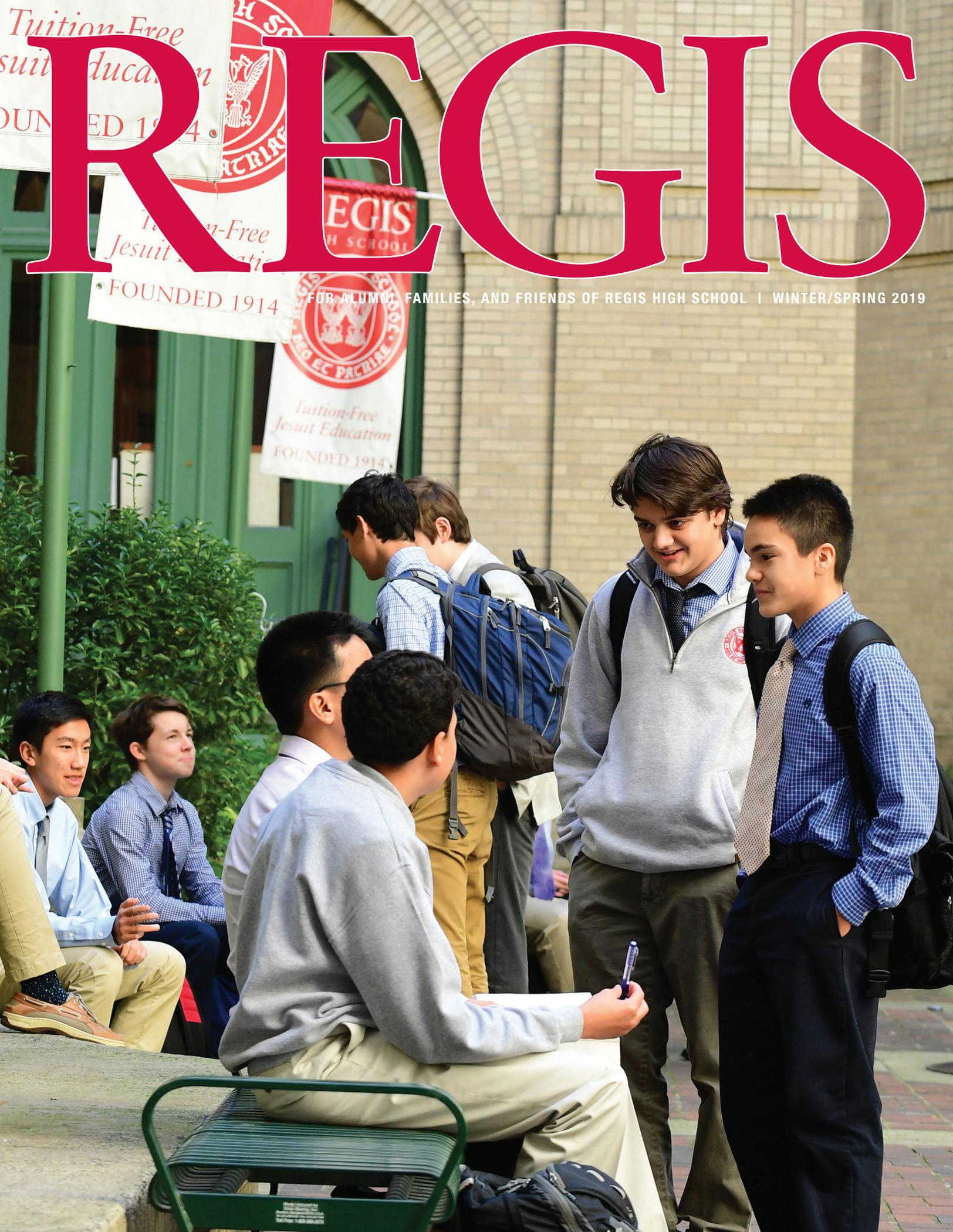


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**Above** Mr. David Bonagura '99 teaches Latin to the current freshman class.

**On the Cover** Students gather in the quad on a pleasant day

## President's Report

# Spring Renewal



After three winters here in New York, I am still adjusting to this phenomenon of cold which brings me back to my youth in Chicago. I remember learning during grad studies in California that winter could be something that one “visited” rather than endured. Yet, it does make

the prospect of the newness of spring and flowers something to truly relish.

While still a couple of weeks away as I write this, our annual Parents Club Auction will have come and gone by the time you receive this. It is always a great event, and really our only fundraising event of the year. And it is definitely a sign of the coming of spring.

For ten years now, we have had the Auction Challenge which is a raise-your-paddles portion of the Auction which funds some school renovation project. Recent efforts have helped renovate science labs, the cafeteria, classrooms, and fund technology advances. This year we focused on two renovation ideas top to bottom—the Physics Lecture Hall and the Lower Locker Room. Both will get a complete makeover this summer and will do much to improve student life here at Regis.

These improvements, along with a host of other summer projects, reflect one element of the Strategic Plan that the Board approved last spring, a copy of which you received with the last Regis News magazine. But physical improvements are only a few of the many things that the Strategic Plan mandated us to do. We have also increased our support for our REACH program; we are adding an additional college counselor to our guidance department after doing an evaluation of our program this past fall; and we continue to plan for a broader implementation of other areas as well.

While last year we were busy with the Strategic Plan, this year we were involved in self-study prior to our recent Sponsorship Review by the Northeast Province of the Jesuits. Generally, on a six-year cycle, this self-study requires us to examine those areas of school life which touch on five particular areas: Jesuit and Catholic Mission and Identity, Governance and Leadership, Spiritual Formation, Educational Excellence, and Faith that Does Justice. Nearly half our faculty and staff were involved in committees that prepared the report, and then we recently hosted the visiting committee made up of five Jesuit school educators from across the province.

After a three-day visit to Regis, the committee made an oral report to the full faculty and staff at the conclusion of their time with us. They had numerous commendations, pointing out many improvements in how we fulfill our mission since our last visitation. They also had several new recommendations for us in other areas that will strengthen the work that we do here each day.

Life is rarely boring here at Regis. As one season turns to the next, as one year leads to another, we continue to look for the best ways we can deliver on our important mission. Our students deserve it, our alumni demand it, our faculty honor it. Since I wrote you last, after a thorough search process, I named Fr. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO, as the Principal of Regis High School. Many of you know Fr. Andreassi from his 15 years of service here in a variety of roles, including as the author of our Centennial history, *Teach Me to Be Generous*. I look forward to continuing to work with Fr. Andreassi in implementing the change that our Strategic Plan and the Sponsorship Review challenge us to undertake to make sure that Regis High School remains true to our mission and provides the best possible education for our young men. Thank you for your support of that mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel K. Lahart, SJ". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "DKL" being particularly prominent.

Daniel K. Lahart, SJ  
President

## The Office of Development

# Springtime Giving Fuels the Annual Fund

There is no busier nor more important time of year for fundraising at Regis than Spring. The last quarter of our fiscal year, which ends on June 30, typically draws around half of the revenue for the Annual Fund, which is the school's most critical income stream. Because Regis is tuition-free and has never been fully endowed, the Annual Fund must continue to cover the majority of our yearly operating expenses.

Fueling a strong finish to this year's Annual Fund: *Live the Mission* will be several important moments, which will encourage all members of the Regis community—our alumni, families, and friends—to support this year's campaign and inspire future giving to Regis.

### Giving Weekend

Giving Weekend, which in its third year will take place around the festivities of Graduation, encourages all members of the community to come together and celebrate the mission of Regis—its past, present, and future. Last year, over 1,200 donors participated in Giving Weekend, which raised \$2.23 million, including an historic \$1 million match set by Trustees and Board Committee members. This year, as the school's newest alumni, decked out in white jackets, are charged with “setting the world on fire,” members of the Regis family will again be encouraged to come together to raise necessary resources to sustain the mission of Regis. Stay tuned for details for this year's Giving Weekend, which will take place from May 30 through June 1.

### Young Alumni Challenge

For the fourth year in a row, the youngest sixteen classes (from 2003 through 2018) are facing off in the highly competitive **Young Alumni Challenge**. The challenge is a bracket-

style elimination tournament, modeled after the NCAA's March Madness. In a nod to Regis's Jesuit identity, this first round of competition is called “**March Magis**.” In each matchup, the class with the higher Annual Fund participation percentage advances to the next round, until a champion is crowned at the end of June.

The goal of the Challenge is to encourage alumni to promote class connections and friendly competition, as well as support a lifetime habit of engagement with their classmates and giving back to Regis. Three classes will qualify for a special barbecue this summer at Regis: The Young Alumni Challenge Champion, the winner of the consolation bracket, and the class that attains the highest overall Annual Fund participation rate. Last year, Regians from 2012 emerged victorious after defeating the Class of 2002 in the Championship Round.

The 2018 Young Alumni Challenge raised over \$125,000 for the Annual Fund, with five classes surpassing 50% overall participation. As this year's challenge gets under way, may the best Class win!

### Reunions

Springtime is reunion time at Regis as hundreds of alumni from 10 different classes return to 84th Street to catch up with their classmates and share memories from their formative four years here. In keeping with the recent tradition of other classes celebrating their milestone 25th and 50th reunions, the Classes of 1994 and 1969 hope to each find a special way to show their gratitude to the school for the gift of a Regis education. The Class of 2009 has been hard at work as well, with a goal of doubling their participation

in honor of their 10 year reunion. We look forward to welcoming all reunion classes back to Regis.

There is still plenty of time left to participate in the 2019 Annual Fund and help Regis continue to *Live the Mission* of providing exceptional tuition-free Jesuit education. There are a variety of ways to give, and the Office of Development is here to assist. We can be reached at [giving@regis.org](mailto:giving@regis.org) or 212-288-1142.

## Annual Fund Giving

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# GIVING WEEKEND

2019

MAY 30 THROUGH JUNE 1

As the 102nd class graduates from Regis, join us for Giving Weekend, a three-day Annual Fund campaign to help keep alive the unique mission of Regis and send forth the next class of *Men for Others*.

Learn more at [regis.org/givingweekend](http://regis.org/givingweekend)

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

THE 2019 ANNUAL FUND

# LIVE THE MISSION

# News & Notes

For expanded coverage of these and other news stories, visit [news.regis.org](http://news.regis.org)

## The Relaunch of Regians in Tech



On Tuesday, January 15, the recently revitalized Regians in Technology group co-hosted its first event: “Unscaled: How Upstarts Are Challenging Giants.” The event, which kicked off with a cocktail social, will hopefully prove useful for Regians in the field of technology to connect and build a network. In a display of the strength of the Regis community, 112 attendees representing various specialties and fields within technology were present to help relaunch the group.

Following the cocktail hour, the panel conversation began. Panelists included Artie Minson '88 (the President and CFO of WeWork), Roger Knight '00 (Managing Director at Lincoln International), and Zach Garippa '08 (CEO and Co-Founder of Negotiatius). Using their expertise and experience, these three gentlemen discussed the ‘unscaling’ of the economy, a phenomenon whereby smaller companies and start-ups can now ‘rent’ the scale they need to compete with larger, established companies. After the guided panel discussion, the floor opened up for Q&A.

“As more and more Regians pursue careers in technology, relaunching the Regians in Tech group felt like a good way to let this community get together and share experiences and insights,” Conor McKeown '07, one of the organizers of the group, said. “We’re planning to hold more events, both formal and informal, and allow Regians to leverage the network to mentor, share ideas, and learn more about new opportunities.”

## Regis Community Lights Christmas Tree



On Friday, December 7, the Regis community celebrated the season at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. The crowd first gathered in the Regis auditorium for prayer and a musical performance. Then, it was time to venture out into the cold of the quad. Father Lahart blessed the tree, and the mass of students, teachers, family, and friends cheered as the Regis Christmas Tree was lit.

After a ceremony filled with music and candlelight, the group moved into the Regis cafeteria for Christmas treats and more music!

## Repertory Marches to Success with *Parade*

The Regis Repertory’s performance of *Parade* enjoyed a stellar four-night run in January. Playing to a packed house each night, the cast and crew handled the subtleties and difficult subject matter of the play with strong dramatic and musical acumen.

Musical director Vince Peterson was incredibly proud of the work the students put into the production: “The cast and crew of *Parade* this year was a group of students we knew would embrace and elevate the importance and beauty of this story in deep ways,” he said. “What they did instead was truly develop an empathy so powerful that, for me, it evoked the spirit of Leo Frank himself, and countless others in the fabric of America who

suffered dearly from the negative effects of religious and racial segregation. I couldn’t be prouder that this work of art was brought to our community as a true and divinely given way to ignite the fire of justice in all of our hearts.”

“*Parade* was a tremendous success,” said Regis Rep moderator, Gena Reisig. “We saw record numbers in attendance and sold out the last two shows completely. More importantly, we have received incredible feedback from parents and students, who have told us how moved they were by Leo Frank’s story and how our performance encouraged them to read more about the history of anti-Semitism in America.”

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew!



## David Bonagura '99 Discusses *Steadfast In Faith* with Cardinal Dolan



Earlier this year, David Bonagura '99 was interviewed by Cardinal Dolan to discuss his recently published book *Steadfast in Faith: Catholicism and the Challenges of Secularism* (Cluny Media, January 2019). Written for the benefit of the regular Catholic, Bonagura's book explores the nature of faith and belief in light of the many challenges that believers regularly experience.

"The book was a labor of love," said Bonagura, who currently teaches Latin and serves as the chair of the Language department. "It took me a few years, but I wanted to help bolster the faith of so many Catholics who, quite understandably, are feeling a bit unsettled in their belief due to the increasing secularization of the world around us."

## Regis Hosts First Collegiate Holiday Luncheons

On Friday, January 4th and Tuesday, January 8th, Regis held its first ever Collegiate Holiday Luncheons. The events presented an opportunity for recent graduates of Regis to spend an afternoon of their college winter break catching up with old classmates and teachers.

Throughout the two luncheons, over 100 students came back to 84th Street to take in the sights of their old stomping ground. These recent alumni were treated to a whole host of new scenes around the school. For many of the alumni, the new cafeteria and video screens were a complete surprise. "It really looks fantastic. It's good to see the school is updating itself," said one member of the class of 2016.

Though, for all of its changes, Regis has remained steadfast in its enduring and welcoming community. "It was great to see so many guys back in the building, and to hear what they were up to in college and abroad," said Mr. Douglas Eickman '05 of the Math Department. "I particularly enjoyed hearing from a bunch of former students who were doing interesting things in either math and science, and who were putting what they had learned here at Regis to good use."

Vincent Catapano '96, Director of Alumni Relations, echoed this sentiment. "Having over 100 of our college-aged alumni back was a great experience and it was a pleasure seeing how they took their experiences at Regis and brought them to college campuses across the country," he said. "We look forward to getting them more involved in the alumni network and helping them utilize the resources available to them."

## Parents Gather In Celebration & Gratitude



On Tuesday, February 26, over 150 parents from the Classes of 2020 and 2021 came together in the auditorium for a Presidents' Day Party. With an All-American selection of wines to taste and food to enjoy, these sophomore and junior parents celebrated another year at Regis and received Father Lahart's thanks for the many different ways in which they support the school.

One week later on Shrove Tuesday, senior parents attended a Mardi Gras celebration (complete with colored beads, jambalaya and beignets) and reminisced about their four years at Regis. Cathy McCordick P'14 '19, in her moving remarks, recalled the many milestones and events which made the Regis experience so special for the boys and their families. She also spoke eloquently of the lasting impact Regis will have on its graduates. "Our sons will be the 102nd graduating class of Regis. It's a remarkable testament to the Foundress and her family. Our boys will inherit a unique and wonderful legacy that will bind them together for the rest of their lives. Regis has not just equipped them intellectually for the future. It has forged them into true *Men for Others*, always ready and willing to step up and do what is just. They are, and always will be guided by us, the principles of their faith, and the values they learned here at Regis."



## Varsity Soccer Repeats as City Champions



At St. John’s University in Queens, Regis Varsity Soccer took on St. Francis Prep (who handed Regis one of its three league losses in a 2-1 mid-season match) in the 2018 CHSAA Boys “AA” Championship.

Both teams came into the game as number one seeds from their respective dioceses, and it showed. The teams were evenly matched, and competed on the pitch in what would prove to be a battle of two stalwart defenses. After 80 minutes, there was nothing to separate the two teams, and so extra time was needed.

At the end of extra time, the scoreboard still read 0-0, and so penalties were needed to decide the champion. With the

game at his feet, junior Francis Barth ’20 slotted his penalty home into the bottom right corner to win the game (the final was 5-3 in penalties) and win Regis its second consecutive city championship.

“Winning our first ever “AA” soccer championship for Regis last year was something special and the large group of graduating seniors left their mark on the program,” head coach Vincent Catapano ’96 said. “With a different roster composition with only eight seniors this year it is truly amazing to go out and repeat—not only winning the Archdiocesan Championship but also repeating as City Champions. It shows what hard work,

dedication and perseverance can do and I am amazed every day with what this talented group of student-athletes has been able to accomplish.”

Regis continued on to compete in the New York Catholic State tournament, where it first met the representative from the Buffalo Diocese, St. Joseph Collegiate in a semifinal matchup. After an exciting overtime win, Regis reached its second straight New York State Final. In an exciting defensive struggle, the Raiders unfortunately fell to Chaminade by a final score of 1-0.

Congratulations to Coach Catapano and the whole team for an incredible season!

## Return of the Regis and Dominican Academy Walkathon

After a seven year hiatus, the Regis Walkathon is back! On Friday May 3, the Regis and Dominican Academy student governments are organizing a Walkathon around the Upper East Side as well as club activities, coffee house performances and more to follow at Regis. Students from both schools hope to bring their communities together to promote a sense of solidarity, kindle

new friendships and inspire a spirit of generosity for Catholic education. The reintroduction of the Walkathon comes at the request of the current students who wish to continue the event’s previous tradition of promoting both fellowship and fundraising.

The students have set a goal to raise \$25,000 for the Annual Fund by the end of April, which works out to about \$50 per student and represents the cost to educate a Regian for one year. As part of their outreach, students plan to promote the mission of our school and introduce Regis’s unique mission to a new audience, sharing the message of how their Catholic education has changed their lives and asking for help to continue the opportunity first set forth by the Foundress for future Regians. At the close of the fundraiser, students and advisements will be given the opportunity to win prizes based upon their outreach efforts.

For more information on their progress, follow #RegisDAwalkathon and visit [regis.org/walkathon](http://regis.org/walkathon). Thank you for your support!



Members of the Class of 2014 participate in the Fall 2010 Regis Walkathon.

## Regis Squares Off with Xavier in Triple Header

You could hear the affair before you could even see the gym—a rapturous chorus of ooh’s and ah’s from students, sneakers squeaking on the parquet courts, the thump-thumping of feet on bleachers.

And the sight was something to behold. Students on either side of the gym never left their seats for the duration of the three games. It was a Triple Header to remember, full of excitement, drama, good basketball, and—yes—noise.

The freshman game kicked things off at 3:45. A raucous crowd urged the Raiders onward, but they unfortunately fell in a hard-fought battle, 62-39. Regis, which plays in the CHSAA ‘B’ division, kept the contest close until the end, when Xavier (who compete in the ‘A’ division), began to run away with it.

The JV game was a defensive struggle, with Xavier prevailing 47-35. The Regis team gave the crowd a lot to cheer about, playing an impassioned and physical game.

At 7:00, the stage was set for the main event—the varsity showdown. Regis played a phenomenal game, defending with aplomb and moving the ball well to create scoring chances. After three quarters, the game was all square. Though Xavier ultimately came out on top, the final score of 58-49 belies how close this game really was. It was never more than a two possession game until Regis was forced to foul in the final seconds, giving Xavier free throws. The Regis crowd was appreciative of the team’s effort, keeping the energy high and positive throughout the duration of the game.

Many who couldn’t attend the game were still able to watch from home, thanks to the Regis Broadcasting Club’s livestream. Student announcers and crew worked tirelessly to bring the vaunted Regis-Xavier Triple Header into the living rooms of the Raider faithful. Thanks to everyone who tuned in!

Congratulations to the players, coaches, and broadcasting crew. It was another Triple Header to remember.



Juniors Luke Hartigan (L) and Danny Whang (R) call the game for the Regis Broadcasting Club livestream

## Celebrating the Gift of Regis: The Parents Club Auction



On Saturday, March 30th, Regis High School hosted its annual Parents Club Auction. This year’s theme was “Celebrate the Gift of Regis,” and the festivities on Saturday night were marked by joy and generosity.

With over 600 guests in attendance and countless parent and student volunteers helping to orchestrate the night, many contributions made the event a resounding success.

The evening began with a silent auction taking place on the second floor of Regis. The Upper Gym was full of baskets offering valuable items, unique experiences, and more than a few pieces of Regiana and owl-themed articles. The Large Conference room featured “Big Board” items up for silent bidding, including trips to attractive locales or golf courses, exclusive tickets to games and shows, and chances to interact with some of Regis’s most famous alumni. Throughout the evening, food, drink, and good conversation were enjoyed by all.

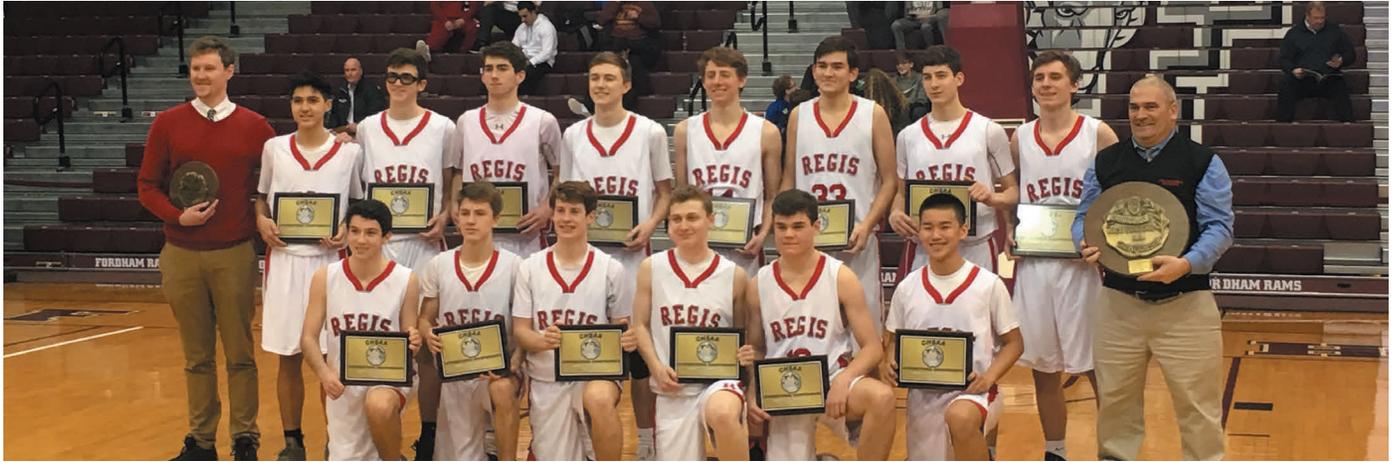
At 8 p.m., bidding on most silent items closed, while the “Big Board” remained open until later in the evening. Guests then made their way to the auditorium for the main event: the Live Auction. Fr. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ, President of Regis, welcomed guests, and a group of seniors sang the Regis alma mater to get the proceedings officially underway. Mr. Eugene Flinn P’10, in his 13th year with the gavel, and Mr. Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions, took the stage to begin the auction and to highlight the great items available, encouraging the highest bids possible. Some of the items were familiar to returning auction guests, such as “Go to the Head of the Class,” a chance to sit in the front row at graduation, or the “Jesuit Culinary Adventure,” in which the Jesuits on staff at Regis host a fine dinner for the highest bidder. Other items were new this year, such as a dinner gourmet hosted by Chef Daniel of Regis’s catering service, Cater to You.

At the conclusion of the Live Auction, the lights went down and a video began to explain the Auction Challenge, Renovating Regis from Top to Bottom. Each year, the Auction Challenge invites supporters to provide funds for an important project at Regis to be completed over the summer. This year, in celebration of the 10th Auction Challenge, Fr. Lahart highlighted two spaces in need of renovation: the Physics Lecture Hall and the Student Locker Room.

The Locker Room is where most students begin each day, and the renovations will make this space more welcoming and comfortable for the entire student body. The Physics Lecture Hall is easily one of the most recognizable spaces at Regis. Improvements will keep the classic character of this large room, but will increase its functionality, accessibility, and effectiveness for learning and events.

Regis is grateful for the many volunteers who helped run this year’s event, the numerous alumni, families and friends who donated items to the auction, and to the many guests who attended and supported Regis through generous bidding. Regis is defined by community and generosity, and the Auction is a testament to those values.

## Triple Threat: Regis Sweeps CHSAA City 'B' Championships



March Madness came to Regis a bit early this year: during the last weeks of February, all three Regis High School Basketball teams made their way to City Championship contests in their respective divisions.

The Freshman and JV teams kicked off the action by storming into the finals of the CHSAA "B" Division games. Both teams faced Salesian High School teams for the titles in an exciting doubleheader on February 24 at Salesian. Led by head coach and Regis alumnus Dr. Jay Shanahan '77, the Freshman team took control late in the first game to earn a 47-44 victory and claim the Intersectional Championship.

Not to be outdone by their younger counterparts, just hours later Regis's JV team took a six-point victory and the second championship for the day, again getting the best of worthy opponents from Salesian. Coach Jack Moran, a Regis

alumnus from the Class of 2008, was pleased with his team's performance and an impressive city title.

A strong regular season performance earned the Varsity team a first-round bye. They advanced directly to the semifinal round, where they took a convincing victory over Cristo Rey at St. Raymond's in the Bronx.

A week later at Fordham University's Rose Hill Gym, the Raiders looked to repeat as City Champions. They faced a talented Salesian team in a matchup of squads that had split games during the regular season. In a low-scoring, back-and-forth game that came down to the final minutes, clutch play led the Varsity to win 43-40. This solidified a repeat City Championship for this team, as well as a clean sweep City Championships in all three levels of the CHSAA "B" Division.

The City Championship game was attended by many parents, past and

present, and several Regis alumni as well. Many continued the celebration on nearby Arthur Ave. after the game's conclusion. Unfortunately, the Varsity team did not win their first game in the New York State CHSAA tournament, but nevertheless had a very successful season.

Varsity Coach Kevin Cullen remarked, "This season was incredible. In my 18 years as Varsity Coach, only one other team has won 20 games in a season, and that team was a 2005 squad that won Federation Champions. So this 2019 team is in good company. They're also just a great group of guys." When asked what made the team so successful, he added, "Our defense was incredible this year. Out of the 26 games played, we held opponents to under 60 points 24 of the 26."

Congratulations to Coach Kevin Cullen, the entire coaching staff, and the players on all three levels on an outstanding season.

## Kyle McArthur '17 Stars in Off-Broadway Show *Superhero*

Earlier this year, Kyle McArthur '17 (far left) starred in a new Off-Broadway musical titled *Superhero*. A synopsis of the show from its website reads: "Before we can save the world, we have to save each other. *Superhero* is a deeply human new musical about a fractured family, the mysterious stranger in Apartment 4-B,

and the unexpected hero who just might save the day."

On Tuesday, March 12th, members of the Regis community joined members of the Marymount community for a special performance of the play, with a talk back from Tom Kitt (lyricist-composer) and Kyle MacArthur.



# Ignatian Spirituality

## The Fourth Day

By Rev. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO  
*Principal*

Drip. Drip. Drip. That is how some have described the seemingly never-ended revelations of clergy sex abuse. Like me you probably have found yourself angry with righteous indignation not only with the crimes and sins themselves but also how other leaders in the Church—good shepherds supposedly—covered these up or at least turned a blind eye. And what do we have now? Lives destroyed because of the violation of the innocence of youth and more thinking that maybe the Church is corrupt to her core and walking away from connectedness with the Body of Christ.

While this has been horrible, in some ways we should not be surprised. We were warned. So many of the prophets from the Hebrew Bible wept and lamented over the corrupt leaders and shepherds of Israel in their day. The Lord had chosen them to protect and to lead the people of that day. But instead they often only enriched themselves while abusing or neglecting those most in need or vulnerable.

Because of this corruption—this misleading by leaders of the Church—we can be tempted to go it alone. If even those who claim to be close to Christ and entrusted by him with leadership can and do sin in such horrific ways, why listen to or follow them?

When I find myself asking these very questions, I try to dwell in reflection and prayer on the line from the Gospels: “At the sights of the crowds, his [Jesus’] heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd (Mt. 9:36).”

The word, translated here as ‘pity,’ means that Jesus was ‘wrenched in his gut.’ This is like the feeling of parents who see their child in real pain. The people’s hunger,

their heartfelt search, their longing for more, called Jesus forth. He allowed their need to turn him into a shepherd.

And that was Jesus’ lesson for the disciple—for those whom he was modeling what he was teaching in both deed and word. They saw how he identified with the needs that appeared before him. He was showing his followers that if they wanted to carry forth his mission, they had to feel the real needs of the people. Only in identifying with the pain, the need, the aimlessness of those that shepherds are called to protect, can they lead and give care in authentic ways and words.

In the long history of the Church, there have been corrupt shepherds who have preyed on the Lord’s flock. But there have also been good and holy ones too. In going through some old papers and files while settling into my new office at Regis last fall, I came across a memory of one shepherd, a priest, who did in his daily life lay down his life for his sheep. It was a homily preached in 1988 by Father Philip Carey, SJ (Regis Class of 1925) on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Unlike many Jesuits years ago who were in the ministry of education on the high school and college levels, Father Carey spent most of his life as a priest working among those who labored with their hands fighting for their right to form unions as well as well as fighting the corruption these associations sometimes fell into.

Father Carey came from humble beginnings. His father spent his days as a conductor on the trolleys Third Avenue El (which, up until 1955, many Regians who lived in upper Manhattan and the Bronx rode back and forth to school each day). Before these trolley workers were unionized, his father was often forced to work 97 hours each week. For many years he only had two full days off for “vacation” and this is when he would



take his brood of kids to the parish Holy Name Breakfast in the winter and in the summer for a day at Coney Island. It was his father—a shepherd in his own right—whose words would shape Fr. Carey. He said to his newly-ordained son (and remember the time and context when they were said): “Don’t waste your time on God’s holy ladies. They come to Him naturally. It is grizzly guys like me who need you.” In reflecting on fifty years of service as a shepherd of God’s holy people, Father Carey said: “Somehow or another, the days of my priesthood have been with teamsters and sandhogs and dock workers—men who think and pray not with the twisting of philosophers but who come to God with ideas and goals they can squeeze in their fists.”

With regard to my own faith as a Catholic and commitment to the Church—it is because of the example of holy and humble service of men like Father Carey. And it also due to many women who have supported me in my life personally and modeled what it means to be a true follower of Christ, especially the Sisters who taught me in elementary school and their example of quiet, but real and effective, service of others in the education of generations of children. When the dark clouds of sin and scandal aroused by the misdeeds of others, especially Church leaders, tempt me to chuck it all over and walk away, it is both the memory, as well as the continuing service and commitment to Christ in word and deed, of good women and men that keep me inside the Church trying to do the best I can to be faithful.

May the Lord raise up more shepherds like Father Carey—those who lead good and decent lives of service to Christ and to others. We have no choice but to pray for this because it remains our belief as Catholics that Christ still walks among us even when the sins of the shepherds can cause us to throw up our hands and tempt us to walk away and go it alone.

# A Record-Setting Giving Tuesday



For the fourth year in row, the alumni, families, and friends of Regis joined together to set new records for our Giving Tuesday campaign: our community made over 850 donations and pledges raising more than \$450,000 in necessary funds for the 2019 Annual Fund.

Throughout the day, students and faculty participated in a variety of fun challenges to encourage support for Regis. Here are some highlights:

**12:00 p.m.: Dr. Tricamo Signed Journal**  
Commemorating his 47 years on the faculty, Dr. John Tricamo personalized and signed Regis journals for 47 of the randomly-selected donors who contributed by 12:00 p.m.

**5:00 p.m.: Get a Regian out of JUG!**  
Back by popular demand, donors who gave between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. shaved 15 minutes off of a Regian's upcoming JUG time. The community responded in full force, relieving over 60 JUGs. Grateful students benefited from this generous act of mercy during the third trimester.

**8:00 p.m.: Regiana Giveaway**  
Donors who gave between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. were entered to win a giveaway of items from the Regis Shop! Congratulations to the winner, Vincent Indelicato '99.

**Parents Challenge: Singing the Alma Mater**  
Parents who gave on Giving Tuesday challenged their sons to sing the Alma Mater with their fellow *Men for Others* in perfect harmony. Their young men

rose to the occasion with a (somewhat) harmonious delivery, which can be viewed on our Facebook page.

**Faculty Run the Reservoir**  
Members of the faculty and staff, led by Regis President Fr. Lahart, challenged the community by offering to "Run the Reservoir" of Central Park, an iconic phys ed tradition, if more than 600 gifts were received on Giving Tuesday. Needless to say, the faculty are warming up and training for their run! Stay tuned for their times.

**Notes of Gratitude**  
All students participated in Giving Tuesday by writing thank you notes to our donors, who continue the legacy of generosity of the Founding Family, and today make the opportunity of their Regis education possible.

For a full recap of our Giving Tuesday activities and challenges, visit [regis.org/givingtuesday](http://regis.org/givingtuesday).

Thank you for helping us live the mission and keep Regis tuition-free!



# REGIS

## GOLF & TENNIS

— OUTING —

**June 17, 2019**

Pelham Country Club | Pelham, NY

You are invited to the **Annual Regis Golf and Tennis Outing** at **Pelham Country Club!** The outing has been a successful event for us for roughly 30 years, and we hope that you will consider joining us this year on Monday, June 17th.

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:30 a.m. Brunch
- 12:15 p.m. Shotgun Start
- 12:30 p.m. Tennis Start
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner, drinks, awards and raffle

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# *DNA Sequencing with Dr. Carew*

How a science lesson becomes interactive with the help of a New York City resource

On a chilly Friday morning in early January, 26 Regis seniors, accompanied by their biology teacher, Dr. William Carew, file out of the 85th Street door after Advisement and head to the 6 train. Four quick stops later, they emerge from the subway and complete the by-now familiar journey to the Harlem DNA Lab located at 120th Street and First Avenue.

There, Melissa Lee, the Lab Manager, warmly welcomes the students for the third time this school year. Surrounded by state-of-the-art equipment and supervised by a team of highly experienced researchers-turned-teachers, they dive into today's lab work, this one involving a PCR, or polymerase chain reaction, a process by which a single copy of a DNA sequence is exponentially amplified to generate over a billion copies of a particular DNA segment.

This year marks a decade that Regis has been sending its senior biology class to the Harlem DNA Lab. As Dr. Carew recalls, "We were among their first

customers when the DNA Learning Center opened its Harlem branch in 2008." The lab is a satellite of the world-renowned Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island, home to eight Nobel Prize winners (including James Watson of the scientific duo, Watson and Crick, who along with Maurice Wilkins and Rosalind Franklin, co-discovered the double helix structure of DNA).

Staffed by PhD biologists and educators, the 1,200 square foot lab occupies space within the John S. Roberts Educational Complex and is dedicated to teaching 5th through 12th grade students the fundamentals as well as the latest developments in DNA-based science. During a typical school year, at least 65 different high schools will make the trip to the DNA Lab for half- or full-day lab work. While most schools average two visits, usually with two different sets of students, Regis is the only school to make three visits, and each time with the same set of students. At the complex,

students perform a series of labs, each one designed to build on the previous one in terms of the knowledge, techniques, equipment, and skills required.

The first lab, entitled "DNA Restriction Analysis," is focused on gel electrophoresis and requires the use of micropipettes and centrifuges, with which the students learn to cut and "measure" DNA fragments. In the second lab, they carry out a "Bacterial Transformation" where they transform bacteria with a jellyfish "glowing" gene, causing these bacteria to take on luminous properties of their own.

For their final lab and with parental permission, Regians perform "Human Mitochondrial DNA Sequencing." This process, by using samples of their own cells from saliva, allows the students to uncover information about their maternal ancestry. "The boys love this lab," says Dr. Carew, "because not only can they find out some real detail about their own family's history on Mom's side (we all

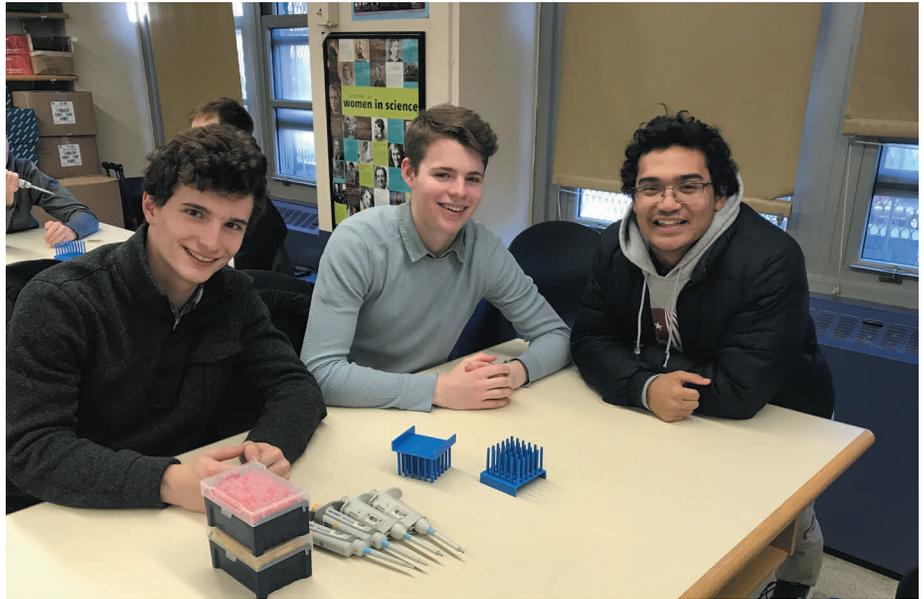
inherit mitochondria from our mother), but they can also compare their genetic make-up to each other's, to Neanderthals, and even to other living organisms."

"It's like being a kid in a toy store," says Senior Jacob Kaiserman, who believes a career in medicine might be in his future. "Only, we get to explore important scientific ideas with state-of-the-art equipment." Kaiserman, who conducts his senior service work at Memorial Sloane Kettering Hospital, also points out that having exposure to techniques like the ones they learn at the DNA Lab gives Regians a leg up to be chosen to do lab and research work in college.

Mastering the techniques, however, could not be possible without having a solid understanding of DNA biology before they walk in the lab door. And as Melissa Lee points out, Regis students know more than most high school students she works with. "I love having them here. They are extremely smart and well-mannered. They ask great questions and come up with things I haven't even thought about, so sometimes it's a challenge even for me."

Senior Cole Mader says the instructors at the Harlem Center represent "a rare combination of researchers who are also very passionate and engaging educators, willing to work hand-in-hand with us and explain the most complex topics." His friend, Jacob, echoed these sentiments saying, "Our instructors were able to answer the weird questions we asked, including topics related to newer material that wouldn't be in a text book."

In recent years, several Regis students have found a way to take the learning at the DNA Lab one step further by being accepted to the lab's highly selective Urban Barcode Research Program. This program pairs 40 students a year with a mentor-scientist to conduct original research aimed at unlocking the secrets of living organisms through a wide variety of DNA lab work and gene sequencing. Capping off this program for the lucky students is the opportunity to present, and potentially publish, their original research. Joshua Antony '20, who worked with a doctor of virology at Mt. Sinai for eight months and won first prize for his project, tells of having



Regis seniors prepare for their work at the Harlem DNA Lab as part of Dr. Carew's senior biology course

discovered a previously unknown virus in German cockroaches living in NYC. His classmate, Henry Lee '20, teamed up with a doctor of microbiology at Queens Community College in Henry's hometown of Bayside to study the genetic variances of bacteria found in public spaces versus those living in more isolated locations.

Robert Koniuta '18, who landed a genetics-based research position through another program, partnered with a doctor of microbiology from Dominican College for seven weeks to uncover the specific function of two homologous genes found in a certain species of yeast. Robert's research paper is currently on track to be published in *Scientific Reports*, an online journal from Nature Research. Robert described the benefits of doing original research in a lab: "It's one thing to learn the techniques needed to succeed in a microbiology course, but it's a whole different ballgame when you are conducting original research and there isn't any step-by-step process that you are directed to follow. I learned an invaluable lesson in problem solving and the creativity needed to come up with novel solutions to scientific challenges."

The long-running partnership that Regis has enjoyed with the Harlem DNA Lab is a perfect example of the kinds of experiences that Regis as a school

hopes to offer more frequently to its students, regardless of the subject. "The opportunities for our students to take advantage of this city's resources are almost endless," says Regis President Fr. Daniel K Lahart, SJ. "And investing in partnerships with best-in-class institutions like the DNA Lab, which brings the curriculum alive in an exciting and interactive fashion for our boys, is at the heart of some of the academic enhancements we are exploring as part of the Strategic Plan."

"Almost 50% of the senior biology curriculum is focused on DNA, which plays a major role in everything from the food supply chain to the latest advancements in medicines," says Dr. Carew, summing up the importance of the alliance with the DNA lab. "There is no doubt that the work the boys conduct at the DNA Lab represents a huge advantage in terms of their total learning experience."

The students couldn't agree more. As Cole Mader, who currently aspires to be a neurologist, observes, "When most of your understanding of a subject is cerebral and classroom-based, this kind of lab work not only proves how cool and fun science can be, it also shows the awesome real world value and applications of the concepts we study."

# Through the Eyes OF A Centenarian



## Just months prior to his death, Ovid DiFiore '35—then the oldest living Regian—reflected on life, service to country, and the shared experience Regians “take with them for the rest of their lives.”

By Conor Newton '14  
*Communications Associate*

In mid-November, I made my way downtown on the Lexington Avenue line for a conversation with Regis's oldest living alumnus, Ovid DiFiore. Ovid, who passed away in early February, was a member of the Regis class of 1935. Before conversing with Mr. DiFiore, I was chiefly interested in his military service in WWII. Regis was honoring the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day and the legacy of all Regis veterans, and what better way to commemorate this centenary than featuring the perspective of Regis's own centenarian veteran?

And while Ovid did share fascinating anecdotes about his time in the Signal Corps, I left the interview with so much more: a vivid picture of Regis as it stood eight decades ago. Throughout our conversation, Ovid—100 years young at the time—related stories of depression-era Regis and the Upper East Side with incredible clarity. Even in his second century, Mr. DiFiore was witty, humorous, and sharp throughout our chat.

He still remembered the day he received his acceptance letter. “My father was at a complete loss for words,” he said. “My father could only muster the word ‘wonderful’ over and over.” The year was 1930—just a year after Black Tuesday and the market crash—and Ovid's parents were already tasked with the financial burden of putting four of his siblings through parochial school. That Regis could offer a tuition-free private education was a windfall, to say the least. “At the time, most schools had troubles with money,” Ovid said. According to

him, even private schools had to cut back on uniform and book costs to ease the onus on parents.

In 1931, Ovid was set to begin his Regis experience. But there was one little issue—how to get there? When Mr. DiFiore (who hails from Fort Lee, New Jersey) matriculated to Regis, there was one key piece of infrastructure missing. “Those were the days before the George Washington Bridge was completed,” Ovid said. “There was no bus, so I had to go out of my way to get to school.” And so Ovid circumvented the issue by heading south, only to head back north. Like many current Regians, he found himself leaving in the pre-dawn darkness, even in September and June when the days were long.

But day-in and day-out, he did make it to the Upper East Side, which, in spite of a struggling market and widespread poverty, was still ritzy. “Oh, it was a fancy neighborhood, alright. There were people driving Bentleys, Rolls-Royces, Cadillacs. Sometimes people would complain if you so much as touched their cars.” And yet, it was precisely this high-class situation that often helped Ovid across the Central Park transverse. On a typical school day, he would ride the subway up to 86th Street. However, unlike the Regians of today, Ovid employed a special trick upon reaching the Upper West Side. “I usually hitchhiked across the transverse to get to school. Sometimes I'd get a good ride, sometimes I'd walk across.”

Though his commuting luck was sporadic throughout his first three years, in his senior year, he struck a veritable gold mine. “In my fourth year, I'd found



*Opposite page:* Ovid DiFiore '35 and his camera, which he used in his service as a photographer during World War II. This photo is also the cover of his 2008 memoir, *Melbourne to Manila*.

*Above:* Ovid in his old military uniform.

a chauffeur-driven car. The guy was wearing a uniform and everything. He was taking his boss—who lived on the Upper East Side on Park [Avenue]—to Amsterdam Avenue. On the way back, he'd pick me up, and we'd chat while going across the park. So here I am, a high school kid trying to save a nickel, and I'm being driven to school by a chauffeur in a limousine.”

Ovid also recalled a series of particularly memorable commutes. In one such instance, he found himself in a maroon convertible with a psychiatrist headed up to 179th Street (the bridge was completed in the middle of his freshman

year, with the bus station opening not long after). “The guy kept asking me how I felt about having to go to confession at school,” Ovid related. “He was fascinated by the idea of Regis.” Another time, on a chilly fall day in his senior year, he was headed home across the park, when a driver of a horse and wagon offered him a ride (a much more common sight in the Upper East side in those days). When Ovid accepted, the driver hopped off out of his seat, and beckoned to Ovid. “I’ve got to train for the Police Academy test,” the man said, according to Ovid. “You drive the horse and I’ll run next to you.” And so, a 16-year-old Regis senior found himself

driving a horse across Central Park to commute home. “Though, I think the horse knew the way on his own,” Ovid added, laughing.

Though the commute to get there was long and often convoluted, in Ovid’s eyes it was all worth it. “It was a wonderful school,” he often reflected in our conversation. “It was strict though,” Ovid said, pointing to draconian JUG policies that often facilitated a very serious environment. “You’d be lucky to go even a week without getting JUG for something,” he mused, laughing. And though Regis has changed quite a bit since then—we now have two gyms, an updated chapel, resource centers,

trees in the quadrangle (this newfound arboreal presence was a minor shock to Ovid when he came back to visit many years later)—in many ways, its ethos has remained the same. Noting the changes, Ovid added that Regis “maintained its main principles—good education, good behavior, teachers that take you under their wings, and good Catholic principles for the young boys to take with them for the rest of their lives.”

After graduating in 1935, he didn’t immediately go to college. In those days, this was commonplace. He went into the workforce to attempt to help with his family’s financial burdens, hopping from job to job (including one at a film studio).



Clockwise from left: (1) Ovid and a military vehicle. He served in the signal corps in World War II stationed in Manila. (2) Photo of US General Douglas MacArthur, taken by Ovid. (3) Ovid (second from left) on rest and relaxation from the War.

On September 30, 1941, Ovid DiFiore enlisted in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Military, serving as a photographer (he had spent time as a young boy learning how to work a camera, and later practiced developing film in the Regis chemistry club and in his job at the film studio). In the service, Ovid traveled all over the Pacific (he recounts his travels in a book of photographs and letters, entitled *From Melbourne to Manila*). While in the Pacific, he established a rapport with General Douglas MacArthur's assistant (a major), and, through this relationship, photographed the famous general many times. "I was extremely lucky," he said, "in that I was able to make one of my passions a part of my military service."

In 1945, Japan surrendered to the United States, and World War II came to an end. Ovid and his fellow servicemen in Manila couldn't take a plane home, so they found a bit of an alternate route. They boarded a cruise ship called the *Matsonia* and sailed back to the continental United States. "I still remember the day when we arrived back in the U.S. Our ship was traveling through the Golden Gate. All the soldiers were on one side of the ship, waving to the people waiting for them to come home. The harbor was packed with civilians cheering for us. And because we were all on one side, the ship was leaning quite a bit. I thought it might tip over. When we arrived on land, they gave all of us a doughnut and a cup of coffee, and loaded us into trucks." Ovid then took planes back across the country, remembering with striking clarity the route he took: from San Francisco to Ogden, Utah to St. Louis to New Orleans to New York and then on to Newark. "My mother almost knocked me down the stairs when she first saw me. She was so surprised!"

After being discharged, Ovid attended Pace University, and subsequently spent thirty-five years at the same company. Throughout this time, he never forgot his roots at Regis. He often reflected on



Above: Photos taken by Ovid during World War II.

his time there, and recalled it with great fondness. At the Regis Centennial Gala, he brought three generations of DiFiore family members to celebrate. At the Waldorf celebration, he recalls that he was "the oldest alumnus there." He seemed bemused when he was asked to stand and the crowd cheered for him. "There was such an applause, as if I'd done something unusual," he remarked, laughing.

Regis was a vital part of Mr. DiFiore's life up until his passing this February. He related that a fellow member of his senior group also attended a Regis High

School—in Melbourne, Australia! "And they knew about us," he enthusiastically added. Ovid was tremendously happy with the direction he saw the school headed. "It has to change, sometimes. You can't stay totally static. There's no good in that. I'm glad it's maintained its mission while it's modernized!"

Even eighty-three years after graduating, Regis remained a key part of Ovid DiFiore's life. Perhaps he summed it up the most succinctly: "Regis was a big turning point in my life. There's no doubt about that."



## *Answering the Call*

### Rev. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO Named 23rd Principal of Regis High School

When Dr. Gary Tocchet retired after 12 years of service as the school's first lay principal, Regis president Rev. Daniel K. Lahart, SJ turned his attention to securing the next academic leader. This was no easy task, given Dr. Tocchet's impressive record of leadership and service to fair Regis.

Since Dr. Tocchet's retirement announcement occurred in the late winter, Fr. Lahart decided that naming an interim principal would be necessary for the 2018-2019 school year. After much reflection and consultation, Fr. Lahart named Fr. Anthony Andreassi, CO, interim principal on March 5, 2018.

Fr. Andreassi began his work in the summer of 2018, getting settled into his new role and responsibilities as students and teachers were away on vacation, and the building on 84th St. was relatively quiet. Along with his two assistant principals, Ms. Samantha Lehn and Mr. Christian Mariano '99, he planned for the academic year ahead.

When the school doors opened in early September, Fr. Andreassi was excited for the new year, but could not quite foresee what was in store for him. Over the course of the fall trimester, he did so well in the

role and enjoyed it so much, that when the time came for applications for the next full-time principal, he prayed, consulted with others, and ultimately decided to throw his proverbial hat into the ring.

The search process was indeed competitive and rigorous, with dozens of applications from educators around the country and indeed the world. At the conclusion of much deliberation, the search committee recommended three finalists to Fr. Lahart. From those three finalists, Fr. Lahart chose Fr. Andreassi to become the school's 23rd principal.

"It was a tremendous honor when last year Father Lahart asked me to serve as interim principal after Dr. Tocchet announced his retirement," Fr. Andreassi said. "And his decision to ask me to stay on in the role fills me with even more gratitude and honor. Ever since arriving as a classroom teacher at Regis in 2003 I recognized what a special place our school is and that feeling has only deepened over the years, especially in these months as interim principal. In this new role, I have also come to have a newfound respect for my colleagues on the faculty and the many gifts and deep passion they bring as Ignatian educators. And now I am

greatly looking forward to working with them as we respond to both the challenges and opportunities of the Strategic Plan in our common vocation to form young men to become servant leaders in the world and in the Church rooted in the vision of St. Ignatius."

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Fr. A, as he is known by many, comes from a family of educators. Born in White Plains, his mother and father were both teachers, his mother a teacher of middle school math in Yonkers, while his father spent over three decades teaching children—many with special needs—in the South Bronx. Even Fr. Andreassi's brother is a teacher. "These things can run in families," Fr. A remarked.

On a more serious note, he continued: "I proudly come from a family of teachers. So much of my vocation in high school and college was driven by a desire to work with young people and children as a priest, and this reflects what my father did for all those years. The only title that Jesus ever accepted in the Gospels was teacher. Being a teacher is a vocation, and I see that here in the school. The mission is teaching, forming,

supporting. This has given me my life's energy. I've been blessed as a priest of the Oratory to be both a priest and a teacher."

Fr. Andreassi's preparation to become a priest and teacher is impressive. He studied philosophy at the Catholic University of America and received his master in Divinity from St. Joseph's College and Seminary. After returning to school, he earned both his Master's and Ph.D. in History from Georgetown University. His thesis focused on the Sisters of the Divine Compassion in the late 1800s and early 1900s. In 2007, Anthony Andreassi was ordained a priest for the Brooklyn Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

Since he joined our school in 2003, Fr. Andreassi has worn many hats. A regular in both the History and Theology departments, he has taught many different classes, including American and European history, Church history, Catholicism since Vatican II, Faith through Film and Fiction, Christian Ethics, and Macroeconomics. In addition to his dedicated work as a teacher, Fr. Andreassi served as the director of the Senior Christian Service Program prior to his appointment as interim Principal this past summer. He has moderated the Freshman Retreat and has led countless others. He has also served as the school's archivist, and is the author of *Teach Me to be Generous*, the centennial history of Regis High School.

"Of all the many blessings in my adult life," Fr. Andreassi said, "one of the singular blessings was when Fr. Judge asked me to write the history of Regis. To be able to research and write the story of Regis, was wonderful, especially to have spoken with alumni and parents." Now as Principal, Fr. Andreassi still finds joy "telling the story of the school."

With Fr. Lahart's arrival in 2016 and now Fr. Andreassi's, the school is under new leadership on the first floor. As President and Principal, respectively, Frs. Lahart and Andreassi will work closely together, despite focusing on different areas of school life. "I have known Fr. Andreassi since we worked together at Gonzaga College High School in Washington D.C. 20 years ago," Fr. Lahart said. "I have the utmost respect for him as an individual, and he has proven himself to be an outstanding administrator as well. He always leads with the heart of a teacher,

"Looking at the sweep of the school's history over the last century, so much has changed, and that is human—to be human is to change, and change is a sign life and growth. But there are some core things we hold on to. These core things are the substance of our mission, and I see this framed in the following question: *How do we form Catholic leaders rooted in the Gospel?*"

and with a concern for the students. I am confident he will be a wonderful principal here at Regis High School, and I am grateful to his Community for making him available, and to him for his willingness to take on this new challenge."

Fr. Lahart's thoughts are reflected in Fr. Andreassi's own approach to educational leadership: "I try to lead as a servant leader. When power is given to an authority, it's always for the common good. Power and authority come with great responsibility to all the stakeholders in the community." Fr. A continued in a manner characterized by humility to say, "I'm also not afraid to ask questions of people I trust. A leader should recognize that there's wisdom and insight he can draw upon from all sorts of people who are part of the community."

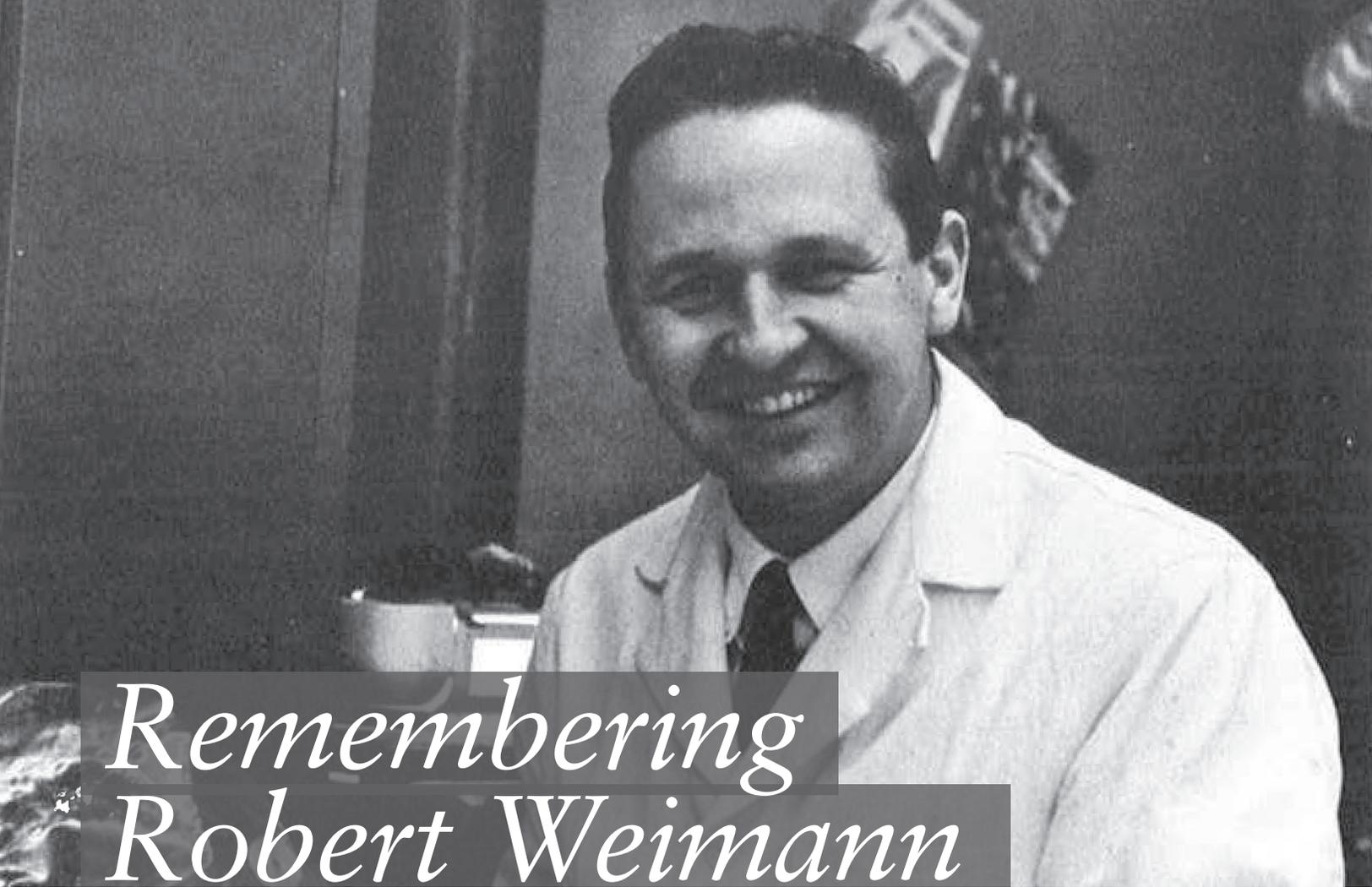
Being principal requires not only leadership and wisdom, but also the ability to make practical changes. As

mentioned above, Father Andreassi will work with the faculty to begin the implementation of changes that resulted from the multi-year curriculum review that all departments participated in, as well as the recently approved Strategic Plan. "This is an exciting time for Regis High School as we begin the implementation of both our Strategic Plan and our curriculum review," Fr. Lahart said. "I look forward to continuing to work with Fr. Andreassi as we strive to strengthen the good work that Regis has accomplished over the past 105 years."

And indeed Fr. Andreassi has already begun to implement changes that reflect the work of many over the prior few years. Among the positive changes in the works for next year, he is most excited about an adjustment to the daily schedule, which will see the school move from a five-day to an eight-day cycle of letter days, and also changes to the college guidance curriculum. The schedule change will offer "more opportunities for our community to come together regularly in intentional ways" and will also "help our students deal with stress in a healthier way," Fr. Andreassi said. Changes to the college guidance curriculum will help the school build on an "already strong program" and respond to changes in the college admissions landscape.

Naturally, Fr. Andreassi brings a historian's perspective to change: "Looking at the sweep of the school's history over the last century, so much has changed, and that is human—to be human is to change, and change is a sign life and growth. But there are some core things we hold on to. These core things are the substance of our mission, and I see this framed in the following question: *How do we form Catholic leaders rooted in the Gospel?*"

When not busy leading the day-to-day operations of Regis High School, Fr. Andreassi can be found taking a morning run in Brooklyn, which he cites as good for his health, "both mental and physical" or spending time with friends. But even many of his friends connect him to Regis. "I've been blessed to become friendly with colleagues and even some former students," he said. "The time that I spend with them gives me a lot of meaning and purpose in life."



# Remembering Robert Weimann

Mr. Robert Weimann, longtime member of the Regis faculty, passed away on March 27, 2019 at the age of 84.

Mr. Weimann, affectionately known as “Bio Bob” within the Regis community, began his teaching career with brief stints at Salesian High School and then Fordham Preparatory, before joining the Regis High School faculty in the fall of 1966. During his tenure as a member of the science department, Mr. Weimann served on numerous committees, moderated a variety of clubs, and taught classes in health, chemistry, biology and advanced placement biology. Mr. Weimann remained at Regis for the rest of his career, retiring at the conclusion of the 2001 academic year.

For generations of Regians, Mr. Weimann was easy to spot in his signature blue lab coat. He was easy to hear, often rattling a pocket-sized package of the orange Tic-Tacs he loved. And his students were easy to identify, most prominently through the colorful biology illustrations which he enjoyed assigning as homework.



Pictured: Mr. Bob Weimann (far right) joined Mr. Jim Phillips (far left) and Mr. Greg Rapisarda (second from right) at a faculty luncheon last year to wish Dr. John Tricamo well in his retirement.

But it was his joy for teaching and his love for the Regis community that defined him. In a Summer 2001 tribute to the then-retiring Mr. Weimann, longtime science department colleague Mrs. Patricia Hannon wrote, “it is a rare day when you find a frown on Bob’s face. He is one of the happiest people you will ever meet and has a kind word for everyone.”

Mr. Weimann had a gift for dispelling freshmen anxiety over upcoming exams, and for encouraging students to work hard, do well, but not to forget to have fun along the way. Legions of Regis students, recalled Hannon in her tribute, will remember the kindness shown to them by Mr. Weimann and the energy and joy he brought to the classroom and science resource center each day.

# Prowlings

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1949

*Editor's note: The following Prowlings were submitted by Andy Herson, who passed away in February of this year. Andy was a diligent class correspondent for many years, and we are grateful for all his work keeping his classmates connected to one another and fair Regis. We pray that Andy, a Noble Heart, may rest in peace. See below for a reflection from Francis Cryan. Below Frank's note, you will find Andy's final Prowlings, submitted to the Development Office shortly before his passing.*

**Francis T. Cryan, OFS** writes: "I arose early at five am on February 26, (a bit earlier than my usual time). I had to get the seven am bus from Central New Jersey to Manhattan. I needed to attend the funeral Mass for my classmate and friend, **Andy Herson**. I thought that I would never grieve as I did when my classmate and long-time friend, Archbishop **Thomas Cajetan Kelly, OP** died. But I was mistaken. I found that the grief I felt at Andy's death was overwhelming. I am thankful that I was able to represent all of my aged brother classmates at the Mass. Over the years, Andy and his wife, Ellen, were always gracious and attentive to me. When Fr. Anthony Andreaasi, CO celebrated Mass in Flatbush, Brooklyn in early 2011 for my late wife, Patricia, Andy was there to celebrate with me. Andy was the glue that held our dwindling class together. He arranged and coordinated our twice yearly reunions. When classmates had news to share, it was Andy who sent that news to us. At our reunion in the fall of 2018, Andy and I were the only attendees. We spent over two hours talking about Regis, classmates, family, and past experiences. We had a wonderful time together. Needless to say, the news of his death shocked me. Andy was indeed a gentleman and Ellen a lady. Andy was simply a *Man for Others* and Ellen was a *Lady for Others*. I will miss them both and remember them in my daily prayers."

**Joe Steady** continues to keep in touch with **Ed Romary** and they are able to engage in

half hour long conversations. Ed, you may recall, had relocated from Florida back to his old residence in Southern California - 46310 Sawtooth Lane, Temecula CA 92592. He can be reached by phone at (951) 401-2191. **Joe Mulqueen** writes that he "was down with a little condition that landed him in NYU Langone Hospital for four days in October. He even missed the Fall Mini-reunion at Hurley's. But now he is back to his usual routine: teaching Sunday catechism to the seventh grade; writing cartoons and comments for the parish bulletin and working as Defender of the Bond at the Diocesan Tribunal." **Bob Byrnes** and his wife Helen are wintering in Bonita Springs, Florida, staying down there until the end of April. Bob writes: "Just living the tough life with winters in Florida, summers in Vermont and in between on Long Island." In an email, **Jim Sheehy** notes he is "blessed with just a few age-related problems and those quite manageable." **Tom Farley** reports he and his wife Mary are getting back to normal after a bout with the flu. And **Ralph Baron** checked in to let one and all know that he is still out there. In his email **George Roos** recalled his long-standing friendship with **Bob Bagnato**. Both were born in Yonkers General Hospital within two days of each other; they grew up in the Bronx across the street from one other on East 239th Street. They attended St. Barnabas Grammar School and then on to Regis. Through the years they have exchanged letters in the summer and Greetings at Christmas. This past Christmas George did not receive a card from Bob and wondered what was up. I called Bob and alerted him that George missed hearing from him and passed on George's phone number. I followed up with George, advising him about my conversation with Bob. During this past Christmas Season I exchanged greetings with the following members of the '49 Class: Frank Cryan, **Howie Gould**, **Ray Lamb**, George Roos, Jim Sheehy, Joe Steady, **Gerry Watson** and the late **Paul Kennedy's** wife Pat. Frank Cryan and I met in early November at Hurley's for a scaled-down Mini-Reunion. Lastly, the Alumni website lists **Vin Gentile** as deceased; the Alumni Office confirmed his death as occurring on August 7, 2016. Please remember Vin in your prayers. May his soul and those of our deceased classmates rest in peace. Amen.

1950

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Tillie and **Joe Marchese** are delighted to announce the birth of their first great-grandchild. That item inspired **Bill Allingham** to report that he and Pat are awaiting the arrival of their tenth great-grandchild which may happen before these notes are published. Dare we hope that another classmate can top that number! Please mark your calendars to

attend our annual reunion at Hurley's Saloon on our customary first Thursday in June. Bring with you some ideas for the celebration of our 70th next year. Hope to see all of you June 6th.

1951

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1952

Jerry Kappes, [jrkappes@optimum.net](mailto:jrkappes@optimum.net)

With warm affection, we remember **J. Emerson Stiles**. His son Chris writes, "On November 13th, 2018, the Class of '52 lost one of its own, a dedicated father and husband. We will always remember his kind presence and his quick wit. When my brother and I were in high school and might feel like our homework was challenging, he would remind us, 'At Regis we really worked hard.' The discipline and intellectual sharpness that marked his life were forged at Regis. In his last days, he was comfortable and surrounded by family. He passed away in his sleep. His life was a beautiful example of his dedication to family and the enduring values he learned as a young man." Survived by his wife of 60+ years, Barbara, and sons Michael and Chris, Emerson (Jim at work) graduated from Manhattan College, served in the Air Force, earned an MBA from Baruch, worked in logistics management for several Fortune 100 companies, finally for the State of Arizona before retiring to enjoy his hobbies of birding, archeology, and astronomy. Barbara spoke of their years as "corporate gypsies." When living in Westchester, N.Y., they organized a book discussion group and invited Jesuit seminarians from nearby Shrub Oak to participate, including **Geary Ahern '61** and **Jack Newman '61**. Barbara attended the College of New Rochelle, where she knew **Ted McAniff's** wife, Jane, and sister, Mary. **Larry Boland** writes: "Emerson Stiles graduated with me, **Kevin Flood** and **Jim Colligan** from St John's in Kingsbridge. Let's remember what 'neighborhood' meant in the Bronx in 1950. A macro neighborhood consisted of territory around the local church. We all hailed from Kingsbridge (macro). But I lived on Marble Hill, two blocks away. After dismissal from St. John's school, we separated and went home. Their street games were conducted out of sight of my street games; their friends were from Marble Hill, not 230th St. But at Regis, we were closer friends in a different way. When Regis hired a young lady to teach us how to dance, we had to partner with each other until we were accomplished enough to dance with real live girls. Stiles was my partner. We alternated as 'girl'/'boy.' We learned the fox trot and the rumba. We were classmates for 16 years (St John's, Regis, Manhattan College)."

**Jack Magan** writes: "A very special guy and wonderful classmate: a gigantic intellect in a slim build. I remember Stiles first day at Regis and his insistence on using 'J. Emerson'. My condolences to his family." **Jack Keutmann** writes about the precious daughter he and his wife, Flo, have been blessed with: "At the beginning of Allison's intriguing life, she went from seizures at age one at West Point to Walter Reed in DC, where, after three months an Army doctor stopped them. When I returned to Vietnam in 1969, the family moved to Green Cove Springs, Florida, where Flo had to deal not only with Allison, but also with her two brothers and three sisters (ages 7-14). Not easy! In Panama (four years), she was in a program where they moved her arms and legs to teach her to crawl and walk. Later, in Virginia, she finally got into good schools for mentally handicapped. We also hired a girl from Ireland who lived with us for five years and was great with Allison. From a tragic beginning, Allison learned to ride a bike, swim (dog paddle), ride horses in a program for handicapped and attend special camps. She has also lived or visited in twelve states, including Hawaii, California, Texas, and New York. Before TSA, she traveled by herself on an airline; gave the flight attendant a picture of her sister in Chicago who picked her up at the gate. Allison cannot read or write, although she pretends to. She doesn't understand time, distance, or money, but she knows it buys things she likes and she enjoys betting on football games. She is 51 but looks like she's in her 20s; never smoked; rarely has alcohol; eats and sleeps well; no stress—doesn't agonize over anything. She has a good memory and likes to express her opinions. She is pleasant, has a great smile—in short, 'everybody loves Allison.' My sons have intriguing lives as well. John flew the USAF A-10 Warthog; Kevin, flew the Navy's F-18 Hornet. Grandson John flew the Army's Apache helicopter, and grandson Patrick flies the AF C-130 special ops plane." Here's an exchange between Jack Magan and John Keutmann: "John, I vividly recall your telling me, on a Regis stairwell with **Mike Hayes**, that you were going to West Point—and look what that decision has wrought! Our nation desperately needs the kind of extraordinary talent your family has delivered. I was always proud of you and your military commitment—especially when you were in a command position in the Canal Zone." "Jack, You have a much better memory than I! Thanks for the laudatory comments. I will forward them to the family pilots. My battalion in the Canal Zone was 'locked and loaded' when Torrijos called his peasants to Panama City with their machetes. Amazingly, he kept them under control. When I left the unit for the job as Military Coordinator for the Panama Canal Treaty, my officers threw a party, and among the several gifts was an engraved machete. It sits behind me as

I write this in my home office." **Bob Baron** reports: "I spent a few days in the hospital before Christmas dealing with prostate problems. I am recovering and getting back in shape. The last time I was in a hospital was to get my tonsils out, so I can deal with the medical establishment every eighty years. In 2018, I discussed my book *The Light Shines from the West: A Western Perspective on the Growth of America* at nine places in Colorado, and this year I will be visiting eight western states on an author's tour." Bob is also the coauthor of *The Forbidden Carols of Christmas*. He adds, "I won't be able to make the May luncheon. One granddaughter is graduating from high school in Colorado on May 16, and the other granddaughter is graduating the following week in Wisconsin." **Jerry Kappes** reports: "After I attended the funeral for former student **Fr. Jim Curry '62** in the chapel at Murray-Weigel Hall on Jan. 18, I visited with **Fr. George Restrepo**, who's in residence there. He told me how a fall and subsequent surgery had changed his life and brought him to the Fordham location and how he misses working with young people. We had a warm conversation. Fr. George is cheerful and comfortable in his room, which is a Blockbuster of his own, overflowing with hundreds of DVDs of the classic movies he loves, as well as an original poster for *It's a Wonderful Life*. Fr. George prays for all of us and asks us to pray for him."

## 1953

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Once again, we must lead with sad news about two of our classmates. After a long illness unrelated to the Parkinson's Disease that had afflicted him for many years, **John Kelly** passed away on November 13 at Riverside Hospital in Yonkers. His wife Stella and sons Joseph ('87) and David were with him at the time of his passing. **John Cannon** who graduated from St. Athanasius Grammar School in the Bronx with John reports, "The attendees and memorabilia at John's wake provided many insights into how very successful he had been in sharing his brilliant mind, his vast store of accumulated knowledge, and gentle wit with generations of high-school students. His first taste of teaching gifted students was in the early sixties as a Scholastic at Regis where he taught English and classics, pioneered the School's development of AP courses, and coached its swimming and (undefeated) chess teams. The late sixties found John at DeWitt Clinton teaching English and developing and teaching elective courses in philosophy, logical argumentation, and (no surprise to those who knew him) comedy. At Clinton John met and married Stella, a math teacher. By the early eighties John had moved to the Bronx High School of Science where, to put it simply, he clearly had a field-day challenging and enriching the minds of a generation of bright New York City kids, with honors and AP courses, enculturating electives of his

design, and coaching forensics and (of course) chess teams. (Reportedly, students with free periods often dropped into his class to listen.) John's Parkinson's forced him to retire in 2001. Shortly thereafter, he and Stella opened their home to Stella's father and mother and with caregiver help, looked after them until his death in 2004 and hers in 2016 (at age 101). There is a very touching story to be told here about one caregiver, Alexander or "Aleko," a Georgian emigrant, who had been helping John and Stella for some time before John's final illness suddenly hospitalized him in late 2015. Within a month, John, bedridden, had to be moved to an adjacent nursing home where he would spend the rest of his days. Aleko had come greatly to admire John, actually "love" says it better. He elected to continue to stay with Stella and, virtually daily, to monitor and supplement John's care at the nursing home, this even after his son and his family moved to Cincinnati. In accented English, Aleko explained, 'John such a good man; a very good man.' He certainly was." **Ed Jentz** had the sad duty of reporting the passing of **Joe Junker**. Ed was in contact with Joe's son, Eric, who told Ed that tail bone cancer that had spread rapidly was the cause of Joe's death. Joe had had prostate surgery some ten years prior and wanted a very private farewell in a local pub with only family and some very close friends in Los Angeles. Ed relates an interesting story about Joe. "After graduation from the US Naval Academy as an engineer, Joe requested a commission in the US Air Force and was granted one. As a young lieutenant he found himself taking part in the nuclear tests in the Pacific, specifically as a pre-detonation briefing officer. Joe found it rather wild that Brooklyn boy Joe was telling a gaggle of admirals, generals, colonels and high level civilians what they had to do to protect their butts!" Ed wishes fair winds and following seas for his old friend, Sailor Joe! **Ron Tobin** reminds us that Joe won a host of prizes for his writing, and was generous with his advice about how to play the publishing game. "When I retired in 2010, I wanted to free myself from the strictures of academic prose and I tried to find an outlet for a creative piece I eventually entitled, "From Lviv to Lille." At first there were no takers—until Joe advised me to send off my piece to an online mag, *Cerise*, which accepted it (after **Pete Hamill** showed me how to end it). I still have on my desk the invitation to the *vernissage* of the late Holley Junker's quilt, scheduled for *dimanche 29 octobre* 2000, in the *Atelier de la main d'or* in Paris. Yet another class act is gone." (If it weren't for Ron, we'd never get to use the italics command.) In his Christmas letter to family and friends, **Ed Kapp** tells us "my friend Edie and I took a cruise to the Baltic Sea in October. We had a marvelous time and visited Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Germany...Of course, St. Petersburg was the highlight of the vacation. I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and am now undergoing treatment, which I hope

will be finished by the first quarter of 2019. Keep me in your prayers (*Ed, we will.*) I have started a new venture. I am now writing children's literature...On a sadder note, I report the passing of my brother Phil in January. He was my older brother to whom I always looked up. I shall miss him." **Vic Figurelli** writes: "I have completed my term as president of Senior University, a local lifelong learning organization. I am turning my attention now to helping bring on-stream an adult day care facility for people with early to mid-stage dementia. Georgetown does not have such a facility, a serious gap given that nearly one-third of its population is 65 or over. Having experienced Alzheimer's from a caregiver's perspective for several years, I know how a program like this can provide comfort and respite to caregivers and extend the time a loved-one can remain living at home. I will also be engaged in helping local nonprofits assess and improve their operations. This activity is one of the programs offered pro-bono by an organization I founded nine years ago." **George Bouvet** was featured in the December 2018 edition of the *Puget Sound Wranglers* newsletter: "We closed out an eventful 2018 Wranglers season with two comprehensive, delightful, thought-provoking presentations. George Bouvet's Member's Moment traced his eventful life from youth in the Bronx (who'd have known??), through appearances at Madison Square Garden, a re-visit to a family residence in Ireland and global negotiations to find homes for increasing numbers of sophisticated Boeing jetliners. Rather than attempt to summarize and deprive you of the pix George has sent, I've attached his presentation." Sally-Ann and **Jim Whelan** have fully recovered from the pneumonia they contracted while visiting South Africa. Their next big trip will be to Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D Day. Ron Tobin "hopes that by the time (the next) *Prowlings* appears there will have been a resolution of the status of DACA members ("Dreamers") like "A." He met A one day in the French Department at UCSB and has been advising and tutoring him every week since, mostly by phone and email when A is helping his father in the fields in Fresno. Ron is guiding A with the next step in perfecting his French: applying for the one DACA scholarship that Middlebury (VT) Summer School of French offers for 2019. Stay tuned." Patrizia and **Tom Hickey** are moving two miles from their longtime home in Paramus, NJ to a senior residence in the same NJ borough. Tom's new address is 396 Forest Avenue, Apt. 1308 07652. He has updated his alumni directory entry, all other contact info remaining the same. Tom says that it was a difficult and very emotional decision given that he moved into his long-time home with his first wife, Rose Marie, 57 years ago. A lot of stories and a lot of love through the years. *If there is a change in either your e-mail or home address, please let us know and, if possible, update your entry in the Regis alumni database at [www.regis.org](http://www.regis.org).*

## 1954

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**Traug Lawler** notes that his work on *Piers Plowman* has been published. "In April my volume of the *Penn Commentary on Piers Plowman* came out from UPenn Press. I worked on it for more years than I want to admit, but I'm proud of the result, proud to contribute to the understanding of this very great though hardly-known 14th-Century English poem, which I first read, pretty ignorantly, at Holy Cross long ago." **Sam Milana** writes that he hopes to be heading east late spring or summer which brought to mind that that June 16, 2019 will be the 65th anniversary of our graduation. In order to properly note that august occasion, your thoughts and ideas as to the form of celebration will be much appreciated. Please try to get them to me sometime in the next few weeks.

## 1955

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In October 2018, Jug Night was attended by **Roland Donohue** and **Lou Umscheid**. *Mirabile Dictu*: **Tom Atkinson** has attended 60 (out of 63) Jug Nights! Olympic, and worthy of the Guinness Book of Records! Gives a whole new meaning to the idea of *Alma Mater*! In November 2018, the Deo et Patriae Celebration was attended by **John Githens**, Carole and Lou Umscheid, and **John Morriss**. The Deo et Patriae Award was given to Dr. John Tricamo, who taught English at Regis for 47 years and also had administrative duties. He taught some 5,000 students at Regis. We were delighted to hear him mention in his speech **Joe Quintavale '30** (our Freshman Latin teacher) and Stephen J. Duffy, SJ (our teacher of Classical Greek for three years). Both were superb teachers, and saints! For 105 years Regis teachers have all been well educated, dedicated, humane, fair and just, and Christo-centered. *Deo gratias!* Thanks to **Bill Delaney** for recommending that we all read the October 15, 2018, *New Yorker* article on the *Aeneid*, which we read in senior year. "Arma virumque cano!" Please drop a line to, or call, Rev. **Harry Burke**, 5655 Arlington Ave., Bronx, NY 10471-1221. Harry has been a NY Archdiocesan priest for some 60 years, a faithful steward, who taught for many years at Cardinal Hayes High School. Deepest condolences on the passing of **Walter Ward**, who passed away on November 20, 2018, in Reading, PA. He was a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Georgia and later served as an accounting manager at H&R Block. Walter was a brilliant scholar of the persistent religious minorities of India, and learned Gujarati and Hindi at the University of Chicago (which granted him a doctorate), the London School of Economics, and in his field work in India. He had an immense store of information about the Hindu caste system. He was deeply interested in the political and economic developments in the Indian subcontinent. He was deeply and sincerely

religious in his Catholic faith. RIP. Thanks so much to **John Githens** for informing us about Walter Ward. They first met as 14-year-old Regis freshmen and continued their friendship at Fordham College. For the past 40 years they were in daily email contact. John Githens: "The director of a new museum in Rio de Janeiro asked me to donate two large paintings by my late wife, Ingeborg ten Haeff. This museum, the Museu de Casa Roberto Marinho, is housed in the mansion of the late press and network television magnate, Roberto Marinho, the Rupert Murdoch of Brazil, so to speak, and incorporates his important collection of 20th century art, largely by Brazilian artists. My wife Ingeborg's first marriage was to the eldest son of an extraordinary collection of early Russian modernist art in the somewhat remote city of Nukus, which was featured in the documentary film, "Desert of Forbidden Art." In June 2018, I went to Britain, to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, to witness the ceremony of my nephew's, Jonathan Githens-Mazer's, promotion of captain in the British Army. In addition to being a professor at the University of Exeter, he also serves, in intelligence, in MI6. In August 2018, as I have done every year since her death in 2011, I sponsored a memorial concert in Ingeborg's honor at the Longhouse Reserve in East Hampton. In September 2018, I spent ten days at the summer home in Sardinia of an old friend, a retired Italian diplomat, whom I had originally met in Rangoon, Burma, in 1984. And now I am off to England on December 18, 2018, to spend Christmas with my nephew and his family. His mother, and my only sister, Marianne Githens, who had been professor of political science at Goucher College, died last February 2018. It was good to talk with you on the phone, John." John Githens would have been quite comfortable in Central Asia, since he was a Russian major at Fordham College, has an MA in Russian from Yale, taught Russian at Vassar College, and for decades was an outstanding Russian translator and interpreter. His German and French are none too shabby either! For his Fordham Junior Year Abroad he studied at the *Institut Catholique* in Paris. John's about as global, and a globetrotter, as one can be!

## 1956

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On December 3rd, we assembled a group

of thirteen classmates for our annual Class of '56 Christmas lunch at the Park Avenue Tavern in midtown NYC. **Bill Bautz**, **Ray McGuire**, and **Neil Coughlan** had the shortest commutes, since they live on the East Side of Manhattan. **Bob Goldstein** and **Ed Moran** had their passports stamped so they could fly in from New Jersey. **Tom Kelly** used to make it on time from his apartment at 40 Park but had to navigate from Rockland County, so he arrived just in time to say hello and goodbye as we were putting our coats on. Tom McGuire probably walked across the Brooklyn Bridge to join us. **Jack Connelly** and **Charlie Lynch** commuted in from Connecticut. **Jack Raha** made it from Long Island. **John Daltner** had planned to come, but couldn't make it at the last minute. Finally, two of the swim team members, **Bob Neuner** and **Paul Lennon** changed out of our "Speedos" to round out the team. Some of the stories were new...some were old...but, at our age, what's the difference?

## 1957

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**Vin Zichello** sent the following sad note: "**Walter Sullivan** died on January 10, at his home with his wife and daughter present. He had been under hospice care for a short time, after a downturn in his health, which had been precarious for several years but managed by medical interventions and, above all, extraordinary care by his wife, Mary. While Walter's body declined, his mind never did; his intelligence and wit remained undiminished throughout." I still remember Walter's steady presence at Jug Nights, before his health prevented him from making the trip. He was always ready with his unique commentary on current events and interested in everything others had to say. May he rest in peace. **Jim Power** reports that he is partly through reading **Pat Ryan's** latest book "Amen-Jews, Christians & Muslims Keep Faith with God," and he recommends it to all. "While fundamentally a treatise on the journey of faith from the Judeo-Christian and Islamic viewpoints, the book is very much more. Like Pat, the book is eclectic and free-wheeling. It is substantially academic in style and content with copious theological, cultural, and historical references that, despite their erudition, are presented in a very readable and often witty style. The book is also heavily autobiographical and many of us can relate to the vignettes Pat describes, not the least his dissection of Irish wakes. It is also, like Pat, very idiosyncratic—who else could weave an analysis of Gerard Manley Hopkins' sonnets into a theological treatise? Pat's wit, Irish heritage, and unique personality shine through in a serious book that can help us all in our individual paths to faith." (Thanks to Jim for this fair and balanced reporting.) **Joe Vaira** writes: "Granddaughter Katie continues to burn through the Dean's List at 3:97; I expect a 4.0 any day now. 'Kids' are not satisfied with Disneyland any

more. She spent three weeks this summer visiting Facebook friends in New Zealand; she's planning on a course in England this summer. Grandson Brian has given his heart to a lady. It's not official yet, but I have a great chance of seeing the fourth generation, like Father Lewis said at my wedding."

## 1958

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**Joe Blass** writes: "I had been looking forward to our 60th reunion, but finally decided not to attend because I wasn't feeling well. That turned out to be a good decision, because I later had triple-bypass surgery. It's good to be alive!" **Bob Burns** on the late **George McGill**: "A sad note—George McGill passed away in Weston, Florida, on September 22. He had struggled successfully with health issues for many years. In fact, his doctors often referred to him as their 'miracle' patient—a tribute as much to his courage as his resilience. He would credit much of this success to the love, care, and strength provided by his wife, Claudette. George may best be remembered as a loving and cheerful husband, father, grandfather, and cherished friend. Rest in Peace, Geordiel!" From **Al Galanek**: "A few words about George McGill's passing. He was one of my closest friends while in school and we kept in touch during reunions. George, Pete Marcello and I got together at my home in Florida a few years ago and would have again but for George's illness. My wife and I attended a Memorial Mass for George at his local church, where his son had very kind words to say about Regis during his eulogy and how much it brought to his father's and his wife, Claudette's, and their children's lives. They used to call him Chief because if any one of them had a problem or question, they could go to the Chief for advice or help. They were so happy that someone from Regis came to say farewell to George. He was our classmate. He was my friend. May he Rest in Peace, answering questions asked of him by the angels." Class correspondent's note: "I first met George McGill in 1954. We often rode the Third Avenue El together. I'd get on at Fordham Road and he'd get on at 183rd Street. He and I also played a few pickup basketball games at the Theodore Roosevelt High School outdoor courts. He was a better player than I. It was great to see George at the 50th and catch up. I have fond memories of the post-Rosie O'Grady's train ride back home on NJ Transit with him and Bob Burns." From **John Friia**: "I'm in the process of creating a textbook of Classical Greek and Latin famous philosophical quotations, axioms, and proverbs for instructors to use at the beginning of a class to stimulate discussion and introspection as well as to initiate the focus of the day's reading." **Charlie Stark** writes: "RoseMarie lost her Mom in late November at 100 y/o. Please pray for her." Present at the 60th Reunion were the following: **Peter Kern**, **Ken**

**McAloon**, **Jack Forrest**, **Dick Russo**, **Ron Mellor**, **Bob Stanley**, **Tom Nacinovich**, **Gerry McKenna**, **George Garces**, **Bob Nobbs**, **Tom Ryan**, **Daniel Marshall**, **Bob Viscusi**, **Michael Napolliello** and **John Friia**. Marian Spring and **Paul Murphy** attended the informal gathering at Rosie O'Grady's the previous night. **Jack Forrest** conducted an illuminating discussion that Saturday afternoon on diets and medical implications.

## 1959

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**John Verdon** has published his sixth novel featuring a retired NYC detective, titled *White River Burning*. The 2018 *Jug Night* in October saw an impressive (for '59ers) attendance with a total of seven. **Rich Gembecki** was back for the first time in over fifty years. He lives in Atlanta and was in contact with fellow Assumption College grads **Mike Martin** and **Dave Byers** for their 50th reunion. **Jim Bonnell** notes that things in Puerto Rico are still impacted by the 2017 storm. Both **Paul Mulligan** and **Mike Shef** celebrated 50-year wedding anniversaries in 2018. **Tom Beirne** was a surprise arrival. **John Felago**, who celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination this past summer, now permanently based at Maryknoll in Ossining, and **Leo Tymon** rounded out the group. The NYC lunch group met at Maggie's Place in December for a pre-holiday gathering, also drawing a group of seven. **Don McDonough** filled us in on some details of the passing of Joe Boyle. **Doug Futuyama** is now retired and a professor emeritus at Stony Brook University on Long Island. Doug still maintains an office there, and continues to travel extensively. Mike Shef said that his wife, Lorraine, will participate in a holiday performance of *The Nutcracker* ballet in Long Island. **John Miscione** noted that his son is teaching in Tokyo. Also attending were **Chris Conroy**, **John Felago** and **Leo Tymon**.

## 1960

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**Charlie Cremeans** and his wife, Julie, are very happy to announce the birth of their first grandchild, **Ronan Andrew**, to their son, **CJ**, and his wife, **Yasmin**. Ronan made Christmas truly wonderful. Julie and Charlie are off to Delray Beach, Florida, for three months to soak up the sunshine and warm weather. **Bill Quirin** is in his 50th year as a Mathematics professor at Adelphi University and sends his best wishes to everyone enjoying retirement. **Henry Ricardo** organized a Contributed Paper session at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in Baltimore and ran into **Steve Hilbert**. Henry and his wife, Catherine, had dinner with Steve and exchanged stories about the joys of retirement. Steve had a long teaching career at Ithaca College and has moved with his wife to new quarters near Philadelphia. **John Rooney** and his wife, Dorothy, are spending January and February RV'ing across the southern fringe of the US.



Top: Class of 61 Christmas 2018: L to R front are John Lively, Tom Walsh, Bob Crimmins and Jim Giammo; back, Joe Krassy, Ted Vorburger, Greg D'Alessio and Bill Hannon.

Bottom: Members of the Class of 1964 gather in Lisbon, Portugal in January, 2019. From left to right: Tom Girolamo, Dennis Moulton, Rob Haberski, Marty Besant

## 1961

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When I asked for news this quarter, I included a request for veterans in our class to identify themselves. An impressive number of you responded, for which I am grateful. I've passed your information on to **Conor Newton '14** on the Regis communications team. Conor began assembling a list of Regis veterans before the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day (last November) and has continued to add names to the list. If you have not responded but would like to be included, please let me (or Conor) know. Several people sent news! **Don Hands** celebrated the 40th anniversary of his Ordination as an Episcopal priest. He has retired from

his clinical/forensic psychology practice and lives on Skidaway Island in Savannah, Georgia, with his wife Lydia. **Jerry Paolini** described a trip that he had taken with his wife to northern Italy in September. "We visited Milan, Bologna, Verona, Venice and the Lake District. We got to see the Last Supper, which is a Fresco, among other sights. It was a great trip and I would recommend it to all." **Cosmo Salibello** managed to get as far as California. "In November last year (and just where did 2018 go?), I left the cold and rainy confines of Portland for the slightly less cold, but drier, haunts of Palo Alto CA home of **Nick Zirpolo**. I hadn't seen Nick in about two years. With his brother Richard also visiting, it was a grand reunion. Rich is a Xavier grad; however, we did manage to transcend rivalries. Ever the chivalrous

gentlemen and scholars!" Separately, Nick sent his own news. "I'm participating in a Stanford School of Engineering course on Assistive Technology and am leading a project to handle the problem of things falling off my lap! A pretty universal problem for wheelchair users." **Pete Carter** reported a family milestone. "My daughter Elizabeth will be conferred with a Doctor of Philosophy regalia and degree from Capella University in March. Her PhD is in Education; it addresses Training and Performance Improvement. Meanwhile, yours truly has been named Honorary Alumnus of 2019 by the Brooklyn Prep Alumni with the ceremony to be held at Xavier in early May. (I was a Latin teacher at the Prep in the late 1960s.)" **Phil Rossi** wrote in from Marquette. "No travel to report (surprise!), but the Brewers not quite making it to the World Series caught Wisconsin's attention in the fall—and the Bucks may provide a reason to be a stay at home in Milwaukee as the NBA season continues to unfold." I pestered **Paul Diczok** for news, thinking that a surfer and fellow bicycle rider would be setting records in the warm Florida winter. Not so much. "Nope. Nada. 6-year-old grandson, Seamus, passed on a Christmas gift cold that's my current excuse for meager miles, 60 a week, at a Mary Poppins clip. Red tide fouls the local waters, limiting my aquatic adventures. But my bridge game evolves. The lovely Marianne and I have now amassed nearly 12 masters points. 488 more and we'll be life masters - in another 80 years, given the rate at which we pile them up!" Meanwhile, **Greg D'Alessio** celebrated his 75th with a party that took place at a fine Italian restaurant in Old Town Alexandria VA in October. "Among the 20 revelers were three other members of the Regis High School Class of 1961: **Tom Walsh, John Lively** and **Bob Crimmins**. Yes, the DC Metro Area Golden Owls of the Class of 1961 continue to have entirely too much fun in the aftermath of their 50th reunion in 2011, to paraphrase Dave Eitelbach. Now that 75 is the new 65, should we be planning a 60th reunion at Regis in June of 2021?" In fact, the DC gang had another party around Christmas. According to Tom Walsh (Walshibus), who supplied photographic evidence, "The usual suspects gathered from the DC metro region on December 18th at the Army and Navy Club on Farragut Square. In the photo, L to R front are Lively, Walsh, Crimmins and **Giammo**; back, **Krassy, Vorburger, D'Alessio** and **Hannon**. Nota bene, I, Walshibus, am as tall as Lively but am bending knees as to not block Vorburger's big smile, and Hannon is smiling but told us it's his best effort which is an actual medical condition of the risorius muscles. As an M.D., i.e., Medical Deity, I can attest to this and also attest that Hannon has the best sense of humor of us all, and as a group the rest of us are no slouches in the humor department. We need it to survive in close proximity to the center of the known Universe, namely our smoothly functioning government. Res ipsa...."

Finally, bear with us for an abbreviated shaggy dog story. Greg D'Alessio heard a discussion of a new book, titled *Scalia: A Court of One* by Bruce Allen Murphy. The author cited three road bumps that Scalia had encountered during his career. One setback was that he was not nominated to be the Solicitor General of the United States. However, not too long thereafter he was nominated to be a justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. An earlier setback was that he was not accepted at Princeton University. (Scalia believed he was turned away because he was of Italian heritage.) He went on to attend Georgetown University. But Scalia's earliest setback was that, after taking the entrance examination, he was not accepted as a freshman by Regis High School in New York City. He went on to attend St. Francis Xavier High School. "This was a man who might have been the most distinguished graduate in the history of Regis High School," says Greg. "Makes you wonder."

## 1962

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## 1963

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In early November Pat and **John Tweedy** visited his birth state of Missouri to visit an old friend from elementary school. During the trip they were able to visit briefly with **Mark Olesnicki** near St. Louis and **Paul "Dino" Swinton** near Fort Leonard Wood. Mark has been retired from the IRS for several years but still enjoys doing some tax work on his own each year—keeps the wheels moving! After a diverse life in the Army and in the Postal Service, Paul is retired from those organizations, and he now owns and runs a landscaping business in Missouri. Although Regis has opened doors to an interesting and fruitful life for many of us, Paul said that, after 55 years, he felt he could now safely tell the story about how he was able to open doors at Regis. Apparently he unexpectedly found that the key to his family's home was identical to the Regis master key. In addition to the doors of his home, Paul's house key could open the main doors of the school as well as classroom and other doors. This solves a long-time mystery of why so many rooms were unlocked at unexpected times during our years at Regis! Denise and **Jack Stack** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to London and Paris. Highlights included a Premier League football game, dinner on the Eiffel Tower, and anniversary blessings at St. Germain de Pres, the oldest church in Paris. They were joined in Paris by their daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Garrett Goodwin, and granddaughters Emily (9) and Sarah (7). The girls enjoyed a cooking class at Le Cordon Bleu. **Gerry Hickman** tells us that we were mistaken in naming him Ken in the last Prowlings. After all these years, he is still Gerry! **Dick**

**Chiarello** notes that he has begun to play accordion in a Klezmer Band and is also learning to tie flies (fishing, not lassoing the live ones). **Kevin Morris** reports that he is the president of his homeowners' association and enjoying carrying out all the duties of that position. Hyon and **Tim O'Brien** travelled widely in 2018, including France, Italy, Greece, and Cuba among several others. Tim is still working part-time for a Korean law firm, mostly by email, but also making a yearly trip to Seoul.

## 1964

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Way back on September 12th we held our end-of-summer early-fall dinner at our standard watering hole, *Brendan's Bar and Grill*. We were thrilled to have 14 attendees from Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The group was comprised of **Bob Metz**, **Joe Coyne**, **Rob Haberski**, **Jim Pielli**, **Kevin Rodgers**, **Jim Oliviero**, **Bob Shullman**, **Frank Silvestri**, **Frank Michel**, **Jeff Weinlandt**, **Louis Scheeder**, **Ron Trisal**, **Rich Shanley**, and **Dennis Moulton**. Kevin's son, **Kris Rodgers '05**, joined us upstairs for extensive cocktails before dinner was served. Kris has been extremely successful in his career in finance so it was a pleasure to have him join this group of dinosaurs from 1964. As was to be expected, it was the usual festive evening with this crowd. Several classmates who could not attend sent their regrets. **Michael Bierbauer** emailed "We'll be in London then (God willing); perhaps next time." **Ken Kelly** wrote "we are off to Italy on the 11th." **Vince Alline** (from Loudon, TN) added "I'd love to join y'all on the 12th but I just returned from that neck of the woods. Hoist one for me!" Our recently minted stage and movie actor, **Lou Fuoco**, emailed that "I'll be rehearsing to play a Jewish psychiatrist so I won't be able to attend." This prompted a response from Jim Oliviero, "Typecasting?" **Tim Chorba** sent "thanks for organizing the class gatherings and for the invitation to September's iteration. I'm in NYC only infrequently, and by coincidence on the evening of the 12th my wife and I will be out in Brooklyn as guests at the Dewitt Clinton Gala in support of Green-Wood." **Rich Luc** was "unable to attend...but the missus n me will be taking the eastbound stage out of Tulsee Town at the end of September for college reunion (50 years ago left St. Peter's)." One of the regulars at these dinners had been **Paul Czuchlewski** when he lived in Woodside in Queens. He sent word that "Having just moved 2,000 miles to Albuquerque, NM, I'm afraid I will be missing many future NY get-togethers. We are now living in a condominium a few blocks from my son, **David** (Regis '94) and our two granddaughters. Missing many things about NYC, but it is very nice to wake up to sun every day. Interestingly, our parish is Jesuit-led (founded 150 years ago by Jesuits expelled from Naples), which somehow feels very right to me (life

coming full circle). Wondering if I should join the Ignatian Spirituality Study Group when it next meets?" Jug Night fell on October 26th this year and I had Lou Fuoco cast aside (get it?) his usual costumes and assume the role of our class scribe for the evening. Lou emailed me that "As I approached 55 E. 84th Street, I feared a repeat of last year's meager showing by the class of '64 but entering the old gym I was greeted by Vin Alline, Dennis Moulton, Jim Pielli, and Lou Scheeder. Lined up on the other side of our table, just as they were on Ed Lata's bench, sat **Joe Cirrito**, **John Steinmuller**, and **John Boden**. A few minutes later when Ken Kelly strolled in, I realized that a double figure turnout wasn't just a pipe dream. Finally, the appearances of **Dave Ritchie** and **Ron Trisal** put us over the top, prompting a spontaneous chorus of *Rip 'em up! Tear 'em up! Give 'em hell, Regis!!* After an extended period of trading useful information on Medicare Part D, I was able to devote myself to the main task of getting updates on our classmates. Because I was far too busy annihilating pans of fried shrimp to actually write anything down you'll have to trust my memory. **Vin Alline** has passed the 6,000 mark (I think) in his PC rehab career. **Joe Cirrito** and his wife traveled to Bar Harbor, visiting with **Mike Ryan** in Portland on the way there (or was it on the way back?). **Dennis Moulton** may (or may not) have recently returned from one of his frequent trips to London. That septuagenarian Romeo **Ron Trisal** confided that he spends five days a week at the gym to fortify himself for his weekly trips to see his lady friend. Your faithful correspondent is still happily teaching students and immigrants how to write and speak English. Finally, **Kevin Rodgers** didn't attend but sent his son (**Kris Rodgers '05**) with an excuse so lame it could've been signed 'Epstein's mother.' As if that weren't bad enough, the poor boy became entangled in a conversation with **Jim Pielli** about the JFK assassination only to realize (way too late) that he was drowning in a sea of Lee Harvey Oswald lookalikes and rooftop snipers in Chicago." Many thanks to Lou for his fine reporting. We did receive a few regrets such as this from **Marty Besant** who was "currently on a sailboat ready to cast off on October 15th from Albany. If a weather window opens around NJ, I may be able to take a train up from the Chesapeake on the 25th. Current schedule may make that unlikely." **Dan McCaffrey** emailed, "Sorry I can't come. We'll be in DC with son, wife and their daughter. One of these days I'll turn up." It was exactly one week after Jug Night that **Rich Shanley** sent word that "I wanted to let you and our classmates know that my wife, Mary, passed away Wednesday night (October 31st) after a long bout with dementia and related symptoms. She was so ill the last year that our overwhelming sadness is mixed with relief that she is now at peace. We were together 45 years. She was the love of my life and I will greatly miss her. I am so blessed to have our three children and five grandchildren

who are part of her/my legacy." **Jim Oliviero** mentioned that "Being a 'golf buddy' with Rich, I know a little about the sacrifices he made during Mary's fight against overwhelming odds." Such sentiments were echoed by **Bob Shullman** who added "Having met Mary and their children when I and some other Regians played golf on Rich's golf course over the years, Mary was a wonderful wife and a wonderful mother." **John Keane** penned a more personal recollection of Rich in that "I have a somewhat 'permanent' reminder of Rich going all the way back to our Senior year at Regis. He and his sister Betty conspired to sneak me into a dance at Saint Brendan's HS where I met one of Betty's classmates who has somehow stuck with me for more than 54 years. **AnneMarie** and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary next April and I have Rich to partially blame for an incredible marriage, two wonderful sons and five spectacular grandsons AND my date to our Senior Prom. May Mary rest in peace." Back in September we all received an email from **Conor Newton '14**, recently hired at Regis as a Communications Associate. He was conducting a search for all former servicemen in the Regis alumni pool in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. This led to some interesting exchanges among our classmates but my personal favorite was from **Ray Smith**—"I am mostly a veteran of the Berlin Bar on 86th Street. Probably not what he is looking for." **Dave Ritchie**, like many classmates, responded to **Conor** with his service in the Army during this period. However, the most fascinating aspect to this "veterans" question was **Dave Ritchie's** email that "I was sorry I missed the September 12th dinner last week. We were in France on a vacation and did not return until September 13th. An interesting 'veterans' note: we went over not just for vacation but to visit my grandfather's grave in the Oise-Aisne American Military Cemetery. He died in battle on September 2, 1918, and we (my two brothers, my wife, one of my three daughters and a cousin) were at his graveside on September 2, 2018. A good trip, all in all." Two months later **Dave** emailed me that one brother with him in France is also Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral. **Dave** gets a quarterly magazine called *Cathedra* put out by St. Patrick's Cathedral and a recent issue had an extensive article about the **Ritchie** family trip to France to visit the gravesite of their grandfather, **Francis Eugene Wood**, who died fighting for our country 100 years ago in Fismette, France. The article is fascinating and I am sure **Dave** would be happy to email it to any classmate who would also like to see it.

## 1965

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**Pat Dallett** writes, "George, I hope you are doing well and that we will see you at LeMoyné in May for our 50th anniversary reunion. Just wanted to report that Jane and I had a wonderful Thanksgiving in

Madrid in November and that I had the privilege of baptizing our first grandchild, **Manuel Patrick**, while we were there. I hope that 2019 is a wonderful year for all our classmates and loved ones. Peace, Pat." From **Robert Romano**—"I have some news of interest that I'm still digesting. As you know, I was diagnosed with a form of leukemia in 2010. It's called Waldenström's Macroglobulinemia ("WM", for short). I was always puzzled by that, since no one in my (rather large) family has been diagnosed with ANY kind of cancer. The cure for WM has still eluded the doctors, but a lot of progress has been made—mostly by **Dana Farber** in Boston. The WM "family" of patients and **Dana Farber** doctors meet regularly and discuss the illness—a remarkable gathering of several doctors and well over a hundred patients in an auditorium at **Dana Farber**. The doctors sit at a podium and give an extended update on the status of their research and then open it up for questions from the audience—by way of microphones stationed around the aisles. One of the patients stood at one of the microphones and, before she asked her question of the doctors, she made an announcement that took my breath away. She said it was important for all the patients in the audience to be aware that the US government has determined that the 9-11 World Trade Center Bombing caused not just physical harm and death at the time. The toxic air caused by the collapse of the Twin Towers had been determined to have caused several kinds of cancer—and WM had been specifically identified as one such cancer. I was stunned. She said there is a huge victim compensation pool available to those who were diagnosed with WM AFTER 9-11 and can prove they were in the vicinity of the attack in the "danger zone"—anywhere south of Canal Street—during the period from the morning of the bombing until several weeks later in 2001. Well, as a Wall Street lawyer at the time, I was scheduled on 9-11 to attend a status conference on a Merrill Lynch case in Judge **Rakoff's** chambers at gam in the Federal Courthouse in Foley Square. When I got to the SDNY courthouse, his chambers were locked and I was advised that there was an issue at the World Trade Center involving an airplane hitting the North Tower. I went to a nearby window to see what happened. I could see the big gash just below the top of the North Tower. As I was watching that, I saw the South Tower explode. The folks at the SDNY told us to leave the building immediately and to walk north. Over the next 90 minutes I walked up Centre Street, then Lafayette Street and on and on to my office at 53rd and 3rd Ave. The next day, I went back to the Wall Street area with my camera and took pictures of the rubble. In the following weeks, I had several meetings at the NY Attorney General's office near Wall Street where they had installed high-powered air-conditioning to remove the ambient soot. Anyway, that's my news. My cancer is currently under control—although I had some tense



Linda and Steve Boatti, '66 visiting Pam and Richard Ouzounian, '66, with the Toronto skyline in the background.

moments in late 2017. At least, now I have a better understanding of what caused my cancer. Red." **John Felago** shares "My wife Jill and I took a brief vacation to Florida's Amelia Island for a few days of sun and surf. We celebrated Christmas by spoiling our 8 collective grandchildren." There was a great turnout at Jug Night, Fall 2018 this year: **Bob Carlina, Mike Egnatchik, Harry Kutner, Bill McSherry, Rich Gabrielle, Kevin Carey, Joe Lyons, Red Romano, Ron Statile, Don Ulisse, Dave O'Brien, Ed O'Brien, Steve Gabriel, George Griffith, Dan Heintz, John Woodruff, Bob Kalisch, John Seta, Andy Cavanaugh, Rich Superti, Mike Ingrisani, John Felago.** Great to see Don Ulisse and Bill McSherry who have been "absentees" for a few years. On December 20th, 2018 we had a fun time at Slattery's in Manhattan... catching up over a few beers...attending were: **John Geis**—in from Arizona for the holidays, Bob Carlina—in from Atlanta, John Felago, **Rick Dunn, John Woodruff, Eddie O'Brien, and Rich Superti.** We will probably have our next gathering sometime in March or April. Eileen and George Griffith enjoy watching in wonder and awe as their three-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter, Frances Ruby Griffith, continues to blossom and grow. Her parents are Jennifer Hughes and **Brendan Griffith '99.** John Felago has a cousin also named **John Felago '59** who is likewise a Regis graduate. Father John Felago, M.M. is a Maryknoll priest who recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Ad multos annos! Words of Wisdom: "You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching, Love like you'll never be hurt, Sing like there's nobody listening, And live like it's heaven on earth." (William W. Purkey)

## 1966

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Last July, your humble correspondent **Steve Boatti** and his wife Linda traveled to Toronto and spent an evening visiting with Pam and **Richard Ouzounian.** Rich has retired as chief theater critic for the *The Toronto Star*, but continues to have a full plate directing plays in Toronto, Stratford, ON and elsewhere. We spent the evening restaurant-crawling in their neighborhood of Riverdale (same name as where we live in the Bronx). Richard directed a sold-out production of *The Fantasticks* in Stratford last fall and will direct a new play about the Ramones this year. **Tom Gaye** writes "Tung Vo retired last winter after a career in Silicon Valley. October 1 we tied the knot. Never thought I was the marrying kind. I retired in January after 34 years on the bench. Don't miss it... yet. As dog people we're not much for world travel but we have gotten homes in Rancho Mirage and Idyllwild in the mountains of CA to get around those hot desert summers. (Rancho Mirage to Idyllwild is just a few 'halting places' for the Greek track alums.)" Tom's judicial career included some years as DC Superior Court Commissioner before joined the feds in California as an Administrative Law Judge. **Doug Brown and Gerry Moran** (and their spouses) met for the second time in 2018 in early October for an overnight stay on the Mediterranean at Port Camargue. An excellent dinner in the hotel's panoramic restaurant was followed the next morning by a refreshing walk on the beach in the fall sunshine. Toni and **Richard Corelli** took a month-long cruise through Indonesia and Borneo and the Philippines in January—"All part of our celebration of entering our 8th decade of a truly wonderful life. Lots of adventures and wonderful memories." In December

a group totaling more than 20 people consisting of Marian and Gerry Moran and four members of his family joined by classmates with spouses or friends went to a delightful matinee performance of *La Traviata* at the Met in New York followed by dinner at "Il Violino" near Lincoln Center. **Charlie Pignatello** graciously organized both events. Attendees included **Bob Cartwright,** Clare and **Ken Ryan, Vinny Hevern, Tom Gallagher, Tim O'Connor** and Peggy Rafferty, Janet and **John Sawicki, Jim Periconi,** Maggie and **Frank Belloni, Rich Gayzur** and friend Archana, Linda and **John Van Name** and Linda and Steve Boatti. A week earlier, **Dave Flanagan** (with Barbara) and **Lou Recano** (with Mary Ann) organized a Christmas dinner in New York attended by many of the same classmates plus **Jim Kuntz, Debbie and Ken Kelleher, Bob Thoms, Mario Rizzo** and Patricia and **Steve Stuart. Gerry Moran** has installed solar panels on his house in France, way ahead of most of us in the US. Bob Cartwright continues his sailing adventures on Dutch canals. **Bob Thoms** is semi-retired from his Arabian law practice and is planning to relocate to New Jersey this year.

## 1967

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**Ed Passarella** jokingly apologizes for being "a phantom" at recent class events. It's an excused absence to say the least. Ed's life as a seasoned editor, proud grandparent, and rock musician veered suddenly in 2012 into a medical nightmare that lasted years but now is over. The former editor of the Salem (Mass.) News and PC Week magazine had spent a decade creating and editing consumer-oriented websites for SmarterTravel.com when a sudden illness sent him to a physician in Newburyport, MA, his hometown. The diagnosis was swift and certain: liver failure. The next stop was Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, one of the country's top teaching hospitals. There a name, if not an explanation, was put on his disease: cryptogenic cirrhosis. "Not having taken the Greek track, I did not know that cryptogenic meant it was of unknown origin," says Ed, a non-smoker or drinker who had none of the risk factors. The specialists told him point blank this is an irreversible, end-stage disease with a transplant the only hope for recovery. But there are long waiting lists for livers, with sickest patients given priority. "It was a question of getting sick enough to get on the list and then having enough strength to endure the transplant," he says. The medical team in Boston made it their mission to get him to that point, which they did, barely, before an air ambulance flight took him and wife Andrea two years later to the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, where the transplant was performed. Long months of recovery and rehabilitation followed, but when he finally stepped out of a car outside his Newburyport home, the little

girl next door exclaimed to her mother, "Mom, he doesn't even have a canel!" In 2016, he put pen to paper and began writing an extraordinary series of a dozen short essays to pay tribute to all those who brought him through the ordeal, including the Beth Israel Deaconess doctors and nurses, the Mayo transplant team, the rehab drill sergeants and, of course, Andrea, but also to provide hope and sympathy to others experiencing similar ordeals. He's posted them all on Facebook (friend him there or email him at [edpassarella@icloud.com](mailto:edpassarella@icloud.com)). He is still weighing how to help them reach a wider audience online or in print. He and Andrea will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this year. They live within an hour of their two children and those five grandchildren. Ed came to Regis from Flushing, Queens ("What I remember are hours and hours of work and hours and hours taking a bus and three subways to get there") and began playing folk music on a 12-string guitar with dreams of getting on the Ed Sullivan Show. Folk gave way to rock with **Mike Latini, Larry Weeks, Pete Mercurio** and others, and he and Mike made their living for five years after college in bands in Boston before the Fordham communications major decided journalism afforded better career prospects. The bass player and songwriter today performs in a trio at Massachusetts bars, festivals "and any place where you'd expect a band of geezers to show up." Anti-rejection medicines are still part of the daily regimen, but otherwise, he says, "I'm back to a fully functioning life. I feel so grateful for every day. We get up every morning and think, 'We're here living our life, which is pretty cool just by itself. What does today bring?'" **Dennis Sullivan**'s got a new moniker: Hizzoner. After 23 years on the Somerville (N.J.) Borough Council, Dennis was elected Mayor of Somerville, NJ by a wide margin in November. It was a different story when he first ran for mayor in 2003 and lost by three votes. Dennis moved to Somerville in 1973 for a job as a special needs teacher and retired from the school system 35 years later. He never retired from civic activism and volunteerism, from umpiring Little League to founding a local chess club to being a stalwart supporter of the Friends of the Library. Dennis was among six Staten Islanders who began the long trek on the ferry and subway from Bowling Green in autumn 1963. They used to sit on the same bench to avoid fraternizing with the Xavier and Xaverian boys making the same journey. Attrition struck and "by junior year I had no one left to sit with so I went over to the 'enemy' bench," he recalls. After Regis, he enrolled in and graduated from Staten Island Community College. In 1970, he joined the National Teacher Corps, a Great Society program that foreshadowed the model decades later adapted by Teach for America, that is, training teachers to work with disadvantaged children, from inner city schools to Indian reservations. Sullivan rode a Trailways bus for 27 hours across

the Mason-Dixon Line to Georgia and Albany State College, where he earned his bachelor's and did his student teaching in schools for sharecroppers' children. "I thought I had it hard growing up, but compared to my students, I was living on Park Avenue," he says. Returning to New Jersey, he earned a Master's degree at Rutgers University in Early Childhood and Special Education, and the Somerville schools snapped him up. Generations later, he still gets friendly waves in town from former pupils, now constituents. "I always tried to make a difference," he says. His spouse, Marge, is a retired child development and pediatric psychology Professor and Dean of Research at Rutgers School of Nursing. Their two daughters are both public school teachers in New Jersey, within an easy drive of them and their four grandkids. Dennis was elected to fill the last year of an unexpired term and is leaning toward running for a full four-year term in November. "You have to be careful. When you put your name on a ballot and ask people to trust you, you have to deliver," he says. **Bill Armbruster's** report from Jug Nite: "Strong turnout from our class: **Gerry Schiraldi, Bruce Hector, Kevin McDonald, Christopher Meatto, Michael Connor, John Dowd, Jim Keaney, Bill Armbruster, Joe Giammarella, Dennis O'Brien, Ed Penny, Steve Rehm, Kieran Quinn, Art Bender,** and myself. About half the guys in attendance are still working: Bender, Schiraldi, McDonald, Meatto, Connor, Giammarella, and Rehm. Steve is now with a group called Promontory Financial. Joe had planned to retire at the end of this academic year (the first year that his school—High Tech High School in Secaucus, NJ—is in its new building, but he said the head of the school district twisted his arm into staying for another year so that Joe could present the diploma to his daughter at her graduation." Kieran, second to none in his devotion to the Villanova Wildcats, was belatedly celebrating his milestone January birthday by inviting family and friends to share a suite at the Georgetown-Villanova basketball contest on Feb. 3 at the Wells Fargo Center in the City of Brotherly Love. With a few exceptions at the tail ends of the birthday bell curve, the rest of us will be marking that same milestone in 2019. Our man at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **Terry Chorba,** made his broadcasting debut on a CDC podcast on "The Great War and the 1918 Influenza Pandemic," which struck a half-billion people and claimed at least 50 million lives. Terry fights tuberculosis, not flu, for the CDC but has always had a fascination with World War I, in part because two uncles fought for the Doughboys, including a machine gunner who survived the flu. You can listen to the podcast at <https://bit.ly/2FW01Cy> and read an essay Terry co-authored about a watercolor John Singer Sargent did of French soldiers in a hospital tent, which graced the cover of CDC's Emerging Infectious Diseases journal in October.

(<https://bit.ly/2TjpQiP>) College students know well the importance of getting first in line each semester to register for limited enrollment classes taught by faculty legends. Customers of Politics and Prose bookstore in Washington, D.C., learned that lesson, too, when it advertised a winter lecture series on Dante's *Inferno* taught by **Frank Ambrosio**, professor of philosophy at Georgetown University. It quickly sold out. From Salt Lake City, **Paul Litka** writes: "We had the pleasure of hosting Jim Keaney and his grandson Benjamin last summer. Jim and Ben flew to Cody, Wyoming, to take in the rodeo, then went on a dinosaur dig, visited mutual friends and finally ended up at our place. Activities included fishing, riding the tram at Snowbird and the requisite swim in the Great Salt Lake."

### 1968

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It doesn't seem possible, but our class continues to wend its way towards our 50th anniversary NEXT YEAR!!! Are you kidding me? As we all become more familiar with the health care system, **Kevin Conboy's** spouse of 43 years, Maureen, endured a right shoulder total REVERSE shoulder replacement. Not to be outdone, Kevin had his right shoulder rotator cuff repaired and threw in cataract surgery in both eyes. Goal for 2019 is to meet no more surgeons. Undertakers as well. Your other class rep **Jack Regan** and wife Ginger Krawiec checked an item off their bucket list (photo nearby; it's autoographed!) last November when they attended a Sunday School lesson taught by President Jimmy Carter at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, GA. It was a wonderful experience, as the 94-year-old remains incredibly sharp and funny. Coincidentally, Jack and Ginger met 1st daughter Amy Carter a few weeks beforehand, and Stuart Eizenstat as well. Eizenstat has served in several Presidential administrations, was a law partner of Conboy, and recently finished a biography of Pres. Carter. Possibly more remarkable than these Georgia doings is **Rick Antosh's** story. There he was, in the Oyster Bar in Grand Central Terminal with classmate [drum roll] **Buzz Doherty**, having the 'oyster pan roast' dish, when he discovered.... A PEARL! Initial newspaper reports said that Rick was one 'lucky mothershucker' with a pearl worth tens of thousands of dollars. Other sources indicated he wasn't quite so lucky but the pearl clearly covered the cost of lunch. The week before, Rick had dinner in London with **Mark Tronco**, who was preparing for a motor scooter trip in Dakar. Pining



Top: Jack Regan '70 and his wife Ginger with President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn.

Bottom: Members of the Class of '71 gather in the quad at JUG Night

for all the fabulous easy listening music we heard during our high school days at the barber shop, dentist's office, and elevators, **Joe DiLaurenzio** has some great news for you: "Please consider giving my internet radio station a listen. It's a tribute to the late, great WRFM Stereo 105. You'll hear all the greats, including Faith, Kostelanetz, Mancini, Previn, Shearing, Chacksfield, Kaempfert, Eigart, Vaughn, and of course the Living Strings. Find it at '<http://wrfm-db.playtheradio.com/>.'" **Kevin Bryant's** daughter Annie marches forward with a career that seems likely to put all Kevin's classmates to shame. She has been accepted into a Masters Program for Bioinformatics at Northeastern, beginning after her current year working in a lab in Australia. Kevin is completing his 45th year in the book business, which began at Marboro Books on 86th Street in 1974. Muriel and **Dan Gonzalez** are happy to announce the marriage of their son David (a Stuyvesant and Fordham grad) to Gabby Gayagoy of Columbus, Ohio on October 7th, on the terrace of the Bryant Park Grill. They honeymooned in Rome and live now in Stuyvesant Town, close to where Muriel grew up. David's sister Nora (Marymount grad) came home for the celebration from Chicago, where she is a senior at the U. of Chicago. **McDonald** and **Jim Bergin** also joined the celebration. Last but by no means least, the Rump Reunion V: here is the announcement from Bruce Williamson: Rump Reunion V is set for Saturday June 8, 2019 beginning at 6pm in NYC (RR's I through IV have been at the Pig & Whistle but we may have outgrown it). Charles Radcliffe will be finding us a new location if need be. It is not too late to RSVP. Just email Bruce at [hotmail.com. We were up to 25 last year and we look to do even better this year. Until next time...](mailto:brwj37@</a></p>
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### 1971

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A great turnout for Jug Night this year. **Tim Brennan, Bill** (Kid Java) **Ferns, Rich** (Butch) **Buddenhagen, Dom Tavella, Roger Moran, Francis** (Frank) **Flaherty, Joe** (The Professor) **Alchermes, Ray Brown,** the magnificent **Larry Gertner, Mark** (Your Honor) **Baber,** and **Luke** (he'll never retire) **Garvey** were in fine form, scarfing beef and French fries as they came out in waves. **Luke** had the incomparable joy of walking his darling daughter down the aisle in June. **Jack McCullough** is still ensconced in the smallest capital city in the country and hoping to be reelected to the city council on Town Meeting Day. Closing in on forty years as a Legal Aid lawyer and twenty-five years as the director of the Mental Health Law Project at Vermont Legal Aid, representing clients in involuntary mental health cases. Is retirement on the horizon? Never! **Michael Sheldon** is a retired fireman, still living in Manhattan. He says he is embarrassed at his lack of studiousness at Regis, but loves the friends he made there. **Michael Schwarz** continues his globe-trotting ways, posting drool-worthy pictures from Vietnam. **Jim Bigos** continues to split his time between Denver and the slopes of various Colorado ski areas. He is mostly retired, but is teaching young professionals how to tease the storyline out of their data analytics. Something that didn't exist when we were at Regis.



Mike Rodriguez '76 and Frank Pagano '76 enjoying a day out

## 1972

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It is difficult to believe that it has been 10 years since the passing of **Mario DiNatale**. There will be a Mass celebrated in his memory at the Regis chapel on Saturday, May 4 at 2 pm. All members of our class and their guests are invited to attend.

**Michael Battiston** has relocated from London to northern New Jersey and plans to spend at least five years in the States before heading back to Europe. "Not sure where we'll go," admits Mike, "as Brexit has turned everything upside down." After over a year of entering the lottery for free tickets to *Hamilton: An American Musical* on Broadway, **Kevin Farrelly** finally won and he and husband Steve Klein enjoyed second row center orchestra seats in January. **Bill Greiter** has found the great love of his life. Her name is Deb, a social worker residing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan—a mere 600 mile round trip drive from Bill's home in Madison, Wisconsin. They enjoy kayaking and mountain biking in the summer and snowshoeing and cross country skiing and snow biking in the winter. Bill's daughter Elizabeth is nearing completion of her JD/ MBA at U Michigan and son Christopher is nearing completion of his BA in neurology at U Colorado. Bill remains enthralled by insurance acquisition work after 26 years, although he now focuses more on the pursuit of social media companies and aggregations of consumer data. **John Kreiser** celebrated his 64th birthday with **John Marchese** doing what they often did during their days at Regis—watching the Mets lose. In August, John and wife Helen visited Colorado to enjoy the wedding of **Bob Kopp's** daughter, Lauren. In October, the Marcheses and the Kops attended the wedding of John's son, Kevin on Long Island. John, who is in his 12th season as managing editor at NHL.com, says "it's good to know all the Rangers games I went to back in the day yielded some benefits." Kathleen and **Jerry McAloon** received a delightful early Christmas present when their second grandchild, Abigail Rae, was

born on December 10. They will briefly escape the cold weather with a visit to Costa Rica in February. In the meantime, Jerry enjoys retired life in the Philadelphia area and keeps hoping to make it to Jug Night. **Jim Marren** is President of Tiller, LLC, a New York-area communications consultancy which advises companies on social advocacy campaigns. Tiller recently entered into a joint initiative with Robertson Taylor Partners, a leading Los Angeles-based boutique communications agency focused on the entertainment industry, to help entertainment companies boost both the societal impact and bottom-line success of social issue-focused motion picture, TV, streaming and music content, via marketing, media and public communications. Last September, **Jim Provenzale** was invited to lecture at the European Society of Neuroradiology meeting in Rotterdam. **Rich Reina** has been busy reconnecting with members of our class, including frequent emails with both Jim Provenzale and **Matt Dineen**. Rich and **Joe Pieroni** shared their excitement about the 50th anniversary of the release of the Beatles' White Album. "I recollect a freshman year Class Day," says Rich, "when **Paul Kleeberg** brought the White Album to school, and we blasted it on a phonograph in the cafeteria." After many years working with the *Blue Man Group*, **John Rogers** helped sell the company to Cirque du Soleil last year, after which he spent the summer on the beach and the golf course. He is now interim CFO at a private school near South Street Seaport and does some finance and accounting consulting, as well as teaching as an adjunct instructor at New York Institute of Technology in Brookville. **Andy Schilling's** son Jamey graduated from Marquette. Andy and family vacationed on the Outer Banks and attended the Stanley Cup Finals Game 3 in DC's Capital One Center. He is enjoying his new position at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce as senior director for international business development, including working on establishing a sister city relationship between Omaha and the French towns overlooking Omaha Beach, with a formal

signing in time for the 75th anniversary of D-Day in June. Regina and **Bob Schneider** are pleased to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild in January.

## 1973

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**Len Scarpinato** writes: "Starting Aug 1, I was asked by my Miami, FL based company to be the interim Chief Medical Officer of the Chicago market, a 5 clinic multi-specialty group. It came with a south Michigan Ave condo! Given the proximity to Milwaukee and my son in his 3rd year med school there at Medical College of WI (the old Marquette med school!) I readily accepted. I found out I love rolling up my sleeves and being in the trenches- I am not too much of an office desk job kind of guy, something I had been doing in Florida for 7 months. The Florida time included my Mom's last months here. Now that she is gone, I treasure that time. Simple times spent food shopping, eating, doing laundry, and watching TV. I won't ever forget. From Chicago, I make the 90-minute drive up to WI on Friday and return Sunday night, especially in summer when I have the boat in the water at the lake house. It doesn't hurt that my girlfriend lives there! If you think I am setting up a snowbird kind of retirement, it certainly seems so! By the way- those of you who remember my sister Jackie; she is beating me to retirement; she should be done by the end of Q1 2019."

## 1975

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**Frank Pagano** sent an update a few months ago on a random connection with one of our classmates. While scanning Facebook on his wife and their first day of vacation in Quebec City, he came across a photo of his high school buddy and freshman year roommate at Cornell, **Mike Rodriguez**, standing in front of Montmorency Falls - a mere 10 miles from where he was standing. A few messages and 5 hours later, Frank and his wife Debbie shared a magical evening with Diane and Mike—dinner, great conversation, laughs, a stroll around the Festival D'Ete and a Neil Young/Lukas Nelson concert. **Bob Seymour** reported he went to Italy twice in 2 months last year. They were his first time across the pond, and focused on Montedinove, a little (500) town in the Lamacche region. He wished Mr. Rapisarda offered Italian that year.

## 1977

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**Jim Fields'** son, Ted, has been appointed assistant editor at DreamWorks. He will be working on Boss Baby 2 with Alec Baldwin. Congrats Ted!

## 1978

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## 1979

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**Dominic Soresso** reports a couple of recent Regis connections. He has just hired **Patrick Grudzinski '12**, onto his team at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC). The two of them comprise a Regis Old Man/Young Man team there. Dom also spent time relaxing at the Fairfield Irish festival—influenced by wife Mary Farrell—with **Joseph Clyne '75**. **Kevin Rochford** has assumed the chair of the Naval War College Foundation's Governance Committee. The Foundation raises money to support the NWC's faculty work in the areas of leadership, cyber warfare and China/Russia Threat Maritime studies. Kevin's wife Julie will be retiring from corporate America and starting her executive coaching practice. **Dave Janny** was recently named one of the "LinkedIn Top Ten Voices in Global Finance 2018." Finally, **Mike McConnell** is working on digital health at Verily Life Sciences and part-time clinical/teaching faculty at Stanford cardiology, seeing **Russ Grossman** often at the Stanford pool! Mike's wife Lena is CEO of Intabio, a startup developing analytical instruments for biologic drug development, while daughter Kelly (23) is back from a year doing an MS in Biomedical Engineering at National University of Ireland Galway, working in a neurology lab at Stanford, while Mia (20) is a junior at Vanderbilt majoring in Medicine, Health, and Society and minoring in Business. Each one of these guys has committed to at least trying to attend the 40th reunion on April 6th. In addition, via our Facebook group, **Brian Scully**, **Bob McDermott**, **Frank Messina** and, making a long overdue appearance, **Bob Zielinski** are already plotting extracurricular activities for that weekend. Another X-Day perhaps? I have heard from many other 79ers of their plans to attend as well, so looks like the turnout will be significant. Should be a great time, hope see you all there!

## 1980

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## 1981

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**John Conlon** is a partner at the law firm Mayer Brown, focusing on commercial litigation and arbitration. Founded in the 19th century, Mayer Brown is one of the largest and most prestigious law firms in the world. After Regis, John went to Williams College with seven classmates,

obtaining a degree in History and German. During his junior year at college, John studied at the University of Tübingen in Germany. The University of Tübingen is a public research university located in the city of Tübingen, Baden-Württemberg. It is one of Germany's most famous and oldest universities, noted in medicine, natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities. The university's noted alumni include numerous presidents, ministers, EU Commissioners, and judges of the Federal Constitutional Court. The university is associated with eleven Nobel laureates, especially in the fields of medicine and chemistry. Following graduation from Williams, John told me, "I spent a summer painting houses in Alaska and then became a paralegal for a small firm in New York. Next was Fordham Law. After graduation from law school, I clerked for the Honorable Kevin T. Duffy, then I was an associate at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy—and subsequently an associate, and now a partner, at Mayer Brown..." John talked about his life outside of work and the law: "I have been married for 24 years to my beautiful wife, Eileen, who is also a lawyer, whom I met at Fordham Law. We have been blessed to have six children, four daughters in college (Quinnipiac, St. Michael's, and two at Holy Cross), a son going into his senior year at Regis, and a daughter who is a sophomore at Ursuline. We also have three dogs, a lab, an Irish setter, and a German shorthaired pointer... These days much of my time is spent as a Dad and supporter, cheering and coaching my children in a variety of CYO, club and high school sports. I still run and bike a bit to train for a triathlon once a year. I enjoy getting out to golf and ski occasionally. I am a big fan of craft beers and brew my own from time to time. I still enjoy reading, mostly history, music, sports, and I try to keep up with German (thank you to Fr. Schweitzer)." John grew up in the town of Crestwood in Westchester, where he lives today. "I had not heard of Regis before my grammar school recommended that I take the test," John said. "The more I learned about Regis, the greater my interest." Crestwood is a tidy 415-acre pocket of well-tended colonials, Tudors and Victorian single-family homes. In colonial times, Crestwood was a farming community, part of the land owned by Frederick Philipse III, whose family had title to a third of what is now Westchester County. It was the site of a Revolutionary War skirmish. After the Revolutionary War, it was bought by tenant farmers. By 1900, Crestwood had become a regular stop on the Harlem Line, offering city dwellers an alternative to the crowded streets of New York. The completion of the Bronx River Parkway in 1925 contributed further to the development of the community. It is not atypical for children to return to Crestwood to raise their own families. This tight-knit community of 3,000 or so people has the kind of ambience that one resident called "an 'Ozzie and Harriet'

kind of neighborhood." John reflected on his time at Regis: "I remember being worried that I would not be able to keep up with the work before I started and in my first year. I recall having no idea how to get home after my first day of school (my Dad had dropped me off by car on the way in and he assumed I would figure out the trains)...Struggling with Latin and math... What a different place the City was then, the Bronx was burning. So many great friends and teachers, time spent in the lower gym playing basketball and in the cafeteria listening to the senior stereo. I recall working hard, falling asleep standing up on the subway, racing to get in to Regis before the bell to avoid jug again, track team meets, travel to the Armory, Van Cortland Park and Randall's Island. What a nice guy **Dan McCauley** was. Time moved differently then. Can't believe over forty years have passed since I was a freshman..."

**1982**

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On 08/07/18, **Bill Dunn's** wife Maria gave birth to their first child, Augustus Francis Dunn, at Mt. Sinai West. As Bill says, "We're calling him Augie and he's a 5th generation NYCer. We're already prepping him for the Regis exam!" ...On 12/27, the annual "East Village Holiday Drinks" tradition continued as **Michael P. Murphy, Andy Coamey, Tony Monsanto, Chris Webb, Mike Horowitz** and (all the way from San Francisco!) **Bob Venchiarutti** gathered at O'Hanlon's Pub to discuss politics, sports and the vanishing of NYC!...If you are not already linked to our class email list, please contact **Kieran O'Connor** at [oconnorkieran@gmail.com](mailto:oconnorkieran@gmail.com). It's a good way to keep in touch, especially as we approach our 35th reunion this spring! To date we have about 75 people using it! It'd be great to add a few (30+) more!

**1985**

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Top: Members of the Class of '84: (L to R) Michael Murphy, Chris Webb, Bob Venchiarutti, Tony Monsanto, Andy Coamey, Mike Horowitz

Middle: Members of the Class of '89—Marco Ricci, Tim Shields, Edmund O'Brien, and Lolan P. Adan—connect in Chicago

Bottom left: Marco Ricci '89, with daughter Cecelia, and George Paul '89, with daughter Nomi at NYCSL Girls Under 10 title game.

Bottom right: Members of the Class of '89—Brian McDermott, Lolan P. Adan, and Kevin Fox—taking in a Chicago River Boat Tour



*Top:* Every year since 1998 at the joint annual meeting of the Society for Classical Studies (formerly the American Philological Association) and the Archaeological Institute of America, a number of Regis alumni active in those fields get together to toast the foundress and share conversation and good will. This year was no exception. Aided by the relatively warm weather in San Diego, seven of us assembled to engage in this now annual ritual. *Front row, L to R:* Peter O'Connell '99, Ron Mellor '58, John Muccigrosso '83; *Back row, L to R:* Matt McGowan '88, Patrick Burns '94, Tim O'Sullivan '92, Richard Tarrant '62

*Bottom left:* Regis educators coming together at a JSN Conference: L to R Christian Talbot '93 (alum, former teacher, current Trustee), Kristin Ross (former Assistant Principal and guidance counselor), Kris Cupillari (former Assistant Principal and current Trustee), and Fr. Anthony Andreassi, CO, (current Principal).

*Bottom right:* Mike Palumbo '94 with father Andy '66 along with Father Anthony SooHoo, SJ, '93 and Todd Cosenza '91

## 1989

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**Jerry Russello** (grussello@sidley.com) gave several talks in honor of Russell Kirk's centenary, at the Buckley Program at Yale, the University of Colorado at Boulder, and in New York with the New Criterion and the National Review Institute (the last to be aired, eventually, on C-Span). The visits to college towns was fortunate given the search process has just started for his oldest, a high-school junior. Jerry

was also happy to be back interviewing for the Regis freshmen class this year.

**George Paul** (georgepaul@msn.com) and **Marco Ricci** (marcojricci@gmail.com) cheered from the sidelines as their daughters' (Naomi Paul and Cecelia Ricci) travel soccer team won the NYCSL GIRLS Under 10 Division title last fall. Naomi is a versatile forward/goalie, while Cecelia has a powerful right leg. George and Marco are surprised at their daughters' skill level since their own soccer careers began and ended with Freshman Intra-murals in the upper gym. We relay our

deepest condolences to **Ricky Morcelo** (ricardomorcelo@gmail.com) and his loved ones. Ricky's mother, Mildred A. Morcelo, passed away on December 19th. Ricky writes of his mother, "She is the reason I attended Regis, and I am eternally grateful for the experience; whether you knew her or not, you all enriched her life, by enhancing mine. Godspeed to you all, and to your families in 2019 & beyond." Finally, save the date: May 4th for Regis '89's 30th Reunion.

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**Michael Palumbo** checked in: "Here is a catch-up update on the last year and what a year it's been. My wife, Andrea Santoriello, and I welcomed our first child Michael Patrick Palumbo on November 24, 2017. His middle name honors my Mother, Patricia Palumbo, who passed away in October 2017. Michael Patrick was baptized at St. Ignatius in the Lady Chapel on May 12th. **Fr. Anthony SooHoo '93** presided. Other Regians celebrating the Baptism were my dad, **Andy Palumbo '66** and **Todd Cosenza '91**. I also saw **Kieran Hughes** at the St. Ignatius Family Mass in Wallace Hall this Fall. Over Columbus Day weekend at the trail head to Sam's Point in Minnewaska State Park, I bumped in to **Tom Peveraro** and family." In other news, **John Giordano** writes that he is the proud owner of a baby macaw he calls Lars. John reports that Lars is a wonderful companion who sits patiently on his shoulder during their near-daily lunches at the hip Brooklyn brunch venue, Vic's Moonbeam. Finally, please mark your calendars for the Class of 1994's 25th Reunion, which will be held on June 8th.

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In December 2018, **Scott Moringiello** brought a class of DePaul University students to Rome. While there Scott met his friend Fr. Anthony SooHoo, SJ '93, who showed the students the private rooms of St. Ignatius Loyola and taught them about the origins of the Jesuits. **Joe Keyes** married Jennifer Keating on October 13, 2018 in Toronto. In attendance were **Matt Horton**, **John Young**, **Tim Robinson**, and **John Russo**. Diego Rene Quinones Salamone announces that he has made parents of **Frank Salamone** and Manuel Quinones. Diego loves opening and closing cabinets, his daddies, standing and sitting on his own, and the Baby Shark song. Diego would like to thank Daddy Frank for the lessons in something called "walking" and for introducing him to the delicious teething toy called the "PleaseStopChewingOnMyPhone." Please contact Diego if you are in need of someone to pull your glasses off your face and drool on them (prescription or non-prescription). Magda and **John Rossiello** brought their new daughter Amelia home from the hospital on Thanksgiving Day; leftovers awaited alongside long awaiting grandparents Peg and Guy Rossiello. Crystol and **Brian Devaney** happily welcomed Xavier Quinn Harber Devaney to their family on August 3, 2018 joining big sisters Juliet and Meghan and pup Oliver at home, evejohn ryone is doing great. In September Xavier was baptized by **Fr. Philip Judge, SJ '80** at Resurrection church in Rye. Fellow Regians **Joe Keyes**, **Tom Hein '99** and **John Hein '02** celebrated with us as well. Ashley and **Rich Brockmeyer** welcomed their FIFTH child, Heidi Agnes on Jan 7th.

## 1998

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**Mike Roberti** writes in from Richmond Hill: "My wife Sarah and I added our daughter Claire to our growing family on August 15th. Claire is currently enjoying her sister Anna, 2 1/2 and her brother Mike, 3 1/2. We sleep when we can!!" With heavy hearts we report the death of our classmate, **Stephen Esposito**, on January 2, 2019. A four-year member of both the Hearn and the Stage Crew, Steve attended Georgetown and worked at the Children's Scholarship Fund and Canon before establishing himself at Clorox in 2010. Steve married Sarah Kroye on July 8, 2016, and the two made their home in Red Hook, NY with their daughter, Isabel. As ever, Steve made himself useful, fixing everything from his house's air conditioners to Isabel's toy trains. In addition to Sarah and Isabel, Stephen is survived his parents, **Richard Esposito '70** and Lidia Syrko-Esposito, his four brothers, John (Sarah), Michael (Marianne), Ricky and Peter, and his nephew, David.

**1999**

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After seven enjoyable and rewarding years as Director of Communications at Regis, **Tom Hein** is now the Director of Advancement Strategy and Communications for the Nightingale-Barnford School, an independent K-12 girls school located just a few blocks north of Regis on 92nd Street. On December 7, 2018, the American Bankruptcy Institute honored **Vincent Indelicato**, a partner in the Business Solutions, Governance, Restructuring & Bankruptcy Group of Proskauer Rose LLP, as a member of its 2018 "40 Under 40" class. Recognized for his "formidable courtroom presence with natural dealmaker instincts," Vincent was also named a 2018 "Outstanding Young Restructuring Lawyer" by Turnaround & Workouts.

**2000**

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Kara and **Evan Curatolo** barely made it to the hospital in time for girl #3, Blair Francesca, on January 18, 2019. Evan hopes at least one lucky lady will marry a Regian since none of them can attend. Evan and Kara's next task is getting a female dog. After four amazing years working with The Walking Dead at Skybound Entertainment, **Michael Cruz** has left to start a new position at Chaotic Good Studios. He sadly no longer has a dog, but is still mastering his baking skills and sharing them on Instagram. He still lives in LA, which means he's not ashamed of a little self-promotion. So, please go check out **Arctic** starring Mads Mikkelsen in theaters February. The reviews are all great, in case the support isn't enough. Michael notes he will reward attendance with the promise of home baked pie.

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The Class of 2004 welcomed a high turnout at its annual informal meet-up in New York City between Christmas and New Year's, and would love if even more classmates made an appearance next year. To receive details for the 2019 edition, please contact phatkelly8@gmail.com. Pictured this year are: **Geoffrey Cajigas, Andrew Goodwin, George Mancheril, Quang Nguyen, Dominick Sciamé, Matt Aidan Kelly, Matt Hezzy Smith, Chris**

**Seneca, Scott DeBenedett, Charlie Davis, Bob Payne, Rich Martinelli, Vincent Penge, and Ryan McCartney.**

**2005**

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Julian Robert was born on January 30th to proud parents **Steve Giordano** and his wife Hanna at Metropolitan hospital in New York City. Mom and baby are both healthy and doing well although protesting dad's nightly regimen of flashcards and puzzles with the newborn to prep him for the entrance exam thirteen years from now. You can never start too early.

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**Ryan McCombe** married Kassi Pickel on October 13 at St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Montauk. Ryan and Kassi met as Irish Dancers in St. Louis, MO, and currently live in Jersey City, NJ, where Ryan is a Director at Lord Abbott & Co. and Kassi is a Business Intelligence Analyst for the American Kennel Club. **Fr. John Wachowicz** celebrated the Mass, and gave a tremendous homily, and fellow '08s **Greg Schwartz** and **Brendan Lim** were in attendance. [Incidentally, he did not find time in February of 2019 to return **Nick Domino's** phone call.]

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**Alex Pisano** and his wife, Emily, had a baby boy in April 2018.

**2013**

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**2014**

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Top: Members of the Class of 1997 gather at a wedding.  
 Middle left, top: Ashley and Rich Brockmeyer '97 with their fifth child, Heidi Agnes.  
 Middle left, bottom: Scott Moriginello '97 (L) and Fr. Anthony SooHoo, SJ '93  
 Middle right: Frank Salamone '97 with his son Diego  
 Bottom: Members of the class of 1997 gather together.



*Top left:* Steve Esposito '98 with his wife and daughter. Steve tragically passed away in January—he is remembered in the prayers of the entire Regis community.

*Top right:* Steve Giordano '05 with his wife Hanna and their newborn son, Julian Robert.

*Second row:* Members of the Class of 2004 gather to celebrate years of friendship in advance of their 15th Reunion this year.

*Third row:* During Christmas season of 2018, Regians from multiple years gathered at an engagement party for James Dieffenbach '09 and his fiancé, Macrina Cooper-White. Left to right: John Dieffenbach '81, Drew Marconi '09, James Dieffenbach '09, Russell Quiñones '09, Nicola Ryan '09, Alex Powers '09, and Matt Dieffenbach '12.

*Bottom:* Members of the Class of 2012 gather with new dad Alex Pisano. Left to right: BJ Jacobson, Evan Lumbra, Alex Pisano with son and wife Emily, and Matt D'Ariano

# Milestones

## BIRTHS

Augustus Francis on August 7, 2018 to Maria and **Bill Dunn '84**

Michael Patrick on November 24, 2017 to Andrea Santoriello and **Michael Palumbo '94**

Diego Rene to Manuel Quinones and **Frank Salamone '97**

Xavier Quinn on August 3, 2018 to Crystal and **Brian Devaney '97**

Heidi Agnes on January 7, 2019 to Ashley and **Rich Brockmeyer '97**

Amelia on November 22, 2018 to Magda and **John Rossiello '97**

Claire on August 15, 2018 to Sarah and **Mike Roberti '98**

Blair Francesca on January 18, 2019 to Kara and **Evan Curatolo '02**

Julian Robert on January 30, 2019 to Hanna and **Steve Giordano '05**

Alessandro Joseph Pisano on April 27, 2018 to Emily and **Alex Pisano '12**

## WEDDINGS

**Joe Keyes '97** to Jennifer Keating on October 13, 2008

**Ryan McCombe '08** to Kassi Pickel on October 13, 2018

## DEATHS

**Joseph A. Calamari '35** on December 2, 2016

**Ovid D. DiFiore '35** on February 6, 2019

**Francis X. Gribbon '39** on November 23, 2018

**Gerald E. Griffin '41** on July 24, 2016

**George E. Young '42** on March 6, 2019

**Alfred T. Barsocchi '48** on November 1, 2018

**Leonard D. Dank '48** on January 25, 2019

**Hon. Terrence P. Ryan '48** on February 19, 2019

**Joseph D. Garon '49** on January 31, 2019

**Andrew J. Hermon '49** on February 21, 2019

**John J. Cina '50** on October 29, 2018

**J. Emerson Stiles '52** on November 13, 2018

**Joseph P. Junker '53** in October, 2018

**John D. Kelly '53** on November 13, 2018

**Stephen L. Popp '54** on March 27, 2019

**Walter J. Ward '55** on November 20, 2018

**Arthur E. Falk '56** on December 11, 2018

**Walter F. X. Sullivan '57** on January 10, 2019

**Peter J. Lupario '58** on March 2, 2019

**Michael R. Madden '58** in October 2018

**Peter J. Thornton '61** on December 5, 2018

**James J. Curry, SJ '62** on January 14, 2019

**Carl P. Saunders '62** on February 28, 2019

**John S. Tardibuono '62** on January 6, 2019

**John P. McDermott '69** on March 7, 2019

**Stephen D. Barone '71** on January 14, 2019

**Michael L. Cardinale '83** on March 16, 2019

**Michael R. Reimer '94** on December 6, 2018

**Stephen R. Esposito '98** on January 2, 2019

# Events Calendar

For more information on upcoming events, visit [regis.org/events](http://regis.org/events)

## MAY

### 9 President's Dinner

An annual dinner recognizing donors who made leadership gifts during the previous fiscal year.

### 13 Washington D.C. Regional Reunion

Join the Regis community to see the Yankees take on the Tampa Bay Rays

### 18 50th Alumni Reunion

The Class of 1969

### 28 Baccalaureate Mass

St. Ignatius Loyola Church

### 30-June 1 Giving Weekend

A three-day, community-wide fundraising campaign celebrating the class of 2019

## JUNE

### 1 Graduation

St. Ignatius Loyola Church (ticketed event)

### 4 Regians in Media and Entertainment Event

Stories & Storytellers featuring: Ed Conlon '83, Phil Klay '01, Eddie Gamarra '90, Matt Thomas '93

## 8 25th Alumni Reunion

The Class of 1994

## 15 5th and 10th Alumni Reunions

Classes of 2009 and 2014

## 17 Golf & Tennis Outing

Pelham Country Club

## SEPTEMBER

### 14 Golden Owls Reunion

Classes of 1954, 1959, and 1964

## OCTOBER

### 25 JUG Night

Annual fall gathering for alumni

## NOVEMBER

### 6 Deo et Patriae Reception

Recognizing supporters of Regis High School at the Order of the Owl level

# 2019 REUNIONS!

2014 | 2009 | 2004 | 1999 | 1994  
1989 | 1984 | 1979 | 1974 | 1969

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for more information



## Regis on the Road

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Ms. Robyn Prezioso instructs freshmen students as they sketch still life pieces in art class