

Memorare

The newsletter of the Cathedral College/ Cathedral Prep Alumni Association

In this Edition

Greetings and welcome to the Spring, 2023 *Memorare*. For those of you who have been frantically searching for the Fall, 2022 issue, let me save you some trouble. There wasn't one. We'd like to present some good excuse, You know like the ones that we tried at Cathedral. The dog ate my computer? Ed Behn was kidnapped by aliens. (He was, but that's no excuse. He makes regular visits to his home planet and still manages to get the copy out). And so forth. But the simple truth is that we just didn't get around to it. It's the curse of a volunteer labor force. Just be thankful that we aren't a rural fire company in your village or town.

But here we are again. And in this issue we have a financial report from our treasurer, Tom Sheridan as well as a "State of the Association" report from secretary Joe Fusco. There's another "Lessons from 555" involving some research into the *Chimes* collection at the seminary library. Most importantly, there is a notice of the upcoming Memorial Mass and dinner on June 1st.

We would like our content to be more reader driven and so, we urge readers to send us thoughts about their experiences at Cathedral. As always, no issue of *Memorare* would be complete without examples of dead languages and esoteric information from the fertile mind of that same Ed Behn. And as further proof of that fertile mind, Ed has had one article produced for this issue strictly by "artificial intelligence," perhaps looking forward to the day when *all* intelligence will be artificial.

State of the Alumni Association

In 1992 Cathedral Prep was moved from 555 West End Avenue in Manhattan where it had been since 1942 to Rye, NY. In 1998 the high school program offered at Cathedral Prep, Rye had ended. The alumni continue to share a connection and camaraderie formed at Cathedral Preparatory College and Seminary through the Cathedral College/Prep Alumni Association.

This year we conducted the elections for officers and board members through electronic ballots. The officers and members met on March 23. We are happy to see that efforts to recruit new board members were productive. Members on the Executive Board now include alumni from four decades- the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's.

At the last meeting a membership committee was formed to encourage alumni to become active members of the association.

Presently, the alumni association is collaborating with alumni from the high school programs in Brooklyn, Queens and Rockville Center in our shared experiences. (Con't on page 2)



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College and Prep Directories and Class Listings

Alumni directories by class year along with contact information is available at:

<http://stlukes-parish.org/cathedral>

Note: Contact information is not available for every alumnus. Class listings are also available for all classes at the same location.

Thanks to St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Westborough, MA for providing hosting space.

Who said that!?

“Arma virumque cano”

“Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres, quarum unam incolunt Belgae, aliam Aquitani, tertiam qui ipsorum lingua Celtae, nostra Galli appellantur. “

“Amor Vincit Omnia “

“O tempora, O mores! “

“Σώφρονος ανδρός έχθραν φυλάττεσθαι και οργήν”

“ο δέ ανεξέταστος βίος ου βιωτός ανθρώπω»

Answers in the next edition.

State of the Alumni Association (con't)

On June 1 the alumni association will host the Annual Memorial Mass and Dinner.

An invitation was sent to all alumni for whom we have a valid email or mailing address.

Joe Fusco, Secretary

Financial Report

The Cathedral College Alumni Association continues to be on a sound financial footing.

Our cash balance consistently remains in the low \$20,000 range. As of March 31,2023 the bank balance stood at approximately \$23,800. Our finances are structured such that the Association dinners, currently held twice annually, are self funded by attendees. The scholarship award, currently \$3,000, that we make annually to a deserving seminarian studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of NY comes entirely from members dues.

Similar to attendance at Mass, we have a demographic issue in that many of our members are “graying”. We need to attract younger alumni in order to sustain the organization into the foreseeable future. If anyone reading this is aware of alumni who are not members of the Association, please send their names, addresses and email addresses to me at taras16428@aol.com -

Tom Sheridan, Treasurer

Annual Memorial Mass and Dinner and Dues Reminder

The Annual Memorial Mass on Thursday, June 1, 2023 with a 6:00 PM Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel located at 59 East Main Street, Elmsford, NY 10523 . Following Mass dinner will be held at Casaletto Ristorante, 15 S Central Ave, Elmsford, NY 10523

The cost of the dinner is \$70 per person. The Association is also making a request for annual dues payment for 2023 for \$20.(if you are able to do so.) All registered alumni should have received a letter by this time with details.

If you did not receive the letter please send a letter with a check indicating your plans to:

Cathedral College/Prep Alumni Association,
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39 Van Cleef Drive
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

If you have any questions, Tom Sheridan's e-mail is taras16428@aol.com .

Editor's Note: Many of you are no doubt aware of a recent release of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Software called **ChatGPT**. We thought it would be interesting to incorporate this technology in an article for this issue of Memorare. In the most basic terms one can pose a question or directive to the software which then generates a response.

To test this capability the editors submitted the following directive:
Write a 300 word essay on the benefits of attending a Catholic boy's prep school. The ChatGPT software responding with the following...

Attending a Catholic boy's prep school can offer a range of benefits to students. These schools prioritize education, character development, and leadership skills in their curriculum, providing students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for success in all areas of their lives.

One of the key benefits of attending a Catholic boy's prep school is the emphasis on academic excellence. These schools often have small class sizes, allowing for individual attention and a more personalized learning experience. The curriculum is rigorous and challenging, preparing students for success in college and beyond. Additionally, many Catholic boy's prep schools offer a wide range of advanced placement (AP) courses, allowing students to earn college credit while still in high school.

Another benefit of attending a Catholic boy's prep school is the focus on character development. These schools place a strong emphasis on developing students' moral and ethical values, encouraging them to live a life of service and compassion. The Catholic faith emphasizes the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, and these values are instilled in students through a variety of activities, such as community service projects and campus ministry.

Catholic boy's prep schools also provide numerous opportunities for leadership development. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles in a variety of areas, such as student government, sports teams, and clubs. These experiences help to develop important leadership skills, such as communication, decision-making, and problem-solving, which will serve students well in their future careers.

Finally, attending a Catholic boy's prep school can provide a sense of community and belonging. These schools often have a tight-knit community of students, teachers, and alumni who share a common set of values and traditions. The sense of community can be particularly important for boys, who may benefit from the support and encouragement of their peers in a single-sex environment.

In conclusion, attending a Catholic boy's prep school can offer numerous benefits to students, including academic excellence, character development, leadership opportunities, and a strong sense of community. These schools provide a unique and valuable education experience, preparing students for success in all areas of their lives.

Requiescat in pace et in amore

John D (J). McCarthy - College '51 [obit](#)

Thomas M. Carroll - College '54 [obit](#)

Michael Schmitt - College '64 [obit](#)

Jeffrey P. Conway - College '67 [obit](#)

*Note: Special thanks to **Jim Manning** who has been researching alumni deaths and obituaries. If you are aware of any recent deaths of alumni please email Jim at hegney750apt9@aol.com.*

We ran out of content for this edition of Memorare so here is another cartoon



Fun with Greek

Feta late than never!

You better be back before your *Corfu!*
It's in one Oia and out the other.

What do you call a flirty Greek philosopher? *Socratease*

How do Greeks view their food?
Through a Gyroscope

Facebook Group

For those who use Facebook, we have a group and you can check for information and updates. This is the site address: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1031291000372044/>

Lessons from West End Avenue

by Bill Bishop



I had a lot of time on my hands in 2021 and with the encouragement of Jim Manning, Prep '60, I spent much of that time in the Corrigan Library at St. Joseph's Seminary creating an inventory of the senior Cathedral publication *The Chimes*. From its first issue in 1909 through the final volume published in 1968, it really is a time capsule exposing the thoughts and interests of Cathedral's alumni and, consequently, of many of the priests we knew either from our parishes or as our instructors.

Sadly, the *Chimes* failed to survive the transition from Manhattan to Douglaston. Although I haven't quite completed the inventory yet, seeing the names of our professors and learning of their own interests at about the same age I was when they taught me was, in some ways, like visiting the past. Dean of *Discipline* Jimmy Griffin (can you really take a D of D seriously if you can call him "Jimmy?") the sports editor (Volume 36). Our freshman English teacher, Fr. Tom Gartland, he of the "five page" punishment compositions fame, wrote about Thomas Jefferson, "The Great American" in the Spring, 1943 issue. That class, by the way, produced two bishops, Austin "Archy" Vaughn and John Mescall, both of whom were contributors to the *Chimes*. Vaughn, in fact, subsequently became a *Chimes* editor. There's French professor Fr. Maurice Carroll's "Classical Katzenjammer Kid" in the Spring, 1949 edition as well as contributions by Fr. Oscar Lynch (one ironically entitled "Too Much Talk") and poetry by Fr. Joe Nebesky. Carroll also went on to edit the magazine. In addition to learning of the interests of my professors at my age, I also saw the names of many of the parish priests of my youth scattered throughout the various issues.

I have yet to do a "deep dive" into the earliest issues, but a quick perusal reinforces the *Chimes* as a snapshot of New York clergy and their times. Contemporary issues offered reflected the influence of World Wars, economic woes and racial awakenings. I encourage anyone who can to revisit their years at Cathedral through the eyes of *The Chimes* by visiting the Corrigan Library. Arrangements can be made by contacting the librarian, Mr. Connor Flatz, at cflatz@corriganlibrary.org. The association has also begun the process of digitizing many issues and posting them on Jim Manning's "Wall."

Our examination of the collection will be complete in a month or so and copies of the inventory will be made available to anyone who wants one by contacting *Memorare* or the association directly.

Know your Latin Math Knowledge

