



## The Michaelight (December 2011)

### Saint Michael Academy Alumnae Association (SMAAA)

*"Round his flag we'll rally ever. Nothing can our union sever."*



## Nominations for the SMAAA Board of Directors

Good friends are  
hard to find, harder  
to leave, and  
impossible to forget.  
With this thought, we  
wish you a very  
Merry Christmas and  
the happiest of New  
Years!

Early next year we will hold elections for membership on the Board of Directors. If you would like to be considered for election, please submit a brief biography to [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com) no later than December 15th. Please also indicate whether you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the alumnae corporation or the charitable corporation or both. The corporations generally hold monthly Board meetings in mid-town Manhattan which begin at 6 p.m. Directors are expected to attend in person except for a serious excuse. Directors are also expected to perform services for the corporation to the extent of their skills without recompense. If you have any questions, please contact [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com) and someone will get back to you.



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## Saint Michael Academy

### Mission Statement

Rooted in the Catholic tradition and Spirit of the Presentation Sisters, the mission of Saint Michael Academy was to educate young women in a loving and caring community, assisting each to develop her unique gifts and talents to live a fully Christian life.

### New York Times Article

After more than a century on the West Side of Manhattan, St. Michael Academy had assumed the traits of some of its best students: cash poor, underestimated by peers, capable of defying expectations with breathtaking regularity...[\(read more\)](#)

### SMAAA Board of Directors

Jeanne Boyd Billings '74  
(Secretary - Association and Charitable Foundation)

Blanca Camacho '74  
(VP - Association)

Sr. Kathleen Cusack, PVBM '54

Sharon Duritzo '72

Mary Krulis '49

Jessica Libroia '87  
(VP - Charitable Foundation)

Mary O'Hara '62

Even though many of us are still basking in the glow of Reunion 2011, the SMAAA is already thinking ahead to Reunion 2012!

Although we have not selected a location, we are (pretty) sure of the date of the next reunion...Saturday, September 29, 2012...The Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel.

The Gold and Silver Anniversary Classes of 1962 and 1987 especially should put this date on their calendars. And be on the lookout for details!

## REUNION 2011

### PHOTO FINISH

The reunion may be "finish(ed)" for this year, but the "photo(s)" are in!

Photographer Marianne Smith, daughter of Joan Laffey Smith (Class of '49), was kind enough to lend us her (considerable) talents at the October 8th reunion by photographing the event. Out of her and her mother's love of all things "Michaelite", Marianne is offering these photos to us at no profit to herself. Simply go to <http://photobucket.com/stmichaels>, create an account, create your own photo album from Marianne's pictures, and start ordering your photos directly from the Photobucket site.

Please visit Marianne Smith on her website  
<http://www.mariannesmithphotography.com/>

and let her know how much you like the pictures and appreciate her gesture.

## Reunion 2012 Survey

We would like your ideas on the following...

What are your thoughts on where you would like to see the next reunion take place? (Unfortunately, the SMA gym is probably not an option.)

How important is it to you that there be a mass celebrated before or after the reunion?

Would you be more inclined to come if you knew in advance who in your class might be attending?

Did you like the idea of an "All Class Reunion" (as we had on October 8th), or would it be more special to you if it were just for the five-year anniversary classes (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.)?

Would you be willing to make a few phone calls to your classmates to "rally the troops"?

Would you be willing to serve on a reunion planning committee?

Please write to us at [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com) and tell us your thoughts. This is



(VP - Charitable Foundation)

Genevieve O'Hare '47

Maria Pani '74

(Treasurer - Association and Charitable Foundation)

Lorraine Pogan Shef '64

(President - Association and Charitable Foundation)

Patti Wu '70

## Join Our Mailing List



### Tax Information

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YOUR alumnae association. It can only be as good as YOU make it. Can't wait to hear from you!

## Church of Saint Michael News

### Father Myles Murphy appointed pastor of St. Agnes parish



The November 16, 2011 edition of *Catholic New York* reports that "Father Myles Murphy has been appointed pastor of St. Agnes parish in Manhattan, the Archbishop's Office has announced...Father Murphy has served as pastor of St. Michael's parish in Manhattan since 2006. Before that he was administrator there for two years."

### News from the Class of 1957

My name is Patricia Dunne Fiederer (Class of '57). I married an upstate boy and live in the Oneonta, NY area. I was stunned to see Peggy Land's name in your message. I own a business in Oneonta and sell manufactured homes. When Dave and Peggy moved to Unadilla NY I sold houses to them and several of their friends who moved up with them and formed the Gilead community. I would like to hear from any of my classmates. Keep up the good work.  
Pat

*(If you are interested in connecting with your classmates, please go to [www.saintmichaelacademy.com](http://www.saintmichaelacademy.com) and register. After you do, it will be possible for you to email anyone else who has registered on the website. It's a great way to find lost friends.)*

### News from the Class of 1960

Hi from Margaret Rose Ibe, M.M. (class of 1960)

I have been in Peru for the past 33 years and 4 years in Indonesia before that. Thanks for sending me The Michaelite via email.

I would have loved to be at the Oct 8th reunion but it was just too far and too expensive to make it! Thanks for keeping me on your mailing list.

Peace,  
Margaret Rose

### SaintMichaelAcademy.com



It's official...our website is up and running!  
Visit us at [www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com](http://www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com) and let the good times roll!

Make sure to register, so that you can begin to connect with your classmates.

Read past newsletters and keep current with all of the SMAAA news.

We find ourselves when we find each other.

Come find yourself at [www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com](http://www.SaintMichaelAcademy.com).

*(Helpful Hint: We do not recommend going to our website by way of an AOL browser. Use Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or some other method instead. For some reason, going in through AOL proves "glitch-y". Thanks!)*

## Update Your Contact Info

Our outreach efforts can only be as good as our contact information, which is outdated. In order to be a successful entity, our alumnae association needs to have the correct contact information for all of us. Please send your full name (maiden and married), address, phone number, email address and year of graduation (or, in the case of the displaced Michaelites, the year they *would have* graduated from SMA) to [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com). We will not share your information with, or sell your information to, anyone.



*(Please know that our definition of an SMA alum is anyone who ever attended, or was on staff at, Saint Michael Academy. Sisters, brothers, teachers, administrative staff...we invite you all to join our mailing list by clicking on the "Join Our Mailing List" link to the left.)*

## What Are You Up To???

What are you up to these days? We'd love to know. Send us pictures, write a blurb or (if you are too modest) tell us of a website that we can link to that fills us in on where you work and/or what you're doing. Are you on YouTube???. Let us know that too. C'mon! Let's have some fun with this!

## Archived Newsletters

Are you new to "The Michaelight"? If you are interested in reading past editions, please visit our website ([www.saintmichaelacademy.com](http://www.saintmichaelacademy.com)), click on "Newsletters" and catch up on what you've missed! While you're

there, please register. By doing that, you can start to connect with your classmates. "See" you there!

## Get the Word Out!

Use the icons at the top of this newsletter to post to your facebook page, and please *encourage your friends to join our mailing list*. (Don't forget to add [SMAAANYC@aol.com](mailto:SMAAANYC@aol.com) to your address book!)



## Support the Presentation Sisters

### *Might We Suggest...*

that those of you who would like to ensure the legacy of Saint Michael Academy do so by giving a donation to the Presentation Sisters. Please send your contribution directly to the Sisters' motherhouse, and note in the memo line that it is an SMA Donation:



Sisters of the Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Administration Office  
84 Presentation Way  
New Windsor, NY 12553-4949

### ***Annual Dues***

If you have already paid your 2011 annual dues to the SMAAA, Thank You! We appreciate your support! We have set this year's dues at a reasonable \$25, just to cover our start-up costs (which are mounting quickly!!!) At the moment, we are emailing this publication to just over 1,100 people. We have an "open rate" of approximately 40%, which means that only 440 of the alumnae are aware of our existence! We need your help to do better than that.

Please make out your check for \$25 (or more?) payable to "SMAAA", and mail it to Jeanne Billings (SMAAA), 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY10583. **Be sure to include your updated contact information - name, maiden name, address, email address, phone number, year of graduation - and please encourage your classmates to do the same.** (*Hand in hand we'll work together!*)

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