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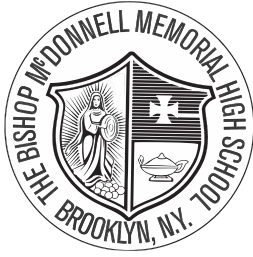
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Dear Memorialites,

Sincere thanks for your continued support to Bishop Loughlin. We Bishop's girls have always been known for our generosity. Your gift really matters, and makes a difference in so many ways.

This year, Loughlin's tuition, excluding fees, exceeds \$9,000. Such a cost is certainly overwhelming for a single parent, a family that has lost a wage earner, or a family with more than one child in high school. Over 55% of our students' families live below the poverty level, despite holding one or more jobs. Your support enables Loughlin to offer financial assistance to many young women in need. Your contribution is critically important to continue this good work.

Your gift, small or large, ensures that the legacy of our Memorialites will live on. Please help a worthy young Loughlin Lady today along the way to exemplary leadership tomorrow.

Your gift matters. You matter.

Gratefully,
Mary Collins-Macchiarola '58

ON THE COVER

The amazing **Bishop McDonnell scholarship recipients** on this cover are an integral part of the Loughlin community. These girls are passionate, devoted, goal-driven — with great and inspiring aspirations. *Just like the Bishop's girls!*

Without the tuition assistance these brilliant girls receive from their **McDonnell Scholarships**, they would not be able to attend Loughlin, or achieve their goals. Alumnae like you are role models for these girls.

On behalf of Loughlin, our amazing scholarship recipients, and myself, we thank you for your never ending support, generosity, and the chance to give these girls the education they want — and deserve.

Gabrielle Spinelli,
Development Assistant for
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THE MOTHER TERESA OF SUNSET PARK: Sr. Noraleen Murphy, CSJ '43

Rev. John McGowan, CSSR

Mother Teresa became one of the most famous women in the world; she ministered to the poorest of poor.

Noticing the many people dying in the streets of Calcutta, she decided to do something about it. She founded the Missionary Sisters of Charity so that thousands of women could help her in ministering to the sick and the dying. "When we care for a person who is sick and dying," she said, "we touch the suffering body of Christ." All the world knows and loves Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The people in the Sunset Park section of Brooklyn, New York, and the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help had their own Mother Teresa. Her name was Sr. Noraleen Murphy, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, L.I. Noraleen came to OLPH parish in the late 1970s. Fr. Tom Joyce invited her to join the parish staff in caring for the poor and the needy of the parish. That is what she did for well over 30 years. Nobody did it better.

Sister Noraleen passed away at the age of 89 in early May 2015. She spent the last few years of her wonderful life at Maria Regina Residence, the Josephite nursing facility in Brentwood. They tell us that she had a peaceful death. I always imagined that Noraleen would die with her sneakers on. We all have memories of her pacing the streets of the parish wearing her New Balance sneakers — walking down to 2nd or 3rd Avenue, climbing up dark tenement stairways, knocking on doors, stepping into the hallways and kitchens to bring food, clothing, and her valuable assistance to the poor of the neighborhood. From morning to night, Noraleen could be seen out on the streets, going in and out of apartments and stores with shopping bags of clothing, groceries, and even medicine for the needy. She was Sunset Park's Mother Teresa.

Just as Mother Teresa cared for the poor and the dying in the streets of Calcutta — letting them know that they were not alone in their dying, Sr. Noraleen cared for the poor, living on the streets of Sunset Park, doing all she could to



Sr. Noraleen Murphy, CSJ

**Calcutta and the world had
Mother Teresa. Sunset Park
and OLPH parish had
Sr. Noraleen Murphy.**

enhance their lives. She did this in so many ways by accompanying them to Social Security offices, to immigration lawyers, to banks, to credit unions, and to clinics. Anything Noraleen managed to acquire in the way of donations and contributions, she passed on to others. She was tireless. She even studied Spanish so she could communicate with her people. How many happy and wonderful memories we all have of this wonderful woman who walked among us. As if her daily schedule was not full enough, Noraleen volunteered to teach the children in the Religious Education program of the parish, which cost \$25 a year. She was famous for giving generous discounts to people who could not afford the fee. One Christmas I gave her a brand new pair of New Balance sneakers. By the smile on her face, one would think she had received a gorgeous fur coat. Noraleen involved herself in every aspect of parish life. She began each day with morning Mass — and then was out the convent door to the streets, the homes, and the thrift shops of the neighborhoods. We never knew when, or if, she had lunch. The evening would find her attending a church service where she sat, sound asleep, exhausted but resting peacefully in the Lord.

Because of Sr. Noraleen and two other Religious, so many children did not go to bed hungry, so many families managed to pay their monthly rent, and so many saw the face of God. Because of Sr. Noraleen, all of us were better. Calcutta and the world had Mother Teresa. Sunset Park and OLPH parish had Sr. Noraleen Murphy. She is probably now pacing the halls of heaven, searching for someone to help. Not finding anyone there in need, she turns her gaze back on us and continues to intercede on our behalf. Her New Balance sneakers will never wear out. She continues to remind us that it is up to us to pick up where she dropped off and to see Christ in all the less fortunate. It is up to us now to do the walking, the caring, and the loving of all the poor among us.

Bishop McDonnell MHS is lucky to have Noraleen Murphy as a graduate of the Class of 1943.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

CAMILLE MARCHETTA '58

Camille Marchetta was born in Brooklyn, NY and was raised in the heart of a large Sicilian family — with grandparents, aunts, and uncles — all living either in their three-story brownstone, or nearby, in an apartment on the same street or, when they were married, just a few blocks away.

When Camille was six years old, one of her aunts broke with tradition and moved with her husband and her cousin 45 minutes across the Whitestone Bridge, up the Hutchinson River Parkway to New Rochelle in Westchester County. It was a daring thing for a family member to do, and it kindled in her a desire for adventure, a love of travel, and a spark of independence.

She often visited her aunt and uncle in Westchester County and felt she was going to another country entering a world of trees and gardens rather than iron railings and concrete sidewalks; swimming in Long Island Sound instead of splashing in the water of an open fire hydrant; playing hide-and-seek across backyards without walls; and softball games not in the street, but in 'The Field' with its giant apple tree (which her friends and she climbed to bring home apples to make pies). One of the older girls introduced her to Canasta and Monopoly and to the grand old library on Main Street, igniting her passion for reading.

In high school Camille was on the staff of the McDonnell newspaper and in college she was the editor of the yearbook, and contributed to their literary magazine.

Although Camille received a scholarship to graduate school, she passed it up and chose to work at NBC in New York — and then moved on to other television and theater companies. Eventually she



Camille Marchetta on the grounds of Kenwood House in London — one of her favorite places.

went to London to work at Richard Hatton Limited, a theatrical and literary agency — becoming head of the literary department. The agency was small but impressive with clients including well-known writers, directors, and actors like Sean Connery, Robert Shaw, and many others. With London as her base, she explored the city as well as the English countryside. She went to the Continent on holiday and on business to meet with publishers and theatrical managers about books and plays and clients, taking in as many sites as she could without running herself ragged. She saw the Bois de Bologne, St. Mark's Square, the Uffizi, the Coliseum, the Tivoli Gardens, and found it all to be wonderful.

After eight years of working with writers, she decided to become a writer herself. She finished a screenplay, went to Los

Angeles, found an agent, and was hired to write a script which soon led to an assignment on the *Dallas* mini-series. She joined the staff of the show and remained until it soared to number one in the ratings. With that, her career in television was established. She wrote television movies, pilots for new series, produced *Nurse* and *Dynasty* — in the season it finally crept past *Dallas* in the ratings and reached number one.

In 1985, while in London, Camille wrote a novel, *Lovers and Friends*. She went on to co-executive produce *Falcon Crest*, co-author two best selling novels with Ivanna Trump, and work as a story consultant on the CBS television series, *Central Park West*.

In 1998, her second novel, *The Wives of Frankie Ferraro* was published and her third, *The River, By Moonlight*, in 2007.

IRENE BUSZKO '65

LANDSCAPE ARTIST PAINTS *ON* *LOCATION*

Rita Monaghan-Maloney '59

Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, Irene holds both a Bachelor's (BFA) and Master's degree in Fine Arts (MFA) from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and Queens College, Flushing respectively. She began exhibiting in SoHo's Prince Street Gallery in New York City in 1973 with a circle of artists who were passionately committed to what was referred to at the time as the 'New Figuration' (referring to the revival of figurative art in the 1960s which followed a time when art was dominated by abstract art.) Quickly moving from the cooperative through the subsequent Artists' Choice exhibitions of the late 1970s, Buszko began exhibiting in the Tatistcheff Gallery in 1981. At that time, she was painting and recording Queens neighborhoods such as Richmond Hill — where she grew up. She began venturing out into New York state locations in the late 1980s when she received the first of two Yaddo Fellowships (Saratoga Springs, New York).

Among other awards, she was "artist in residence" in the Yosemite National Park in California. With her Catskill paintings, Buszko's ambitions have been to record the natural, unspoiled woods, and waterways which have been traditional hunting grounds and vacation or camp grounds essentially free of urban development and industry for the past century.

Trekking her canvases into these essentially unpopulated sites, she continues a plein-air tradition (painting



Irene Buszko, landscape artist, painting on location.

on location) tradition that has been one of the purist pursuits of American landscape painting since the eighteenth century.

Irene was featured in *American Artist Magazine* in 1994. The article's author Stephen Doherty described her landscape oil paintings as "capturing the universal elements of the environment she's depicting, whether suburban New York, rural New Jersey, remote Oregon,

or California's Yosemite National Park. These are the spaces in which we all go about our daily lives — the bus stops, boat landings, jogging paths, and gardens where we spend our time together. They encompass the natural beauty that surrounds the life we share. Buszko has eliminated anything that would make the landscape seem exotic, dated, or clearly recognizable so that everyone who views her pictures can immediately identify with the place."

THE ANNEXES — PART TWO

from *Memorial, Memorial — The History of Bishop Memorial High School*

Phyllis Murphy Howell '67

There were four annexes where many Memorialites began the first two years of their high school journey. In Part One, we explored St. Bartholomew's. In Part Two, we take a look at St. Barbara's and Queen of All Saints.

The *Glean*, the newsletter published by the students of St. Barbara's, was similar to both the *Laurel* and the *Elm*. St. Barbara's was run by the Sisters of St. Dominic. The pastor of St. Barbara's presided over the closing day exercises for 87 departing sophomores during one of the 1960s years. Although a simple ceremony, it was remembered "long and lovingly by all." "Barbarites," as the students were known, had both a freshmen and sophomore basketball team in the early 1960s, and of course, no sports team would have been considered complete without cheerleaders to root for them. Subsequently, a number of cheerleading team members went on to cheer for the Garity Knights, a football team in Glendale, Queens. In 1960, students from St. Barbara's Victory Field and track team brought home a gold medal to the school. Competition reigned, even among different classes, as students competed to collect as many stamps as possible to aid the Dominican nuns who were planning to add a much-needed wing to their novitiate.

Like Memorialites, Barbarites were also excited when the annual trip to Rye Beach approached. They would board the "Hudson Belle" and arrive at Playland after a beautiful cruise with students from Most Holy Trinity, Bishop Dubois, and St. Agnes' boys' schools (who were invited to join them). In 1961, 50 girls traveled to Reading, PA to visit the Convent of St. Michael's. It appears this was an annual trip to encourage vocations among the students to join the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. There was also a trip to Amityville to take a look at the Dominicans' order and their process of recruitment. Mention of Barbarites attending the spring concert at Bishop's auditorium gave evidence that there was intermingling among the annexes and the main school at some level. St. Barbara's annex closed in 1964.

Queen of All Saints School (QAS) was established as an annex of Bishop's in 1932, but its humble beginnings began in 1911 when it was built. When it opened, QAS was established

primarily as a grammar school, but it was also utilized as a girls' high school, housing almost 200 students in four classrooms, originally left vacant to accommodate them. Unlike most annexes, QAS secured its own independent charter as a "school for middle grades." During the 1930s, 40s and 50s, QAS earned an enviable reputation as a school that provided many scholarships to students wishing to attend, and its peak enrollment reached 400 students in the 40s. As was the norm, students remained in their classrooms and teachers went from room-to-room at the end of each class period. By 1963, according to its newsletter, the *Gleaner*, the school had established a very successful basketball team. The school's concerts were held in St. Michael's School auditorium and masses for students were celebrated in the main church, which students referred to as their school chapel.

Spring at QAS was a busy, happy time for the students who either participated in or attended various functions, including Sports Night, the Spring Concert and Dance, the Book Fair, the annual outing to Brentwood and, of course, the boat Rye to Rye Beach along with students from Bishop Loughlin High School. They did very well in the CYO Art Contest and the Diocesan Science Fair. As QAS Grammar School classes began to take over more space, high school registrations were curtailed. Therefore, during the late 1950s and early 1960s, there was a gradual decrease in the number allotted to QAS High School. The actual number of students declined from more than 300 students to less than 200 in September 1963. In addition, during the early 1960s, it began to seem that school annexes in general were outdated and impractical. In February 1964, the staff and students were notified that the QAS annex officially would close at the end of the school year in June 1964. Ninety sophomores "finished" their annex time at QAS and transferred to Bishop's as juniors and 104 freshman advanced, not only to sophomores, but also to the Big Building on Eastern Parkway.

The next issue, Part Three, will feature the last part of the series, the Flushing annex — or 'Little Bishop's' as it was fondly known.

The Annexes: from the book *Memorial, Memorial — The History of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School*. Books can be ordered contacting Phyllis Howell by calling 718-627-2145, emailing howelldogs@aol.com, or on eBay.



LEARNING ABOUT LINDA INEUS '18 — A BISHOP MCDONNELL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Linda Ineus '18 in the library at Loughlin.

Rita Monaghan-Maloney '59

Linda Ineus' mom is Haitian and her dad, Bahamian. Her two older brothers — Walkins, who attends the University of Albany, and Lawrence, who attends SUNY-Old Westbury — are both very helpful to Linda as she enters the college process. Although her parents are divorced, she writes, "I love my little broken family because it has made me stronger and the person I am today."

Linda attended St. Catherine of Genoa Elementary School in East Flatbush until the school merged with St. Therese of Lisieux and became Catholic Academy. She is grateful to the school for being the foundation of her education. She was salutatorian of her eighth grade class and chose Bishop Loughlin as her high school because she had a good friend, Kiara Hawthorne '17, who really loved the school. Linda now considers Loughlin her home away from home; she would not want to be anywhere else.

Linda has met many people who have helped her through difficult times. At 16, her family lost many of their possessions in a fire. They struggled to find a place to live and retrieve items in the home not damaged. Her teachers were understanding, allowing her to take extra time with her work. If it were not for the amazing support she received from everyone at Loughlin, she would not have been able to persevere and complete her junior year with a 98 average.

At Loughlin, Linda belongs to many extracurricular activities. She joined the band her freshman year and not only learned an instrument she had never played before, she excelled in it — recently receiving a rating of 'Excellence' at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) — an annual music festival across New York state.

In her junior year, as a member of the National Honor Society, Linda was allowed to travel to different colleges and to participate in different community services.

LaSallian Youth is her favorite extracurricular activity — and she is this year's president. The club has enabled her to meet wonderful people and participate in opportunities to help those less fortunate than she is. Last year she worked in a soup kitchen, preparing food and cleaning up. "Knowing that I made someone's day better makes me happy despite whatever is going on in my own life."

She is also on the volleyball team (which she knew nothing about before joining) and has come to love it. She was captain of the junior varsity and varsity teams, and she received the (Brother) James Bonilla award for Best Defensive Player on the team at the most recent sports award ceremony.

Linda attended the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health in partnership with SUNY Downstate, which introduced and

I would like to say how thankful I am to the Bishop McDonnell women and all that their contributions do for girls like me.

Linda Ineus '18

deepened her interest in the medical field. Through this program, she has met many doctors and others studying to be doctors. Her favorite subject is Math; she also likes English because she loves writing essays and expressing herself. After Loughlin, she plans to attend a college with an excellent Pre-Med program. She is interested in becoming a pediatrician.

Linda says "If I were asked to rate Loughlin, I would give it a ten for the atmosphere, the people, the care, and the interest in my life. I don't think I would feel so loved anywhere else. Loughlin is an amazing school. It has shaped me into the person I am today — and I am so thankful. The thought of graduating from here is bittersweet. I would like to add how thankful I am to the Bishop McDonnell women and all that their contributions do for girls like me. I so appreciate the help they give my mom who is also grateful to Loughlin and to the Bishop McDonnell grads for contributing to our scholarships."

Bishop McDonnell scholarships are distributed and kept for excellent students who hold an average of 90 or above in middle school, submit recommendations from their former teachers and principals, maintain a 90 or above average at Bishop Loughlin, take the TACHS exam for admission to BLMHS, and participate in extra-curricular activities throughout high school.

WHY I GIVE

SARAH — aka Sally SOLAN '58

My late sister, **Eileen Solan**, and I were very fortunate to be able to attend Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School in the mid-1950s.

We both enjoyed the camaraderie of our classmates, the after school activities and, above all, the teachers who devoted themselves to all the students.

It is for the above reasons that I intend to remember the **Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Fund** in my will — in memory of my sister Eileen.

BISHOP'S 'GIRLS NIGHT OUT'

Rose Molina-Gonzalez '18 & Linda Ineus '18



Rose Molina Gonzalez '18 (left) and Linda Ineus '18, Bishop McDonnell scholarship recipients.

On June 30 we (recipients of the Bishop McDonnell scholarship) were invited to meet with several Bishop McDonnell ladies at Pamela Sloan's '73 law office for dinner and a show. Mr. Andy Leary who works at Bishop Loughlin and Mrs. Sloan gave a wonderful introduction — allowing us to learn about the Bishop's alums who donate to our education. As we all gathered and had a great meal, Mrs. Sloan told us about how extraordinary it is to be a Bishop's Girl. McDonnell students had to not only be smart, but needed to be well-rounded individuals too. We had an opportunity to share with several Bishop McDonnell ladies about what we have done in our community and about our future endeavors.

To end this wonderful evening, we traveled to the Roundabout Theater to see *Napoli, Brooklyn*— a play centered around the strength of women who can do whatever they set their minds to. The play was inspired by the social lifestyle of the 1970s. It was unique, spontaneous, and inspirational.

This was a night to remember!

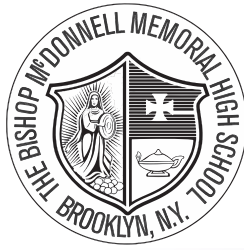
We both believe that events like this should happen more often. Having the opportunity to talk to the Bishop's alums was nice because we were able to hear about the differences between us, like growing up in different neighborhoods. But, we also realized how our lives as students are so similar to theirs. The Bishop's grads were interesting and they were excited to share their high school experiences and their lives after high school. We hope to have another 'Girls Night Out' with the Bishop's ladies and that they will be our mentors as we go through our senior year.

REUNION 2017



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS YEAR AT BISHOP'S!





SAVE THE DATE

BISHOP McDONNELL MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

2018 REUNION

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

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Celebrating the
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GIVING IS IMPORTANT

ELIZABETH INALEGWU '19

Giving is important because it allows people to have opportunities they would not have under normal circumstances. I am thankful for my generous Bishop McDonnell Scholarship these last three years and as a result of my scholarship, not only have I been able to attend Bishop Loughlin with its many academic and social opportunities, I have been fortunate to network with some very important people.



Our Bishop McDonnell scholarship recipients:

Rose Molina Gonzalez, Nadia Gorritz, Linda Ineus, Rebecca John, Emily Lopez, Jessica Leathers, Theresa Roselle, Shiva Anglade, Brittney Fulton, Elisabeth Inalegwu, Franissey Mateo-Silvestre, Destiny Oyelade, Shelley Peebles, Ashley Bido, Abigail Branch, Naisha Couamin, Naomi Henry, and Danielle Loadholt



The 2017 – 2018 Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Recipients say

Thank you!

CLASS NOTES

NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNAE

1942

Patricia Ann O'Toole-Loughlin, a 63-year resident of Williston Park, NY, died unexpectedly on May 19, 2017 while visiting her son Sean and his family in Peachtree City, Georgia.

1943

Anne Loftus - Prunty, 92, is living in a senior living facility and is very happy. Her dear husband passed away 19 years ago, after 54 wonderful years of marriage; they have four children and 12 grandchildren. "God is good" she writes, with beautiful penmanship.

1944

Gloria Young-Smith is so grateful for the wonderful education she received at Bishop's. She attended the Art Students' League and the National Academy of Design (NYC) and enjoyed a career as a portrait painter and fine artist. She married Henry Smith from Northern Ireland in 1949. He is now deceased. They have five children, ten grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. She lives in Pennsylvania, but misses NY.

1945

Doris Freyland writes "Our classmates are celebrating 90th birthdays this year." And, after two serious falls, she has had to stop most of her church activities and has an aide in order to get out do most of her chores.

1947

Louise M. Dougherty-Whitcomb lives in a retirement community in Warminster, PA (23118 Ann's Choice Way, 18974) and has wonderful memories of Bishop's — wonderful teachers, a positive environment, and a super choir when John Renner was Director.

Frances Brown-Kennedy has been married to her high school sweetheart since 1949. They have five children (including a judge in East Durham, NY and a mayor in Freeport, NY), thirteen grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. She says Bishop McDonnell gave her a great education with a well-rounded curriculum. The Sisters of St. Joseph, the Dominicans Sisters, and the Daughters of Wisdom were outstanding teachers and role models. She writes that she is blessed to have graduated from BMHS.

1948

Marion Murtha-Munisteri received a wonderful education at Bishop's and taught in public schools on Long Island for 31 years. As a retired teacher she volunteered as a docent and as a teacher. Now she enjoys travelling and keeping in touch with other 'Bishop's girls'.

Margaret F. Whelan is still friends with classmates, **Mary Jane McCabe** and **Sally Widing-Imperato**. They keep in touch between NY and IL. She is happy to see that today's school is meeting the same need that she had in 1944. She writes, "Keep up the good work and God bless. Pray for my health."

Florence Kehoe-Fitzgerald writes that "Bishop McDonnell was a very fine school and had the best teachers in the world so I am sending a donation."

1949

Patricia Grant-McCormack is learning to walk again, depends on a walker, a wheelchair, and her sons. To all her friends she did not send cards to, "Happy Birthday"! She hopes to see you all at a reunion one of these days.

Marie Ward-Friszolowski is still in touch with a few classmates, always looks forward to the newsletter, and is happy to see so many familiar names. "We must have been a healthy class!" she writes.

1950

Eily (Patricia) Gorman retired from the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. She still remembers Bishop's and classmates fondly; faculty and staff were a blessing.

Jeanne Gerlando-Walsky, 84, was married in 1955. Her husband went to God in January 2016. They have a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren. She has loved God and her great education.

Anne Byrne-Holmes writes that she and **Theresa Gaffney-Pinto** '50 are neighbors in Napa, Florida. They have been good friends, not only since their days at Bishop's, but since first grade. "That's 78 years ago, can anyone top that?" she asks.

1951

Rose Marie (Chickie) Mangiaracina-Zimmerman, married to Artie for 63 years, has lived in Texas since December 2008. They have 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Rose Marie

would like to hook up with her classmates **Elsa Magnani** and **Mary McManus**. If anyone is in touch with them, please call the school at 718-857-2700 ext 2253; they will contact Chickie.

Margaret Reehill writes that she thoroughly enjoys the BMHS newsletter. She sent her latest copy to her sister, Mary Jane and Loretta Cosgrove-Fay '49, knowing they would enjoy it too.

1952

Mary Willmann-Foglino is still having quarterly get-togethers and is still running her parish (St. Joseph's) Kings Park Food Pantry. Her good fortune was to be able to attend BMHS for the best education and lifelong friends.

Joan Loesch-Stoltze, 85, was awed by the varied habits of the different communities when she moved from St. Barbara's to Bishop's. The nuns were all bright, holy, and loving women. Joan is still indebted to them.

1953

Alice McGrath-Skinner is confined to Carillon Nursing Home, with dementia, since 2012. "Please keep her and her family in your prayers" writes her husband Jack Skinner.

Grace DeSibia-Hokanson learned so much from the nuns at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary School and Bishop McDonnell. "If only we could offer their style of teaching to students today, what a gift that would be!" Thank you to all the nuns for their devotion to us!

Antoinette De Gaetano is a retired NYC Jr. high school Assistant Principal.

1954

Alice Diamond-Santelli writes that she and classmate Christine Clones-Goldman have been friends since second grade at Blessed Sacrament school in Jackson Heights. They still speak on the phone and get together occasionally for lunch. Their conversation always leads back to the horrendous means of transportation they had to take – the dreaded Franklin Avenue shuttle. They don't miss that, but they do miss all the friends they met at Bishop's. They look forward to the next reunion.

Annette Bettini-Cappello, 80, writes, "There's not a day that goes by that I don't recall the wonderful days at Bishop's. I still keep in touch with some of the friends made there. I have a wonderful life! I conducted a Rosary Rally last October to honor Our Lady of Fatima and am very active in our AARP chapter."

1955

Mary Parle-Callahan finished six years as President of Marion County Sheriff's Foundation in Ocala, FL. She plans to move to Rhode Island to be near her son and his family.

Margaret Byrnes-Pritchard still sees **Lorraine Deeney** and keeps up with the Waring twins, **Ro** and **Judi**.

1956

Dolores Giral-di Di Teresi has a new great granddaughter, **Natalia Corbelo**.

Joan Hofmann-Brit is now widowed for the second time. She has three children, four stepchildren, and seven great grandchildren. She lives three months in FL and nine months in

IN MEMORIAM

Bishop Loughlin extends heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of:

Alice Fitzsimmons-O'Keefe '35
Eileen McDermott-Ott '41
Patricia O'Toole-Laughlin '42
Muriel Dalton-Speth '43
Germaine Carvell-Benanti '44
Sr. Mary Raymond Keane CSJ
aka Eileen Keane '46
Rosemary Bennett '49
Patricia Ryan-Ryan '49
Sr. Alberta Surico MSC '50
Pauline F. Lavin-Osterndors
Virginia Halleran-Dunn '55

Margaret Sweeney-McHenry '55
Philomena Valletta-Straka '55
Mary Hoffman-McVarish '56
Patricia Migdalen-Spina '56
Jacqueline Barry-Wallace '57
Judy Flanagan-McCarren '57
Joan O'Leary-Walsh '57
Constance Dolicki-Stafford-Martin '57
Nina Palmeri-Squillante '58
Susan V. Beets '62
Susan Moehring-Wilmer '62
Eileen P. Wall '68



NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNAE

MD each year. Her work experience was in insurance, banking, and engineering; she was also a high school math teacher.

Patricia Gumas-Reyes and her husband Luis celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in September. They raised three sons in upstate NY and moved to California for a few years. Now living in Virginia, they are enjoying their three granddaughters and newly arrived great grandson, Ashton. Pat is grateful for her great high school years and the wonderful education she received from the very best nuns ever. "God bless Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School."

1957

Anna F. Laukaitis has four beautiful grandchildren — Andrew, Matthew, Gabriella, and Thomas. All are talented in different ways.

Eileen Duffy-Hynes says that some 64 years ago as she walked by her parish convent, her eighth grade teacher came flying out the convent door, "Eileen, Eileen, you made Bishop's!" Eileen practically floated the rest of the way to her apartment. She knew her parents couldn't afford the tuition of other schools. The Blessed Mother answered her prayers. "The devoted teachers prepared us so well for the future. Their exacting standards were a bedrock of learning for the years ahead. May my contribution today assist one of your scholars to carry on the tradition of excellence in the years ahead. God bless them and all on your staff who work so hard for their future."

Augusta Erspamer-Marino is married and has two children. She worked for 11 years at Chas. Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and until she was 72, for the Board of Education as a secretary. She loved Bishop's.

Suzanne Foley-McGuire has been grateful throughout the years for her experience at Bishop's — a superior education, happy times with friends, and spiritual development.

Katherine Fontanetta-Bonomo is a retired educator who spend time with three children and five grandchildren. She works with

various scholarship committees, spends part of the year in FL and part in NJ. She is grateful to Bishop McDonnell for a great education and lasting relationships.

1958

Albertina Lane, married for 56 years, has six children, 17 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. They lived in Fairfax, VA for 36 years and have retired to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. They enjoy visiting their family in different states and recently, visited their son in Perth, Australia. Abertina was an elementary school teacher and is a lifelong learner.

Elizabeth Fratello-Carlino lives in Cornwall, NY. Widowed since 2007, she has four children and 15 grandchildren. She retired as a lab technician in 2008 and now volunteers in a homeless shelter. She loved Bishop's and received an excellent education.

Patricia A. McGivern, now retired from teaching at Valley Stream South High School, has a B.A. in English from Marymount, NYC, an M.A. in English from NYU, and an Ed. S. from University of Colorado. She still reads The Tablet, enjoys opera, winter sports, and travel. Patricia wishes all her classmates well.

Sylvia A. Vascellaro-DeAngelis married her husband Frank, her Bishop's prom date, in 1962. They have two children and five grandchildren. They lived in NJ for many years and all moved three years ago to Florida. She has nice memories of a great education at Bishop's.

Gail Pettinato-Robbins just moved from Franklin Lakes after 33 years to Moorestown, NJ with her husband, Richard to be closer to their daughter and five of their 11 grandchildren. They have a son in Europe, a daughter in Colorado, and two daughters in NJ. Gail was active in her parish as a Eucharistic Minister and also with Cornerstone. She and her husband are getting adjusted to their new community, their new church, and making new friends. "We are blessed!" she writes.

Sarah Solan truly enjoyed reading the Spring 2016 Clermont magazine about Dr. Robert Gore '94. It was very inspiring.

Dorothy D. Gallagher-Devlin resides in Florida for half the year and NJ the other half. She writes, "Enclosed is my donation of \$500 in appreciation for my education at 'Bishop's!'" A friend and classmate, **Nina Palmieri-Squillante '58** passed away on January 1, 2017. Many fun memories.

Joan Pertusiello-Kowalsky retired from Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Center, NY in 2006 after 46 years as a Medical Technologist. She and her husband, Daniel, lived in Lido Beach, NY for 47 years and recently moved to Durham, NC to be near their son Martin, his wife, Kristy and their two grandsons. They

SPRING PHONATHON



The school's annual fund **Spring Phonathon** will be held from **March 5 through May 18, 2018** for those who may have forgotten to donate recently. This is an opportunity to contribute to the annual fund and hear more about Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School today!

moved into a 55-and-older community and are beginning to enjoy all the activities available to them — many clubs, sports, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor pools, and beautiful weather. She is still in touch with several of her Bishop's sisters in NY and is so thankful for her education at Bishop McDonnell.

1959

Virginia James-O'Leary, a proud grandma, has wonderful memories and friends. Her favorite memory was seeing the Dodgers parade down Eastern Parkway after winning the 1955 World Series. She received her M.A. in Social Work in 1990 and is still loves working as a care manager. She's been married for 50 years to the love of her life.

Doris F. Lynch writes that the story of **Virginia (Ginny) Maguire** was a great tribute to a wonderful Bishop's girl who came from Astoria, as did Doris. They had classes together, sat together, and did quick reviews before class. Wonderful memories!

Jean Meagher-Pontorno writes that the Meager twins, Jean and Joan are, by God's grace, still enjoying this beautiful world and the surprises and challenges that the good Lord gives to them.

Mary Mulryan-Lewis is active in Civic Association, volunteers at Momma's House, and is a Society of St. Vincent de Paul volunteer. She has seven grandchildren. She has a B.S. and an M.S. in Special Education and, is a part time tutor.

Barbara Treglia-Murphy celebrated 75th birthdays with friends from the class of '59. "Let's raise a glass and toast our Bishop's girls, 75 years young!" she writes.

Marianne Zimmerman-Giacalone, now retired, was an RN, then a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator. She has four children, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. In December 2017, she will be married for 55 years. She is presently involved with a local museum and AARP chapter as a Board member in each organization. She loves to garden and visit museums and is very grateful for her education at Bishop McDonnell writing, "May you continue to thrive and prosper in your work."

1960

Susan Maloney-McAfee thinks about all the wonderful years she had at 'Little Bishops' and 'Big Bishops'. Please contact her at susanmmcafee@yahoo.com. She would love to hear from you.

Doris M. Schulter fondly remembers her days at St. Barbara's Annex and Bishop's. Her aunt, Marie Schluter, was in the class of '29, her sister **Carolyn Schluter-Spero** was the class of '52 and her brother Donald Schluter was a Loughlin '51 graduate.

Adonija Zilvinskis-Hoyt is still washing her dishes and clothes but she gave up mowing her lawn at the age of 70. Her husband of 52 years has all his hair and none of it is grey... "it must be my cooking!" She is grateful for her Bishop McDonnell friends.

1962

Judith Lucey-Miles received a great education at 'Big Bishop's'. She had to take a bus and three trains to get there from Queens Village. She taught elementary and special education for many years and is happily retired. She was married to Martin Miles '64 until his death in 2002. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Joan Miley-Danehy is enjoying retirement and her grandchildren's activities. Her oldest grandchild just graduated from the University of Vermont and another is a Junior at Boston University. There are four others in high school and Junior High. Joan is proud of all of them.

Diane Drambour-Larkin is a retired RN living in Eastern Long Island. She is close to her children and grandchildren and is involved in civic associations with her husband Eddie of 53 years. They are enjoying their lives and she is grateful for excellent education at Bishop's — which opened many doors for her. She would love to hear from St. Vincent Ferrer girls.

Patricia Ann Pampalone-Marcellino writes, "Thank you for featuring my e-books in the Winter 2017 Memorial magazine. It was excellent coverage of the e-books I have written. I have written another e-book entitled *A Story of Courage: Justice Sonia Sotomayor!* It is available on Amazon and will soon be out in print edition."

1963

Geraldine Terry writes, "Because of my 50th reunion, I reconnected with some of my classmates. Hope I can make it to my 55th reunion. Glad it's back at Bishop's!"

1964

Rosemary A. Mazzorana-De Frank writes, "Please accept my donation. I'm a cancer survivor and have learned from this experience! I look forward to new experiences each day and am grateful that Bishop's was one of my positive ones. "Bishop's = Perseverance!"

Rosemary Di Lorenzo-Dickins is now president of her homeowners Association Board (120 homes) "Wow!" she writes.

1965

Lorraine Fetta Smith is enjoying the “ordinary life of retirement” and spoiling her beautiful grandchildren, Maddie and Devin. She writes “Life is good!”

1966

Louise Arrota-Trigo and her husband Tony own a vineyard and winery in Clermont, NY. They have a tasting room!

Mary Margaret Carrera is enjoying retirement, volunteering at a women’s prison, bringing the word of God, and spending time with the homeless and victims of domestic abuse. This is just her way of giving back.

Barbara Gallagher-Langan writes “hello to members of the class of ‘66.”

Kathleen O’Brien-Ferraro writes that she had a wonderful time at the reunion.

1968

Sheila D. Delaney-Hanley is a retired principal from the NYC Board of Education and is an Adjunct Professor of Education for St. Francis College. She has four grandchildren — Eamon, Clare, Charlotte, and Delaney.

Maria Arrota-Winter retired in 2016 after nineteen years as the Alumni Director at Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, NJ.

IT’S BEEN WONDERFUL

Rita Monaghan-Maloney ’59



Rita Monaghan-Maloney '59 (left) at the 2016 McDonnell reunion.

For the past nine years I have worked at Bishop Loughlin in the Development Office. I graduated from Bishop McDonnell in 1959 and had a few jobs before returning to school for a BA and an MA in Scriptures from Fordham University. I taught Religion at Bishop Loughlin for 19 years. A few years after retirement, I was asked by John Klemm to work in Development for

the Bishop McDonnell reunions, putting together the Memorial newsletter and keeping records. I was happy to return to Loughlin to do this work and raising money for Bishop McDonnell scholarships for young women at Bishop Loughlin. Being in contact with Bishop’s grads was a great experience for me. The students whom I loved at Bishop’s were multiplied and I had the

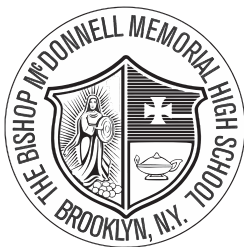
opportunity to meet and speak to so many graduates from different classes. It was a great joy for me.

Since I never put a message in Class Notes — I have a daughter Katie who is running for Judge in Chicago. She is married to Mike; they were both Public Defenders (Mike is now retired). They have two boys, Finn and Declan. My son, Matthew and his wife Linnea have three children, Myriah, Keegan, and Braeden. Matthew and Linnea live in Qatar where they both teach and their children attend school. Both of my children are living full lives and have great spouses. I am proud of all of them. What a gift!

Once again, thank you to all of you who have been so generous to the Bishop McDonnell Scholarship Fund. I hope that you continue to enjoy the articles in the *Memorial*. Thank you for the articles that have been sent to us by Bishop’s grads. I wish that each of you could meet the Bishop McDonnell scholarship students that you have supported. They are exceptional young ladies who are so grateful for their scholarships.

I will always treasure the gift of knowing and speaking to so many of you.

2018 REGISTRATION FORM



Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School

2018 REUNION

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Anniversary Classes: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973

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Please make _____ reservations at \$90 per person for Saturday, April 21, 2018 (spouses and guests are welcome to attend!)

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

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Hurricane Harvey was a devastating natural disaster that destroyed or impacted thousands of people's lives, including more than 300 members of the Loughlin community who live in Texas. In an effort to help, the school community raised over \$2,200 by hosting 'Loughlin Lift Up', a 'dress down' day to support the Hurricane Harvey victims. Students were allowed, for a five dollar (or more) donation to the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund, to dress casually and not wear the school uniform for one day. Here are just a few of our students (and McDonnell scholarship recipients) who participated!



Row one (from left to right): Jessica Leathers '18, Shelley Peebles '19, Britney Fulton '19, Theresa Roselle '18, and Ashley Bido '20
Row two (from left to right), Abigail Branch '20, Emily Lopez '18, and Naisha Couamin '20; .