

Memorare

The newsletter of the Cathedral College/ Cathedral Prep Alumni Association

In this Edition

A belated Happy Easter to all. He is risen! Alleluia! The Cathedral Prep/College Alumni offers you the Spring, 2022 issue of *Memorare*. Herein, we include an update on the alumni Mass and dinner as well as an account of the reunion last fall of the classes of 1965 through 1968. We have a bear sighting as Ed Behn plays "Where's Waldo" with two friends and another "Lesson from 555 West End Avenue." In addition, we have, as always, scattered throughout, Ed's flaunting of his arcane knowledge of long dead languages.

But this issue is made special by an interview conducted with Deacon John Maloney by his daughter, Joan, about his experiences at Cathedral. John graduated in 1944 and lived a remarkable life, clearly demonstrating the value of Cathedral's influence. If you read nothing else, we suggest you spend some time with Deacon John. It will make you proud to say you attended that same Cathedral.

Interview with John Maloney

John Maloney, class of 1944, is believed to be the oldest surviving alumnus of the Cathedral priest formation program. He was one of forty graduates of the class of 1944, a remarkable twenty-one of whom went on to ordination to the priesthood. Recently he graciously consented to be interviewed about his experiences in the program. The interview, in two parts, was conducted by his daughter, Joan Moran. The following is a summary of that interview.

John began the interview with his daughter correcting her mislabeling his experience as being at "Cathedral High School" to "Cathedral College." This would cause a chuckle for many of us who entered the program as high school freshmen and had to explain to friends and family how at age thirteen we could be in "college." But John did in fact begin his time at Cathedral as a fifth-year student (or a true college freshman), having graduated from the Jesuit high school Xavier. He was a member of the first class to attend at 555 West End Avenue entering in September, 1942. He mentioned starting there with his good friend from Xavier, John "Buddy" McDermott Jr.

John's memories of faculty at the time were particularly upbeat. He recalled the Latin instructor, Msgr. Waterford, and Joe Cahill who taught Greek. John says he had an easier time with Greek than some of his classmates since he had previously taken three years of it at Xavier. He recalled with particular fondness his physics teacher Fr. Benny Lindner, "with his ten-foot slide rule" and Fr. Dave Rea who introduced him to G. K. Chesterton and encouraged his students to write. Other professors he recalled were Fr. Florence "Flo" Cohalan famous for his extremely difficult tests (John recalled, as does this writer, his affinity for asking questions out of the textbook's *footnotes*!!!) and Fr. Daly who taught Christian Doctrine. A course in homiletics required a five-minute talk or homily. *continued 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!?

In the last edition we asked who said:

This Edition's question

No one sent in the correct answer to the last edition's question, so it is being repeated. To sweeten the prize, the first correct answer will receive a gilt-edged trot of Caesar's Gaelic Wars.

Q. Who used the term: "The Vegetable Subjunctive" in their Latin classes? Give an example.

Answer in the next issue.

The school schedule in John's time called for a half-day class on Saturdays with Wednesdays off. John secured a part-time job at the newsstand of the St. Regis Hotel. He became class historian and wrote for the senior magazine the *Chimes*. He credits that experience for enhancing his writing abilities as he was responsible for the humor column "The Chatterbox." He also tried out for and made the Cathedral basketball team. In those days, Cathedral's schedule required facing many major four-year programs such as St. John's, Manhattan and St. Joseph's in Philadelphia.

John and his classmates graduated in March of that year and most went on to the major seminary in April. John spent four years in Dunwoodie before deciding his life would take a somewhat different course. He summed up his time at Cathedral by saying he "loved every bit of his time" there. He described it as a "wonderful place with wonderful people," where he made "friends for life." Cathedral was, he emphasized, an experience he would "never, never give up."

At a board meeting a few years ago, the alumni association's current treasurer, Fr. Brian McWeeney made the statement that the fact that not every graduate of Cathedral was ordained to the priesthood in no way made the program a failure. He was thinking, we're sure, of the hundreds of graduates who went on to serve the Church as lectors, choir members, catechists and, as in John Maloney's case, permanent deacons. John was ordained by the late Cardinal Cooke (fittingly, a friend of John's from his days in the seminary) on June 9, 1973. This was another "first" for John as this was the first class of permanent deacons in the New York Archdiocese. We hope to continue John's story in the fall issue of *Memorare*, with his account of how his Cathedral experience led him to his service in that capacity.

Postscript: Sadly, on March 7th shortly after the interviews were conducted, John passed away at the age of 98. He was waked on March 14th at St. Anthony's Shrine Church in Nanuet, with a Mass celebrated in the parish church the following day. From what this writer learned of his inspirational life, he is not someone we need to pray *for*, but he is definitely someone we can pray *to*.

Annual Memorial Mass and Dinner and Dues Reminder

The Annual Memorial Mass and Dinner will be held at the Cardinal John O'Connor Residence on Thursday, June 2, 2022 with a 6:00 PM Mass, followed by a barbecue at the Residence.

The cost of the dinner is \$50 per person. The Association is also making a request for annual dues payment for 2022 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,
% Fr. Brian McWeeney
St. Agnes Church,
143 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017

Reunion Luncheon

Classes of '65-68 College and Prep



The College and Prep Classes from '65 to '68 held a reunion luncheon last October at Villa Mosconi . Guests included Bill Poli and Vince Scotti.

Bill Poli joined the 555 Faculty in 1961 and stayed until its closing in Rye, NY in 1999. Vince Scotti arrived in

1964. Vince and Bill may be the longest tenured professors in the History of Cathedral.

Joining our Prep teachers Bill Poli and Vince Scotti, from Vince's right: Joe Murphy '66 '68, Standing: John Noonan '61-'65, Skip Morton '66 Prep, Gene Tozzi '67 Prep, Jonno Hanafin '67 Prep, Frank Mulhern '67 Prep, Vic Carapella '67 Prep, Ron Schaeffner '65 '67, Tony Napoli '68 College , Charlie Weber '68 College , Ed Fitzsimmons '68 College, Father Brian McWeeney '65 '67

From the North Country

This Trio (Charlie Conroy, College '68, Ed Behn Prep '68 and Jerry Cavallerano College '68), aka the Massachusetts Cathedral Division, have been getting together for the last eight years. They have breakfast in or around one of their hometowns every three or four months. The two guys behind them photo-bombed and are not Cathedral alums!



Editor's Note: If the above photo appears a bit blurry, it was because the bear was Fuzzy Wuzzy.

Requiescat in pace et in amore

Anthony P Andreacchi - Prep '81 [obit](#)

Rev. Owen J Lafferty - [obit](#)

Robert J Hyndman - Prep '70 [obit](#)

Msgr Patrick J Barry - College '48 [obit](#)

Rev. Robert W Larkin - College '67 [obit](#)

Rev. Robert Panek - College '64 [obit](#)

John "Jack" F McLarkey Jr - College '67 [obit](#)

Rev .Aroldo Guerra - Faculty [obit](#)

Rev .Dr Edward J Soares - College '45 [obit](#)

Rev. Msgr Ferdinando Donato Berardi - College '69 [obit](#)

Harold Anthony Salmon - College '50 [obit](#)

Rev Arthur T Welton - College '63 [obit](#)

John P Carway - College '51 [obit](#)

Francis J Lindsay - Prep '76 [obit](#)

John R Maloney - College '44 [obit](#)

John "Jack" J Mortell - College '53 [obit](#)

Rev Thomas J Curley - College '64 [obit](#)

Rev Lawrence J Quinn

*Note: Special thanks to **Jim Manning** who has been researching alumni deaths and obituaries.*

Fun with Greek (puns)

Τι παιχνίδι έπαιξαν οι Έλληνες Θεοί;
Υδρα και πήγαινε να ψάξεις.

Τι φορούσαν οι Αρχαίοι Έλληνες στα πόδια τους; Τένις Ζευς.

Τι ράτσα αλόγων ήταν ο Δούρειος ίππος; Ενας εφιάλτης.

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 Math Knowledge

50% of being a lawyer is the ability to use Latin phrases that people don't understand the other 50% is "ad hoc ergo propter hoc"

The Romans didn't find Algebra very challenging, because X was always 10.

Any salad is a Caesar salad if you add 23 knives.



Lessons from West End Avenue

by Bill Bishop



As I write this piece it is November, 2021. I have just learned of the passing of one of my classmates. And it reminded me of one of the most amazing "coups" ever pulled off in my six years on West End.

Bob (no further identification needed, but his classmates will recognize him) was a quirky, lanky, gawky string bean from Yonkers. One day in junior year Fr. Thomas "Bucky" McMahon gave us the assignment of composing and reciting in class an original poem. When Bob's turn came he confidently strode to the front of the class room and sticking a finger dramatically into the air started to recite:

"I started on a journey, about a year ago to a little town called Morrow in the state of Ohio. Now I'd never been much of a traveler, so I didn't really know that Morrow was the hardest place I'd ever try to go."

Sound familiar? Of course, it was the popular Kingston Trio song, ""To Morrow." (For younger folk "Google" it. It's a very witty piece) As he began we all turned to each other thinking "Bucky's" gonna kill him. (With Bucky, of course, that was figurative, but if he'd tried the same thing with "Big Jim," it might have been literally true). But as Bob went on "Bucky's" face took on a look as if he was attending the rapture. Gradually our looks said, ""He's gonna pull this off! Good Lord, he's gonna get away with this." When he'd finished, "Bucky," simply said something like, "Magnificent, Robert, simply magnificent" as though he'd uncovered a new John Donne! Bob walked back to his seat looking at us with a very smug expression.

I'm not at all certain that any of us learned a lesson from that experience at the time. But, with his passing, the lesson for me, at least, suddenly became clear. He was ordained in 1970 and went on to a lengthy career as a Navy chaplain (delighting classmate reunions with bottles of Johnny Walker Blue from the PX). Returning to civilian life he was still the lanky, gawky, string bean from Yonkers, but now serving in a parish in upstate Ulster County until his retirement. A classmate, Tom Curley, also ordained in 1970 who took the time to get to be his friend when many of us did not, described him simply as "a good guy and a good priest." A finer epitaph will never be written.

And my lesson half a century later? Bobby we hardly knew ya. And it's our loss.

Editor's note: Rev. Thomas Curley [obit](#) passed away after the above article was written.