Inductee

Gary Didier '71



Gary Didier was a 4-year football player (1967-1971) at Saint Patrick High School. Didier was a 4-year starter on teams with a combined 31-3-1 record that collectively won three Conference Championships. After he led the freshman team to a 7-0 record and a Conference Championship, Didier was named captain of the sophomore team that finished 8-1. In his junior year, the Shamrocks took home the Conference Championship and finished with a record of 7-1-1. In Didier's senior year, he was named captain and the Shamrocks, who finished with a 9-1 record, were once again crowned Conference Champions.

Didier was always on the field as he played offense, defense and special teams. With rushing leader Nick Sorrentino unable to play in the team's senior year Conference Championship Game due to an injury, Didier rushed for 103 yards, recovered two fumbles, and shadowed the opponent's All-Conference halfback, limiting him to one touchdown. During his senior year, Didier ran for 700 yards on 135 carries for an average of 5+ yards per carry.

Didier was selected to the SCC All-Conference team and presented with the Golden Helmet Award by the Chicago Tribune as a Prep All Star. He was also selected as All-Area Special Mention and All-State Honorable Mention.

Upon graduation, Didier was recruited by a number of colleges, most notably the Ivy league schools (Yale, Dartmouth, Columbia, Brown, Cornell) and the Army, Navy and Air Force academies. Gary chose to "walk on" to the Northwestern University football team coached by

Alex Agase. He was offered, but declined, a partial football scholarship at the end of his freshman year.

Didier graduated from Northwestern University with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Management Science, and earned his MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern.

Gary had a successful 40-year career in the financial services industry, primarily working with large banks and investment management companies. He worked for companies around the country, and his family lived in several places including Atlanta, Detroit, Cleveland, San Francisco and Richmond, VA. He's also had the good fortune to manage teams of people located across the U.S. (including Atlanta, Houston, Chicago, NYC, San Francisco, Ft. Lauderdale, Detroit, Cleveland and Richmond), and the world (including Toronto, London, Frankfurt, Hyderabad, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Taipei and Sydney). After logging 2 million air miles and spending 1.5 years worth of nights in hotel rooms, Gary retired in 2016 after serving 10 years as the Chief Technology Officer for Invesco, one of the largest, global, independent investment firms.

Didier says, "It's a tremendous honor and privilege to be inducted into the Shamrock Hall of Fame. I'm very proud and also humbled by St Pat's honoring me in this way. It's also a great pleasure and rare blessing to have played with a three-time champion Hall of Fame team, four Hall of Fame coaches and three teammates who've also been individually inducted into the Hall of Fame. It doesn't get any better than that!"

Hall of Fame Inductee

1970-71 Basketball Team



The Saint Patrick basketball program has had many outstanding individuals throughout its history and some very good teams. The 1970-71 Basketball season was certainly a season to remember. Under the leadership of head coach Max Kurland, the talented

group of young men on the team brought great pride to Saint Patrick High School.

The 70-71 team dominated their conference, finishing 8-1 in the competitive East Suburban Catholic Conference in their first year in the league. The Shamrocks finished the regular season with a record of 26-5, tying the 1959-60 team for the most wins in a season. The 70-71 team won the Saint Patrick Thanksgiving Tournament and finished in 3rd place at the Carbondale Christmas Holiday Tournament. The team captured the East Division Championship by beating Notre Dame twice and breaking their neighborhood rival's win streak. Like the football team, the Basketball team defeated the West Champion, Marmion Military Academy, to claim the Suburban Catholic Conference Championship. The Shamrocks went on to win the Regional and advance to the Sectional Finals before losing to Oak Lawn, the eventual State Runner-Up. During their four years, the players on the '70-'71 team were coached by three hall of fame coaches: Joe Schmidt, Bill Geist and Max Kurland.

Coaches: Max Kurland*, Joe Schmidt

Doug Baran	Francis Kohn*	Pete Schmit
Robert Butkiewicz	Tim Lorenz	Gary Staniec*
James Christensen*	Terrance McNulty*	Michael Wilson
Jerry Franklin	James Olesky	John Zotti
Stanley Grokulsky	John Roche	Kenneth Zygmunt

* deceased



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SHAMROCK HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Raymond Adams '32 *
Basketball

Michael Bailey
Basketball

Thomas Bamber '49 *
Basketball

Douglas Baran '72
Basketball, Football, Tennis

Frank Bauer *
Coach, Faculty Member

Allen Belli '60 *
Personal Achievement

Leonard Bertolini '83
Basketball

Anthony Bertuca '67
Football

Dan Bolger '04
Basketball, Football

Steve Boska '64
Football

Thomas Buscarini *
Coach, Faculty Member

Joseph Cermak '04
Golf

Matt Cermak '06
Golf

Michael Christopoulos
Personal Achievement

Vito Cinquepalmi '89
Football

Sal Cirrincione '66
Football

John Coen '09
Volleyball

Niall Collins
Coach

Patrick Compabasso '69
Basketball

Robert Cotter '67
Football

Pat Crawford '88
Baseball

Maurice "Pat" Cronin '52 *
Football

Michael J. Cunningham '64
Cross Country

Anthony D'Andrea '86
Baseball

Brian P. DeGustino '91
Football

Fred Dempsey *
Coach, Athletic Director

Gary Didier '71
Football

Br. Konrad Diebold, FSC *
Personal Achievement

Patrick Duggan '90
Wrestling

Ryan Duggan '96
Wrestling

Timothy Duggan '95
Wrestling, Football

Patrick Dunn '50 *
Basketball

Gerald "Red" Dwyer '50 *
Parent Volunteer

Jefferey Dyra '95
Football

Mark Ellsworth '80
Tennis

Joe Fagiano '07
Wrestling

Daniel Farrell '66
Football

Joseph Fiandaca '82
Wrestling

Michael Fiandaca '80
Football, Wrestling

Br. Leo Forgette, FSC *
Athletic Director

William Freeney '88
Football

Terry Frigo '97
Basketball

Pat Gamboney '03
Football, Wrestling

William Geist '62
Basketball

Jason Genova '05
Basketball & Football

Marty Gibson '82
Water Polo, Swimming Coach

Ettore Giovannetti*
Parent Volunteer

Anthony Giovannetti '71
Football

Brian Glorioso
Athletic Director, Coach

Anthony Griffin '92
Football

Michael Gumiel '94
Football

Jerome Hanrahan '63 *
Football

Michael Haugen '85 *
Wrestling

Ronald Hernandez '97
Water Polo/Swimming

Peter Hester*
Coach

Frank Hollendonner '63
Basketball

Mr. & Mrs. Neil Jensen *
Friends

Vince Johnson '08
Track and Field

John Kane '85
Wrestling

William Keating '62 *
Football

Jack Kernan *
Athletic Director

Jonathan Kerr '90
Football

Joseph King '36 *
Basketball

Brian Kopf '91
Basketball/Football

Dennis Kozlowski '60
Basketball

Max Kurland *
Coach

Bruce Lang '85
Football

Thomas Leonard '70
Football and Track

Raymond J. Leopold '63
Personal Achievement

Patrick Levar '69
Personal Achievement

Pat Leyden '89
Football

Allen J. Lindner '62
Personal Achievement

Curtis Lipsey '88
Football

Russell P. Lucas '81
Football Coach/Admin.

David Lurie '84
Water Polo

Wayne P. Luthringshausen '62 *
Personal Achievement

James Lynch '89
Water Polo

Thomas Mahoney '66 *
Football, Faculty Member

Jack Maniscalco '99
Basketball

Matt Marino '04
Basketball

Carlos Martinez '68 *
Basketball

Frank Mattucci '71 & Family*
Coach, Parent, Volunteer

James Maurer '64
Personal Achievement

Timothy McGarigle '02
Football

Emmett McGovern '75
Basketball

Thomas McKiernan '68
Football, Basketball

Br. Terence McLaughlin, FSC
Administrator

SHAMROCK HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

William McManaman '65
Basketball

Edwin J. Meirkort '77
Personal Achievement

Raymond Meyer '33 *
Basketball, Coach

James Mitchell '77 *
Wrestling

William Moriarty '79
Football

Joseph Morrison '61
Personal Achievement

Chris Mroz '02
Basketball

Michael Mroczek '85
Wrestling

Joseph Mullarkey Family
Personal Achievement

Richard C. Muller '59 *
Faculty Service-

New Colony Six
Personal Achievement

Mark Nichol '77
Basketball

Timothy Nolan '80
Basketball

James Oleksy '72
Basketball

Richard Ostriker '69
Football

Joseph Ozimek '88
Water Polo, Swimming

Joe Ozog '83
Soccer Program Founder

Daniel Pierce '65
Basketball

Rudy Presslak *
Career Achievement

Dominik Przekota '97
Water Polo

Andrew Ramel '97
Track

Edward Rakoczy *
Parent Volunteer

Thomas J. Rank '54 *
Basketball

Joe Rau '09
Wrestling

Douglas Reibel '79
Baseball, Football

James Ridgeway '07
Swimming, Water Polo

Paul Ridgeway '02
Swimming, Water Polo

Thomas J. Rose '66
Football

Chris Rydelski '98
Water Polo, Swimming,
Football

Kenneth Rylko '64
Football

Daniel Santucci '02
Football

Anthony Scala '01
Basketball

Larry Scannell
Football Coach

Matthew R. Schmack '06
Volleyball

Charles Schmidt *
Personal Achievement

Joseph Schmidt
Administrator, Coach

Peter Schmit *
Athletic Director

Peter Schmit '71
Basketball, Football

Walter T. Schmit '49 *
Personal Achievement

Luca Serra '89
Tennis

Frank Shamie '84
Baseball

Jerry Shea '65
Football

Theodore Sikorski '70
Football

Tony Smith '75
Basketball

Nicholas Sorrentino '71
Football

Lowell Stahl '52
Football

Gary Staniec '72*
Basketball

Paul Szalajka '76
Track

Thomas Talaga '62
Football, Basketball

Eddie Lee Thomas '87
Football

Joseph Thornhill '74
Personal Achievement

Michael Thornton '97
Performing Arts

Dick Triptow *
Coach

Br. Thomas Dominic Vance *
Faculty Member

Blair "Barney" Varnes *
Coach

Br. John M. Vukits, FSC *
Faculty Member

Peter Walsh '78
Swimming

Robert Warner '75
Football

Thomas Warta '91
Swimming

James Weaver *
Coach

Michael Wright '06
Diving

Peter Zimmerman '73
Basketball, Tennis

1957 4 x 100 Relay Team
School Record

**Max Kurland's Legacy
Teams"**
1961-62 Basketball Team,
1973-74 Basketball Team
and 1979-80 Basketball
Team

1970-71 Basketball Team
Regional Champions

1970-71 Football Team
Conference Champions

1997 Water Polo Team
State Champions

02- 03 Wrestling Team
Team Achievement

**2006 Shamrock
Baseball Team**
State Runner-up

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