



Retirees Association Luncheon details inside!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 4, 2018
Mass of Remembrance
St. Thomas More Church

Thursday, November 8, 2018
Annual Catholic Lecture Series
Marillac Auditorium, Queens Campus

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Retirees Association Mass
St. Thomas More Church

November 14–22, 2018
Miraculous Medal Novena
St. Thomas More Church

Thursday, November 15, 2018
Bereavement Mass
St. Thomas More Church

Sunday, November 18, 2018
Gospel Mass in celebration of
Catholic Black History Month
St. Thomas More Church

Saturday, December 1, 2018
Christmas at St. John's: Lessons and Carols
Queens Campus

Sunday, December 2, 2018
Notre Dame College Alumnae Christmas Tea
St. Vincent de Paul Chapel, Staten Island Campus

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Alumni Winter Carnival
Queens Campus



Retirees enjoying their evening at The Metropolitan Opera for The Festive Sounds of The Magic Flute — November 2017

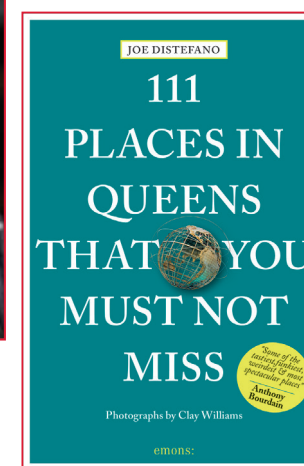
Save the Date

February 2019
Blessing of the Couples

Saturday, March 16, 2019
St. Patrick's Day Weekend—Naples, FL

Saturday, March 16, 2019
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
New York City

Thursday, May 30–Sunday, June 2, 2019
Grand Alumni Homecoming Weekend



Joe DiStefano is the author of the popular book, *111 Places in Queens That You Must Not Miss*. He will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Retirees Association Luncheon on November 14 at 1 p.m. in the D'Angelo Center Ballroom on the Queens, NY, campus.

"There is a lot of history here," noted Mr. DiStefano. "I want people to develop a deeper appreciation of Queens, whether they are from the borough or have just put down roots. I hope to spark a renewed interest among alumni in one of the world's most diverse boroughs."

This interesting and engaging author will share stories and excerpts from his book that highlight the many unique places found throughout Queens. Some of these hidden gems include jazz icon Louis Armstrong's house in Corona and The Geekery HQ, a gaming shop in Astoria. Gantry Plaza State Park in Long Island City and the Beach 97th Street Concessions at Rockaway Beach are also featured.

This is not the author's first visit to St. John's. He was a popular speaker during the University's Grand Alumni Homecoming Weekend in June.

As former St. John's employees, our retirees are no strangers to the "World's Borough." Mr. DiStefano's book will enhance their knowledge with a history of Queens, engaging images, meticulous descriptions, insider tips, and restaurant recommendations.

"As a longtime lover of Queens, I thought I knew about it before I began this project," he remarked, "but I learned even more through my research." A resident of Rego Park, Mr. DiStefano is known for his reviews of local food establishments.

Join Us! Retirees Association Luncheon

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mass
12:15 p.m., St. Thomas More Church

Luncheon
1 p.m., D'Angelo Center Ballroom

Office of the Provost

Enhancing the Teaching and Learning Environment at St. John's

By Simon G. Møller, Ph.D., Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



When many of us think back to our high school and college days, we may remember stuffy auditoriums with a lone podium and a single wall of chalkboards. We may also recall when the first personal computers and mobile phones were launched, let alone iPads and smart phones. Higher education is changing at an accelerated pace, and there is a steady stream of innovations in the science

and technology of learning. Today, most college students have access to a range of different technologies, which they utilized during their high school years and expect to use during their college career. At St. John's, we continue to enhance our teaching and learning environment to ensure that our students not only have access to advanced educational technology but that the technology is used to increase student engagement.

Most classrooms at St. John's have been upgraded with a range of advanced podium tools, allowing the use of web-based applications and lecture capture, to mention only a few. The University also continues to upgrade teaching and research laboratories so that students have access to the latest research infrastructure. A great example illustrating this is the new Media Arts and Design Lab, which supports academic programs in digital media, animation, art and design, advertising, and journalism. Another example is the new Technology Commons, a high-tech space that focuses on eSports, virtual reality technology, and 3D printing. The integration of cutting-edge technology in the classroom will undoubtedly contribute to the success of our students.

As we enhance our teaching and learning environment, the University continues to recognize that exceptional faculty ultimately ensure the success of our students. Since fall of 2014, the University has hired 182 new faculty members and plans to hire 38 more this coming year. Having exceptional faculty and using cutting-edge technology in the classroom is a recipe for student success.

Office of Human Resources

Open Enrollment for Retirees

By Mirian Cepeda, Senior Benefits Representative Employee Benefits



This year the Open Enrollment period for retirees runs from October 29 through November 25, 2018. As long as you are currently enrolled in medical, dental, and/or life insurance you can make changes to your existing coverage or elect to enroll in new coverage. Elections made during the Open Enrollment period will be effective January 1, 2019.

The medical plan offered to all retirees is the Oxford Freedom Premier Plan. This is a robust plan which offers in- and out-of-network coverage as well as prescription drug coverage. There are two dental plans to choose from - the Cigna Plan or the Aetna DMO Dental Plan. The cost of each plan will be provided to you in the Open Enrollment materials mailed to your home. Discovery Benefits, our retiree billing carrier, will adjust your bill for any changes you make. If you currently have automatic payments through Discovery Benefits, the amount of the deduction from your checking account will be adjusted to reflect the changes you made during Open Enrollment.

For more information about Open Enrollment or any of the plans offered to retirees, please contact Pattarin Devery at 718-990-6683; deveryp@stjohns.edu.

Office of Campus Ministry

By Victoria R. Santangelo, Associate Vice President for University Ministry



Campus Ministry invites you to continue to live out the Catholic and Vincentian mission through opportunities of faith, service, social justice, and community. As a member of the St. John's family, we hope to see you at any Mass, service activity, or lecture that fits your schedule. Please be assured of our continued prayers!

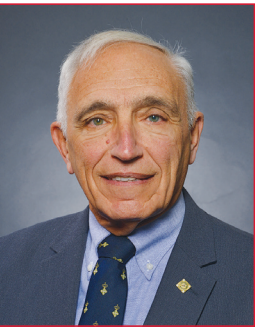
Campus Ministry Calendar

November 4	11 a.m.	Mass of Remembrance
November 14	12:15 p.m.	Retirees Association Mass
November 14 – 22		Miraculous Medal Novena
November 15	12:15 p.m.	Bereavement Mass
November 18	5:30 p.m.	Gospel Mass in celebration of Black Catholic History Month
December 1	5:30 p.m.	Lessons and Carols

Office of Community Relations

St. John's University in the Community

By Joseph Sciamie '71Ed, Vice President for Community Relations



The Office of Community Relations earned the Platinum Award at the New York Blood Center's annual Queens Chairpersons Recognition Dinner for its donation of more than 600 pints of blood. In the true Vincentian tradition of giving of oneself, these donations represent more than 1,800 lives that were saved.

St. John's was also recognized by the Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D., Bishop of Brooklyn, NY, for making significant donations during the Diocese of Brooklyn's 2016 Blood Drive Campaign. The University earned the "College with the Most Donations" award.

In August, the University hosted its 20th Annual Summer Concert, "A Midsummer's Enchanted Evening," featuring the Queens Symphony Orchestra, led by Martin Majkut, Queens Symphony Orchestra's Music Director, with special guest tenor Christopher Macchio. With nearly 1,000 people in attendance, it was a truly memorable evening.

St. John's University once again participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 21, in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park. The following day, the University hosted the Queens Borough President's Salute to Italian Heritage. In November, we honor our nation's veterans with ceremonies on the Queens campus on Thursday, November 8, and on the Staten Island campus on Friday, November 9.

For more information about the Office of Community Relations, please contact Paul Lazauskas, Associate Director for Community Relations, at 718-990-1941; lazauskp@stjohns.edu.

Become a member of THE MCCALLEN SOCIETY

Having spent many years as a valued St. John's employee, you will always have a place in the University's exceptional past. Why not play a role in its future by joining The McCallen Society, a donor recognition group exclusively for alumni and friends who have included St. John's in their estate plans? It is a great way to establish your legacy to support a college or program closest to your heart and expand your social circle by attending various McCallen Society events held throughout the year.

For information about how you can become a member of The McCallen Society, please contact Susan M. Damiani '87CBA, Director, Office of Gift Planning, at 718-990-7562; damianis@stjohns.edu.



Retirees at the 2017 Luncheon

