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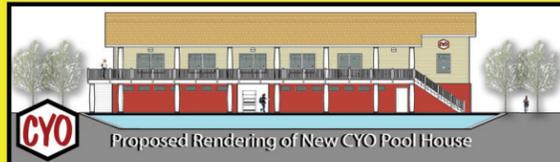
*The CYO wishes you and your family a wonderful Christmas season, and may you be blessed with good health, prosperity, and happiness in the coming year.*

**Capital Campaign Launched for New Yardville CYO Pool House!**

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of Mercer County has announced their next major facility improvement project - to build a new pool house at our Yardville branch! The current pool house (which was constructed in 1958 by volunteers led by Monsignors Leonard Toomey and "Iron Mike" McCorristin) was demolished this past September after the current camp season was over. This 60 year old structure has been deemed inadequate for many years now because it is not handicapped accessible and relies on an antiquated septic system. Changing facilities offer little privacy and are quite overcrowded. Additionally, there is extremely limited bathroom / locker space for lifeguards and other camp staff. The new pool house will be a two-story structure (approximately 5,000 sq. feet). The first floor will include much larger changing areas for boys and girls (with several private changing stalls), restroom facilities and showers. The second floor will provide a staff bathroom / locker area along with a training / meeting room for CPR / First Aid classes, staff meetings, etc. The outside upper deck area will provide space for families to observe children during evening swim lessons. The covered patio on the rear of the first floor will provide a shady area - easily accessible to campers in the central camp activity area. Lastly, the barbed wire fence surrounding the pool area will also be replaced! The goal is for this building to open in the Summer of 2020. This new pool house will provide more critically needed space for the CYO Summer Camp, evening swim lessons, and weekend rental groups. But it will also be a huge safety, security, aesthetic upgrade to the pool complex which is the crown jewel of the camp property - especially during our very busy Summer seasons.

Please consider making a donation to this capital campaign by sending in the bottom portion of this form to the address indicated or visit our website at [cyomercer.org](http://cyomercer.org) and click on the "Donations" link in the top toolbar. If you have any questions, please contact the CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz at [tom@cyomercer.org](mailto:tom@cyomercer.org) or 609-585-4280 x107. Thanks for your support of the CYO!

**COMING SOON - NEW CYO POOL HOUSE**



**SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING**  
[www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org)

**Yardville CYO Pool House Donation Form**

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and donation to:  
 Yardville CYO, 453 Yardville-Allentown Rd., Yardville, NJ 08620 -  
 Attention: Tom Mladenetz

**Donation Amount:**

Msgr. Toomey Club	_____	\$5,000
Msgr. McCorristin Club	_____	\$2,500
Swim Lesson Booster	_____	\$1,000
Day Camp Booster	_____	\$500
Lifeguard Booster	_____	\$250
Camp Counselor Booster	_____	\$100
Friend of the CYO	_____	\$50

**CYO SOUTH BROAD STREET CENTER**

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On a perfect day in October, six lucky students in the Broad St. Center After-School Program got to experience a horseback trail ride thanks to the selfless staff at Mercer County Stables. Part of the Mercer County Park Commission, the stables are located only 20 minutes from the Broad St. Center, but is in a world not yet experienced by our students. The young adventurers were able to meet, ride, and feed a thank-you treat to six beautiful horses.

One student was overheard saying, "All I want to do all day is ride this horse." Although we do not yet know how successful they were in convincing their parents to buy them a horse, will do know this is a day that they will surely remember.



**CYO Partners with Christine's Hope For Kids**

John & Jean Gianacaci (center), founders of Christine's Hope For Kids, present \$5,000 donation to CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz (next to Jean), as CYO Broad St. Trenton Center Program Director, John Soss (next to John), looks on.



**GRANTS AWARDED SINCE LAST MARQUEE**  
**5/1/19 - 10/31/19**

- Berkshire Bank: awarded for Broad ASP tutoring, 9/19.
- Bishop Ahr Endowment Fund: awarded for Trenton Center's food programs, 5/19.
- Bristol-Myers Squibb: awarded for Broad & ESSC summer camp environmental science programs, 5/19.
- Church & Dwight: awarded for Trenton Centers' food programs, 10/19.
- Dombal-Vogel Foundation: awarded for ESSC camp field trip, 5/19.
- Roma Bank Community Foundation/Investors Bank: awarded for Y'ville Pool House, 5/19.
- United Way of Greater Mercer: awarded for Bromley BBQ & food pantry, 6/19.
- Wawa: awarded for Bromley food pantry, 5/19.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF LISTING**

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In September, the sixty year old Yardville Pool House was knocked down. Soon a bigger and newer Pool House will be built, artists rendering of the new Pool House pictured below.



Drawing of the New Yardville CYO Pool House!

### EWING CYO PRE-SCHOOL BENEFITS FROM TCNJ GRANT TO CREATE CLASSROOM HYDROPONIC GARDENS

Once again, Ewing CYO Pre-School's Education Director, Pat Staltari, has succeeded in bringing a wonderful enrichment program to our classrooms through her ongoing collaboration with The College of New Jersey. This past summer, Pat began a dialogue with Dr. Louise Ammentorp, a professor at The College of New Jersey with specializations in Early Childhood Education and Environmental Studies, Dr. Ammentorp is especially interested in Environmental Sustainability. This is basically the study of how we can continue to sustain our planet in light of all of the challenges to the health of our environment that we face today. Dr. Ammentorp received a grant from the college for a sustainability project and she is using part of this grant to set up hydroponic gardens in Ewing CYO Pre-School's two classrooms for our oldest students.

Through this grant, our pre-school will receive two table top hydroponic gardens, the materials to seed and plant the gardens and assistance in setting them up. We will also receive children's books relating to gardens. Once the gardens are set up in the classrooms, each child will have the chance to plant a seed and watch it grow over time. Dr. Ammentorp will also provide training to our staff on how to use and maintain the gardens. In return for receiving these gardens, we have agreed to work collaboratively with Dr. Ammentorp by developing a curriculum and lesson plans that will be developmentally appropriate for pre-school children. Our teachers will also maintain continuous documentation on how the gardens are progressing. This project offers a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience hands-on STEM learning as well as a basic introduction to the science of Environmental Sustainability. We are scheduled to begin setting up our gardens this coming January. We sincerely thank Dr. Louise, TCNJ and Ms. Pat for providing this amazing learning experience for our children!

### CYO ATHLETICS

#### CYO Basketball

This year, the Mercer County CYO is celebrating its 67th season of CYO Basketball here in Mercer County. The 2019-20 CYO Basketball season started on Saturday, November 2nd with the Annual Opening Day Mass at the CYO Monsignor Toomey Annex in Yardville celebrated by Monsignor Ron Bacovin, followed by a full slate of weekend games. This year there are a total of 54 teams competing in the 6 leagues that the CYO offers (Girls Freshmen, Boys Freshmen, Girls Junior Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, Girls Varsity & Boys Varsity) for a total of 400 games. The schools and parishes that are represented in the CYO Basketball leagues include: OLS / St. Anthony's, Princeton Academy, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. James (Pennington), St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels, Stuart Country Day School and Trenton Catholic Academy. Stop by the CYO Center most Saturday & Sunday afternoons throughout the winter for exciting CYO Basketball action. For schedule information, please contact the CYO at (609) 396-8383 x 14..

#### Cross Country Meet

On Saturday, October 19th, the Mercer County CYO held their 14th Annual Cross Country Meet at Mercer County Park. This year there were over 40 participants that represented the following schools and parishes: St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's and Trenton Catholic Academy. The length of the course for the JV meet was 1.25 miles and the length for the Varsity Meet was 2 miles. Trophies were handed out to the top 3 finishers in each division.

GIRLS JV (1.25 Miles)	BOYS JV (1.25 Miles)	GIRLS VARSITY (2 Miles)	BOYS VARSITY (2 Miles)
1) Lilly Solarczy, St. Greg's 10:06	1) Joseph Barber, St. Raphael's 8:29	1) Olivia Mooney, St. Greg's 16:13	1) Jack White, St. Raphael's 13:07
2) Elisa Sanchez, TCA 10:17	2) Patrick McGowan, St. Greg's 8:30	2) Bridget Fot, St. Ann's 16:35	2) Taron Kavoor, St. Greg's 13:16
3) Naomi Williams, TCA 10:19	3) Shawn Appert, St. Greg's 8:52	3) Gretchen Kolen, St. Paul's 19:24	3) Anthony Sefa, St. Raphael's 13:35

#### Scholar-Athletes / Male & Female Athlete & Coach of the Year:

At the Opening Day Basketball Mass on November 2nd, the CYO recognized the 2018-19 CYO Scholar Athlete Team. The recipients were selected for their athletic success and participation as well as their academic achievements during the 2018-19 school year. This year's participants were: Audrey Bing (TCA), Luke Foley (St. Paul's), Grace Gill (OLS / St. Anthony's), Gabriel Gomez (OLS / St. Anthony's), Miles Humphrey (TCA), Caitlin McCarthy (St. Gregory's), Mac Meara (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Isabella Sagarese (St. Paul's), Natalie Sidone (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels) and Michael Smith (St. Gregory's). In addition the CYO also honored Kara Keating (St. Gregory's) and Devyn Wright-Myles (TCA) as the Female and Male Athletes of the year for their athletic success during the 2018-19 season. Also, Ellie Calcagno was honored as the 2018-19 CYO Volunteer of the Year for all of her hard work, time & dedication that she puts into the Annual CYO Track and Field meet as she volunteers her time as the coordinator of officials for the meet.

## 22ND GOLF TOURNAMENT HONORED CYO WOMAN OF THE YEAR DR. KATHERINE SOSS PRIHODA

The 22nd CYO Golf Tournament was held honoring the CYO Woman of the Year, Dr. Katherine Soss Prihoda. Dr. Soss is a great supporter of the CYO and has a lifelong affiliation with the organization. Among many of her roles, Kathie is currently Vice-Chair of the CYO Board of Trustees. Professionally, Kathie serves as the Divisional Chair of Advanced Nursing Practice at Rutgers University Camden School of Nursing. She has worked as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at the Lawrenceville School and in private practice for the last 30 years. Kathie spoke of her love of the CYO from her days starting at Holy Cross School to current day and her four children who have all participated in CYO activities and all of whom have been employed by the CYO. All golfers enjoyed a fun day and night out filled with laughter, prizes, food and drinks and good golf!



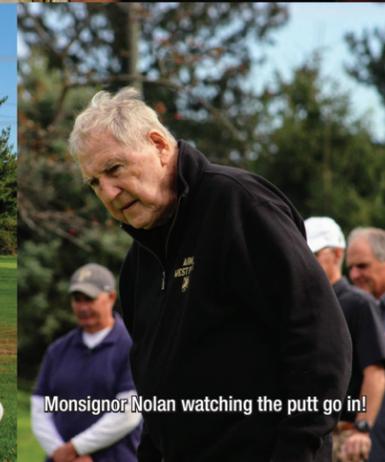
L to R: Nick Gregorio, Golf Chairman, Tony Nami, Art Caola, Dr. Prihoda, Marty Flynn (All former Men/Women of the Year) and Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director L to R: Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director, Phil Caola, Fahey Cup Champion, and Nick Gregorio, Golf Chairman



L to R: Nick Gregorio, Golf Chairman, Dr. Prihoda, and Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director, presenting Dr. Prihoda the CYO Woman of the Year Award!



L to R: Phil, Patty, Art, and Chris Caola



Monsignor Nolan watching the putt go in!



L to R: Steven, Chris, Michael Prihoda, and Emily Asher



Dr. Prihoda enjoying the golf dinner.