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Holy Family School Luck o' the Irish Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction Event 2015

Holy Family School alumni, staff, parents and friends gathered for an evening of fun and fund-raising as part of the 4th annual Luck o' the Irish Silent Auction and Reverse Raffle this past St. Patrick's Day weekend at the Elks Lodge in Ashland, Kentucky. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and green beer, accompanied by musical entertainment and dancing along with a chance to win more than \$8,000 in prizes. Proceeds from the event will go toward education-related expenses and improvements.

- Congratulations to the top prize winners:
- \$5,000 grand prize – Matt & Rhonda Suman
 - \$400 – Victor Hernandez
 - \$300 – Mary Ann Fitzgerald
 - \$300 – Rodney Bruce
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John Elliott and Susan Sullivan



Vivian Malloy, Nada Tabett, Larry Goheen



Martha Lynch and Bill Thompson



Lisa and Matt Haymond



Allyson and David Stump





Greetings Holy Family Alum and Friends,



We have several nice letters in our Class Notes Section, and it is always a pleasure to get those and realize that people appreciate *The Blarney Stone* and enjoy staying in touch with their classmates.

The Classes of '64 and '65 still hope to have a 50th reunion this fall and the tentative date is the weekend of October 9-11 in Lexington. Keeneland will be open and Tim Kelly has reserved the Clubhouse at Griffin Gate, but no other plans have been made. A few people have been contacted about meeting in Lexington this month but nothing is definite. Please email Tim at lexkelly@aol.com if you can help out with the planning and when you will be available to meet. In the meantime, mark your calendar to save the date.

A special hello goes out to Sister Mary Joan Dohman (John Joseph) who recently has been ill. I hope she is recovering and wish her the best. She was featured in the first *Blarney Stone* in December 2007, and I got a wonderful note from her at that time. As I write these editor's letters, I always remember her creative writing class in eighth grade and wish that I had retained more of the grammar rules that she drilled into us. She was an excellent teacher and Holy Family was lucky to have had her for nine years.

Have a great summer!

- Stephanie MILLER Gallaher '65, editor

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Rosemary MAYBERRY Ellington '46, died December 27, 2014, at the age of 84 at Kingsbrook Life Care Center in Ashland. She is survived by her husband Charles Ellington, her son Joseph Ellington '83, and her sister Bernadette MAYBERRY Slusher '52. She was preceded in death by her siblings Annabell O'Neal '44, Veronica Serey '39 and Raymond Mayberry '41. Her funeral Mass was held at Holy Family Church with burial at Calvary Cemetery.

Teresa Ann "Tracy" Horton, age 49, died January 15, 2015, in Baptist Hospital Northeast in the loving arms of her parents. Tracy's short life was hindered by several developmental disabilities, but she brought joy and enriched the lives of all those whom she encountered. Tracy was born April 27, 1965, in Russell and moved to Louisville with her family in 1970. She was a resident of her special home, Cedar Lake Lodge in La Grange, and the family expresses their deepest gratitude to the caring staff there.

She is survived by her parents Sharon TUSSEY '60 and Tom Horton of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; her brother Aaron of Hilton Head; and her sister Rachel (Doug Jansen) of Boca Raton, Fla. A memorial service in celebration of Tracy's life was held in Louisville and a graveside service was held at Calvary Cemetery in Ashland.



Gary Michael Lynch, '71, age 61 of Middletown, Ohio, died January 22, 2015, in Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties. He was born May 1, 1953, in Ashland, to the late Joseph H. '36 and Rose Mary Hagerty Lynch. Gary retired from AK Steel in 2011 after 32 years of service. He is survived by his wife Bonnie Lebee Lynch; children Joe Lynch, Amanda (Scott) Fehrenbachm, Stephanie Lynch and Sean Lynch; a sister Cindy '65 (Bill) LYNCH Grieme and Mary Jo '66 (Dale) LYNCH Wilson; brothers, Dennis '69 (Susan), Greg (Julie), and Tim '74 (Julie); and many nieces and nephews. A prayer service was held at Holy Family Parish-Holy Trinity Church, Middletown with Father Michael Greer officiating. Burial was at Woodside Cemetery in Middletown.

Rita LEMON Johnson, age 62, died January 29, 2015, in Ashland. She was formerly of Knoxville, Tenn. Rita was predeceased by her parents James and Vivian Lemon and one child. She is survived by her husband Gary Johnson; her sisters Linda, Teresa LEMON Robinson '72, Bridget LEMON Palmer '76; and brothers Ned Lemon '74 and Anthony Lemon. A funeral Mass was held at Holy Family Church with burial in Calvary Cemetery.



Gregg A Sutphin, age 53, of Ashland died January 29, 2015, in KDMC in Ashland. He was born October 18, 1961, the son of Nell Litteral Sutphin of Ashland and the late William Sutphin. He was a correctional officer at the Boyd County Detention Center and a member of Ashland FOP Lodge 3 as well as a die-hard UK basketball fan.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife Aimee KELLER Sutphin '79, son Drew (Elizabeth) of Ashland, three sisters, a brother, a grandson Noah, and soon-to-be granddaughter Brooklynn.

Funeral services were held at Miller Funeral Home with burial in Ashland Cemetery.



Martha Pollard "Marty" WARD, 74, of Ashland, Ky., passed away at her residence January 24, 2015. She was born in Oak Ridge, Tenn., February 17, 1940, to the late Ed and Madeline Kelly Ward. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first cousin Patricia (Pat) Mahlmister.

She attended Holy Family High School and then moved to Butler, Penn., with her parents and graduated from Butler High School. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton and her master's degree from the University of Maryland. She taught school for more than 40 years in the Montgomery County School system in Maryland.

She is survived by her dear first cousins, Brenda NICKELL Platt '63 and Mary Ellen NICKELL '65 of Ashland and Teresa NICKELL Wilkins (John) of Erlanger and Carroll KELLY '74 (David) Morrison of Bridgeport, W.Va., and many extended cousins. The funeral was held at Steen Funeral Home with burial in Calvary Cemetery.



NOTE: Special thank you to Sharon TUSSEY Horton '60 for the donation of the 1921 *The Graduate*. We plan to include pictures from the yearbook in future issues.



In Memoriam

William T. "Bill" Carroll Jr., age 72 of South Point, Ohio, passed away February 2, 2015, in Hospice House in Huntington, W.Va. Bill was born March 27, 1942, in Huntington, the son of the late William T. Carroll and Mary Margaret Burke Carroll. He was a graduate of St. Joseph High School and Marshall University where he was captain of the varsity tennis team. He was head basketball coach at Holy Family from 1967 to 1974 and was selected the NEKC Coach of the Year. In 1974, he returned to St. Joseph High School to coach and later became athletic director and assistant principal. He is survived by his wife Pamela and sons William T. Carroll III and Mark V. Carroll of Huntington. The funeral was held at St. Joseph's with burial at Spring Hill Cemetery.



William F. Byrne, '57, age 75 of Athens, Alabama, died Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Mr. Byrne was born in 1939 in Ashland, Ky., to William Leo and Retta Walker Byrne. He was a 1962 graduate of the University of Kentucky and Georgia Tech in 1972. He married Betty Jane Greene August 30, 1963. Mr. Byrne served in the Army for 21 years and was decorated several times, retiring as a Lt Col. from the Patriot Missile Defense System. He continued to

serve as a civilian contractor and retired from the UH-72A Lakota project. He spent his retirement years watching Kentucky basketball. GO BIG BLUE!

He was preceded in death by his sons, William Timothy and Richard Allen Byrne. Survivors include his wife Betty G. Bryne, son Patrick W. Byrne, daughter Laura B. Hayes (George), three grandchildren, brother Richard M. Byrne '52 and wife Doelors PROCTOR Byrne '54 of Colorado. Services were held at Laughlin Funeral Home with burial in Huntsville Memory Gardens.



Sister Dorothy Laible (Sister Laetitia) died February 23, 2015, at Holy Family Home in Melbourne, Ky., at the age of 92. She had been a professed member of the Congregation of Divine Providence for 73 years. She was the youngest of five children. The Sisters of Divine Providence taught Sister Dorothy from elementary school through college.

In 1945, Sister received her AB degree with a double major in mathematics and physics and minor in Latin. She earned her M.Ed. in secondary education from Xavier in 1954. She also obtained her certificate for administration and supervision from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



All of Sister Dorothy's places of ministry were in Kentucky. As a high school teacher, she taught at Holy Family from 1948 to 1958 and continued teaching high school after she left Ashland. In her reflections for her Golden Jubilee, Sister stated that one of her major achievements was working with high school youth. She was an excellent principal and was well respected by teachers and students. Some of those students later became Sisters of Divine Providence. Her other major achievement was her faithful direct service to the Congregation. Most of this was in the area of finances, of which she was very knowledgeable. It was said of her, "If Sister Dorothy were in charge of the national budget, it would be balanced."

Mass of Christian Burial was at Sacred Heart Chapel in St. Anne Retreat Center with burial in the Convent Cemetery, Melbourne.



Beverly Ann BRADLEY Coleman, '75, age 57, of Ashland, died March 21, 2015 at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 10, 1957, in Richmond, Va., a daughter of the late Calvin and Janet Beverly Bradley.

Beverly was a registered nurse at KDMC for 32 years.

She was a life-long member of Holy Family Church. She is survived by her husband Joe Coleman '73; son J. Daniel Coleman of northern Kentucky; daughters Mandi Lee Coleman of Cincinnati and Rachael Rae Coleman of Roanoke, Va.; brothers Calvin (Cheryl) Bradley '70, William (Laura) Bradley '73 and Joseph (Rhonda) Bradley '81 all of Ashland; and sister Janet Lee '85 (Derek) Hall of Ashland as well as many nieces, nephews and their extended families.

A funeral Mass was held at Holy Family with burial in Calvary Cemetery.



Lillian Bagnoli, age 73, of Ashland died April 9, 2015, in Community Hospice Care Center. She was born Nov. 16, 1941, to George and Ann Abood of Akron, Ohio. She earned a degree in physical education from the University of Akron in 1964 and met her husband on a ski slope in Mansfield, Ohio. She is survived by her husband Joseph Bagnoli, her sons Nicholas '83 (Laura), Joseph '84, Michael '85 (Annette), David (Peggy), Anthony and George

as well as 14 grandchildren. She spent many years as a homemaker and started the volunteer Parent Involvement Program at Holy Family, where she later taught home economics.

A funeral Mass was held at Holy Family and contributions to the Lillian Bagnoli Memorial Fund at Holy Family Catholic School were requested in lieu of flowers.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Our condolences to Diane SEREY Slattery, Tom Slattery and their families on the death of John Slattery, '65. It was a shock to learn of his sudden death this past weekend.



John P. Slattery died May 9, 2015, at the age of 67. He was born June 30, 1947, in Maysville, Ky., and was a 1965 graduate of Holy Family. He was predeceased by his parents John P. and Mildred Hitt Slattery. John attended Morehead State University and was a lifetime member of Holy Family Parish where he served three terms on the Parish Council and two terms on the Parish Board of Education. He also coached

basketball and baseball at Holy Family. He served two terms as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and held many state offices for the Knights. John served two terms on the Ashland Planning Commission and was a lifetime member of the Ashland Elks. He was retired from Ashland Inc. and had previously worked for Ross Brothers Construction as project manager and owned a safety consulting business. Currently, he was working for Mi-De-Con Inc. as a senior project manager.

He is survived by his wife Diane SEREY Slattery '71; son J.P. (Keishta) Slattery, daughters Kathleen (Adam) Lewis and Kelly (Jason) Davis all of Ashland; brother Tom (Donna) Slattery '66 of Lexington; brothers-in-law Owen (Sharon) Serey '67 and Pat (Alison) Serey '77; eight grandchildren; two nephews and two nieces. The funeral was held at Holy Family Church.

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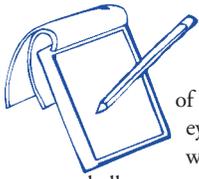
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Class Notes



I just received my copy of *The Blarney Stone* and was pleased to see an article written by Charles Krell's father. Charles was one of my classmates. In our class picture of either 4th or 5th grade, I was the guy with the big black eye. It was swollen completely shut from a football game where myself and another ruffian tackled the guy with the ball – me, probably waist high, and the other guy tackled the guy below the belt and our heads met.

I was a Cub Scout with Charles. I also remember George Gallion; my best friend, Billy Vincent; Charlie Fox; Charles Hood; JT Kelly and his cousin Bob (in my sister's class) who I met again in San Francisco many years later; Roberta Gillmore and several others whose names I can no longer remember.

In 2000, I attended the annual Holy Family reunion and met a few classmates I remembered from those long ago days. Nobody remembered me until I posted a large photo of myself with the black eye on a bulletin board. Roberta Gillmore treated me to a ride in her new convertible.

I lived on Hilton Avenue near King's Daughters Hospital and regularly walked home from school, sometimes along the railroad tracks. I remember the day President Truman came to Ashland while I was walking on the track and had to get off when the train came by. Shortly after, it stopped ahead of me; I saw President Truman come out and give his talk from the rear platform of the train. Even at that early age, it was exciting to see the President.

I lived on Alcatraz Island during the early 1950s and a second time during the early 1960s when my father was associate warden. At that time, I was attending the University of San Francisco. In 1962, Bobby Kennedy told my father in Washington, D.C., that they were going to close Alcatraz, and in 1963, it was closed forever as a federal prison. I still visit Alcatraz and once a year, at our annual reunion, former prisoners, guards and kids who lived on the Island give talks to tourists on what it was like living on Alcatraz. Sometimes we sleep overnight in a cell in D block.

After my senior year at USE, I met my wife Ann. We were married and raised three children. We were partners in our business, San Francisco Fire & Burglar Protection, Inc. We retired in 1997 and bought an old cattle ranch on the Applegate River in Jacksonville, Oregon, where I live now. Ann passed away in January of this year of liver cancer. We had been married for 49 years.

Two quick stories about **George Gallion**: (George, '55, was featured on the front page of *The Blarney Stone* May 2014 edition.)

First of all, I think I left Ashland in 1948 (or '49) after the 5th grade. Father Carroll was our priest at Holy Family. I knew George was a brilliant kid. I could point to any car in town at that time and George could tell me the exact year and model, which to me was incredible for a 4th or 5th grader.

Also, George built his own telephone inside of a wooden Velveeta cheese box. (In those days, Velveeta came in wooden boxes, now cardboard, but the same size.) George connected his phone to his mother's telephone line outside her window and used it whenever he needed to make a call. One day, two guys from the phone company visited his house and made him

disconnect his phone. I remember George telling me that as soon as they left, he had hooked it back up again.

Again, a 5th grader (maybe 4th grade) making his own phone was unheard of. It's no wonder he had a lasting effect on the automotive industry!

– Phil Dollison (bdollis@gmail.com)

Mary Ann and I really enjoy receiving *The Blarney Stone*. It's our way of keeping in touch with Holy Family School and Church. We like reading stories about our classmates as they pass through time and learning about new things going on in the community.

We moved from Ashland in 1971 and our trips back home are becoming more infrequent. Our Mississippi family continues to grow, and we now have our first granddaughter, born in November. As much as we miss Kentucky, we feel firmly rooted in our adopted state. But, between national sports championships and Corvettes sinking into underground caves, Kentucky is always on our mind.

– Rick '66 and Mary Ann '67 Klein

I have enclosed the obituary of my brother-in-law, Bill Byrne '57 for *The Blarney Stone*. Our loss, but the memories remain forever. Thank you and your staff for the years of great work and sacrifice, so we as HFS graduates have benefited.

– Doelors PROCTOR Byrne '54

Thanks for the great newsletters. Just by chance found the site tonight. I thought I had missed the reunion last year. Just to tell you a little about myself, I graduated in 1964 from Holy Family. I live in Virginia Beach, Va. I am married and have three children and one granddaughter. I look forward to seeing my former classmates.

– Rose SPARKS Thomas (rosethomas1946@gmail.com)



Sister Mary Ann (Baptista) visiting in Ashland with Rob Serey.