



# SHRINE NEWS



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## LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

If you did not attend this year's Roast, you missed a great time. The date for next year's event has been set. Hopefully, even more alumni and friends will attend. Groups having a class reunion are also encouraged to attend.

Dues invoices for 2016 will be mailed in January. We need your support to continue assisting Father Mike to meet the needs of the parish. If you would like to pay your dues at this time, please use the form in this newsletter.

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### **2015 BULL ROAST REPORT**

Once again, on behalf of the members of the Board of the Shrine of the Little Flower Alumni Association, thank you very much for your participation in this year's Bull and Oyster Roast. A special thanks to everyone who donated baked goods to the Cake Wheel and all those who supported the Raffle. Your generous response to our request for non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry was greatly appreciated, especially considering the upcoming holidays, when the need is always greater.

Planning for next year's roast has started. Please note the date of **October 9, 2016** (second Sunday) as the date of the roast!

It was apparent that having the Ravens' game in the Lounge was a success and so, if the Ravens do not have a bye on October 9, 2016, we will have the game on in the Lounge!

Charles H. Snyder ('53)

### **The winners of the 2015 Raffle were:**

\$1,000.00, Daniel Swegon, Fallston, MD, SLF Class of 1942

\$500.00, Betty Kennedy Marchman, Bel Air, MD, SLF Class of 1958.

\$250.00, Michelle Decker Muth, Baltimore, MD SLF Class of 1977.

## **CLASS REUNIONS**

If this is a Reunion year for your class, we urge you to consider holding your reunion at the Bull Roast. There are several ways the Alumni Association can assist you. A representative from the class can obtain the information of your classmates from our database. If you supply us the date, time, location, etc. it will be published in the newsletter. Contact us at: [littlefloweralumn@comcast.net](mailto:littlefloweralumn@comcast.net)

Please consider attending Mass at the Shrine as a group, as part of your Reunion.

The Class of 1966 will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> graduation anniversary from SLF. One way to celebrate would be to attend the October 9, 2016 Alumni Bullroast at Columbus Gardens, Belair Road. Cost will be \$45 per person. More details will follow during the next year. Contact Nancy Cirincione at [nancyc3719@gmail.com](mailto:nancyc3719@gmail.com).

## **FIFTH SUNDAY MASSES- 2016**

The Little Flower Alumni Association encourages Alumni and Friends of the Shrine to help support our Church by attending the 11:00 a.m. Mass on these 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Your attendance is most appreciated and gives you an opportunity to meet old friends and to say hello to Father Mike, who has been pastor for over 20 years.

*Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>      May 29<sup>th</sup>      July 31<sup>st</sup>      Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>*

## **SPECIAL MASS ON JANUARY 31, 2016**

In October, Pope Francis canonized the first married couple in modern times, the parents of our patron, St. Theresa of Lisieux. Please join us at the 11:00 A.M. Mass to celebrate this event.

Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

## **LITTLE FLOWER FACTS:**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The history of the Shrine of the Little Flower as a parish begins in 1926 the era of Peace....Prosperity....Picnics....and Prohibition. Calvin Coolidge was president of the United States, Albert Ritchie was governor of Maryland, Howard Jackson was mayor of Baltimore and the Shrine of the Little Flower came into being.

As early as 1921 there were requests for a new church in northeast Baltimore. As a result, in 1923, Archbishop Michael Curley agreed to purchase a piece of property for the establishment of a new parish in an area bounded by what is now Belair Road, Kentucky, Cardenas and Brendan Avenues.

In the spring of 1926 Archbishop Curley appointed Father Thomas Wheeler as the founding pastor of what was to become the Shrine of the Little Flower. Archbishop Curley originally wanted to name the new parish in honor of St. Brendan; however, Father Wheeler requested that the newly canonized St. Therese of Lisieux be honored instead. Brendan Avenue was named in the honor of St. Brendan.

It was not until July 6, 1926 that twenty-five men came together at the home of Mike Horan to meet the new pastor for the first time. They met weekly until October 13 with one of their major tasks was to perform a census of the area. Their census report was presented on August 3 showing 463 families including 997 adults and 455 children. On August 29, 1926, a contract was let for the construction of the first church building at a cost of \$8,604.00.

The church rose quickly and the first mass was celebrated on Sunday, October 24, 1926 with a total attendance of 1,075 for the four Masses celebrated that day. The church was a simple wooden chapel at the corner of Belair Road and Brendan Avenue. The center aisle was flanked by rows of attached wooden chairs - six to a side. Plain glass globes acted as ceiling fixtures that supplemented the natural light from rows of plain glass windows that lined the side walls. Between the paired windows were simply framed pictures of the Stations of the Cross.

Thus the beginning of the Shrine of the Little Flower.

*(Most of the above is from "A Story of the Parish 1926 - 1951", published to celebrate the Shrine's 25th anniversary and "Shrine of the Little Flower School 75th Anniversary Grand Reunion").*

Anyone wishing to contribute to the LITTLE FLOWER FACTS or provide stories relating to your years at the Little Flower can email them to Jim Durkin '54 at: [jrdurkin@verizon.net](mailto:jrdurkin@verizon.net).

## **SLF PEW MEMORIAL**

The opportunity to remember family and loved ones who devoted much of their legacy to the "Little Flower". Each Pew will have a Bronze/Brass name plate attached at the end of the pew with the name of the family or loved one. You have option to identify the Pew of your choice, most likely the pew you sat in on Sunday with your parents or grandparents or perhaps the one you pray in now each Sunday.

1. Main Altar Half pew \$250 One Name Plate attached to end of Pew
2. Main Altar Full Pew \$400 Two name plates attached to end of Pew
3. Side Altar Half Pew \$150 One name Plate attached to end of Pew
4. Side Altar Full Pew \$300 Two name Plates attached to end of Pew

Checks should be made payable to the Little Flower Alumni Association and should include Name of family or Loved ones as you would like it to appear.

For more information please contact:

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## **IN MEMORIUM**

**Jesse Barkley**- Class of 1960, passed away on October 3, 2015.

**Charles "Mike" Maskell**- Class of 1952, passed away in California on September 30, 2015.

**Augustine Strejcek** – Class of 1955, passed away on October 27, 2015

**Fred Rohlfig** – Class of 1952, passed away on September 10, 2015.

**Pamela Davis D'Angelo** – Class of 1960, passed away this past summer.

**Lillian Grabowski Burr** – Class of 1946, sister of Gloria Grabowski Dillman Class of 1945, passed away on August 7, 2015.

(Please send information on deceased members to Susan Scheerer at: [littlefloweralum@comcast.net](mailto:littlefloweralum@comcast.net).)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Thanks to all of you who have supported the Alumni in the past year. If you have not paid the 2015 dues, please do so now. Send \$15.00, and if it is a duplicate remittal, we will apply it to 2016. Please use the form in this newsletter to submit your dues.

## **ALUMNI BUSINESS MATTERS ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to us at [littlefloweralumni@comcast.net](mailto:littlefloweralumni@comcast.net) . You will receive your issue a week before those who have it mailed to them.

## **E-MAIL ADDRESS**

The Committee can be reached by e-mail. Questions, comments, etc. can be sent to: [littlefloweralumni@comcast.net](mailto:littlefloweralumni@comcast.net)

## **SHRINE WEBSITE**

We encourage everyone to log on to the Shrine's website:

[www.shrineofthelittleflower.org](http://www.shrineofthelittleflower.org)

There is information on the website about the church and an Alumni Section that is in the early stages of being developed. You can view a Guestbook with some interesting comments that may bring back memories from your days at the Little Flower. Please sign the Guestbook and remember to include some comments about your recollections of the Shrine and growing up in the area. If you attended the Little Flower School, please remember to include your graduation year

## **CHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Please be sure to notify us when you have a change of address, phone number or e-mail address. Changes may be sent to the Alumni Association in care of the Rectory, or, e-mailed to: **littlefloweralumni@comcast.net**.

Keeping us advised of changes to your address helps us to keep mailing costs down, as we have to pay a fee for each letter returned by the post office. Use of e-mail also helps us to cut expenses.

## **SCHOOL RECORDS**

Did you know that you can obtain a copy of your school records for just a \$10 donation? There is a space on the enclosed form to order your records. Ladies, please remember to include your maiden name.

## **MAINTENANCE FUNDS**

The Maintenance Funds are used for a number of repairs and upgrades around the Church, the Rectory and the grounds. The work being done is necessary to continue maintaining our beloved Church to its former beauty.

While the restoration of the Church doors was completed last year, it is necessary to periodically refinish them to protect them from the environment. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated; donations of \$500 or more will be commemorated on a plaque in the vestibule of the Church. If you would like to make a donation to either fund, please use the form in this newsletter.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

Anyone who visits a grocery store on a regular basis cannot help but notice the steady increase in the cost of food. As these costs have increased, so have the requests for assistance. Please continue to donate what you can. Fr. Mike and the people of the Parish appreciate your generosity.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**Just a reminder:** Please do not send in cash when mailing in your membership dues and donations. Also, enclose your check with the Registration Form from the Newsletter, completely filled out. **We require this information in order to save your data for the Alumni Database. Please note that all information is in a secure database that is never shared or sold to any organization or individual. Thank you for your support and cooperation.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND FOR THE FAMILIES WHO SUPPORT THEM. REMEMBER ALSO, THOSE LOST AND HARMED WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.**

***Blessed Christmas***

***Happy New Year***



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