



# SHRINE NEWS



JANUARY, 2019

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## LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

2018 ended on a very positive note. Through the generosity of our Alumni members we were able to effect repairs and refurbishment to the SLF facility in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00. That was just in the last quarter.

Congratulations and thanks to all of you who made that possible. We hope to continue our support of SLF throughout the coming year.

Our annual roast was one of the most profitable ever. One reason was the generosity of Leo Ryan, class of 1972, who donated a professionally framed photograph of Saint Theresa of the Little Flower mural over the main altar. The second reason was a sizeable bid on the silent auction made by Charles Hall, class of 1976.

Thanks again and please encourage your siblings and friends to join the Little Flower Alumni Association.

**BOB CAMPBELL      410-933-3666      [hsinn2@comcast.net](mailto:hsinn2@comcast.net)**

### **2018 RAFFLE WINNERS**

For the first time in our fourteen year history, all three winners of our raffle were in attendance at the Annual Alumni Bull & Oyster Roast in October. The winners were:

\$1,000 Nancy Cirincione, Baltimore, MD, SLF Class of 1966.

\$500 Susan Hitzelberger Scheerer, Baltimore, MD, SLF Class of 1963.

\$250 Jack Kehoe, Bel Air, MD.

Father Mike and the Little Flower Alumni Association want to THANK EVERYONE that attended our Roast and purchased Raffle Tickets. Your support of the Shrine is most appreciated.

## **2019 BULL ROAST**

Mark your calendar now for **Sunday, October 13, 2019**, for our Annual Bull and Oyster Roast. Same time, same place, same menu. If the Ravens are playing, we will have a television available for viewing the game.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY MASSES**

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.

***March 31st    June 30<sup>th</sup>                      September 29<sup>th</sup>                      December 29<sup>th</sup>***

If you cannot attend on one of these dates, please consider attending on one of our religious holidays. The 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve was like old times. While it was not “standing room only” as many of us will remember, just about every pew was occupied by one or two people. I am sure it was a heart-warming site for Fr. Mike. Why not consider attending on Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, or Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **PEW DEDICATIONS/MEMORIALS**

This method of raising money for Little Flower as well as remembering family and friends has been very well received. We hope that more of you will consider future participation as there are still many pews available. If you have any questions about the location of a specific pew, please call or contact either Bob Campbell or Garry Brown.

Center Aisle Pew - \$400 full pew or \$250 half pew

Side Aisle (Brendan or Kentucky Avenues) - \$300 full pew or \$150 half pew

Bob can be reached at 410-933-3666 or [hsinn2@comcast.net](mailto:hsinn2@comcast.net)

Garry can be reached at 410-931-2436 or [garry.s.brown@exxonmobil.com](mailto:garry.s.brown@exxonmobil.com)

## **CLASS REUNIONS**

The Little Flower Class of 1954 will be celebrating our 65th Reunion at this year's Alumni Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, October 13, 2019. If there is enough interest we may also plan other events over that weekend. If you are interested in joining us or possibly making plans for other events, please contact Jim Durkin at 410-248-9156, or [jrdurkin@verizon.net](mailto:jrdurkin@verizon.net). Looking forward to seeing you in October.

Fifteen members of the Class of 1963 attended the Bull Roast. Though it was a small group, we had a great time. We resolved to try to gather on a regular basis in the future. If you didn't attend the Roast, but would like to know of any future gathering of our class, contact Susan Hitzelberger Scheerer at [littlefloweralum@comcast.net](mailto:littlefloweralum@comcast.net).

A special thank you to the Class of 1978 for their gifts to the Shrine. Fifteen graduates from the class, along with their families and friends gathered in Ocean City in November.

If you are interested in planning a reunion for your class, and would like to obtain information on your class members, please contact the Alumni for assistance at [littlefloweralumni@comcast.net](mailto:littlefloweralumni@comcast.net).

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**WILLIAM HOFFMAN** – husband of ARLENE SANDERS HOFFMAN '51, passed away recently.

**ELEANOR COOK** – sister of RONALD TELLER '53, passed away on August 20, 2018.

**JOHN PAUL ELLIS '52** – passed away on August 17, 2018.

**JANICE ECKHARDT KANE '53** – passed away on December 14, 2017.

**LEONARD MAHONEY '43** – brother of JACQUELINE MAHONEY WATTS '47 – passed away on August 29, 2018.

**JOSEPH REGENT, SR.** – husband of ELAINE KENNEDY REGERT '55 – passed away recently.

**CHARLES SCHWEIGER '44** – passed away on July 11, 2018.

**WAYNE CLARK '52** – passed away on October 16, 2018.

**MIRIAM FREY** – wife of FREDERICK FREY '37 – passed away on October 26, 2018.

**THOMAS MARCINIAK, SR. '52** – passed away recently.

**BERNARD ROCHE, JR. '50** – passed away on November 24, 2018.

**MARGARET MARIE WENKER '36** – passed away recently.

**EDWARD DOONAN '49** – passed away recently.

**FRANK ASSARO SR.** – father of FRANK ASSARO JR. '82, passed away recently.

**JACQUELINE MAHONEY WATTS '47** - passed away in January, 2019.

**GEORGE ELLIS '48** – passed away on December 12, 2018.

**PAT LAVIN OSTERMANN '54** – passed away on December 29, 2018.  
**JANET HISLEY FIELDS '53** – passed away on January 23, 2019.

**ROSEMARIE DURKIN** – wife of JAMES DURKIN '54 – passed away on October 27, 2018.  
(Rosemarie and her husband Jim have been members of the Alumni Board for many years. Her contributions of her time and talents will be greatly missed)

### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

In addition to the ongoing costs such as lawn care, snow removal, and cleaning of the church, the following projects were completed last year.

Professional rug cleaning in church and rectory.  
New rug pads in church.  
Cement work, including repair of steps, around the entire facility.  
Sanding and painting church and rectory doors.  
Stripping and waxing of the church floors.  
Major repairs to the areas damaged by water due to a pipe bursting in the church. Insurance did cover the majority of this cost.  
Patching and painting areas on the ceilings and windows in church.

### **PLANT MAINTANANCE PROJECTS 2019**

1. Major repair to slate roof on northeast corner of Church.
2. Main Church Organ to undergo major repair due to leaks in Swell Cabinet. Appealing to Archdiocese for insurance claim.
3. Repair Rosetta stain glass leak on Kentucky Ave vestibule.
4. Pending Garage Sale April 2019. Includes Chairs, Desks, Kneelers, Tables and various tools.
5. Study underway with BGE to run gas line to Church Boiler Room to advance dual fuel capabilities on our 2 boilers.

With a nearly 70 year old facility, there will continue to be these types of projects needed. Please continue to donate to the Maintenance Fund.  
Thank you.

## **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

### **DUES**

Invoices for the 2019 year will be mailed in the next few weeks. Dues are \$15 for a year, or \$150 for a life time membership. Your dues help support the Alumni Association, and the work we do for the parish.

If you would like to pay your dues at this time, please use the form on the last page of the newsletter. Any organization that wants to continue needs to grow. Please try to promote the Alumni Association whenever you can.

### **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](mailto: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.

## **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**

*“A VETERAN IS SOMEONE WHO, AT ONE POINT IN THEIR LIFE, WROTE A BLANK CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO “THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA” FOR ANY AMOUNT, UP TO AND INCLUDING THEIR LIFE.”*

**Please remember to pray both for the men and women in service to our country, and for the families who support them.**

A Jesuit, a Dominican, and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, an apparition of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, “So, have you thought about where to send him to school?”

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**JANUARY, 2019**

(please print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

(LAST)

(FIRST)

\_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

(MAIDEN)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE ALL **CHECKS** PAYABLE TO: **LITTLE FLOWER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Annual Dues - 1/1/19 - 12/31/19 (\$15)	\$ _____
Alumni Dues – Lifetime Membership (\$150)	\$ _____
Copy of School Records (\$10)	\$ _____
General Fund (Unrestricted Use)	\$ _____
Maintenance Fund	\$ _____
Food Pantry	\$ _____

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL **ENTIRE FORM** AND CHECK TO: 2854 Brendan Avenue,  
Baltimore, MD 21213

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