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2015 Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School Alumnae Reunion

**At Gargiulo's in
Coney Island**

**THE 2015 REUNION WILL TAKE PLACE AT GARGIULO'S
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2015:**

**THIS REUNION WILL CELEBRATE THE CLASSES OF
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60, 65, AND 70.**

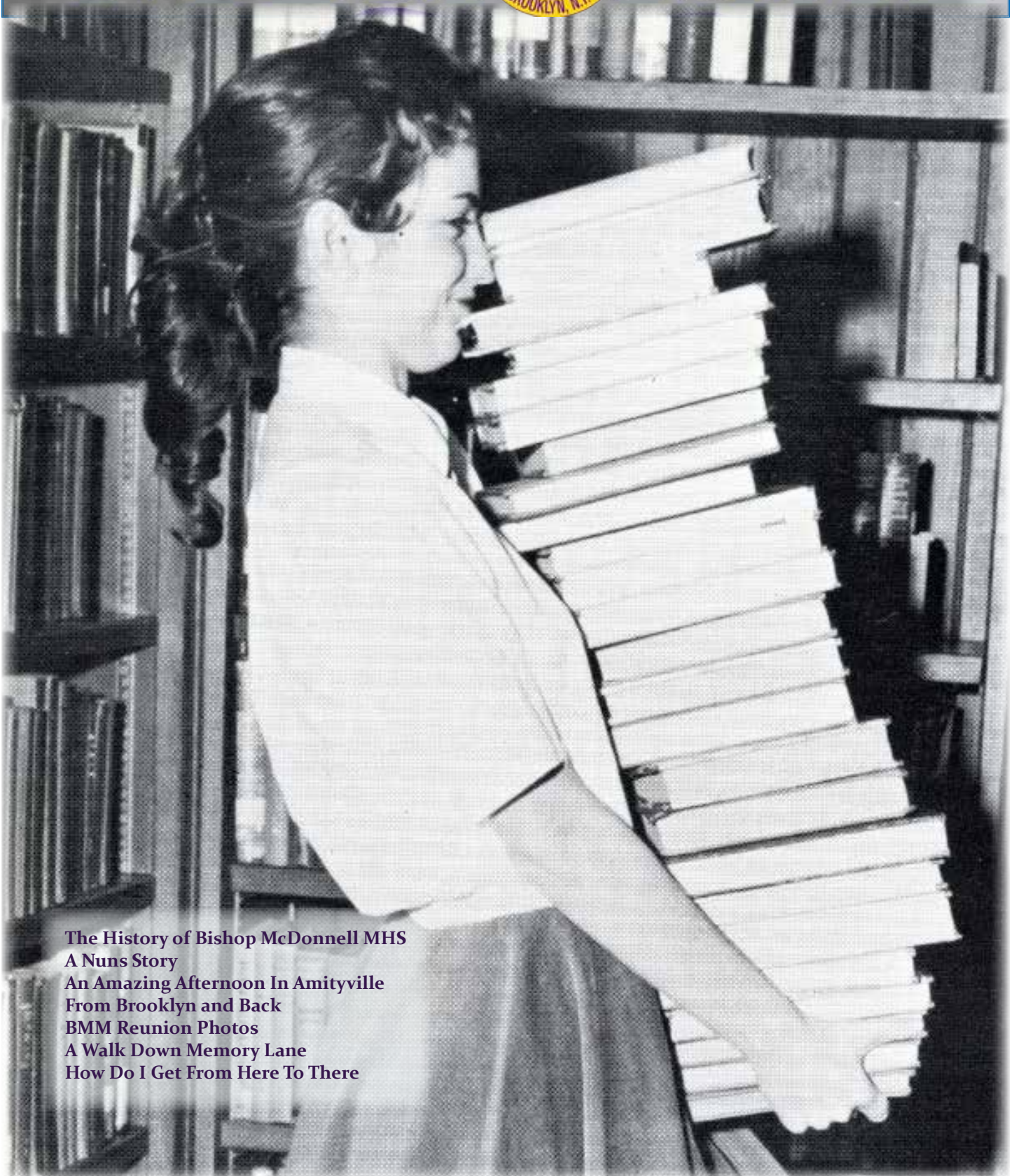
THE START TIME IS 11:30 PM WITH MASS AT OUR LADY OF SOLACE IN CONEY ISLAND. THERE WILL BE RESERVED SEATING FOR YOUR CLASS AT THE WELCOMING CEREMONY AND DINNER. ALUMNAE MERCHANDISE WILL BE ON SALE THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND A 50/50 RAFFLE WILL BE HELD DURING DINNER. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TO THE BISHOP MCDONNELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

THE COST OF THE EVENT IS \$90. SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH ALUMNAE. RELIGIOUS AND FORMER FACULTY ARE COMPLIMENTARY. PUBLIC TRANSIT IS STEPS AWAY FROM THE RESTAURANT AND THERE IS ALSO AMPLE VALET PARKING AVAILABLE AT GARGIULO'S.

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Dear Memorialites,

Because of your generosity to the Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Fund here at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, fourteen young ladies continue their studies with Bishop McDonnell Scholarships. I cannot tell you how many Bishop's grads have told me that if they were not accepted into Bishop McDonnell, their parents could not have afforded a catholic high school education when the cost of other catholic high schools was \$30 a month in 1956. We can only imagine what it is like for parents today who have to pay \$9500 a year or more for each of their children to attend catholic high schools and even then, the school has to subsidize each student. To this day, statistics indicate that the number of students who pass the regents and graduate from catholic high schools, in general, is greater than many who attend public elementary schools. Parents are also grateful for the good discipline which continues in catholic schools to this day. Oftentimes, however, the parents must work two jobs in order to pay for this.

We who have been so fortunate to have had free catholic education should be so proud to know that we are supporting young people and their parents to afford catholic education during this difficult time. During the past year I received phone calls from Bishop's grads who were uncertain about phone calls they were receiving during the spring requesting donations. Please know that this phone call from Lester's Inc. in Connecticut is not made as another request but as a gentle reminder to those who have forgotten or postponed payment to the annual fund. These contributions all go to the Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Fund. Last year we also asked if each person who enjoys The Memorial newsletter give a small contribution towards the Memorial since the cost of producing and printing the newsletter has become so prohibitive. We were grateful for contributions toward the Memorial because this ensures the continuation of a newsletter we never had and keeps us connected. Please note that there is an envelope enclosed in the newsletter for that contribution. Those are the only two contributions that we request.

We are all familiar with the beautiful scripture passage, "Whatsoever you do to the least of your brothers and sisters, that you do unto me." We then, are doing this for catholic education, for students, parents, and for God. Thank you for your generosity.

Gratefully yours,
Rita Monaghan-Maloney'59

Bishop McDonnell Committee Wishes You a Happy New Year.

MEMORIAL: THE HISTORY OF BISHOP MCDONNELL MHS

By PHYLLIS MURPHY-HOWELL '67

In 2007 I was asked to join a Reunion Committee at Bishop Loughlin, established to plan future reunions for my high school. Having just retired, I was looking for something to keep me busy and being on the committee seemed to be the perfect fit. As a member of the committee I wanted to combine my love of scrapbooking with preparing decorations for the reunions. Those of you who have attended the reunions since 2007 may remember the large tri-fold poster boards at each anniversary year table. I wanted the boards not only to highlight the activities and events that happened during each anniversary class' four years at Bishop's, but also to serve as a reminder of what was happening outside of school during that same time period.

While researching which events I should highlight on the poster boards for the various reunions, it dawned on me just how many sacrifices the girls of Bishop's were willing to make for their love of school and country. In addition to the countless years of volunteering at orphanages, hospitals, local parishes and the school itself, unheard of amounts of money were raised for missions in faraway places and servicemen stationed overseas. Imagine having to give up your yearbook, prom and other senior year activities due to war or the depression. That is what the school asked of girls who were only 15, 16 and 17 years old.

The more I researched the history of Bishop's, the prouder I became of the students who attended and made the school what it was. I started making notations and before long, I had amassed over 400 pages of notes and collected quite a few copies of the school



newspaper, the Laurel and our yearbooks, the Mitre, as well as other articles found in newspapers and archives. Over the period of five years I had the opportunity to speak to Memorialites who graduated from Bishop's from as far back as 1926 through its final year of existence, 1973 when the school was forced to close. Their stories made me laugh and I discovered that, although our school years were generations apart, a common bond existed between us and among all the graduates.

It became clear to me that I wanted every Bishop's girl to realize that the school had given us a lot more than a diploma. It instilled in us an honorable way to treat others. It prepared us for the world outside by bringing that world directly inside Bishop's walls on Eastern Parkway – through the arts (ballet, music and theater), assemblies and the missions. We were taught that sacrifice is not only good but it can be fun when a community works together towards one goal. Bishop's graduates received more than a superior education.

For many, it changed their lives and broadened their ideas of what they could and would become. It encouraged young women to be their best in whatever vocation they chose.

The teachers, for the most part, nuns, were strong role models who encouraged students to further their education during times when many thought it foolish for a woman to continue on into higher education.

I was fortunate to have an opportunity to visit the school's archives. During that week I read whatever had been written about our school and finally began compiling my notes into a book. With the help of one of my classmates, Patricia Hurley Pagano, who served as editor, I completed "Memorial, Memorial: The History of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. It is a chronological history beginning with initial efforts to fund the building of diocesan high schools in New York City all the way up to the closing of Bishop McDonnell. Although I suspect that some will read only the parts of the book pertaining to the years they attended, I hope Memorialites will read all of it to see what their school sisters were able to accomplish during the war years and other trying decades. When I interviewed Father Noonan in 2010, he told me that the worst day he ever spent at Bishop's was the day he announced that the school would be closing when the class of 1973 graduated. Certainly, when the school closed, much was lost. This was an amazing school.

If you are interested in purchasing the book, please contact me, Phyllis Murphy-Howell, via e-mail at howelldogs@aol.com or by phone at 718-627-2145. The cost for the book, which includes shipping, is \$15.

JANE COZZI-MURRAY '65 BIO

By PHYLLIS MURPHY-HOWELL '67



Tucked away in the basement of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School is the recently created Performing Arts Center. Walking through double glass doors and down the gleaming, highly polished corridor, there are rooms built to accommodate the needs of the school's Music Department. As you visit this beautiful, acoustically driven suite of rooms, you realize the thoughtfulness that went into the planning of this very special gift given to Loughlin by two very special people. It was built to be completely sound-attenuated so that students could practice most effectively. The Performing Arts Center includes both large and small band rooms, a vocal room, and a recording/engineering studio to fit the needs of the music and art programs offered by the school. It exists because of the generosity of Jane and Michael Murray.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Kew Gardens, Jane Cozzi first saw Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School in September 1961. Among the many students she met that day were the two who sat on either side of her in class. The three of them remain in touch even until today. Many Bishop's graduates have strong friendships forged from their days at Bishop's. Some friends are in touch often, while others remain but a fond memory. All of them, however, shaped the many good times shared in the building on

Eastern Parkway that students fondly called "Bishop's."

Jane traveled to Bishop's from Queens via bus, train and shuttle as so many of the students had to do in those days. At Holy Child of Jesus Grammar School, she was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph and was happy to find out that members of that Order would also be teaching at Bishop's. These nuns, joined by four other Orders, taught Jane the lessons necessary to make her way in the world. Although Jane fondly mentioned two of her teachers (Sr. St. Florence, SSJ (Italian), and Sr. Mary Lucia, one of the Sisters of Mercy (Art), she enjoyed meeting members of all of the different Orders. Because the Daughters of Wisdom were restricted to teaching French, it was the one Order who never taught her. While a student, Jane most enjoyed going to the school dances at Loughlin, the boat trip to Rye Beach and other occasions where Loughlin boys could be found. It is no wonder that she married a Loughlin graduate. In 1968, while a junior at St. Joseph's College, Jane was asked to bring a friend of hers for a double-date. Although her friend and "Mike" did not hit it off, he obviously was taken with Jane and called her a short time afterwards to ask her out. The rest was history because, in 1970, they were wed, and one of Jane's friends from Bishop's was in attendance as a bridesmaid. Michael and Jane will soon celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary and are planning to celebrate it with a cruise around the world.

Michael, who graduated from Loughlin in 1963, continued his education at St. John's University and later attended the University of Houston where he obtained his master's degree. Michael spent five years as an officer in the U.S.

Navy, but because he and Jane decided that they wanted to settle in one place, Michael decided to leave the Navy. He began working for FMC Corporation, a diversified conglomerate company that, ironically, required him to relocate all over the U.S. and even overseas. Because Jane had continued her education and earned degrees in Early Childhood Education at both St. Joseph's (BA) and Queens College (MS), she discovered many opportunities to teach wherever they lived.

For 23 years, Jane taught in Virginia, New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and California – all the way from Kindergarten through college level. Working in that field enabled her to diversify – from heading a nursery school in California to becoming a supervisor of student teachers at Villa Maria College in Erie, PA. Eventually, while living in California, Jane decided to return to school and try her hand at interior design. She enjoyed working at a design firm and later going out on her own as a consultant.

Between 1992 and 1995, Jane and her husband resided in Brussels, Belgium. There, while acting as an American liaison between the American Women's Club and the Belgium Women's Club, she and Mike were able to travel extensively. To date, there is only one continent they have yet to visit – Antarctica.

In 1995, Jane began volunteering her time with the Anti-Cruelty Society (ACS) and worked with the Cat Adoption Program. Thus began her devotion to help stray and abandoned felines find homes, comfort and some degree of love. Jane was not only a coordinator for ACS's major fundraisers, but during that time 20 years ago, Jane, along with a friend, coordinated all the volunteers for the ACS's major fundraiser "Bark in the Park".

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FROM BROOKLYN AND BACK

By Mary Ellen Lavelle-Murphy'59 with Mary Macchiarola'58

On a beautiful spring day in May, Mary Macchiarola and I were lucky enough to interview a fellow Bishop's grad – Sr. Maryann Seton Lopiccolo, SC '66. Sr. Maryann was born and raised in St. Paul's parish in Cobble Hill, formerly known as Red Hook. It was at St. Paul's that she was first introduced to the Sisters of Charity of Halifax. Sister is quite proud of the fact that St. Paul's is the oldest church building in the Diocese. St. James Cathedral - Basilica is the oldest parish but is not the oldest church building due to a fire that destroyed the original church of St. James.

Sister paved the way for her sister Jeanne who is married with one son and living in Pennsylvania and her brother Frank who is also married with 4 children and lives in Las Vegas. Sister Maryann is the proud aunt of 5 nieces/nephews and a growing list of grandnieces and nephews. Upon graduating from St. Paul's Grammar School, Sr. Maryann was thrilled to be heading to Bishop's for high school where she thoroughly enjoyed her four years and her involvement in so many school societies including National Honor Society, student council, ushers, mission club, to name a few. Sr. Concepta, SC was a person Sr. Maryann admired and was also her Grade Advisor. After a semester of college, Sister Maryann worked for the rest of that year before entering the Sisters of Charity of Halifax in 1967. In 1970, she professed her first vows and was immediately sent to her first parish – Our Lady Help of Christians in Brooklyn.

In her first two years at OLHC, Sister continued her studies at Brooklyn College while helping with the Girl Scouts and CCD. For the following four years she taught the 3rd grade at OLHC.

The year 1976 saw Sister transferred to Boston where she served for six years, all of which were at St. Peter's and St. Kevin's in Dorchester and St. Mary's in Quincy. While in Boston, Sister was a member of an Apostolic House of Prayer and lived there for four years.

Upon completion of her Masters degree in Religious Studies at Boston College in 1982, Brooklyn was calling her back to Our Lady Help of Christians as its new Principal.

OLHC was lucky to have Sister as its principal from 1982 until 1991. Four of the years Sister Maryann was principal at OLHC, Msgr. Fitzpatrick was its pastor. Msgr. Fitzpatrick had been Sister's principal for her four years at Bishops. Sister and five of her classmates started their class reunions beginning with the 20th Anniversary and continuing every five years. Sister Maryann found the spirit and enthusiasm at the reunions was the same as it had been at Bishop's.

Thankfully, for the last reunion the class joined with the Bishop McDonnell Alumnae Association. In 1991, Sister received a degree in Spirituality from Fordham University. The year 1992 saw a shift in Sister's career as she started a Collaborative Novitiate House originally with 5 communities of Sisters of Charity in Ft. Lee, NJ where she served as novice director for six years. There are thirteen congregations of Sisters of

Charity under the umbrella "Sisters of Charity Federation". The orders have maintained their independence and yet participate in many joint projects.

Sr. Maryann has worn many hats. Her current title, Episcopal Delegate for Religious, started in 1998. She currently has under her

jurisdiction 96 communities including about 1100 sisters, brothers, order priests, secular institutes who take three vows - poverty, chastity, and obedience but do not belong to any religious order; these are lay people, two consecrated virgins and Sister also oversees three monasteries.

Sister has served on the Executive Board of the National Conference of Vicars for Religious, as Vice President and President, taught in-service workshops for the Religious Formation Conference for many years and was also on the Theologate Admissions Board for the Brooklyn Diocesan Seminary.

Currently, her responsibilities include serving on the Diaconate Board for permanent deacons and serving on The POP Management Board for affordable housing at Catholic Charities and on its finance committee. Also, she spends her time finding housing for religious, helping the international religious with their visas and studies, dealing with insurance companies, etc. while performing her regular responsibilities. Sister helps plan several events for the members of consecrated life in the diocese; among these are World Day of Consecrated Life, diocesan Jubilee celebrations for the religious and days of reflection. Sister Maryann has Sr. Kathleen McGonigle, CSJ '57 as a helper one day a week to make life a little less hectic.

A NUN'S STORY by Mary Kerrigan-Tittmore'59

A career in Medicine that expands five decades and four continents started at Bishop McDonnell High School, according to Eileen Catterson'53. It was there, first at "Little Bishop's" and then at the main campus that she began to explore her love of people, her fascination with science and her deep spirituality.

Born in Astoria, Queens in 1935, Eileen attended St. Joseph's Elementary School where she excelled academically. The big move to Bishop's in 1951

introduced her to the Daughters of Wisdom and their unique mission to enhance charitable works in their home countries and missions. Realizing her vocation, she entered this semi-cloistered religious community six months after her graduation, completing her postulancy and novitiate at the Mary Immaculate Novitiate in Litchfield, Connecticut. She became somewhat famous, or infamous, when her large, extended family arrived on the first visiting day in a Greyhound bus.

Upon completion of her novitiate, now Sr. Eileen, was sent by her order to Portsmouth, Virginia where she completed a nursing diploma at Maryview Hospital School of

Nursing. For four years she worked there as a staff and supervisory nurse, caring in particular for African-American patients in the still segregated south. In 1960, Sister travelled to St. Laurent sur Sevres in northern France where she took her final vows as a Religious at the motherhouse of the order. In 1962, Sister volunteered for the missions, spending six months in Rome at the order's generalate house while arrangements were finalized for her to join other Daughters of Wisdom at their medical facility in Ngludi in the country then known as Nyasaland.



During her tenure in Africa, there were turbulent times. The people of Nyasaland rebelled against the colonial power of Great Britain and won their independence finally establishing the country of Malawi. In spite of the chaos surrounding it, the mission continued to function.

In addition to her other nursing duties, Sister Eileen was instrumental in expanding the nursing school for native women located there and became its head mistress.

When she returned to the United States in 1968, Dr. Catterson was granted permission to study medicine. She began at St. John's University in Queens. However, she was accepted into medical school before she completed her bachelor's degree. Attending the Women's College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Sr. Eileen was elected the president of the student body in her junior and senior years. She was awarded her Doctor of Medicine in 1974 and completed her internship and residency in Pediatrics at Children's Hospital and Medical Center of Akron, Ohio. Committed to the devotion to the poor which characterizes both Dr. Catterson and the Daughters of

Wisdom, they decided to open a children's medical clinic in the heart of Appalachia. With the help of the Diocese of Wheeling, West Virginia, a children's medical clinic was opened first in Rhodell in 1977 and moved to Pineville, West Virginia six years later. The mission of the clinic was to provide quality medical care to the children of Wyoming County from birth to adulthood. Patients were first seen in a trailer parked behind a catholic church. Funds were solicited and supplied by the diocese, the local community, family and classmates from both St. Joseph's and Bishop's to "brick in" the trailer. A permanent structure was erected and dedicated in 1990. In a predominantly Protestant area and in a predominantly male profession, Dr. Catterson, a Roman Catholic nun, rose to prominence in the state and became the President of the Board of Medicine of the State of West Virginia, a post that she held for ten years.

In 1995, St. John's University awarded Dr. Catterson a bachelor's degree and later that year, she earned a masters degree in theology from Wheeling Jesuit University. In her Master's thesis she explored the relationship between wisdom spirituality and women and developed a series of seminars which she implemented on the healing power of wisdom for women.

In 2006, Sister received the Catholic Church's highest honor for a religious or a lay person when the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross was conferred on her by Pope Benedict XVI for her devotion to and furtherance of the life and mission of the Church in caring for the poor and the sick. When she retired in 2011, the local community showed their gratitude for a life devoted to the children of West Virginia by allowing the clinic she founded in Pineville to remain. It is now known as the Eileen Catterson Center for Children.



Many Bishop's Grads Stay in Touch

In April, 2011 some alumnae from the class of '54 gathered together in New York City to celebrate their upcoming 75th birthday. Dominica Curcuru (Donnie) came from North Carolina. Agnes Shand (Micki) of Brooklyn was there and so were Pauline DeVito who came from Long Island and and Carole Hottinger who came from Wyckoff, N.J. They were friends through high school and the friendship continued. They have been in touch and visited each other throughout the years. They were also part of the Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority. Pauline and Carole talk and visit often. Donnie suffered a major stroke a few months earlier and is in a nursing home in Brooklyn where her daughter sees her often. Micki passed away suddenly in 2012 and is greatly missed.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF '59 CAN'T WAIT

Some members of the '59 class meet every June during the last week of the month to celebrate their graduation. The group pictured are listed by their names at Bishop's:

Mary Kerrigan, Mary Bennett, Joan Overton, Rita Wunderlick, Deirdre Carlin, Patricia Corrigan, Patricia Mannari, Patricia Wachter, Penny Madden, Maureen O'Loughlin, Sister Helene Jakubowski, Barbara Treglia, Catherine Geringer, Jean Wolf, Dorothy Mastranadi, Catherine Sciacca, Julie Wenzel, Dolores Howell



ANNUAL LUNCHEON, CLASS OF JUNE '56

Betty Trust Conlon has been hosting annual luncheons at her house in Breezy Point for her French group classmates. Last summer (2013 – post Sandy) they had a banner year for attendance. Eighteen members, from three states, celebrated the year of their “diamond” birthday to great excitement, and to renewing their long time friendships. They sang “Memorial” with gusto, and plan to continue this tradition forever (?). Thanks also to co-host Maureen Leahy-Birmingham for enhancing the French theme. This year they will toast the memory of their favorite Latin teacher, Sr. James Patrice, who fondly referred to them as “her tenth Legion” (dux decima legionis).

AN AMAZING AFTERNOON IN AMITYVILLE

When I first heard of a “delightful” 102 year old Amityville Dominican Sister who had taught at Bishop McDonnell from 1936 to 1944 I hoped that she was well enough to do an interview. Thinking that Sister might be in an infirmary, I asked Sr. Kay Carlin O.P. if it were possible to interview Sister Grace Regina without disturbing other sisters who might be resting or sleeping. On Wednesday, April 16, 2014 Mary Macchiarola and I went to visit Sister Grace Regina Wingenfeld O.P. We were both surprised when we were led into the room where a lovely woman who wore a brown skirt, a white blouse and a soft pink sweater welcomed us. Having worked on a 750 piece jigsaw puzzle, she stood up tall and straight and greeted us with such warmth and kindness that we were immediately charmed by her. We realized that she was indeed “delightful” as we were told.

When Sister was born in the Ridgewood section of Brooklyn, her grandmother said to her mother, “You’re never going to raise that baby since she is breathing so poorly.” With a twinkle in her eye, Sister then told us that she would be 103 in November. She grew up in a family of thirteen. At age 16, she joined the Dominican Sisters and never regretted doing so. She loved being a Dominican Sister. Her mother was also very pleased that she became a nun.

In 1936 Sister was sent to teach at Bishop McDonnell High School which was considered an exceptional school. She was a Math teacher; she loved math even when she was a child and now she



had the great opportunity to teach Math at Bishop’s. Sister also taught Science and German. Later she taught Art and brought to it her interest in architecture, painting and gardening. She was so proud to teach in this “top notch” school with “top notch” students. “There were no girls who were not bright” she added “and it was wonderful to be there. All the communities of Sisters who taught there got along so well and it was a delight to go to school each day.” After seven or eight years of teaching at Bishop McDonnell, Sister went back to teach at St. Barbara’s annex.

Sister Grace Regina went on to receive a PhD in Education and Guidance from Fordham University. Getting a PhD at that time was extraordinary for a woman. She then went to teach at the Catholic University in Ponce, Puerto Rico for eight years and really enjoyed that.

“What keeps you so alert and smart?” we asked her. “The grace of God” she said, “I am working on all my gas so I don’t slough off!” Throughout the interview, Sister

By RITA MONAGHAN-MALONEY⁵⁹
MARY COLLINS-MACCHIAROLA⁵⁸

was as interested in us as we were in her and kept asking us questions about ourselves.

“What do you do? Where do you work? Did either of you ever considering entering religious life?” When asked if she likes Pope Francis she joined her hands as though in prayer “He radiates, I just love him.” Regarding the world today, Sister said that she thinks that we have become too worldly, that money and popularity are top priorities.

Before we completed our interview, Sister showed us a book she was reading on the papacy. Then she asked us if we would like to each have a box with a jigsaw puzzle in it. She wanted to give each of us a gift. She opened up her closet door and there were boxes of jigsaw puzzles she had already done. Then Sister told us that she wanted to make us a cup of tea before we left. We went into another room where she made cups of tea and brought us some cookies. As I sipped my tea I could not help but think of the root meaning of the word “enthusiastic” which is “to be in God”. We were in the presence of one who radiates joy and enthusiasm. We felt honored to be there with her.

2014 BISHOP MCDONNELL CLASS REUNION





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A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

BY SR. JEAN AQUINAS LANAHAN O.P

On December 13, for the first time in many years, I walked through the doors of Bishop Loughlin MHS. Many changes have been made to the building where I taught math almost 40 years ago. Mary Macchiarola, Phyllis Murphy-Howell and Bobbi Eisenberg (members of the Bishop McDonnell alumnae committee) joined me on a personal tour led by three of Loughlin's brightest students, Danae Henry, Destiny Greene and Deniya Thompson. John Klemm, Director of the Alumnae Development Office, had invited me to the school to appear in a short video by Sonya Wells.

My story really began many years before that. My mother, Margaret Sheehan, proudly boasted that she was part of the first graduating class of the newly completed school on Eastern Parkway.

It was named Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School and, in 1927, had its first joint graduation with the four existing diocesan high schools including Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School.

By the time I was ready to graduate from Holy Name elementary school in Park Slope, I knew that there was only one school that I wanted to attend. When the postcard announcing my acceptance arrived, I was thrilled to learn that I would begin my high school education in September, 1944 at the very school my mother had attended. During my four years at Bishop's, perhaps influenced by the nuns who taught me, I began to think about, and finally decided to join the Sisters of St. Dominic.

As a young nun, I taught at various schools, but my life took an interesting turn when I was given the opportunity to return to Bishop McDonnell in 1968 – only this time I was returning as a teacher. Additionally, I was in charge of programming which was a large job, previously done by Sr. Thom as Aquin. In 1972 I was offered the position as Assistant Principal and worked with Father Noonan overseeing the day to day curriculum.

On December 14, 1972, after rumors had swirled for some time, an announcement was made confirming that the school was going to close. The pressure was on, for many things needed to be taken

care of before the last graduation, not the least of which was accommodating the junior students who hoped to graduate from the school they had already attended for three years. With that in mind, Bishop's offered the juniors a chance to accelerate their studies in order to graduate from the school.

Teachers' schedules needed to be re-arranged to accommodate the accelerated classes that took place before and after school as well as during the summer. The final graduation was held on July 20, 1973 at 8:00pm. My mother had saved the first Laurel, and now I would have the last one. My mother said, "I opened the school and you closed it."

My next assignment was to transfer to Bishop Loughlin to teach classes there. In this way, the girls who transferred from Bishop's could have a familiar face in their new school. I found life at Loughlin was, in fact, similar to the days at Bishop McDonnell. A quality education and discipline were all important parts of being a student at Loughlin, just as they were at Bishop's.

As I walked through the halls of today's Loughlin, I remembered my days there. The students today struggle with a tuition over \$9,000. When I was a student at Bishop's, my only fee was \$5. Today, students need our help more than ever. If you are an alumna and you can help, please do so. I hope to see you at the next reunion.

Getting to and from my elementary school (St. Michael's in Flushing) was no problem. I walked about a mile each way, in all kinds of weather. There was no free bus for parochial school kids. Getting to and from Bishop's, on the other hand, required transportation. For the first two years I went by trolley to St. Bartholomew's, Bishop's annex in Elmhurst. Then, for Junior and Senior years I took the subway to Big Bishop's in Brooklyn, changing trains a couple of times en route. At the Franklin Avenue station I joined a sea of teenage girls, at a time when backpacks didn't exist, applying make-up was forbidden, and we learned in biology class that human sexuality produced little babies the same way that flowers produced (guess what?) little flowers!

The day I graduated from Bishop's I walked to the homeward bound subway without a clue in my head as to what I would do for the rest of my life. I had never talked with a guidance counselor at school (if there even was such a person on the staff.) I had no clerical skills, no steady boyfriend and no encouragement for any specific direction from my parents, who spent every working minute supporting our family by raising plants in four large greenhouses, in Flushing, during the Great Depression and the Second World War. No trace of the business then known as "Konig, the Florist" remains today, except in my memory.

I didn't go to college; I became a secretary. I never learned to swim. I don't often look back, just now and then. "Then" was a whole other culture. "Now" I sometimes see myself as a ghost; floating around, invisible, wistfully observing what today's schoolgirls are up to. They

HOW I GOT FROM THERE TO HERE, FROM THEN TO NOW

BY ELIZABETH KONIG '50

all have backpacks, clerical skills (thanks to computers), boyfriends and they can swim. They know that humans reproduce differently than the way flowers do. When my ghost floats by them, they don't see me; they're happy in the now generation. I don't envy them though they can swim, and I still don't trust the water to hold me up.

My years at Bishop's did not prepare me for the "now" way of life except in one very important respect. My school ring is engraved with Bishop's motto: Virtus et Scientia. I wear the ring every day and am guided by its three little words. They have never failed me in the times of trouble or happiness that have marked the lows and highs of my days.

I left Bishop's many years ago, and since I am in my eighties, getting to another class reunion seems less and less likely. So, here's a word of advice from an old grad: When confronted with a choice between taking the smooth garden path road marked "Easy Street," or the rough, grungy sidewalk in the direction of Virtus and Scientia, take the sidewalk. Like me, you'll be glad you did.



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1932

Rita Dodd-Shelley

is 94 years old and sends her warmest greetings to her classmates. Her memories, though many years ago, are wonderful and she still talks of the friends she made at Bishop's, all of whom she holds very dear in her heart.

1936

Sr. Frances Devine S.C.

graduated in January '36. She received a B.A. in Mt. St. Vincent College in June '39 and entered the Sisters of Charity in 9/08/39. She received an M.A. in Fordham University in 1945, taught history in Cathedral H.S., 1942-60, Bishop McDonnell 1960-61, Cardinal Spellman Administration 1961-74, Academy of Resurrection 1974-82, took an Administration Sabbatical in California from 1982-83, did Pastoral Ministry in L.I. 1984-2008, retired from full time ministry in 2008 and has been living in Mt. St. Vincent convent since then.

1937

Anne Malara-Randisi

died on Nov. 8, 2013 at the age of 94. She attended her last reunion in 2008. She often told her granddaughter and great granddaughter of her years growing up in Brooklyn and of the anchor that was her Bishop McDonnell catholic education. She was very fond of the Sisters who taught her and who dedicated their lives to educating young catholic women. With deep gratitude for what was given to our mother, we would like to keep her spirit and that of the school alive in a young woman there at Bishop Loughlin. Enclosed is our donation.

Martin Randisi and Jeanne Avitabile

Sr. Mary Whamond S.C., formerly Sr. Mary DeLourdes, died on December 12, 2013 at the Convent of Mary the Queen, Yonkers, N.Y. Sr. Mary transferred to the Sisters of Charity from the Sisters of the Visitation, Brooklyn, NY where she had been Mother Superior. There she lived a life of prayer and education. As a Sister of Charity, she ministered at Our Lady of Angels, St. Barnabas in the Bronx and Resurrection

in Rye, N.Y. before serving at Mount St. Vincent Convent in the Bronx. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

1939

Mary Sullivan-Harucki

retired at age 79 in 2000, having taught school for 37 years. In 2003 she lost her sight to macular degeneration. She finally agreed to sell her home in Queens, NY in 2012 and moved in with her daughter and her daughter's husband who live in Florida. She had many wonderful years while teaching and, to her surprise, she is still in touch with many of her former students.

1941

Anne Cominello-Tulumelo

writes that she and her husband are both 90 and they have moved to Florida to be near their family.

Anne Tulumelo at 5121 A Lakefront Boulevard, Delray Beach, Fl. 33484

Ethel Mary Seelig-McGinn

It was good to receive your newsletter. I have enjoyed reading all the newsletters. Each time I attended reunions I would stay with my friend, Dorothy Graham-O'Connor. Dorothy died two years ago. I have very fond memories of my high school and made many friends there. I am fairly active. I do Tai Chi. I keep active in Waves National since I was in the Navy for 3 years during World War II. Wonderful experience!

1942

Joan Reilly Wrzesinski

received the invitation to the Bishop McDonnell alumnae reunion with happiness. She and her twin sister have many happy memories of going to such an excellent school. Although we had to take three trains to school, it was worth it since we were so well prepared for life at Bishop's. There were five former students from Bishop Loughlin living right in our building. We formed a club of our own while doing the laundry for many years.

Sr. Madeline Desel RDC

writes that while at Bishop's, Sr. M. Lutgard encouraged her to go to college which she did. She attended Good Counsel College in White Plains and

entered the Sisters of the Divine Compassion after graduation 67 years ago. During these years she taught in elementary school and high school and now she is retired at Holy Family Convent in the Bronx.

Cathleen Clavin-Berry

is a widow and is 88 years old which she still finds hard to realize. She still lives in her house in Woodhaven where all her three sons and one daughter were born. She is proud to say that all her sons are college grads and her daughter was a baby nurse. Her oldest son, James Jr. graduated from Loughlin in 1969. She has twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Her sister, Rosemary and her sister, Imelda are also Bishop's grads.

1943

Virginia Brennan-Wahl

asks "When girls graduate, are they considered Bishop McDonnell or Bishop Loughlin?" (editor's response) They are now considered Bishop Loughlin students but in 1974/6 the female students were considered Bishop Loughlin grads who began at Bishop McDonnell. Today there are some Bishop Loughlin students who are able to attend Bishop Loughlin because they are on Bishop McDonnell scholarships, supported by Bishop's grads. Hope this is helpful.

Patricia Scroope-Connors would love to hear from any '43 Bishop's grads.

1944

Sr. Helen Scoltock SC

retired for 18 years at Mt. St. Vincent Convent in the Bronx and continues to enjoy it.

Veronica Murn-Staiano

was born in February of 1926. She has had three open heart surgeries and two strokes. She now prints and types with her left hand, uses a walker and a wheel chair for long distance. She had a pace maker placed in 2012.

1945

Virginia Anselmi-Forte

is looking forward to the 70th anniversary of her graduation in 1945. She hopes many of her sister grads at the reunion.

Grenada Collaboration

Classmates and life-longtime friends of the class of '64, Fran McGill and Pat McKiernan-Caraleglio shared their plans to study nursing after graduation. Pat received a BS in Nursing and an MS in Community Health Education at Hunter College and an MS as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Regis College. Fran McGill received her RN from Mary Immaculate Hospital School of Nursing, a BS in Nursing from Hunter College, and an MD degree from St. George's University of Grenada. She did her residency in Harvard-affiliated hospitals in Massachusetts. Following a career in academic medicine in New York City, she advanced to becoming the Director of Gynecology at the now-closed St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center. Fran then returned to St. George's University to teach and lead the Department

of Clinical Studies. In 2009 SGU was planning to start a nursing program and Fran was invited to serve on the search committee for nursing faculty. Pat Caraleglio became a Visiting Professor at SGU and plans began for a collaboration between SGU and Regis College nurse practitioner students.

The program began in 2010 when four Regis College nurse practitioner students visited SGU for a week, and has continued for four years, expanded to six students and this year, 2014 will mark the fifth year of this collaboration. Students spend ten days immersed in Grenadian culture and medicine. The goal for the students is to understand and assist in delivering care in Grenada as a means of broadening their clinical experiences to better understand patients from a different culture.

At the beginning SGU offers an extended orientation, where students meet with university faculty, administrative staff and community leaders. They attend a lecture on Grenadian culture and how it affects health care and tour the local hospital, herbal gardens and general areas of interest in Grenada. The students work approximately sixty hours over ten days in a variety of health care settings. They participate in three health care screening fairs, along with medical and nursing students from SGU and other visiting students from Barry University and Indiana Wesleyan University.

Fran and Pat credit their love of learning and compassion towards others to their families and the education they received at Bishop McDonnell. There is no telling what can happen when two Bishop's grads work in cooperation with one another.



ON JUNE 15TH, ELEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BISHOP'S CLASS OF '66, SPANISH GROUP, GATHERED FOR AN INFORMAL 65TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT LAVALLIA RESTAURANT IN PARK SLOPE. WITH CLASSMATES TRAVELLING FROM AS FAR AWAY AS OREGON, THE FRIENDS SHARED TREASURED MEMORIES OF THEIR FOUR YEARS TOGETHER IN EVERY CLASS WITH THE HOPE OF BEING TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THEIR 50TH REUNION IN 2016. FEATURED ARE: (TOP ROW, L-R) CATHY DAUNHEIMER HULL, LINDA AVILES CUBETA, MARIE LOMBINO PALAGONIA, JOAN FALLON-YETT, ROSEMARIE LEONARDI, PAT PIACENTE-MAFFEI, DR. RENEIDA ALLISON-REYES, BOTTOM ROW (L-R) ALICE LEGG-SHEA, MAUREEN MOSS-MCINERNEY, COLLETTE LIANTONIO, DONNA WILLIAMS-MONTANA.

Jane -Cozzie Murray "65

(continued) The fundraising continued in Texas while she was with CASA, an organization that represented foster children in the court system, but that was not enough for Jane and Michael.

In 2002, they attended a tri-city reunion for Loughlin grads. There, they met Brother Dennis Cronin and John Klemm started to think about giving back to the schools that had enabled them to become the success story they are today. After attending another reunion in Chicago, the seed was planted to donate to each of their alma maters. Both Jane and Michael's careers have afforded them the luxury of giving generously to these

two schools where their lives were enriched by the teachings and values of the Catholic school system.

The Murrays asked Brother Dennis what was most needed at Bishop Loughlin. Brother Dennis mentioned they were lacking a space for the Music Department to practice. Thus, the Cozzi-Murray Performance Arts Center was born. Although Jane freely admits that, though Michael's late uncle is well-known for playing the "pipes" in Ireland, neither she nor Mike has any intrinsic musical talent, but they both do appreciate fine music. If that was what Loughlin needed, that was what they would support.

Jane shared with me that both Mike's parents and her own sacrificed much to send them to good schools so they would receive a superior education along with the values needed for a successful life, and it is for that reason that the Music Center is dedicated to both Mike's parents and hers. They wanted them to be remembered in a special way, and this seemed the way to do it.

*On April 25, 2015, Jane and her classmates from the Class of 1965 will be gathering together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation. She is looking forward to returning to Brooklyn where it all began so many years ago.

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1946

Sr. Anna Marian S.C.

entered the Sisters of Charity, NY on Feb 1st, 1947. She taught for thirty years throughout the NY Archdiocese and then was a Receptionist at the Salesian Missions in New Rochelle, NY for 15 years before moving to our Retirement Home here in the Bronx.

1948

Kathleen Sullivan-Collins

remembers a great school, great teachers, great friends, wonderful years. The Memorial magazine is such a treat. Many thanks to all who put it together.

Gertrude H. Best

writes "Thanks for "The Memorial" newsletter. She was happy to see a little photo and note from a classmate, Marion Murtha-Munisteri. Gertrude still has her yearbook from 66 years ago and Marion had signed it. Bishop McDonnell was not just a good school. It was a great school. May God richly reward all those wonderful nuns for their lives of service. After graduation Gertrude worked for Chas. Pfizer for 15 years while attending Hunter College at night. Then she taught at Mater-Christi/ St. John's Prep for 29 years. She loves retirement.

1949

Antoinette Martorano-D'Angelo

once again had the pleasure of attending a Communion Breakfast where Mother Delores Hart was the Guest Speaker. "Sister is everything we all remember as a nun's nun" Antoinette writes.

Dolores Stadler-Lekstutis

Dolores' husband Frank and she celebrated their 63rd anniversary in June of 2013. God has truly blessed them in their mature years. Their five adult children reflect their efforts to nurture them on the right paths in life.

Patricia Grant-McCormack

is a lucky member of the class of '49. Madeline Kaspar arranges a reunion each year and Patricia missed the last two years because her heart gave her

some trouble. She hopes to resume attending. She retired from being a School Nurse in Wantagh H.S. after starting out as an O.R. nurse at Mary Immaculate and Nassau County Hospitals. Then she stayed home to raise her four sons. She worked as a Store Nurse at Macy's, and First National Bank's nurse after that. Then she spent six years as an Islip School Nurse and 20 years at Wantagh. She is so grateful for the education she received at Bishop's and will never forget the friends she made along the way. She is happy that she still sees some of them.

Helen Lynch-Byrnes

celebrated a happy marriage of 60 yrs. "How time flies!" she writes.

Catherine T. Reilly-O'Keefe

is 82 years old, has Parkinson's and uses a walker to get around. She lives with her son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren. She reads avidly and exercises daily.

Camille Stefanello-Fatto

is a retired Fiscal Analyst for the NYC-HRA since 1994 and celebrated her 62nd anniversary in May, 2013.

Laurine Bauer-Miller

wrote to say that her sister, Marion Bauer-Fischer, Class of '53 and her good friend, Julia Sullivan Rogers of the class of '49 both passed away.

1950

Ellen Brown

writes that her time at Bishop's was among the happiest years of her life of 82 years. She wishes the same for the young women attending Loughlin.

Mary J. Zenchoff

writes "Your latest newsletter was beautifully done. Thanks for all your hard work."

Louise Rotolo-Sullivan

is forever grateful for the years at Bishop's and the lasting friendships that she cherishes. Having the different orders of Sisters who taught there impresses her to this day, "God bless them!"

Joan P. Gott-Nelson

"is still vertical" at 82. Although not on any social networks, she still wonders

about her high school buddies including Mary Jean Hughes, Sr. Eileen Murray, Veronica Breslin-Gutleber, Joan Redmond and "Mimi" Loeffter(?). Joan's sister, Louise Gott-McNiff' 48, passed away in 2012. Joans e-m is nsioab@aol.com

Roseanna McQuade-Chiappinelli

was married in 1957 and widowed in 2012. She has five children, nine grandchildren and 2 great children. She celebrated her 80th birthday in 2013. She keeps busy with family, friends and does volunteer work in the wonderful village of Katonah, NY. She has a happy, blessed life, thanks be to God. She is also a lector at St. Mary's church in Katonah.

Peggy Lent-Ecchevaria

just turned 82 and still treasures her years at Bishop McDonnell.

Pauline Restive-Lehmann

is retired after doing training support for a franchise company for 15 years: she did various administrative positions in various companies when her children were grown. She has four daughters and five grandchildren, four girls and a boy. Her husband, Joe was an engineer and they moved about the country quite a bit. They lived in Atlanta, Seattle, New Jersey and Houston.

Gaetana Avallone-Riccobono

celebrated 60 years of marriage in November 2013. She has six grandchildren. Her husband is a trustee for the Franklin Square Historical Society. They are building a new museum. Hopefully, their grandchildren will enjoy it when it is all done.

1951

Margaret McCrane-Crapo

has been living at Dominican Village since December 2008. She retired in 1995 from the position of Night Supervisor at the Emily Bissell Hospital in Wilmington, DE. She lived in Delaware for 26 years as her husband worked for PSE&G in charge of Civil Engineering at the Salem, NJ Nuclear Power Plant. Bob retired in 1992 and died in 2000. Margaret attended the NYU-Bellevue School of Nursing from 1951 to 1954 and received her BSN cum laude from Hunter College, CUNY in 1962.

Joan Andren

is enjoying her retirement from nursing. She had major surgery in the past year and is doing well. She keeps in touch with many Bishop's grads; their friendships are lasting.

Margaret Woods-Gonzalez

writes that her sister, Mary Ellen Woods, class of June '46, passed away on February 20, 2007 after a long battle with cancer. "She was the dearest sister ever."

Veronica Sterling-Schad

writes that her sister, Regina Sterling-Barry '54 died on 9/19/13. She was a Sister of St. Joseph from 1955-1975 and was known as Sr. Mary Jeanne. She taught in many Catholic Schools in Brooklyn, L.I., and Queens. She married Donald Barry on October 16, 1976. He died on May 7, 1997. Regina died of Alzheimer's disease after being in a hospice.

Rose Marie Zimmerman

a.k.a. Chickie, moved to Fairview, Tx. in 2009. She has been married to Artie for 60 years. They have 23 grandchildren and two more on the way. They are truly blessed.

Sr. Eileen McGuire CSJ

and Sr. Marion Defeis CSJ entered the convent right after graduating from Bishop's. Through the years they have taught in various elementary and high schools on L.I. and in Puerto Rico. Sr. Marion also worked for 24 years as a chaplain on Rikers Island and Sr. Eileen enjoyed being a Brooklyn school Principal for 21 years. Now they live in Coney Island in the convent of Our Lady of Solace parish which has become one of six Providence Houses. They live there with a Dominican Sister and women who had been in prison and are now preparing for independent living. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROUD OF ATTENDING BISHOP McDONNELL AND THEY SEND GREETINGS TO ALL "BISHOP'S GIRLS."

1952**May Corbett-Maloney**

is still active in church and community projects: the Emerald Society, the Catholic Society, the Italian Club and Interfaith Council.

Dolores Benedicks-Barrett moved to Florida in 1978. She has six children and four children in-law, eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She still sees two former Bishop's girls – Joan Stillwell and Pat Finn '53 in Florida. She sends greetings to her classmates.

Margaret Critchley

formerly a Dominican sister is now in the "Order of Consecrated Virgins Living in the World," consecrated in New York City under Cardinal O'Connor. Now retired, she does home visiting as a Senior Companion under the Dep't. of Elderly affairs in Providence, R.I. She is still a grateful grad of Bishops'52.

Barbara Marshall-Ware

After retiring from NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance in '97, she wondered what she would do next. She started volunteering in 2000. At present she volunteers for the Dept. of Social Services and has been since 2003. She also volunteers for the Office for the Physically Challenged since 2011. Both departments are located in the Health and Human Services Bldg. in Uniondale, NY.

1953**Magdalene Baroni-Sanatore**

writes that it was fun seeing her class at the reunion. They all felt so blessed to have graduated from Bishop's. There are ten of them who still keep up with one another and feel the influence of the nuns had on them made them who they are today. God bless all of them!

Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro OSF

had an Education Career for 46 years of teaching and administration. She is in a leadership position in the Franciscan Sisters of Allegheny. Currently, she is an Outreach Minister in St. Paul's parish in St. Petersburg, Fl. and is active in organizations working for poor people and the marginalized. She has been an Allegheny Franciscan for 60 years.

Patricia Farrell-Walsh

moved from Chicago to Arizona in 1972 with her husband, Ed who worked for the Dial Corp. She was widowed in 2009 and is now enjoying life with her four children and eleven grandchildren, all recipients of catholic education.

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Nancy Allin-Heeman

is living the good life as a "snowbird", seven months in N.Y. and five months in FL. She has four living children, ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren and three more on the way. She was widowed in 1994 and lost a son in 2005.

Margaret A. Vincent

is enjoying her retirement years after being a faculty member in the English Department of St. Joseph's H.S. in Brooklyn for 36 years. Now she is actively involved in her parish community, Queen of All Saints and enjoys travel and leisure time.

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Barbara Blaul-Smyth

married her high school sweetheart in 1954 and they now have eight children, sixteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, spent 59 years volunteering in parish ministries and 20 years in government service. She was widowed in 1976, relocated to Virginia in 1988 and retired from work in 1995. Her husband was a graduate of St. Augustine's H.S.

Kathleen Fitzpatrick-Thorpe-Holder keeps busy serving as Secretary/Treasurer of their Homeowners Association as well as Secretary of an International Foundation. She and her husband, Tom are "snowbirds," spending their winters in Florida.

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Grace Desibia-Hokanson

says "thank you" to all the wonderful nuns in the five different orders who taught her from '49 to '53 and to her parents, grandparents and family and the nuns who taught her from first to eighth grade as well. They gave her strength for her life through all their teaching of love, discipline, ethics and the Golden Rule. God bless them!

Mary Alice Brescia

moved from L.I. to Salem, Ma. in 1994 and joined the many happy "transplants" in this historic city known for its art museum, culture and maritime history as well as the infamous "witch trials." Being involved in the civic and cultural life of Salem is easy and something she enjoys. She takes advantage of it in as many ways as time and interest allow.

Catherine A. Schiebler

recently retired from her second job at Jeff State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama where she was a studio art professor teaching painting and design and lecturing on art history and art appreciation for the past 13 years. In September, 2013 she had colon cancer surgery and is now terminally ill and on hospice care. Catherine is asking for your prayers.

Ada Marie Lobosco-Feffer

writes "A Bishop's girl, I'm proud to be; so long ago but I still see; those hallowed halls with friends around, to share the joy that we all found. There was no place for me back then, to learn and grow through teachers' ken. As I grow old with no regrets, a Bishop's girl was as good as it gets. My life has been blessed a hundred fold, by Jesus, our Lord, it must be told. He made me what I am today, and Bishop McDonnell showed me the way!

Grace T. Meyer Esq.

is expecting her first great grandchild on about June 24, 2014. She has 18 grandchildren, all of whom were home schooled until they went to college. She now has two grandsons in-law. She is still in her own full-time law practice

since 1978. God has blessed her abundantly and she praises and thanks God every day.

1954

Anne Harkins-Stosser

sent a contribution in gratitude for her great education at Bishop McDonnell and in memory of her late brother, Bro. William Harkins FSC. Brother William was a 1955 graduate of Bishop Loughlin and, as a Christian Brother, was Vice Principal of Bishop Loughlin for many years in the 1980s. When Bill passed away in 1992, he was Chairman of the Department of Education at Manhattan College.

Eileen Swander-Delaney

lives in the Villages which is advertised on Fox. She plays golf and is active in St. Mark's RC church, doing communion service in a nursing home and parishioners' homes. She does respite care, goes to the charismatic prayer meetings and loves it all.

Barbara Cass-O'Brien

is always grateful for the best-ever education at Bishop McDonnell.

Marion Borruso-Perrotti

is a mother of four and a grandmother of eight. They range in age from four to twenty two years of age. Her oldest granddaughter is about to enter medical school. Marion is an avid bridge player and has been active in a Bible Study Foundation for eight years now. She would like to hear from her classmates.

Alice Diamond-Santelli

is a grandmother of three. She is a member of St. Francis of Assisi Golden Age Club in Astoria for 23 years, nine of them as Recording Secretary. She writes "once a Secretary, always a Secretary" thanks to Bishop McDonnell and her great teachers. She was looking forward to her and her husband's 60th reunion this past April.

1955

Patricia Lavery-Richichi

meets with her classmates of '55 and they enjoy fond memories of their years at Bishop's.

Joan Klecka-Roberts

volunteers at the Network of Community Ministries in Richardson. It is an ecumenical food bank.

Eileen Kiley-Ruesterholz

is grateful for her faith foundation and also for EWTN TV. She serves communion to the homebound, prays outside Planned Parenthood to save souls and babies. "May 'Catholic Education' increase in our parishes-with an increase in Religious Vocations."

Mary Parle-Callahan

is in her second term as President of Marion County Sheriff's Office Foundation in Ocala, Fl. They engage in fundraising activities to support the Sheriff's office and their 1500 volunteers.

Philomena Nicoletti-Fiorello

has been living in Florida for over 17 years and loves it. Her husband and she have been retired since 1996 and 1995. She retired after being a Kindergarten teacher for 32 years. Her husband retired from the Suffolk County Police Dept. after 28 years of service and retired as a Detective.

1956

Mary Margaret Mernagh-Duphiney

and her husband, Bob have been married for 54 years. They have eight children, nineteen grandchildren and one great grandchild. They have been involved in marriage ministry in the catholic church for many years and are also Eucharistic Ministers.

Patricia Ross-McKeegan

is a retired Professor of Psychology from SUNY now living and loving her new hometown of Owensboro, Kentucky! She is a founding member of Bicycle Owensboro, an advocacy group dedicated to creating healthier lifestyles. Recently she obtained certification as a League Certified Cycling Instructor. She hopes to get bicycle safety programs into all our school Phys. Ed. programs.

Rita Schmitt-Mannarino

has three daughters and four grandchildren. Her husband passed away on 1/31/62. Rita is retired from the Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation where she taught at a living history museum. She is a lector and a Eucharistic Minister to the sick at St. Olaf's Church in Norge, Va.

Kathleen Donovan Von Der Linn

was reunited with Helen McMahon in NYC in June 2013. After graduation from Bishop's in '56, they attended SUNY Farmingdale together, studying Advertising Art and Design. In 1958 Kathleen married Jim Von Der Lin (Loughlin'56) and moved to Seattle where they raised five children. She made it back to Brooklyn for the 50th reunion and hopes to return for the 60th.

Patricia Walker-Feely has great grandchild #2 on the way

1957**Florence Casey-Flynn**

has been living in Massapequa for over forty years, has two children and three grandsons. She is still in contact with Nicolina Terrona, now Matlok, and talks to her every day. Florence would love to hear from the ladies who went to St. Barbara's with her for two years.

Sr. Loretta Devoy OP

formerly Anne Devoy, completed her PhD in Theology at Fordham University. She was fortunate to obtain a position in the Theology Dept. at St. John's University, Jamaica, NY. During several decades there, she was fortunate to teach some Loughlin graduates who were a pleasure! Now retired, she has wonderful memories of them and St. John's University.

Ellen Liston, now Sr. Anne-Marie

Liston became a Sister of St. Joseph of Cluny. She celebrated 50 years as a Sister in Sept. 2013. She is now a retired teacher, principal, chaplain and parish coordinator and now resides in Newport, R.I. "The best thing about being a Bishop's grad was the friends we made and the way they prepared us for life.

Patricia Ann Sheid-Porter

will retire this year after a long 50 years and satisfying career in Health Care Administration. She was able to learn and grow intellectually thanks to the caring and nurturing nuns at BMD. Sr. Jareth (Physics) and even the indomitable Sr. James Anna (Latin) provided the foundation that made achieving the initials RN, BSN. Her teenage years are the most impressionable of her life and she will always will be grateful for the educational milieu provided within that hallowed building on Eastern Parkway.

1958**Elizabeth Vigiarolo-Clyne**

has happy memories. She is now the mother of four and the grandmother to eleven grandchildren.

Gail Pettinato-Robbins and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have four married children and eleven grandchildren. They are retired and do a lot of traveling and are very active in their parish church. They love being grandparents.

Judith Waver-Hanley

is retired and loving it. Her husband and she have been to the Mediterranean on a cruise; they went to Hawaii, and cruised to Tahiti and Alaska. They have four wonderful grandsons whom they love spoiling. They read a lot and research their family genealogies as a hobby.

Mary Holihan-Rogers

writes that she had pledged to send a certain amount but chose to send more instead. She is grateful for insuring that the young women of Loughlin receive the same quality education as her brothers at Bishop Loughlin. Her oldest brother attended Loughlin and she loves the idea that they now share a school. Two of her other brothers attended St. Augustine. They are all grateful for their education, provided by the diocese.

Paulette Morel-Gallagher

is a retired RN. She has five children,

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15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Her husband, Tom, retired as a USAF Pilot and retired commercial pilot. She is living in Alexandria, La. and active in parish organizations. Currently she is battling multiple myeloma and is being treated at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. She requests prayers please.

Claire P. Donahue

Josephine Quigley-Hedger, Eleanore Murphy-Hezel'48, Carol Cusick'49, Mary McCrann'51 and Claire all went up to Jefferson's Ferry Lifecare Community. They celebrate reunions frequently.

1959**Anne Korcinek-Giammarino**

has been married for 53 years and has three sons and five grandchildren.

Margaret Lynch O'Connor was married for forty years to James O'Connor who predeceased her. Together they raised two children, Kerry and James Jr., and lived in Woodside, Greenpoint and finally in Bayonne, NJ. Margaret worked for Manufacturers Hanover Bank in the private banking area and due to her beautiful handwriting, was always responsible for "handwriting" the invitations to the private banking functions. She was close to her children, her one granddaughter, Clare and her family and friends. She loved the Church, the Giants, Irish history and music and family celebrations. After being hit by a car on the way home from work, Margaret found it difficult to walk and suffered pain in her spine. She passed away on January 15, 2014. She was buried with her husband in Calverton, the National Cemetery.

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1960

Carol Bertani-Joyce

has been retired from teaching for four years. She still misses the contact with high schoolers. Her husband Bill and she are now able to travel more and spend more time with their children and grandchildren. One family lives in Hamburg, Germany and the other in State College, Pa. During the past year they had the opportunity to visit with Peg Barry-Boyle, Norleen Roberts-Hemping, Mary Jane Graetzer-Kuhle, all of the class of '60. Their friendship goes back to "Little Bishops."

Bernadette O'Malley-Callanan

retired after being Adjunct Professor at Richard Stockton College of N.J. She now serves on the Board of The Friends of the Island Library in Long Beach Island, N.J. She is coordinating "Celebrate Irish Arts 2014" on Long Beach Island, NJ.

1961

Iris Kaiser-Dwyer-Skinner

received a Licensed Master of Social Work degree from SUNY Buffalo and is Family Development certified from Cornell University.

1962

Maryellen O'Fiara-Forde

says "Thank you so much for that beautiful edition of the Memorial (Fall 2013), so well-written and informative."

Theresa Cantore-Weynand

writes "Five girls who grew up together at Bishop's. Five girls who still share their lasting friendship over 50 years later. We have always been there for each other through good times and bad, marriages, children, deaths. We have laughed together, cried together. Our friendship has endured." After more than 50 years, she is still calls these women her friends: "Patricia McCarthy Varrone, Mary Jo Geary-Re, Eileen Perpinka-O'Shea and Joan Bodenlos-Lewis, thank you for being part of my life."

Carol Sheehan-Maichin

has been married for 48 years to Robert and has two children, Robert and Deborah and five grandchildren. She retired 10 years ago from the Connetquot School District of Islip, NY where she worked for 25 years as a teacher aide for the elementary gifted and talented program. She enjoys card games and traveling.

Joan Miley-Danehy

retired from SUNY Morrisville, taught Computer Information Technology for 25 years; she is the grandmother of six girls and one boy, loves to travel and go antiquing, is a lector at church, volunteers with religious ed, plays bridge and mah jongg. Her husband, Bill grew up on a farm in Cazenovia, NY where they live. They are big sports fans and love Brooklyn.

1963

Eileen Lindeman-Malessa

writes that you can pick up the thread of friendship after 50 years. What a gift she was given on March 23, 2013 when she reunited with dear friends at the reunion. Since then they have kept communication going and plan visits with each other even to the Great Northern Woods in New Hampshire.

Theresa A. D'Amato-Corio

attended and enjoyed the '63 reunion with her sister-in-law, Arlene Corio-Blum'63. Always grateful for a top-notch education, she attended Grace Institute in NYC. after graduation from Bishop's. There she studied under Sr. of Charity, Constance Horan who also taught at Bishop's and passed away late 2013 at the age of 100. Theresa's sister, Diane D'Amato Urban'68 at St. Joseph's H.S. in Brooklyn, died assisting her injured co-workers on the 78th floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. There is a scholarship in her name at St. Joseph's. Theresa writes that she believes that it is important to support today's students who are the way we were.

Christine V. Wojciechowski-Hendon

really enjoyed her 50th reunion. It was wonderful seeing her old friends and classmates and the food was great!

1964

Maryanne Milani-Kruszewski

sends greetings to the class of '64 from Tucson, Az. where she has been living with her husband Richard (Bishop Loughlin'63) since 1979. She is enjoying retirement from a fulfilling career as a cardiovascular nurse and is now enjoying her 5 children and 11 grandchildren. She has also travelled as a missionary to Africa and China. She continues to do ministry in Tucson and hopes to travel again. She considers herself to be extremely blessed to be a Bishop's grad. which gave her a solid educational and spiritual foundation for the rest of her life. The friendships were wonderful and even though they did not stay in touch, she still cherishes them.

Mary Lou Bove-Klenner

retired in June from Bloomfield BOE, BHS and BMS Health Office as a secretary after 25 years. She has been married for 48 years. She is a proud parent of two daughters and four "perfect" and "beautiful" grandchildren. She and her husband volunteer weekly at the catholic school in Ringwood, NJ where two of their grandchildren attend. She is happily retired.

Lorraine Murphy-Weil

just retired as the Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Second Circuit District of Connecticut.

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RMALONEY@BLMHS.ORG

Marilyn Compolongo-Walsh
asks, "Barbara Cuomo, where are you?"

1965
Lorraine E. Fetta-Smith
is finally a grandmother. Her daughter had Boy/Girl twins: Devin and Maddie. "They were so worth the wait!"

Adele de Cruz
is teaching color theory at Duke University. Presently she is visiting professor in analytic chemistry at the University of Pisa, Italy.

Joan LaManna-Bisciello
writes that she and her husband have a new grandson, Dylan Charles Bisciello. They serve in the Sisters of Mercy's after-school program, The Dorothy Bennett Center, located near Bishop Loughlin at 273 Willoughby Avenue in Brooklyn. The center serves the Fort-Greene community. They live in walking distance to the center.

1966
Louise Arrota-Trigo
became a grandma to twins in June 2013. Now they have three grandchildren.

Barbara Gallagher-Lanagan
retired from South Shore H.S. as A.P. Administrator and is now caregiver to her first grandchild and there are two more babies on the way. She is looking forward to a very busy new year with three grandchildren to take care of while parents go to work.

Joann Viverito-May writes "Most important 'Keep the Faith' in Jesus Christ" That is a result of our Bishop McDonnell education.

Kathleen O'Brien-Ferraro
writes that she still does not use a computer. "Keep in touch" she says "with Maureen or me" 845-458-5137

Catherine Malinowski-Urso
after practicing Pharmacy for twenty years, Catherine spent 21 years teaching Forensics and Chemistry and she is still teaching now.

1968
Lorraine Cooney-Gorrin
is a teacher at St. Saviour's Catholic Academy. She has been teaching for 41 years. This is her 32nd year at St. Saviour's.

Catherine Paura
writes that the education she received at Bishop's was excellent in preparing her for further study. She is an entrepreneur in Market Research and Consulting and a movie producer (see Google).

Lynda DeStefano-Stevenson
became a first time grandmother of twins in July. She has a granddaughter and a grandson, Lea and Nathan.

1970
Janice Sherman
relocated to Orlando, Fl. from Brooklyn, NY eleven years ago. She is presently teaching 2nd grade in the Orange County public school system.

CLASS NOTES

Juanita James-Williams
runs the Fairfield County Community Foundation and serves as a Trustee of UCONN and Lesley University in Cambridge, Ma.

1972
Marilyn Shelley-Meares
is the daughter of Rita Dodd-Shelley, a graduate of Bishop McDonnell '32. She sends warmest greetings to her classmates. Her memories of Bishop's, although many years ago, are wonderful and she still talks of the friends she made there, all of whom she holds very dear in her heart.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was two years ago today that I attended my 50th reunion with my daughter, Anne Marie. She was so very impressed. It is a day I will never forget. As I spoke to the students from Bishop Loughlin and heard them sing at Mass I knew that the same traditions are being carried on in "very difficult times." I was also very moved by The Memorial Newsletter Fall 2013. Reading the words of each graduate was so moving. I was also happy to see the article about Dr. Diane Stover-Pepe. The summer before I entered Bishop's I met Diane Stover and her cousin, Anita Caproni-Madigan. They lived a few blocks from where I lived but we attended different grammar schools. We kept contact for some time and then lost that contact with each other but we re-united at the reunion. While there I also connected with Sr. Doreen Longres, a Maryknoll Sister who was in Peru for over 20 years. Thank you and all those associated with the Bishop McDonnell Alumnae Association. God bless all of you and all at Bishop Loughlin High School.

Anne Swanson-Gargiulo '62

IN MEMORIAM

BISHOP LOUGHLIN EXPRESSES SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

Florence T. Gleason-McCue '35
Sr. Mary Whamond, SC '37
Irene M. Egan-Killackey '37
Anne Malara-Randisi '37
Mary Reilly-O'Hara '39
Katherine Ott-Looney '40
Doris Tanabe-Surrell '40
Dorothy Graham-O'Connor '41
Sr. Kieran Quinn CSJ '41
Irene Walters-Sullivan '41
Mary Biehl-Fenton '42
Rosemary Daly-Geiger '42
Jane Ghersan-Devaney '42
Cecilia Verdon '42
John Wrzesinski,
husband of Joan Reilly-Wrzesinski '42
Doris Nilan-Coane '43
Sr. James Maureen Egan GNSH '44
aka Maureen Egan
Angela Foti-Rich '44
Dorothy Gilday-McManus '44
Mary Josephine Carroll-Roth '45
Marilyn Murray-Smith '45
Henry Stuebe,
husband of Delores Quinn-Stuebe '45
Mary Eleanor Woods '46
Margaret DeMars-Cronin '47
Louise Gott-McNiff '48
Mary McAlvin-Ingram '48
Sr. Grace Sierp OP '48
Madeline Lynch-Fuchs '49
Paula Patricola-Iannone '49
Marie Perry-Morrow '49
Julia Sullivan-Rogers '49
Jerry Swift-Merritt '49
Marguerite Devine '50
Agnes Rodden-Roser '50
Maureen O'Flaherty-Hanley '51
Laurine Bauer-Fischer '53
Catherine A. Shiebler '53

Stella Valentino-LaRocca '53
Sr. Joan Cahill OP '54
Faith Cataldi-McGahan '54
Marie Coppola-White '54
Margaret F. Halpin-Ahlgren '54
Barbara Kiss-Keeler '54
Margaret Somma-Indelicato '54
Frances Stone-Mahoney '54
Regina Sterling-Barry '54
Alice O'Brien-Egan '55
Paulette Romano-Kelly '55
Marie Spuches-Giordano '55
Rosemary Vertucci-Waldman '55
Eleanor Wixted-Majewsky '55
Veronica M. Gilroy-Lough '56
Vincent Mannarino,
husband of Rita Schmitt-Mannarino '56
Mary Minchilli '56
Carole Reed '56
Josephine Cuzzolino-Hayes '57
Marie Oliva-Citarella '57
Mary Ann Farley '58
Alice Gordon-Vorbach '58
Ina C. Gee-Leong '59
Margaret Lynch-O'Connor '59
Jane O'Toole-Lawlor '60
Gloria M. Garger '63
Mary McDonald-Hodak '64
Arlene T. Mauro '64
Lois A. Vanderhoof-Costello '64
Margaret Hopkins-Duwe '66
Karen A. Cox-Slusser '69
Robyn Farrell-Van Pelt '69
Karen M. Treyman-Ortado '69
Sr. Virginia Farnam, formerly Sr. Mary Lucia, (RSM)
Art Department 1958-1967
Sr. Lorraine Waldron, formerly Sr. Mary Dolora, (RSM)
Music Department
Sr. Clare Patrice Farrell, OP – Former Faculty
1958-1970 – Science Department



Bishop McDonnell Reunion Registration Form

April 25th, 2015; 11:30am - 5 PM

Anniversary Classes: '20s, '30s, '40,'45,'50, '55, '60, '65, '70

All 20s, 30s, 40s classes always welcome

Mass location:

Our Lady of Solace
2866 West 17th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11224
Mass at 11:30 am

Reception Location:

Gargiulo's Restaurant
2911 West 15th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11224
Reception begins at 12:30 pm

Please make _____ reservations at \$90/Person for Saturday, April 25th, 2015.

(Religious and former faculty are complimentary)

_____ Yes, I will participate in the Class Gift. Enclosed is my gift of \$_____.

_____ I am interested in joining the Reunion Committee.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

Please RSVP by April 17th, 2015.

Credit card type (circle)– Visa – M/C – Discover – Amex — Check Payable to Bishop McDonnell Alumnae Association

Name: _____ Class: _____

Graduation name (if different than above): _____

Guest(s) Name: _____ Class(if guest is alum): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

EMAIL: _____ Phone: _____

****(Please include email so you can stay updated with Alumnae news throughout the year)****

Circle one: Amex / Visa / MasterCard # _____

Exp. Date: _____ TOTAL: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

TO REGISTER: Please visit us **ONLINE** at www.blmhs.org/landreunion, or **MAIL** registration form and fee to Bishop McDonnell Alumnae Association, c/o BLMHS Development Office, 357 Clermont Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238; or **FAX** form with credit card information to 718-857-2833; or register by **PHONE** at 718-857-2700 x2250.

Questions? Contact Rita Monaghan-Maloney '59 in the Development Office at (718) 857-2700 x2253 or maloney@blmhs.org.

Tickets are not issued for event – we will have registration list