

*St. Andrew's*  
*Gala Awards Dinner*

*May 5, 2011*





*The First Annual*  
*Gala Awards Dinner*

*For the Support of*  
*St. Andrew School*

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The Valley Regency

*Monsignor Richard A. Rusconi, Pastor, and*  
*Sister Margaret Murphy, PBVM*  
*Welcome everyone and*  
*Thank all who made this evening possible*  
*For the support of our school.*



Pictured above is the laying of the cornerstone for Saint Andrew's School on Sunday, November 2, 1952. That act began an important page in the history of the Diocese of Paterson, a page in which faith and education met in St. Andrew's to nurture generations of boys and girls with the light of the Gospel. Sister Mary Dorothea was the first principal. She was followed by Sister Mary Rita, principal from 1959-1964. Sister Mary Christopher served from 1964 to 1970. Sister Mary Regina, who was one of the original Sisters to serve at the beginning, became principal in 1970 to 1976. From 1976 to 1982, Sister Kathleen Treanor held office. In 1982 Sister Eileen Matthews took the reins until 1987. In 1987, Sister Margaret Murphy became principal and remains at the helm! They are all Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a community started in Ireland, under severe persecution from the state, and now headquartered in Newburgh, NY. We thank the Sisters for their long and noble service to our school.

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# Roxanne Camilleri

## *The Gloria J. Kolodziej Community Enhancement Award*



Roxanne Cammilleri, a lifetime resident of Clifton, earned her Bachelor of Arts degrees in Art and Psychology with the distinction of *magna cum laude* from Felician College. She was awarded several outstanding honors including the Art Department Leadership Award.

Focusing in arts management, her nearly 20 year career includes traveling exhibitions in cultural and community projects. She took leadership roles in The Montclair Art Museum, the Japanese Cultural Society of New Jersey, the city of Newark, and the Passaic County Historical Society.

Roxanne's tenacity and perseverance in promoting the arts is inspiring. Under her creative ingenuity, she has obtained multiple grants to support community art projects for the Clifton Association of Artists and Clifton Arts Center.

Thanks to the efforts of Roxanne Cammilleri, The Clifton Arts Center has been a valued Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council regrantee since 2000. Through Ms. Cammilleri's efforts, the Clifton Arts Center has become an established and noteworthy Arts Center in the city and county. She has curated over 70 art exhibitions, both for the Arts Center Gallery and other private galleries. It is through the efforts of Roxanne Cammilleri, the director who has been able to organize and plan projects effectively that the

extensive projects undertaken by the center have persisted and have been successful in enhancing our community at large.

Roxanne was appointed Director of the Clifton Arts Center & Sculpture Park in 2003. Prior to her appointment, she served on the Clifton Arts Center Advisory Board as liaison to the Clifton Association of Artists. She was past president of the Clifton Association of Artists for five years and led the association by defining goals and strategies in bringing art as a community focus.

Before joining the Clifton Arts Center, Roxanne worked as a new projects administrator for an international cosmetic and drug company, *Shiesido America* and also worked on national publicity accounts for the *Games Gang* and *Barnes & Noble Bookstores*. Her experience with various people has given her the perspective to understand arts and culture and has provided the opportunity to collaborate with hospitals regarding arts health, public policy for arts building communities and local tourism.

Her artistic experience has helped to enhance the quality of life in the community through visual arts and cultural events. She has lectured and taught art to a diversity of audiences. Her artistic talents have benefited various places such as the Clifton Health Department Clinic in which she created a painted wall mural.

She helped launch Clifton's first youth theatre group by teaching and designing sets for a selection of summer shows including, "*Oliver*", "*Variety Musical*", "*Broadway*" and "*The Wizard of Oz.*" In addition, she has created outdoor signs for the City's annual Halloween Parade.

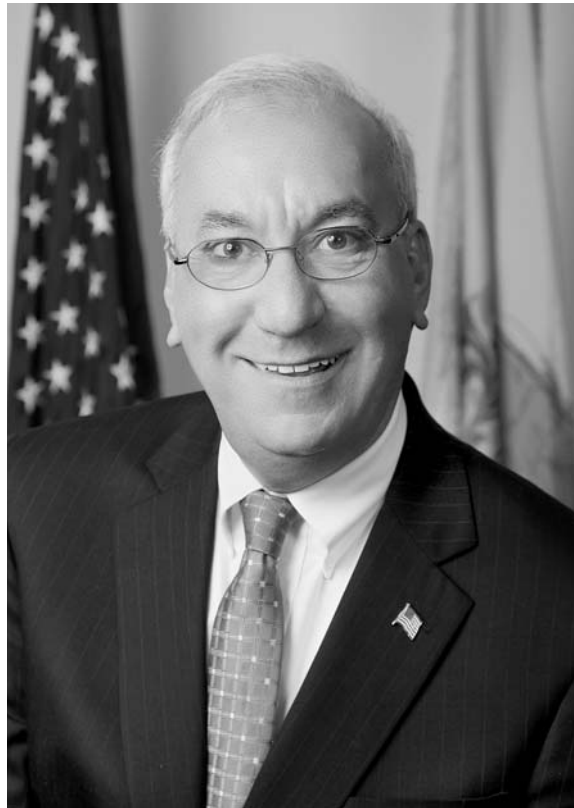
Her extensive art in Chinese and Japanese painting and calligraphy designs have been displayed in several private and public collections.

Roxanne Cammilleri epitomizes by all measures, the true meaning of a community enhancer. She is enthusiastic, conscientious and collaborates fruitfully. Possessing a spirit of ingenuity, intellect and a unique talent, Roxanne Cammilleri remains an arts advocate and is a worthy recipient of the first annual *Gloria J. Kolodziej Community Enhancement Award*.



# James Anzaldi, Mayor of Clifton

## *Exemplar of the Mayor James Anzaldi Community Service Award*



If there ever were a person who could be called a “legend in his own time,” it would be the Honorable James Anzaldi, Mayor of Clifton, New Jersey. Mayor Anzaldi was born and raised here and attended public school in our city. He received a degree in Political Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Since his youth, he has been involved in countless civic, charitable and religious causes.

He was first elected as member of the Clifton Municipal Council in 1978, becoming the youngest Councilman ever elected in city government.

In 1990, he began his first term as Mayor of Clifton. In 1994 he was re-elected with the highest number of votes in city history. In 1998 he was

re-elected to become the first three-term mayor in city history. Subsequently he was re-elected in 2002, 2006, and 2010. He is currently serving his sixth term as Mayor of the City of Clifton.

He is a Trustee of St. Paul RC Church in Clifton. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boys & Girls Club of Clifton for over 40 years.

Mr. Anzaldi has been a member of the executive board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities for many years and currently serves as its President. He was inducted into the New Jersey State Gold Level Mayors' Hall of Fame, and Public Officials' Hall of Fame. He has been a member of the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities for numerous years and its president in 2010. He was inducted into the New Jersey state Gold Level Mayors' Hall of Fame and the Public Officials' Hall of Fame. His real fame, however, lies in his attitude of service to us, the citizens of Clifton. Call his office: he will probably answer his own phone and serve you personally! That is why he is the exemplar of the *Mayor James Anzaldi Community Service Award!*

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## **In Loving Memory of**

# **Sophie Lelyo**

## **By Mary Hudson, her Daughter**



# Monica and Richard H. Berdnik

## *The Saint Andrew Family Faith Award*



Richard Berdnik, a twenty year veteran of law enforcement, and Monica Berdnik, a pediatric nurse, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Paterson met over 25 years ago. God had something very special in mind when He arranged this meeting.

They married in 1986 and settled in Clifton, New Jersey where they raised four children. The family has been and continues to be integral parts of both the Saint Andrew's Church and school community. Ashley (2002), Ryan (2003), Alyssa (2005) and Kevin (2008) graduated from Saint Andrews and subsequently attended DePaul High School in Wayne, NJ.

Richard has been an active law enforcement officer for almost thirty years. He enjoys police work and has many traits that make him a natural leader. When Richard and Monica were selected for this award, no one knew at the time that he would soon be elected Sheriff of Passaic County in a landslide vote! Richard and Monica were selected to receive the first annual *St. Andrew's Family Faith Award* because they so clearly and perseveringly tried to make their family a Catholic family: trusting in God to help them face the trials and tribulations of life and living according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sheriff Berdnik prides himself on getting the best from his employees which was demonstrated by two of his detectives recently being selected “Cop of the Year” for the Clifton Police Department. He is a loyal person who has an energetic personality. Even with his busy schedule as the Passaic County Sheriff, Richard continues to find time to serve the church as a Eucharistic Minister and participates in various other philanthropic efforts.

Monica Berdnik is a devoted health care professional practicing as a pediatric nurse at Saint Joseph Hospital in Paterson, NJ. Pediatric nurses demonstrate fantastic skills in caring for the smallest patients and she is a trusted and respected professional. She has served on the Saint Andrews Home School Association Executive Board as both the president as well as the treasurer. The Home School Association board blossomed during her tenure and continued its development into the wise and careful body known today for its efforts in keeping the school tuition affordable for all parents who wish for their children to have an education committed to the Catholic faith, personal integrity, high academic skills and respect and service to all God’s people.



St. Andrew’s Champion Cheerleaders

# Chief Gary F. Giardina

## *The Mayor James Anzaldi Community Service Award*



Gary F. Giardina is the Chief of Police in the city of Clifton. He is married to Cindy, and has two sons Gary, Jr. and Vincent. Gary, Jr., has followed his father's footsteps in the Clifton Police Department and Vincent is a teacher in Wayne. The Chief grew up in the Allwood section of Clifton, and attended our city's public schools. He attended St. Andrew's Church.

Chief Giardina received an Associate of Science degree in Police Science from Bergen Community College, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Jersey City State College, and a Master of Science in administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

His brother Frank, who is also a Clifton Detective, reports that from his earliest youth Gary wanted to be a police officer. At the age of eighteen, he participated in a CETA program for aspiring police officers and the rest is history. He was first sworn in as a police officer in Clifton in 1978. In nine years he was transferred to the Tactical/Narcotics Squad and was quickly

promoted to Sergeant. He became Road Supervisor in 1995 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1997. In 2002 he was promoted to Captain and took on the responsibilities of Commander of the Field Operations Bureau. On March 1, 2010 he was elevated to Chief of Police.

Mr. Giardina is the consummate police officer but this is reflected in his concern for he community. He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus, the Clifton-Passaic UNICO, the Honor Legion of Police of New Jersey, the International Police Chiefs Association, the State of New Jersey Police Chiefs' Association, the Passaic County police Chiefs' Association, and the American Academy of Certified Public Managers.

He has received numerous commendations including the 1986 "Cop of the Year," the Meritorious Service Medal, twice receiving the Award of Merit medal, again twice receiving the Honorable Service Medal, and the Excellent Police Duty Certificate.

We are proud to add to his impressive collection of awards the *Mayor James Anzaldi Community Service Award* in recognition of the special trust that the city has reposed in this gentleman. A trust that reflects the values held dear by St. Andrew Church and School; a trust that has borne fruit in an impressive life of service to everyone in the community.



# Gloria J. Kolodziej

*Exemplar of the Gloria J. Kolodziej*

*Community Enhancement Award*



Gloria J. Kolodziej was born and raised in the Athenia section of Clifton and attended Clifton Public schools. She met her husband, Joseph, in Church and they had a blessed marriage. They have four children, Joseph, Mary Jo, Thomas and Jennifer who all attended St. John Kanty School.

Gloria graduated from Montclair State University with a Bachelor's degree in Education *cum laude*. She taught high school in Bloomfield and still educates as a volunteer teacher of ESL. After her husband's untimely death, she took over the family business, Conveyors by North American, Inc. She still exercises important roles in this organization, but she is

involved in a huge array of volunteer organizations including The Father English Multi-Purpose Community Center in Paterson, the Passaic-Clifton chapter of Zonta International, the NJ Association of Women Business Owners, the Domestic Violence response Team in Clifton, the Clifton Health Department's Clifton Residents on Call and St. Paul Church where she acts as a Eucharistic Minister. Mrs. Kolodziej is an accomplished musician on top of all those other things and has been organist at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Clifton. Her music does not just stay in Church: she and a group of her friends volunteer to share good cheer to various area nursing homes by sharing their musical talents to entertain the residents.

The above would be enough to fill several lives. But this remarkable woman has served in elected office in the city of Clifton for *over twenty-eight years* on the city council! She was Mayor of Clifton for eight years. In her role as a community advocate she has been in the forefront of preserving Clifton open space, beautifying the community, promoting arts and culture, advocating for quality educational and recreational opportunities for the people of our town, and safeguarding the welfare of Clifton's senior citizens. She has certainly enhanced our community and hence we honor her as the exemplar of the *Gloria J. Kolodziej Community Enhancement Award*.

Although her life has certainly been in the fast lane, this consummate professional woman with the enchanting smile will admit that the real inspiration in her life is her 93 year old mother, Jay Malitsch and her children, Joseph and his wife Amie, Mary Jo and her husband Ben, Thomas, Jennifer and her husband Joe and her five grandchildren, Eric, Nicole, Tyler, Joey and Ryan. Anyone who receives the *Gloria J. Kolodziej Community Enhancement Award* is certainly honored and has very big shoes to fill.



**In Loving Memory of**  
**Isabel T. & Dominick P. Pasino**



*Isabel T. Pasino was a teacher in School #5 for 25 years,  
Dominick P. Pasino was a businessman in Clifton who  
owned Mickey's Auto Sales.*

*During their 60 years of living in Clifton, Mr. and Mrs.  
Pasino had great respect for Mayor Anzaldi and  
Mayor Kolodziej. They would be gratified to see these  
Public servants honored by being the exemplars  
Of the Awards named after them.*

*Donated by their loving son, Michael.*

***SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS  
THE BEST WORK OF LIFE!***



*Thank you, Sheriff Richard and Monica Berdnik,  
Police Chief Gary F. Giardina.  
And Roxanne Cammileri,  
For your dedication, example and service.*

*From Gloria J. Kolodziej and Family*

**“Through love, be servants of one another.”  
Galatians 5: 13**