

Memorare

The newsletter of the Cathedral College/ Cathedral Prep Alumni Association

The Pilgrimage

by Ed Behn

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote,
 The droghte of March hath perced to the roote,
 And bathed every veyne in swich licour
 Of which vertu engendred is the flour;
 Whan Zephirus eek with his swete breeth
 Inspired hath in every holt and heeth
 The tendre croppes, and the yonge sonne
 Hath in the Ram his halfe cours yronne,
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 The hooly blisful martir for to seke,
 That hem hath holpen whan that they were seeke.

At one time or another we all read Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. As students at Cathedral we were on our own pilgrimages of discernment and searching just as the characters in the Canterbury Tales.

In Chaucer's tale the pilgrims were seeking to visit the tomb of the martyr Thomas a Becket. Our journey at Cathedral was to come closer to the ultimate martyr, Christ! The goal of *Memorare* is to help us recall various times we met on that pilgrimage.

Memorial Mass and Dinner—Please read

Some of you may have already received, by mail, the invitation to the Memorial Mass and Dinner on May 1 at Dunwoodie and a nearby restaurant. The letters were released prior to the announcement in NYS regarding public celebrations of the Mass and closures of restaurants. We will monitor the situation and hold any checks received for the dinner until it is determined if the Mass and Dinner will actually occur. If you will be submitting your dues for 2020 in addition to a check for the dinner, please submit two separate checks - one for the dinner and one for the dues. Should you have any questions please forward them to Joe Fusco at drjsf9410@gmail.com. If you are sending a check for the dinner, please include your contact information in the form of an e-mail address or phone number.

Mr. Vincent Scotti Honored

The alumni association recently presented a plaque to honor the distinguished contributions of Mr. Vincent Scotti to the Cathedral tradition and to the association.
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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!?

Below is a quote from one of our teachers. Can you guess who said it. Answer in the next edition of Memorare.

"People on the streets outside (87th Street and West End Avenue) take for granted you are either a student or a worker; you people have the advantage of being non-working students"

Vincent Scotti Honored (con't)

Mr. Scotti was born on the feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1942. He graduated from St. John's Prep and Manhattan College before receiving his Masters' Degree from Yeshiva University in Mathematics Education.

Hired to teach Chemistry and Algebra at Cathedral in September, 1964., over the years, he came to add Physics, Earth Science and "every type of Mathematics" to his teaching resume. He also coached basketball and soccer and became Director of Student Activities. Following his years at 555 West End Ave, he taught at Cathedral Prep in Queens and Msgr. Scanlan H.S.. After retiring in 2005, he became a part-time Math instructor at Queensborough Community College.

On July 4, 1987 he married his wife Ginny with whom he has "lived happily ever after." Regarding his Cathedral experience Mr. Scotti says, "I had the privilege, and honor, to meet, and teach, many fantastic young men and learned as much from them as I taught.

Alumni Association Helps a Seminarian

Two of the objectives of the Cathedral Prep/ College Alumni Association are : A. To assist in advancing the goals or the New York Archdiocese's vocation program in any possible way, including financial assistance and proselytization of vocations and B. To nurture the Association's relationship with the New York Archdiocese's vocational program.



Monsignor Ed Weber (President of the Alumni Assoc.) presents scholarship award to Diego Saenz

In keeping with these goals, the Executive Board of the Alumni Association donated \$ 2500 to the education of a seminarian for the Archdiocese of New York. These funds come from the dues and donations of the alumni.

In December 2019, Diego Saenz received the scholarship from Msgr. Edward Weber, Alumni President, at the Christmas Mass and Dinner.

In 2018, Fr. George Sears, Rector of the Cathedral College House of Formation met with the Executive Board to discuss possible uses of our annual donation. Fr. Sears is instrumental in working with the Executive Board to determine a student from the Archdiocese of New York who merits the scholarship. Diego Saenz, this year's recipient is studying at the Cathedral House of Formation in Douglaston and is a Freshman at Fordham University. Diego hails from Fishkill, NY.

Letter from the Executive Board

Dear Brother Alumni.

The Cathedral College/Prep Alumni Association keeps the memory of Cathedral Preparatory College and Seminary alive at our annual Memorial Mass and Dinner in the Spring and at our Christmas Mass and Dinner. Our Association through dues and contributions designates scholarship money for a student who is studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York at the Cathedral College House of Formation.

Our organization enables all who studied at the high school, college, or formation program for the Archdiocese of New York to maintain a fraternal brotherhood of fellow classmates, friends, and teachers, intertwined with our Cathedral Preparatory Tradition.

Our brotherhood was created so that we could maintain a fraternal camaraderie with the people from whom we derived our friendships, our teachings, and our roots.

The most meaningful tradition that has grown out of the Association is the annual Mass and Dinner which we will have on Friday, May 1, 2020. This event provided the forum to fulfill one objective of our existence; namely, fraternal camaraderie and spiritual experience.

The Board of Directors searched for a goal that would enhance our objective to support vocations for the Archdiocese of New York. Over the last two years, we have offered scholarship money to a student who is studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York. In December 2019, we presented this scholarship to Diego Saenz, who is enrolled at the Cathedral College House of Formation and studying at Fordham University. This scholarship was presented to Diego by Msgr. Edward Weber, Alumni President, at the Christmas Mass and Dinner.

This year at our Christmas Dinner, we also presented a plaque to a former teacher at Cathedral Prep, who has been intertwined with our traditions, and has continued to support the alumni throughout the years- Mr. Vincent Scotti.

At our first Executive Board Meeting of 2020 we re-affirmed the purpose of the Cathedral Prep/College Alumni Association as defined in our Constitution. We realize that there will be a time when the membership will experience a decline as the mortality of the alumni of Cathedral Preparatory College becomes evident. This is why we encourage all those who experienced the brotherhood to participate as actively as they are able.

We would like to keep the legacy of the Cathedral Prep/College Alumni Association alive as long as possible and this depends on us, the alumni. The legacy is rather simple and plain to understand- a group of students, teachers, and priests shared a common tradition of values and education offered at Cathedral Preparatory College. We encourage all who attended one of the high school or college seminary programs for the Archdiocese of New York to attend one of the events, to serve on the Board or to assist with a Standing Committee.

Fraternally for the Executive Board,
Joseph S. Fusco '68 Prep '72 College
Secretary

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

The following prayer was taken from the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.



Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: *Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your

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/>

Know your Latin

Julius Caesar walks into a bar and orders a Martinus. The bartender asks don't you mean a Martini? Caesar replies "If I wanted two I would have said so".



Class Notes

Brother alumni, we are initiating in the newsletter a section of "Class notes." Most alumni publications contain such a column mentioning significant events (reunions, particular achievements, marriages, deaths, etc.). Therefore, we are soliciting submissions. If the information regards someone other than yourself please be sure to have the permission of the subject or his family. Also please include your name and class as well as, if it's someone else's information, the class (college? prep?) year of graduation of the subject. You can send the information to Bill Bishop (BillB70@optimum.net). Please include "Alumni class note" in the subject line.

Cathedral Prep Class of 1970 50th Year Reunion

The organizers of the Cathedral Prep Class of 1970 - 50th Year Reunion have decided to **postpone** the reunion due to the travel and meeting restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic. The Reunion organizers will be in touch with attendees regarding the revised plans.

Should you wish to contact them their e-mail addresses are:

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Bill Burke billburke74@gmail.com .

Remembrances from Paul Ciaramella—Prep '71

I was a student at 555 from 1967-1971 and Douglaston from 1971-1975. I had a wonderful experience and education.

You have asked for memories from 555. I have two which come to mind. One is while we entered the building, we knelt before Our Lady's painting on the wooden kneeler before we started our day. A beautiful way to start the day.

The second memory was as a freshman, we used to have class on the 5th floor on gym day. Then within minutes, had to run down to basement to change into our gym clothes, had to run up to the 6th floor to the gym, have 45 minutes of gym, then run down to basement to change and then back up to the 5th floor for class. Boy, we must have been quite young to do all that without cardiac arrest. Lol

As the years passed, I have always looked back on those 8 years with joy and wonder.