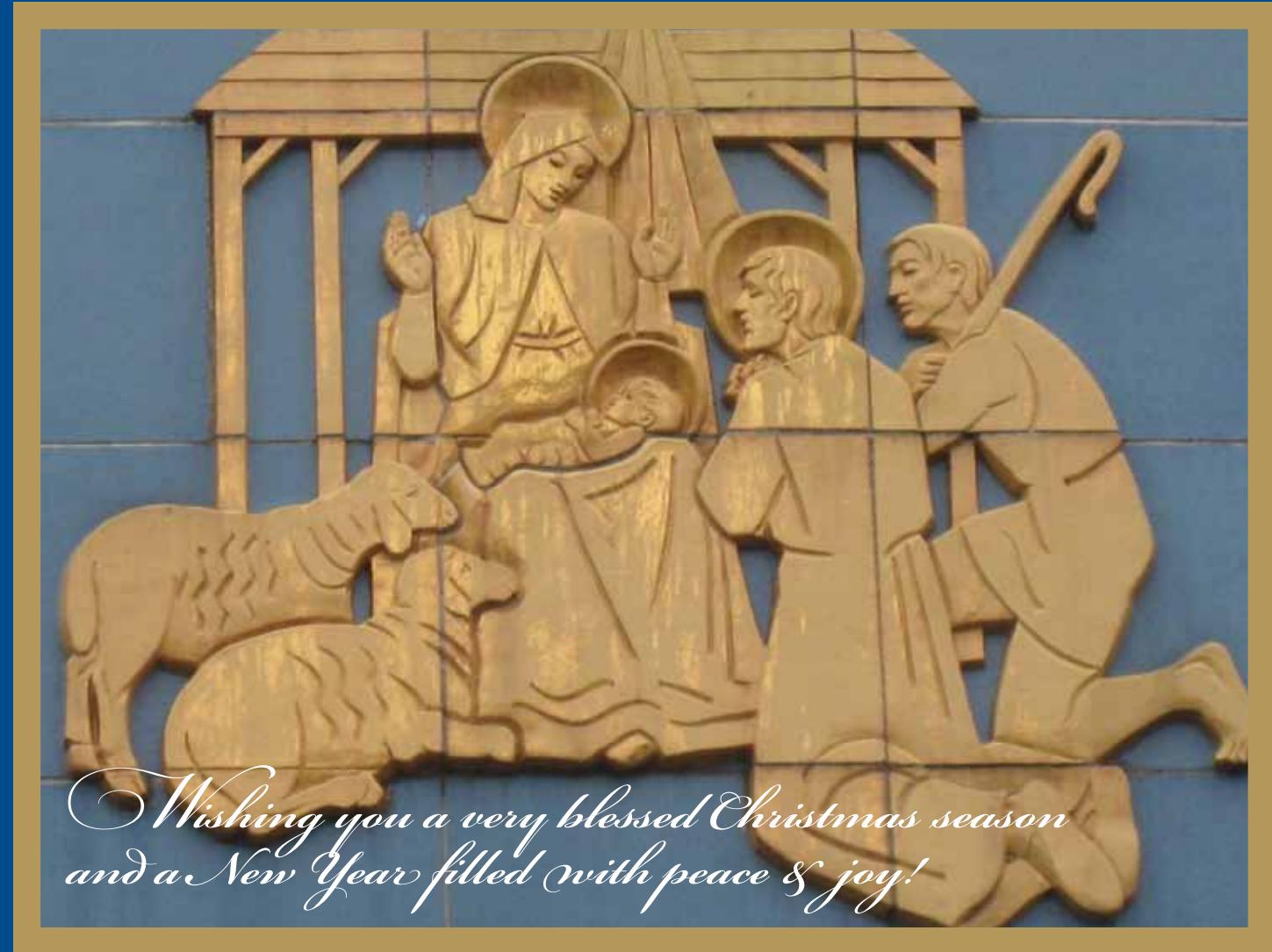


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and a New Year filled with peace & joy!*

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## **On the Web!**

Please visit the high school website [www.stmary.ws/highschool](http://www.stmary.ws/highschool) for the Winter Athletic schedule. Alumni are invited to attend night games and BBQs in the spring and fall to reconnect and see the current teams in action!

## **Alumni Updates Wanted...**

We are currently restructuring our Gael Winds section. We would love to hear from you and publish your news and photos in the next issue of the *Alumni Magnificat*. Digital photos are preferred and must be hi-res (300 PPI) for quality printing. Please submit your entries to [kgraham@stmary.ws](mailto:kgraham@stmary.ws).

Visit our website for the latest updates, news, and events for the Alumni Association and Saint Mary's College Preparatory High School at [www.stmaryalumni.ws](http://www.stmaryalumni.ws) or call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 516 627 4605.

# events calendar

**Saint Mary's  
ALUMNI  
Association**

March 5-6, 2010

### **Sports Night**

Brother Kenneth Robert Gymnasium  
Doors open 7:30 PM | Showtime 8:00 PM

March 11, 2010

### **Ladies' Night Out:**

Boutique, Fashion Show and Dinner  
Leonard's | Dolce Vita  
555 Northern Boulevard  
Great Neck, New York  
6:30 PM Cocktails | 7:30 PM Dinner

Join honorary Sports Night captains Sr. Mariette Quinn, IHM (White) and Mrs. Diane Papa (Blue) for a night of memories and tradition. Sponsored by the Gaels Parents' Association.

April 22, 2010

### **60th Anniversary Celebration of St. Mary's High School**

Plandome Country Club  
Plandome, New York  
6:00 PM Cocktails & Buffet Dinner

Join former faculty members, coaches, administrators and classmates for a night celebrating the rich tradition and educational mission that has been St. Mary's since its founding in 1949. Formal invitations to follow.

April 24, 2010

### **Lacrosse Reunion**

Denihan Field  
All lacrosse alumni are invited to an alumni game and reception. Invitations to follow.

September 23, 2010

### **18th Annual Don Monti Memorial Golf Classic and Fall Alumni Dinner**

Plandome Country Club  
Plandome, New York  
Formal invitations to mail in Summer 2010.

October 9, 2010

### **Class of 1960 50th Reunion**

4:00 PM | Tours of St. Mary's High School  
5:00 PM | Mass at the Church of St. Mary  
Celebrated by Father Bill Brisotti '60  
7:00 PM | Cocktails and Buffet Dinner  
The Roslyn Claremont Hotel  
1221 Old Northern Boulevard  
Roslyn, New York  
\$105 per person

May 15, 2010

### **Class of 1985 25th Reunion**

Strathmore-Vanderbilt Country Club  
Formal invitations to follow. Visit [www.stmaryalumni.ws](http://www.stmaryalumni.ws) for additional information.

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# 60th Anniversary Celebration

*Joyful, Loving Service*  
*To Jesus, through Mary*

Saint Mary's  
College Preparatory High School  
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Founded 1949



The 2009-2010 school year marks the 60th Anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's College Preparatory High School.

When the Class of 1953 entered as freshmen, the legacy of St. Mary's High School education began. Sixty years later, St. Mary's continues to provide excellent and accessible Catholic education to young men and women.

**Plan to join us on  
Thursday, April 22, 2010 for  
a celebration at Plandome  
Country Club.**

Formal invitation to follow.

*If you have a piece of St. Mary's history to share, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 516 627 4605. All stories, photos and memorabilia are welcome.*

Saint Mary's  
**ALUMNI**  
Association



Dear Fellow Alumnus,

The 2009-10 school year is back in full swing! The Class of 2013 is a diverse group of talented students from all parts of Long Island and Queens. Each issue of the *Alumni Magnificat* focuses on student life and achievements that you will enjoy learning about and make you proud to be a St. Mary's alumnus.

We had a record number of classes celebrating reunions this fall. The Class of 1959 led the way with a 50th reunion celebration in September, followed by the classes of 1969, 1984, 1989, and 1999. Alumni traveled from all parts of the world to take part, some as far as Hong Kong and Hawaii. If your class is celebrating a reunion in the future, consider getting involved and serving on the reunion committee. The Office of Development and Alumni Relations welcomes your involvement.

The soccer reunion on September 19th brought many alumni home to Denihan Field to lace up and spar with old teammates and reminisce. Brother Michael Fisher and Brother Patrick Lally surprised us with a visit and enjoyed seeing some familiar faces. The Annual Alumni Memorial Mass honoring our deceased alumni was held at St. Mary's Church on October 11th and was a huge success.

I am happy to report that the 17th Annual Don Monti Golf Classic was also a success. I want to thank Robert Dunphy '93, for serving as chairperson, as well as our alumni who served on the planning committee. During the dinner program, I was honored to receive the Timothy J. Coughlin Award, which is presented to an Alumnus who has shown ongoing support for the St. Mary's Alumni Association. Tim Coughlin '76, passed away on September 11, 2001 in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. St. Mary's always had a special place in Tim's heart. This golf outing was one of the many ways in which he showed his support for his alma mater. The Coughlin Family presented me with the award for my work to remember S. Courtney M. Smith '60, John J. Burke '61, John A. Keepnews '62, and Richard M. Proscia '64. All four of these alumni served our nation and lost their lives on the battlefield during the Vietnam War. They were posthumously inducted into our Hall of Fame during a moving reception, before a capacity crowd, on April 26, 2007 at the New York Athletic Club.

The Couglan Award is the highest award an alumnus can receive from St. Mary's, outside of being inducted into our Hall of Fame. I cannot put into words the emotion that I felt being this year's recipient. In high school, I was the recipient of the First Lieutenant John Arthur Keepnews '62, Memorial Award. During the Don Monti Golf Classic, the Coughlin Family presented me with the Timothy J. Coughlin '76, Memorial Award. Two different awards, yet so similar. They both honor two extremely well liked alumni, who lost their lives on behalf of our nation. To this day, I have remained deeply moved and touched as a Keepnews award recipient and I feel that same emotion as a Coughlin award recipient. I extend

my grateful appreciation to the Coughlin Family.

In this season of giving, I ask you to consider giving back to St. Mary's. As I have encouraged you before, make your donations personal. You can direct your gift to the area that was most important to you during your time at St. Mary's. Maybe it was a sports team or an extracurricular activity. Maybe it is a gift in honor or memory of a teacher or friend. No matter what it is, your gift is a sign of support and gratitude for the education that you received and want to pass on to future generations. All donations are tax deductible and directly benefit the lives of current students.

Finally and on behalf of the Alumni Association and St. Mary's High School, I extend my deep gratitude to Sister Marilyn Grosselfinger, IHM '61, who stepped down from our Board. Sister Marilyn has been a member of our Board for many years, leading us in opening and closing prayers for our Board meetings and providing much needed guidance, wisdom and energy. She will be sorely missed.

I extend to you and your family best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. I hope to see you at upcoming Alumni events, especially our School's 60th Anniversary celebration on April 22, 2010 at Plandome Country Club.

With best wishes,

Andrew F.J. Della Ratta '88

# The Class of 1953: The First St. Mary's High School Alumni

## Perpetual Seniors Leading the Way

In 1949, Harry S. Truman was the president; gasoline cost 26 cents a gallon; a postage stamp was 3 cents; minimum wage was 40 cents per hour and a new high school opened its doors on Northern Boulevard. The creation of a Catholic high school in Manhasset was the realization of a dream for Monsignor John K. Sharp, pastor of St. Mary's parish. The religious formation of youth had been a great concern of his since his arrival in Manhasset and he led an outspoken campaign to "develop a desire for a Catholic high school!"

The actual high school building had not been completed when the first class began as

freshmen. Initial classes were conducted in today's Elementary School until the new coeducational building was completed in 1950. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) taught all students during freshmen year until the Marist Brothers arrived sophomore year (1950) to teach the boys. Brother Nicholas Mary and Mother Annette became the principals, and the annual tuition was fifty dollars for each child.

When students did move to the new high school building, both boys and girls were in the present day Immaculata Hall (the former girls' school). The boys were on the east side and the girls on the west, and

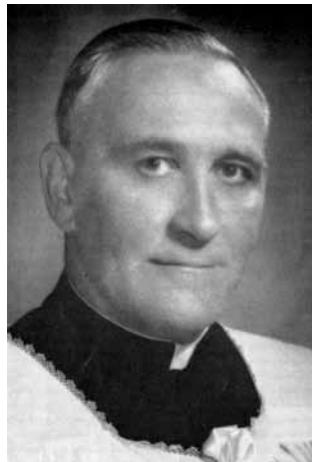
all alumni remember vividly the invisible line that divided them within the building. The boys were required to wear a shirt and tie, but not an official school uniform. The girls wore a royal blue skirt and jacket with a white blouse, bobby socks and blue and white saddle shoes. It was not until 1956 that the present day Marist Hall (formerly the boys' school) was built. The

no cliques. It was an exceptional place."

Claire was accepted at three schools but after her father met with Mother Annette there was no discussion about where she would attend high school. "My dad was very impressed with St. Mary's commitment to educating women."

Claire remembers her English teacher,

Sister Ephrem, who pulled her out of a basketball game to meet a paper deadline. "She rode her students, but when I got to college it was amazing how well prepared I was." The emphasis on learning encouraged us to ask questions and develop our minds.



**Msgr. John K. Sharp**



**Br. Nicholas Mary, FMS**



**Mother M. Annette, IHM**

"sweet shop" that was located on Northern Boulevard (currently a gas station) was perhaps just as important as any school building in the memories of our alumni. In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the school's founding, members of the first graduating class, Class of 1953, shared some of their memories from this unique time in St. Mary's history.

"St. Mary's was a gift", says **Claire Murphy Curtin**. "We were seniors from the start. Nobody told us what we could not do. It was such a mentoring education. The education was very much based on the European model of encouragement. Students were from all over, but there were

Claire remembers Monsignor Sharp as a visionary. Every Friday there was a full school assembly to which Monsignor invited some notable parishioner to speak to the students. Claire remembers one visit from a copy writer at J. Walter Thompson and says that these visits impressed upon students, boys and girls alike, that they were being groomed to take responsibility. When asked what she remembers most about her St. Mary's education, Claire responded, "St. Mary's gave me the imagination not to think in boxes and to consider the questions, what kind of mind do you have and what kind of life do you want?"

**John McCormick** transferred

to St. Mary's from Xavier High School in Manhattan as a senior. He was not alone. Many members of the class transferred in as things changed and the high school gained popularity. His family lived in Douglaston and he was a parishioner at St. Anastasia. John knew a lot of friends from grammar school and already knew about the school's growing reputation in basketball. John had chosen to go Xavier because, before St. Mary's opened, there were no Catholic high schools on Long Island's North Shore. John remembers plans for a big graduation ceremony that included singing lessons from the nuns. He also remembers being one of seven boys who was told only to mouth the words. He quickly recalled the lyrics, *When you walk through a storm/Hold your head up high/And don't be afraid of the dark/At the end of a storm is a golden sky.* John felt these words summarized his feelings about his St. Mary's education.

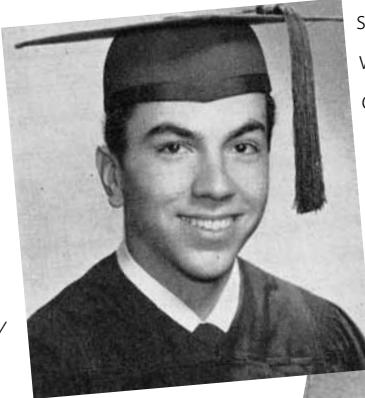
John raised his family in Port Washington. Two of his three sons graduated from St. Mary's (John '82, and Kevin '78) and his two granddaughters (Samantha and Caitlin) were baptized and made First Communion at St. Mary's Church. Like so many alumni, St. Mary's played a central role in John's life.

**Sheilah Kennedy Dye** commuted 15 miles each way from her family's home in Hewlett to the new St. Mary's High School. After spending one year in public school, she decided she wanted to pursue a Catholic education and St. Mary's was quickly building a reputation as being a great place to receive one. She remembers being educated exclusively by nuns. "The nuns and my family always expected the best and would not take any excuses. As a result, most of us who went to St. Mary's

# St. Mary's High School First Graduating Class

## 1953

did very well," Sheilah says. The girls had the option of pursuing a business course of a college course curriculum and selected their course choice upon entering. Sheilah remembers that the majority of the girls were on the college course and that



**Fred von Burg**

Marywood for the girls because of its ties to the



**Joan O'Shaughnessy**

IHM community. Sheilah had such a positive experience at St. Mary's that she was instrumental in organizing a 50th year reunion for the class in 2003.

students were directed to think about Catholic colleges, particularly



**Claire Murphy**



**Ronald Barabino**



**Sheilah Kennedy**

She has lived in Illinois since 1958 with her husband and family.

Being a member of the first graduating class is like being a perpetual senior, **Fred von Burg** remembers.

"We were kind of spoiled.

We never had any upper classmen. There was never any hazing because we were always the oldest ones in the building. We were also reminded that other classes would be looking up to us and that we were setting precedents." Fred grew up in Manhasset and attended St. Mary's Elementary School. He fondly remembers Brother Augustin who taught him math, physics and chemistry and the fishtanks in the classroom of Sister St. John and Phil Ruggiero, the first basketball coach. It was not until their junior year that the school had a varsity team. The basketball team originally practiced in the schoolyard with outdoor baskets until the gym was built in 1950.



**John McCormick**

# in the spotlight

A career English teacher and a published author of *Evolution and the Bible: A Convergence*, Fred attributes much of his success to St. Mary's. "St. Mary's instilled in me Christian values that I was able to keep throughout my life." He jokes that he has no horror stories of being educated by nuns and remembers all of the nuns as so caring and interested in the well being of their students.

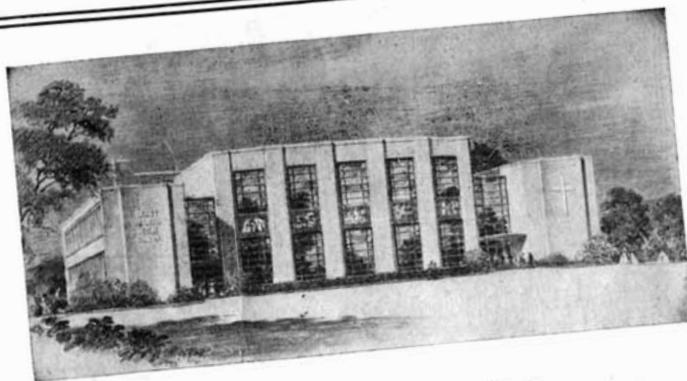
**Ronald Barabino, FMS** decided to become a Marist Brother largely because of his education at St. Mary's High School. Ronald began his high school career at Roslyn High School, but when he became ill and fell very far behind academically, his family decided that he should go to St. Mary's to catch up. Ronald still remembers the fervent dedication of the brothers. "The brothers were fantastic and helped me to pass all of my courses with flying colors that year." Their example was a large part of Ronald's decision to enter the Brothers in 1958 after graduating from Michigan Tech in 1957. He remembers the vocational director who was fondly known as "Freddy Flanagan" and jokes that most of his classmates made appointments with him just to avoid going to class. Brother Ronald taught calculus, computers and religion at Archbishop Molloy for 30 years. He has been retired and living in Florida since 2003, and recently celebrated his 50 year jubilee as a

brother.

**Joan O'Shaughnessy Kaufmann** did not really feel like she went to high school until sophomore year. For a St. Mary's Elementary School student, it took entry

on. She remembers Sunday Mass in the gymnasium of the newly built high school building and camping out at the convent for meals between Masses.

June, 1953



## THANKS FOR A DREAM

Thank you, Father Sharp, for your dream of Saint Mary's High School and for making that dream come true. When you came to Manhasset in 1939, there was a great need for a Catholic co-ed high school. You saw that need and did something about it.

But World War II interrupted plans and it wasn't until 1948 that ground was finally broken for the new building. Work progressed quite regularly but labor troubles and weather conditions prevented us from entering this edifice in September 1949. So Saint Mary's High School had its unsuspicious start in four rooms of the Grammar School.

Now, four years later, Saint Mary's is a flourishing high school, drawing its students from about thirty parishes of Queens and Nassau counties. It has been recognized in the fields of scholarship, journalism, public speaking, art and competitive sports. There is a faculty of over twenty-two religious and two lay teachers and there are almost eight hundred students. The answer to a prayer? Possibly. The culmination of a dream? Surely.

So thank you again, Father Sharp.

into a new building to make the high school experience seem real.

As a member of the parish, Joan remembers Monsignor Sharp as a dominant figure who announced to the parish, "I am going to build a high school and you are going to pay for it." And they did. "They made it part of the community," Joan laughs. Joan's piano lessons with the nuns trained her well to serve as the parish organist from the eighth grade

When the basketball team started, Joan became a cheerleader. "We had much more opportunity to be involved because there was no one else ahead of us. Everyone could be involved in everything. We were making our own path."

When the Class of 1953 reunited in 2003, approximately 45 of the 106 students who graduated on Sunday, June 21, 1953 were in attendance. They reminisced about St. Mary's student life and remembered special stories like when a group of St. Mary's girls played hookie from school to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade

in New York City and found themselves featured on the local evening news. Their collective memories are perhaps best captured in the words to their commencement song which Joan O'Shaughnessy Kaufmann altered to fit the occasion:

*Bells of St. Mary's I hear they are calling, the young ones, the old ones, for a last farewell. And now my dear classmates the school days are over the memories of these happy years will linger on.*

# Astrid Rousseau '06, Princeton '10 Launches College Prep Program

St. Mary's High School's College Prep Program got off to a lively and productive start with College Application Day on Thursday, October 29th. Astrid Rousseau, a 2006 St. Mary's High School graduate and a current senior at Princeton, has worked with the guidance department and school administration to design and execute the school's new College Prep Program.

Astrid said that the guidance department at St. Mary's did a great job giving her direction and advice during her own application process. She said one of the best things the guidance department did for her was to put her in touch with a college freshman who was also a St.



Mary's alumnus. "This connection," says Astrid, "gave me real-time insight into what I should be thinking about during both the application process and the transition process into college." Astrid drew from this experience to conceive and plan the College Prep Program.

On College Application Day, 15 young alumni came back to Marist Hall to share their experiences with current seniors in small information groups. The topics included the search and application process, application completion, essay writing, and general college advice.

Astrid is planning a Mock Interview Day and a Career Panel to take place during the winter months.

For information on how to participate in future programs, e-mail [mentor@stmary.ws](mailto:mentor@stmary.ws).

**Seated: Bobby Orlando '01, Kacie Mulligan '06, Astrid Rousseau '06. Standing: Timothy Ondrey '05, Richard Mejia '06, Anthony Ferraro '06, Dan Lollo '06, Greg Polius '04, James Wipperman '10, Michael Zirpoli '10, and Rinaldi Principal '10**



## Students to Watch

Members of the Senior Class: Ali Aslam, Courtney Heed, and Dennis Latos

by Eileen T. McMahon

Scholar Service Institute (SSI) member, **Ali Aslam '10** dreams of becoming a neurosurgeon or anesthesiologist one day. Mindful of this dream, he volunteered five days per week during the summer at Columbia Medical Center. He and the other interns were supervised by five investigators and their assistants as they conducted behavioral studies on laboratory animals. One study explored the effect of separation from their mothers on baby rats. Ali notes that they cried just as humans would under similar conditions.

Ali and his family are Muslims. His parents wanted him to get an excellent education, and he is satisfied that this is happening at St. Mary's. He finds parallels between the Catholic religion and his own, most noticeably that both exhort their followers to help others. His brother, Hamza is a sophomore SSI member. For the last four years, both Ali and Hamza have volunteered during the summer at the West Hempstead Public Library in a program that encourages hundreds of children to read.

When not working, volunteering or studying, Ali enjoys spending time with friends and engaging in a good game of handball.

**Courtney Heed '10** came to St. Mary's in search of a more structured educational setting, one that would nourish her faith. She and her parents, James and Arlene,

have been "thrilled" with her high school experience. They find the Gospel values



**Ali Aslam '10**



**Courtney Heed '10**

emphasized at St. Mary's to be the same ones emphasized by their family.

As her Scholar Service project, Courtney has corresponded with and sent monthly donations to an Armenian girl whose father was wounded in battle. This activity is sponsored by the Armenian Association of America and was recommended to Courtney by her grandfather. Courtney also volunteers her time at the Juvenile Diabetes Thrift Store in Port Washington.

Along with two friends, she sorts clothing, makes sales and cleans up the shop on Saturday mornings.

Involvement is practically Courtney's middle name. She is captain of the tennis team, president of the Environmental Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and a Senior Shepherd to which she attributes a strengthening of her faith. She serves as editor-in-chief of *The Magnificat* and enjoys bonding with fellow classmates in this common task. The students teach each other and learn from one another. According to Courtney, it affords students an opportunity to get to know what's going on at St. Mary's. She went on to say that journalism provides one with an opportunity to increase awareness, to share news and to spotlight areas requiring action or advocacy, all of which Courtney relishes. Last spring, *The Long Island Catholic* awarded her first prize in journalism for the Best Feature. Courtney hopes to pursue a career in journalism and to study at Columbia University.

**Dennis Latos '10** first became interested in filmmaking when he captured a scene on a cellphone. Afterward, he went on to use a laptop and more recently, a handy cam. In freshman year, he worked on an action film for which he enlisted the acting talents of his family, including his brother, Stavros, a St. Mary's sophomore.

This summer, Dennis traveled to Dublin, Ireland, where he was enrolled in a film

course offered at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. The course consisted of lectures and instruction in camera operation, storyboarding, screenwriting and editing. One of the instructors told Dennis that he was the only student with a powerful work ethic. Dennis had a real commitment to his movie ideas and was ready and willing to



**Dennis Latos '10**

persevere when difficulties arose. He went through about 20 different concepts for one project.

Dennis has numerous projects currently underway. He and his friend, Thomas Capobianco '10 have been working on a film called *Mafia Stories*. Thomas is the screenwriter and is also trying to get a novel published. Another film relates to Spirit Day 2009 when the whole school previewed *The Human Experience*, a film concerning young men working with Hansen's disease (leprosy) patients in Africa, assisting orphans in South America, and learning about homelessness on the streets of New York City. Dennis and Michael Gerasimou '10, both of whom are members of the Scholar Service Institute, are creating a film called *Our Next-Door Neighbor* to help people understand that this kind of poverty does not only exist in other countries. "People don't notice that there are people who are poor," Dennis observed. The young men viewed several

films on poverty to get ideas on everything from handling the topic to camera angles. Michael and Dennis hope that their work will inspire others to "help other people." They are facing the typical challenges of talented movie producers, such as privacy issues, dangerous behaviors of real life participants and the ultimate challenge of editing the footage into a meaningful film.

Dennis and Michael hope to share the completed film with the St. Mary's

students and faculty who eagerly await its premiere.

Dennis also enjoys making music videos, particularly hip-hop, rap and rock. Dennis is currently working on a music video for his uncle, Nick Base, who is a member of the band, Table 21.

*Eileen T. McMahon is the director of the Scholar Service Institute and teaches English and Religion at St. Mary's.*



# 17th Annual Don Monti Memorial Golf Classic and Fall Alumni Dinner

Andrew Della Ratta '88 honored with Timothy J. Coughlin Award

Alumni from all years gathered to reconnect with St. Mary's at this traditional alumni event. It was a quintessential alumni golf outing. It was a gloriously sunny day. Carts lined the path of Plandome Country Club for the noon shotgun start. There was brunch, a 50/50 raffle, and a shootout followed by dinner, auctions, and prizes. Chaired by alumni board member, Rob Dunphy '93, a dedicated committee of alumni leaders led the charge to make the event a success. This signature fundraising event directly benefits our current students.

The presentation of the Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Award by Francis J. Coughlin Sr., Frank Coughlin, Jr. '73, Dennis Coughlin '75, and Robert Coughlin '80 in honor of their brother Tim who died on September 11, 2001 was a centerpiece of the evening. Frank Jr. spoke about his brother's tenacity, enthusiasm, charm and about Timmy's success in business and love for his family. Frank also said that Timmy always spoke about the great experience he had at St. Mary's High School. For many years, Timmy came to this very



**Dennis Coughlin '75, Andrew Della Ratta '88, Rob Coughlin '80, Frank Coughlin, Sr. and Frank Coughlin, Jr. '73**

same golf outing. Today, Frank, his father, and brothers now attend to honor Tim by naming the Timothy J. Coughlin '76 Award

recipient and to support the school that they all attended and love so much.

In a poignant moment, Mr. Coughlin Sr. told a story about Timmy's tenacity during a tennis game at the age of nine. Frank Jr. noted it was fitting that this year's recipient of the Timothy J. Coughlin Award was someone with similar tenacity, Andrew F.J. Della Ratta '88, the current Alumni Board President.

Frank said, "Andrew was persistent in ensuring the induction of First Lieutenant John Arthur Keepnews '62

into the St. Mary's High Alumni Hall of Fame." Lieutenant Keepnews died in battle in the Vietnam War. Andrew has been an

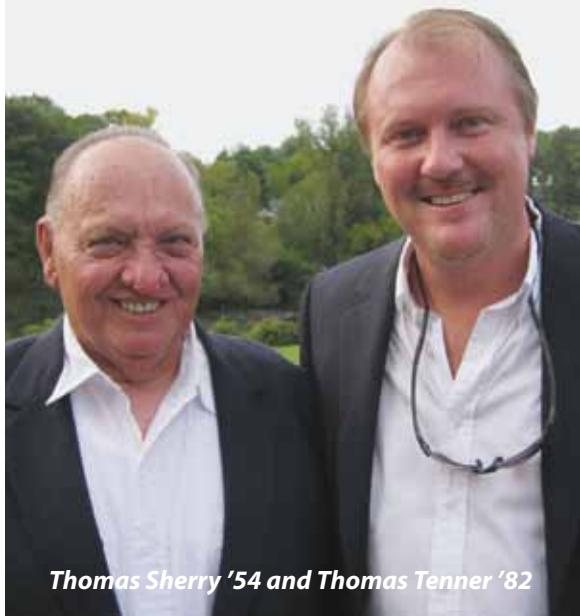
avid supporter of St. Mary's High School and actively encourages fellow alumni to get involved as well. Andrew's parents, siblings (John '82 and Regina '84) his wife, Jill, as well as his good friend and mentor, Brother Patrick Lally were all in attendance to congratulate him on this well deserved honor.



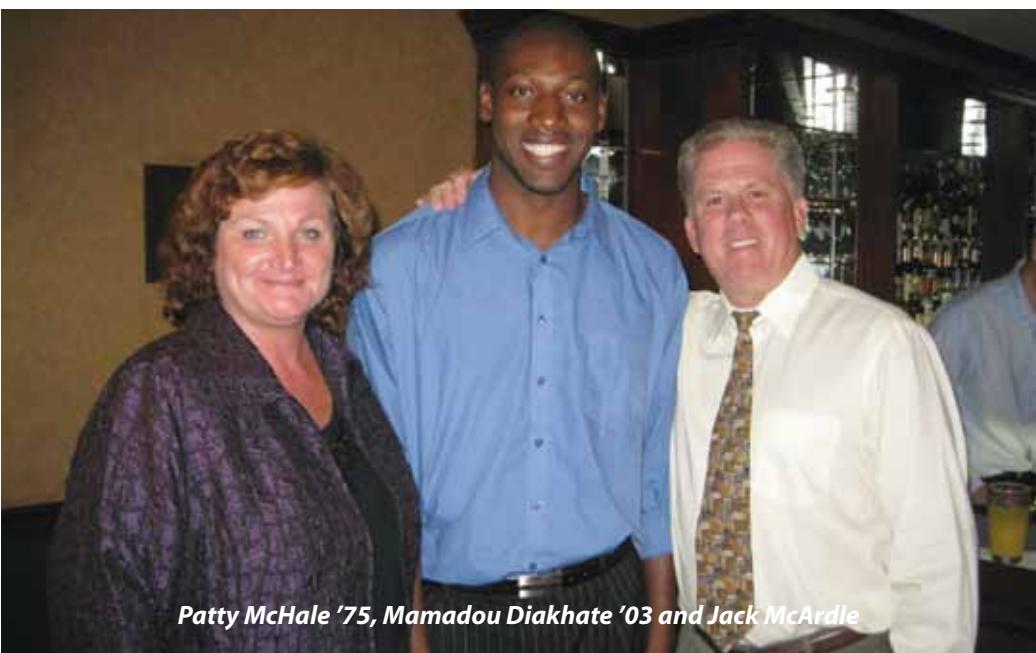
**Seniors James Whipperman, Chaz Morrish, Tom Capobiano, and Buddy McHale helped on the course**



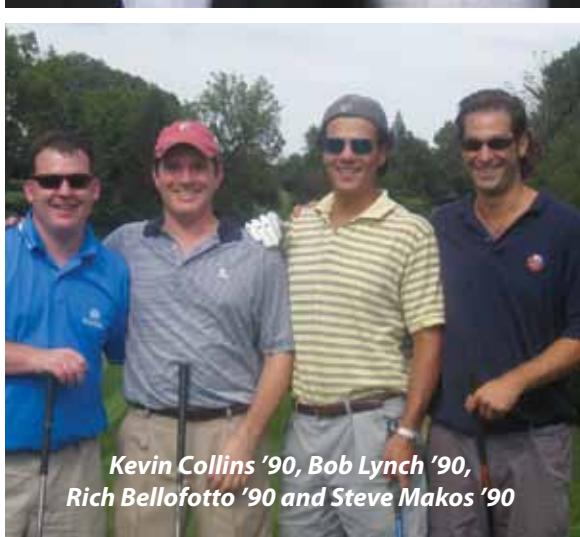
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Mary Beth Welsh '84 and Sr. Mariette Quinn, IHM**



**Thomas Sherry '54 and Thomas Tenner '82**



**Patty McHale '75, Mamadou Diakhate '03 and Jack McArdle**



**Kevin Collins '90, Bob Lynch '90,  
Rich Bellofatto '90 and Steve Makos '90**



**Matt Feeney '93, Br. Patrick Lally, Joseph Sciortino '93  
Drew Miller '93 and Richard Krams**



**Timmy Welsh '79 and Tom Hoban '76**



**Patty Hennelly Anglin '69, Chris Cangemi '90  
and Janet Barth McHale '69**

# 2009-2010 Annual Fund Committee Seen as Key to Growth

Charitable donations are critical to parochial school budgets. Many people know that these schools' costs are funded by two main income sources: tuition and charitable donations. St. Mary's High School similarly relies on donations to help pay for its expenses. There is no doubt then that the Annual Fund and other fundraising efforts are vital to the school's ability to continue to offer high quality academic, athletic, and

religious programs.

This year, an Annual Fund Committee has been established in an effort to increase giving from both alumni and friends. The committee is being co-chaired by Alice Phillips Belmonte '84, who is a member of the school's Alumni Board, and Marc de Venoge, who is President of the School Board and a parent of four children who have or will graduate from the High

School. Alice and Marc will work with their committee during the year to personally contact a number of school alumni to communicate the school's mission and to seek support. The committee is composed of 17 individuals who are both graduates and current and past parents. The graduation years among the committee members ranges from 1959 to 2001.

St. Mary's  
High School's

Annual Fund has tremendous opportunity for growth, says Kristin Lynch Graham '88, Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the High School. While it has grown both in terms of the number of donors and the dollars raised in recent years, the High School lags the 14% national average among national Catholic high schools as reported by the National Catholic Education Association. With 4% of St. Mary's alumni contributing to the 2008-2009 Annual Fund, Kristin sees the committee as a key component to converting the opportunity for growth of this year's Annual Fund into a reality. With more and more charitable organizations competing for donor funds, Kristin points to a personal touch as a vital part of this conversion.

The school sees local community members who may not be graduates and local businesses as potential additional sources of contributions to its Annual Fund. St. Mary's High School has been an integral part of the Manhasset community for 60 years. Its past and current students and extended families have been participants in the local economy for generations and the school's Office of Development and Alumni Relations sees a thriving school as a benefit to the local community and a reason for this audience to support its Annual Fund effort.

The 2009-2010 Annual Fund runs until August 31, 2010, which gives supporters ample opportunity to learn about the school's mission and to share their resources with this 60 year old institution.





#### 2009-10 Annual Fund Co-Chairs

Marc de Venoge P '06, '09, '11, '14  
School Board President

Alice Phillips Belmonte '84  
Alumni Board Member

#### 2009-10 Annual Fund Committee

Patty Hennelly Anglin '69

Judi Annibale Betts '59

Kathy Cawley '78

Tom Clifford '99

Sean Collins '77

Andrew Della Ratta '88

Rob Dunphy '93

Tom Hoban '76, P '11

Melissa DeRosa Johnston '94

Janet Barth McHale '69, P '96, '99, '03

Patty McHale '75, P '10

Dan Nolan P '01, '03, '05

Robert Pennachio '86

Farah-Lise Rousseau '01

Larry Siedlick '68

Tom Smyth '86

Mary Beth Welsh '84

Kristin Lynch Graham '88

Director of Development  
and Alumni Relations

P=Parent

Dear Alumni and Friends of Saint Mary's High School,

St. Mary's High School is a community in different ways to many people.

**To the local community**, our founding 60 years ago at the cornerstone of Manhasset established St. Mary's High School as an integral part of the immediate and surrounding neighborhoods. We continue to be a thriving and key component of the present landscape and share our success with local residents, commerce, and friends. Over 11,000 St. Mary's alumni extend our local community into the global world.

**To our alumni community**, we continue to share a common thread that unifies our graduates with the school and students today. Principles set forth in our academic, athletic, service, and religious programs maintain the same high standards in which you participated. This impact extends beyond alumni to friends, parents, and grandparents whose lives have been impacted by who we are and what we deliver.

Undoubtedly, a kinship exists among all members of the St. Mary's High School community both near and far. We thrive because we are single mindedly focused on our mission to educate young women and men as whole individuals with a basis in faith.

**As a member of our community**, we ask that you join us in partnership to deliver this mission for the present generation and those to come by making a donation to our Annual Fund.

With sincere appreciation,

  
Dr. Kevin McBride

Principal

  
Sr. Mariette Quinn, IHM

Assistant Principal for Academics  
Alumni Affairs Coordinator



"When I arrived at St. Mary's in 1955, my father had been transferred from Tokyo to New York. It was a foreign and somewhat unsettling place for me as a young teenager, 10 years after the War. I soon found St. Mary's to be an oasis of acceptance and calm, not to mention fine academics. St. Mary's was formative in my teenage years. It is a place I will never forget."

—John Yamamoto '59

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# Save the Date!

## 18th Annual Don Monti Memorial Golf Classic & Fall Alumni Dinner

Thursday  
September 23, 2010

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## The Gaels Society

Inaugurated in 2007 as the most prestigious donor recognition society of St. Mary's High School, the Gaels Society recognizes our most generous benefactors with cumulative lifetime giving of \$25,000 or more to St. Mary's High School. Members receive private school mailings, invitations to exclusive events, and special public recognition.

The leadership of the society encourages other benefactors to join the cycle of generosity at St. Mary's High School.

### Chairpersons

Sr. Barbara Jablonski, IHM '59  
Br. John Klein, FMS '65

### Co-Chairpersons

Anthony Bonomo	John Idol '76
Francis J. Coughlin, Jr. '73	Rev. Msgr. John J. McCann '57
Donald Denihan '79	Daniel Nolan
Margaret Grace	Arthur and Caroline Monti Saladino
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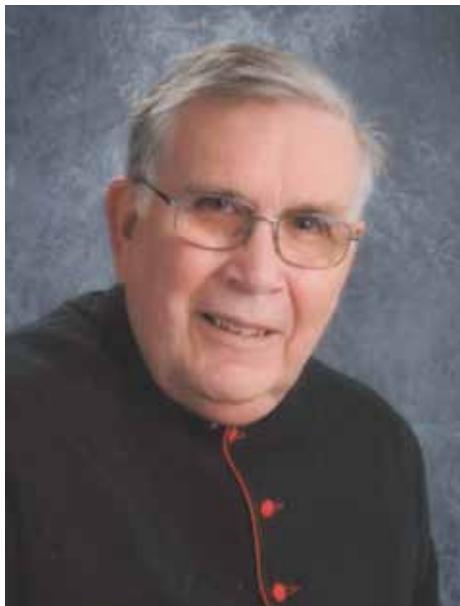
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The above represents a working list of donors to St. Mary's College Preparatory High School. We apologize in advance for any inconsistencies or omissions. If you have feedback or comments, please contact Kristin Lynch Graham '88, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at 516 627 4605 or via e-mail at [kgraham@stmary.ws](mailto:kgraham@stmary.ws).

# Gaels Society Member

## Reverend Monsignor John J. McCann '57

Monsignor John J. McCann was appointed the eleventh pastor of the Church of Saint Mary in June 1998. A member of the St. Mary's High School Class of 1957, Monsignor holds the unique distinction of being the first alumni pastor. It is from



**Mgr. John J. McCann**

this unique perspective that he oversees all aspects of St. Mary's, including all of the parish ministries, and both the Elementary and High Schools.

Born in Brooklyn, Monsignor grew up in New Hyde Park where he attended Holy Ghost Elementary School, which is today Holy Spirit. He remembers that an eighth grade teacher was likely the one to encourage him to go to St. Mary's High School. It is unlikely that in 1953 during his freshman year he knew what an integral part of his life St. Mary's would become. What he did know was that he could not cross the imaginary line that divided the girls and boys within the school building. "It was effectively two schools in one place," Monsignor remembers, unless you

were one of the lucky few to have a co-ed fourth year Latin class, which he was not.

It was not until the middle of his college years at St. John's University that he became aware of his vocational calling. His parents were very close to their parish priests, and Monsignor credits their presence in his life as being influential in his decision to become a priest. Subsequently, he studied at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington and was ordained in 1965 by Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg in St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre.

He served as associate pastor of Notre Dame Church in New Hyde Park and St. Joseph's in Ronkonkoma before going to St. Patrick's in Glen Cove in 1974, where he was appointed associate pastor, administrator and then pastor, a role he held from 1984-1998.

Monsignor McCann was named Domestic Prelate by Pope John Paul II in 1991.

Monsignor takes the rising cost of Catholic

education very seriously. "In the beginning, the parish was able to make a contribution to the life of the high school. Today, the parish no longer has the resources to continue regular parish ministries and support the high school at the required levels." As a result, he recognizes the importance of alumni support. When asked what alumni can do, he responds, "help us continue to offer young men and women a Catholic education so they can make a real contribution to our world." Alumni support helps to stabilize tuition costs so that parents can think about a St. Mary's education for their children, even in today's challenging economic times.

Monsignor currently serves on the Mission Assistance Corporation for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Inter-Diocesan Committee on Stipends and Retirement, and is Dean of the North Hempstead Deanery. He formerly served on the board of the Long Island Catholic, was chairman of the Diocesan Cemetery Board and is a former Dean of the Oyster Bay Deanery.



# Windows on Saint Mary's

## Fall 2009 Highlights

### **HomeLogic**

Parent or guardian involvement is critical to the advancement of a student's education. HomeLogic, a computer based program now allows parents or guardians the ability to view real-time information about their child's progress in school. Grades, attendance, student schedules, school messages and correspondence, calendars, and class assignments are some of the features available for viewing.

Besides listing all assignments for the students' classes, parents or guardians have access to details such as due dates and special instructions. They may even download information for particular assignments including the handouts given in class.

There is a place to view all the grades that have been entered in each class as well as attendance records, which are color-coded and sorted either by class or by date. Schedule information illustrates the student's schedule for the week including their specific classes. At a glance the parent has access to all school correspondences. Several times a year the school will post all pertinent information ranging from a calendar of events to registration information.

St. Mary's believes that this system will improve communication between the parents, guardians, students and teachers. It is this communication that will improve the overall educational experience.

### **The Blood Drive: Students Save Lives**

Two blood drives will be held during the 2009-10 school year. Last year, St. Mary's donated 184 units of blood. Each unit can be separated into different components to

save lives. While some might be hesitant to give blood, Alexandra Hurley '11 offers encouragement, "I donated blood for the first time last year. I was a little nervous, but I liked knowing that in the long run, I might literally be saving a life. How could I pass that chance up?" Gabrielle Duchatellier '10 added, "knowing that I have a chance to help someone in need makes me feel better about myself."

Several students are serving as captains to encourage members of the school community to participate. Ralph Samedy '10 stated, "I chose to be a Blood Drive captain to be more involved at St. Mary's. I chose to be a leader. It's fun to persuade people to give blood and help others."

### **MSG Varsity**

If you turn on your television, you may notice a new addition to the lineup: MSG Varsity. MSG Varsity, a product of Cablevision, is a channel solely dedicated to local high school activities, events and athletics. It is presently involved in negotiations with Time-Warner to provide its services to our New York City and Queens students. In addition to MSG on Channel 14, there is an online information site and other digital interactive services available to Cablevision customers. The programming will include original shows and features that are of interest to the student body and their families.

St. Mary's has formed a student group including members of the school newspaper, the yearbook, the student body, varsity athletic teams, and those engaged in independent film studies who will be trained on equipment provided by Cablevision. Overseen by their advisors, Eileen Symmons,

Director of Communications, and Mary B. Cornell, Assistant Athletic Director, these students will function as local reporters, downloading and uploading information as well as providing current events for the website. Presently, the Gaels version of the MSG Varsity group is gathering ideas for story production. The participants are eager to film game highlights and to provide stories of interest to the students.

### **Marathon**

On Friday, October 23rd, St. Mary's students participated in its own annual autumn ritual, the Marathon. This is the only fundraiser that students are asked to participate in during the school year and they do this by collecting pledges from family and friends. The Marathon gives the students and faculty the opportunity to enjoy nature as they walk six miles through the streets of Manhasset. Monies raised benefit student life at St. Mary's.

### **Senior Shepherds**

One of the highlights of the opening of school was the commissioning of the Senior Shepherds, a group of dedicated upper classmen who support the younger students in faith formation. The Shepherds begin training in junior year. The application process includes a detailed essay, two faculty recommendations as well as one from an adult in the student's community. Approximately 65 to 75 students apply annually for 30 positions.

Once selected, the Junior Shepherds meet monthly with Mr. Larry Kupferman. They form a small community while learning and developing leadership skills. In the spring, they participate in an intensive workshop on a Saturday during which they learn



to give talks and lead discussion groups. Either in the spring of junior year or in the fall of senior year, the Shepherds are required to make a weekend retreat. All of this prepares them for exercising leadership in Campus Ministry activities, including serving as facilitators for freshmen and sophomore Days of Reflection.

Rafaela Tinaj '10 enjoys seeing the freshmen gain more confidence in dealing with their peers. "They have a chance to be themselves and to see how others are," she observed about peer group sessions. Maria Varella '10 says, "it is good that freshmen know the seniors are their friends. We get to bond with them on deeper levels." She particularly praised the retreat experiences. In addition to facilitating discussions, the Shepherds also make presentations on topics like *Identity and The Development of*

*Self-Esteem.*

### Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Each grade level gathered for separate prayer services conducted by the Senior Shepherds of Campus Ministry during Thanksgiving week. The services included creative proclamations of the Scriptures, singing led by the Advanced Chorus, reflections offered by the seniors, and a blessing of the food collected in the High School's annual Thanksgiving food drive. Another component was a Litany of Service highlighting the varied ways that our students give thanks to God through service to the greater community.

### Interconnected

By Courtney Heed '10  
Editor-in-Chief of *The Magnificat*  
Last Spring, the St. Mary's community, led

by Dr. Kevin McBride, performed an act of altruism and compassion when it donated five laptop computers to young foreign seminarians who are pursuing their calling to the priesthood by studying at St. John's University. They came here in February 2009, as one seminarian put it, "to respond to a call to serve the church and to serve God. We felt we had a better chance of doing that in the United States." The aspiring priests feel that the computers would be vital tools for improving their English, completing paperwork and in helping them with their homework assignments for school.

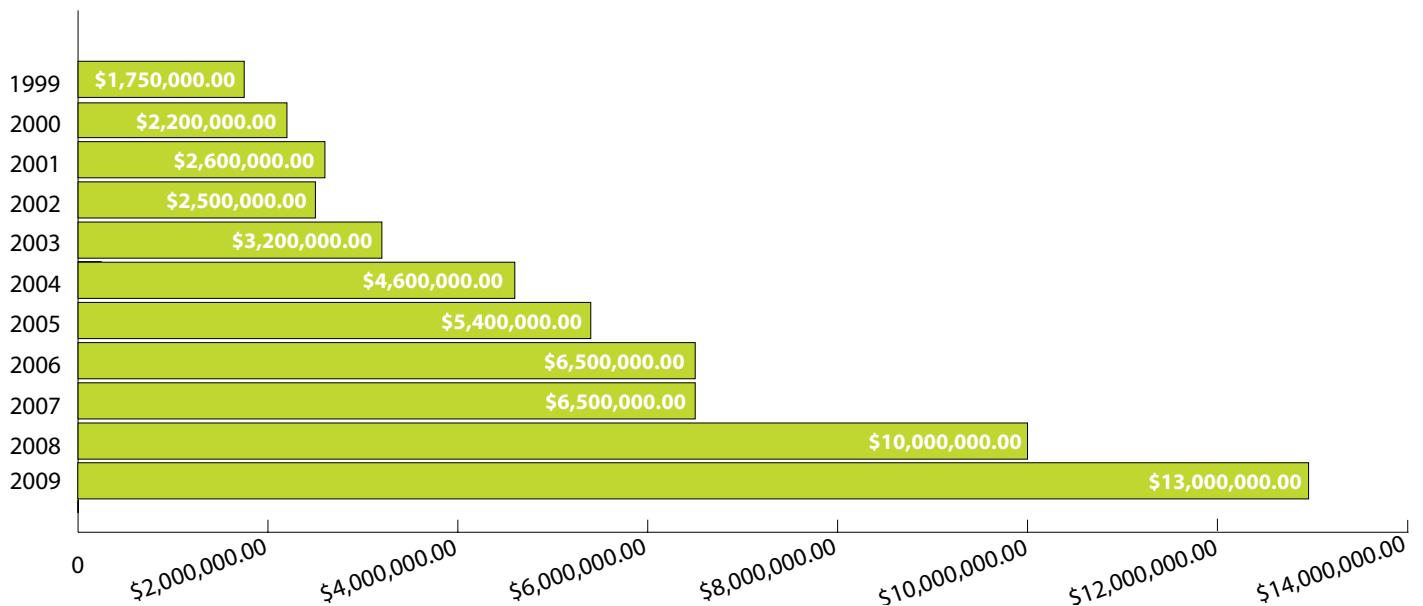
The laptops were hand-delivered to the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston by Mr. Jonathan Kramer and two members of the Scholar Service Institute, Lumena Fievre '10 and Djenane (DJ) Lemaire '10. Lumena and Djenane

### Teacher Competency

Last year, through their hard work and dedication, St. Mary's teachers achieved 100% competency on all New York State Regents competency examinations.

Dr. Kevin McBride notes, "the results support research findings concerning the importance of offering a rigorous academic program as well as extra help programs." This incredible statistic also underscores the Middle States evaluation which cited St. Mary's as a faith community within an educational community that exceeds expectations in critical academic, social, safety, and moral areas.

Faculty competency is one of the key factors leading to student success. Below is a graph depicting the academic scholarship money earned by the class of 2009. These scholarships and the acceptance rate of St. Mary's students to some of our nation's most competitive colleges and universities make St. Mary's an outstanding academic institution of which current parents and alumni can be proud.



admirably represented St. Mary's student body and acted as translators for the seminarians who are originally from Haiti and Colombia. "I felt like I was speaking with my own parents," DJ remarked. She noted the similarity between the seminarians' struggle to create a different life and to help people and that same journey of her parents. "They felt like family," she said. Lumena concurred and observed, "It was nice to see people from my culture (Haitian) come up from poverty and problems to establish themselves." With Mr. Kramer's guidance, DJ and Lumena helped set up the laptops, showed the seminarians how to use the word processing program, how to download programs, how to access them, and how to connect to the wireless Internet. The seminarians took copious notes.

The assistance of the St. Mary's students was met with tremendous gratitude and appreciation. The very last thing the seminarians said to the students was, "We would genuinely like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all and your school." Mr. Kramer and the two students were able to leave the Immaculate Conception Center with a deep sense of accomplishment, knowing that they had touched the lives of others and had truly helped those in need.

### **Ring Ceremony**

Each year, Ring Night celebrates a milestone for the Junior Class as they assume the challenges and responsibilities of upperclassmen. The December 3rd ceremony focused on the unique gifts of each individual and on the responsibility to use his or her gifts for the greater good. The ring symbolically represents the role St. Mary's plays in their journeys and underscores their awareness of the abiding presence of God in their lives. Together with the encouragement of their parents, guardians, teachers and friends, faith is a powerful tool which St. Mary's endeavors

to nurture.

### **Presidential Scholars Awards Ceremony**

Grace Chao '09 was selected as a Presidential Scholar Finalist. In June, she and her teacher, Kathleen Smith traveled to Washington DC for the awards ceremony. Chao nominated Ms. Smith, a 27 year member of the St. Mary's science faculty, for the most Influential Teacher Award.



#### **Ms. Kathy Smith and Grace Chao '09**

Ms. Smith shared her experience of the weekend with the *Alumni Magnificat*:

The program was primarily designed to honor the Presidential Scholars, allow them to meet the other scholars, and to provide them with inspirational and practical knowledge as they begin their college careers. The program included both academic scholars and scholars in the arts, including students recognized for poetry, art work and the performing arts. Festivities began on Saturday night with a reception at the Corcoran Art Gallery where student work was displayed. There was an afternoon reception on Sunday where student poetry was read. The highlight for me was the Teacher Recognition Dinner

that was held on Sunday evening. All scholars attended with the teacher they had nominated for special recognition. This was the first time that I could spend time with Grace and meet other scholars and their teachers. Speakers included the National Teacher of the Year and the Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. On Monday, the scholars visited the White House and met Vice President Biden. I attended a program at the Department of Education for the teachers. There were several short presentations by teachers who were currently working for the Department of Education, but the more interesting part of the day was the opportunity to meet and talk with teachers from all parts of the country and to hear their interests and opinions. On Monday evening, there was a presentation of the skills of the scholars in the performing arts – classical music, theater, jazz and modern dance. The students were outstanding. This was open to all scholars, teachers, and families. I was thrilled to be able to meet and spend time with Grace and her parents at the beautiful rooftop reception after the concert. I returned home (to finish giving Regents exams) on Tuesday, but Grace stayed to participate in a panel for Asian students.

### **Bye Bye Birdie**

On November 13th and 14th, St. Mary's Drama Club put on another fantastic show with their rendition of the classic Broadway musical hit *Bye Bye Birdie*. The show was directed by Mr. Larry Kupferman. Mr. Carlo Puca was the assistant director and Mr. Matthew Elliott was the musical director. Lead actors were seniors Larry Hector and Catherine Braxton and juniors Dalton Bradley, Francesca Pisano, Michael Civello, Kaitlyn Carty and Ilena Lech. They had an outstanding support cast, stage crew and musicians. The entire St. Mary's community enjoyed this showcase of the students' talents. ■

# Tolerance Training

## Scholar Service Students Learn to be "Upstanders"

by Eileen T. McMahon

This fall, 52 members of the Scholar Service Institute participated in Tolerance Training provided by the Holocaust Museum and Tolerance Center in Glen Cove. The Scholars were anxious to learn how they could better promote understanding among people of various religions, races, and cultural backgrounds.

The program began with an overview on the Holocaust followed by a brief video presentation which contained survivor testimony. Next, Dr. Eleanor Weiss introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Eddie Weinstein of Great Neck, a survivor of Treblinka. Dr. Weiss noted that these Scholars may be among the last to have the privilege of meeting and hearing testimony firsthand from a Holocaust survivor. A young man at the time that the Nazis invaded Poland, Mr. Weinstein eventually found himself on the way to Treblinka, one of the notorious death camps. He shared moving memories of his time in the camp including images of a pit in which the soldiers were burning the bodies of their victims.

During his time in the camp, Mr. Weinstein was shot in the chest and survived only because his brother Srulek (Israel) and friends treated the wound. Unfortunately, Israel went to get him some water and was never seen again. Mr. Weinstein's experiences are documented in his book *17 Days in Treblinka*. The Scholar Service Institute owns several copies, thanks to the Gaels' Parents Association, which students can borrow on request. His is really a story of resistance, he says, of fighting to stay alive in the face of horror, inhumanity

and death. Now retired from a successful sweater business, he spends a great deal of time speaking to groups about his experience.



**Eddie Weinstein, a survivor of the Holocaust**

The students then saw a video prepared by Long Island students encouraging all to abandon hate as a word. Small group discussions followed on how to begin to apply the lessons learned from the Holocaust to situations of intolerance and hatred in our own day.

Distinctions were made among the concepts of bystanders (those who don't do anything to stop hatred), perpetrators and upstanders (those who challenge intolerance). St. Mary's students were free to share ways in which they had experienced intolerance in their lives. These could range from intolerance based on race,

religion or nationality to prejudice because of appearance. Issues such as bullying or cyber-bullying were also raised. "One thing I really enjoyed about this program," said Jessica Megerian '12 "was that I got to learn what the appropriate things are to do when you see someone getting bullied. Now I know that just ignoring it is the worst thing we can do." Students also reflected on ways in which we at St. Mary's practice and promote tolerance.

Ms. Eileen T. McMahon, Director of the Scholar Service Institute, exhorted the Scholars to put what they had learned into practice. Lisa Greco '12 remarked, "It was very inspirational and touching to hear Eddie Weinstein's story. I feel very lucky to have been one of the last people to see and hear a witness from the Holocaust." Justin Mole '12 concurred and added that the program "...helped to open our eyes toward the intolerance humans exhibit toward each other." Angelica Villegas '12 summed it up this way: "This program was very touching, educational and very eye-opening...Horrible people can do horrible things, but we have the power to change that."



**Sophomores Abbas Lawal, Young Hee Park, Hamza Aslam, and Dean Russo with Mr. Weinstein**

# Alumni Board Embraces Role as Ambassadors

Principal Dr. Kevin McBride, recently attended an alumni association board meeting at the invitation of president, Andrew Della Ratta '88. Recognizing that board members are often asked questions about the school, Andrew wanted the board to be educated first hand about St. Mary's today.

The most recent school video provided a general overview of present day St. Mary's and gave a face to the current student body and their achievements. Board members then asked specific questions about admissions and acceptance policies, endowment and fundraising goals as well as the long-term vision for the school. Tom Smyth '86, vice president

of the board, asked Dr. McBride what he thought was the primary purpose of the alumni board. Dr. McBride responded honestly that there are always financial

school. He encouraged all board members to embrace this role and to speak proudly about St. Mary's to all they encounter. He provided impressive statistics about

college acceptances and scholarship awards, making the case that St. Mary's provides an outstanding educational experience of which alumni can be proud.



pressures that the alumni board can help relieve through fundraising efforts, but stressed that the most important role of the board is to be ambassadors for the

The meeting appeared to be a pivotal moment in the board's development. As a result, there was a call to evaluate programs and ideas to support the important mission of serving as ambassadors.

Information on joining the board and meeting dates are posted at [www.stmaryalumni.ws](http://www.stmaryalumni.ws).

## If you still haven't registered on the Saint Mary's Alumni Association's website

### *Do you know what you are missing?*

**Did you know...once registered, you will be able to**

- send and receive e-mail from classmates,**
- update your contact information so you will be notified about class happenings,**
- shop online for St. Mary's Gaels apparel such as t-shirts and sweatshirts etc...**
- make your Annual Fund donation to St. Mary's High School using our secure link with Click and Pledge.**

***So, what are you waiting for?***

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# reunions

## Reunions 2009

Thanks to all of the class leaders who made the 2009 reunions so successful.

### 1959

Judi Annibale Betts, Carl Ludecke, Peter Kenny, and Judy Kane Maloney

### 1969

Patty Hennelly Anglin, Mike Doran, Janet Barth McHale, and Rich Masterson

### 1984

Alice Phillips Belmonte and Mary Beth Welsh

### 1989

Courtney Schweitzer Murphy

### 1999

Tom Clifford and Meredith McHale

Some classes chose to get together to celebrate common birthdays. Kathy Dwyer Clarke, Diane Fimbach Kessenich, Tricia Gately Rowe and Betsy Hush Quinn hosted a luncheon at the Westhampton Country Club for the "girls" of the Class of 1957. Linda and Neil Reilly brought 1967 alumni together for a birthday celebration at Plandome Country Club.

### 2010 Reunions: Save the Date

#### Class of 1960

October 9, 2010

#### Class of 1985

May 15, 2010

More information online at  
[www.stmaryalumni.ws](http://www.stmaryalumni.ws)

If you are interested in serving on your class reunion committee, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 516 627 4605 or e-mail Kristin Lynch Graham '88 at [kgraham@stmary.ws](mailto:kgraham@stmary.ws).



**Diane Fimbach Kessenich, DeeDee Igoe Driscoll, Fran Baumgartner Elias, and Mary Pat Mullon Schermerhorn**



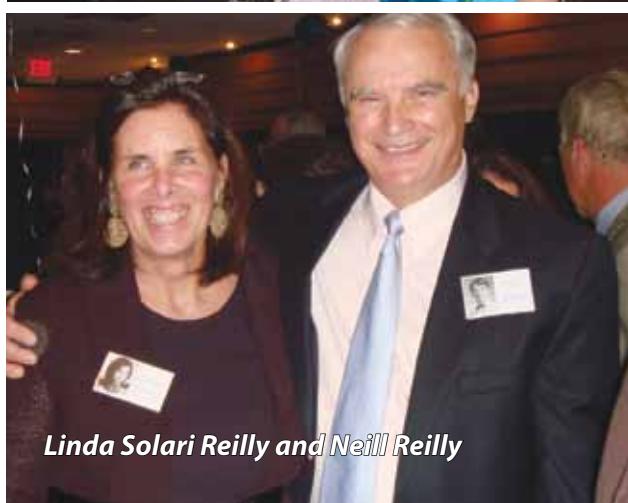
**Tricia Gately Rowe, Pat Keane Dunne, Rosemary Rebholz Jansen, Jeanette St. George Kellerman, and Kathy Dwyer Clarke**



*Current seniors Katie D'Alessandri and Cherie Ferby-Guy lead Alumni on tours of the campus*



## *Class of 1967 Reunion*



*Class of 1969 Reunion*



*Frederick Haberle and Peter Mackey*



*Bill Quinn, Lawrence Just, Jim Gay  
and Larry Mummy*



*Eileen Doran Brower, Barbara Blissert,  
and Patty Hennelly Anglin*



*Diane Meenan Doyle, Joan Schwind, Pat Oakes Renner  
and Deidre Connolly Robson*



*Mike Doran, Jack O'Connor, Bill Finnerty,  
and Robert Busch*



*Janet Barth McHale, Joan Schwind,  
Thomas Gleason and Mary O'Rourke*



*Patrick Halton, Jeanne Ann Norton,  
and Kenneth McGuinness*

## Class of 1984 Reunion



*Kathleen Smith joins former students, Susan Sullivan Graham and Susan Granger Collins*



*Gail McLaughlin McCarthy, Melissa Campanelli Williams, and Laura DelDuca Walls*



*Beth McCauley Corsentino and Kate Murray with their former teacher, Patty McHale*



*Colleen Donahue Mahon and Sharon Ryan O'Krepkie*



*Jodi Kiggins Gilligan, Nora Downing Brew and Susan O'Neill Kelly join Bill Wrensen, theology teacher*



*Kerry Pollicino Brady and reunion leader, Mary Beth Welsh*



**Beth Fogarty DeGeorge, Tracy Leonard Sweeney and their husbands John and Mark.**



**Courtney Schweitzer FitzPatrick, Ronnie Russell Werner, and Tara DeLucia Johnson**

**Craig O'Callaghan, Steve Iglio and Ralph Jean-Pierre**



**Lori King, Courtney Schweitzer FitzPatrick and Terence King**

## Soccer Reunion



Soccer alumni from all years returned to Denihan Field on September 19th for an alumni game and reunion. Rob Sventora, the current coach, was thrilled with the response and looks forward to future gatherings.



# Yea, Blue



# Yea, White

## LET THIS BE YOUR NEW SPORTS NIGHT!

at the  
**ANNUAL LADIES'  
NIGHT OUT**  
Sponsored by the St. Mary's Gaels  
Parents' Association

Boutique, Fashion Show and Dinner  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010**  
Cocktails: 6:30pm  
Dinner: 7:30pm  
Leonard's | Dolce Vita  
555 Northern Boulevard, Great Neck

Join honorary  
**Sports Night Captains**  
**Sr. Mariette Quinn, IHM, White**  
and  
**Mrs. Diane Papa, Blue**  
for a night of memories and  
tradition

Come hear the music, see the  
props, and learn the results of  
Sports Night 2010

Please contact Alice Evans at  
[gaelsparents@aol.com](mailto:gaelsparents@aol.com) or visit us on  
Facebook (St. Mary's Alumni group and  
fanpage) for more  
information, sponsorship  
opportunities and reservations.

**Donna Van Norden '80** recently relocated to Greenville, South Carolina after her husband's retirement. Her oldest son is starting high school at St. Joseph's and her next son is in middle school at St. Mary's. Donna says, "our family still believes in Catholic education."



**Liana and Jennifer**

**Eileen Symmons '86, Dianne Szwed '86** and **Kate Cossman Lewis '86** posed for a quick alumnae reunion photo at the St. Mary's Elementary School Ladies' Night Out held this past November. Dianne is a partner in Optical Heights, a high-end optical boutique located in Roslyn Heights. Kate is the proud mother of four children, and is pleased to report that they are all enjoying their first year at St. Mary's Elementary School.



**Evan Rhys Schnatterly**

**Amy O'Hara '92** married Michael Griffin on May 23, 2009. **Anthony Bulla '93** and **Brian Kralj '93** both attended the wedding. Amy is a special education teacher in Queens and resides in Queens with her husband.

**Liana Bartolini Ljubicich '83** and **Jennifer Mazzella Santelli '89** are partners in Bella Cose, a boutique style handbags and accessories business. They were vendors at the St. Mary's Elementary School Ladies' Night Out held this past November.



**Eileen, Dianne and Kate**

**Pamela Rogers Schnatterly '90** and her husband, John, joyfully welcomed their first child, Evan Rhys on February 19, 2009. Pam, John and Evan reside in Manhattan and have their own business, smarhoneymoon.com.

## Gael Winds | Alumni Updates Wanted...

We would love to hear from you and publish your news and photos in the next issue of the *Alumni Magnificat*. Digital photos are preferred and must be hi-res (300 PPI) for quality printing. Please submit your entries to [kgraham@stmary.ws](mailto:kgraham@stmary.ws).

## Matching Gift Companies

The following companies provided matching gifts to the 2008-2009 Annual Fund:

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Many corporations offer matching gift programs that increase the impact of their employees' charitable donations. If you or your spouse work for a company with a matching gift program, you can participate in the program on behalf of St. Mary's College Preparatory High School and significantly increase the total value of your gift.

**How do I know if my company has a matching gift program?** Your human resources representative can tell you if your company has a matching gift program. You may also call the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 516 627 4605.

**How can I initiate a matching gift to St. Mary's College Preparatory High School?** Simply obtain a matching gift form from your company's human resources office. It will provide information for initiating a matching gift from your company to St. Mary's.

**Is my matching gift tax deductible?** Only your portion of the gift is tax deductible. You will not receive tax credit for your company's matching gift. However, St. Mary's will credit you with the combined contribution of your gift plus the match from your company. The total gift amount is considered when determining membership in such societies as the Sr. Theresa Maxis Duchemin, IHM and St. Marcellin Champagnat, FMS Society.

**I have more questions about matching gifts. How do I get in touch with someone who can help me?** In addition to your human resources representative, a member of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations is available to answer any question you may have. Please call 516 627 4605.

# 2009 Annual Fund

## *Giving by Level*

*Below is a listing of alumni and friends who generously contributed to the St. Mary's High School Annual Fund during fiscal year 2009 (September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009).*

### **The Gaels Society**

*(25,000 and above)*

Lawrence Siedlick '68

### **Sister Theresa Maxis**

### **Duchemin, IHM Society**

*(\$10,000 -24,999)*

Anonymous

Alvaro Martinez-Fonts '75

### **Saint Marcellin Champagnat**

### **FMS Society**

*(\$5,000 to \$9,999)*

Maureen Denihan Ferrari '73

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### **Monsignor John K. Sharp**

### **Society**

*(\$1,000 to \$4,999)*

Msgr. Donald M. Beckmann '62

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Peter J. Clare '83

Patrick Devaney '90

Rob Dunphy '93

Dennis Hayes '62

Shawn Kelly '70

Peter '59 and Patricia Barnard  
Kenny '60

Terry Laughlin '68

Patricia Whalen Lessard '62

John F. Leviness '74

Patricia Lynch '68

Thomas Marano

Brian Meagher '74

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Stephen J. Paluszek '75

Nicholas Scobbo '68

Terry Grace Sears '75

James Sweeney '68

Gene Tullio '68

Robert Walsh '62

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*(\$500-999)*

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Richard A. Citarella '68

Kevin Clifford '60

Roger V. Coleman '78

Leo T. Crowley '73

Donald Denihan '79

Joseph Evans '03

David and Maureen McGratty

Francescani, '60

Kristin Lynch Graham '88

Daniel P. Grogan '88

Scott G. Harford '91

Kevin Haughey '68

Margaret Barry Jaccoi '66

Susan Curtis Martin '71

Mary Ellen O'Brien Mc Cooey '77

Bill Meyer '66

Kerri-Ann Montano '94

Edward Moran '56

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Laura Driscoll Perocier '88

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*(\$250-499)*

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Judi I. Annibale Betts '59

Robert Betz '68

Elizabeth Buatti '70

Joan Blissert Burns '71

Frank J. Caldwell '73

Kathryn McManus Carey '68

Kevin B. Connolly '71

Dennis F. Cooney '75

Dr. Andrew Costarino '71

Christopher DeCerbo '08

Andrew Della Ratta '88

James Dillon '84

Dr. John M. Driscoll '54

Paul Evans '05

June A. Filingeri '68

Dr. Michael Grace '68

Trish McGinley Hallett '88

Robert S. Halliday '60

Linda Novotny Hildebrand '61

Jane Hoffman '71

Elizabeth King '84

John J. Lambert, Jr. '63

Michael J. Lightfoot '56

Carl R. Ludecke '59

Kevin Malone '55

Frances Blissert McCutchin '75

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Fitzpatrick Mink '73

Thomas J. Murphy '77

Kevin Nolan '66

Katherine King O'Connor '92

Janice Barbino Padden '62

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Francis Ruddy '66

Nancy Burke Salter '79

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Warren Augenthaler '55

Virginia Blissert Bachman '82

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James Belter '65

Mary W. Dailey Bennett '63

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Brendan Brady '98

Kerry Pollicino Brady '84

Maryann Russo Brady '68

Maureen Brady '93

Brian V. Breheny '86

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Christopher Caldwell '79

Daniel Cappio '68

Kim Murphy Carr '88

Kevin Caslin '72

Richard Cogliandro '68

Karen Franjola Confoy '59

Donald Corrado '60

Jane McHale Cotter '67

Gerard Dankel '68

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Carmela DiMeo '91

Timothy Donahue '90

Edward G. Donegan '68

Alyssa Donelan '86

Diane Meenan Doyle '69

Francis Doyle '54

Luke Driscoll '87

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Joseph and Brian

'91, '99 & '03

Don and Sheila Granito

Dunphy, Jr. '60 & '61

Jane O'Loughlin Dunphy '68

Gail Dwyer '61

Dr. Thomas J. Ekkers '58

**Bronze Gaels Circle cont.**

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Kerry Harrington Fater '68  
Matthew Feeney '93  
Vanessa Banks Finocchiaro '68  
Jeffrey Fisher '82  
John '65 and Margaret Schreiber Fitzgerald '68  
Kathleen FitzGerald  
Anne Hill Fitzgibbon '66  
Kristine M. Dunn Flannery '88  
Chris Flynn '90  
Edward Fogarty '99  
Caroline Gabrielli '97  
Paul Gabrielli '00  
Robert Gabrielli '95  
Bob Glaser '69  
Hope Furness Gottschall '66  
Eileen Fitzpatrick Grishman '62  
Raymond Haller '74  
Thomas Haller '72  
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Joseph Marino '68  
Alfonso Martinez-Fonts, Jr. '67  
Teresa Mattone '81  
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Matthew McCabe '90  
Nancy Kumpfbeck McClintock '63  
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John McKee '61  
Prof. James McNamara '54  
Mary A. Cullen Miller '54

James J. Moloney '85  
Catherine Minichiello Montiel '85  
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Christopher Murphy '70  
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John A. Nelson '67  
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Denise Parrott McDonough '69	Thomas J. Raleigh '88	Morgan Summers '12	
Joan Pidgeon McGee '66	Carmen-Felicia Recinello '92	Eileen M. Symmons '86	
John F. McHale '03	Michael B. Reilly '68	Susan M. Symmons '82	

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Sheilah A. Kennedy Dye  
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### **CLASS OF 1954**

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Edward Moran  
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Ronald Ronzoni  
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**CLASS OF 1962**

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Patricia D'Atri Sparks  
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Angela Sperendi Belsole  
Robert Betz  
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Eileen Drummond Cadigan  
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Tricia Connolly Cocks  
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Gerard Dankel  
Richard Doe  
Edward G. Donegan  
Kathleen Buck Dubester  
Jane O'Loughlin Dunphy  
Kathleen Costello Eng  
Margaret A. McLaughlin Farrell  
Kerry Harrington Fater  
June A. Filingeri  
Vanessa Banks Finocchiaro  
Margaret Schreiber Fitzgerald  
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Therese Walsh Harding  
Ann-Marie Fassl Hartline  
Kevin Haughey  
Thomas Haughey

**CLASS OF 1968**

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Patricia Lynch  
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Priscilla Regan  
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Nicholas Scobbo  
George Shaughness  
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Paul Tressa  
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Helen J. Deegan Wareham  
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Laurence Nummy  
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Andrew Costarino  
John Fassl  
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Thomas Haller  
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Karen Kilhenny  
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Leo T. Crowley  
Maureen Denihan Ferrari  
Jeffrey and Deborah  
Fitzpatrick Mink  
Laura Callahan Besecker  
Mary Valentine Gyorffy  
Raymond Haller  
John F. Leviness  
Philip J. McCabe  
Brian Meagher  
Linda A. Nahles  
Jane Bogel Spatola  
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Stephen J. Paluszek  
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Kathy Miller Collyer	<b>CLASS OF 1983</b>	Peter O'Hanlon	<b>CLASS OF 1998</b>
Mark Davies	Peter J. Clare	Dena Trentacosta Parlo	Brendan Brady
Debra Vey Voda Hamilton	Raniero D'Aversa	<b>CLASS OF 1990</b>	Bradley and Cristin M.
Raymond B. Hayes	Christina McKay Vega	Richard Bellofatto	Mathiez King
Gerhard L. Perz	<b>CLASS OF 1984</b>	Craig Caceci	<b>CLASS OF 1999</b>
James Poplawski	Charles Alutto	Patrick Devaney	Edward Fogarty
Virginia Rice Rengel	Kerry Pollicino Brady	Timothy Donahue	Christina Navaretta
James Tomlinson	Richard Dee	Chris Flynn	<b>CLASS OF 2000</b>
<b>CLASS OF 1977</b>	James Dillon	Robert G. Lynch	Brian T. Escobedo
Robert E. King	Kathleen Donohue-Johnston	Kevin F. Lyons	Paul Gabrielli
Mary Ellen O'Brien Mc Cooey	Maureen Gaus	Frank Maiello, III	Robert J. Scheer
Thomas J. Murphy	Susan Sullivan Graham	Matthew McCabe	<b>CLASS OF 2001</b>
Jay Ryan	Annette Ziller Giuliani	Kerin King Rausch	Thomas Alexander
Deidre F. Diesing Schiela	Elizabeth Hudak Haynie	Kathleen Marrin Reukauf	James Devins
William Weisner	Elizabeth King	Michael B. Skehan	Briane D. Sorice
<b>CLASS OF 1978</b>	Brian D. McQuade	<b>CLASS OF 1991</b>	<b>CLASS OF 2002</b>
Manny Alas	Mark Saporita	Thomas Devaney	Amy Delmore
Kathleen Cawley	Mary Beth Welsh	Carmela DiMeo	<b>CLASS OF 2003</b>
Roger V. Coleman	<b>CLASS OF 1985</b>	Kathleen Dunn Grigo	Joseph Evans
Stephanie Meehan Scully	Thomas P. Curry	Scott G. Harford	John F. McHale
John J. Sheerin	James J. Moloney	Maria Murillo Taliercio	<b>CLASS OF 2004</b>
<b>CLASS OF 1979</b>	Catherine Minichiello Montiel	<b>CLASS OF 1992</b>	James Alexander
Janet Russell Belz	Eileen Forde Rivera	Edward Koch	Dan Doremus
Christopher Caldwell	<b>CLASS OF 1986</b>	Laura Fosco Marceca	Kerri L. Escobedo
Donald Denihan	Brian V. Breheny	Katherine King O'Connor	Jessica Rios
Maureen Maybury Mealie	Alyssa Donelan	Carmen-Felicia Reciniello	<b>CLASS OF 2005</b>
John O'Hare	Robert G. Pennachio	Christian P. Vaupel	Paul Evans
Nancy Burke Salter	Lynda Swanson Rubino	<b>CLASS OF 1993</b>	Kristen Karoff
Thomas Sassi	Thomas P. Smyth	Maureen Brady	Brianne Ruzek
Patricia Van Bloem Schumacher	Eileen M. Symmons	Maryellen Dillon	<b>CLASS OF 2006</b>
<b>CLASS OF 1980</b>	<b>CLASS OF 1987</b>	Robert Dunphy	Joseph Accardi
Alyson M. Kelly	Luke Driscoll	Matthew Feeney	Michael P. Kavanagh
Francesca Mattone-Volpe	Cesar Laucam	Douglas Menelly	<b>CLASS OF 2007</b>
Arnold Perz	Kara Fullam Zahradnik	Adela M. Yepes Pace	Brian Gayson
Timothy Smollen	Stefane Cahill Farella	Peter J. Radloff	Melody Tognan
Donna Jackowski Van Norden	Kim Murphy Carr	Zarine D. Sagar	<b>CLASS OF 2008</b>
<b>CLASS OF 1981</b>	Andrew Della Ratta	<b>CLASS OF 1994</b>	Christopher DeCerbo
Eileen Dominici Aivaliotis	Kristine M. Dunn Flannery	Melissa DeRosa Johnston	Sean M. Escobedo
Chris Brady	Camron H. Ghaffari	Kerri-Ann Montano	<b>CLASS OF 2012</b>
Niall J. Delaney	Kristin Lynch Graham	<b>CLASS OF 1995</b>	Morgan Summers
Nora Anne Walsh Loughnane	Daniel P. Grogan	Mary Kate Trainor Alcusky	<b>FRIENDS</b>
Teresa Mattone	Trish McGinley Hallett	Tara Shea Bacigalupo	Linda and David DeCerbo
Thomas Reilly	Belinda Gonzalez Leon	Robert Gabrielli	Kathleen FitzGerald
Mark J. Roldan	Elyssia Marshall Mathias	<b>Class of 1996</b>	Floral Park Window Cleaners
<b>CLASS OF 1982</b>	Laura Driscoll	Meghan McHale Cantly	Richard Hynes
Virginia Blisert Bachman	Thomas J. Raleigh	Jacqueline Dowd	Theresa Loftman
Elizabeth Cooke D'Urso	<b>CLASS OF 1989</b>	Maureen Garrett	Thomas Marano
Jeffrey Fisher	Karen Valentine Bachor	<b>CLASS OF 1997</b>	Jack and Castenza Vivinetto
Mary Jo Lilly	Alice McCabe Browne	Adriane Bringe	Joseph R. and Isabelle Whelan
Thomas M. Quinn		Caroline Gabrielli	807 Restaurant Associates

# memorial mass



**Members of the Class of 1969 used the Memorial Mass on October 11, 2009 as part of their 40th reunion celebration. Classmates (featured right) gathered to remember those who had passed away. This special memorial tribute with their graduation photos (featured right) was a fitting tribute to their memories.**

## In Memoriam

*The Saint Mary's Alumni Association expresses its deepest sympathies to the families, friends, and classmates of the following deceased alumni whose deaths were reported to the Office of Development and Alumni Relations between April 7-November 1, 2009.*

**MARY GARVEY DENIG '53**

**JOHN FRITZ '53**

**FRED SCHLAGENHAFT '55**

**CAPTAIN KEVIN BARRY '60**

**ELLEN McCARDLE DUFFY '60**

**DIANE NEVILLE '65**

**FRANCIS LIPARE '71**

**DEIDRE HART WEIS '76**

**ADRIENNE CONTEGNI '77**

**ROBERT DUHIG '87**

**DAMIEN MARTIN '96**

*Please contact the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at 516 627 4605 to report the passing of an alumnus.*

*A full listing of the deceased alumni who were remembered at the Annual Alumni Memorial Mass on October 11, 2009 is now listed on the St. Mary's alumni website ([www.stmaryalumni.ws](http://www.stmaryalumni.ws)). Please plan to join us next year for this annual event to remember all of our beloved alumni who have gone home to God. Alumni who attended said it was a meaningful way to honor their loved ones at a place that played such an important part in their early lives.*

# The National Catholic Education Association Report on Catholic High Schools

As reported by the National Center for Education Statistics, includes both elementary and secondary schools. (On average, secondary school costs are higher than elementary, but are not reported separately).

## Tuition Facts | 2009 Mean

**Catholic High School Tuition: \$8,182**  
**St. Mary's: \$8,275**  
**Per pupil cost: \$10,228**

The mean Catholic High School tuition is approximately 80% of actual costs per pupil.

At St. Mary's, the difference between the per pupil cost and the tuition charged is obtained, primarily through alumni support and fund-raising activities.

## Average Public School per Pupil Cost \$9,138

Based on the public school cost, Catholic schools provide \$20 billion dollars a year in savings for the nation.

# 33%

of students nationwide request financial aid to attend Catholic Schools.

## 75% of Catholic Schools have an Endowment

**\$3.4M: Average 2008 Endowment**

**\$45M: Highest reported 2008 Endowment**

**\$2.1M: St. Mary's Endowment**

## Average Catholic High School Annual Fund Information

**\$451,831 average 2008 Annual Fund Total for Private Religious Secondary Schools**

**18% average 2008 Alumni Participation rate**

## What About St. Mary's?

**\$122,153 St. Mary's 2008-09 Annual Fund as of 31 August 2009\***

- 431 Donors
- 150 New Donors
- 4% Alumni Participation

\*Fiscal Year: Sept 1 2008–Aug 31 2009

## The Cycle of Generosity



Who among us had not been the beneficiary of generosity from the generation before us? Our responsibility is to be generous to the next generation. It is a way of giving thanks to God for all that has been given to us. Now that you are behind the scenes, we invite you to let God work through you and support St. Mary's students in their journey to answer Jesus' call selflessly in all that they do.



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**CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, December 19th | 4:00-4:45 PM  
Wednesday, December 23rd | 4:00-5:00 PM & 7:30-8:00 PM  
Thursday, December 24th | 9:30-10:30 AM

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

4:00 PM Family Mass in Church  
4:15 PM in Elementary School Wiest Hall  
5:30 PM in Church  
Midnight Mass in Church  
Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 PM

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

7:30 AM in Church  
9:00 AM in Church  
10:30 AM in Church  
12:00 Noon in Church  
12:15 PM in Elementary School Wiest Hall

There will be no 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Day