



# ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



October 2010

## ***ST. PAUL PARISH TO MARK 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PRESENT CHURCH***

*The following letter from St. Paul Parish Pastor, Father Mario P. Farana, was sent to all members of the St. Paul's Parish Family. By extension, St. Paul High School Alumnae are also part of this community...*

August 23, 2010

Archbishop Riordan first blessed St. Paul's Church on May 29, 1911. Next May 29th, current Archbishop Niederauer will honor us with another blessing of the church, commemorating a sacred moment in the life of our parish one hundred years ago. We hope you will celebrate this festive occasion with us.

For one hundred years, St. Paul's Church has stood in striking testimony to the faith and generosity of its praising and paying parishioners, the blessed place where they've celebrated countless Masses and Lenten and Easter and Christmas seasons, Baptisms and First Communions, Marriages and Anniversaries, Confirmations, Quinceaneras and Funerals. You have been one of those worshipping and celebrating believers, helping make this parish an enduring community.

Our church building symbolizes the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus in the community of His disciples. Christ's presence sanctifies the place where we assembly to pray, worship and celebrate our faith. St. Paul's steeples, pointing heavenward, symbolize our prayers rising to a God who is love and walks with us forever.

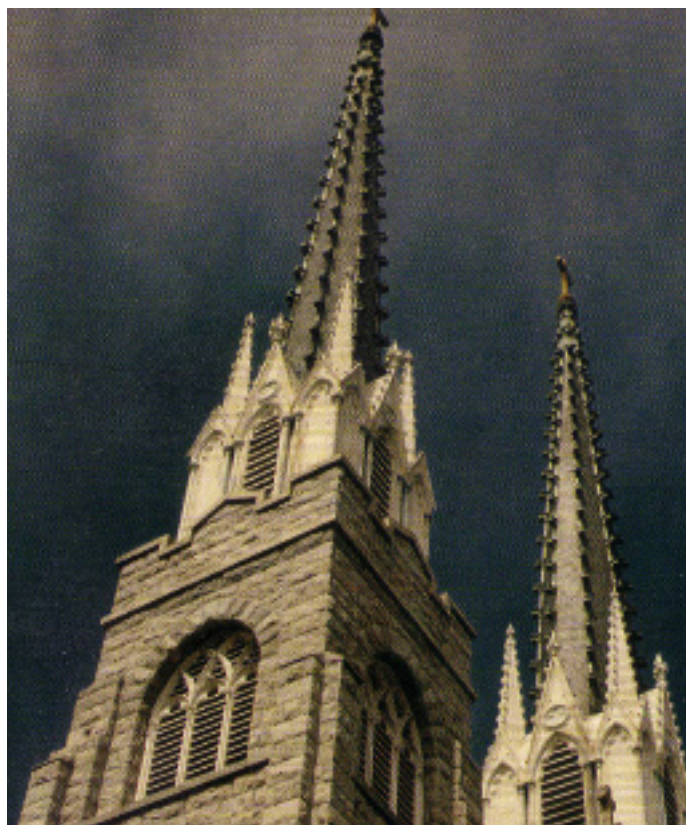
The work that's been done over the last eleven years, from seismic retrofitting to a new slate roof to the recently completed steeple repairs, ensures that the church is in good repair, ready for the new century's worshippers. Thanks to your generosity, nearly \$4 million has been spent, but \$1.3 million is still owned on loans.

In addition to your presence at the centennial celebrations next May, we hope you'll **consider making a one-time debt retirement gift of \$100 or more**, in recognition of St. Paul's first one hundred years and in anticipation of its second one hundred.

We thank you for your shared faith in the Lord Jesus, so clearly reflected in the beauty and grace of our Church.

Rev. Mario P. Farana  
Pastor

***Mark your calendars for May 29, 2011 and please consider assisting with this financial appeal for the debt reduction in honor of St. Paul's 100 years of blessing.***



## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Dear Alumnae,

Fall has arrived, although we've been experiencing the summer temperatures we never had in July and August! Fall means that the Holidays will soon be here. With the Holidays come celebrations with family and friends.

The Alumnae Board, along with this year's "Little Sister" Class of 1964, is planning our Alumnae Celebration – our annual Homecoming Mass and Luncheon. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 with Mass at 11:00 a.m. in St. Paul Church followed by the luncheon in the Parish Center. Our Golden Belle honorees this year are from the Class of 1961.

Our Homecoming is a wonderful, fun-filled day. Seeing the beaming smiles on the faces of the Golden Belles, watching everyone give and get hugs, and noting the volume of chatter at the luncheon are all signals of a grand and glorious day. It is truly a time for renewing friendships, sharing memories, and recalling our years at St. Paul's High School. Some classes are even using the Homecoming event as their annual class get-together. Please mark your calendars and come and join us.

Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. we celebrate one of our most treasured tradition, Candellighting. Our beautiful darkened St. Paul's Church comes alive with the glow of our candles, our voices raised in song, and the "Hodie" descant sung by our alumnae chorus. The Scripture readings, the meditation, and the placing of the image of the Infant Jesus in his basket are all done in the true spirit of Christmas. Following the event, refreshments are served and the spirit of St. Paul's High School continues to be alive and well. Just ask anyone from the Classes of the 1970s!

Just a reminder: dues are now payable. With ever-rising costs of mailing, we depend on your dues to help us with the expense. If you wish to receive your Newsletter solely on line, please contact Sr. Karen at [sphsalumnae@yahoo.com](mailto:sphsalumnae@yahoo.com)

I look forward to celebrating with you in November and December.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Highlander-Pool '63  
Alumnae President

## THANK YOU LUNCHEON

The Alumnae Association is blessed with many volunteers who help make the activities happen, including hosting the Annual Mass and Luncheon and getting out the Newsletter and Fundraiser mailings.

A Saturday lunch at the rectory on June 19th was the time to say "Thank You" to our volunteers. We could not do it without you!



Members of the Class of 1963 who were hostesses for the Class of 1960 Golden Belles last November were among the volunteers honored: **Marilyn Highlander-Pool, Carolyn Tate Burr, Joan Morris Lionberger, Eileen Murphy Rimonenq, and Fay Kellogg Betts.**

## CLASS NEWS & REUNIONS

**Class of 1950** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation at the November Mass and Luncheon. Members of the class are encouraged to make reservations for the luncheon in order to be seated together.

**Class of 1960** held a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at a dinner on September 18, 2010 at the Embassy Suites Airport Hotel. They had a great time, with 36 members attending, four from a long distance: Eleanor Vocke Laszlo came from Kapaau, HI, Kathleen Guido Merwin from Austin, TX, Pat Daniele Peterson from Phoenix, AZ and Elizabeth Carter McGrath from Aliso Viejo, CA. Thanks to the reunion committee: Denise Ferree Brand, Lilly Carter, Mary Joyce, Barbara Beard Lawrence, Jann Ortega Phillips, Mag Daly Melton, Mag Ragusin (mistress of ceremony), Lucy Carter Stasiowski, and Nancy Culligan Wade. Special thanks to Nora Joyce Coussinat '67 for the beautiful flower decorations and Jaymi Phillips '91 for all her help on the flyers.





Golden Belle Class of 1960 held a great reunion



**Class of 1960 classmates Eileen Hayes and Jann Ortega Phillips** have been friends since 6th grade when Jann came to St. Paul Elementary from St. Peter's.

**Class of 1970** Peggy Lane Lo has been working on a reunion. No further information is available at press time.

**Class of 1980** A reunion dinner was held Saturday, August 21, at La Quinta Inn in Millbrae, CA. Denise Valmore Price was the contact person. She said it was very nice to see all and talk about the fun they had back then and what great time we had at the reunion.

**Class of 1981** Ana Gomez Curtin and a group held a planning meeting, looking ahead to a reunion next year. More details will be available later.



**Maggie Ragusin** was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Class of 1960 reunion.

**Class of 1992** did not have a 10 year reunion, so Cherille Cade is beginning to organize a gathering to mark the 20 year milestone.



## 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.]*

**Sr. Eileen Gallen, BVM '35** turned 93 on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and works (for pay, not volunteer!) three days a week at Xavier High School in Phoenix, AZ. She is celebrating her Diamond Jubilee (75 years!) with her "set", all others of whom are retired at Mt. Carmel in Dubuque.

**Sr. Jean Dolores Schmidt, BVM '37** is planning to move into one of the residence halls at Loyola University Chicago! The BVM Sisters are preparing to sell Wright Hall, their 10-storey retirement building, formerly the residence for young sisters studying at BVM-run Mundelein College. The current BVM Sister-residents will be relocating, many to Mt. Carmel in Dubuque. However, Jean Dolores has been on the faculty of Mundelein College, now Loyola University Chicago, which bought the college in the 1980s, presently serving as the academic adviser to Loyola's basketball team. She is also their "spiritual adviser" and attends every game! She remarks that the graduation rate from among the team is higher than the over-all college percentage. Sr. Jean Dolores was featured on the cover article of SALT, a BVM publication in Summer 2009.



**Jeanine Datzman Robertson '59** will be doing a poetry reading at Pauline Bookstore in Redwood City on Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m. She'd love to have some classmates come and listen. She will be introduced by Father Jerry Brown who gives spiritual guidance to the Pauline Sisters and was the one to suggest that she do a reading there. Their families have been like cousins since grade school.

**Liz Hinds Hannon '64** conducted a service-based retreat for 65 teens this past July called Young Neighbors in Action, with emphasis on the principles of Catholic Social Justice: sanctity of human life and dignity of the person; call to family, community, and participation; rights and responsibilities; preferential option for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity; dignity of work and the rights of workers; care for God's creation. During the retreat, Liz met California's First Lady Maria Shriver at a funeral at which she was asked to sing and through that contact, Ms. Shriver came to talk to the teens at her retreat! She complimented the young people on their sacrifice to come here from all over the country, not to play and tour, but to work.

**Teri O'Brien '75** lives with her son and partner in Portland, Oregon and works as a caterer. She says she and **Gael Nunez Antognini '75**, who lives in Santa Rosa, have remained friends since high school.

**April Padilla '78** works as a manager in the UCSF Department of Psychiatry, Langley Porter Hospital and Clinics.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 4 Alumnae Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Rectory

**Saturday, Nov. 6 Annual Mass and Luncheon**  
Mass at 11:00 a.m. St. Paul Church  
Lunch follows in the Parish Hall  
**Class of 1961 Golden Belles**

**Thursday, Dec. 9 Candlelighting**  
7:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

**Saturday, Jan. 8**  
Mass for Deceased Alumnae  
Little Christmas Pot Luck  
12:00 noon



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**"Spring Break in the Windy City"**
**PRAYER REQUESTS**

October 2010

In the July 2010 issue of *N Magazine* (on line at [www.nmag.net](http://www.nmag.net)), **Rosie Eder Carnajal '88**, her husband Dodie, and son Matthew Joachim were featured on p. 12. An excerpt of the article follows:



*At the cusp of winter, my husband Dodie, son Matthew and I visited Chicago, the third most popular city in the United States. Rich with history, culture and "wow factor," Chicago has a lot to offer as a top vacation destination.*

*We enjoyed five full days of quality family time walking on the Magnificent Mile ...touring the city, shopping, and eating Chicago's famous deep dish pizza.*

*Highlights for our family included Willis Tower, formerly known as Sears Tower and the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. It's Chicago's most-visited high-rise attraction with breathtaking views from its Sky deck.*

*Our family also enjoyed a picnic in Millennium Park, the world's largest contemporary art garden and home to its newest urban sculpture, "Cloud Gate" nicknamed by Chicagoans "The Bean." (See the photo above.)*

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**GENEROUS BEQUEST RECEIVED**

The St. Paul High School Alumnae was recently informed that Rosalie Cadden Atkinson '48, who died in September 2009, left 50% of her estate to the Alumnae Association. This is indeed a very generous bequest from a very faithful alumnae member! These funds will enhance the ability to continue to fund assistance to children and grandchildren of our alumnae who attend Catholic high schools, the BVM Sisters, and other

**Denise Deygaches Esposito '80** had ankle surgery 8/2/10.

**Silvia Cotter Tocci '59** was hospitalized following surgery for a broken elbow (7/21/10).

**Patti Kotlanger Lazzaretto '67** had hip replacement surgery 7/13/10 and is busy with rehab and recovery.

**Jim Acevedo**, older brother of Liz Acevedo-Avila '73, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in July 2010, after retiring from SFPD with 30 years of service. **Dennis Acevedo**, her other older brother, is on dialysis and has been awaiting a second liver and first kidney transplant. Prayers for both are appreciated.

**Pam Barrett-Jones '58** had MS and is now in a nursing facility. Her husband **Bill** has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In the midst of all this, they are trying to clear the house for sale. Prayers for all concerned are appreciated.

**Miriam Moreno Dumas '59** will have hip surgery 10/13/10. Prayers are requested that there be no complications with her bone marrow cancer. Her oldest son **Steve** was hospitalized 9/28/10 with breathing problems, an infection and unexplained acidity in the blood, but this has cleared and he is home with massive doses of antibiotics.

**Joseph Solorzano**, younger brother of Brenda Solorzano Caudle '86 and Johanna Solorzano '88, is hospitalized with liver problems.

**Joan Gibson Strong '54** is fighting cancer and is grateful for continued prayer support.

**Frances Guerrero McCormick '53** asks prayers for her daughter **Theresa Marlor Luedtke '74** who has inoperable pancreatic cancer. She visits the Mayo Clinic monthly and has dealt with the cancer for six years.

**Sr. Francilla (Jacqueline) Kirby, BVM '45** is hospitalized with serious pneumonia (10/2/10).

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charitable outreach efforts.

Are you planning your estate? Consider joining Rosalie in naming the St. Paul High School Alumnae in your will.

**New Arrivals:** ...Santiago Miguel, fourth child of **Margarita Largaespada Guardado '89** and husband George, on 8/12/10; ...Zayna, daughter born to **Viki Vernon Saba '89** and husband Marwan, on 9/8/10

**Congratulations:** **Cherille Cade '92** graduated from the University of Phoenix with an MBA in Marketing last June

**May They Rest in Peace:**

**Alumnae Members:** ...**Margaret Keohane Killeen '35**, in 2006; ...**Rosemary Daniele Mariani '61**, on 8/18/07; ...**Anne Ryan Doyle '38**, sister of Regina (Jean) Ryan Minasian '31 (dec) and Margaret Ryan Gutunich '35 (dec), sister-in-law of Virginia Doyle Keeley Abbott '38, on 11/28/09; ...**Ann-Marie Genasci Stankowiak '50**, in 2009; ...**Mary Patten King '42**, on 6/10/10; ...**Joyce McQuaid Tynan '55**, on 7/23/10; ...**Sr. Ange (Angelina) Cadigan, BVM '36**, sister of Mary Frances Cadigan Vergano '37, on 8/7/10; ...**Helen McCrystle Hazlewood '28**; ...**Dolores McDermott Mullane '39**, 08/31/10; ...**Catharine Lowry McNair '37**, sister of Sr. Monica Lowry, BVM '40 and Rosemary Lowry Jenichen '41, on 9/2/10; ...**Nancy Flaherty Greggins '57**, on 9/5/10; ...**Marilyn Banchieri Conney, '57**, on 9/11/10; ... **Marilyn Kalney Hooper '56**, cousin of Sr. Jean Elizabeth Loretz, BVM '41, on 9/13/10; ...**Barbara Joyce Johnson '64**, sister of Mary Joyce '60 and Nora Joyce Coussinat '67, on 9/23/10; ...**Helen Brew Collins '47**, sister of Violet Brew '44 (dec) and Earlene Brew '45 (dec).

**Extended Family:** ...**John Muilwyk**, husband of Doris Pierotti Muilwyk '42, on 7/12/10; ...**Steven Geramoni**, husband of Patricia McCarthy Geramoni '66, brother-in-law of Claire McCarthy Linney '52 and Marie McCarthy Dean '55 (dec), on 7/30/2010; ...**Ida Barlow**, mother of Rosalie Barlow-Zamora '76 and Rayna Barlow-Rodriguez '86, on 8/9/10; ...**Gay Hunt**, mother of Diana (Diej) Harrison Scranton, member '65, on 7/12/10; ...**Jason Erickson**, son of Shari Parent Erickson '68, on 8/3/10; ...**Raymond E. Ray**, husband of Lois Pitko Ray '47, on 8/8/10; ...**Cindy O'Brien**, sister of Theresa O'Brien '75, cousin of Kate Gillman White '70, Denise O'Brien Branch '75, Debra O'Brien Larsen '68, on 9/4/10; ...**Patricia Hart**, mother of Jill Hart Alcantar '71, Karen Hart Davis '74, and Kathy Hart Winship '76, on 9/11/10; ...**Mary Jane Cunningham**, mother of Anne Cunningham Campbell '79, on 9/15/10;

**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.

**MASSES for ALUMNAE and  
BENEFACTORS, LIVING and  
DECEASED**

Oct 17	Sun	9:15 a.m.	Jan 16	Sun	5:00 p.m.
Nov 14	Sun	5:00 p.m.	Feb 17	Thu	8:30 a.m.
Dec 13	Mon	8:30 a.m.	Mar 20	Sun	10:45 a.m.

### HISTORICAL TIDBITS

In the March issue, we included information provided by the family of Katherine and Richard Walsh whom they believed were the first couple married at St. Paul church on October 12, 1912.

However, we were contacted by **Frances Mitchell Davis '37** to report that her parents, Ann Sweeney and John Mitchell, were married in St. Paul Church on June 12, 1912. They lived on Noe St and raised seven children, all of whom went to St. Paul's school. Her grandmother, Margaret Mitchell, who lived on 29<sup>th</sup> St above Noe and raised eight children as a young widow, helped build the church, remaining a parishioner until her death at age 86.

### ALUMNAE CANDLELIGHTING

The traditional annual Alumnae Candlelighting will take place Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul Church.

The program will include familiar hymns and carols. If you read music, are choir material, and would like to come at 6:00 p.m., we'll again practice the "Hodie" and a couple of other special hymns. Just meet in the church.

Invite family and friends, if you would like. We hope you will be able to join us for this lovely evening of song, prayer, and anticipation of Jesus' birth.

### ANNUAL LUNCHEON REQUIRES RESERVATION

The Alumnae Board has discussed the recurring problem of people showing up for the luncheon without having made and paid for reservations by the due date.

This creates embarrassment and has even caused the caterer to run out of food.

**Please note:** In order to give the caterer an accurate count and to insure that sufficient seating is set up for everyone, RESERVATIONS AND PRE-PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED for the luncheon.

**NO WALK-INS can be accommodated. NO payments will be handled at the door.**  
**RESERVATIONS NOT RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 30th CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**



**The Alumnae appreciate your cooperation, as this helps the planning committee to make this a special event for the Golden Belles and for all the attendees.**

### ••ANNUAL MASS & LUNCHEON RESERVATION••

Saturday, November 6, 2010 •• 11:00 a.m. Mass - Luncheon follows

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Married

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(only if different from reverse)* Street address, City, State, ZIP

**SERVED LUNCHEON..... \$ 35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(please indicate)

Entree: \_\_\_\_\_ Herb Roasted Chicken with mushroom wine sauce,  
roasted potatoes, fresh vegetable medley

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Pasta with green salad

Rolls & butter, Wine and Beverages, Dessert



**DUES (2010-11) .....\$ 15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL enclosed ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE: ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED**  
**and NO payments will be received on the day of the event.**

We MUST have an accurate pre-count for the caterer and for those setting up!

Make check payable to: St. Paul HS Alumnae Association  
221 Valley St., San Francisco, CA 94131

**PLEASE POSTMARK NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2010**  
**MUST BE RECEIVED by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2010 TO SECURE A RESERVATION.**

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And you can also send a message via [sphsalumnae@yahoo.com](mailto:sphsalumnae@yahoo.com) which will reach the Newsletter Editor.

And don't forget to visit our **ALUMNAE WEBSITE** at [www.sphsalumnae.org](http://www.sphsalumnae.org) for all pertinent items for the St. Paul High School Alumnae Association.

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- Deadline for submission of articles or information is the first day of March, July, and October.

• Editor: Sr. Karen Conover, BVM

## ANNUAL DUES . . .

### . . . A SMALL PRICE TO BE CONNECTED!

It's that time of year again! Annual dues, a mere \$15 per year, help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. Each of three editions costs about \$3,600 (for printing and stamps).

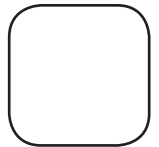
Please know that each person's contribution is valuable in keeping the Spirit of St. Paul's alive!

**2010-2011 Annual Alumnae Dues of \$15.00 are payable now.**

**Please make checks payable to SPHS Alumnae Association.**

You may include dues with your Luncheon Reservation – see p. 7. Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### RESERVATION FORM ENCLOSED

**Annual Mass and Luncheon**

**Saturday, November 6  
 11:00 a.m.**

**Golden Belles of  
 Class of 1961 Honorees**

