



ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



March 2011

CLASS OF 1961 HONORED as GOLDEN BELLES at NOVEMBER MASS



The Class of 1961 mark their 50th anniversary of graduation this school year, and as is the Alumnae custom, they were honored at the November 6, 2010 Mass and Luncheon with accolades proclaimed by their "little sister" hostesses from the Class of 1964 and the presentation of their Golden Diploma, which reads, in part, "On the semi-centennial of her successful completion to the prescribed Courses of Study, this special Golden Diploma is awarded to *N*. All rights and privileges theretofore extended are reaffirmed."



Nine members of the Class of 1950 made a special day of it too!



(right) Alyce Wetzel Murphy '36 was honored with a Diamond Diploma (yes, 75 years!) by Moderator Sister Maureen O'Brien, BVM '54, while daughters Golden Belle Patricia Murphy Ormsby '61 and Joan Murphy Morris '71 look on.



(above) The Class of 1964, "Little Sisters" of the Golden Belle class, did a great job as this year's hostesses, coordinated by Ruth O'Malley Tortorelli (second from right). Other photos from the day are below.



(below) An energetic (rowdy?) group from the 1970s has begun to make Candlelighting a fun get-together.



PRAYER REQUESTS



The two young children of Brenda Solorzano Caudle '86 brought up the Infant in the Candlelighting ceremony.

At the Annual Mass and Luncheon, yearbooks are an exciting memory booster!



Miriam Moreno Dumas '59 had hip surgery 10/13/10. She spent a couple of days in a skilled nursing facility and is now home and recovering well. She is grateful for prayers. Then on 11/18/10 she tripped in the dark in the cemetery going to a memorial candlelight service for her recently deceased "adopted grandson," Anthony, and she badly banged and bruised her face, chipping a tooth. No damage to the new hip, however. She knows that prayers are getting her through the series of hard things.

Joyce Goyton Gorla '65 had back surgery in November 2010.

Vickie Robinson Sherman '74 had surgery to remove a cancerous lung tumor on 9/1/10 – prognosis is good. She also had further surgery in 12/10 for gall stones.

Millie Murphy Watrous '59 asks prayers for her developmentally disabled son, Joe, who had heart valve surgery on 1/24/11. She and her husband are assisting him with the recovery. He is still experiencing an irregular heartbeat, so prayers are appreciated.

Anne Anderson Zarate '59 had surgery for breast cancer (early detection, so it is small) in January 2011.

Mandy Hernandez, daughter-in-law of Donna Toscanini Hernandez '59, has ovarian cancer. She is married only a year and they were so hoping for a family. She has begun chemotherapy in March.

Mary Ellen O'Connor '68 requests prayers for her sister **Rose O'Connor Abendroth '71**, who is a Major in the Army Reserve and will be deploying to Iraq soon. They both request prayers for their mother, **Nora Thorsen O'Connor '40**, who just turned 89 and is in a care facility.

Sr. Joanne Lucid, BVM '56 recently fell and, during the ensuing ER and hospital stay, was diagnosed with diabetes, a thyroid condition, and some other things. She is home, but facing some health challenges, and is grateful for prayers.

Ilse Sauerwald '59 is scheduled for hip surgery in late March but recently took a fall and was hospitalized. Her classmates request prayers for her.

Rose Scalici Widnes '65 asks prayers for her 90-year-old mother Teresa who was hospitalized with a ruptured appendix (3/24/11). She faces two surgeries.



THE PARTY LINE

[Ed. Note: Interesting news and tidbits about alums, their families, endeavors, moves, work, etc. will appear here. Births and deaths will continue to be gathered into the traditional "ALUMNAE NEWS." Contact the Alumnae with items for

publication.]

Frances Cadigan Vergano '37 (see photos) arranged a memorial Mass for her sister, **Sr. Ange Cadigan, BVM '36 (dec)** at Nazareth House in San Rafael where Frances lives on Saturday, 10/30/10. **Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM '54** and **Sr. Karen Conover, BVM – Faculty** attended and, while there, visited residents **Grace Perry Griffith '43** as well as **Lucy Halligan Murray '45**, and **Barbara Lynch Horky '46**. Also in attendance from SPHS: **Josephine Kenney Stark '54**, **Sr. Kathleen McGrath, BVM '55**, **Arlene Keane Killpack '59**, and **Sr. Ann Cronin, BVM '64**.



Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM '54, Frances Cadigan Vergano '37, Josephine Kenny Stark '54, (front) Sr. Kathleen McGrath, BVM '55, and Sr. Ann Cronin, BVM '64 -- see story above.

Mary Irene Callanan '48 won the first prize in the St. Paul Parish Preservation Grand Raffle on 2/13/11. Other Alumnae winners were **Jeannie Spingola '66** and Fortunato Trapani, husband of **Shirely Carrick Trapani '46 (dec)**.

Sr. Julie (Rosemary) O'Neill BVM '50 marked 60 years as a BVM in September 2010. She wrote that all 20 living members of her set (those who entered

together) spent a special weekend together at Mt. Carmel Motherhouse. Friday evening was a social with great fun telling stories, Saturday morning there was a prayerful reflection with story telling, remembering, laughing and a few tears, and Sunday's Mass was special, with music chosen by set members and others acting as ministers at the liturgy.

Barbara Domingues Medina '59 worked as a team member for a recent Cursillo and unexpectedly met her classmate, **Barbara Bauer Applebee '59**, at a Cursillo Ultrea luncheon. They were delighted to have a mini-class reunion. She notes they have been friends since first grade.



Arlene Keane Killpack '59 with Barbara Lynch Horky '46

Leticia Villasenor Pavon '74 has worked for many years as the receptionist and administrative assistant at the ACLU of Northern California. On her way home from work, she twice recently "bumped into" Sister Karen and Sister Maureen near their home on San Jose Avenue. She said it was good to connect with someone from SPHS after many years.

Miriam Mendoza-Moody '78 is Administrative Assistant in the President's Office at Southern Oregon University in beautiful Ashland, OR.

Fidelia Kwok '84 found us on Classmates.com She lives in Hong Kong, has a 13 year old daughter, and they hope to come back to San Francisco to enroll her in school here in the fall.

Kelly Scott Ashford '93 moved back to the Bay Area last year and is currently working as an Assistant Nurse Manager in Labor & Delivery at Kaiser San Francisco. She herself delivered her second son, Christian, on Sept. 19. She notes that many of her class have had babies this year, including **Hazel Navas, Erin Manini**

and **Tiffany Lawless**.

Laksmi Espana Wilson '94 has a daughter who is 2 years old.

Barbara Willson, Faculty is on a 3-1/2 month round-the-world cruise on the Queen Mary II. Upon her return in May, she plans to move from Oregon to the Washington, DC area to be near her son and his family.

CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1945 member Edna Condon Leonard remarked that her class had been given their diplomas at graduation ceremonies held at San Francisco Civic Auditorium, with graduating seniors from all the Catholic high schools. Their 65th reunion was held at the Basque Cultural Center in September 2010 with ten members attending. A group photo appeared in the November 19th edition of Catholic San Francisco.

Class of 1959 Barbara Domingues Medina is the great communicator among this class. There is a group that gets together regularly. On December 4, 2010 they held their annual pot luck Christmas Luncheon at Kay Kirkpatrick Antongiovanni's home in Novato – aka "Macy's alternate Christmas display" with a \$10 white elephant (steal-a-gift) which was a lot of fun. Fourteen were in attendance. Eleven gathered in March

Class of 1961 started their Golden Belle celebration one night early, at the El Rancho Hotel in Millbrae. They were pleased and honored that their little sisters hosted the luncheon and are aware of the time and energy it takes to plan such an Alumnae event.

"Our class is blessed to gather regularly every 5 years for reunions; to communicate with more than 50% of our class via emails; and to know that we support each other whenever a message of need is sent out to the group. We always felt we were unique because either way you view our class ring, it reads 1961- such a good year!"

We note with sadness the sudden death of **Marilyn Capwell**, mother of Theresa Capwell Hilsendager '76 and Betty Capwell Griffith '78. Many who attended SPSHS in the 1970s will remember her as the "cafeteria lady" in charge of the vending machines to give change and oversee their use. She became one of those special "mothers of all the kids." Principal Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM remarked that every time she saw Marilyn, she always told her how the girls from that period would greet and talk to her.

Class of 1970 On October 16, 2010, twenty-eight of the class attended the reunion dinner at Caesar's at Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco. Peggy Lane Lo, Linda Aquino, Carol Garvey, and Jaci Crowley helped coordinate the event.

They enjoyed a full course Italian dinner and everyone gave a brief speech about their life. Linda burned CDs for everyone of the songs that were popular from 1967 - 70 and they all received small candy jars with mints that read "Class of '70" or "St. Paul's Reunion." Louise Farcich brought the large graduation photo for all to enjoy.



Class of 1970 at their reunion.

Class of 1971 A reunion is planned for the Class of 1971, to **include the classes from their little sisters (1974) through their big sisters (1968)**, as well as any wonderful teachers from that era. The event will be November 4, 2011 at the Oceano Hotel and Spa in Princeton, CA. There are beautiful accommodations at this hotel, but several more modestly priced motels are in close proximity. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Humbel and Jan Dempsey at muddycowgirl@coastside.net More information will follow.

Class of 1991 is holding a reunion July 9, 2011. For more information or to indicate you wish to attend, contact Maria Layna Monteil at laynamonteil@aol.com or on Facebook.

MASSES for ALUMNAE and BENEFACTORS, LIVING and DECEASED

Apr 13	Wed	8:30 a.m.
May 28	Sat	4:30 p.m.
June 16	Thu	8:30 a.m.
July 21	Thu	8:30 a.m.

New Arrivals: ...Aidan Raymond, first child of **Erin Manini Chin '93** and husband David, on 6/4/10; ...Christian, second son of **Kelly Scott Ashford '93** and husband, on 9/19/10; ...Jaren, born to Liezl Dizon Villacarte '94 and husband Matt

Congratulations: ...**Sofia Arellano '95** married Manuel Padilla on 10/9/10; ...

May They Rest in Peace:

Alumnae Members: ...**Janet Ardizola Crawford '65**, on 4/13/10; ...**Mary Walsh Nelson '43**, mother of Theresa Nelson Keohane '69, on 9/10/10; ...**Mary James Murphy '46**, on 9/18/10; ...**Rose Smith Maimone '44**, on 9/23/10; ...**Maureen Costello, member '57**, on 9/23/10; ...**Diane Fernandez, '59**, on 10/1/10; ...**Mary Elizabeth Dwyer Oberzier '47**, in early 10/10; ...**Sr. Francilla (Jacqueline) Kirby, BVM '45**, on 10/9/10; ...**Maureen Donati Wilson '62**; ...**Beverly Dean D'Andria '47**, sister of Patricia Dean DelCarlo '48, Diane Dean '50 (dec), and Collette Dean Daily '54, on 10/13/10;...**Christine Lonero '71**, sister of Suzanne Lonero Price '69 and Georgine Lonero '73, on 11/2/10; ...**Sr. Jean Elizabeth (Lorraine) Loretz, BVM '41**, cousin of Marilyn Kalney Hooper '56 (dec), on 11/12/10; ...**Barbara (Bobbie) Russo Downing '61**, on 11/26/10; ...**Mary Agnes Scully Costello '34**, on 2/15/11; ...**Patricia Ashe Christensen-Trujillo '56**, on 2/18/11; ...**Sandra Antongiovanni Parashis '63**, sister-in-law of Kay Kirkpatrick Antongiovanni '59, on 3/9/11

Extended Family: ...**Gil Illescas**, first husband and friend of Barbara Willson, Faculty, in 2/10; ... **Baby Dizon**, brother of Liezl Dizon Villacarte '94, on 7/14/10; ...**Clarence L. Rhodes, Jr.**, grandfather of Cheryl Rhodes Alexander '83, uncle of Patricia Marshall Eison '81, Jackie Marshall '82, and Lanetta Marshall '83, on 9/8/10; ...**Kirk Griffin**, brother of Dawn Griffin '75, on 9/15/10; ...**Mauricio Vela**, brother of Elizabeth Vela '72 and Rose Mary Vela '75, on 10/22/10; ...**Steve Czaple**, brother of Joan Czaple '65, on 11/26/10; ...**Sr. Helen Bendik, OP**, sister of Sr Jeanne Marie Bendik, OP '48 (dec), in 11/10; ...**Eileen Patron**, mother of Karen Patron Ryan '74, Katherine (Dee Dee) Patron Molina '75, and Eileen Patron '78, and Rose Marie Patron, member 'xx, on 11/27/10; ...**Joseph DePace**, father of Geri DePace Spurgeon '60 and Linda DePace Soboleski '67, on 12/3/10;...**Jim Acevedo**, brother of Elizabeth Acevedo Avila '73 and Linda Acevedo Ratto '80, on 12/6/10; ...**Josephine Paniagua**, mother of Sandra Paniagua Dionisio '68 and Rebecca Panagua Gendron '74, on 12/12/10; ...**Claire Wood**, mother of Dana Michelle Wood Cayce '68, on 12/17/10; ...**Patrick McNicholas**, brother of Suzanne McNicholas Welton '64 and Mary McNicholas '67, in 12/10; ...**Lois Ahern**, mother of Christine Ahern Del Carlo '68, Cynthia Ahern Daly '73, Catherine Ahern Daly '75, and Colleen Ahern Daly '84, on 12/27/10; ...**Noelle Valladares**, daughter of Jill Wilk Valladares '71, niece of Louise Wilk Farcich '70, on 1/1/11; ...**Helen Curran**, mother of Katie Curran Cannuli '71, on 1/16/11; ...**Carmel McDonnell**, Associate Member, on 1/20/11; ... **Leopoldo (Polo) Gallardo**, husband of Adrienne Borgia '68, brother-in-law of Nancy Borgia Singleton '59, on 1/27/11; ...**Gordon Porter**, husband of Nancy Becker Porter '66, on 2/2/11; ...**Marilyn Capwell**, mother of Theresa Capwell Hilsendager '76 and Betty Capwell Griffith '78, on 2/17/11; ... **Catherine Herberich**, sister of Sr. Margaret (Herbert) Herberich, BVM – Faculty (dec), in 2/11; ...**Mary Roldan**, mother of Mary Roldan Vitorelo '67, Dorothy Roldan Wein '71, and Angela Roldan Espinosa '74, on 2/9/11; ...**Albino Zucconi**, father of Tina Zucconi Celi '65, on 3/1/11; ... **Florita Paderes**, mother of Teodurita (Terrie) Paderes Mabalon '79 and Marjorie Paderes Ramos '81, on 3/6/11; ...**Josephina Ford**, mother of Clarie Ford Partida, member '74, on 3/11/11; ...**Al Giovannetti**, father of Donna Giovannetti Lundberg '71, on 3/15/11; ...**Kevin Cadigan**, brother of Cathy Cadigan '59, on 3/16/11

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please send information about birth of children, degrees earned, and death of fellow alums and immediate family members of alumnae so that we may pray for one another. It is also very helpful to indicate all immediate family members of the deceased who are alumnae of St. Paul High School (and year of graduation, if possible). This information and these connections are not always known unless we are informed. Send information to: SPHS Alumnae, 221 Valley St., San Francisco, CA 94131 or via email to <sphsalumnae@yahoo.com> Thank you.

SAN BRUNO FIRE TOUCHES ALUM

Connie Gurule Morales '61 and her husband were at home the evening of Thursday, September 9, 2010 when they heard a terrible noise and the earth began to shake. Thinking it was an earthquake, they ran to the back of the house only to see a huge fireball. He grabbed her hand, and said, "We're getting out of

here!" They ran downstairs and jumped into their car (the garage door was open already!) and took off. They stayed with friends for two weeks. While they were told their house had survived, she could not believe it until she actually saw it! Only two homes away there was complete devastation. Will they return there? It is too soon to tell.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS
for CHILDREN and GRANDCHILDREN OF
ALUMNAE**

The greatest portion of the monies collected in the annual fundraiser provide tuition assistance to the children and grandchildren of alumnae who attend Catholic high schools. Financial assistance toward providing a Catholic high school education is a significant way to continue the mission and ministry of St. Paul High School. This assistance is in addition to the annual grant to a female graduate of St. Paul Elementary made in memory of Sister Mary Carlita, B.V.M.

Alumnae who wish to apply for consideration of a family member should request an information packet by writing to:

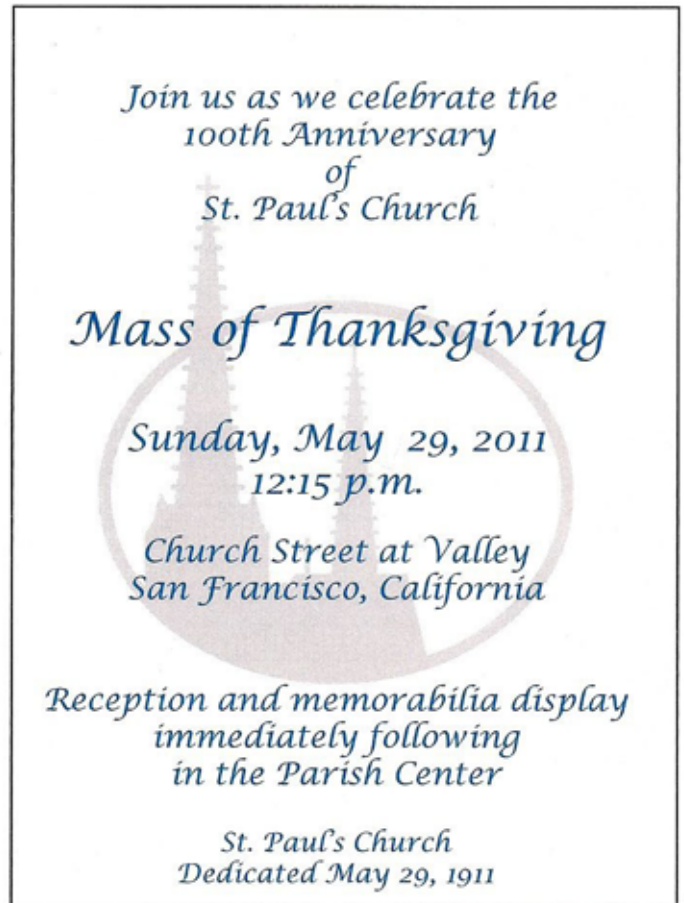
SPHS Alumnae
Attn: Scholarship Committee
221 Valley Street
San Francisco, CA 94131

- Include the name of the child/grandchild
- Requests for applications should be postmarked by April 30, 2011.
- Forms will be mailed the first week of May.
- Completed materials must be postmarked by May 28, 2011.
- Families will be notified by the end of June.

**REV. THOMAS L. SEAGRAVE GIVEN
RIORDAN'S CHAMINADE AWARD**

Father Thomas Seagrave, friend to many in the St. Paul High School community, was honored Jan. 21, 2011 with Archbishop Riordan High School's annual Chaminade Award. Father Seagrave, a 1960 Riordan alumnus, was recognized for his priestly service of 42 years as well as his outreach to the poor that has included his paying students' Catholic school tuition from his own resources for many years.

When he was 18, Fr. Seagrave asked himself how he might best live his life. A look toward law school was redirected by a vocation poster – "A World of Souls Needs You" – in his homeroom at Riordan. "What better way to live my life than serving Jesus Christ," he said. "Law, politics, wife and children all went flying out the window. Once I set my hand to that plow I never really looked back." He added, "Catholic education not only helped and guided" him to become a priest, it



"determined that decision."

Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM was one of the persons asked to speak about Fr. Tom. She said, "I learned quickly that whenever there was a need for a priest and pastoral care, Tom would be there... for every crisis. Tom was present on every student retreat. Tom was there to reassure every teen that no matter how badly they had screwed things up, they were still loved by God and him and they were still worthwhile. He made real for them the compassion, love and forgiveness of God."

Long-time Catholic school advocate John Moriarty called Father Seagrave "a 'non-careerist'" noting that "he has always and only been interested in helping people..... He is the hardest-working priest I know. We can be proud of Father Seagrave for many reasons, and especially for his generosity in paying from his own resources tuition for many students in Catholic schools through the years."

(See additional information in *Catholic San Francisco* for January 26, 2011.)

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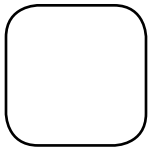


SAVE THE DATE

Please reserve Saturday, November 5, 2011. This is the date that the SPHS Alumnae will honor the graduation Class of 1962. As is our tradition, hosts for this event will be the graduation Class of 1965, their "Little Sisters."

Mass will be celebrated in honor of the 2011 Golden Belles. A catered luncheon will follow in the Parish Center. Formal invitations will be mailed to the honorees soon. We are building our mailing list now. Please send your contact information to goldenbelles2011@aol.com to receive updates. All alumnae are invited to participate in this joyous event. More details to follow in upcoming Newsletters.

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