



Saint Agnes School
Arlington Catholic
High School

Alumni Newsletter

February 2024

Reflections from Dr. Andrew Keough



As most of you are aware, January 28th-February 3rd was Catholic Schools Week (CSW). We had a great celebration, holding a variety of events that brought people together, recognized our dedicated educators, and served as a celebration of our Faith.

As I walked through the many experiences for the first time, I could not help but be reminded of how valuable the gift of faith is to our students. It is the one tool that they can take away from their time at Saint Agnes School/Arlington Catholic that will sustain them in life when dark times invariably come. Think about it. For each of us Catholics, someone, somewhere along the line, loved us enough to teach us that there is a being greater than us who loves unconditionally and will sustain us no matter what. God, not only looks out for us but holds us in the palm of His hand. He never forgets us and never abandons us, no matter how much we abandon him... If that is not “power in your corner” as you enter out into the world, I don’t know what is!

One of the final events of CSW was our Arlington Catholic Drama Club’s (ACDC) performance of Godspell. It was amazing and a true demonstration of students learning about faith and community, in this case through song and dance. There were several powerful songs about

God, but the one that really moved me personally was *All Good Gifts*. It brought me back to my youth and reminded me once again that all of the gifts I have received in life have come from God.

I am thankful to our fabulous students and staff who made the musical production of *Godspell* possible, but also to all of you who support our school. We are only here because you too know the value of faith and continually support our work. Thank you! If you have Spotify, check out *All Good Gifts* here. It's a beautiful song.

All Good Gifts

*We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land..
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand..
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain...
The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain...*

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love...*

*We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food,
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts
But that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!*

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above..
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love..*

I really wanna thank you Lord! ~ Matthias Claudius

Alumni Spotlight: Faculty/Staff Alumni



(not pictured: Susan Spellman Ampe, Paula Grejduš, Erin Curtin Kreider, Brian Morgan, Bella Petrillo, Matt Wever)

This year during Catholic Schools Week we were very proud to give special recognition to the many Saint Agnes and Arlington Catholic alumni who continue to minister at the school. We use the word “ministry” to describe their passion for working at the school. Their work is more than a job, it is a way to express their support for Catholic education.

We are proud to say we have **twenty four alumni** (click for a full list) who currently work for us. We asked these alumni to share why they enjoy working at SAS/AC and how their time as students here shaped their career:

“Education is my passion, and my experience at Saint Agnes and Arlington Catholic has helped to shape my compassion for helping others less fortunate.”

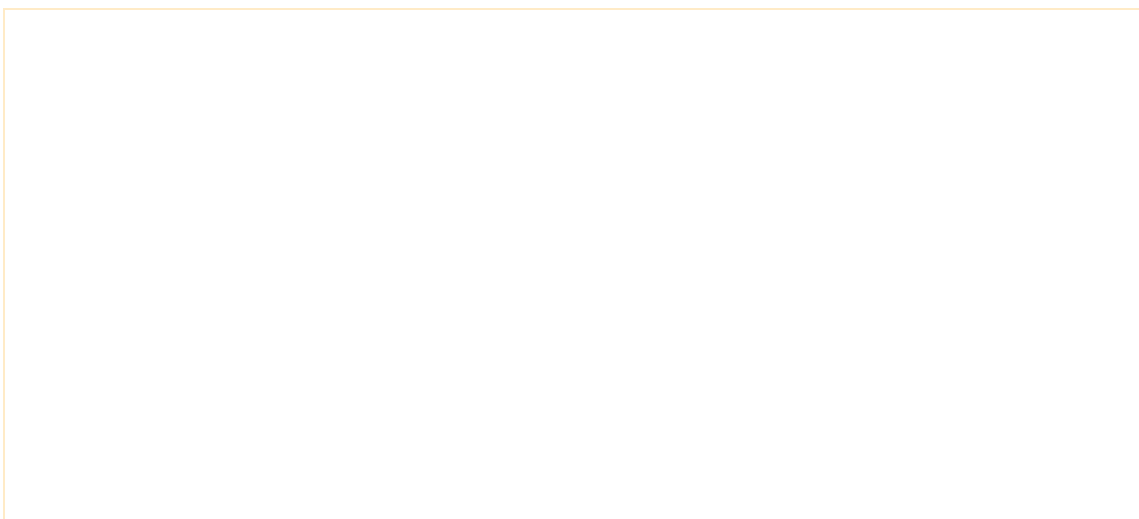
“I had an amazing experience in high school. I had great teachers and mentors. I loved retreats! They helped inform my faith for the rest of my life.”

To view more testimonials from our faculty/staff, please **click here**.

We are so very grateful to these alumni faculty and staff members who selflessly devoted their careers to Catholic education. It is without doubt that their own faith formation on Medford St. has created the foundation for their work and teaching in our School. May God continue to bless you in your service to the young men and women entrusted to your care.

We are committed to featuring SAS/AC alumni and their lives after graduation in future editions of our alumni newsletter. Do you know of fellow alumni living the mission of SAS/AC in their professional or personal lives who would be open to being interviewed by Sister Barbara McHugh and featured in a future alumni publication? Please email Sister Barbara directly at sbarbara@achs.net to nominate an alum or yourself!

Alumni News: Michelle Romano '00



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THE BLACK MASS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - 7:30PM

Michelle Romano's newest film, *The Black Mass*, is making its Massachusetts premiere at the Regent Theater on Sunday, February 25. The film is a 24-hour look into the inner life of a notorious American serial killer as he stalks his victims in January 1978. The doors open at 6:45 pm with the screening and Q&A starting at 7:30 pm.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

[Click here](#) to view the trailer.

Campus Happenings

8th Grade Acceptance Luncheon

Last month, we celebrated our 8th graders with a luncheon for them and their families where they received their official acceptances into the high school.

Pictured below are our legacy families who were in attendance: Stacey Young Boczenowski '97 and Brayden Boczenowski '28, Kelly O'Meara Constantine '90 and Stephen '26 and Ryan '28 Constantine, Barbara Strahan Durkin '77 and Caylee Muise '28, Peter Jamieson '88 and Sophia '25 and Alyssa '26 Jamieson, Nick Parisi '96 and Olivia Parisi '28.



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Our community celebrated Catholic Schools Week at the end of January, where we had the opportunity to celebrate our faith and recognize our students, families, priests, and faculty and staff.

We had numerous events take place throughout the week across our campus including two community masses, family classroom visits, and faculty/staff appreciation breakfasts.

Check out some photos from the week below!







Upcoming Events

Quiz Night - Saturday, March 9

Quiz Night is BACK! This is the time honored tradition you **LOVE** at Saint Agnes/Arlington Catholic! Quiz Master DJ Mr. Ed returns and we can't wait for this event! It will be a great evening of community!

A few details about the evening:

- Cash bar
- Bring your own food (for your table only) - food only please; outside alcohol IS NOT permitted
- Complimentary snacks

Tables are going fast so secure your tickets TODAY!

**Purchase Table, Tickets, or
Sponsorship**

Golf Tournament - Monday, April 29

The SAS/AC Golf Tournament has been postponed to Monday, April 29 and we have several open foursomes. If you are interested in registering, please email Gabbie Foderaro at gfoderaro@achs.net.

Upcoming Reunions

Class of 1964 - 60th Reunion

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2024

Location: Woburn Country Club, 5 Country Club Rd, Woburn, MA 01801

Time: 11:00AM

Cost: \$60

Contact: Linda Wilson Chopelas at lchopelas@verizon.net or 781-710-4742 and Phillip Brillante at pbrillante@verizon.net or 703-946-5804

Class of 1974 - 50th Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Location: Savinos Italian Restaurant, 449 Common St, Belmont, MA 02478

Time: TBD

Contact: Bill Driscoll at bdriscoll@lindenmeyrcentral.com and Larry Barton at laurencebartonllc@gmail.com

CLICK HERE for more information!

Class of 1994 - 30th Reunion

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024

Location: Menotomy Grill & Tavern, 25 Mass Ave, Arlington, MA 02474

Time: TBD

Contact: Michelle Deasy at michelledeasy@icloud.com and Christine Fleming at christinejflaming@gmail.com

4's and 9's...It's Your Reunion Year!

Reunions are held every 5 years so if your graduation year ends in '4 or '9 your reunion year is 2024!

CLICK HERE to view a message from our Alumni Relations Ambassador, Sister Barbara McHugh about planning for your upcoming reunion.

Class Notes and In Memoriam

Submit your class note for the next edition of Fidelitas!

This is a great chance to let your fellow alumni know what is happening in your life. Whether you've just hit a major life milestone, recently traveled somewhere new, or began a new business venture, we want to hear about it!

Click below to submit a class note today!

[Submit a Class Note](#)

In Memoriam

If you are aware of a graduate of Saint Agnes School or Arlington Catholic High School who has passed away, we would be most grateful if you would kindly email Sister Barbara McHugh at sbarbara@achs.net.

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