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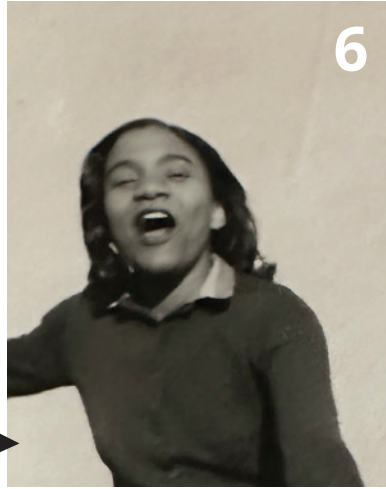
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



What we read in these pages is
a testimony to the values and
to the character that a school
can nurture and develop.

Dear Memorialite,

Anniversaries do more than mark the passage of time. They provide an opportunity to pause and reflect on the people, places, and events that defined a particular moment in a lifetime of such things. Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School closed its doors to young women pursuing a Catholic education in 1973. When this door closed another opened a couple of neighborhoods over in Fort Greene, Brooklyn — at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School. Women were admitted to this venerable institution for the first time in its history. Truly a transformational event!

This issue of *Memorial* reminds us that a school building is simply a place where life happens. It's the people and the relationships that shape our growth. The larger world and larger issues can impact us and change over the course of a lifetime. However, what we read in these pages is a testimony to the values and to the character that a school can nurture and develop. The Twomey sisters exhibit the resilience that education fostered in young people stays with them throughout their life.

As you read about the current students, Bishop's scholars, be confident that the values you cherish are being handed on to the current generation. Industry and faith will be values they carry for a lifetime.

Finally, a bomb threat in 1967 at Bishop McDonnell remembered in this issue by Dorothy Doyle Taylor '67 can read very differently in our world today where school violence has tragic consequences.

I want to thank Chris Cannon '65 (BL), Mary Collins Macchiarola '58 (BMD), Br. Augustine Nicoletti, FSC, and Pam Sloan '73 (BMD) for their service on the Board of Governors. And, I want to welcome to the board this year, Kenny Lewis '87 (BL), Maureen Moss McNerney '66 (BMD), Tom Van Buskirk '70 (SA) — Secretary, and Ben Ventresca.

The last word is one of congratulations to the Class of 1973. The Bishop's legacy lives on.

Enjoy the read.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever.

Br. Dennis Cronin, FSC
President

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At Bishop's, students were afforded the opportunity to switch to a commercial course if they desired — one course was typing. Looking back, did we realize how important personal computers would be when they were introduced into our daily lives? And, music has been completely transformed. Many of the artists so popular during our high school years are no longer with us, but their music remains. New styles and younger artists have taken their place.

Futuristic styles of teaching have too become a reality. In the last 25 years, much more is expected of all students, even at the kindergarten level. Years back, we struggled with strictly memorizing facts, now students use SmartBoards and iPads. Learning a second language was always available at Bishop's, and of course, this option continues at Bishop Loughlin. Advanced Placement (AP) courses give students advanced knowledge to help at the colleges of their choice. The school has several computer labs — one filled with all beautiful iMacs. In 2016, Loughlin launched the STEM program and in 2017 more than 200 students registered for courses in Engineering and Biomedical Science.

Bishop's always maintained an award-winning basketball team and Loughlin continues that tradition. Our alumnae created scholarships — including the Patricia McCarthy '67 Scholarship Fund awarded to a female student involved in basketball. The Bishop's girls who transferred to Loughlin brought with them many of their own traditions to combine both schools into one. Now, Loughlin features co-ed teams in track, cross country, and bowling. Whereas Bishop's school plays featured all girls, the plays at Loughlin are fortunate to have both male and females in starring roles. Things certainly were simpler back in 1973, but future generations have so many more advantages to succeed in 2023.

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Sitting (l to r) Phyllis Murphy Howell '67

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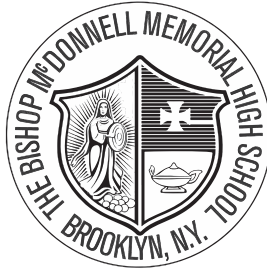
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— not photographed: Roberta Eisenberg '58 and Margaret Dougherty Russo '69



FROM THE ALUMNAE COMMITTEE

Welcome to our newest *Memorial*. This has been an exciting year and we are looking forward to even more exciting times during 2023. It is wonderful to finally travel and gather with our families and friends. Family celebrations are resuming and friendly gatherings are filling up our calendars in coming months.

In 1998, the alumnae of Bishop McDonnell gathered together to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Class of 1973. Roxanne Fagan '73 felt it would be a great idea to invite all alumnae to an "All Years" reunion — an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and get back to Bishop's itself. That had been impossible after Bishop's reopened as St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf. The turnout far exceeded expectations when an "army" of Memorialites descended upon the school on that day in June. In 2007, we decided to create an Alumnae Committee to ensure that reunions occurred annually. We have been very successful.

Now, it seems almost impossible, but we are planning to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the last graduating class

of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. Over 25,000 girls received one of the best educations possible through this amazing school.

The committee decided to make it a special day by also commemorating the 50th anniversary of the closing of our beloved school. Where has the time gone? Look at how the world has changed in these last 25 years.

At this year's reunion, we are hoping to reunite as a school to relive those days of yesteryear. It is amazing that the simple act of walking through the doorway of 260 Eastern Parkway can trigger so many feelings. We try to accomplish that goal in assembling the *Memorial* each year. I hope this issue also brings you back to happy memories of your school days. After dinner, sit back, put your feet up and relax and enjoy our featured articles of Loughlin going co-ed, an insight into our scholarship winners, former faculty, and of course, class notes. Registration information on the upcoming reunion is also included.

— Phyllis Murphy Howell '67

*Standing (l to r) Bishop Loughlin
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Andy Leary,
Josephine Santos McKenna '90
and Tiffany Perkins P'25*





A TRUE BISHOP'S LADY

ADA MOSES TERRY '41

by Mary Ellen Lavelle Murphy '59



On Sept. 25, 2022 Ada Moses Terry '41 was honored by her family, long-time friends, and neighbors with a grand birthday party celebrating her — at 100 years young.

A Brooklyn girl through and through, Ada was baptized at St. Benedict's, attended St. Benedict's School and Bishop McDonnell, and is now a parishioner of St. Francis Assisi Parish living in Prospect Lefferts Gardens.

One of Ada's parents' best decisions was choosing to send her to Bishop McDonnell. She has loved attending some of the reunions held at Bishop's and was thrilled to see how beautiful the school still is.

Ada attended Hunter College majoring in math for a year before needing, like so many others at the time, to leave school and work to help her family.

In 1951, Ada married the love of her life Leo and raised three wonderful children, Eddie (deceased), Ada, and Tony. Ada's best friend is her granddaughter Charisse — and Grammy means the world to her too!

Abraham & Strauss Department store was fortunate to have Ada as an employee in their accounting department for nearly 20 years. Through the years, she was also a secretary at St. Francis Rectory, a piano teacher (a great love), and she worked at the polls for many elections.

Very active in her parish, Ada was in the Rosary Society and a counter of the Sunday collections.

I was fortunate to meet Ada in the 1970s through the Long Island Chapter Columbiettes. Ada became President of St. Columba Columbiette Auxiliary and later went on to be President of the Long Island Chapter Columbiettes. She was always willing to help and volunteer to make life better for others. She has a great sense of humor and many a good time was had at a Columbiette meeting and convention thanks to Ada.

As a memento and expression of our delight and pride of her 100th birthday Bishop's Alumnae Committee presented Ada with a "goodie" bag from all her Bishop's sisters worldwide. It was my honor and pleasure to attend Ada's 100th birthday party.

It was a celebration she certainly deserved.



Ada and Leo leaving their wedding ceremony.

TWO SISTERS, GREAT GOALS

GRACE TWOMEY ULLRICH '38
JULIA TWOMEY CORSO '41

by Maryann Stahl DeMaso '60

“Can you believe my mother would let me go by myself on the rickety subway to a faraway high school in a very dangerous area in Brooklyn?” remembered Grace Twomey Ullrich '38.

“What a wonderful decision, and I thank God for my parents for saying yes! Classes were hard and boy did we get a lot of homework! It opened the door to a wonderful world I would never have known having been born in Brooklyn but growing up in Rosedale, Long Island.”

The years Grace attended Bishop's were very interesting times in our country. The school was still new and like herself, girls came from all over — wide-eyed and curious to meet others. Grace loved the many orders of nuns who taught in the school. She especially enjoyed the French Daughters of Wisdom and remembers, “The Sisters would wear white booties over their shoes. Why? So, they could polish the floors during class!” Ingenious you might say! And there, in class, she met her best friend, Delores — they kept in touch throughout their lifetimes.

Grace excelled in her classes all four years at Bishop's loving the challenges and experiences. She was valedictorian of the class of 1938 — the reward for her hard work. No small feat!

After graduation however, with the Depression and impending war, Grace went to work. She worked for 11 years at Johan's and Higgins on Wall Street. As the third of four children and the oldest daughter, she helped her family through these difficult years.



Grace Twomey Ullrich '38 celebrating her 100th birthday with her sons.

In 1949, Grace met Albert Ullrich, a test inspector for the Motor Vehicle Bureau and the early inventor of the car seats and seat belts we know and use today. They married and had five sons — Thomas, Brian, Timothy, Richard, and Albert.

Her desire to complete her education never left her. While her sons were in college, she worked at St. John's University in the Biology Department. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in History with honors. Her dream of becoming a college graduate was fulfilled! She was successful in her many pursuits at St. John's University until her retirement. She and Albert moved to Virginia as they grew older to live closer to their children and Grace enjoyed her book clubs, gardening, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Working hard and living a faith-filled Catholic life were instilled in her by her parents and she credits the excellent education she received at Bishop McDonnell for her accomplishments. As she looked back on those days, her eyes were wide and happy when she said how grateful she was for the chance to go to school in that “far aways place of Brooklyn. Thank you, God!”

Grace died on August 2, 2022 leaving four sons (she was predeceased by her son Albert), 21 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. I thank God that I knew her and could share this story with you as she shared it with me.

“Sisters are different flowers
of the same family.”

— Anonymous

Julia Twomey Corso '41 loved “traveling with my sister to this new, exciting school in Brooklyn. It was fun and we shared so many experiences on the train with our friends. Running down Eastern Parkway in the snow, just making the bell was memorable. School seemed like a little bit of heaven.”

Julia, the youngest of the Twomey children, was born on October 16, 1924 in Brooklyn. Like her older sister, Grace, she went to St. Claire's Elementary School in Rosedale. Grace's academic achievements motivated Julia to work hard. This hard work earned her a scholarship to Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School — another Twomey daughter marked for success! “My parents, descendants of Irish immigrants, were happy to see their daughters travel together to school and taught by the beautiful nuns.”



Julia Twomey Corso '41.

With an unquenchable thirst and love of reading, Julia could often be found in the library. Her dreams and hopes for the future were always front of mind. World War II was raging but her drive to achieve was strong. Nothing dampened her spirit! In her junior year, she was awarded the school's General Excellence Award and she was salutatorian of the Class of 1941.

Like her sister, many women needed to help their families and were expected to work after graduating from high school. However, Julia, with sights high, worked hard in school hoping after graduation to study fashion despite this uncertain time in history.

She did indeed earn a degree — in Fashion Design at the Fashion Institute in Manhattan. Julia's love of reading and the grammar and writing skills acquired at Bishop's gave her the foundation and confidence in her work in the literary fashion business. It was a wonderful steppingstone in an area she loved.

Soon she was hired by a publishing firm in NYC and wrote for an Import-Export company dealing with textiles.

Life changed in a beautiful way when she married Anthony Corso in 1949 (the same year as her sister!) and together, they raised nine children — Virginia, Linda, John, Robert, Lorraine, Steven, Barbara, Joseph, and Anthony.

As her family grew, Julia worked as a floral designer for the Town of Oyster Bay. Her natural green thumb produced beautiful floral creations — like the arrangement of the Liberty Bell she created to celebrate the United States Bicentennial for the Marjorie R. Post Community Park in Massapequa, Long Island! It attracted many political leaders and design enthusiasts. She was famous in her own right!

The loss of her beloved husband after 33 years of marriage was overwhelming and life-changing. To keep busy and maintain her skills, Julia worked at the DMV. She retired in 1996.

Julia never forgot her faith and the excellent education she received at Bishop's. She perfectly said, “Bishop McDonnell was the instrument of my many successes.” Throughout her life, she maintained her childhood passion of horses, horseback riding, gardening, and reading.

She remained a humble, faith-filled woman until her death on May 18, 2013 at 88-years old. She left nine children, 29 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren! I was honored to be with her on many occasions to hear about her love of Bishop's.

REMEMBERING MY TEACHERS @ BISHOP McDONNELL

CAROL GIURLANDO CORRIGAN '61 REMINISCENCES

by Mindy Gordon, Director of Archives for the Sisters of Charity of New York — *courtesy of the Sisters of Charity of New York, 2023*

As the archivist at Mount Saint Vincent, I receive a variety of inquiries concerning the events spanning the over 200-year history of the Sisters of Charity of New York. Many former students who attended parochial schools in NYC continue to express their fond remembrances of sisters who were their favorite teachers. Carol Corrigan '61, a proud graduate of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Brooklyn, through a recent email exchange, recalled the words of several of her teachers, spoken by these Sisters of Charity 60 years ago.

Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School opened in 1926, fulfilling the need for a diocesan high school in Brooklyn. There were sisters from five different communities who taught at the high school, each assigned accordingly as heads of departments. The Sisters of Charity of New York were asked to direct the History Department. Sr. Marie Margaret Oats was the first appointed head of the department staffed by Sr. Miriam Perpetua McGarry, Sr. Miriam Josita McKenna, Sr. Miriam Columba McGivern, and Sr. Mary Alexandrine Lelash.

In 1952, a Homemaking Department began, directed by Sr. Constance Marie Horan and assisted by Sr. Miriam Magdalen Smith. Sr. Miriam Magdalen and Sr. Marie Cornelius continued to manage the program teaching courses in sewing, nutrition, cooking, and childcare over a three-year period. When student Carol Corrigan '61 attended the high school, there were nearly 2,000 students



Carol Giurlando Corrigan '61.

with an average graduating class of 800. The school closed due to diminished enrollment in 1973.

The following is an excerpt from the initial email inquiry and the subsequent messages recently exchanged with Carol.

*Dear Archivist,
I have been receiving information about the Sisters of Charity of New York for a few years. I was attracted to your congregation because as a high school student, I attended Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School in Brooklyn and was taught History and Homemaking by the Sisters of Charity. I would appreciate you providing any information known about Sr. Mary Aquin, Sr. James Maria, Sr. Antonia Miriam, Sr. Miriam Magdalen, and Sr. Marie Cornelius.*



Sr. Mary Aquin Flaherty, SC.

Sr. Mary Aquin Flaherty was my first official teacher, where we had attendance taken each day.

I had a very interesting incident with my social studies teacher Sr. Antonia Miriam Luby. I lived in Queens Village; she had never heard of it and had no idea where it was. I told her it was "way far out there — more than hours from school and part of the frontier." The next day I came in with my younger brother's Daniel Boone hat and toy rifle and told her that I was "visiting Brooklyn from an unsettled territory." She collapsed with laughter and when I graduated, she signed my yearbook saying "'God love you, Carol (Daniel Boone). May you open a new frontier."

Sr. Marie Cornelius Quinn taught Introduction to Marriage. She was known to say, "kissing don't last, cooking do!"



Sr. Antonia Miriam Luby, SC.



Sr. Marie Cornelius Quinn, SC.

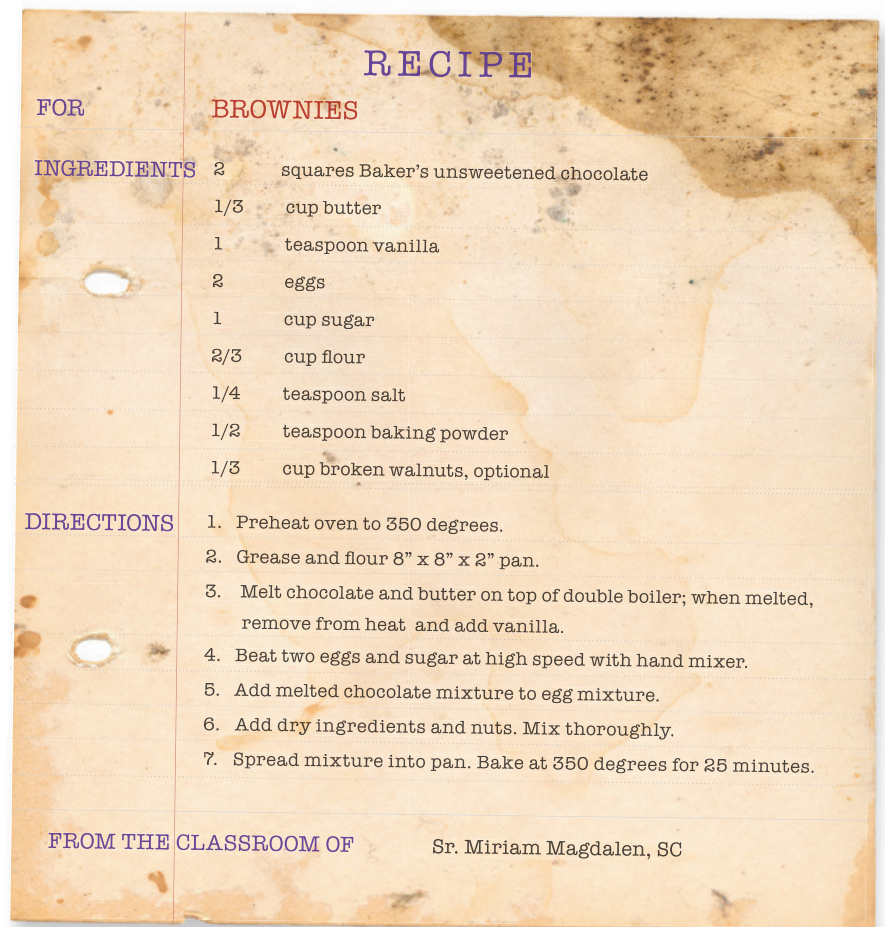


Sr. Miriam Magdalen Smith, SC.

Even though I never took Home Economics classes, several student aides volunteered in Sr. Miriam Magdalen Smith's kitchen/classroom every Friday afternoon during a free period. We would help clean the kitchen and put items away. She taught us to bake brownies. I still have her recipe! She brought them back to the children where she lived in Brooklyn (after 1941, the Sisters who taught at Bishop's lived at St. Joseph's Orphanage convent).

In response to Carol's request for information about her teachers at Bishop McDonnell High School, I sent her some biographical information.

Sr. Mary Aquin Flaherty lived to be 99 years old, Sr. James Maria (Fran) Devine lived to be 102 years old, Sr. Antonia Miriam (Alice) Luby lived to be 92 years old, Sr. Miriam Magdalen (Catherine) Smith lived to 101 years old, and Sr. Marie Cornelius (Elizabeth) Quinn lived to be 93 years old. Each had a long life of devotion and years as teachers!



FIVE COMMUNITIES OF SISTERS AT BISHOP MCDONNELL

Bishop McDonnell was the only all-girls school in the diocese to be staffed by more than one congregation of women religious. They were: Sisters of St. Joseph — Brentwood, Sisters of St. Dominic — Amityville, Sisters of Mercy — Brooklyn, Daughters of Wisdom, and the Sisters of Charity of Mt. St. Vincent.



Mrs. Theresa Doyle, Bishop McDonnell switchboard operator.

JUST ANOTHER DAY

“WHO’S CALLING PLEASE?”

by Dorothy Doyle Taylor '67

Long before automated telephone systems, there was the switchboard. Very simply, the switchboard is a large device that was manned by an operator who sat facing a panel of cords and switches and connected calls with the caller, the outside world, and/or different internal offices. My mother, Theresa Doyle, was the switchboard operator at Bishop McDonnell and Bishop Loughlin, when our school closed.

My father passed away suddenly in 1963 before I graduated from grammar school. With no means to support two teenagers, when a position as a cashier at Bishop's became available during my sophomore year,

my mother promptly applied and was hired. One caveat to her employment was that mom did not want anyone to know that she and I were related — she did not want any special treatment or favors for me. For the most part, we maintained our cover until my senior year. Before my senior year, however, she was promoted and became the switchboard operator.

The morning of October 5, 1967 was very ordinary. I started out for my college classes having graduated from Bishop's, and mom went to work. Little did she know that she would receive three calls from a young man who reportedly planted a bomb in the school basement.

School Bomb Scare

Operator Talks Caller Into Arrest

The first call at 10:30 a.m. was immediately reported to the police and the school was evacuated. Mom had to stay at her post manning the switchboard while maintaining her composure.

During the second call the young man reiterated that he placed a bomb in the basement, then promptly hung up.

At 10:45 a.m. when the young man called back for the third time, my mom went into *mom mode*, engaging him in a marathon conversation that lasted over an hour in order for the caller's location to be traced. Conversation between them ensued about being a teenager, everyday life, the weather, and how he made the bomb. The length of the call was important in order to have NY Telephone work with the NYPD to trace its origin.

In the sixties, public telephones and booths, which are just about obsolete today, had a rotary dial and a box into which you inserted coins — dimes, nickels, and quarters — in order to initiate a call for a certain number of minutes. A call would be terminated by the operator if a sufficient monetary amount of coins were not inserted. If you did not have the change

Her Hour's Talk Nets Boy in Bomb Threat to School

By PAT CLARK and WILLIAM NEUGEBAUER

For 65 suspense-filled minutes, a switchboard operator at a Catholic girls' high school in Brooklyn chatted feverishly with a youthful male caller after he phoned and said he had placed a bomb in the school basement.

The scare call was painstakingly traced to a Queens tavern, six miles away, where a 15-year-old unidentified suspect was picked up by police in a pay phone booth, still talking with the school operator, police said.

The youth was questioned at the Ozone Park station and charged with juvenile delinquency, specifying aggravated harassment. He was later released in custody of a relative for appearance in Children's Court.

Says, "I Planted Bomb"

The case of the two-borough "Dial M for Mystery," police said, developed at 10:30 a.m. when the woman operator, whose name was not divulged, answered the switchboard at Bishop McDonnell Diocesan Memorial High School, Eastern Parkway and Classon Ave., in Crown Heights.

"I planted a bomb in the basement and you'd better get out of there by noon," the caller warned.

With that, the phone clicked off and the startled, middle-aged operator quickly telephoned police of the Empire Blvd. station and notified school authorities.

Sgt. William Maher and Patrolmen Gerard Marini and Clyde Johnson began an intense investigation of the basement minutes later without ordering evacuation of the school's 1,545 pupils.

Police Scour Area

While they scoured the area, the operator at the school re-

ceived a second scare call, reportedly from the same youngster, who reiterated the bomb warning and hung up.

When the young terrorist called a third time, at 10:45 a.m., police said, the operator went into her marathon conversation as the bluecoats, with the aid of the New York Telephone Company, placed a tracer on the call.

In the minutes that seemed like hours, the operator and boy talked about autos, the weather, about teenagers and how he made the bomb.

At one point, police said, the youth declared the bomb was "big as an apple," but afterwards said it was "the size of a suitcase."

Had Charges Reversed

Police said the operator was almost disconnected during the first few minutes of the conversation, when a phone company operator broke in and asked the youth to deposit more money. The school operator, police said, shrewdly asked that charges be reversed, keeping the youth on the line.

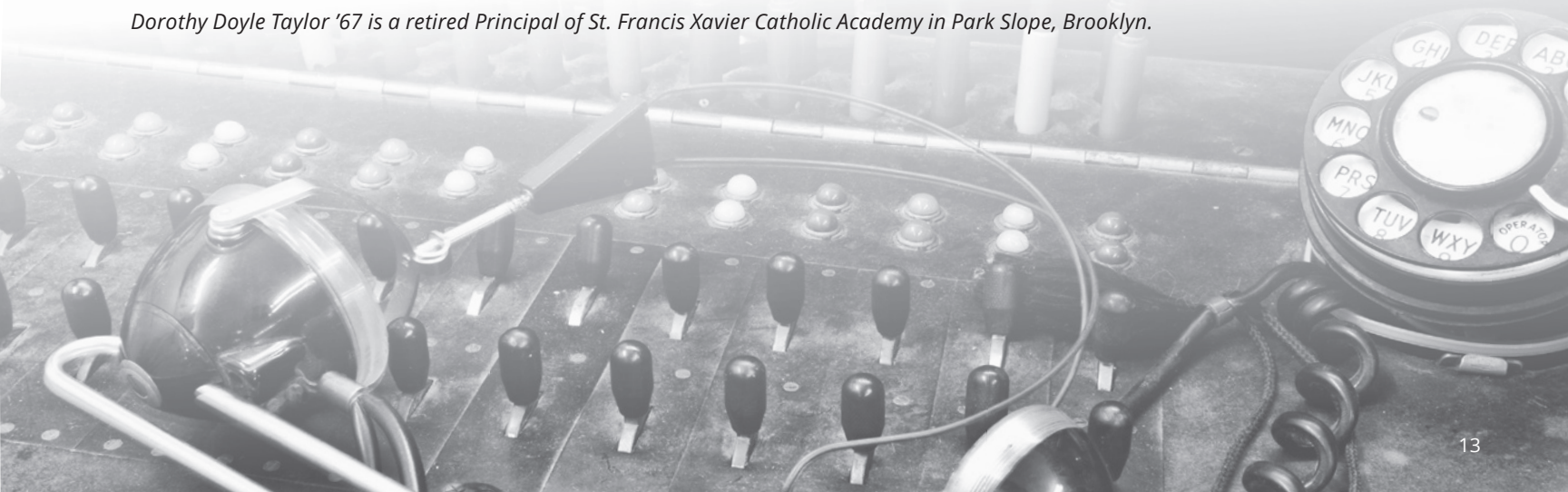
An hour later, police said the mysterious calls had been traced to the Union Hall Bar and Grill at 91-20 95th Ave., Richmond Hill. Detective Elmo Magnini of the Ozone Park squad sped to the tavern and nabbed the suspect inside the phone booth. The youngster reportedly told the sleuth he made the bomb scare calls "as a prank."

required, you could place a collect call and have the charges reversed to the number you were calling, as long as the person on the other end accepted. This is exactly what happened as the marathon call continued.

The NY Telephone operator interrupted the call requesting that additional coins be deposited in order for the call to continue. Knowing that the trace was in progress and the caller had to remain on the line for quite some time, mom quickly asked the operator to reverse the charges in order to keep the young man on the phone. Finally, after over an hour, the trace was completed and the young man was apprehended at a tavern in Richmond Hill, Queens. The 15-year-old told the police that it was a prank. He was charged with juvenile delinquency and released to a relative. We never did know why he picked Bishop's and what his connection to our school was, if any.

My mom, the youngest of nine children who immigrated from Scotland in the 1920s as a teen, was totally unperturbed at the end of the day recounting the day's events over a cup of tea. I've learned a great deal from my mother throughout the years, especially about keeping calm throughout life's storms. Mom passed away in 1999 and lived through many technological advances and inventions. I wonder how she would marvel about cell phones and how quickly calls are able to be traced today and not to mention, the lost art of conversation!

Dorothy Doyle Taylor '67 is a retired Principal of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Academy in Park Slope, Brooklyn.



YOUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

KENNEDY GRADY '22



Kennedy Grady, playing at Bishop Loughlin's Lions Den Classic Showcase against South Shore High School during the 2021- 2022 season.

Bishop McDonnell scholarship recipient Kennedy Grady '22 was one of two 1,000-point scorers for the Loughlin Lady Lions during the 2021-22 basketball season.

Kennedy, a four-year varsity player with an academic 3.8 GPA, scored six three-pointers and finished with 22 points the very first time she hit the court as a freshman — even winning MVP that year at Loughlin's Lions Den Classic Showcase.

As a sophomore, in a game against Xaverian High School, she set the all-time record for three-point shots in one game for Loughlin — scoring nine three-point shots. That record still stands.

The pandemic interrupted her junior year season but that inspired her to work harder for her senior year. In the Final Four (playoff game), Kennedy led the team with 24-points scored that evening, which included six three-pointers and then it was at Loughlin's Senior Night game (2/18/2022) when Kennedy did it! She scored her 1,000th point — the gym erupted!!!

Kennedy is currently enrolled at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD pursuing a degree in Sports Management. She plans to play for the 2024-25 season and expects to graduate in 2027.

KATRINA GREENE '23

SAYS THANK YOU



by Katrina Greene '23

I developed my passion and appreciation for intersectional ideas and social justice as a Caribbean-American girl growing up in Brooklyn. In studying the origin of steel drums outside of school, analyzing how cultural diffusion between the U.S. and the Caribbean has reshaped the American Dream over the years, and exploring Cyril Lionel Robert James' theory that socialism and liberalism can be combined to combat racial inequities throughout the world, I gained a sense of closeness to my heritage while wanting to explore the uniqueness of the world to make it better.

“I know I am following in
the footsteps of a long legacy
of amazing women.”

I am interested in social justice and use poetry to express my passion for justice. Striving to modify racial disparities within the Caribbean community in and out of the U.S. drives my desire to become a U.S. ambassador for Trinidad and Tobago and learn how to use my passions to help advocate for the Caribbean community in college.

Loughlin means the world to me. I have made friends I know will be my friends for life. If I went to any other high school, I wouldn't have the same opportunities and tools for success I have here. I've learned that you're going to be surrounded by people from different socioeconomic backgrounds and have different perspectives of the world than you, and that's ok. Loughlin has taught me to be more open to the world around me and to respect everyone.

At Bishop Loughlin, I am an ambassador for the admissions and advancement offices, a third-ranked pianist in band, in Lasallian Youth (former president), and I am a member of the National Honor Society (NHS). Being named president of the NHS this year has been an honor and the highlight of my time here. When I was named president, I was chosen by my classmates. They believed in me. That support and confidence in me meant so much — everything I worked for paid off.

I spoke at your reunion last year and it was wonderful hearing all the Bishop's girls stories — how you built friendships that shaped and formed who you are and affected the course of your life in some way.

Seeing your relationships have stood the test of time and in some cases, distance, is special and I felt a connection with you all that day because much of what you said is my experience too. I heard about the foundation that was laid before you by your school administration, the nuns that taught you, and your faith. It all resonated with me because that's how I feel about my years at Loughlin.



Katrina with NHS moderator Ms. Beverly Madar after this year's National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Being a Bishop McDonnell Scholarship recipient means more now than it probably ever did — I know that I am following in the footsteps of a long legacy of amazing women who have accomplished extraordinary feats in their careers, their home lives, and with their relationships. My years at Loughlin are a gift.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for contributing to the Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Fund at Loughlin that assist young women and their families to aim higher and dream bigger.

Wherever life takes me, I hope my footsteps make a mark on the future too. I'll continue to work hard and make you proud.

Katrina hopes to major in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration or Political Science next year. Her college choices include Yale University, University of Pennsylvania, Spellman College, and Harvard University. Loughlin is so proud.

WITH THE CLOSING OF BISHOP McDONNELL IN 1973

LOUGHLIN GOES COED

excerpt from *Clermont Magazine*

Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School's history is comprised of many interesting elements and that history includes deep roots to Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. A historic milestone was marked in September of 1973. Bishop Loughlin opened its doors to girls, thus changing since 1851 its all-boys status.

Almost 50 years ago, with the closing of Bishop McDonnell (May 20, 1973), Bishop Loughlin moved from an all-boys high school to a co-educational high school.

Jokingly, in conversation with graduates of the Loughlin class of 1972, one said "we missed it by that much" as he pinched his fingers in reference to the missed opportunity of attending a high school with girls.

Phyllis Murphy Howell '67, author of the excellent and comprehensive *Memorial, Memorial — the History of Bishop McDonnell High School* writes "In August of 1924, the ground was first broken for the building of a brand new diocesan high school for girls, named Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. Because the date for completion was unknown, the girls who planned to attend "Bishop's" began their high school years in the annexes of St. James and St. Augustine. In 1926, when construction was completed, students from the two annexes transferred to Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. The 1927 class was the first to graduate from Bishop's."

In May, 1973, Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School on Eastern Parkway bid farewell to their beloved school. The closing was attributed to a decline in enrollment and a lack of available funds to operate the school. In Eleanor Blau's

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December 20, 1972 *New York Times* article Bishop Francis Mugavero states that "although this innovative school has amply proven its worth and it has set new standards in achievement, it has simply gotten beyond the resources of the diocese to continue indefinitely."

Heartbroken and displaced, what were they to do? Where were they to go? Transferring could not have been easy.

Incoming freshmen and McDonnell sophomores transferred to Loughlin and other nearby Catholic schools. Juniors and seniors were given the option to transfer to other schools or endure extensive course work after-school and during summer sessions to accelerate their studies and graduate with a diploma from Bishop McDonnell. Those that opted for the accelerated programs became part of Bishop's last class — graduation was held on July 20, 1973.

There were established connections between Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School and Bishop Loughlin prior to 1973. Bishop's girls were cheerleaders for Loughlin's sports teams, they attended each other's school dances, and performed in one another's school plays — and don't forget, accompanying one another on the annual boat rides to Rye Beach. The similarities and ties between the schools must have made Loughlin a natural choice for the 240 Bishop's girls who transferred.



Bishop Loughlin's first coed Junior Varsity Math Team with Bro. Darmento, FSC '69.

Along with the Memorialites, the Bishop's girls that made the move, six faculty members and the school nurse joined the Loughlin community to help with a smooth transition.

Accommodating the presence of young ladies throughout the building must have been a huge undertaking — bathrooms, locker rooms, gym classes, uniforms, apparel — but Loughlin did its very best to do just that. At the conclusion of school assemblies both the Loughlin school song and the Bishop McDonnell school song (*Memorial, Memorial*) filled the auditorium. That must have been very meaningful.

Still, as similar as the academic programs, activities, and sports may have been — starting the day with prayer, observing and celebrating holy days, community service expectations, and school spirit —



"I am a part of all
I have met."

— Tennyson

we must thank the bright, young women for our Ring Day Ceremony and our sponsored class trips! Until there were the Bishop's girls, class rings were picked up in homeroom without a ceremony.

One thing is certain, regardless of the challenges faced, these ladies were going to leave their mark!

The first coed graduation, the Class of 1974. Thirty-four Memorialites walked across the stage and received a Loughlin diploma. The 1974 yearbook featured an image of both school rings on the inside cover of the issue. Just as poignant, on another page is an image of two interlocked hands, one with a Loughlin ring, the other with a McDonnell ring and a quote from Tennyson alongside it, "I am a part of all I have met."



Bishop Loughlin's first coed chemistry club with moderator Mr. Kranepool '58.

For the first time in 1974, Principal Bro. Giffin, FSC ended the school's yearbook in his message to the graduating class this way: *"As you leave Bishop Loughlin and enter the competitive adult world, you take with you the best wishes of all the faculty and students who remain behind. A school never ends — some always leave, but something always remains....a new process now begins in each of you. You have passed from childhood into young adulthood. You are now your own man or woman. No one but yourself can be responsible for the future."*

Years passed. Students attended, students graduated, and Loughlin being a coed school was just the norm.

Longing for the sisterhood and comradery of years gone by, the Bishop McDonnell Alumnae Association was formed in 2004 (with a major assist from John Klemm '65 and the Loughlin development office). First on the association agenda was locating and contacting as many alumnae as possible to create a database for future

outreach and connectedness. The next step was to reunite!

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The first Bishop McDonnell alumnae reunion was held in 2007 at Bishop Loughlin. Then, in 2009, McDonnell alumnae returned to their school at 260 Eastern Parkway (now the St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf) to celebrate.

Bishop McDonnell women remember that for many, there was no tuition to pay — perhaps a nominal book fee. So, recognizing the rising cost of tuition at Loughlin and appreciative of all they were able to accomplish in their own lives

through the education they were afforded at Bishop's, many scholarships have been established to subsidize tuition costs for young women at Loughlin. One such scholarship is The Gray Family Scholarship Fund established by Joan Gray Lindberg '64.

The Loughlin mission is "to ensure an exceptional, Catholic, and Lasallian education is accessible to deserving young men and women. We foster academic success, build character, and develop future leaders by stimulating and informing a student's quest for intellectual, spiritual, moral, and civic development."

The fate of two schools is richly intertwined — with a beautiful and powerful connection between one all-boys schools and one all-girls school. So many intellectual, spiritual, moral, and civic successes have passed through. It is commendable that so many stay connected with interest in, and support of, our students!

A REFLECTION...

by Phyllis Murphy Howell '67

With the closure of Bishop McDonnell announced, more than 1,500 women — mostly alumnae, gathered to bid goodbye to their school on May 20, 1973. For 47 years, Bishop's had served as a home away from home for students keen to learn and prepare for their futures. Former principals (Rev. Franklin Fitzpatrick and Rev. Walter Vetro) concelebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with current principal Rev. Thomas Noonan.

During its almost half-century of existence, over 25,000 students graduated. By 1960, Bishop's could boast that 1,003 graduates took religious vows — spread out among 55 religious communities. Sixty-eight percent of Bishop's students took academic courses to prepare for higher education and the remainder enrolled in commercial courses and /or a homemaking curriculum.

The school became nationally known for its contributions to missions throughout the world and its wealth of vocations to religious life — it was truly the example of the nuns themselves that played a large part in encouraging students to enter religious life.

Other alumnae went on to become, among many other occupations, educators and administrators, lawyers and judges, authors, entrepreneurs, and business and nonprofit organizational leaders.

Then and now, at Bishop Loughlin, every day starts with a prayer. Holy days are remembered. Retreat programs are a part of every school year. Students visit nursing homes and hospitals, and do volunteer work. Everyone wears a uniform, and there is a tremendous sense of school spirit. Almost 100% of the graduating class continues their education. Important assemblies begin with a display of colors, a salute to the flag, and the singing of the *Star Spangled Banner*. It is very similar to



Mrs. Dorothy Hoops, R.N., who along with six faculty members, transitioned to Bishop Loughlin and below, Sr. Victoria Toale, OP with Bishop Loughlin's first girls basketball co-captains Claria Raymond '75 and Mary Ann Ferguson '75.

the way things were done at Bishop's, but it was not Bishop's.

Memorialites who chose to transfer to Bishop Loughlin faced many changes in their daily school lives. Young, and through no fault of their own, they were at a new school where they would make new friends and forge new traditions. So, the Bishop's girls learned to adapt, and Bishop Loughlin did its best to ease the transition.

The activities and clubs at Loughlin were similar to those at Bishop's, and the transferees participated in varsity basketball and language clubs. Others were involved with publishing the *Laurel*. Bishop Loughlin had separate boys and girls basketball teams and of course, the school now had its own cheerleaders.

One 1975 alumna who transferred to Loughlin at the start of her junior year recalled how she resisted going to an all-girls school, but now looks back as it being the best two years of her life. She remembered that Bishop's class structure was different and the Bishop's girls had far more credits than the Loughlin students. Senior year she was required to take only three classes. She spent two years at each school but confessed she sings *Memorial*, *Memorial* when driving past the building that formerly housed Bishop's.

Since that first coed graduation in 1974, 32 valedictorians have been women so, if anyone feared that transforming Loughlin into a co-ed school would diminish its educational standards, they had nothing to fear.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

MEMORIAL MAGAZINE

A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

by Sr. Jean Aquinas Lanahan, OP '48 — reprinted from the 2015 issue of *Memorial*



For the first time in many years, I walked through the doors of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School.

Many changes have been made to the

building where

I taught math almost 40 years ago.

Bishop McDonnell alumnae committee members Mary Macchiarola '58, Phyllis Murphy-Howell '67, and Bobbi Eisenberg '58 joined me on a personal tour led by three of Loughlin's brightest students, Danae Henry '16, Destiny Greene '16, and Deniya Thompson '16. John Klemm '65, Director of Development, invited me to the school to appear in a short video.

My story really began many years before that. My mother, Margaret Sheehan '27, proudly boasted that she was part of the first graduating class of the newly completed school on Eastern Parkway.

It was Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School and in 1927 it held its first graduation with the four other existing diocesan high schools (including Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School). By the time I was ready to graduate from Holy Name Elementary School in Park Slope, I knew that there was only one school I wanted to attend.

When the postcard arrived announcing my acceptance, I was thrilled to learn that I would begin high school in September, 1944 at the very school my mother had attended. During my four



Sr. Jean in 1974.

years at Bishop's, perhaps influenced by the nuns who taught me, I began to think about, and finally decided to join the Sisters of St. Dominic.

As a young nun, I taught at various schools, but my life took an interesting turn when I was given the opportunity to return to Bishop McDonnell in 1968 — only this time I was returning as a teacher. Additionally, I was in charge of programming — a large job previously done by Sr. Thomas Aquinas.

Four years later, I became the Assistant Principal and worked with Fr. Noonan overseeing the day-to-day curriculum.

On December 14, 1972, after rumors had swirled for some time, an announcement was made confirming the school was going to close. The pressure was on, for many things needed to be taken care of before the last graduation — not the

least of which was accommodating the juniors who hoped to graduate from the school they had already attended for three years.

With that in mind, Bishop's offered the juniors a chance to accelerate their studies in order to graduate from the school. Teachers' schedules needed to be rearranged to accommodate the accelerated classes that took place before and after school, as well as during the summer. The final graduation was held on July 20, 1973 at 8:00 p.m.

My mother had saved the first *Laurel*, and now I would have the last one. My mother said, "I opened the school and you closed it."

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

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

Sr. Jean now resides at the Sisters of St. Dominic's of Amityville and today, Bishop Loughlin tuition is over \$14,000.

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

THE CLASS OF 1952

LUNCHEON 2022



The Class of 1952 reunion luncheon in June, 2022.

Congratulations to the Class of 1952!

On June 12, 2022 class members from California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, all five boroughs, and Long Island met for a celebratory Mass and luncheon at Jonathan's Restaurant in New Hyde Park, Long Island. As he has every five years since the class' 50th anniversary, Msgr. Robert Batule, son of Ann Reilly Batule '52, celebrated Mass.

In the months and weeks prior to the 70th reunion for the Bishop McDonnell High School Class of 1952, a planning committee met several times at Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, Long Island where committee member Sr. Theresa Kelly, RSM '52 works.

Louise Guadagno Coscia '52 provided and decorated, in purple and gold of course, individual centerpieces for each guest. Her grandson donated all the plants! Added to the centerpieces were

laminated bookmarks and a Bishop McDonnell card — donated by the nephew of Mary Gagne Monte '52. Several husbands, daughters, sons, and other family members attended and helped make this memorable event possible.

From one class member, "We are truly blessed to have come so far and still share that sisterhood and Bishop's connection. By the grace of God we move on!"

To keep in touch, typically 20-25 classmates meet twice a year informally for lunch at Jonathan's.

At the reunion, the class raised over \$1,000 for the Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Fund. Fran Esposito '52 said, "We are honored to participate in all the good work Loughlin does each day — this is a small token on our part."

2022 REUNION

BISHOP'S GIRLS COME TOGETHER!



What a success — our first in-person reunion since 2019! With COVID restrictions lifted, we were all a bit more relaxed (but still careful!). Greeted by the Alumnae Association and Loughlin's advancement team with coffee, hot cocoa, and a continental breakfast, alumnae and guests mingled before Mass. Robin McDougal Davis '72 gave such a heartwarming and rousing speech — filled with love, laughter, gratitude, and tears! Thank you to all that attended!

And now it's time to do it all again, hopefully bigger than ever! This year on April 29th we celebrate milestone anniversaries with the Classes of the 1940s, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, and (celebrating their 50th!) the Class of 1973.

This year, in honor of our beloved alma mater closing in 1973, the **regular registration will be \$73** per guest. Religious and former faculty are as always complimentary.

We've also procured bus transport to and from Bishop's (260 Eastern Parkway) on the 29th of April. Reservation payment for the bus is \$30.

We thank Elizabeth (Lizz) Manning Mancini '67 and Phyllis Murphy Howell '67, for their efforts in coordinating transportation for the afternoon.









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Phyllis's Post

Phyllis Howell
January 10 · 🌐

Bishop's has been closed for
almost 50 years.
What have you been up to?

This year, we share a January 10, 2023 post from **Phyllis Murphy Howell '67** — which illustrated the wonderful and varied directions our lives have taken. We hope you enjoy hearing what your classmates and friends have 'been up to' in the last 50 years! Thank you **Marie Scuderi McNamara '65** for last year's post and thank you **Christine Layne-Waters '73** for inspiring the *Memorial* to share some of the wonderful Bishop McDonnell Facebook page posts.

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SEARCH

THE BISHOP MCDONNELL MEMORIAL
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

Cathy Melanson Top contributor

I was the last sophomore class at bishops... went to complete junior and senior year at our Lady of perpetual help in Brooklyn..... I'm widowed twice and retired from the Court System for almost 7 years.... I was truly blessed in my life. I have a 44 year old son, he is the father of 3 and a daughter 43, a mom of 3.

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Roberta Paul Molaro Top contributor

(graduated Jan, 1955) In the last 50 years, I've had babies #4 & 5 (for a total of 4 girls and finally a boy!) & began coaching baton twirlers. I was a Brownie leader for a few years. My first poem was published in Modern Bride in '73, (Thank you Sister Dolorosa!) subsequently several poems and dozens of articles have been published in regional and national magazines, plus a hard bound Dairy goat products cookbook & I've edited 3 cookbooks for non profits. Helped my husband restore to-period a Long Island home built before the American Revolution. (Don was a master furniture/cabinet maker). Then resettled in Central PA where we learned to farm and breed French Alpine Dairy Goats, Bees and other livestock, while we renovated an 1880s log farmhouse where I learned to cook on a woodburning stove and use an outhouse for five years! We became 4-H leaders for a number of years. Moved to another 1880s farmhouse in '78, (with conveniences.) where our 5 kids would be transported to the Catholic schools. All five graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional HS. We taught Natural Family Planning for the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA for about 12 years. In 1984 we became Professional Foster parents, specializing in difficult to place teenage girls for 15 years. At one point we had 2 16 year old foster girls, our own 16 year old daughter and our 13 year old daughter ... Don referred to our place as the "Molaro Sorority House!" In 1988 sold the livestock & bought the local roller rink, where we coached beginners through national competitors for 26 years. (Don & I met at Mineola Skating Rink on LI) Our sweet 18-year-old son drowned in the Susquehanna River in 1995. In 2006, at the age of 70, I designed a new house and we built it, doing a LOT of the work ourselves! In 2013, I began making chasubles for our parish priest and some that are now in the missions in Jamaica and Philippines. We sold the rink to retire in 2014. Restless in retirement, we joined the county fair board until we moved to Florida in 2017, only weeks after my lifelong friend and Bishop's classmate, Ginny Halleran Dunn passed away. In 2019, I lost my precious husband, Don, 59 years, 13 days and 1 hour after our wedding. Now on my own, I'm serving as secretary for our HOA and my parish CCW. ... Didn't mean to write a book!!!!

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Julianne Thompson Grace

Marianne Mancini Seibel I actually was on Jeopardy in 1965 when Art Fleming was the moderator. I knew most of the answers but wasn't fast enough on the buzzer! Made some \$ and a set of Compton Encyclopedias but didn't advance. It was a fun experience.

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Marianne Mancini Seibel Top contributor

Class of '64.

I met my husband of 56 years on the train going to Bishop's. We've lived in Richmond, VA for four years and Baltimore, MD for 36 years. For twenty five of those years I taught in Catholic Schools.

We have two daughters who live with their families in Alabama and Maryland.

I am a big fan of Jeopardy and thanks to Bishop's intense prepping for Regent's exams I'm pretty good at it!



Krystyna Gutt Top contributor

Class of '63. After Bishop's, I went to Hunter College where I got my degree. Good choice, because I was exposed to different ethnicities and religions. I later got a Diplomate in Publishing and Graphics from NYU. But that sounds rather dull. During a blue period recently, I began to reflect on my life. This I posted on FB: I was ruminating about what a failure my life was: meager savings, no successful career. Then I got to thinking.

I've sung with Dave Brubeck and Sweet Honey in the Rock.

I was in "Iolanthe" with Clark Gesner ("You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown").

I sang at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall; St. Patrick's Cathedral and St.

Bartholomew's.

I danced in many cities in America. I danced, several times at Lincoln Center and at the Wang Theater in Boston; I've studied under the best of Poland's choreographers.

I've met Lieutenant Governors, Governors (even shaking hands while wearing only a slip! with the Governor of New Jersey), Senators, Mayors, a Secretary of State/Vice-Presidential candidate, the former head of a foreign nation, diplomats.

I was unhappily married but happily divorced.

I had an affair with . . . never mind who!

I was interrogated by the FBI.

I was brought home one night in a squad car.

I've met Rudolf Nureyev, Aleksander Godunov, Andrei Voznesensky, Eugene Ormandy, Beverly Sills, Joan Sutherland, Regina Resnik, Jose Carreras, Krzysztof Zanussi, Alan Alda, Burt Parks, Norman Mailer, Evan Hunter.

I rode in an elevator with the Duchess of Windsor.

I was stuck in an elevator with Jimmy Breslin.

The former Queen of Sikkim was a guest in my house – to interview ME!

I sailed transatlantic eleven times, including twice on the Queen Elizabeth 2.

I have three beautiful and wonderful goddaughters that I love with all my heart.

I love my cousins (even the one I don't speak to) and their children and grandchildren.

I couldn't ask for better friends: those in Poland and other countries, the ones I left behind, the ones I made in Rochester, and the great kids I danced with (some of whom are grandparents already!) or sang with, and even some I never met face-to-face.

So I'm pinching pennies and I never set the world on fire but my memory bank is so rich it's overflowing. Guess it's been a good life after all.



AnnCarl WilBill

My mother, Dorothy Murphy, was in the class of 1952 and the daughter of Irish immigrants working at the snack bar at Woolworth's to help support her family. (She told a story of a compassionate nun allowing her to lay her head down on her desk after a late night at work which left her exhausted at school the next morning.) She was a trailblazer joining the U.S. Marine Corps where she met my father, her then drill sergeant. She then became a police officer in the NYPD, serving in Bedford Stuyvesant, Jamaica, Bayside and Forest Hills, retiring after more than 20 years of service and many interesting cases including the Son of Sam case. She had three children and one granddaughter. My brother Paul followed in her footsteps becoming a police officer in Alabama. She was a passionate bowler, local historian, collector of police patches vegetarian and cat lover and remained in Woodhaven, Queens until 1995 when she relocated to Asheville, NC. She had one more move to Huntington, WV before sadly passing away in 2012.



Judy Molloy Barnes

(June '57 accelerated) During the past 50 years, I was married and widowed. My Marine husband and I raised a son and 3 daughters living in North Carolina, Texas, and ending up in Oklahoma. I retired after teaching 32 years, all but 9 in special education. During that time I was active in coaching a Special Olympics team both locally and representing Oklahoma at the World Games. After teaching I was the chaplain at a Resource Center for the Developmentally Delayed. For the last 14 years I have been a volunteer for our local hospice group currently serving on the chaplain's team. I am always thankful for the education I received at Bishops.



Patricia Hurley Pagano Top contributor

I had two jobs after I graduated (1967) at 17 years old before I began working in 1970 at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, a white-shoe law firm on Wall Street. I worked there until I retired in 2016 (with 2-1/2 years off after I had my son). I got married three years after I graduated, and we'll be celebrating 52 years in July. We have one son who is married and lives in CT where his job took him. Our 18-year old granddaughter is a freshman at Bucknell, and our grandson is a sophomore at St. Joseph's High School in Trumbull, CT. We're blessed to have had the opportunity to travel abroad and hope to do more in the future. Three years after I retired, my husband and I took up playing pickleball and have been playing ever since. I thank God every day for the blessings we've had and continue to receive.



Patricia Kane Baker

I graduated in January '56 and married my prom date Ted Baker in April '57. We had 4 children. I worked as a computer operator for the New York telephone Co. In Jamaica, Patchogue and Massapequa for 10 year. In 1971 we moved to Orlando, Florida where I started my 30 year career at Walt Disney World in Cash Management. I am now retired and a widow after 61 years of marriage. Living in the Sunshine State. I have 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Life has been good.



Barbara Bank

Class of '63, French Group. Barbara Wall Bank. After graduating from Bishop's I went to Saint Joseph's College for Women with Bishop's friends Toni (Antoinette) Lozito Shaver and Judith Campbell Sterns. We have remained close friends since then.

Sadly Toni died a year ago. After St Joseph's I went to Boston College on a two year fellowship in Urban education. I returned to teach in East New York at P213K, 580 Hegeman Street, for a year., but I had fallen in love with the slower pace of life in Boston and returned there where I taught First Grade in Norwell, MA. I met my husband who was a graduate student at Harvard. We married in 1973, and after he received his PhD we moved to the University of Chicago, where I went to the Graduate School of Education for a CAS in the Teaching of Reading Education. From Chicago we went to U.T. Austin, visited at Yale for a year, then came to UC San Diego where we have remained. For years I was a substitute teacher because having 90 graduate school credits made me too expensive to hire. Amazing!



Linda Ridzi

Linda Borelli Ridzi. After graduation in 1969 I attended st Joseph's college. I worked in head start for 3 years. Then Frank and I had 5 children. We fell in love with them.

Then after being home I went back to work as faith formation coordinator for my parish. Wonderful time. Never really retired since we are watching 3 grandkids so far. Loving the time with these little people.



| CLASS NOTES |

THE 40s

Mary Lantz Stravinskis '42

(submitted by a family member) Mary graduated from Brown's Business School and then worked for the school as a typing teacher and administrative assistant. She married Albert Stravinskis in 1950; they were married for 60 years until his death in 2011. They raised five children, have 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Mary still lives in the Long Island house she and Albert bought in 1951. She reads the newspaper cover to cover every day and enjoys TV and puzzles — but mostly enjoys time spent with her family.

Dorothy Bly Delaney '49 was impressed by the range of activities and classes at Bishop McDonnell — 100 girls learning obscure Romanian folk dances, exercising by climbing the stairs in school, and all the various modes of transportation. She is still in touch with other 91-year-old classmates and keeps a pair of white gloves for sentimental reasons!

THE 50s

Anne Estelle Byrne Holmes '50 was given a surprise 90th birthday party by her children in July. In lieu of gifts they asked that donations be made in Richard Kelly's '60 (Bishop Loughlin) memory.

Claire Schaedler McMahon '50 thanks the editors of the *Memorial* magazine; it was shared throughout her nursing home in Brentwood. "Best wishes to the current students."

Therese Young Beckwith '51 lives in Spencer, MA and has five children and eight grandchildren. She retired after 38 years of teaching.

Jacqueline Downey Angelone '53 writes "Many of us who were fortunate enough to attend Bishop McDonnell actually spent our first two years in one of the school's annexes, rather than in the main building on Eastern Parkway. My journey began in the Flushing, Queens annex in 1949 that we lovingly called, "Little Bishop's." Flushing at that time was a rural community and the tree lined area surrounding the school building was always quiet and peaceful. The Sisters of St. Joseph taught us (the Mother House for the order was on the corner of our school block). Let us always remember in our prayers the remarkable women who were our teachers. They made Bishop's the great school it was. The friends I made there became friends for life; we still share memories that are particular to that annex — performing *HMS Pinafore* under the

tutelage of Madam Ballantyne, singing in the Glee Club under Sr. Rose Matthew's guidance, a trip to a dress rehearsal of the opera *Aida* at the Metropolitan Opera House when it existed on Broadway and 39th Street, listening to one of my fellow students playing *Heart & Soul* on the piano in the lunch room practically every day, Sr. Faustina's Algebra class, weekend trips to the Botanic Gardens in order to complete projects for Sr. Cecelia Madeline's biology class, and many more. My start at the Flushing annex was a wonderful beginning to my years at Bishop McDonnell, the best school that ever existed!"

Grace Tomanelli Meyer, Esq. '53 reports "at 86, I am finally retiring from my legal practice, which started half my lifetime ago! I was sworn-in to the NJ State Bar in 1978, the U.S. Supreme Court in 1983, and the NY State Bar in 1988. It has been busy, but I am grateful to the Lord for giving me the health, power, and love to make it through. I lost my husband of 54 years Heinz in 2010 and was happy to be able to support my family with my late profession. I enjoy my four children, 18 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. The Lord said "increase and multiply" and Heinz and I took that seriously. I give our Lord, Jesus Christ all honor, glory, and praise for dying to save me and leaving me His Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, direct, and carry me through! Hallelujah, and many thanks for my good education at Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School with its devoted, wonderful five orders of nuns."

MEET A MCDONNELL SCHOLAR



Eva Archer '24, a volleyball player, is in the Poets and Writers Club, a student ambassador, library aide, a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), and manages the Lacrosse team. She would love to major in construction management, minoring in architecture at Manhattan College.

Jenny Caragiulo Satili '53 has three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. "I read the book by **Peggy Lang Virgodamo '48** *Love Letters From a Mother to her Dying Son* when I read about it in *Memorial*. It was comforting to me because I lost my son in September, 2021."

Rita Minary Hesse '54 writes "Greetings to all the graduates of January and June 1954. I have wonderful memories of our times together."

Margaret Tobin Kelly '55 wrote in "Sadly, my sister, **Helen Tobin DelDuca '53**, passed away on December 8, 2022. Happily, my third great-grandchild, Jenna Rae, came into this world on January 1, 2023."

Denise Clark Giordano '59 is happy to greet all her former classmates "especially those who were in the French group — of which I was a proud member. We have many happy memories of our four years at Bishop McDonnell for which I am very grateful."

Constance Kennedy, CSJ '55 enjoyed reading the latest issue of *Memorial*.

Carol Callahan Comando '56 welcomed her third grandchild, Hendrik Vincent, in November, 2020 — the best thing that happened to them during the pandemic. He joins cousins Samantha and Juliann. "We will celebrate our 64th wedding anniversary in July. I am grateful for the education I received at Bishop's and have spent all these many years paying it forward volunteering in Girl Scouts, garden club, and League of Women Voters. *The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.* —Paulo Coelho"

CLASS COORDINATORS NEEDED!

Do you enjoy reconnecting with old friends? Love planning and organizing get-togethers? We are looking for Memorialites to help expand and update our database of Bishop's graduates and former faculty. Class coordinators help contact alumnae to verify the current information on file. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact Josie Santos McKenna '90, Alumnae Committee Liaison at 718-857-2700, x 2250 or jmckenna@blmhs.org.



Mary Terri Cannon O'Connor '57 writes in about two Bishop's women that have died. "**Anne Oswald Bosnack '57**, aka "Ozzie" to her classmates passed away on June 26, 2022. She is dearly missed by her family and classmates. **Noreen T. Doherty '57**, well known as our basketball star, passed away on November 20, 2021."

Elizabeth Fratello Carlino '58, known as "Betty", married her sweetheart Frankie (who passed away in 2007) and they have four children, 15 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. "I keep myself busy praying and reading. Bishop's was the best!"

Joan Pertusiello Kowalsky '58 has been living in NC for the past six years to be near her son and his family. Her two grandsons, Taylor, 15 and Ethan, 13 "bring me such joy. My husband Daniel developed Alzheimer's and has been in a memory care facility for over a year so that makes being near family so important to me. I am also in a wonderful community that offers many

opportunities to socialize. I sing in our community choir — two concerts a year and we also sing on Memorial Day and at 9/11 ceremonies. I still keep in touch with several of my Bishop's friends. We always reminisce about our wonderful years together at Bishop's. Thanks for great memories."

Kathleen Lennon Robertson '58 is still in touch with many of her former classmates and has so many fond memories of her years at Bishop McDonnell.

Adele Snyder '58 tells the story, "It was the summer of 1953, I had just finished seventh grade and was riding on a bus from Freeport to Jones Beach. I noticed two older girls in a seat ahead of me laughing and enjoying themselves soon after I boarded. They generously invited me to sit with them. After exchanging personal introductions and interests, they told me that I had to attend Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, like themselves, because it was the best high school I could go to. I had never heard of Bishop's, but needless to say, in eighth grade I was one of two girls from St. Christopher's that applied and was accepted (Flushing Annex) for the fall of 1954. I knew, both then and now, it is the best high school. All my paths in life lead back to the education, inspiration, sharing, friendships, and contacts I experienced those four years. Looking back, I believe God inspired those two young women to befriend me and gift me with a directional stepping-stone that has impacted the rest of my life."

THE 60s

S. M. Jean Agnes Josephine Geraghty, OP '60 reports that **S. Ursula Sheridan, OP '60**, went home to God February 19, 2022 after ministering as a Sister of St. Dominic for 61 years.

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CATHY DIEHL PALLADINO '60....

... is remembering memories of my time at St. Bartholomew's Annex (February 1957 – February 1959) and Bishop McDonnell (February 1959 - June 1960).



Cathy Diehl Palladino '60 and Sr. John Daniel, chaperone, at the Lincoln Memorial during the senior trip to Washington, D.C. in March, 1960, Sr. Clare Patrice also accompanied the group.



Classmates also on the senior trip — left to right, (top) Frances Lefever Operesko '60 and Nina Lo Monaco '60; (below) Nora Ferrari '60 and Mary Coughlin '60.



from the 1960 yearbook, Cathy Diehl Palladino '60.

MY BISHOP'S MEMORIES

from St. Bartholomew Annex

- Meeting across the street from the school entrance in the mini-park before class each morning, we did not have a school yard
- Seeing Msgr. Dwyer walking his black cocker spaniel, Jackie, each day
- Lining up inside the HS Annex to get the new polio vaccine in 1957. Our biology teacher Sr. Rose Catherine told us if we cried getting the shot, the punishment was to write five chapters from the biology textbook. I started to cry, then everyone began to cry — *so we all had to write five chapters of biology!*

from Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School

- Both the regular and accelerated classes graduating in June, 1960 — a total of 722 girls
- Riding the charter bus on our senior trip to Washington, D.C. — and on that trip:
 - Bishop's nuns were chaperones on the bus, in the hotel, and on the tours
 - Staying for the first time overnight in the Mayflower Hotel
 - Visiting the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD
 - Riding the "future" Amtrak train
 - Touring the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian, and the White House by bus

Photos courtesy of the Cathy Diehl Palladino '60.

Dr. Norine Roberts Hempling '60 is completing a second term serving on the Children' Network of SW Florida, Board of Directors in March, 2023.

Loretta Butehorn '61 writes that she "buried my 17-year partner in 1990 (Alzheimers). My current partner, Susan Downey, is a delightful accomplished woman. We have a beautiful home in Provinceton, MA and two standard poodles — Finn & Blue. Would love to hear from other '61 grads!"

Arlene Cavaliere Best '61 writes "Life goes on and retirement continues to be great. My husband and I have enjoyed many travels including Africa, India, Turkey, and Southeast Asia. My grandchildren are taller than both of us! My daughter lives in Lewisburg, PA and my son is living with us. I have been in contact with **Rosemary Franz '61**. Unfortunately, one of my dearest friends, **Susan Thompson Bradley '61** passed away. Always glad to connect with Bishop's women!"

Nancy Reilly Seklir '61 would love to hear from anyone who also rode the 7:34 a.m. #7 train out of Flushing Main Street!

Agatha Napoli Barone '63 and her husband Joe became great-grandparents in September when her oldest granddaughter Kristin gave birth to James Leonard. "Our immediate family is now 23. God is good."

Nancy McVeigh Toomey-Senger '63 works part-time at St. Mary's Church in Kirkwood, outside of Binghamton, NY.

"My husband and I have a Christmas tree farm and enjoy the beauty of country living. I will never forget the years of traveling from Nassau County to school (a bus and three trains) and I loved it! I met the greatest group of girls and guys. We had so much fun traveling. I got my 'senior' driver's license the summer before graduation and occasionally drove to school from Elmont to Brooklyn. It was so exciting. I proudly carried the flag for assemblies my senior year. I am so proud to be a Memorialite!"

Fran Piscopo Boccella '64 lives in Cumming, GA and would love to hear from anyone from her graduating class.

Patricia McKiernan Ciarleglio '64 became a new grandmother twice in 2022 — a six-year-old stepgrandson and a two-month old grandson. Both her sons and their families live in Houston, TX.

Rose Ann Visconti-Cimino '64 and her husband Joe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. "*Where did the time go?* Of course we had our ups and downs, but I wouldn't change a thing. We are blessed with two sons and two granddaughters — and two granddogs. One son and family live downstairs and our other son and his husband (and dogs) live in TN. I was a stay-at-home mom and then for 20 years before retiring, I was a paraprofessional for the NYC Board of Education."

Pamela LoCastro McPhail '64 is pleased to announce that her grandson Matt is on the Dean's list at Vanderbilt University's Biometric Engineering Program —

hopefully, he will someday discover a new gene therapy. Her high school freshman granddaughter Lauren is on the honor roll at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child and she is performing in the play *Annie*.

Catherine Pittman Cornue '65 writes of an epically failed retirement. "I retired from my full-time position as Diocesan Director of Faith Formation in 2017 but was not ready to retire from teaching, volunteering at our parish, and getting more involved in our local community. I became a docent at the Oneida Community Mansion House and am part of the leadership team of an oral history project for Oneida Ltd. Indulging in my life-long love of reading, I am in two book clubs and enjoy the connections and conversations with all the members. Happily married for 53 years this April, my husband and I enjoy visiting our children and six grandchildren in Rochester, NY, Chicago, IL, Burbank, CA, and central NY. I keep in touch with a few classmates, but lost touch with most of them after leaving NYC when I was 17. I do enjoy checking the Facebook page and occasionally am able to share a memory with someone from my graduation year. All the best to my fellow Memorialites!"

Regina Leeds '65 writes "My New York Times best seller *One Year to an Organized Life* was updated after 15 years and the new edition launched December, 2022. Look for it online or order it in bookstores. In more personal news, after four decades in Los Angeles, I moved to Laguna Beach, CA."

Mary Ellen McGowan O'Boyle '65 is celebrating 53 years of marriage, 40 years as a Broker/Associate in real estate, and the wedding of her grandson.

Christine Vogel Herbert '66 was so grateful for the virtual Bishop McDonnell reunion because she connected with

SEND US YOUR MEMORIALITE MEMORABILIA

We want to add your memorabilia to our historical collection! Please send any yearbooks, photos, and memorabilia you would like to donate to our archives to the Bishop McDonnell Alumnae Association: BMMHS Alumnae Association at BLMHS, c/o Josephine McKenna, 357 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238

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JO ANN KOCHER '63....

... received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for her contributions to women in law enforcement in August, 2022.

"In June 1972, I was sworn in as ATF's first woman special agent, serving in progressively responsible positions nationwide until my retirement in 1999."



Jo Ann Kocher '63 being sworn in as the first woman ATF agent in June, 1972.

Photo courtesy of the ATF.

A TRAILBLAZER FOR WOMEN

excerpt from the 2010 Memorial magazine where Jo Ann was featured.

In 1972, Jo Ann Kocher '63 had a chance meeting on an airplane with a high ranking official from the Treasury Department. This led to her recruitment by the Treasury Department Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) — the lone agency without women agents.

At her interview, Jo Ann was told there were concerns — one agent was concerned that she would be killed and he would be blamed and others were reluctant to work with her on anything dangerous. Once hired, an agent asked her to accompany him on a search warrant in the South Bronx. A police officer shot and killed the suspect after he pointed a gun at the undercover agent. The next day the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) praised her because she "didn't faint". She was no longer perceived as a fragile female, although she suspects that they still worried about her being killed.

Jo Ann sometimes wondered if the ATF was waiting for her to fail — but she was

enjoying the job too much to worry about that. Gradually, more women were hired.

In 1980, Jo Ann was promoted to the ATF headquarters in Washington, DC. In 1986, Jo Ann applied for a Resident Agent in Charge position in Honolulu, HI. There was fear that a woman would never be accepted as the head of the ATF office in Hawaii, but she got the job and was completely accepted by her colleagues in the ATF and other law enforcement agencies.

Jo Ann loved the Aloha State; she literally shed tears ten years later when she took a new assignment in San Francisco. But, there were exciting new challenges there, including supervising ATF's role in the Unibomber investigation and participating in a focus group to restructure the Bureau.

Over time, she learned of some of the concerns men had about a woman in

the job. One friend recalled the day she was hired. A fellow agent said, "She'll never last." Another told her about when she was selected as Resident Agent in Charge. There was some fierce opposition expressed about a woman supervising male agents.

In 1999, Jo Ann retired and lives in Hawaii. She puts many of the skills learned during her years at the ATF to good use. She writes, "I not only lasted but I thrived in this challenging career, cherishing the lifelong friends and memories made. There were a few bumps in the road, but overall, that fateful chance encounter on the airplane so many years ago was the best thing that ever happened to me."

You can read more about Jo Ann on the ATF website. Thank you Jo Ann, a true inspiration and trailblazer for all women and congratulations on your Lifetime Achievement Award!

MEET A McDONNELL SCHOLAR

Saniah Reid '24, a cheerleader, participates in the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health and is in the Project Lead the Way STEM program. She hopes to study medicine and aspires to become a surgeon at Johns Hopkins University or Howard University.



two friends, **Mary Ann Kasubjak Ruf '66** and **Mary Sarrao Oliva '66**. "We have kept up through email, calls, and letters. It's so wonderful that their laughter can bring you right back to sophomore year homeroom. I had "found" **Carmen Sepulveda Buturla '66** about 15 years ago via Classmates. Very special caring, supportive friends, who shared some great years at Bishop's. I am so blessed."

Maryann Lopiccolo, SC '66 serves the Diocese of Brooklyn as Delegate for Religious — working with the many religious congregations in her diocese and from other countries, assisting them with ministry, housing, spiritual, and practical needs. Her earlier experiences included teaching, administration, and formation.

Marie Lombino Palogonia '66 says "It is a blessed joy to receive the beautifully-crafted *Memorial* magazine featuring such talented young women — both past and present. The Bishop's spirit is being shared and spread to the next generation. Congratulations and thank you to everyone engaged in keeping the message and spirit alive."

Catherine Malinowski Urso '66 loved Bishop McDonnell.

Shirley Santangelo Bove '67 received a great education and made life-long friends at Bishop McDonnell. She married high school sweetheart Eddie and they celebrated their 51st anniversary on October 23, 2022. "We have three children and an 11-year-old granddaughter. Years ago, I researched my mother's Virginia genealogy and

discovered her ancestors first arrived here in the early 1600s. My five-times great-grandfather fought in the American Revolution and maternal and paternal great-grandfathers fought in the Civil War. I wish I had known all this in American History class!"

Peggy Krapf DeLuca '67 has moved to a beautiful development in Island Park and is in touch with **Maryann Lawlor May '67** and **Maryann Griffin Dyne '67**.

Dorothy Ludwiczak DiLorenzo '67 has the fondest memories of her four years at Bishop's. "It's amazing how precious the friendships and the relationships we foster as young girls stay in our hearts throughout our lives. Fifty-five years later I still remember and cherish my high school years."

Susan Sandvoss Miller '67 shares with sadness the July passing of her sister **Sandy (Sandra) Sandvoss '66**, of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was struck suddenly on her way in church where she was going to do the reading. "I will miss her and especially all the years we took the subway to and from school and played in the orchestra. Sweet dreams, sis and save me a seat in the celestial orchestra."

Sharon Reavis Ripley '68 relocated to Maryland in 2013 after retiring from the Department of Education and the United Federation of Teachers after 40 years of service. Blessed with seven grandchildren (one granddaughter will be attending St. John's University on a

four-year academic scholarship), she is active in her parish (St. Joseph) serving as a catechist and lector.

Donna Tacconi Zero '68 retired as a principal in 2012 in Los Angeles but decided retirement was not for her. "I started teaching graduate level classes at various universities and enjoying myself immensely. I recently moved to CO from CA and would like to contact any Bishop's girls out here."

Anna Notaro Aversano '69 has been retired since August, 2020. She has three granddaughters.

Deborah Randolph Price '69 "happily FREEtired in 2017 and embarked on a new life chapter full of unlimited possibilities. I co-founded, Soulas Sisterhood Network (birththelongings.com) and started a life coaching business, D.A.R.E. to ReImagined YOU! Consulting, (daretoreimagineyou.com) which helps woman transition into midlife with clarity and confidence. I am grateful for my life's experiences and lessons learned, especially those at Bishop's about sisterhood."

THE 70s

Deborah Loftus Munns '70 writes "My husband Michael retired from his career as an attorney this past July! We took a trip to Hawaii in January to celebrate!"

Maureen Sullivan '70 reports that **Dolores Sullivan '71** passed away on September 11, 2022.

Anita Bennett '71 was blessed with a grandson, Nicholas, on May 30, 2021.

Robin Davis McDougal '72, founder of the Interstellar Dreams Space Center, gave a TEDx Talk to discuss how her organization is working to create a talent pipeline for the global space economy. View the TEDx at <https://youtu.be/mcOaqf1NyJl>. Interstellar Dreams, her nonprofit program of *The Pearl Project Institute for Innovation in STEM Literacy*, was recently invited by NASA to host an Artemis rocket launch Watch Party at the Google offices in Reston, VA, which was the backdrop for announcing her plan to open the space center. For more details visit <https://technical.ly/professional-development/interstellar-dreams-reston-space-center/>. The space center

will offer training and simulations in a virtual, real world learning environment that prepares emerging and existing professionals, especially girls/women, for the commercial space industry. See an overview at https://youtu.be/r_vDyZcbbil. Robin was the guest speaker at the 2022 reunion.

Phyllis Brooks Collins '73 completes 30 years of service at Delaware State University this November. "I am so grateful for the educational foundation I received at Bishop McDonnell. #50yearreunion #brooklyn #catholiceducation!"

Catherine Dubrino '73 recently published a novella *One Tuesday Morning*. The book tells her story working as an RN at the time of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. It pays homage to the nursing profession.

Marie Murphy Gleason '73 is looking forward to celebrating her 50-year reunion. "Being the last graduating class has so much meaning. I enjoyed working on our final yearbook, the *Mitre*. I retired from my very busy and long career as a pediatric cardiologist in 2021. Since then, I have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We have two sons and three grandchildren. I enjoy reading, cooking, volunteer work, and traveling. Hard to believe how quickly time flies by!"

Taryn Lewis Siddiq '73 celebrated her mother's 90th birthday June 14, 2022 with "a big celebration

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS!

One of the goals of the Alumnae Committee this year is to receive an annual contribution from every Bishop McDonnell graduate in our database. Your gifts ensure that we can continue to host reunions, publish our *Memorial* magazine, and continue *and enhance* the Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all who have made contributions this year. No gift is too large or too small. Your annual contribution can be made along with your 2023 Reunion registration payment as your **Class Gift**. Together we can make a difference!



of over 130 attendees, including my Bishop McDonnell classmate **Denise Bourne '73**. It was wonderful. I had a knee replacement December 29, 2022 — so I started 2023 on a good foot."

Christine Layne Waters '73, married since 1984, retired from the classroom in 2017. She is the NAACP NYS Conference Education Chair Equity4 LI Youth Vice President. Her son is a Music Education bassoon specialist and her daughter is a doctor of Biomedical Engineering and Bioinformational Data Researcher.

MEET A MCDONNELL SCHOLAR



Kaliyah Honore '23, is a National Honor Society (NHS) Parliamentarian, participates in the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health and the STEP Program, and is a library aide. Her college choices include Penn State, University of Connecticut, or Hofstra University. She plans to study science.

PROJECT PAVE THE WAY

THANK YOU BISHOP McDONNELL!



The *Pave The Way* project at Bishop Loughlin for needed significant structural repairs was completed in 2022. Our campaign was successful because of the significant support of our sponsors and hundreds of others who purchased personalized bricks, including many Bishop McDonnell alumnae. Come visit the courtyard and see how some have memorialized their loved ones and shared experiences on the bricks laid to *pave the way*. Near the Bishop McDonnell Memorial Hall exit, you can find the Bishop's girls bricks and pavers — you can feel the spirit, the admiration, the love...your gift is your legacy.



2023 BISHOP McDONNELL ALL CLASSES REUNION

REGISTRATION FORM

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

RSVP BY APRIL 21, 2023

Please make _____ reservations at the special commemorative fee of \$73 / per person for April 29, 2023.

Religious and former faculty are complimentary.

☐ I am interested in joining the Reunion Committee/becoming a Class Coordinator

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

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TAKING THE REUNION BUS FROM LONG ISLAND?

FIRST pick up location is at **9 am SHARP** Exit 63 on the LIE, Park and Ride next to Applebee's (1935 N Ocean Ave, Farmingville, NY 11738). A member of the Class of '67 will greet you.

SECOND pick up location is the Park and Ride at Bellmore near the LIRR station (2248 Bellmore Avenue) right off the Sunrise Highway and the parking lot is in front of the Nails and Relaxation Spa on Sunrise Hwy. **PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:30 am** and be ready to board the bus as soon as it arrives.

PLEASE NOTE: TICKETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THIS EVENT — THERE WILL BE A REGISTRATION LIST

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Margaret Tiernan Donnelly '37
Grace Twomey Ullrich '38
Mary Whalen Garvey '39

THE 40s

Alice Caunitz '40
Lorraine Horn Marciano '40
Marie Martins Taverna '40
Irene Moran Sabol '40
Clare T. Bauch '41
Rita McCabe Buckley '41
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Elizabeth Baldwin O'Hara '42
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Marjorie Egan Wenderoth '45
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Maureen Morris DeGeorge '45
Marie Somerville Castiglia '45
Dolores T. Aguiar Shea '46
Eileen Greely Phillips '46
Dolores Puydak Daly '46
Ellen Farrell, RSM '47
Ann Koloseus Carroll '47
Sr. Mary Lusk '47
Marie Marro Nolan '47
Marcella McGough Campagnolo '47
Corrine L. Casey Quinn '48
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Marie Grimaldi Cannizzaro '49

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Mary Connolly-Hoban '50
Ann DeCecilia Recca '50
Marie Gaudiello Shotland '50
Patricia Gray '50
Eileen Spelman Ford '50
Judith Wieman '50
Anne Abrahams Fair '51
Joan Andren '51
Dolores Bodee Maza '51
Elizabeth Gaitings Piche '51
Mary Halligan Travers '51
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Mary Bianchi '52
Dorothy Collier Auer '52
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Janet Hess Muller '52

Anne McArdle Brush '52
Agnes Welcher, MM '52
Grace M. Angelillo '53
Elizabeth Ballantyne Beaver '53
Barbara Banks Morant '53
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Moiria F. Duffy Whelan '53
Dorothy Henshaw Schaedtler '53
Ada Lobosco Feffer '53
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Raffaella Morrongiello Fitzgerald '53
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Antoinette Silvestro Casiano '53
Helen Tobin DeDuca '53
Eileen Connolly Palmer '54
Mary Feerick Shannon '54
Frieda Gross Renner '54
Louise Marano Ciacchio '54
Joan Robinson Banks '54
Barbara Rosenberger Carney '54
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Eleanor T. Gorczycki '55
Joyce Hintze Gruener '55
Eloise Hundertmark Pulis '55
Nora Lane Cea '55
Kathleen O'Brien Judge '55
Catherine Savarese Johnston '55
Sr. Patricia Crowe '56
Rosalie Horak Cook '56
Marilyn Klika Gazzara '56
Sr. Elizabeth O'Brien, CSJ '56
(formerly Sr. Elizabeth Gertrude)
Noel Burke Grob '57
Florence Casey Flynn '57
Loretta Ann Devoy, OP '57
Noreen Doherty '57
Roseanne Dooley Diamond '57
Margaret Herzner Sullivan '57
Mary Hynes Goff '57
Ann McDonough O'Connor '57
Dolores McGrath '57
Joan Monford Taylor '57
Anne Oswald Bosnack '57
Carole Ann Richard Norton '57
Dolores Seagrave Heintz '57
Eleanore Sloboda '57
Margaret M. Lynch, OP '57
Grace Anselmo Keville '58
Barbara Atanasio DiCaprio '58
Frances I. Buehlmeir '58
Rita I. Cassidy Forsyth '58
Maureen McDermott '58

Mary Roberts McCormack '58
Dorothea Rogers Bannon '58
Eileen Romer Palumbo '58
Anne Sciame Russo '58
Margaret Sprague, CSJ '58
Mary Ann T. Arcoleo Koltun '59
Margaret M. Jennings Kilcoyne '59
Carol McCormack-Bamonte '59
Helena A. Miley '59
Irene Szydlowski Boegle Bednar '59
Rose Marie Weber Kinik '59
Susan D. Whiting '59
Helen T. Babb Lo Ricco '59
Barbara J. O'Brien Cronin '59
Helen Tobin DeLuca '53

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Mary L. Lawe Gurry '60
Dorothy Martin Passarelli '60
Joanna F. Schlosser '60
Ursula Sheridan, OP '60
Dorothy G. Vilardi Cosentino '60
Adonija Zilvinskis Hoyt '60
Ann Marie Donovan Pagnotta '61
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Carol Bozza Zalenski '67
Carlotta G. Cilione Fotinatos '67
Angela Gibbons Gianni '67
Rose M. Atanasio '69

THE 70s

Dolores Sullivan '71

FORMER FACULTY

Sr. Kathleen Nora Cassidy, SC
Sr. Mary Aquin Flaherty, SC
Sr. Margaret Rose Smyth, OP

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