



Saint Agnes School  
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High School

# Alumni Newsletter

November 2023

## Presidential Perspectives with Dr. Andrew Keough

Dear Loyal Alumni and Supporters of Saint Agnes School and Arlington Catholic,

It is an honor to be submitting my first column to our Alumni Newsletter. It is long overdue!

November is traditionally known to us for giving thanks to our service members and to God for all that He has given us. We are truly blessed to live where we do and to have had the opportunities we have had. Joining the Saint Agnes and Arlington Catholic community this year has allowed me to reassess what really matters in life. I am truly blessed! For example, I never really thought about how much a school could mean to people. It's school after all!! Yet, the depth of the love for SAS and AC runs deeper than anything I have ever witnessed in a school setting. Whether at reunions, in one on one meetings, or out and about Arlington, I constantly hear how fondly people look back upon their time here. Regardless of whether they attended recently or 70-80 years ago, our alumni view their teachers and classmates like family and can literally come to tears just thinking about them. Likewise the love for the Sisters of St. Joseph is something that cannot be measured or put into words. It is, in the end, a pure form of adoration that is rare in today's world.



As we head into the holidays, we should all thank God for having had the opportunity to attend Saint Agnes School or Arlington Catholic. We are all members of this large, extended family and can take pride in the fact that no matter what, we always will be.

May the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who have served our Schools since 1892, be with you and your families this holiday season! I thank you for your dedication to our School and will hold you and your families close in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Andrew

*"The best way to show my gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy."*

**- St. Theresa of Calcutta**

## Alumni Spotlight: Luke Amato '14



In honor of Veteran's Day, we recently spoke with United States Air Force Officer and Pilot, Luke Amato '14. Luke is currently stationed at Laughlin AFB, Texas where he is an instructor pilot in the T-6A Texan II, whose mission is to build combat-ready airmen, leaders and pilots.

Luke reflected on his time at Arlington Catholic fondly and shared how the values instilled during his time at AC played a pivotal role in shaping his journey towards becoming an officer and pilot in the U.S. Air Force: "I learned many lessons during my time at Arlington Catholic, but I think 'teamwork makes the dream work' would sum them up best. AC taught me a lot about myself and how to be the best possible version of myself. I still credit all my teachers, coaches and friends/teammates for helping me achieve my dream of attending the United States Air Force Academy and becoming an officer and pilot in the U.S Air Force. I often still rely on

the lessons I learned from previous challenges since they helped me build a great foundation for achieving things I could not have imagined possible on my own."

Luke's journey to his current role as a United States Air Force Officer and Pilot stands as a testament to the enduring impact of values instilled during his years as an AC student. His gratitude to teachers, coaches, and friends emphasizes the profound impact that the AC community had on shaping his trajectory.

As we commemorate Veteran's Day, we thank Luke and all of our AC alums who are or have served our country proudly.

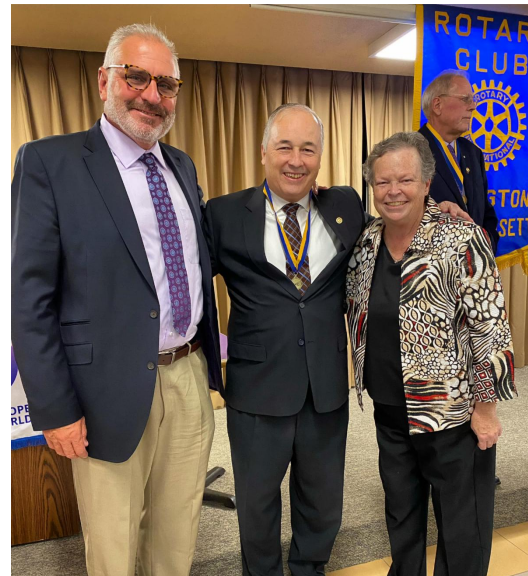
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*We are committed to featuring SAS/AC alumni and their lives after graduation in future editions of our alumni newsletter. Do you know of fellow alumni living the mission of SAS/AC in their professional or personal lives who would be open to being interviewed by Sister Barbara McHugh and featured in a future alumni publication? Please email Sister Barbara directly at [sbarbara@achs.net](mailto:sbarbara@achs.net) to nominate an alum or yourself!*

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## Congratulations to Paul Buckley '84!

Paul Buckley '84 was honored by the Rotary Club of Arlington at the 45th Annual Paul Harris Fellow Award and Community Person of the year Banquet. Paul is the father of three incredible young adults. Paul is very active in volunteering where he sees a need. This was instilled in him by his parents while growing up in Arlington. Most recently, Paul was the President of Arlington Rotary where he led the group in expanding its community involvement and helped to build on the successful structure created by past presidents.



Paul has served on many boards and committee over the years to help our communities to be better places to live. Many have been in the Autism world as his two boys, Neil and Tyler are part of this community.

Well done, Paul!

## Campus Happenings



## All Saints Day and All Souls Day

The Church celebrates two special feasts during the month of November. All Saints Day (November 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation and All Souls Day (November 2) is a day to remember our loved ones who have embraced eternal life with God. The students at St. Agnes and Arlington Catholic attended Masses on All Saints Day. The Arlington Catholic Mass was celebrated by Father Chris Boyle, AC Chaplain. Students and staff submitted names of family members and friends who have died during the past year. Sister Barbara McHugh, Alumni Relations, read the names of the deceased who have died (please click the link below to view the full list of names read). Let us continue to hold these men and women in our prayers.

### All Souls Day Remembrance



## 25th Reunion Celebration: Class of 1998

On Saturday, November 4, members of the Class of 1998 gathered at the Menotomy Grille in Arlington for their 25th Reunion. Sister Barbara McHugh, Alumni Relations, was able to attend the Reunion and offer a greeting from Arlington Catholic. It was a wonderful evening to reminisce and share stories of memories and accomplishments. A good time was had by all!

Check out some photos from the event below!



(Left to Right) - Kristen Sheehan, Matthew Brown, Kristen Kennedy, Lynde Tiner, Julie (Meloy) Lovell, John (Wilba) Lovell, Amy DeAvilla, Jesse Shea, Kelly Arena



**Front Row** - Kelly Arena, Andrena (Lombardo) Silva, Janelle Tribble, Joanna Kirylo, Bridget (Mahoney) Grammer, Joe Munyon, Lynde Tiner, Jill (Erler) Hardy



**Second Row** - Patrick Munroe, Amy DeAvilla, Sal Racicot, Marissa Perez, Barbara (Ramasci) Hugh, Paul Hardy

**Back Row** - Chris Salvatore, Gina (King) Nelson, Joe Solimini, Wilba Lovell, Jackie Salvucci, Matthew Brown, Brian Manning, Kristen Sheehan, Marielena Tecce

## Upcoming Reunions

### **Class of 1964 - 60th Reunion**

Class of 1964 is planning their 60th Spring “Get Together”

**Contact:** Linda Wilson Chopelas at [lchopelas@verizon.net](mailto:lchopelas@verizon.net) or 781-710-4742 and Phillip Brillante at [pbrillante@verizon.net](mailto:pbrillante@verizon.net) or 703-946-5804

### **Class of 1974 - 50th Reunion**

**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2024

**Location:** Savinos Italian Restaurant, 449 Common St, Belmont, MA 02478

**Time:** TBD

**Contact:** Bill Driscoll at [bdriscoll@lindenmeyrcentral.com](mailto:bdriscoll@lindenmeyrcentral.com) and Larry Barton at [laurencebartonllc@gmail.com](mailto:laurencebartonllc@gmail.com)

**CLICK HERE** for more information!

### **Class of 1988 - 35th Reunion**

**Date:** Saturday, November 25, 2023

**Location:** Knights of Columbus, 15 Winslow St, Arlington, MA 02474

**Time:** 7:00pm-11:00pm

**Contact:** Tracey DeCoursey Cleversey at [traceycleversey@gmail.com](mailto:traceycleversey@gmail.com)

Reunions are held every 5 years so if your graduation year ends in ‘8 or ‘3 your reunion year is 2023. If you are actively planning or interested in planning a class reunion that is not listed above, please contact our Alumni Relations Ambassador, Sister Barbara McHugh, for more information on how we can assist you!

## Class Agents

We are in need of Class Agents for the following classes: 1965, 1966, 1968, 1973, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2012, 2021, 2022, 2023

Click below if you are interested!

[Become a Class Agent](#)

## In Memoriam

If you are aware of a graduate of Saint Agnes School or Arlington Catholic High School who has passed away, we would be most grateful if you would kindly email Sister Barbara McHugh at [sbarbara@achs.net](mailto:sbarbara@achs.net).

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