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*Dom Savio Class of 1977 members gather together.
Credit: Mr. Lou Ferrelli*

Dom Savio Alumni Reunion

By Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB

(East Boston, MA – July 23) – Usually twice a year, members of the Class of 1977 of St. Dominic Savio High School (Dom Savio) in East Boston, Mass., get together informally for a classy dinner and a lot of reminiscing—anywhere from 12 to 20 of them. They've been doing this for many years and think it's probably unique among the alumni of U.S. Salesian schools.

The alumni met up again on Thursday, July 17, at Cafe Escadrille in Burlington, Mass., a Boston suburb. On this occasion, 12

members of the class took part; it had numbered 73 graduates, of whom several are now deceased.

They were joined that evening by their former freshman dean, Fr. Mike Mendl, who was in practical training back then and who now and then makes the trek to Boston to see them.

All of them are proud of their connection to Savio, which was closed in 1993, and deeply appreciate the education they received and the friendships they formed there, including with many Salesians.

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Province News

East Boston: Hot Steam'n Time

By Bro. Bob Metell, SDB

(East Boston, MA – July 23) – When I was a young brother (a few years ago!), I worked at the Salesian summer camp in Goshen, NY. I took the junior counselors to see a Jim Carey movie. Two of the buzz phrases in the movie were “hot steam’n time” and “sizzling.” Both became our slogan for summer camp. Many parents told me those phrases fit the summer well that year because it was an unusually hot and humid summer. That being the only summer I was there, I took their word for it.

That phrase describes our camp this summer in beautiful East Boston! The air is steamy, and the youngsters are having fun. To ensure the campers do not get overheated, every



*A camper is excited to enter the slip n' slide.
Credit: Bro. Bob Metell, SDB*

afternoon, Justin, our program director, and staff set up the water slide for the campers to have water fun and cool off. They get an extra bonus from being sprayed or drenched by a bucket of water. Last week, the campers went to a local state park and took a dip in the water fountain and sprinklers.

The summer is flying by! This week is week four of camp and the halfway point. It will not be long, and the youngsters will be returning to school.

On Friday, July 11, we celebrated the feast of St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine Order and the monastic way of life. He wanted the monasteries to be places of not just work and prayer, but also of hospitality and welcome. Don Bosco, in the model of St. Benedict, made his oratory, "a home that welcomes." That is what we attempt to do in East Boston—provide the youngsters and their families with a home that welcomes.



Stay tuned for more updates from East Boston!

Upcoming Events

With great joy,
the Salesians of Don Bosco
of the St. Philip the Apostle Province
invite you to join us
for the Mass of First Religious Profession
of

BR. CARLOS CERDA GUTIÉRREZ, SDB
BR. LORENZO CARLO D'ALESSANDRO, SDB
BR. JIEO ALEKSANDER TECSON, SDB
BR. NICHOLAS KURT JANDERNOA, SDB
BR. CHRISTO RUBEN PHILISTIN, SDB

4 PM FRIDAY
AUGUST 15TH, 2025
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians
174 Filors Ln, Stony Point, NY 10980

Reception to Follow

RSVP BY JULY 25TH
TINYURL.COM/SDB1ST

*The advertisement for this year's first professions
Credit: Bro. Travis Gunther, SDB*

Stony Point: RSVP By Tomorrow for First Professions

By Bro. Travis Gunther, SDB
Delegate for Formation

The Salesians of Don Bosco, Province of St. Philip the Apostle, will hold this year's first professions on Friday, August 15, at 4:00 p.m. It will take place at the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians.

A reception will follow the Mass.

RSVP

Please **RSVP** by Friday, July 25. **RSVP here**, or visit TINYURL.COM/SDB1ST.

Congratulations to Bros. Carlos Cerda Gutiérrez, Lorenzo Carlo D'Alessandro, Jieo Aleksander Tecson, Nicholas Kurt Janderno, and Christo Ruben Philistin! Please continue to pray for our new brothers as they continue to say yes to their vocation.



*Counterclockwise: Soon-to-be Bros. Carlos Cerda Gutiérrez, Lorenzo Carlo D'Alessandro, Jieo Aleksander Tecson, Christo Ruben Philistin, and Nicholas Kurt Janderno
Credit: Salesian Vocation Office*

Aug. 9-16:
Salesian Gospel Roads
(Stony Point, NY)

Aug. 10-16:
SDB Retreat
(Stony Point, NY)

Aug. 14: SLM
Commissioning
(Stony Point, NY)

Aug. 15:
First Professions
(Stony Point, NY)

Oct. 4: Latin Night 2025
(New Rochelle, NY)

Various: National Shrine
Jubilee 2025 Events
(Stony Point, NY)

*Need a date added?
Let us know by emailing us at
communications@salesians.org.*



Top photo: Fr. John Langan, SDB (second from the left), with Don Bosco Prep students who attended this year's Salesian Gospel Roads in New Orleans, LA.
Bottom photo: Salesian Gospel Roads New Orleans' participants and leaders pose in front of Archbishop Shaw High School in Marrero, LA.
Credit: Don Bosco Prep Facebook





Birthdays

- July 24:** Fr. James Horan
- July 27:** Fr. John Baptist Barnabas
- July 29:** Fr. Kenneth Shaw
- July 30:** Fr. Louis Aineto
- July 31:** Fr. Mathew Thomas Panamkattu
- August 1:** Bro. Thomas Dion
- August 5:** Bro. William Hanna

Prayer Remembrances

- All our senior confreres in Stony Point and Tampa**
- Alejandro Acosta Lagaxio**,
nephew of Fr. Raúl M. Acosta Zunini, SDB
 - José María Acosta Zunini**,
brother of Fr. Raúl M. Acosta Zunini, SDB
 - Jacob Anitra**, grandnephew of Bro. Tom Sweeney, SDB
 - Fr. Jan Bernas, SDB**
 - Fr. John Blanco, SDB**
 - Fr. William Bucciferro, SDB**
 - Vincent Carlino**, brother of Fr. Lenny Carlino, SDB
 - Brody Dollinger**, grandnephew of Fr. David Sajdak, SDB
 - Fr. Tom Dunne, SDB**
 - Fr. Greg Fishel, SDB**
 - Claudia Gonzales**, Salesian Cooperator, Port Chester, NY
 - Fr. Dennis Hartigan, SDB**
 - Lyse and Gilles Leonard**, parents of Fr. Alain Leonard, SDB
 - Ken Lindenfelser**, brother-in-law of Fr. Dennis Hartigan, SDB
 - Nicholas Magrogan**, Salesian Cooperator and Past Pupil
 - Jansi Mary**, sister of Fr. John Baptist Barnabas, SDB
 - Lincoln McNamara**, nephew of Adam Dupre, former SDB
 - Fr. Louis Molinelli, SDB**
 - Fr. Frank Moloney, SDB** (Australia Province)
 - Fr. Jim Mulloy, SDB**
 - John Myler**, former SDB
 - Salvina Pace**, mother of Fr. Mike Pace, SDB
 - Fr. Georges Parent, SDB**
 - Janine Serio Durso**, sister of Fr. John Serio, SDB
 - Robert Serio**, nephew of Fr. John Serio, SDB
 - Bro. Henry Van der Velden, SDB**



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Salesian Holiness

August 2: Bl. August Czartoryski

Deceased

Sr. Lise Parent, FMA



“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.”
- **St. Francis de Sales**

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