

# On the Shoulders of Giants...

## **YEARS** of Excellence in Academics, Faith & Service, The Arts, and Athletics



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# Emblem CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Alumni and Friends:

In the wake of the French revolution, the Catholic Church in France—and French society generally—floundered. Catholic schools had been closed; chaos afflicted the public education system. In this milieu, Marcellin Champagnat, a simple country priest, founded an order of teaching brothers. His mission: to provide young hearts and minds inspiring religious formation and a comprehensive education as the foundation of fruitful, successful lives. A century later, Bro. Florentius, a Lawrence native inspired in his youth to join Marcellin's "band of brothers," founded a Catholic High School to serve the children of Greater Lawrence.

Since 1935, the hopes, dreams, aspirations, and success of the Central Catholic community have proceeded from the founding visions of Marcellin and Florentius. As we anticipate our 75th anniversary, you will read in this Emblem about these two giants who unceasingly influence everything we do at CCHS.

For over a decade as Central Catholic's 15th Principal, David M. DeFillippo '66 stewarded the mission of St. Marcellin Champagnat. Dave's inspiring commitment to our students and staff and his tireless efforts helped ensure Central Catholic's growth and success in ways Bro. Florentius could not have imagined. The first CCHS Principal not a Marist Brother, and the first alumnus to serve as Principal: Dave's term of office is historic in several respects. On behalf of a grateful school community, thank you Dave for your service as Principal and God bless you as you continue to serve CCHS for years to come!

Another noteworthy milestone: as Central Catholic's 16th Principal, Doreen A. Keller is the first woman to serve in this role. Her appointment culminates a fivemonth search process conducted by a committee whose members include CCHS Board members, alumni, parents, donors, teachers, and administrators. Doreen was unanimously recommended by the committee for this appointment from an applicant pool of over 30 applicants from 11 states and two countries outside the USA (China and the United Arab Emirates), an impressive array of educational leaders in Catholic, private, and public education.

Under the leadership of our new Principal, together with our enormously talented administration, faculty and staff, our student body and parents (the best in the world!), and our faithful alumni, benefactors, and friends, all who share our zeal for Central Catholic's sacred mission, can look with hope and confidence to our next 75 years!

God bless you,

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Brother Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73 President

# The Story of St. Marcellin Champagnat & the Marist Brothers

The Marist Brothers were born in the heart of a humble French country priest who, in the wreckage of the French Revolution, loved and cared for the needs of young people, especially the least favored. His vision, faith, and strength of will brought the Marist Brothers into being.

Father Marcellin Champagnat was ordained in August of 1816 and immediately threw himself into his work as a parish priest. Six months later, compelled by the illiteracy and spiritual poverty brought on by the French Revolution (see sidebar *The Montagne Incident*), he founded the Marist Brothers, placing them under the loving protection of Mary, Our Good Mother. He began with two recruits, borrowing money to purchase a small home in which to teach.

His goal: to make Jesus Christ known and loved through the Christian education of youth.

The first Marist school opened in LaValla, France in 1817 and is still in operation today.

When Marcellin died in 1840, there were 280 Brothers and nearly 50 schools.

Like today's Marist Brothers, the early Marist communities were known for their family spirit and simple Gospel way of being fully present to each other and all people. Then, as now, the goal was to bring the love of Jesus and Mary to others through lives of service.

In 1955 Marcellin Champagnat was declared Blessed by Pope Pius XII. On April 18, 1999, he was canonized a Saint by Pope John Paul II.

Today, St. Marcellin Champagnat's legacy lives on in the nearly 4,000 Marist Brothers worldwide, including 185 in the United States. Each day in large cities and remote villages, across 79 countries on six continents, Marist Brothers transform the lives and situations of thousands through education and spirituality, and by challenging young people to live their fullest potential in Christ.

His legacy also lives on in Central Catholic's 14,000 alumni and 1,350 students.



## **The Montagne Incident**

n October of 1816, St. Marcellin Champagnat was called to the bedside of Jean Baptiste Montagne, a teenager about to die. The boy never attended school and had no knowledge of God. The circumstances of his short life inspired Champagnat to found the Marist Brothers of the Schools for the Christian education of youth.

Today, Central Catholic is one of hundreds of schools and universities throughout the world conducted by the Marist Brothers and inspired by the vision and mission of St. Champagnat.

In this spirit, Central Catholic named its innovative outreach and tuition assistance program for this seminal moment in the life of St. Champagnat and the founding of the Marist Brothers. *The Montagne Project* helps enroll and maintain promising students from low-income families in the inner city by providing them with up to 90% financial assistance, as well as continuing academic and social support. Approximately 85 students are enrolled through this program.

*The Montagne Project* is instituted in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence; Adelanté, an after-school, educational youth program; and Bellesini Academy, a private, tuition-free middle school for economically disadvantaged boys living in Lawrence. The program is funded by the Central Catholic Endowment, the Annual Golf Classic, the School's operating budget, and several foundations, trusts, organizations, and individuals.

Nearly 100% of *Montagne Project* graduates are accepted into college.

The existence and success of this program is a testament to St. Champagnat and his commitment to serving the least favored.



## Pray for us...

The students of Central Catholic begin and end each school day with the following litany during announcements:

LEADER: St. Marcellin Champagnat...

ALL: Pray for us.

LEADER: St. Theresa...

ALL: Pray for us.

LEADER: Mary, Our Good Mother...

ALL: Pray for us.

LEADER: And let us remember...

ALL: To pray for each other.

The vision of St. Champagnat and the Marist Charism have defined CCHS since its founding, helping to forge a strong, faith-based community that serves as a resource and source of strength for students, families, teachers, and alumni. The story of Bro. Florentius is the story of the founding of Central Catholic High School. Like St. Champagnat, Bro. Florentius saw a pressing need and envisioned a way to meet that need—Central Catholic High School.

# The Story of Bro. Florentius

**B** ro. Florentius was born in Quebec and moved to Lawrence with his family at a young age, attending St. Anne's Grammar School, which was under the direction of the Marist Brothers. He embraced the ideals and mission of the Marist Brothers, entering the Juniorate (a pre-paratory high school for aspiring Brothers), and then the Novitiate. After taking his final vows in August 1910, he embarked on an inspiring career as an educator and Marist Brother.

In 1926, he was assigned to be the founding Principal and director of Mount St. Michael Academy in New York. After helping to establish the Academy and completing an arduous six year tenure, he returned to his native Lawrence. His return was meant to be a respite to help him regain his health while serving as Principal of the well established St. Anne's Grammar School, his alma mater, in the heart of the city. But Bro. Florentius had other plans—Central Catholic High School.

At the time, Lawrence had four Catholic girls' high schools (St. Anne's, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, and Sacred Heart), but no option for young men. Rather than taking the easier route and establishing a parish school, Bro. Florentius insisted on a central school for the young men of all the parishes.

In July of 1935, Bro. Florentius dramatically announced that a new Catholic high school would open in just two months. He stood in the midst of the Great Depression and had no furniture, no textbooks, no equipment, and no building. What he did have was a heart full of faith, courage, and love.

Bro. Florentius relied heavily on these attributes, as well as his considerable charm and political savvy, to launch Central Catholic High School. He cajoled, borrowed, leased, and prayed, placing his new school under the protection of St. Theresa, the Little Flower, the patron saint of children.

As a result, Central Catholic welcomed its first 50 students on September 16th of that same year. Classes were held in the Knights of Columbus Building on Haverhill Street in downtown Lawrence. Over the next couple of years, classes were also held in scattered locations that includ-



Did you know that Bro. Florentius's given/baptismal name was Joseph Ludger Poisson?

> Up until 1958, each Marist Brother took a religious name upon taking his vows. And so, in 1910, Joseph Ludger Poisson became Bro. Florentius.

# A Look Back with a First Graduate **BERTRAND J. BERUBE '39**

Bertrand J. Berube '39 graduated as a member of Central Catholic's first commencement class in June of 1939. In May of 2009, he returned for the Class of 2009's Commencement Exercises and to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of his own graduation. During the interceding 70 years, he experienced the Great Depression, three World War II invasions in Europe as a member of the Navy, several career changes (including working for a funeral home and the Internal Revenue Service), and the joy of marriage and raising a family. He and his wife Irene raised two children and have been blessed with five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The Emblem recently spoke with Mr. Berube about his memories and current impressions of the School:

#### The Early Days of Central Catholic

"I first came to Central Catholic as a sophomore (I initially intended to become a priest and spent my first year in Tyngsboro). My class was at the Hampshire Street School. The Marist Brothers rented or borrowed space in three different buildings from the City of Lawrence."

"Everybody that went there was close—it was a small school and a very close community. I don't really remember much about Bro. Florentius (it was over 70 years ago—I'm 89 years old), but he was very active. I recall speaking with him a couple of times—he was very outgoing and good to all the students, as were all the Marist Brothers. Bro. Johannes was my homeroom teacher, and I also had Bro. Linus."

"I played baseball and even football for a short time, but my father got sick and I had to go to work part-time and stopped playing. I was working at a drug store in Methuen. Things were tough because it was during the Great Depression."

"I appreciated being able to go to a Catholic high school. In those days, there weren't that many."

"It was a great thing for me to be able to go to Central Catholic. At



that point, tuition was \$50 a year, which was not too much and gave a lot of us a chance to go."

"My senior year, we started at Holy Trinity School and moved into the new school when it was completed in December of 1938. The other places were just classrooms in old schools that the city wasn't using."

#### Returning to Central Catholic

"When I returned last year for graduation, they treated me like a king. We were greeted at the door and taken all around. It's quite a place now. I couldn't miss that. It was a great evening. I'm glad I went—I also went to my Golden Anniversary in 1989. It's amazing—every year, more and more kids graduate. It's been a great school for a lot of people."

ed the Hampshire Street School, three rooms in the Franklin Street School, and eventually the top floor of Holy Trinity School.

Bro. Florentius was determined to unite the school in one central building and began planning for the school's first permanent home, once again calling on all the resources at his disposal to make his dream a reality. Tragically, he never lived to see it completed, passing away in May of 1938. The building he envisioned, planned, and made possible was completed six months later, and Central Catholic's 281 students and 12 teachers moved into the newly constructed school on Auburn Street—'The Little White Building Upon a Hill.' The original school was located in close proximity to today's South Wing, where his dream continues to live in the minds and hearts of today's students and teachers.

# Today at Central Catholic

During the Spirit Week liturgy in March, Bro. Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73 commended the student body on their tremendous school SPIRIT—a spirit of COMPASSION, a spirit of EXCELLENCE, a spirit of GENEROSITY, a spirit of DEDICATION.

This school spirit is rooted in the visions and dream of St. Marcellin Champagnat and Bro. Florentius, a dream that lives in each student today. During his remarks, Bro. Tom reminded the student body that we all stand on the shoulders of great men and women and that the Central Catholic of today would not be possible were it not for the contributions of those who have come before us.

As we approach the 75th anniversary of our founding, Central Catholic stands at a high point, providing an exemplary, faith-based, college preparatory education to 1,350 students from Lawrence, Methuen, and across the Merrimack Valley. The School community is preparing to welcome a talented and excited incoming class of 350 students from 40 cities and towns in northern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

Students benefit from a tradition of excellence that includes high expectations and a rigorous academic program that sends students to college in overwhelming numbers. They excel on AP exams and are admitted to some of the most competitive schools in the nation. They demonstrate exceptional love and compassion toward their classmates and neighbors and are giving back through a number of initiatives and causes. They participate in interscholastic competition through the Raider athletic program, which serves approximately 600 student-athletes and regularly brings home conference, divisional, and state titles, fostering teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, and the pursuit of excellence, lessons that carry over into all aspects of life. They are taught and mentored by a distinguished faculty and staff committed to the personal growth and success of their students.

The School is continuing to improve programs and facilities as we take the necessary steps to expand the use of technology across the curriculum and establish a long-overdue athletic campus to better serve our students.

None of this would be possible were it not for Central Catholic's tradition of excellence, the rich history and Charism of the Marist Brothers, and the many people who have made invaluable contributions throughout the School's history.



#### MICHAEL D. SULLIVAN '5"

# The Passing of a Giant

n the summer of 1960, recent graduate Michael D. Sullivan '55 joined the faculty as one of Central Catholic's first lay teachers. Forty-one years later, he retired as a giant and a legend, leaving his indelible mark on the legacy and traditions of Central Catholic High School.

Mike was an extraordinary teacher, leader, and friend to many at Central Catholic, serving the School as a teacher, coach, athletic director, and assistant principal. He retired from CCHS in 2001. He mentored many of today's teachers and coaches, continuing to mentor them even after stepping down. Mike is the father of current Assistant Principal, Dean of Studies Christopher F. Sullivan '81 and the grandfather of a student. In November of 2009, he passed away.

#### A Fitting Tribute

For many years, Central Catholic has struggled to find the requisite sports fields to accommodate the large number of student-athletes who participate in Raider Athletics. Teams are bussed to various sites

throughout the Merrimack Valley, resulting in significant time spent en route to and from practice and significant financial resources dedicated to transportation and, in some cases, field rentals.

An athletic campus has been a longheld dream of the CCHS community. In 2008, Central Catholic took a significant step toward achieving this dream with the purchase of 32 acres, a former Christmas tree farm on Howe Street in Methuen. Perhaps no one better understood the desperate need for these fields and for an athletic campus better than Mike Sullivan, as an alumnus, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, teacher, parent, and, most recently, grandparent, at Central Catholic High School. He was and always will be one of the ultimate fans of Central Catholic High School and Raider Athletics.

He believed strongly in the role of athletics as a valuable tool to help young adults develop confidence and learn life lessons that will serve them well throughout their lives.

It's fitting he should have a permanent presence and be prominently honored at the planned athletic campus, the new home for Raider Athletics.

The 2010 Golf Classic, held in his honor, will help ensure that this happens. All proceeds will go toward the new athletic campus.

For more information on golfing, sponsorships, the dinner, and the auction, please contact Jennifer M. Plouffe at 978-682-0260 ext. 638 or jplouffe@centralcatholic.net.

> in memory of Michael D. Sullivan '55

Central Catholic High School

**DLF CLASSIC** 

PLEASE NOTE: Proceeds from past and future Golf Classics are committed to the support of The Montagne Project through the endowment. This year is an exception. Given Mike's belief in the importance of Raider Athletics, combined with the opportunity to help realize the long-held dream of an athletic campus while paying tribute to an extraordinary man, proceeds from this year's event will be put toward the realization of this dream.

# The Principal of CCHS

Each and every day, the Principal of Central Catholic is charged with an enormous responsibility: implementing the vision and ensuring the high standards of excellence of St. Champagnat, Bro. Florentius, and Central Catholic High School.

nder the direction of the Marist Brothers, the Board of Directors, and School President Bro. Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73, the Principal strives to put the faculty, staff, and students in the best possible position to succeed.

In January, David M. DeFillippo '66 shared his decision to step down as Principal at the end of the current academic year after 11 years of distinguished service as Principal. Dave will remain at the School in another capacity.

As a result, Assistant Principal, Dean of Students Doreen A. Keller has been appointed Principal, effective July 1, 2010. Her appointment culminated a five-month search process conducted by a committee whose members included CCHS Board members, alumni, parents, benefactors, teachers, and administrators. Ms. Keller was unanimously recommended

#### The Principals of Central Catholic High School

1935-1936	Bro.Thomas Austin, FMS	
1936-1938	Bro. Florentius, FMS	
1938-1944	Bro. Joseph Abel, FMS	
1944-1949	Bro. John Lawrence, FMS	
1949-1953	Bro. Leo Vincent, FMS	
1953-1958	Bro. George Camille, FMS	
1958-1961	Bro. Hugh Ephrem, FMS	
1961-1966	Bro. Augustine Pinard, FMS	
1966-1968	Bro. George St. George, FMS	
1968-1972	Bro. Leo Verville, FMS	
1972-1979	Bro. William Lambert, FMS	
1979-1981	Bro. Daniel Grogan, FMS	
98 - 99	Bro. Kenneth Hogan, FMS	
1991-1999	Bro. Richard Carey, FMS	
1999-2010	David M. DeFillippo '66	
2010-	Doreen A. Keller	

by the committee from an applicant pool of over 30 applicants from 11 states and two countries outside the USA (China and the United Arab Emirates), an impressive array of educational leaders in Catholic, private, and public education.

#### A Decade of Growth

David DeFillippo has worn many hats during his 39 years at the school (43 years if you include his time as a student). He has served as a teacher, guidance counselor, and director of guidance.

But perhaps no hat has fit as well as the Principal's, which he wore for 11 years as the longest serving Principal in the history of Central Catholic. He has overseen significant changes and improvements at the School over the past decade, including planned enrollment growth of 30% (to approximately 1,350), the large-scale renovation and expansion of the facilities and grounds (including the new South Wing and softball field), and significant enhancements to the educational and extracurricular opportunities





David M. DeFillippo '66

Doreen A. Keller

available to students, including the addition of several Advanced Placement courses and other improvements to the curriculum, the expansion of the Fine & Performing Arts program, the continued integration of technology across the curriculum and throughout the facility, the expansion of Campus Ministry and service programs, and the addition of four varsity sports. These accomplishments have provided a solid foundation as Central Catholic continues to move forward as a pre-eminent, Catholic, college preparatory high school with a deep-seated commitment to providing opportunity in Lawrence through faith formation and academic excellence.

## Introducing Ms. Doreen A. Keller, the 16th Principal of Central Catholic

"I'm thrilled, honored, and blessed to be presented with this opportunity," states Doreen Keller. "Being part of the Central Catholic community for the past nine years has been a wonderful, enriching experience for me, and I look forward to serving the needs of the School and its students in my new role."

Doreen arrived at Central Catholic in 2001 as Assistant Principal, Associate Dean of Students after serving in public education for twenty-five years as a teacher, curriculum advisor, and administrator. She was promoted to Central Catholic's Assistant Principal, Dean of Students in 2007 and has served the School in numerous additional capacities on committees and as the co-chair of the accreditation self-study from 2003-2005. She has also served as the religious education administrator for her parish. Doreen holds a B. S. in mathematics (Simmons College), an M. Ed. in educational administration (University of Massachusetts, Lowell), a master's degree in computer education (Lesley College), a mentorship certificate (Lesley College), and Massachusetts principal certification for grades 7–12. Ms. Keller is a graduate of Presentation of Mary Academy (Methuen) and is the mother of a Central Catholic graduate.

"Central Catholic has become my home," notes Doreen. "I strongly believe in the mission and have benefited greatly from the Marist Charism, which shapes the students and makes this a unique school. As the next Principal, I look forward to working with such a caring, dedicated faculty and staff for the good of our students, seeking out the best ways to serve them and lift Central Catholic's academic excellence and opportunities for growth to the next level."

"Ms. Keller is widely respected by colleagues, parents, students, and alumni," states Bro. Tom. "She impressed the search committee as a person of deep faith and as a visionary educational leader fully committed to continuous, school-wide improvement."

"We have accomplished a great deal in the past 75 years," adds Bro. Tom. "This has been possible because of the vision of Bro. Florentius and the service, passion, and commitment of stewards like Dave DeFillippo and Doreen Keller. Please join me in thanking Dave for his contributions and in supporting Doreen as she begins her important work as the next Principal of Central Catholic."



Bro. Kenneth Hogan, FMS

Bro. Augustine Pinard, FMS

#### PHILANTHROPY

# Making the Central Catholic Experience Possible



Bro. Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73 with Timothy S. Gibson '09 and Atty. Daniel P. Gibson at a President's Circle event.



Thomas M. Burkardt, Chairman of the Board, with Grace E. Maraghy and Patrick B. Maraghy '64, Treasurer.



Laurence J. Palmisano '51, honoree, and wife Bobbie at the 2009 Golf Classic.

Since its founding, Central Catholic has relied on the generosity of supporters to provide an unparalleled education to students. Each and every year, alumni, parents, and friends contribute over \$1 million to support the educational experience at Central Catholic through initiatives that include the Annual Fund and Parent Partnership, the Walkathon, the Golf Classic, Capital Campaigns, Gifts to Endowment, the Legacy Society/Planned Gifts, Fulfilling the Promise: The Student Sponsorship & Scholarship Program, and The Montagne Project. Today, that support is more important than ever.

The success of our fundraising efforts and, ultimately, the School, rests squarely on the shoulders of the President's Circle.

#### The President's Circle: THE PHILANTHROPIC LEADERS OF CCHS

The President's Circle consists of those friends, parents, and alumni who make a financial contribution of \$1,000 or more annually to Central Catholic. These philanthropic leaders enable the school to fulfill its mission, helping to define the Central Catholic experience. By joining the President's Circle, they become part of a select group of investors who provide much-needed financial resources for the School while also serving as an example and inspiration to students, teachers, alumni, and benefactors.

President's Circle gifts serve as the cornerstone of our fundraising efforts as we continue to Invest in Excellence. President's Circle members are invited to an Annual Dinner held in their honor hosted by Bro. Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73, President of CCHS.

For more information on how you can join the President's Circle, please contact Michael J. Randall, Associate Director for Development, at 978-682-0260 ext. 630 or mrandall@ centralcatholic.net.

# **Central Catholic in**

Timothy Murphy '83 gets it—he gets Central Catholic, period. His grandparents were Irish immigrants to the United States, and he's an American immigrant to Ireland.

"My family knows how difficult it is to start over in a strange land. One of the many great things I admire about my alma mater is the fact that it has always held out its welcoming arms. I know how confusing it is to straddle two worlds," he stated. He spoke to us from his home in the wee town of Rush, an inlet of the Irish Sea. He is married to Anne Walsh Murphy of County Longford, a practicing midwife currently on leave from her profession. Tim and Anne live the Marist ideal. They have brought two boys, foster children, into their home and deeply into their hearts. Eric, seven, and Raymond, six, will remain with Tim and Anne at least until the age of 18.

Tim coaches the boys in the Gaelic Athletic Association's Hurling and Rugby Introductory Programs, but he's been very careful to indoctrinate them into the mores of Red Sox Nation and even brought them to Cooperstown last summer for Jim Rice's induction into the Hall of Fame.

"Much of who I am was shaped by the words and teachings of faculty members Karen E. Moynihan '69<sup>SM</sup>, Jeanne R. Burns, William J. Cowie '59, and Leo F. McCue," states Tim. "I have been a loyal son of Central Catholic from the first day I walked through its doors almost 30 years ago. I appreciate the fact that Central Catholic stayed in the inner city. I love the fact that many of its kids come from the suburbs into Lawrence for their academic and spiritual education. I love its courage and the bravery of its mission. It reflects the courage and bravery of its parents, alumni, and students." Tim, a Managing Director and International COO of the Bank of New York Mellon's Alternative Investment Services Division, has been a steady and generous contributor to Central Catholic's Annual Fund.

"Central was such a wonderful experience for me and my friends. I feel such an obligation to the Institution, its teachers, and my fellow alumni. I'm just so proud to be affiliated with it."

"Tim is what Central Catholic is all about," states Bro. Rene D. Roy, FMS, '59. "He's a loving father and husband, a successful financier, and a great friend. He's the ideal of what we want our kids to become."

"I thank God for the many material blessings He has bestowed upon Anne and me, but one of His most bountiful blessings has been my Central Catholic experience. Wherever the fates may take Anne, my boys, and me, I will always be part of Central Catholic and its most noble work."



# Standing on the Shoulders of Giants

Today's students have fully embraced the Raider Spirit and Central Catholic's tradition of excellence in all endeavors, a tradition built by generations of students and alumni.

This year, **RAIDER SPIRIT** has been manifested perhaps most visibly and dramatically in 'The Red Sea' phenomenon that occurred during the boys basketball season as they marched to Central Catholic's third Boys Division 1 State Championship (the second in the past three years). Students came out in waves of red to support the basketball team and demonstrate their unwavering support with creative chants and coordinated cheers led by the self-proclaimed 'Front Row,' including the Green Man, Moses, Yoshi, the Cowboy, and the Penguin. Whether they were parting the Red Sea, riding the Rollercoaster, or blacking out the Memorial Gymnasium, their Raider Pride and camaraderie were self-evident.

While Raider Spirit certainly filled the Memorial Gymnasium on game nights, it certainly was not confined to that single activity or location. Central Catholic students continue to distinguish themselves by their pursuit of excellence in all areas, including academics, faith, service, the arts, and athletics.

#### Faith & Service: Making Jesus Known and Loved

The faculty and staff strive to make Jesus known and loved among students while instilling a concern for the least favored, both by their personal examples as role models and through the many opportunities offered to students to express their love and develop their spirituality through service, retreats, and other Campus Ministry programs. Central Catholic's spirit of love and generosity has included 100 long-term service projects and over 25,000 hours of Christian Service completed annually.

This spirit continued through the holiday season, when the Central Catholic community helped 50 families requiring assistance celebrate a Merry Christmas. Through the Christmas Project, a partnership with Catholic Charities and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, each homeroom 'adopts' one family and is given a family profile and a wish list.

This student-driven initiative is in its eighth year and raises over \$10,000 annually. Student leaders *(continued on page 15)* 

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: the Christian Education of Youth

As this year's students prepared to take Advanced Placement Exams for college credit, they could look to the Class of 2009's extraordinary achievement as a model to emulate. Last year, 165 students took 233 exams. Of these students, 50% achieved a perfect score of five and 72% achieved a four or better, demonstrating 'mastery' of the subject matter. Nationally only 28% of students who take the exams earn 'mastery' scores. Furthermore, 33 of the students received AP Scholar Awards for excelling on a minimum of three exams. "These excellent results are a tribute to the extraordinary work ethic of our students and the expertise of the school's AP teachers," notes Principal David M. DeFillippo '66.

The Central Catholic Mock Trial Team has established itself as one of the top teams in the state, this year defeating Phillips Academy of Andover to win a Regional Championship and advance to the 'Sweet 16' round out of over 100 schools who participated in the Massachusetts's Bar Association's 2010 High School Mock Trial Program. Teams are placed in a simulated courtroom situation, where they take on the roles of plaintiff attorneys, defense attorneys, and witnesses. Local attorneys serve as both team coaches and judges of the trials. The Central Catholic team is coached by teacher Ashleigh (Ward) Brown '00; Atty. Michael Coyne, Associate Dean at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover; and Atty. Daniel Harayda, Professor and Director of Technology at the Massachusetts School of Law.

Students are also demonstrating a talent and acumen for financial investment. CCHS placed two teams consisting of four students each in the top 10 of the Massachusetts Stock Market Game<sup>™</sup> Program. Over 852 teams competed, investing a hypothetical \$100,000 each in an on-line portfolio over two months.

### THE ARTS

A rtistic opportunities abound inside and outside the curriculum for today's students, who create and perform works of art on the canvas, on the stage, and on the printed page, in addition to a variety of other

mediums. This year, Raider thespians and crew in the Theatre Guild put on two shows to rave reviews: the holiday favorite *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus* in December and the musical *Calamity Jane* in April. Raider dancers perform with the Dance Team, and Raider musicians and singers share their talent, passion, and skill through the Chorus, the Liturgical Band, the Concert Band, the Pep Band, the Drum

> Line, and the Jazz Band. The written word and artwork of students is featured in *Visions*, the Central Catholic Literary Magazine, which also held two Open Mic/Coffee House nights.



Shanna M. Wiggins '10 and Patrick J. McQuillan '10 (left) Joseph E. Graziano '10 (center) The Chorus performs at the Annual Christmas Concert. (above)



#### WINTER '09/10

Boys Basketball: Division | State Champions Wrestling: Division 2 State Champions Hockey: Super Eight Qualifiers (two years in a row)

#### Merrimack Valley Champions

Boys Basketball Girls Basketball (co-champions) Cheerleading Ice Hockey Wrestling (co-champions)

#### All-Scholastics

Boys Basketball: Carson A. Desrosiers '10 (Boston Globe & Boston Herald)

Boys Basketball: James C. Zenevitch 'I I (Boston Herald)

Girls Basketball: Katie R. Zenevitch '10 (Boston Globe & Boston Herald)

Gymnastics: **Shilanna N. Gallo '10** (Boston Globe & Boston Herald)

lce Hockey: **Shawn M. Bradley '10** (*Boston Herald*) Indoor Track: **Christopher B. Wilbar '10** 

(Boston Globe & Boston Herald) Wrestling: Ryan P. O'Boyle '12

(Boston Herald)

FALL '09 Girls Volleyball: Division | State Finalists

#### Merrimack Valley Champions

Cheerleading Golf Girls Soccer Girls Volleyball

#### All-Scholastics

Football: Zachary R. Lattrell '10 (Boston Herald)

Golf: Joseph P. Leavitt '12 (Boston Globe & Boston Herald)

Girls Soccer: Lauren Hoole '10 (Boston Globe & Boston Herald)

Volleyball: Carolyn Y. Eddy '10 (Boston Globe & Boston Herald)

Volleyball: Margaret Hillman '10 (Boston Herald)

# **Excellence in Blue and Red**

Central Catholic student-athletes continue to bring home not just titles and championships but also awards for sportsmanship and service. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes!

### Giants, On and Off the Court

**C**arson A. Desrosiers '10 and Katie R. Zenevitch '10 certainly stand out in a crowd, and not just because of their height (Carson stands six feet, 11 inches, and Katie stands six feet, three inches). And not just because of their significant basketball skills. (Combined, they brought three Division 1 State Titles back to Hampshire Street—2008 Boys Basketball, 2009 Girls Basketball, and 2010 Boys Basketball—leading their teams to dominant records while playing team basketball and filling up the stat sheet.) Both were top college recruits: Carson will be attending Wake Forest University and Katie will be going to Boston College.

More importantly, they served as role models off the court as well. They embraced humility, selflessness, and teamwork in all aspects of their lives. Carson and Katie both volunteer at a local youth organization, tutoring and mentoring young boys and girls, serving as role models for their classmates and for the children they mentor. They are beloved by their classmates, as evidenced by the support they receive at their games.

"Katie is an amazingly humble young woman who genuinely appreciates all of the opportunities she has been given," notes her coach, Susan (Stewart) Downer '87<sup>SM</sup>. "She strives to make the right choices and be a true role model to her peers and the young girls she mentors."



Carson and Katie pose by an enlarged ESPN Rise cover featuring their images.

Carson and Katie are just two of the modern-day student-athletes and giants who have brought accolades and pride to the Central Catholic community through their accomplishments on and off the court.



The Girls Volleyball Team competing for a Division I State Title.

#### **Faith & Service** (continued from page 12)

coordinate this effort under the guidance of teachers and moderators Ernest DiFiore and Diana Meyer.

In addition, the baseball team gave back by hosting a Christmas Party on December 22nd for 65 fifth graders from the Wetherbee School in Lawrence. Each player bought at least two gifts so that each fifth grader received a small gift from their older counterparts. "It's all about giving," stated teacher and baseball coach Marc F. Pelletier '79. "'Tis the season, and I want my players to understand what Christmas is truly about. Bringing joy to a young person, not just at Christmas, is a life skill I want my student-athletes to learn as they move into adulthood." In spring 2010 students raised over \$25,000 for breast cancer research, treatment, and awareness through the Catwalk4Cancer Fashion Show. Teachers and moderators Car-



Raider Spirit!

men Lonero and Carol Cultrera oversaw the event, performed by a large number of students, staff, and volunteers that made this event such a success.



Alex Valenti 'I I at the baseball team's annual Christmas Party with students from the Wetherbee School.

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# Faculty & Staff

This section contains news and notes from the faculty and staff of Central Catholic High School. If you have any updates or information on past or present faculty and staff, please contact the Emblem by either emailing *emblem@centralcatholic.net*, calling 978-682-0260 ext. 635, or mailing correspondence to the school address, Attn: The Emblem.

#### The Next Principal

Principal David M. DeFillippo '66 is stepping down after 1 I years of distinguished service as Principal. Doreen A. Keller has been appointed the next Principal, effective July 1, 2010. See page 8 for more information.

#### Milestones

Congratulations to the following for 25 years of devoted service to our school community:

- Robert F. Jowett '80, science teacher and coach
- Ronald R. Russo, religious studies teacher
- Christopher F. Sullivan '81, Assistant Principal: Dean of Studies



Bro. Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73 congratulates Christopher F. Sullivan '81 on his 25 years of service during the Spirit Week Liturgy.



Ronald R. Russo is recognized for his 25 years of service during the Spirit Week Liturgy.



Bro. Thomas P. Long, FMS, '73 congratulates Robert F. Jowett '80 on his 25 years of service during the Spirit Week Liturgy.

#### **Raider Athletics**

Director of Athletics Peter Paladino was chosen as the 'Athletic Director of the Year' for District A by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. The MIAA, the governing body of Massachusetts high school athletics, selected Peter from the athletic directors of the 50 high schools in District A. Peter; athletic director for 13 years, oversees an athletic program made up of 26 sports and 57 teams.

#### A Farewell

Former teacher and administrator Michael D. Sullivan '55 passed away in November 2009. Mike, an extraordinary teacher, leader, and friend to many at CCHS, served the school for 41 years as a teacher, coach, athletic director, & assistant principal. He retired in 2001. See page 7 for more information.

#### **New Beginnings**

Nancy Beland, administrative assistant for the Guidance Department, retired in December of 2009 after 26 years of service. Shirley L. Rogers, administrative assistant for the Office of Institutional Advancement, retired in August 2009 after 20 years of service. Nancy and Shirley, thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the Central Catholic community!

#### **New Director of Admissions**

Christopher E. Merrill '89 has been appointed the Director of Admissions, effective Monday, January 18, 2010. Christopher has served in various capacities in higher education and as a guidance counselor at Central Catholic since 2003, making him an ideal fit for this crucial position. Before arriving at Central Catholic, Chris was the Director of Student Development and Retention for RockValley College in Illinois, where he bore significant responsibility for marketing, program development, and strategic planning in support of the school's enrollment goals. Thank you to Kathleen M. Gerow for her years of dedicated service as Admissions Director.

#### **Births and Blessings**

Drama/English teacher Ashleigh L. (Ward) Brown '00 and math teacher/coach Jarrod S. Brown '98 were blessed with a daughter, Adalayde Victoria, in August 2009. Ashleigh has been appointed as the Department Chair for Fine and Performing Arts and is responsible for immediate supervision and management of faculty and instruction in visual arts, drama, chorus, and band. Physical education/health teacher Tara Moreau and husband Scott were blessed with a son, Chase, in November 2009. Associate Director for Development Michael J. Randall and wife Karen were blessed with a daughter, Cassidy Anne, in January 2010.



Michael J. Randall and wife Karen with daughter Cassidy Anne.

#### **MARIST NEWS**

The New Superior General and Provincial Superior

In September 2009, the Marist Brothers in the United States received word that Bro. Emili Turu, FMS, of Spain, was elected the I 3th Superior General of the Marist Brothers and successor to St. Marcellin Champagnat. The election took place at the Marist Brothers 21st General Chapter, which convened in Rome at the Marist General Headquarters. Bro. Emili succeeds Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS, who is the only American elected Superior General in the nearly 200-year history of the Institute. Bro. Joseph McKee, FMS, of Scotland, was elected Vicar General.

Bro. Benjamin Consigli, FMS, has been elected the new Provincial Superior of the Marist Brothers in the United States. Bro. Ben succeeds Bro. John Klein, FMS. Let us pray for Bro. Emili, Bro. Joseph, and Bro. Ben as they begin this new and challenging ministry of leadership among the Marist Brothers worldwide and in the United States. Let us also pray with gratitude for Bro. Sean's and Bro. John's inspired and selfless leadership.

#### A Familiar Face... Donna M. Shappy

Director of Institutional Advancement

"I am pleased to welcome back Donna M. Shappy as the Director of Institutional Advancement, Donna served as the Director of Institutional Advancement at Central Catholic from 2000–2004. During those years, Donna took an underperforming Annual Fund from roughly \$60,000 to \$350,000 in annual revenue; she helped inaugurate the Walkathon and increased proceeds from the annual Golf Classic, resulting in nearly \$200,000 in combined annual proceeds from the two events; and she organized and helped lead A Light Beams Forth: The Campaign to Advance Our Mission, which raised \$5,500,000 in capital funding for our school. Donna left Central Catholic in 2004 to become a partner and management consultant in the firm of Advancement Partners, Inc. From 2007 until September 2009. Donna was Senior Vice President of Development, Marketing, and Public Relations at Associated Early Care and Education (AEC) in Boston. The state of the economy and its impact on philanthropy serve to heighten the urgency of Donna's role at Central Catholic. Please join me in welcoming Donna back to Central Catholic!" -Bro.Tom

#### **Professional Recognition**

Director of Guidance Denise M. Horan has been recognized as a 'Guidance Professional of the Year' by the New England Association of College Admissions Counselors (NEACAC). She was presented with the award on May 27 at the annual NEACAC Conference in Newport, Rhode Island.

Professional of the Year Awards are made to dedicated professionals from both the college and high school sides of the college counseling profession. The award was created by NEACAC to honor six outstanding counselors from the New England states for the honesty, patience, thoroughness, and sensitivity that characterize their work with students, parents, and professionals. They are also individuals who provide leadership through formal roles they have assumed in their profession or through the mentorship they have provided to colleagues.

Denise has served as Central Catholic's Director of Guidance for the past 11 years and as a member of the CCHS guidance department for 14 years. Prior to her arrival at Central Catholic, she served as a teacher, guidance counselor, and guidance director at St. Mary High School in Lawrence for 17 years.

Thank you, Denise, for your commitment to the success of our students and to Catholic education in Lawrence!



Graduation Ceremonies 2010



Class Notes from graduates of both Central Catholic and St. Mary High School (designated by <sup>SM</sup>) are listed in this section. Names and emails of Class Reps are listed immediately following each class year: Class Reps help keep classmates connected to each other and the School. To volunteer, email Charles G. Putney '94, Emblem Editor, at *chuck@chuckputney.com*.

**1939** See page 5 for *Bertrand J. Berube's* reflections on the early days of Central Catholic.

#### 1940 REUNION CLASS

Margaret (Kennedy) Massaro<sup>SM</sup>, emblem@ centralcatholic.net

Celebrate your 70th Anniversary at REUNION 2010 on October 8 & 9.

James A. Judge Jr., a career Air Force officer and bomber pilot who flew in the Pacific and China-Burma-India theaters and later participated in the historic Berlin Airlift, died in August 2009 in Maryland. His World War II decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross with five Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal. Additional decorations included the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

#### **194** Class Rep needed.

Walter P. Dunn and M. Arleen Dunn '42<sup>5M</sup> observed their 65th Wedding Anniversary last September. They were married in St. Augustine's Church on Tower Hill in Lawrence on September 23, 1944. The Dunns now live in Florida where they have resided for the past 25 years. Congratulations! Here's to many more happy anniversary celebrations!

1942 Class Rep needed.

**1943** Dr. Thomas F. Carney, emblem@ centralcatholic.net

1944 Class Rep needed.

#### 1945 REUNION CLASS

Class Rep needed.

Celebrate your 65th Anniversary at REUNION 2010 on October 8 & 9.

1946 Class Rep needed.

**1947** Class Rep needed.

## **1948** Anthony R. Fragala, tonyfragala@verizon.net

CCHS basketball coaches Susan (Stewart) Downer '87<sup>sm</sup> and Richard J. Nault '90 joined the Class of 1948 for lunch at the Chateau in Andover in October. They enjoyed friendly conversation about the upcoming basketball season and were congratulated on their past successes. Almost two dozen members of the Class of '48 gathered for a summer luncheon at the Chateau in Andover in August. Among those in attendance: William G. Carney, Francis A. Foderaro, Joseph J. Wadlinger, Donald G. Schelling, Bro. Rene D. Roy, FMS, '59, Arthur J. Hamel, Thomas J. Garvey, James J. Maloney, Sebastian F. 'Ned' Catalano, Roland J. 'Jack' Blanchette, and John 'Jay' B. Tanzer. Also visiting were Anthony R. Fragala, John P. Sangermano, Charles A. Riley and Joseph G. Menowske. William E. Hart, Paul D. Sullivan, Roger E. Gagnon, Joseph E. LaPlante, and Fred D. lannazzi rounded out the group of gents taking some time to catch up and do a bit of reminiscing. William E. Hart organized his Tally–Ho XV event at the Ashworth Hotel. The festivities included a social hour and a buffet dinner with a sing-along after dinner. Several CCHS classmates were in attendance including Arthur J. Hamel, Joseph J. Wadlinger, Roger A. Twomey, Rev. Guy Vellardita, OFM (who was home visiting from his missionary duties in El Salvador), and Anthony R. Fragala. Other CCHS participants included James W.Wright '46, Joseph E. 'Rocky' Morrison '46, Francis J. MacDonald '53, Bob French '53, and Francis H. Collopy '52. On St. Patrick's Day, Thomas J. Garvey hosted "The Irish Show" on WCCM radio for the 24th consecutive year. The show consists of four hours of traditional and popular Irish music with phone calls from listeners requesting favorite tunes or just to say hello. Some of Tom's relatives from Ireland called as they do every year. Tom is also an accomplished musician on the piano in addition to the small concertina or accordion and an expert on Irish-American folk tunes from the late 19th and early 20th century. Stanley J. Navickas and wife Pat of Huntington Beach, CA, recently visited the Goldstone Deep Space Antenna in California's Mojave Desert. See photo. "The tour of the facilities was most interesting and it included a demonstration of the antenna's very powerful capability to penetrate deep space."



Stanley J. Navickas '48 and wife Pat at the Goldstone Deep Space Antenna, Mojave Desert, California.



Class of 1948 Lunch with the CCHS basketball coaches, left to right: James J. Maloney '48, Joseph E. LaPlante '48, Don Schelling '48, Thomas J. Garvey '48, Ramond P. Pecci '48, William G. Carney '48, Francis A. Foderaro '48, Arthur J. Hamel '48, William E. Hart '48, Paul D. Sullivan '48, John P. Sangermano '48, Anthony R. Fragala '48, Joseph J.Wadlinger '48, Coach Susan (Stewart) Downer '87<sup>SM</sup>, Coach Richard J. Nault '90, and in front, John 'Jay' B. Tanzer '48 and Joseph G. Menowske '48.

1949 Class Rep needed.

#### 1950 REUNION CLASS

G. Thomas Catalano, gtom 331@comcast.net; Joseph G. Indoccio, emblem@centralcatholic.net Celebrate your 60th Anniversary at REUNION 2010 on October 8 & 9.

## **1951** Roland E.Theberge, rotheberge@comcast.net

Roland E. Theberge spent the months of January through March in Apollo Beach, Florida. His plans included lunch with Robert A. Murdock and Francis 'Bucky' L. Poole '52. The Saint Mary High School Class of 1951 celebrated their 58-Year Reunion in October 2009. The planning committee consisted of: Shirley (Blackwell) Keegan<sup>SM</sup>; Theresa (Duffy) Conlon<sup>sm</sup>; Julie McManus<sup>sm</sup>; and loan (Riordon) LaBonte<sup>sM</sup>. Classmates who attended included: Shirley (Blackwell) Keegan<sup>sM</sup>. Marv (Brennan) Aumais<sup>sM</sup>. Nancv (Buggea) Boucher<sup>sm</sup>, Patricia (Campling) Crowley<sup>sm</sup>, Virginia (Castro) Sacchiero<sup>sm</sup>, Virginia (Corey) Colucci<sup>SM</sup>, Maureen (Costello) Morrison<sup>SM</sup>, Theresa (Duffy) Conlon<sup>SM</sup>, Patricia (Dwyer) McElhinney<sup>sm</sup>, Mary (Laliberty) Casey<sup>sM</sup>, Mildred (Latorre) Forgetta<sup>sM</sup>, lacqueline (Ledwith) Cameron<sup>SM</sup>, Joanne (Lyons) Pekarski<sup>sm</sup>, Marilyn (Mandros) Manning<sup>sM</sup>, E. Julie McManus<sup>sM</sup>, Jean (Neel) Carney<sup>sm</sup>, Helene (O'Brien) Tosone<sup>sm</sup>, lacqueline (Pflug) McLeod<sup>sm</sup> loan (Rivard) Bibeau<sup>sm</sup>, Joan (Riordan) LaBonte<sup>sm</sup>, Stella (Stopyra) Cahalane<sup>sM</sup>, and Kathleen (Zajicek) DiBurro<sup>sm</sup>. Plans are underway for the 60th reunion in 2011.

**1952** John R.White, js2024@verizon.net

**1953** Francis J. MacDonald, francmacdonald@comcast.net; G. Joseph Shaheen, joe-bun@comcast.net

Reverend George F. Riley, O.S.A. was honored with the "Faithful Servant Award" from St. Patrick College in Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland. Fr. Riley is the Special Assistant to the President of Villanova University for External Affairs and has served in various educational and administrative capacities for the past 49 years. The Faithful Servant Award was established as an opportunity for the Catholic Church in Ireland to recognize Irish-born or Irish-American priests and religious who have served the American Church with extraordinary fidelity and distinction.

1954 Atty. Richard P. Consoli, consolilaw@verizon.net

#### 1955 REUNION CLASS

John A. Mele, meleplaya@verizon.net

Celebrate your 55th Anniversary at REUNION 2010 on October 8 & 9.

This year's Golf Classic is being held in honor of *Michael D. Sullivan*, who passed away in November 2009. See page 7 for more details.

**1956** Vincent F. Riviezzo, *riviezzo2@* comcast.net; Marilyn (McCarthy) Ralph<sup>sm</sup>, *irishmmr@earthlink.net* 

Marilyn (McCarthy) Ralph<sup>SM</sup> writes, "The last weekend in September, 20 of us went to Ogunquit Beach, Maine for our annual weekend getaway. This is about our seventh or eighth year doing this, and I tell you we have a fantastic time. We shop, have nonstop chats, eat, shop some more, laugh till it hurts. It is great fun and you are all invited to join us. We had our annual Christmas Party at the Atkinson Country Club, and it was very special. We sat in front of a blazing fireplace, and the company was the best. *Maria (Bellante) Rosati<sup>sm</sup>* and her husband lim are back from an extensive trip which included Venezuela for six weeks, Priscilla (Gagne) Wholley<sup>sm</sup> and her husband went on a trip to Europe to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Barbara (McKay) Sapuppo<sup>sm</sup> and her husband also celebrated 50 years. Connie (Russo) Arcari<sup>sm</sup> has a new grandson named Gus. Please, if you want to join us on any upcoming activities, let me know. The more the merrier. I can be reached at irishmmr@earthlink.net or 603-893-3243."

**1957** Donald A. Auger, donjen73@verizon.net

#### 1958 Class Rep needed.

Roger M. Damphousse was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence. Dr. Thomas W. Elwood is Executive Director of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions in Washington, DC, where he has served since 1988. He has both a master's degree and a doctorate degree in public health from the University of California at Berkeley and has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the nation's largest academic health science center, since 2004. He delivered a keynote address at the annual conference of a consortium

of 38 European universities held in Estonia in April 2009. He has generously donated a copy of his recent book, A View from Washington: Federal Policy in Relation to Allied Health Over Two Decades, to the CCHS library. Robert A. LaPlume and Collet celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in January. Best wishes from your Raider family for many, many more anniversary celebrations! Dr. Walter L. Perry, Senior Information Scientist for Rand Corporation's Washington office, in collaboration with several colleagues, has published an in-depth study of alternatives for withdrawing from Iraq, which is serving as the blueprint of our present strategy of withdrawal. He has graciously donated a copy of this study, Withdrawing from Iraq: Alternative Schedules, Associated Risks, and Mitigating Strategies, to the CCHS library.

**1959** Alfred E.Torrisi, *aetorrisi@bellsouth. net*; Richard |. McDonald, *rredmcd@aol.com* 

Forty-one St. Mary's classmates celebrated their 50th reunion at Jackson's Restaurant in Methuen on October 3rd. The ladies travelled from near and far to gather together, including visitors from Florida, Illinois, and Virginia. There was quite a lively rendition of "The Bells of St. Mary's," plus lots of reminiscing and story-telling. The ladies had such an enjoyable time that they were planning another get-together in late spring or early summer. We look forward to hearing about the next reunion!

### **1960** 50TH REUNION: GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Eugene H. Ginchereau, *captehg1@aol.com;* Patricia (Elia) Coco<sup>sm</sup>, *librapatty@comcast.net* 

The St. Mary High School Class of 1960 has reserved the Seaglass Restaurant at Salisbury Beach for their 50th Reunion to be held on Sunday, October 3, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. We are missing contact info on many of our graduates, so if you can help, please contact Class Rep *Patricia (Elia) Coco<sup>SM</sup>* at *librapatty@comcast.net* or *Ann (Falco) Grecoe<sup>SM</sup>* at *anngrecoe@aol. com.* Looking forward to seeing all of you in October: Warmest regards and Happy 2010!!

Send us your news! Email your class note to emblem@centralcatholic.net, or the Class Rep listed for your class. Don't forget to send along color photos!

**1961** Robert L.Veilleux, gettogether3@ yahoo.com; Maurice J.Viscuso, momov@ aol.com

*Richard J. Santagati* has been elected to the Board of Directors for Revlon, Inc. Richard served as the President of Merrimack College from 1994 to 2008 after a successful business career:

## **1962** Jacqueline (Greska) Cassidy<sup>s</sup>, cassidy<sup>j</sup> *I* @verizon.net

Bernard J. Reilly retired in January after 22 years as the head of the Lawrence Senior Center. He was profiled in the December 28 issue of The Eagle-Tribune. Class Rep Jacqueline (Greska) Cassidy<sup>SM</sup> submitted the following updates for her class: "Dear Belles: What a fantastic turnout we had at our 47th Reunion. As usual we had a fantastic time. Some new faces this year were: Patricia H. Garvey<sup>sm</sup>, Susan Gesing<sup>sm</sup>, Gail (Murray) DeMinico<sup>sM</sup>, Jean (Maslowski) Camaso<sup>sM</sup>, Norma (Haphey) Currie<sup>SM</sup>, and Georgine (Bird) O'Neil<sup>sM</sup>. Some have changed and some looked the same, so PLEASE, those of you who haven't been able to come. try to join us for our 48th.You don't know what you are missing—and besides, life is too short! Much thanks again to our 'hosts,' Lucy (Glotch) Nickerson<sup>SM</sup> and hubby Steve who have been so gracious to opening their home to us again. From JoAnne (Campiola) Schottler<sup>SM</sup>: 'Married to Fred since 1967, two children, daughter is a police sergeant, son is a fireman/ paramedic, one granddaughter from my daughter, son is expecting in November. I am the coordinator for the Care Package Program for the Troops, www. peasegreeters.org. We meet all flights at Pease Tradeport in Portsmouth, NH coming home and going overseas. We ship packages to Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan, wherever there is a need. I am working more now than when I WORKED!, but loving every minute. I can't commit to anything, as our Guys and Gals are our priority. We have two flights this weekend, hope all is well, say hi to All for me, keep in touch.' Also, want to thank my 'angel' detective Admarose (Shaheen) Bennett<sup>SM</sup>—she is always on the look-out for 'missing' classmates so, if you know the whereabouts of any whose info. is missing on the address sheet—please let me know, so we can contact them and add them to our list. Sending our condolences to Ann Marie (Hannagan) *Pilat<sup>sm</sup>* for the loss of her mother and to Ann C. Burke<sup>SM</sup> for the loss of her brother, Kathleen (Moran) Faucher<sup>SM</sup>, loss of her

mom, Joanne (Lee) Williams<sup>SM</sup>, loss of her brother, and Jean (Maslowski) Camaso<sup>SM</sup> for the passing of her father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We had planned a mid-winter gathering on the 16th of January (snow date-23rd) at the home of Admarose in Laconia—please contact either Adma at neilandadma@aol.com or myself at cassidyj1@verizon.net for future events.''



Members of the St. Mary High School Class of 1962 at their 47-Year Reunion!

1963 Class Rep needed.

**1964** Kenneth Gabriel, emblem@centralcatholic.net

**1965** REUNION CLASS Class Rep needed.

Celebrate your 45th Anniversary at REUNION 2010 on October 8 & 9.

1966 Class Rep needed.

**1967** Atty. Peter J. Caruso Sr., *pcaruso@ devinemillimet.com*, submitted the following update:

"This is my first foray as Class Rep and I need your help. Any news about yourself, family, work, honors, promotions, or classmate connections please forward off to me. As you read this, please let me know your email as we try to get our class together. My news is my three grandchildren: Saylor (5), Savannah (2 1/2), and Saydie (7 months); also, Peter Il practices media law, Noah is First VP at Morgan Stanley, and Gayle is a noted working artist. Shane ('John' to us) Watson keeps an open e-mail from the West Coast. C. Mark Cataudella can get you behind the scenes at Symphony Hall. Timothy M. Scanlon semi-runs the local Registry of Deeds. Charles F. Daher sells more cars than English Chevrolet did. Kenneth J. Hajjar was actually a radio star. James F. Lanigan III travels everywhere. Ronald P. Suduiko raises oodles of dough

for Exeter. William T. Burdin not only sails but actually practices law, as do Victor J. Piekarski, Joseph J. Tropiano, and Albert L. Farrah, but Michael A, Garv's a ludge! Anthony C. Piazza did practice but is a very, very famous mediator in California. Michael A. DePetrillo, M.D. puts people to sleep (anesthesiologist). 'Sarge' Edward M. Stewart (Sr.) retired to the beach. Raymond D. Bolis retired after government service. Frederick A. Masseno moved out West. Louis C. Zuppardi can get you any gig. William J. MacLean needs to resurrect his golf classic. And again, Shane shares the most at shane7777w@yahoo.com. Let me know how you all are and any news for us, and grandchildren."

**1968** James M. Giarrusso, giarrusso@ prodigy.net; Joseph A. Ruggieri, jruggi9294@ aol.com

**1969** John Giarrusso, johnnyg24@comcast.net

#### **1970** REUNION CLASS

Thomas Forzese, 4sayz@comcast.net

Celebrate your 40th Anniversary at REUNION 2010 on October 8 & 9.

Thomas Forzese and wife Nancy just celebrated 30 years of owning their business, Growing Years Learning Center in Methuen. They also celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

**1971** Richard A. Holak, rickholak@yahoo.com

**1972** Atty. Robert C. Autieri, *rcalaw I*@aol.com

1973 Class Rep needed.

**1974** Gino J. Baroni, gbaroni@tridentgrp. com; Janice (Solomon) Solomon<sup>SM</sup>, jandmsol@aol.com

Michael J. Sullivan, former Mayor of Lawrence, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence. Mark D. Gagnon was recently named Acting Police Chief of the Amesbury Police Department. He has been with the department since 1986 and had been serving as the number three person in the command structure. St. Mary's Class of 1974 celebrated their 35th Class reunion at the VFW in North Andover on Saturday, October 3, 2009. Forty-six ladies were in attendance and enjoyed a lovely dinner catered by the Party Connection and music by DJ Jose Collazo. Lots of dancing to music from the 70's highlighted the night along with visiting the Memory Lane Tables. The class made a generous and thoughtful \$300 donation to the St. Mary High School Fund in memory of three deceased classmates, Justine Ratte<sup>SM</sup>, Patricia Milius<sup>SM</sup>, and Mariella (Catanzaro) Guiffrida<sup>SM</sup>.



Members of the St. Mary's Class of 1974 at their 35-Year Reunion; seated, left to right: Angela D'Agata<sup>SM</sup>, Deborah (Hynes) Lynch<sup>SM</sup>, Katherine Vaillancourt<sup>SM</sup>, Cynthia (Bonanno) Mazella<sup>SM</sup>; Standing, left to right: Pam (Cirincione) Breingan<sup>SM</sup>, Janice (Solomon) Solomon<sup>SM</sup>, Patricia (Casey) Thompson<sup>SM</sup>, Deborah (Longo) Bennett<sup>SM</sup>, Lois (Hajjar) Walworth<sup>SM</sup>, and Donna (Robillard) Eideh<sup>SM</sup>.

#### 1975 REUNION CLASS

Gary J. Gallant, gjgallant@comcast.net

Celebrate your 35th Anniversary at REUNION 2010 on October 8 & 9.

#### **1976** Joseph S. DiSalvo, Joceltic@optonline.net

Thomas M. Gomes wrote a book, Something's Very Wrong, Sports Parents Drive Me Nuts, that provides a humorous look at youth sports (http:// www.SomethingsVeryWrong.com).Tom's working on a total of eight books in the Something's Very Wrong series. His next one was planned for early 2010 and is a collection of short stories around those miserable Customer Service experiences that we encounter daily. His future books will include short story collections on road rage, neighbors, parenting, and manners.

**1977** John C. Housianitis, *jhousianitis@centralcatholic.net* 

**1978** Dennis A. Conlin, daconlin@comcast.net

Edward J. Lacerte was recognized by the NBA Trainers Association (NBATA). which created the Ed Lacerte Service Award, at a special ceremony held in Chicago in May 2009. Ed was presented with the inaugural award in honor of his contributions and exceptional service and assistance to the NBATA. He is in his 23rd season as the Celtics athletic trainer, making him the longest-serving athletic trainer in the club's history. In addition to his responsibilities as athletic trainer, Ed has acted as the team's physical therapist and strength and conditioning coach for eight of those 23 seasons. Susan (Despres) Prior<sup>SM</sup> wrote to tell us that she and her daughter, Amelia C. Prior '10, participated in the Boston Breast Cancer three-day walk for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. This was their fourth time participating in this event! Nice job, ladies!

1979 Stephen A. Daly, sdalynh@ comcast.net; Steven J. Kurek, sjkurek I@aol. com

Members of the Class of 1979 from CCHS, Presentation of Mary Academy, and St. Mary High School participated in two class events this past fall. First, on October 10, 24 classmates got together for our annual golf outing at Hickory Hill Golf Club in Methuen. See photos. Save the date for the next golf outing on Columbus Day Weekend 2010. Also, many classmates got together to share laughs and stories at the Claddagh Pub in Lawrence on November 14. See photos. To see additional photos from these events and to keep up to date on future get-togethers, visit our Class Facebook page at http://tinyurl. com/79facebook. Andrew W. Kelley, the founder and president of Effective Student Marketing, Inc. in Andover (http:// www.effectivestudentmarketing.com), has been appointed to Central Catholic's Emblem Editorial Advisory Board. Marc F. Pelletier, physical education teacher and varsity baseball coach at CCHS, helped coordinate his team's annual Christmas party for local children. See page 15. Congratulations goes to Robert L. Quinn who was recently appointed Colonel of the New Hampshire State Police.



Steven A. Fisichelli '79 and Andrew W. Kelley '79



Paul J. Sickel '79, Steven J. Kurek '79, and Mark G. Borrelli '79



#### CCHS Alums Connect Along the Appalachian Trail

*Kyle P. Sauerbrunn '09*, hiking from Maine to Georgia along the Appalachian Trail, stopped by the official visitor center for the Trail in Harpers Ferry, WV, in October 2009. While there, he and his hiking partners were hosted by *Stephen J. Paradis '81*, an Appalachian Trail thru-hiker himself from 1993. Steve is the chief operating officer for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the private non-profit organization that built and now stewards the Trail from Maine to Georgia. Having reached the halfway point of his hike, Kyle was well on track for finishing on or about Christmas. On a related note, Kyle was not the only CCHS alumnus thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2009. *David C. Foley '80* completed a thru-hike in 2008 and came back to hike it again in 2009.

#### 1980 REUNION CLASS

Lynne (Dimauro) Lovasco<sup>sm</sup>, Lindzey62@msn.com

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#### **1981** Class Rep needed.

Stephen J. Paradis is the chief operating officer for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the private non-profit organization that built and now stewards the Appalacian Trail from Maine to Georgia (www.AppalachianTrail.org). See article and photo on page 21.

**1982** John M. Shaheen, johnshaheen@comcast.net

**1983** Francis ''Chip'' MacDonald Jr., chipmacdonald@verizon.net; Tina (LaCroix) Conlin<sup>™</sup>, tconlin@comcast.net

*Timothy Murphy* is living in Rush, Ireland and works as the Managing Director and International COO of the Bank of New York Mellon's Alternative Investment Services Division. He and his wife Anne have two foster children, Raymond and Eric. See article on page 11.



The Murphy family, left to right: Anne, Raymond, Tim, and Eric, on a trip to London in October 2009 to watch the New England Patriots play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Wembley Stadium.

**1984** Wayne A. DeLuca, waynedeluca@myfairpoint.net

#### **1985** 25TH REUNION: SILVER

ANNIVERSARY Christine (Found) Dunn<sup>SM</sup>, christinedunn@rocketmail.com

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**1986** Lynne (Pilat) Chase<sup>™</sup>, *Ichase@winnco.com* 

Wayne M. Sheehan is the Chief of Police in Kensington, NH.

**1987** P. Jonathan Beauchesne, *Jonathan.* Beauchesne@bmc.org

James T. Demers was ordained a subdeacon at St. Anthony Maronite Church in Lawrence in January. This fulfills a long-standing desire to formally serve in ministry. James is also a computer engineer. He and wife Maureen have been married for 13 years. They have three children and reside in Methuen. Central Catholic girls basketball coach *Susan* (*Stewart*) *Downer*<sup>SM</sup> was named the 2009 Girls Division I North Coach of the Year by the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association. She led the team to the first state championship in the history of the program.

**1988** Mark T. Duquette, mark\_duquette@yahoo.com

Congratulations to former Andover resident *Michael T. Cassano*, who has been named running backs coach at the University of Miami. Before accepting this position, Michael served as the running backs coach and recruiting coordinator for the Florida International Golden Panthers.

**1989** Robin Ard <sup>SM</sup>, Rockin571@aol.com; Lorraine (Garcia) Mojica <sup>SM</sup>, lorymojica@ comcast.net

Saba A. Hashem and Ashley Ann Kazanjian '01 were married in June 2009 at St. Anthony Maronite Church in Lawrence. Included in the wedding party were several Central Catholic graduates: maid of honor Christina Gallardo '01 of Methuen, bridesmaid Natasha N. Venuti '01 of Andover, best man Christopher J. Maroun of Methuen, and groomsman Tony Khoury '96 of Salem, N.H. Saba received a bachelor of arts from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester and his J.D. from Mass School of Law in Andover. He is a founding partner of D'Angelo and Hashem Law Firm, with offices in both Boston and Lawrence. The couple vacationed in Grand Cayman for their honeymoon. They reside in Methuen. Christopher E. Merrill has been appointed Central Catholic's Director of Admissions, effective Monday, January 18, 2010. At Central Catholic, Chris has served as a guidance counselor, student council moderator, and director of Camp Champagnat, a summer leadership program/institute held at Camp Marist in Ossipee, NH.

#### 1990 REUNION CLASS

Kami Buntin Crawford<sup>s</sup>, *kcbrn26@aol.com* 

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Frank A. Calobrisi and Kerry Ann (DeFillippo) Calobrisi <sup>SM</sup> were blessed with a son, John David, in October 2009. CCHS boys basketball coach *Richard J. Nault* was named the 2009 Boys Division I North Coach of the Year by the Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association. Richard also serves as Central Catholic's Associate Dean of Students.

**1991** Jennifer (Sirois) Beaudoin<sup>s</sup>, wjbeaudoin@comcast.net

Karen Pica<sup>SM</sup> is a Coldwell Banker Real Estate Agent in Boston. After nine years, she is selling her condo in South Boston and moving to the South End. Jennifer (Sirois) Beaudoin<sup>SM</sup> and husband Wayne welcomed their second child, Emilie, in June 2009. Emilie joins her big brother Benjamin. Jennifer is trying to connect with all alumni from 1991. "Our 20-year reunion is not too far away. I would like to find all alumni of 1991 to make plans for our reunion. Please contact me via email at wjbeaudoin@comcast.net or find me on Facebook."

**1992** Michael T. Torrisi, *MTTorrisi@gmail.* com; Sinead Cassidy<sup>SM</sup>, sincass02@hotmail. com

**1993** Frank C. Morris, *fcmorris@gmail.com* 

Dr. Kenneth M. Gabriel and his wife welcomed their son. William. on December 12, 2008, the day of the ice storm. They looked forward to celebrating his first birthday during the holiday season with all of his extended family. Dr. Gabriel is in his eighth year of private practice as a chiropractor in Salem, NH and is most proud of helping out with the CCHS baseball team from 2001 through 2008. Mrs. Gabriel is the vice president of Human Resources at Enterprise Bank in Lowell. Baby William is proud to wear his latest CCHS 'future Raider' baby gear to every home football game. The Gabriels currently reside in Salem, NH. Jamie C. McCarthy works for Pegasystems in Cambridge as a senior solution architect. He, his wife Sinead, and their three children live in Melrose, MA. Michael D. *Mearls* is a writer and designer of fantasy role-playing games and related fiction. He currently works for Wizards of the Coast,

which makes Dungeons & Dragons. He is a Lead Developer for Dungeons & Dragons R&D and is working on the new 4th Edition. According to Wikipedia. he is one of the best known of the current generation of designers. He was published by a number of big-name gaming publishers for several years before being hired in June 2005 as a designer by Wizards of the Coast, Sean I. Reilly and wife Wirinya welcomed daughter Madeline Grace in September 2009. Michael F. Wall and wife Kelly Flaherty Wall were blessed with their first child, Sean Michael Wall, in June 2009. Sean weighed 8 lbs. I oz. and measured 21 inches long. Everyone is doing well and residing in Methuen.



Sean Michael Wall, son of Michael F.Wall '93.

## **1994** James C. Riviezzo, *james\_riviezzo@yahoo.com*

Jay R. Condon and wife Colleen Farrell Condon greeted Avery Rose in February. Avery joins big brother Max. Eric R. Marceau and Lisa English were married in July 2009 at Rye Harbor State Park. They held an outdoor reception by the shore at Odiorne Point State Park in Rye, NH (see photo top right). They honeymooned in Newfoundland and are living in Lyndeborough, NH. Eric is a design engineer at Cutting Tool Technologies in Wilton, NH. Lisa is an attorney and serves as an adjunct professor in family law at the New England School of Law in Boston, George Scione is a co-host of Politically Active, a live radio show on WCCM 1110-AM that deals with Methuen politics. Politically Active airs every Tuesday from 10 am to 11 am. You can listen to podcasts or live on the web at www.1110wccmam.com. Brian P. Rotondo and wife Melissa welcomed a son, Frank Pasquale, in November. Frank joins his sisters Isabella and Julianna. The family resides in Marlboro.

Classmates Sing the CCHS Alma Mater...



Left to right: Charles G. Putney '94, Paul E. King '94, Eric R. Marceau '94, James Ferraiolo '94, and Peter M. Kutny '94 sing the CCHS Alma Mater at Eric's reception, a ritual at every wedding.

#### 1995 REUNION CLASS

Jason M. Ball, *jayball77@aol.com*; Eric A. Larnard, *elarnard@gmail.com* 

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**1996** Michael J. Armano, mike@ attorneyarmano.com; Joel L. Boutin, jboutin@gmail.com

Todd J. Arivella and wife Megan had a baby girl, Cadence Siobhan Arivella, on January 5, 2010. Cadence weighed 5 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 19 inches. Anthony 'Tony' J. Simonelli is engaged to marry Lindsay Tarmy. They will be married in October 2010 after six years together as a couple. Tony attended Salem State College and is a chemist for Family Pools in South Lawrence.



Cadence Siobhan Arivella, daughter of Todd J. Arivella '96

## **1997** Jonathan J. Rossi, jrossi79@yahoo.com

David F. Cunningham and Elizabeth Blazon announced wedding plans for this past October. David received a B.S. in Public Relations with a minor in International Relations from Boston University. He is employed by Merrimack Education Center in Chelmsford as a Systems Administrator.

#### **1998** Angela I. Kulesza, angela.kulesza@gmail.com; Andrew P. Nikonchuk, anikonchuk@centralcatholic.net

Alyssa J. Abraham and Shaun P. O'Brien are celebrating their engagement. Shaun and Alyssa met in their senior year and quickly became friends after Shaun asked Alyssa to the Senior Prom. They are currently enrolled in doctoral programs across the country from each other, but Shaun is planning a move to the Bay Area soon and a spring 2011 wedding is planned on the New England Seacoast. The two will make their home in northern California following the wedding. Jarrod S. Brown and Ashleigh L. (Ward) Brown '00 were blessed with a daughter, Adalayde Victoria, in August 2009. Jarrod is a math teacher and coach at Central Catholic, and Ashleigh is a drama and English teacher at Central Catholic. Charles Raymond Clement and Jodi Ellen Smith have announced their engagement. Charlie is a graduate of Merrimack College, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Business Management. He is currently employed with the Friendly's Corporation as a General Manager. The couple met while working together at Uno Chicago Grill. A June 2010 wedding is planned with a honeymoon in the Maya Riviera, Mexico. Jennifer A. (Donahue) Manning and husband Kevin welcomed their first child. Colin Joseph Manning, in April 2009. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20.5 inches long. Colin is already sporting his CCHS gear (see photo on next page) and hopes to be a Raider in the future! Benjamin W. Hillner, Captain, Judge Advocate, was featured on the Army website as a commissioned officer in the JAG Corps. Ben is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and the Villanova School of Law. Thomas M. Kucharski and Jade C. Dallon '99 were married in June 2009 at the Quechee Inn at Marshland Farms in Quechee,VT, surrounded by family and friends for the weekend celebration. Tom's brother, Daniel W. Kucharski '96, was the best man. In attendance as bridesmaids were Cara E. Hart and Anita B. Qualter. The newlyweds celebrated their honeymoon in the Hawaiian Islands, Ohau and Kauai. Jade is a graduate of UMass Amherst and recently obtained her CPA license.Tom is a graduate of UMass Lowell with a master's in Taxation from Suffolk University. Both are working at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Boston.

Two ways to help! I.Volunteer as a Class Representative and help keep your classmates connected to each other and the school. Email Charles G. Putney '94, Emblem Editor, at chuck@chuckputney.com or 2.Volunteer as a Class Agent and help promote class participation in the Annual Fund. Email Michael J. Randall, Associate Director for Development, at mrandall@ centralcatholic.net.

They live in South Boston with their dog Harper, Angela I. Kulesza and Steven K. Robinson were married in September 2009 at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover. The wedding party included bridesmaids Jennifer A. (Donahue) Manning, Erin (Keleher) Mackay, Karen (Wilkie) Berrios, and groomsman David-John Kulesza '07 (see photo). Drew H. Taft, DPM completed his surgical residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, Boston, MA, in June 2009 and is now practicing at Andover Podiatry, Andover, MA and Affiliates in Foot Care, Stoneham, MA. (See sidebar.) He and wife Theresa (Black) Taft '00, recently purchased a home in Salem, NH. Bradley A. MacDougall was named a 2009 Boardroom Leadership Scholar at Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School. Brett A. Paolantonio will marry Jennifer DeMarzo this spring. Brett has a bachelor's degree in economics from Assumption College and works as a firefighter and EMT for the Methuen Fire Department. A May 2010 wedding was planned in Riviera Maya, Mexico.



The Kulesza-Robinson Wedding, back row, left to right: Jeffrey S. Kucukistipanoglu '98, William D. Kern '98, Jennifer A. (Donahue) Manning '98, Angela I. Kulesza '98, David-John Kulesza '07, Geoffrey S. Mackay '97, David W. Lemay '98, Scott M. Becker '98; Front row, left to right: Erin L. (Keleher) Mackay '98, and Karen A. (Wilkie) Berrios '98. Also in attendance but not pictured: Brian Keleher '73.



Colin Joseph Manning, son of Jennifer A. (Donahue) Manning '98

**1999** John P. Muldoon, *jpm2024@ yahoo.com*; Richard P. O'Donnell, *Rickod I @ hotmail.com* 

Richard P.O'Donnell sent in the following note: "The class of 1999 has been fueling" future Raiders over the past couple of years. Here are some of the highlights from our class: Daryl C. Bradley, who is in the Air Force, was planning to run the Boston Marathon this year! Adam T. Jussaume and wife Rachel have a little boy, Ethan, and are expecting the arrival of their little girl in 2010. Ryan M. Knight and wife Terry purchased their first home in Hampton Falls, NH. He continues to work at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a Mechanical Engineer. Marc R. Leduc is a surgeon in the Navy and just returned from a mission overseas. Daniel B. Masse and wife Kim Masse gave birth to a little boy, Sebastien, in Sept. of 2008 (I'd say everyone is having boys, but there was a little girl on her way for the Masse family in March!) John P. Muldoon has been teaching history for the past year in Malden. Dennis Michael Misserville will marry Angela Marie Soares this fall. Dennis works as a Meat Cutter at BJ's Wholesale Club in Haverhill. A September 2010 wedding is planned. Michael R. Nicoloro and wife Amy were married in the summer of 2009. Patrick G. O'Brien and wife Melissa gave birth to a little boy,

George, this past Sept. 2009. *Scott M. Poirier* married Courtney George over the summer of 2009. And speaking for myself, *Richard P. O'Donnell*, my wife Nicki and I gave birth to a little boy, Luke, on June 17, 2008, as well as a recent addition of a little boy, Landon, on Oct. 9, 2009. We also moved to my hometown of Hampstead (NH) from Manchester, so when the time arrives our boys will be close enough to attend CCHS!'

#### 2000 REUNION CLASS

Nicholas C. Brown, *nicholascbrown@* yahoo.com; Karen L. Carberry, *klcarberry@* hotmail.com; Thomas R. Comeau, *tom@* philbincomeaufh.com; Daniel D'Agata, danieldagata@yahoo.com

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Theresa (Black) Taft is a media and public relations specialist for a homeland security company, L-3 Security & Detection Systems, Woburn, MA. She also teaches dance at the New England Civic Ballet. She and husband Dr. Drew H. Taft '98, recently purchased a home in Salem, NH. Sarah Ann Blumengarten is engaged to marry Brian David Crawford. Sarah received her B.S. in Psychology from Sacred Heart University in Connecticut and her doctor of psychology from The California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco. Sarah is currently a Clinical Psychologist at The Child Guidance Center in Springfield. John Ferreira announced his engagement to Angela Nicole Noonan. John is employed by Gap, Inc. in Danvers as an assistant manager of merchandising. An October 2009 wedding was planned. Kenneth Kehoe has announced his engagement to Jennifer Dunn. Kenneth received a B.A. in History and Political Science from Boston University. He received his J.D. from Case Western Reserve University. Kenneth is



Drew H.Taft, DPM, '98 and Theresa (Black) Taft '00

#### Dr. Drew H. Taft '98

Drew H. Taft, DPM has come a long way since graduating with honors from CCHS in 1998. He attended Syracuse University and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's of science degree in biology. He then went on to attend Temple University's School of Podiatric Medicine in Pennsylvania. He graduated at the top of his class and earned himself a much sought after spot as a surgical resident at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital. After completing his residency in June of 2009, Drew began practicing at Andover Podiatry, Andover; MA and Affiliates in Foot Care located in Stoneham, MA, providing comprehensive medical and surgical treatment of foot and ankle problems and specializing in reconstructive surgery and wound care. He has privileges at Lawrence General, Holy Family, Wakefield/Melrose, and Winchester Hospitals. Drew and his wife, *Theresa (Black) Taft '00*, reside in Salem, NH. One of Drew's first patients was *Atty. Michael W. Morris '59*. an attorney working in Washington D.C. Vanessa (Potvin) Gelinas has announced the birth of her second child. Asher, He and his big sister are enjoying each other very much. Vanessa recently bought a house in Hooksett, NH, and is attending law school full-time at Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord. Mark T. Sinacori writes, "Sinacori makes broadcast history. In episode four of *Glee*, 'Preggers,' he got a two second, un-credited shot as 'The Creepy Male Teacher.' In episode 13, however, his character was talked about in the first three lines of dialogue, and his last name... Sinacori! 'I bet we get stuck with Mr. Sinacori for our sectionals coach.' / 'Oh, the creepy math teacher?' / 'He's always I guess they're making my character like me in my CCHS days." Ashleigh L. (Ward) Brown and Jarrod S. Brown '98 were blessed with a daughter, Adalayde Victoria, in August 2009. Both Ashleigh and Jarrod are teachers at Central Catholic. Ashleigh, a drama and English teacher, has been appointed as the Department Chair for Fine and Performing Arts and is responsible for immediate supervision and management of faculty and instruction in visual arts, drama, chorus, and band. She is also a member of the Curriculum Committee and coach of CCHS's celebrated Mock Trial Team.

**2001** Vincent T. Forzese, vforzese@gmail. com; Christina Gallardo, bella 1 0 1 383@ hotmail.com

Kendra M. Bower and Elizabeth Duhamel qualified and were planning to run the 2010 Boston Marathon in April. Brianne L. Camilleri worked with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. She served as the Venue Logistics Manager for Cypress Mountain, the site of the snowboarding events and the freestyle skiing events. She was selected as one of the lucky 146 people to carry the Olympic torch on the first day of the 106day torch run. In October, she ran 300 meters through the small town of Sidney, which is outside Victoria, British Columbia. Marian DiDio is an Assistant Producer in Broadcast at Hill Holiday in Boston. She is producing TV and radio commercials for clients such as Dunkin' Donuts. CVS. Bank of America, and Smucker's, She resides in Arlington. Christina M. Doherty married Taylor Edler on October 3, 2009 (see photo). Alumni in the wedding party included Brian P. Doherty, Erin M. Doherty '04, Scott C. Doherty '04, Elizabeth Duhamel, and Kathleen Linehan '02.

Many other alums were in attendance! Christina works at Merrimack College as an Alumni Relations Officer, Vincent T. Forzese announced his engagement to Melissa Esposito. They met as students at Assumption College. A July 2010 wedding is planned. Ashlev Ann Kazanijan and Saba A. Hashem '89 were married in June 2009 at St. Anthony Maronite Church in Lawrence, Included in the wedding party were several Central Catholic graduates: maid of honor. Christina Gallardo of Methuen, bridesmaid Natasha N. Venuti of Andover, best man Christopher J. Maroun '89 of Methuen, and groomsman Tony Khoury '96 of Salem, N.H. Ashley received a bachelor of science from Providence College. She is employed by the Federal Government Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Boston, as an account manager. The couple vacationed in Grand Cayman for their honeymoon. They reside in Methuen. Michael T. McNary and Alexandra Talacko are planning a July 2010 wedding. Michael graduated magna cum laude from UMass Lowell and is employed as a civil engineer. A July 2010 wedding is planned. Carlos Nunez and Raymond Nunez have teamed up to form a yearround basketball instructional program. Simplistic Basketball Inc. teaches the fundamentals of the game of basketball as well as helping players with individual skills. Joseph E. Pacheco married his high school sweetheart, Nieve Leonor, in October 2008. They now reside in San Antonio, Texas. Timothy M. Woitkun has announced his engagement to Gina Rose Avveniri. They are planning an August wedding. The two met as students at Hofstra University.



Christina M. Doherty '01 with husband Taylor Edler

2002 Michael P. Burkardt, mpburkardt@ hotmail.com; Kelli Lynn Carberry, Kcarberry@hotmail.com

Michael J. Bradley '74 and wife Arleen are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Anne Bradley to Andrew Robert Henretta. Kelly is a 2007 graduate of Merrimack College, where she earned a bachelor of arts in math/ biology. She works as a middle school teacher at St. Augustine School in Andover.





Kelley and Andrew met in their freshman year at Merrimack College and have been together since. An August 2010 wedding is planned. Heidi R. Lamirande and Jeffrey T. Mader are planning an October 2012 wedding. Heidi received a bachelor of arts in journalism with minors in business and theatre. She is completing a juris doctor degree at Suffolk University Law School. leffrey received a bachelor of science in music industry and a minor in business. He is the founder of E.C.F. Entertainment in Lawrence. David K. Lucia has announced his engagement to Renee N. Fortier '03. David is employed as a math teacher and track and field coach by the Billerica Public Schools. Kelly McCue has announced her engagement to Tom Cronin, who works in finance in Boston. Kelly is a nurse at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and lives in Boston. Stephanie (Thomas) Avienu and husband Tsion welcomed their second child, daughter Gianna Rose, on October I, 2009. Their son, Keegan, is almost three.

2003 Amanda L. Angell, amandabangles@gmail.com

Amanda L.Angell is living in New Hampshire and working as a case worker with mentally disabled adults in Woburn, MA. Amanda spent a year working in Chicago as an Augustinian volunteer with pregnant teens after graduating from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2007 with a B.A. in English. Samantha R. Bozek and John S. Brunhaver were married in September 2009 in the Saint Thomas Aquinas Church in Palo Alto, CA, surrounded by close friends and family. A reception followed at the Spalti Ristorante. Maid of honor was the bride's sister, *Crystal C. Bozek '99*. Samantha earned

her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Northeastern University. She is pursuing a doctorate in mechanical engineering at Stanford University in California and is researching persistence in the engineering workforce. They make their home in Palo Alto, Dominique M. Caruso graduated from Yale University in December 2009 with a master's degree in medical science and board certification as a physician's assistant. She received the prestigious Dean's Academic Award for having the highest GPA in her class, the equivalent of class valedictorian. Trevor A. Dumais will marry Jamie Clarke in July of 2010. Trevor received a B.S. in business management from Salem State College. He is employed by Sodexo in Salem, NH, as the catering manager. Renee N. Fortier is planning an October 2010 wedding to David K. Lucia '02. Renee received a bachelor's degree in interior design from the New England Institute of Art in 2007 and is employed as a design consultant. Kevin V. Lai graduated from Northeastern University with a doctorate in pharmacy in May 2009. He is currently working at Lawrence General Hospital as a Pharmacist and recently started his own business, Nexus Medical Solutions LLC, which is a content-based software company that deals specifically in medicine and pharmacy:"I owe a lot of thanks to my former teachers and staff. I hope CCHS is doing well!" Roylan Nolberto graduated from the Raytheon Finance Leadership Development Program, a two-year training program that accelerates the professional development of high-potential college graduates in the finance discipline. Only 25 college graduates are selected each year. Roylan is now a Program Control Analyst II on a program at Integrated Defense Systems. Thomas P. Sipsey, a math teacher at Methuen High School, has been named the boys varsity basketball coach at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School in Haverhill.

#### 2004 Robert P. Barry, Robert.p.barry@gmail.com

Brian M. Bradley has been studying and working as a graduate assistant at the University of Florida. He has also served as the head athletic trainer for Buchholz High School in Gainesville, FL. This summer, Brian will be working as an intern athletic trainer with the Lowell Spinners Baseball Team, Roberto F. Collazo has announced his engagement to Sandra LaCroix. Roberto received a bachelor's degree in social work from Salem State College in 2009. The couple met at work. Their wedding is planned for August 2010. Erica C. Hall and Dustin |. Raiche have announced their engagement. Erica graduated magna cum laude from Southern New Hampshire University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and a concentration in human resources. She is employed by Celerant Consulting in Lexington as a human resources coordinator. An April 2010 wedding was planned. Kate M. Lang has announced her engagement to Michael McKallagat. Kate received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Boston College in 2008. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at Lawrence General Hospital. Michael D. Levasseur and Ashley M. MacLeod have announced their engagement. Ashley is a graduate of Dean College, where she received her degree in dance. She is the owner/artistic director of Ashley MacLeod's Dance Dreams in Plaistow, N.H. Michael attended UMass Lowell and Middlesex College, where he will graduate as a dental lab technician. An October 2010 wedding is planned. Matthew L. Razey has announced his engagement to Sarah Dorazio. Matt is a 2009 graduate of Nichols College, where he received his master's degree in business management. The couple got engaged on Christmas Eve 2008 and are planning a July 2010 wedding at the Haverhill Country Club. Anthony J. Santana was planning to run the 2010 Boston Marathon in April. He was running to benefit the Bay State Games in honor of former coach and teacher Peter V. O'Sullivan '67.

#### 2005 REUNION CLASS

Brian J. Ford, brian.ford@mcphs.edu

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*Gregory R. Cavanagh* was named to the dean's list for the spring 2009 semester at Fairfield University. A 2009 Fairfield graduate, Greg earned a degree in finance. He maintained outstanding academic achievements throughout his college career and also represented



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Fairfield University's Division I golf team. Greg has accepted a position at Knight Capital Group in Greenwich, CT. Teresa A. Demers graduated summa cum laude with a B.S.E. in environmental engineering from Suffolk University. As a member of the Undergraduate Honors Program, she was one of 18 students in the Class of 2009 awarded a full academic scholarship. Teresa is currently employed as an engineer at New England Civil Engineering in Salem. Brian J. Ford graduated from Bryant University last spring and began work in August at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Alaina M. lannazzi graduated from Bryant University with a bachelor of arts in applied psychology. lessica I. Martin graduated from Johnson and Wales University in May 2009 with a bachelor's degree in marketing. She was on the dean's list for the spring semester.

**2006** Kristina L. Carberry, kris.carberry@gmail.com; Stephanie R. Caruso, Caruso@fordham.edu

**2007** Michael J. Cronin Jr., *mcronin@bryant.edu* 

Junior G. De La Hoz, a junior at Anna Maria College, was having a strong season as the point guard for the basketball team. He was named the Commonwealth Coast Conference Player of the Week

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for the first week of the season. Justin E. Gagnon, a student at UMass Amherst, was recently a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. The episode aired on December 30, 2009 on WBZ. He is the music editor for The Massachusetts Daily Collegian, the largest daily collegiate newspaper in New England, and has covered artists including U2, AC/DC, Willie Nelson, and lay-Z. Ronald I. Hatem graduated last year from the Butera School of Art in Boston. He has opened his own business, Hatem Graphics, specializing in signs, pin striping, vehicle lettering, airbrushing and golf leaf. Army Pfc. Melissa A. Lucas has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. Melissa earned distinction as an honor graduate. Congratulations to Jonathan D. McCluskey who was on track to graduate early from American University in Washington, DC, in May. He has been accepted into a doctoral program in economics at Suffolk University. Alexandra B. Puglisi and Alyssa L. Hatem '08 established Saint Anselm College's first Mock Trial Competition Team.



Justin E. Gagnon '07 was recently a contestant on Wheel of Fortune.

2008 Christine M. Blain, cmblain35@hotmail.com

Numerous members of the class are studying abroad (see sidebar).

*Christine M. Blain* is working as the development intern for the Boston Ballet. *Matthew J. Bourque* is transferring to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. *Catherine R. Desjardins* was a food assistant for the Pennsylvania Special Olympics held Nov. 6-8, 2009, at Villanova University. Over 1,500 Special Olympians and their families were fed three meals a day by food coordinators and volunteers.

Villanova is known as the largest studentrun Special Olympics in the world. Catherine will be studying spring semester in Seville. Spain at the Universidad Pablo de Olividad. Ronald G. Ead has been elected co-president for the Class of 2012 at Bates College. Travis M. Hillery was named 'Mustang of the Week' in January 2010 for his performance on the basketball court. He is a student at Mount Ida College. Craig D. Janeczek was planning to participate in the all-night Relay for Life on the campus of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He is dedicating his walk to his Nana Pagliarulo who passed away from cancer when he was five months old. Kerri M. Liss was one of 15 students chosen from the Society of Women Engineers to travel to Long Beach, CA, for their National Conference. Laura Beth Solomon is attending a Leadership Conference in Memphis, TN, as the Vice President of Operations for her chapter of the Kappa Delta sorority.

#### Raiders '08 Abroad

#### Studying Abroad, Spring 2010

Samantha Bishop: New Zealand

Catherine R. Desjardins: Sevilla, Spain

Lindsie M. Guillermo: Rome, Italy; Salamanca, Spain; Paris, France

Alexa M. Ippolito: London, England

Marissa E. Miller: Prague, Czech Republic

Kara A. Silver: Dresden, Germany

Studying Abroad, Summer 2010

Kelsey M. Richards: Botswana, Africa (military internship)

#### 2009 Lisa M. Rand, Irand852@g.rwu.edu

Spencer R. Butterfield is the head photographer at the South Dakota town newspaper for which he is currently working, Dakota Herald (Lemmon, SD), and is selling his photography through his own website: http://srb-photography. smugmug.com/. Christina Eringis is currently attending Bryant University where she is playing softball and is studying entrepreneurship in the business program. Kyle P. Sauerbrunn hiked from Maine to Georgia along the Appalachian Trail. He stopped by the official visitor center for the Trail in Harpers Ferry, WV, in October 2009, where he met Stephen J. Paradis '81, an Appalachian Trail thru-hiker himself and the chief operating officer for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. See sidebar, "CCHS Alums Connect Along the Appalachian Trail," on page 21. Anna Sullivan was named to the dean's list at Westfield State College for the fall 2009 semester.

#### Class of 2009 '\$5 for Five'!

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#### Class of 2009 Yearbook Signing! January 7, 2010



Odette A. Wakim '09, Daniel H. Bradley '09, and Charlotte E. Ward '09 check out The Florentian yearbook.

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# In Memoriam

The following members of the Central Catholic family are recently deceased. We ask that you keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Helen M. (Mahoney) Ganley '34<sup>SM</sup> Margaret 'Claire' (Downs) Abbott '35<sup>SM</sup>, aunt of teacher William J. Cowie '59 Christina (Igo) Donahue '35<sup>SM</sup> Katherine E. (Gallagher) Holmes '38<sup>SM</sup> Eleanor M. Menzie '40<sup>SM</sup> Catherine (McCabe) Landers '42<sup>SM</sup> Mary M. (Gallahue) Milne '43<sup>SM</sup> Imelda P. (Keraghan) Keogh Kiley '44<sup>SM</sup> Mary L. (Mallon) Sipsey '44<sup>SM</sup>, grandmother of Thomas P. Sipsey '03 Rosario J. Grasso '46, father of Alfred M. '75, Michael A. '76, Paul J. '79, & Thomas N. '84 Francis M. Gallagher '47 William P. Daigle '48 R. Paul Roy '48, brother of Bro. Rene D. Roy, FMS, '59; Robert B. Roy '50; & Raymond P. Roy '62 Herve H. Lambert '49 William M. Simpson '49 Arthur F. Smith '49 Thomas M. Darby '50 Robert A. Hanlon '50 John R. Robinson '50 Margaret M. (Cusack) Maddox '50<sup>SM</sup> Raymond L. Gosselin '51 Jacqueline A. (Hayes) Dowe '52<sup>SM</sup>, sister of retired English teacher Warren W. Hayes '54 Donald Michalski '52 Patrick J. Riviezzo '52 Robert F. Wynne '53 Clare R. (Winn) Minkle '54<sup>SM</sup> Marie E. (McCarthy) Fleming '55<sup>SM</sup> Andre J. Pelletier '55 Laurence W. Riley '55 Michael D. Sullivan '55, father of Christopher F. Sullivan '81, Assistant Principal: Dean of Studies,

& Kevin W. Sullivan '84

Robert R. Dube '56 Norman H. Fluet '56 Robert C. Lavoie Sr. '56 Marie H. (Petralia) Lipfert '56<sup>SM</sup>, grandmother of Reginald J. Kwok '10 John R. Sheehy '60 The Honorable Michael T. Stella '61 Clifford W. Chadwick '63 Donald T. Hatem '64 Brian W. Burokas '70 Martin G. Melia '70 Sean P. Buckley '70 Andrew J. Viscuso Jr. '74 Alexa A. Asdigha '06, sister of Keyvan S. Ashdigha '04

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Dorothy (O Connell) Boucher, mother of former faculty member James R. Boucher '73 & mother–in-law of former faculty member Kathleen (Casey) Boucher

Robert Currier, father of Shandi L. Currier '07

Ernest S. DiFiore, father of physical education teacher Ernest DiFiore

William L. Horan, brother of Denise Horan, Director of Guidance

Denise Lipfert-Kwok, mother of Reginald J. Kwok '10

Mildred E. MacDougall, *mother of social studies teacher Robert MacDougall* 

Paul Matosic, father of Todd B. '84, Christopher J. '86, & Matthew J. '94

Janet & Earl Merrill, grandparents of Christopher E. Merrill '89, Director of Admissions

Alice O'Reilly, former Board member & mother of Christopher O'Reilly '83

# **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

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JUNE	JULY	OCTOBER
Wednesday, June 30 The Closing of the Annual Fund The final day of the fiscal year, this s the last opportunity to support nvesting in Excellence: The 2009- 2010 Annual Fund. Please send in your gift or make an online gift at www.investinginexcellence.net.	Monday, July 26 The 2010 Golf Classic: Tournament, Dinner, & Auction Held in memory of Michael D. Sullivan '55 (see page 7) at the Haverhill Country Club. All proceeds to benefit the new athletic campus. For more information on golfing, sponsorships, the dinner, and the auction, please contact Jennifer M. Plouffe at 978-682-0260 ext. 638 or by email at jplouffe@ centralcatholic.net.	SAVE THE DATE! Friday, October 8–Saturday, October 9 Reunion 2010: Homecoming Weekend Join us for the Homecoming Football Game, Alumni Hospitality Tent, Class Dinners, and more! For more information, contact Jennifer M. Plouffe at 978-682-0260 ext. 638 or by email at jplouffe@ centralcatholic.net.



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- You Tube 3. The 'Raiders4Life' YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/CCHSRaider
  - 4. Twitter: Follow Principal David M. DeFillippo '66: www.twitter.com/ddefillippo
  - 5. Bro. Rene's 'Daily Bread' blog: www.cchsbroreneroy.blogspot.com
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