



## From the Pastor

*Way, the Truth, and the Life,* it is his presence, and his love that is at the heart of all we do. *"The glory of God is every man, woman and child fully alive,"* and the best part is, this glory consists, not in observing the law as an achievement, but on the gift of the *"Be – Attitudes,"* the disarming beauty and attractiveness of the person of Jesus, that awakens the deepest desires of the human heart for relationship.

As Alumni and Friends of Saint Anthony, your continuous generosity, in prayer and good works, and yes, financially, allows the miracle of our school to continue to transform lives by raising up servant leaders. It is through authentic Christian friendships, formed in school and open to others, that community grows and society is lifted up. It is for that reason that we try to maintain contact within classes and between all the classes of our precious school. This miracle is hearts made one in the One!

Please read about the wondrous changes continuing to happen to our physical plant, most notably the improvements to Margot Hall and its stage. Rejoice that we now have the full use of the High School Gymnasium and auxiliary rooms, and with them the challenges of renovating them. The biggest individual item is a new gymnasium floor. Because of our proud basketball history, and much more because of the importance of teaching teamwork as the basic mindset for success in this life and the next, we ask again for your help. In order to

provide a foundation for the next level of success at our school, we are asking everyone receiving this letter to donate something, since 100% participation, and not any particular dollar amount, is our goal. Electronic gifts at [www.stanthonyschooldc.org](http://www.stanthonyschooldc.org) save us time, and repeating gifts stabilize our budget, but teamwork is our goal. *"The gift you have received, give as a gift!"*

These are challenging times, so we remember with Pope John Paul II: *"The future for us remains an unknown quantity, which we now accept without anxiety. Love has overcome anxiety. The future depends on love."* A Blessed Lent, Easter and Pentecost, to you all!

Peace and Love,

Fr. Fred

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we begin again our Lenten journey to the miracle of Easter, and beyond it to the even greater miracle of Pentecost, which is its fruit, we rejoice to remember how this liturgical cycle helps us understand our own school history. It is only because Antoinette Margot left her home to the parish that we have a beach-head in this suddenly expensive neighborhood at all. It is only because generations of religious women, lay men and women, and priests laid down their lives for our grade school and high school students that we are prospering in the 21st Century. And this is what Jesus promised and prophesied: *"Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground, and dies, it produces no fruit. But if it dies, it produces fruit abundantly."*

St. Anthony Catholic School begins every season from the One. He has chosen us *"to be with him, and to be sent"* into the world to share the only power there is, the power of God to change a life. Because Jesus is *"the*

**St. Anthony Grade  
School Class of  
1957 Reunion**

**Friday,  
May 31, 2019**

Washington, DC  
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# From the Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni, Parishioners, and Friends:

Like me, you likely feel overwhelmed by all of the negative and often divisive messages on your newsfeed, social media, and other media outlets. During this Lenten season, I want to share a few highlights from our school community that can offer a glimpse of hope and light.

Here goes—St. Anthony remains a fully-enrolled, vibrant institution “in the heart of Brookland.” Our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students learn, grow, and have fun every day! We recognize our successes and the accomplishments of others. Recently, we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, the 100th Day of School, Black History Month, and National Catholic Sisters Week. Soon, we will host our annual Science Fair where students’ sense of curiosity and discovery are exhibited, our Spanish Spelling Bee (“Concurso de Deletreo”) where students’ mastery of the Spanish language is tested, and our CYO Banquet where our five teams will be honored. Lastly, our Commencement is on June 7. Once again our graduates will transition to the very best Catholic, private, and public high schools in the region. We are very proud of these fine young women and men and are confident they will continue to excel.



St. Anthony has many generous stewards. They donate to our scholarship fund, support renovation projects, tutor and volunteer, and hold us close in prayer. For all of you who give your time, talent, and treasure—thank you! In a special way, I thank two recently deceased members of our community—former third grade teacher Sr. Mary Anne Harren, SHCJ and benefactor R. Michael Histon, HS '54. May theirs and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A Blessed Easter to you and your family.

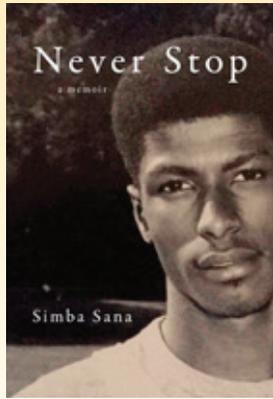
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**Black History Month program:** full story can be found on the school's website [www.stanthonyschooldc.org](http://www.stanthonyschooldc.org)

## ALUMNI NOTES



through my own life. Simba uses the art of historical thinking to place us in each stage of his life as he grew from burdened child to troubled man to reflective author. I kept wondering, as I read, could I be so honest with strangers and bare my vulnerabilities to anyone who might pick up my book? Could I write so specifically about people who are still alive? I am

*Simba Sana* G.S. '82 (born Bernard Sutton), the former co-owner of Karibu Books, one of the most successful black-owned independent bookstores, has published his memoir, *Never Stop*.

Wrote *Dr. Kathryn Barrett-Gaines* G.S. '79, professor of African and African American Studies at University of Maryland Eastern Shore: "Reading Simba's book was like spelunking

glad he did. I need his story. And so will my undergrads when I assign it in my courses. I didn't put the book down, in fact, and just read it straight through. Simba gives us perspective that we need on latter twentieth century Washington DC history. This book should sit on the shelf between Frederick Douglass's *My Bondage and My Freedom* and Tony Lewis Jr.'s *Slugg*."



*William J. Madden, Esq.* G.S. '53 was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Eye Foundation, a U. S.-based non-profit that provides technical and financial assistance to eye clinics in third world countries.

## WINTER HIGHLIGHTS



**Catholic Schools Week:** - Jan. 29 - Feb. 2



**Middle School Spelling Bee**



**100th Day of School**



**Kindness Challenge Week**

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**John Emelio H.S. '56**

**Sr. Mary Anne Harren, SHCJ**

**R. Michael Histon H.S. '54**

**Debra Middleton H.S. '76**

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## **Mission Statement**

The mission of St. Anthony Catholic School is to prepare its students for lives of leadership and service rooted in an encounter with Jesus Christ.