

25 Years of Service

Holly Haas



Mrs. Haas was hired by the Diocese of Rockville Centre in September 1994 as a pre-k aide; at that point, she realized she was meant to be a part of Catholic education. Our Lady of Mercy became her near and dear home for 23 years and Catholic education her chosen career. In 2018, Mrs. Haas transferred to the newly consolidated Catholic school, Saint John Paul II, and continues to feel blessed on a daily basis!

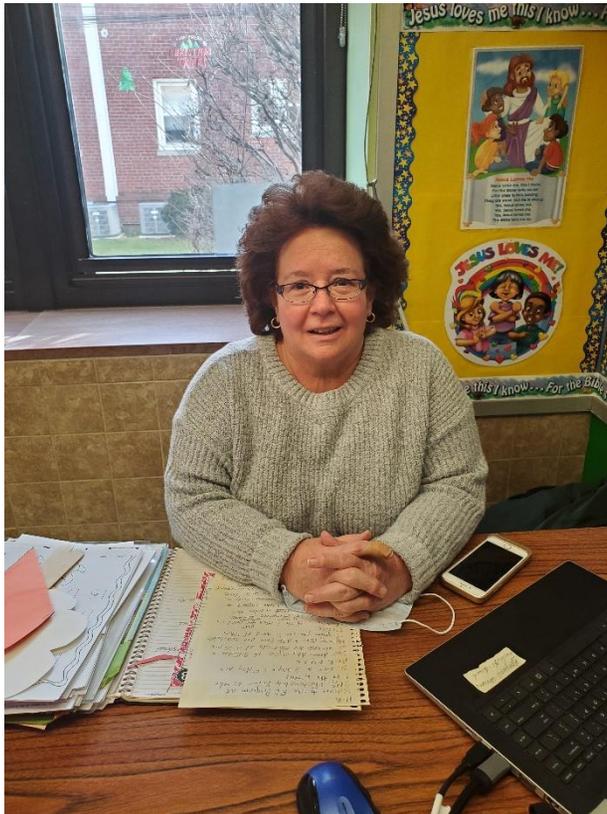
Over the course of my 26 years, she has fulfilled many roles in the school setting, including classroom aide, pre-k teacher, librarian, AIS, and kindergarten teacher. Starting off as a pre-k aide (alongside her very own mother who was also an aide), she was compelled to complete her New York State certification. When the pre-k teacher left on maternity leave, she stepped in as the lead teacher and never looked back. Later, she went on to complete her master's degree in literacy and became permanently certified.

Having taught pre-k (3 year old classes and 4 year old classes) for 16 years, it was a natural progression to move up to kindergarten. She has held that position for 10 years.

"I have always felt that teaching, specifically in a Catholic setting, is a privilege. I am honored that I have been given this wonderful opportunity to provide children with a foundation filled with faith and love!"

40 Years of Service

Linda Garrick



We, the faculty, staff and students of St. Mary School, are delighted to take this opportunity to recognize Linda Garrick for her 40 years of service, dedication, and commitment to Catholic Education.

Linda began her teaching career at St. Mary School in September of 1980. During her tenure, she has taught in the early childhood programs, primary grades, media skills, and Horizons reading program.

Linda has been an administrative team member for more than twenty years and a liaison for the Parents' Association. She has never missed a Parents' Association event in her time here. Linda is very generous with her time and talents. She is kindhearted and a friend to everyone she meets. She has dedicated her life to St. Mary School.

Linda considers it a privilege to minister and work in such a caring and Catholic environment. Each day, she has an opportunity to share her faith with the students she loves and to teach her pre-school class.

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Patricia DeRosa



Mrs. DeRosa is a Nursery through Grade 6 certified teacher and has her bachelor's and master's degrees from Brooklyn College.

Mrs. DeRosa started her career in education in 1993 as a Pre-K teacher at St. Jerome School in Brooklyn, New York, for the Diocese of Brooklyn. After 3 years of teaching at St. Jerome's, Mrs. DeRosa moved to Long Island and worked for the Harborfields School District for one year.

She started working at Trinity Regional School in 1997 and has been a member of the faculty for 23 years. During her time at Trinity, Mrs. DeRosa has taught Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, AIS for grades 1 through 3, and is currently teaching third grade. She currently lives in Hauppauge with her husband Drew and two daughters, Vanessa and Andrea.

We congratulate Mrs. DeRosa on completing 25 years in Catholic education.

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Anna Lenti



Anna Lenti began her career as a Catholic school teacher in 1989 at Sacred Heart Seminary School where she taught first grade. She then continued her service at Our Holy Redeemer. Since 1995, Mrs. Lenti has found her home at Our Lady of Victory School, where she has taught several grade levels. Currently, Mrs. Lenti serves as one of our Pre-Kindergarten teachers.

Mrs. Lenti exemplifies a Catholic School Educator. She is a dedicated teacher, colleague, friend, mother, and wife. Anna Lenti is best known for her faith in God, creativeness, enthusiasm, and love of the children she teaches and those she comes in contact with past and present. The OLV family is grateful and blessed to have such an exemplary teacher at our school!

Congratulations and God Bless you, Anna! Here's to 25 Years of dedicated *Faith, Excellence and Service* to Catholic Schools!