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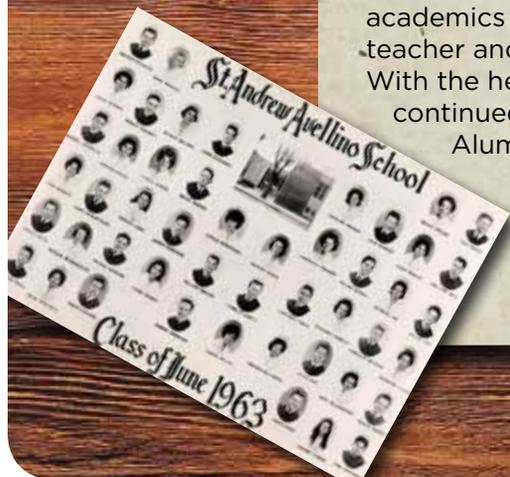
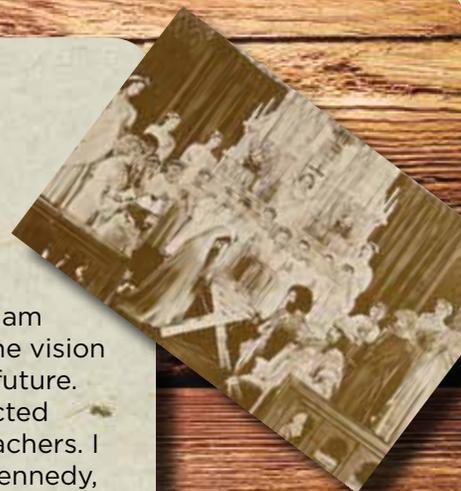
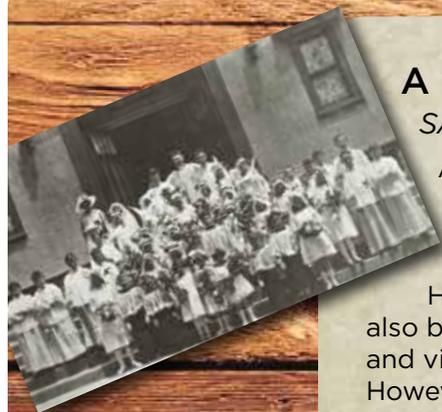
## A Message from Mrs. Hanna

*SAA Principal since 2004*

As I look back on our first school year as an academy, I am grateful for the smooth transition. The academy continues to be a part of the parish community and Father Holcomb continues to be a great supporter. I am also blessed with a wonderful Board who wants the vision and viability of the academy to continue into the future. However, the school year has taken many unexpected turns such as the retirement of three seasoned teachers. I am extremely grateful to have worked with Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Burnett, and Mrs. Galizia both as a colleague and administrator. They have given Saint Andrew Avellino a total of 110 years of service spiritually and academically, which speaks volumes. It is hard to imagine school life without these three women in September.

Looking ahead the academy hopes to expand the academics at St. Andrew Avellino by adding a Spanish teacher and updating our technology department. With the help of our Grant Writing Committee, and the continued support of the generous St. Andrew Avellino Alumni, I hope it will become a reality for the 2016-2017 school year!

Debora Hanna, Principal  
St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy



We hope you enjoy reading *Avellineews!* This newsletter is only as good as our information—we rely on our 3,200+ alumni to keep us informed. **Please use the enclosed envelope to keep us updated and to financially support your alumni association.** Every dollar means so much to us. Thank you!

### St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy Alumni Association 2016 Board Members

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Please email Peter Carrozzo at SAAalumni@hotmail.com*

## A Word from the Mothers' Club

The St. Andrew's Mothers' Club is a tradition that continues to go strong with many events that bring joy to the students and raise money for the school.

We celebrated Halloween with the club's largest fundraiser of the year—the annual Halloween party. We had a scavenger hunt, took a walk through the “haunted hallway,” spun the wheel of prizes, and enjoyed the costumes, food, and friends!

We kicked off the Christmas season with The Mothers' Club Christmas Fair—a decades long St. Andrew's tradition. The students were so excited to shop for their family and friends... and maybe even for themselves. Of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand to pose for pictures and to chat with everyone!

We held our first “Supermarket Bingo” in the spring. Friends from the school and parish joined in the cafeteria to play bingo for grocery prizes. There were also many door prizes and great raffle baskets. Everybody had a lot of laughs and we can't wait for the 2nd annual next year!

We also hosted a book fair, the Mother's Day plant sale, and two bake sales.

Thanks to these events, the generosity of our parents, and the dedication of our volunteers, we were able to raise \$25,000 for our school!

## Memories From Sister Maryann Lawlor, O.P.

To those alumni who were in Grades 1, 2, or 3 in 1977-1981. Do you remember these lines...

*“Did you ever play make believe when you were about our age?  
And did you like to dramatize little stories on the stage?  
Well, you surely know how happy we little ones are today;  
For we're going to act the story...”*

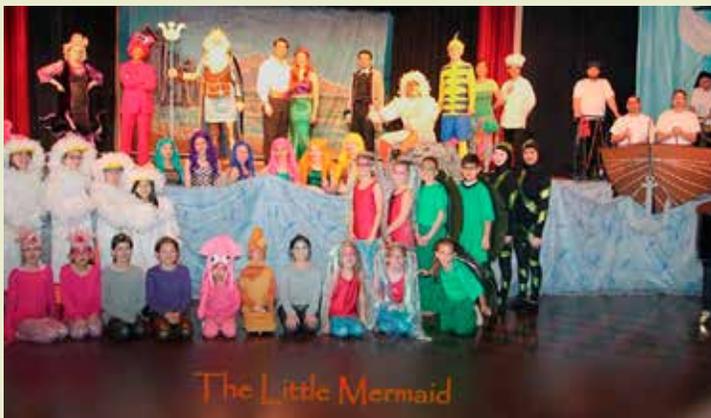
I have very fond memories of our Christmas Pageant when each class had both group and individual parts to take to tell your parents and the whole school assembly about the Christmas story. And who remembers everyone wearing yellow ribbons in honor of the hostages who were held captive in Iran. My first grade class wrote letters to one of the captives: Barry Rosen from Brooklyn. Barry was very happy to receive our notes and sent photos of the hostages with Presidents Reagan and Carter when the captives were released.

Alumni who were in Grade 4 in the years 1981-1984:

Recall the biography book reports when each one had to dress up in the character whose story you had to read. I can still see Abraham Lincoln, Helen Keller, and so many more. Some of the fourth graders also assisted me in creating the six-foot banners used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation ceremonies.

Oh yes, remember the candy drive contests. There were blue Smurfs on the walls of the first floor hall or the horse-racing theme being played over the PA system. As I recall, the sixth grade from Sr. Barbara's class were the winners!

The seven years at St. Andrew's have always been happy memories. The parents, students, and teachers mutually respected one another, worked together, and shared a great school and parish spirit. May you continue to share your stories in this newsletter and know you are kept in prayer all these years later.



### The Andrean Players present *The Little Mermaid*

This year's production of *The Little Mermaid*, in May, marked the 53rd Anniversary of community theatre at St. Andrew Avellino. The Andrean Players have been staging musicals at St. Andrews since 1963! This year, as in many others, a number of current students and graduates were involved in the production and audiences were treated to six lively and entertaining shows. NYC Councilman, and SAA parent, Paul Vallone awarded our theater with a generous grant that will be applied to brand new LED lights in the hall. Plans are already in place for next year's production and beyond! If you have fond memories of appearing on the stage in Andrean Hall either as a student or member of the Andreans, please reach out to us so we can include them in future newsletters.

# Sports Update

## A New Generation of Champions

by Julie Regoso Gardner, '84

It is with great pride that we congratulate the 2015-2016 St. Andrew Avellino 5th Grade girls basketball team on completing a perfect 12-0 season, culminating in a 3-0 run in the playoffs that resulted in them winning this year's Novice Division Diocesan Championship.

Congratulations to: Bella Cipriani, Leah Deliyannis, Gigi Dougherty, Lauren Fretwell, Kennedy Garcia, Grace Gardner, Jillian Langone, Grace Murphy and Chloe Robinson. This dynamic team of girls includes several of our alumni's daughters and was coached by Joe Murphy, assisted by Chris Murphy (class of '83).

In addition to their impressive skills on the basketball court, these girls showed how the CYO continues to deliver on its mission to develop values and strength of character in tomorrow's leaders by making a donation to the St. Andrew Avellino Homeless Shelter.

Congratulations again to the team and those who supported them, including their coaches and families.



*The Fifth Grade Girl's Basketball Team with coach Joe Murphy and assistant coach Chris Murphy '83*

## Girls Soccer Champions

by John Feehan, '83, P '16, '18

On Sunday, June 19, 2016, The Saint Andrew Avellino Girl's Bantam soccer team (5th and 6th grade) captured their first Brooklyn / Queens Championship. On what turned out to be a wonderful Father's Day, the girls beat St. Anastasia 2-0, in a rematch of last years championship game. It was the crowning moment for a group of girls that have been playing together since most of them were in first grade.

Over that time, the girls have had some up and down seasons but their commitment to each other and to St. Andrews kept them working toward their goal of a championship. Many of the girls have parents who attended St. Andrews (the Fretwells, Murphys, Lannings, Piotrowskis, Doughertys, Ciprianis, Carrozzos and Milanos to name a few) and their Coach, John Feehan, is a proud member of the class of '83. The team would like to thank everyone who came out to support them during their championship run and they are very proud to continue a proud athletic tradition at St. Andrew Avelino. GO GREEN!



# 2015-2016 Highlights of the St. Andrew

**Halloween Party  
October 30, 2015**



-Yifat Anteri, Photo



**Catholic School Week  
February 2016**



**The Christmas Fair  
December 2015**



-Lynn Scott, Photos



**Christmas Concert, December 2015**



-Lynn Scott, Photo



-Lynn Scott, Photos

# Avellino Catholic Academy School Year

**The Art Exhibit  
June 3, 2016**



**Palm Sunday Mass with Bishop DiMarzio  
March 20, 2016**



-Lynn Scott, Photo



**Walk-a-thon  
May, 2016**



**Spring Concert  
May 2016**

-Lynn Scott, Photos



-Lynn Scott, Photos

**Mothers' Club Art Night, April 2016**



-Lynn Scott, Photo

## ST. ANDREW AVELLINO REMEMBERS SISTER CATHERINE SIENA BOSCH, OP.



Dominican Sister of Peace Catherine Siena Bosch, OP, died at Mohun Health Care Center (Columbus, OH) on October 31, 2015. She was born on October 27, 1924, in Steubenville, OH, and entered the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, now

the Dominican Sisters of Peace, in 1942. She made her first profession of vows in 1944. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree from Ohio Dominican University and a Master of Science in Elementary Education degree from Fordham University.

Sr. Catherine ministered in elementary schools in the dioceses of Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Columbus and Steubenville and the Archdiocese of New York. She was also the Assistant Supervisor of Diocesan Schools in the Steubenville Diocese from 1971 to 1977. In Columbus, she served as Assistant Supervisor of Education for the congregation and worked in the office and was Manager of Nazareth Towers, a ministry for the elderly.

She volunteered at the Dominican Learning Center as well and served in several capacities at the Columbus Motherhouse. Sr. Catherine Siena was preceded in death by her parents Leo and Lucy Miller Bosch, sisters Mary Lou Bosch Hagan, Betty Bosch and brothers Leo Bosch, Jr. and Brother John Miller Bosch, FSC.

A Vigil of Remembrance was held on November 4 and the funeral was held on November 5, both at the Columbus Motherhouse. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus, OH.

- See more at: <http://www.oppeace.org/blog/2015/11/06/sr-catherine-siena-bosch-op/#sthash.8CWU66bS.Uu1nWARX.dpuf>

### IN MEMORIAM

**Olga Rett Asaro**, Friend of SAA

**Capt. Francis J. Lane, Jr. MD (USAF, ret.)**, '42

**Frederick and Josephine Pirone**, Friends of SAA

**Robert Szambel**, '56

## GIFTS IN MEMORIAM

### Carla Legendre, '84.

On March 4, 2016 of Brooklyn. Beloved daughter of Myrthee. Adored sister of Yasmine. Companion of Jim. Devoted friend to many. A fixture of the New York karaoke scene; a wit; a lover of sarcasm, satire, and puns; and someone who will be missed by everyone she ever met. Donations in excess of \$2,000.00 were made in her memory and for the purpose of funding a future scholarship. Thank you to the Legendre Family and the following business and individuals for their generosity in Ms. Legendre's memory:

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Beatrice Skala  
Kimberly and Christopher Todd

### John W. Fourman, P '54, P '75, P '77, P '83, P '84

The Alumni Association sincerely appreciates the generous contributions that were received from the John W. Fourman Memorial Fund. John was a loving husband to Hannah (Joan) Monahan (class of 1954), father of Denise Fourman Reardon (class of 1975), Eileen Fourman Frunzi (class of 1977), Patricia Fourman Moyett (class of 1983), John P. Fourman (class of 1984) and Jennifer Fourman Sbarra (class of 1988), and grandfather to 12, including Ryan Reardon (class of 2007) and Kyle Reardon (class of 2019). Many in the parish mourned his passing on June 20, 2015.

Although John attended St. Michael's School, he became a dedicated parishioner at St. Andrew Avellino. His love of sports allowed him to develop meaningful relationships with many of the boys in the parish. Additionally, his close friendship with Sister Kieran further solidified St. Andrew's as his home. John graduated Flushing High School as a star football kicker, earning him a spot on a semi pro team. He then joined the army and was stationed in Germany as a paratrooper.

After returning to the United States, he began what would be a 40-year career at Con Edison. In 1960, he married Joan at their beloved parish, St. Andrew Avellino. While raising their five children, John remained active in the parish and joined the Joyce Kilmer Council Knights of Columbus. He coached girl's softball, boy's baseball, and even played softball himself on the St. Andrew Avellino men's team. He also chaperoned Friday night teen dances, the annual choir and altar server end of year trips, and many other school outings. He volunteered to serve the parish homeless shelter and was a committee member for the Annual Parish Dinner Dance. Most recently, he was a church usher and continued to enjoy many of the parish events. John is missed dearly by the many that knew him, but his memory lives on through his family and legacy in the parish.

## Meet our newest alumni...the class of 2016!

**Hana Aguirre-Ono** has met many friends through her 10 years at St. Andrew's and will really miss them. Hana will be attending Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School.

**Arianna Alfonso** says that St. Andrew's has taken a part in shaping the person she is today, and showing her how important it is to give to others. Arianna will be attending Archbishop Molloy.

**Aren Arakelian** was very happy he came to this school because he enjoyed every moment here and it felt like a second home to him. Aren will be attending Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School.

**Brandon Chau** has had an amazing experience at St. Andrew Avellino. Brandon will be attending Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School.

**Alana Cristello** loves this school because the education is amazing.

**Alivia DeGrotta** enjoyed her time at St. Andrew's very much and has found her second family here. Alivia will be attending The Mary Louis Academy.

**Juliana Diaz** favorite memory of her time at St. Andrew's is the Pre-K Christmas play. Her role was Mary and she still remembers her lines to this day! Juliana will be attending Bayside High School.

**Ethan Dominguez** has learned so much here and has prospered with the help of educators and friends. Ethan will be attending Archbishop Molloy.

**Julia Falco** has made many friends who turned into her family. Julia will be attending St. Agnes Academic High School.

**Michael Feehan** has had many teachers and friends at St. Andrew's who have guided him in the right direction toward academic success and a strong relationship with God. Michael will be attending St. Francis Prep.

**Anna Ferone** says that St. Andrew's has shaped her to be the girl she is today and has given her the gifts of knowledge, confidence, faith, compassion, and determination. Anna will be attending Archbishop Molloy.

**Lorena Guerrero** attended St. Andrew's for only two years, but absolutely loved it. She made really good friends here and says that this school teaches the students to respect and love God, and from this she learned many things. Lorena will be attending Francis Lewis High School.

**Bobby Hanophy** says during his time at St. Andrew's he has met many amazing people and has developed into the person he is today. Bobby will be attending St. Francis Prep.

**Kristen Huang** attended St. Andrew's for three years and has had a lot of fun learning and making new friends along the way. Kristen will be attending St. Agnes Academic High School.

**Richard Kim** spent his first and last year at St. Andrew's for eighth grade. He says everyone was very welcoming and nice to him and they guided him through the first few weeks of school. Richard will be attending Stuyvesant High School.

**Jeremy Lao** had such a great time at school and was able to learn something new everyday. He enjoyed his friends, teachers, and classes. Jeremy will be attending Xavier High School.

**Suji Lee** says that this school is like her home. She had very comfortable and fun days and all of her teachers took

care of her. Suji will be attending St. Agnes Academic High School.

**Aidan Long** considers all of the teachers at St. Andrew's to be "extraordinary" and would like to thank them for being there to help him learn and grow. Aidan will be attending Xavier High School.

**Angelina Lopes** says she has made many friends here and considers some people as family. Angelina will be attending St. Mary's High School.

**Nhi Ly** says that this school holds many sincere memories for her and has helped her grown into the person she is today. Nhi will be attending Archbishop Molloy.

**Matthew Malibiran** considers most of his teachers to be memorable, but the one person who stood out the most was Mrs. Hanna. She was funny and inspiring, and in the end, she helped the students become who they are today.

**Charlotte McKay** has gotten such an amazing education, endless laughs, and life lessons she will use throughout life. Charlotte will be attending St. Francis Prep.

**Kyle Morales** would like to thank all of those who have helped him along the way especially Mrs. Busse, Miss Quinn, Miss Di Stasi, Miss Fortino, Mrs. Roman, Mrs. Vento, and Mrs. Hanna. They will always hold a special place in his heart. Kyle will be attending St. Francis Prep.

**Joshua Olewnicki** says that he would never be who he is today if not for Mrs. Hanna and all of his teachers. Joshua will be attending St. Francis Prep.

**Andrew Park** says that St. Andrew's will always be his home. Andrew will be attending St. Mary's High School.

**Natalia Piotrowski** will definitely miss St. Andrew's because it has been her second home for nine years. Natalia will be attending Archbishop Molloy.

**Ryan Rim** thanks Miss McConnell, Mr. Mitrano, Mrs. Busse, Miss Quinn, and Mrs. Vento for being a great help and motivation to him, as well as Mrs. Hanna who is amazingly funny and cares very much for the students. Ryan will be attending High School at York College.

**Margaret Sakar** has only spent two years at St. Andrew's but never imagined she could end up in such a cozy place with such loving and caring people. The school was like her second home and she wouldn't trade her experience here for anything in the world. Margaret will be attending Cardozo High School.

**Manvir Singh** has had great memories. His time at St. Andrew's has given him experiences that he will never forget. Manvir will be attending St. Francis Prep.

**Eric Ting** says his ten years at St. Andrew's have gone by very quickly because all of his teachers made these years fun. He learned many interesting things that will definitely help him in the future. Eric will be attending Brooklyn Technical High School.

**Avonni Yellen** says that her first and only year at St. Andrew's was certainly fun and interesting.

**Min Yeo** will miss all of the teachers at St. Andrew's, especially the principal, Mrs. Hanna. She always made everyone happy and she was also very nice and kind. Min will be attending St. Mary's High School.

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- John Haggerty '83 (Mary Ann Haggerty, Parishioner '60)
- James Haggerty '84 (Mary Ann Haggerty, Parishioner '60)
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- Frank J. Lane Jr., MD '42 (Ruth M. Lane '57)
- Sarah and Frank Lennon (Kay Robertson '54 and Sarah Lennon '62)
- Joseph E. Mackey (Don Mackey '75)
- James Patrick Mannix '58 (Kathleen Mannix Flynn '62)
- Gerald and Helen Mansfield (William P. Mansfield '57)
- Abigail Murphy (John J. Murphy '73)
- Jeffrey Sarfin (Diana Bando Sarfin '62)
- Elizabeth Foley Smyrk '50 (E. Rodney Smurk '48)
- Claire Pape Vickers '60 (Patricia Shanley Pape '54)
- Deceased Members of the Class of 1949
- Deceased Members of the Class of 1954 (Msgr. Peter V. Kain, '54)

**Where do your generous donations go?**

Where would our school be without the generosity of our alumni? I wonder that often. St. Andrews is unique in having an Alumni Association and newsletter...and the beneficiaries of this alumni loyalty are the students. Your donations have gone toward upgrading the technology and remodeling of classrooms, purchasing new cafeteria tables and chairs, upgrading bathrooms and funding a scholarship for two graduates each year for their school spirit. A special thanks to all of you who contribute in whatever way you can...just know that thanks to you, St. Andrew Avellino is alive and well.

**SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI****William Mansfield (Class of '57)**

Bill Mansfield ('57) is finally hanging up his kilt after decades as Bandmaster/Drum Major for the NY State Courts Pipes & Drums. The band has performed at countless venues from the White House to the grand stage at Carnegie Hall to a funeral mass at St. Andrew Avellino to the depths of Ground Zero on 9/11/02. Bill's greatest memories are leading the band up 5th Avenue every St. Patrick's Day as the musical escort to the governor of New York and enjoying the after-party with a cup of weak tea. When asked what is under an Irishman's kilt, Bill answered, "A little dusting powder." Slainte!

**James E. Gleason (Class of '60)**

James Gleason is thrilled to return to Broadway for the summer of 2016, in a wonderful production of "An Act of God" at Broadway's Booth Theatre (222 West 45th Street) beginning May 28, 2016. David Javerbaum's comedy returns to New York after launching the 2015-2016 Broadway season in a sold-out, critically acclaimed run and a second Godly successful run starring Sean Hayes, James Gleason and Dave Josberg in Los Angeles. If any alumni are interested in backstage tours of this production or any of his future productions, James can be reached at [jimmytheg@jimmytheg.com](mailto:jimmytheg@jimmytheg.com). Break a leg James!

**Donald Byrne (Class of '82)**

I am living in Garden City with my wife, Tricia, of 18 years and our three boys, Donald 15 years old, a freshman at GC HS, John 11 years old in 5th grade and Christopher 7 years old in 1st grade. We moved to Garden City in 2002 when our oldest was then 1. I currently work in Manhattan as

the Director of Operations for a growing financial services company after working at larger financial institutions for the bulk of my career.

I still see many friends from St. Andrews and I have great memories of growing up in Flushing. The beautiful homes and neighborhood parks, great families and neighbors and the top notch education at St Andrews is what I remember most about growing up there and wouldn't change a thing. The friendships and memories from my youth are still a huge influence upon my life. From being in the 8th grade play when we were in 2nd grade, we were munchkins in the Wizard of Oz; to the 8th grade Friday night basketball games coached by Mr. Petrocelli and all of the great teachers we had in school, it really was and continues to be a fantastic place. I am looking forward to the Card Party in 2017 for our 35th reunion to see many faces that I have not seen in years and to celebrate with the friends I still see on a regular basis.

**Mark Phelan (Class of '82)**

"When I graduated from St. Andrew Avellino in 1982, I was the youngest of two generations of Phelans and Mannings who attended the school since the 1920's. I currently live in northern New Jersey with my wife Lisa, our son Sam (17) and daughter Alaina (14). I have taught in special education for 22 years and I thank St. Andrew's for lighting that fire within me to teach. So many of my teachers were wonderful and passionate about educating us - I remember Sr. Marian, in particular, for spending one-on-one time with each of us and going over our reading and mass attendance! Specifically, her level of concern was remarkable and it demonstrated the grace she had and shared with all of her fortunate students."

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**Patricia (Poole) Tobin (Class of '82)**

Patricia resides in Yonkers, NY in Westchester County with her husband, John and their four children, Molly 19 year's old, Liam 16 year's old, Sean 14 year's old and Rory 10 year's old. Patricia attended Fordham University where she did both her undergrad and graduate studies and is a school teacher currently working at P.S 209 in The Bronx. Patricia has fond memories of being part of the Wizard of Oz production and the many other plays St. Andrew's produced. The 8th grade graduation festivities will always be fond memories too.

**Joseph V. Dorsa (Class of '85)**

Joseph, long-time Director of Finance and Operations at Saint Andrew Avellino parish in Flushing, graduated from Villanova University on Saturday, May 14th with a Master of Science in Church Management. He is one of the first program graduates from the Brooklyn Diocese and is the first to actually work in a parish in our Diocese. Pictured from the left are Mr. Dorsa, Dr. Charles Zech, Dean of the Program and Rev. Joseph T. Holcomb, pastor of the 100-year-old parish. Villanova was the first to offer The Master of Science in Church Management, an on-line two-year program. Dr. Zech developed the program and teaches one of the ten classes needed for the degree. Mr. Dorsa is a lifelong resident of the parish and a graduate of the parish school.

**Tara Palen (Class of '86)**

Tara spent most of her adult life working in theatre as an actress, dancer, director, and teacher. A veteran of over 100 productions on Long Island, Queens, Manhattan, and the

rest of the 5 boroughs she is currently the Managing Director of a professional theatre company in Saranac Lake, NY called Pendragon Theatre ([www.pendragontheatre.org](http://www.pendragontheatre.org)) She has fulfilled a lifelong dream of finally living year round in the Adirondacks after a lifetime as a seasonal visitor.

Tara returned to school during her career as a performer and received both a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Management and a Master of Arts certification in Non Profit Management. Tara has spent the last decade on Long Island as marketing director and grant administrator for the Broadhollow Theatre Company, as well as the director of the Academy of Theatre at the O'Neill Studio Theatre, where she helped develop Long Island's first Introduction to Shakespeare program for middle school students. She was also the co-founder and Artistic Director of her family's group, the Minstrel Players company, and the Project Coordinator for the FREE Players, a unique theatre and music day program for adults with developmental disabilities, who have performed at Walt Disney World, The New York City Columbus Day parade, and headlined last year's Winter Garden International Drumline competition in Ohio. Favorite roles as an actor include Nellie in South Pacific, Irina Arkadina in The Seagull, Lt. Com. Joanne Galloway in A Few Good Men, Maggie in Lend Me A Tenor, and Lolly in the NY premiere of Steven Peros' The Cats Meow directed by the late Ed Dennehy. And of course...Mrs. Banks in the 1986 SAA production of Mary Poppins.

**Are you an alumni interested in being spotlighted by The Avellinews? Please email Peter Carrozzo at [SAAalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:SAAalumni@hotmail.com)**

## ALUMNI NEWS and THOUGHTS

*From the 1930s*

- This year, the editors of the Avellinews were pleased to receive a donation from **Doris Laffen** from the class of 1939. Ms. Laffen is the oldest known living alumni of St. Andrew Avellino! Thank you Ms. Laffen for your generosity and we hope this newsletter finds you in good health! Note, to any alumni out there from earlier classes, your fellow alumni would love to hear from you!

*From the 1940s*

- **Betty Ellard Decker (Class of '44)** remembers the "Great Education!" she received at St. Andrews.
- **Margaret Beglan Murphy (Class of '47)** still has a lovely picture from her wedding on March 21, 1953 in which she and her husband are leaving the altar with "Caritas" behind them. She asks for prayers for her St. Andrew's classmate, Gloria Solori Martin, who recently suffered a stroke and is now in slow recovery.
- **E. Rodney Smyrk (Class of '48)** recalls her St. Andrew's teachers—from her first grade teacher, Sr. Mary Daniel to her 8th grade teacher, Sister Kiernan. "St. Andrew Avellino provided a strong foundation for the future."
- **Lawrence Burnett (Class of '49)** congratulates and thanks all those who make the effort to create and write the Avellinews. He also hopes that his fellow classmates from the class of 1949 will update the Avellinews with their whereabouts and about their lives. "St. Andrew Avellino will always remain in me for those wonderful eight years that I spent there...full of memories. The church is just as beautiful now as it was when my wife Theresa and I were married there on June 13, 1959."

*From the 1950s*

- **Barbara O'Leary (Class of '55)** was a first grade teacher for 35 years—all in Catholic schools! She has wonderful memories of her eight years at St. Andrew's and of the wonderful Dominican Sisters who taught her so well.
- **Maureen Cooney (Class of '56)** says, "St. Andrew's was my rock and foundation for life! It was a wonderful school!"
- **Sr. Bernadette Sassone**, DW thanked Monica for her hard work in putting together the reunion "and all at St. Andrews for all they did for me and all my family!"

*From the 1960s*

Do you recognize anyone, or is that you in the picture? Let us know!



*From the 1970s*

- **Don Mackey (Class of '75)** says, "Thanks for all the church and school has done for myself and my family. God Bless everyone at St. Andrew's."

*From the 1990s*

- **Jeanine Felicetti (Class of '96)** remembers Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Burnett..."I cannot express how wonderful it is to belong to this special group of people. No matter how many times since I graduated that I have come back, the faces always remained the same. When someone devotes their life to teaching for 45 and 37 years (more than half their lives) you know that they truly love their job and for that I consider myself and my children blessed to have known and to have been taught by people that I know are the very best at what they do. Thank you for touching our lives, you will both forever be fondly remembered by all of us."

*From the Future*

- **Tristan Summa (Class of 2020)**, a current fourth grader at St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy transferred here from St. Luke's this year and said he: "made friends easily." He added "Mrs. Bivano is really nice. Mrs. Hanna is a really good, nice, loving and sincere principal. She cares for all of her students." Thanks Tristan...we are happy to have you join the SAA family!

*From the Alumni Association Board*

- Our consultant **Joseph Brostek** who is a trustee of the Queens Historical Society, has curated an exhibit at the 230 year old Kingsland Homestead in Flushing which will run from July 2016 through June 2017. Entitled "Toys and Games from the Attic and Beyond", it promises to be a lot of fun for people of all ages. Visit the Society website: [Queenshistoricalsociety.org](http://Queenshistoricalsociety.org) for complete details.

*Please write down your memories or tell us about your life and send them in the envelope provided in the center of the Avellinews. **Your fellow alumni want to hear from you!** You can also email [SAAalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:SAAalumni@hotmail.com) and you will be included in our next issue to follow in summer 2017.*

**SAA REUNION NEWS****The 1955-1956 Reunion**

On September 28, 2015, members of the classes of 1955 and 1956 got together for a very well-attended and wonderful evening with close to 100 alumni and guests in attendance.

The evening began at the 5 pm mass followed by a tour of the "old school building." Monica Golden was integral in finding many long lost alumni and putting the entire evening together. Everyone shared many great stories with each other and enjoyed great food, music and memories

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI from the Classes of 1957 and 1958:**

In September 2017, the St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy will host a reunion for your classes. It will include a mass, a tour of the school, dinner, drinks and shared memories with your fellow alumni. Please

email [SAAalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:SAAalumni@hotmail.com) or call or mail the school if you are interested. We are also looking for class members from each year to assist in locating and contacting fellow alumni. Do not miss this opportunity to reconnect with your friends and see your old school!

**To the Classes of 1976, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006: SAVE THE DATE**

The **102nd Saint Andrew Avellino Dinner Dance** is scheduled for Saturday evening, **November 12, 2016**. Your classes will be reunited for a private alumni cocktail party starting at 6:30 pm and tour of St. Andrew Avellino. Dinner and dancing will follow in the gymnasium that is beautifully transformed for the occasion. Please join us!

If you're interested in attending, pre-register by e-mailing [SAAalumni@hotmail.com](mailto:SAAalumni@hotmail.com)

The Alumni Association would like to coordinate with someone from each class to invite fellow classmates to the event. If you are interested in coordinating for your class, please email us.

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

**FOUNDED** 1924

**OPENED** 1925

**PRINCIPAL** Mrs. Debora Hanna (*18th principal*)

**ENROLLMENT** 300

**TUITION** \$4,650/per year

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:** 1

**ACCREDITED** Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools  
New York Association of Independent Schools  
National Catholic Education Association



## The Avellinews Salutes our Retiring Faculty!



This June, St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy said goodbye to two legends with the retirements of 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Susan Kennedy and 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Angela Burnett. These two beloved teachers taught a collective 83 years at St. Andrew's! Faculty, students, and alumni alike will miss them tremendously. Avellinews! sat down with Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Burnett to discuss some of their thoughts on their respective 45 and 38 years of service to St. Andrew's. Mrs. Kennedy finds St. Andrew Avellino a remarkable place because of the "warm family atmosphere and the fact that so many second and third generation students attend the school." Mrs. Burnett notes that the teachers also have stayed on board for decades, and as a result, the experience these teachers bring to our school reflect in our standardized test scores—among the highest in the city.

Mrs. Burnett will miss the actual teaching of a class and watching the students' progress from September to June. She regards teaching as a "very rewarding profession where you actually affect a difference in a life." Mrs. Kennedy will miss "the smiling faces that have greeted [her] for 45 years and seeing them grow into adulthood with grace and success." Mrs. Kennedy, we think you have had a lot to do with that through these decades!



What does the future hold? Mrs. Kennedy is looking forward to spending time with family and friends—and of course, continuing her crosswords and her reading. Mrs. Burnett is looking forward to traveling, especially when school is in session—something she's been unable to do for quite some time. Both Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Burnett plan to help out as needed at St. Andrew's and we're glad they're not gone for good. Good luck to you both as you begin this next chapter of your lives!

## Introducing the St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy

As of September 1, 2015, St. Andrew Avellino has made the transition from a school to an academy. The process was a long one for the faculty and staff; however, we kept our promise not to change the face of St. Andrew Avellino. Our dedicated faculty was back and committed to providing a safe environment and excellence in education. The biggest change to the school is our name, St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy, and the school now has a Board devoted

to helping the academy remain viable and strong. As we go forward as an academy we will still have the same spiritual and physical characteristics that have made St. Andrew Avellino the extraordinary school it has always been. With the support and dedication of Father Holcomb, the Board, faculty and staff, parents and our alumni I am confident we will continue into the future and keep the Saint Andrew Avellino spirit alive and well. -Deborah Hanna, Principal

## Susan Kennedy - our Hometown Hero

Susan Kennedy, a teacher at St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy in Flushing, was recently honored as one of eleven Hometown Heroes in Education in New York City. The annual Hometown Hero award contest is sponsored by The Daily News, and is awarded to educators who show compassion and dedication to their students and the communities where they work. The Daily News works with the city Department of Education, the United Federation of Teachers and the Council of School Supervisors and Administrators, who select from and narrow the list of 200 nominated principals, teachers, and counselors who have done extraordinary jobs with their students. The winners are selected by a panel of esteemed judges in August, and honored at a breakfast in October.

Susan Kennedy, 77-years-old, has been teaching at

St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy for more than 40 years, tutors kids after school and helps out in her community. She has taught second-grade during the entire time at St. Andrew Avellino, and prepared these children for their First Eucharist sacrament. Mrs. Kennedy has watched her students become parents and send their own children back to her class. She enjoys working at St. Andrew Avellino, because it is very family oriented and enjoys teaching the second graders who are still innocent, sweet and can still do a lot. She is challenged by the students' attention spans, which are used to instant feedback from electronic devices, but she tries to capture their attention with project and lessons that showcase her love of art. Her years of dedication and service have earned Mrs. Kennedy a nomination and award for The Daily News Hometown Heroes in Education award.

## Graduation

*"There's No Place Like Home"*

by Darice Guzman Piotrowski, P '16, '20, '24

Every story has an ending, but in life every ending is a new beginning. 2016 marked a period of new beginnings unlike any other. We celebrated a new journey for the Class of 2016, we embraced the beginning of an Academy, the welcoming of a Board of Directors, and the retirement of three stellar educators.

Our first ever 2016 graduating class of "The St. Andrew Avellino Catholic Academy" closed its 8th grade chapter officially on June 17, 2016. In the presence of God, family, friends, teachers, administration, the Board of Directors and our Pastor, Father Holcomb, many students received their honors, awards and scholarships, but all walked out with an education unlike any other. Our school is a family and a home to all those who have walked through its doors.

The Valedictorian, Jeremy Lao, spoke to the congregation revealing a background that resonates throughout our diverse community. Jeremy is a first generation child born of immigrant parents from China and the Philippines. Jeremy's speech modeled that of the American dream, where hard work and determination achieve greatness. However, Jeremy explained that it was his relationship with God that brought him true success, "Without the support of my faith, family, teachers, Mrs. Hanna, and...the amazing Class of 2016, they have helped make me...me."

The commencement speaker, Dorothy DeMaria Matinale, is an alumna and former 3rd grade teacher of St. Andrew's from 1984-1995. She is also an entrepreneur and owner of Station Realty in Douglaston, and a mother of three. In the place where she was confirmed, graduated, married, and said her final farewell to her mother...she felt at home. One of four generations named Dorothy, Mrs. Matinale addressed the candidates with lessons from the beloved and timeless classic, *The Wizard of Oz*. Mrs. Matinale explained, "As you begin your journey down the yellow brick road I hope you remember the following: Faith first; Always ask for help; Be confident, or worry and fear will rob your joy; Everything you need you already have; Appreciate every moment, even the boring ones; Give thanks to God everyday; Do everything you do for the Glory of the Lord. Most importantly, surrender to God and all things will come. Throughout your journey of life, never forget you always have the power to go home."

At the graduation dinner on June 9th, the class of 2016 honored two of its exemplary teachers who dedicated their lives to St. Andrew's--Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Burnett. Mrs. Kennedy adapted her curriculum to the common core, yet, she continued to emphasize the need for handwriting and penmanship. She would be proud to know that after 45 years of teaching, researchers have discovered that the lost art of cursive writing is essential to brain development, and is now becoming mandatory in some states! Next door to her classroom, Mrs. Burnett was busy transitioning children from "babies into students." Thirty-eight years of a rigorous curriculum instilled an unparalleled work ethic in both her students and their parents. The Class of 2016 also acknowledges Mrs. Galizia, retiring after 28 years of service. Her retirement was announced on June 14th, and she too will always hold a special place in the St. Andrew's community. At a time when our children needed inspiration and discipline, these strong women provided structure and academic growth.

Before the certificates and medals were presented, Mrs. Hanna's witty speech highlighted the faux pas of our graduating class. She returned confiscated items that were obtained throughout the years, including games, a library of books, and playing cards. Her reenactments left students and parents in stitches. Our Chairman of the Board, Lorenz Arfsten ("Mr. Larry") also addressed the children in a heartfelt speech. Aside from Larry's children also being alums, he spent this year welcoming the children with a smile every morning as they walked through the doors on 157th Street. With all sincerity, he praised their efforts, encouraged their dreams, and reminded them of the love, community, support and friendship here at St. Andrews. Alivia de Grotta and Nhi Ly, the Class Salutatorians, touched family and friends with heartfelt speeches reflecting their love for St. Andrews. The traditional graduation dinner dance was cohosted by parents, Darice Piotrowski and Jodi DeGrotta, inspired by in house artist Michelle Gluck, the tireless 8th grade parents and even grandparents! Together they transformed the Cafeteria into Central Park's Tavern on the Green. The class of 2016 would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Anich and the 7th grade parents who helped make June 9th a memorable day in St. Andrews history. This labor of love was truly magnificent.



The Class of 2016 left behind a legacy from the heart. Back in March of 2011, Kelly Wuest (affectionately known as the bottle lady) implemented the Bottles and Cans Brigade ("BCB"). It was initially created as a fundraiser for the classes for charitable causes. This recycling program required countless hours of work dedicated by Mrs. Wuest and the service hours of confirmation candidates. Donations were made to the Men's Shelter program at St. Andrew's, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home, and the beautiful blue spruce tree they planted in Mary's Garden will

grow in the courtyard for generations to enjoy. The Class of 2016 through 2021 raised over \$2,000.00 to date. Together, the BCB fund has implemented a new mission in helping our St. Andrew's families, even if in a small way. It was with great sadness that several students lost a parent during the school year. Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the BCB fund will provide a yearly \$350.00 scholarship to each of these families who sustained such grave losses.

How would you describe this eighth grade class? Mrs. Busse and Miss Quinn the eighth grade homeroom teachers were unanimous. Mrs. Busse described, "The graduating class of 2016 are vibrant, fun, kind, motivated, inquisitive and destined for success. I foresee great futures. I see several doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists and entrepreneurs." Miss Quinn reflected her sentiment, "they are a very tight knit, intelligent, giving group." She also noted how much she enjoyed their humor and uniqueness. Miss Quinn left the children with this quote by Harriet Tubman, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember YOU have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

As the eighth graders embark on their new beginnings to pursue their dreams, what will they remember? St. Andrew's is home, a family, where memories have been made and bonds formed. It is where our children felt safe and loved, nurtured spiritually and challenged educationally, during both good times and bad. These sentiments are shared by the students as well as the teachers, parents, community, and parish alike. Mrs. Hanna said it best, "Always keep God in your heart, and remember the doors at St. Andrew's are always open to come home." Congratulations and God bless the Class of 2016.

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## CLASS OF 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Class of 2016 has made an impressive showing academically. Collectively, they garnered **\$242,080.00** in scholarships for high school.

Below is a list of the scholarship recipients:

### ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY

Michael Feehan  $\$1,500 \times 4 = \$6,000$   
Jeremy Lao  $\$4,120 \times 4 = \$16,480$   
Natalia Piotrowski  $\$1,500 \times 4 = \$6,000$

### CHAMINADE

Quinn Wuest  $\$750 \times 4 = \$3,000$

### HOLY CROSS

Richard Kim  $\$1,000 \times 4 = \$4,000$

### ST. AGNES

Juliana Diaz  $\$1,500 \times 4 = \$6,000$   
Kristen Huang  $\$1,000 \times 4 = \$4,000$

### ST. MARY'S

Matthew Malibiran  $\$4,000 \times 4 = \$16,000$   
Andrew Park  $\$4,000 \times 4 = \$16,000$   
Margaret Sakar  $\$10,150 \times 4 = \$40,600$   
Min Yeo  $\$6,000 \times 4 = \$24,000$

### ST. FRANCIS PREP

Robert Hanophy  $\$3,000 \times 4 = \$12,000$   
Richard Kim  $\$8,500 \times 4 = \$34,000$

### XAVIER

Jeremy Lao  $\$10,000 \times 4 = \$40,000$   
Matthew Malibiran  $\$6,000 \times 4 = \$24,000$

## About the Avellinews!

We rely on our alumni to keep us informed. Please take a minute to update us with your contact information and the happenings in your life. **We strongly encourage you to use the enclosed envelope and financially support your alumni association.** Thank you!

## Future Issues of the Avellinews!

Please note, this year, in order to reduce the cost of postage, we have extended the length of this summer issue and eliminated the winter issue. We are happy to hear your feedback and preferences going forward. Please like us on Facebook to stay in touch with the Alumni Association and for information on future issues.

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