



Saint Agnes School  
Arlington Catholic  
High School



## Greetings SAS/AC Alumni!

### Celebrating the Sisters of Saint Joseph

Scripture says that St. Joseph was a just man. We know of Joseph's love and devotion to Mary and Jesus shepherding them to Egypt to escape persecution. Much like the refugees of today they had to leave their homeland for their own safety and protection. Joseph was completely open to all that God wanted him to do.



The Sisters of St. Joseph were founded in Le Puy, France in 1650. The Sisters of St. Joseph were founded in Boston in 1873. When the first Sisters of St. Joseph arrived in Boston, they found a city filled with new immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe who had joined the Irish immigrants.

Four pioneer Sisters came from Brooklyn, New York, and they were Regis Casserly, Claire Corcoran, Mary Delores Brown and Mary Felix Cannon. Under the leadership of Sister Regis Casserly, (for whom Regis College is named) they arrived at St. Thomas Parish in Jamaica Plain. They were settled in the five-room house Father Thomas Magennis provided for them.

Four days after their arrival, the sisters opened an elementary school for girls in the basement of the church. Two hundred students applied the first day. By 1877, boys were accepted and St. Thomas School became the first co-educational Catholic school in New England. Education became a most effective vehicle for the sisters to carry out their mission. In the Archdiocese of Boston, the sisters opened, staffed and/or sponsored over 125 educational institutions, including schools for children with special educational needs.

Oftentimes the sisters responded in hidden and unnoticed ways to the needs of the dear neighbor by alleviating language and ethnic differences; addressing the problems of homelessness; working with the ill and dying in the 1918 influenza epidemic; feeding the hungry at kitchen doors during the depression of the 1920's and 30's; nurturing the minds and souls of young children, teenagers, and college women; teaching the deaf; instructing the blind, and ministering to the needy and disenfranchised. They addressed the problem of homelessness by advocating for assistance and of the elderly by providing a peaceful environment,

comfort, security, companionship, shelter and food.

Over the next hundred years the sisters labored to provide an alternative education system based on Christian values and striving always for excellence tempered with gentleness.

The Sisters of St. Joseph opened and staffed St. Agnes School in Arlington in 1892. Arlington Catholic High School was opened in 1960. The Sisters have served St. Agnes Parish and schools continuously from 1892 until the present day 2022! While we do not have the large numbers of sisters in the parish any longer, Sister Barbara McHugh stands on the shoulders of all of the sisters who have served at the parish schools.

Today, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston continue their great legacy of educating in many different ways. The sisters educate people in the care of the earth, health care, spiritual ministries, literacy, immigration, prison work, women's issues, human trafficking, parish and school ministries and the like.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph in 2022, we honor the Sisters of St. Joseph past and present who have served the "dear neighbor" at St. Agnes School and Arlington Catholic High School. We thank them for their selfless service, working side by side with the many dedicated lay men and women who have given countless hours of service to the many students of Arlington and beyond.



### **Sister Barbara McHugh**

Sister Barbara McHugh joined the development team at the start of the school year as our Alumni Relations Ambassador after spending 28 years as a valued Theology teacher and Campus Minister at AC. She has enjoyed engaging with alumni to connect them to the School, and connecting our broader community back to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

You may reach Sister Barbara at sbarbara@achs.net or 781-648-5384.

## **Campus Happenings**

### **ARLINGTON CATHOLIC DRAMA CLUB**

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "It's Not

You, It's Me" who performed in the METG Drama Festival Saturday afternoon. Alyssa Franczak and Kira Wilcox won directing awards and Jess Jacobs was recognized for vocal choices. Awesome work!!



## ATHLETICS

### BOYS BASKETBALL

The Cougars defeated Tantasqua 66-58 and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen, but fell to #3 Tech Boston 84-76. Thank you for a great season, Cougs! It was awesome cheering you guys on!



### GIRLS HOCKEY

Girls Hockey fell to a talented Bishop Feehan team 8-2 in the first round of playoffs. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication this season!



### BOYS HOCKEY

Boys Hockey played tough against #4 Catholic Memorial, but the result was not what the boys had hoped for. 5-0 loss. Thank you for a great season. It was always exciting watching you play!



### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Basketball lost a tough one to top-seeded Medway 51-23 in the first round of playoffs. Thank you for a fun season! A great group of young women who made AC very proud.

## Class of 1972 50th Reunion!

Class of 1972 Reunion  
Sunday, September 18, 2022  
The Menotomy Grill  
25 Massachusetts Ave  
Arlington, MA 02474  
2:00PM - 6:00PM

Food will be light fare, with a cash bar, to allow old friends to move freely and enjoy reconnecting! The Menotomy Grill is open until 10:00PM and welcomes any/all to stay longer. More details to follow.

Arlington Catholic might be open for a tour on the 18th ahead of the reunion. Details will be announced.

The Annual SAS/AC Golf Event is Monday, September 19th at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, MA!

It will be great to have a strong showing of our Class of '72 this year!

We have heard already from many alumni eager about the reunion! We will start to send emails and other forms of direct contact soon. We may need help from classmates locating some alumni. We hope to be able to reach everyone from '72 with an invitation!

Are you signed up to get emails from the Alumni Office?  
If not, please **[CLICK HERE](#)** to update your information with them!

Any thoughts, ideas or questions, please reach out to anyone on the committee below:

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## Shower our School with Love was a SUCCESS!

**THANK YOU** to all of the participants and donors to this year's *Shower our School with Love* silent auction. The auction concluded on Friday night and thanks to YOUR support we raised **\$18,970** to support financial aid and scholarships for SAS/AC students! YOU are tremendous!



Thank you to the very committed parents who made up this year's Auction committee: Laura Baker, Kelly Feeney, Nicole Keefe and Nicole Semon. When you see these parents please thank them for all the ways they support our School. Without them this year's Auction would not have been possible. We are very lucky to have such dedicated parents in our community.

**THANK YOU** for supporting our School!

# Call for Class Notes!

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!

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