

BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

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During the first few days after the school closure due to state mandates regarding COVID-19, teachers continued to prepare for distance learning. Pictured from left is Fr. Dan Muscalino with science teacher Mr. Ostrander (Doc O) in the counseling office. Doc O is helping Fr. Dan learn a few techniques to make teaching from home easier.

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- Please note that the **Variety Show** scheduled for April 23 is now cancelled.
- The **April ACT exam** and **May SAT exam** is cancelled. See more on page 3.
- The **Spring Sweepstakes** is still on! Keep posted for more details about how we're going forward with it.
- Please stay tuned for updates pertaining to all remaining school functions, including the **Junior/Senior Gala**, set for May.

REFLECTIONS

When Gov. Cuomo mandated schools close at the end of day on March 9, our lives as we knew it from a school perspective, came to a sudden halt. Since then, we've had more closings and now a state lockdown, which has affected every corner of our lives, for some more than others. While we experience these unprecedented events, Bishop Ludden reached out to students to see how they're handling their new normal. Below are the responses from sisters and exchange students from South Korea, **Wi Jeong-Carmel (7th grade)** and **Ye-Ryeong Rayna Suh (8th grade)**.

Reflections Wi Jeong-Carmel Suh:

What good are you seeing come from this time?

Since people don't move around because of the coronavirus, I cannot go outside either. I cannot play outside, meet people because I would contact people, even restaurants and the gym is closed. Many things are sanctioned because of the virus. Nevertheless, it can make more family-ship like spending more time with family, talk to each other, do fun activities that can be with the family at this time.

How is this "new normal" helping you grow?

At this time, I'm studying in an online class for the first time (it is valuable activities, just like studying ahead for University). Studying online gives me more flexibility. I can work and fit my work schedule around coursework more easily. Also, it has more responsibility for me about studying online class because I will spend a lot of time on [my] own without someone physically close to keep [me] focused on deadlines (some of it has a deadline). Every time, after I finish my work, which is assigned to each class, I feel proud of myself.

What acts of kindness are you doing to help others in your family?

I'm helping my host family who help me a lot such as offer some snacks for them, setting and clean the table. The most important thing is the "family ship." Spending lots of time with them. Usually, I have no time to have a talk with them at the regular time because I have some works to do like homework after school and spend most of the time at school, so now I'm having fun with them.

It is fun to talk with them because I can tell what I'm thinking about like a meeting, my real thought. Therefore, we are getting to know each other. Almost every day, I'm going out to walk around with the host family. Keep staying indoors is stuffy and bored. It's better to go outside and just walk around the nearby home.

What acts of kindness are you doing to help others in your family?

Every Sunday, I'm trying to help the host families in order to separate garbage because of the garbage day. Put recycling stuff in the wastebasket is kind of helping them. Because it takes to clean it easier. And keep using my manner!!

Reflections Ye-Ryeong Rayna Suh:

What good are you seeing come from this time?

The coronavirus is a deadly contagious virus. This virus just came to us even though we are not ready to face it. By this pandemic virus, people will learn how to clean and how to handle this crisis. As a countermeasure, the government mentioned "social distancing" which means each person makes a distance from each other so pay attention to hygiene.

With the government policy, school closed, so everyone is studying at home. This time, I have more family time. Talk about this virus, Korea, schedules, and school assignments. My host parents are very humorous so I laugh a lot every time I talk to them. We have known each other for around 10 years and also my host mother was my English teacher. I got more time to talk with them so I'm happy about it. I'm not depressed or bored.

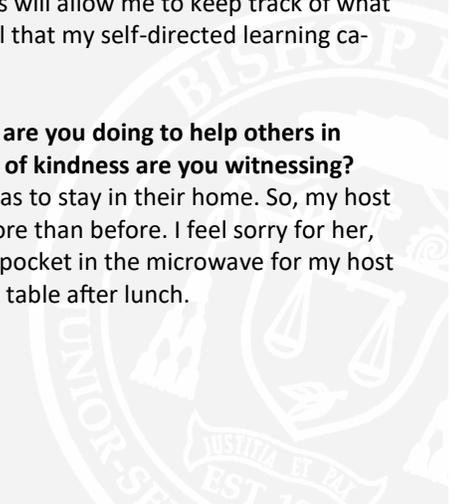
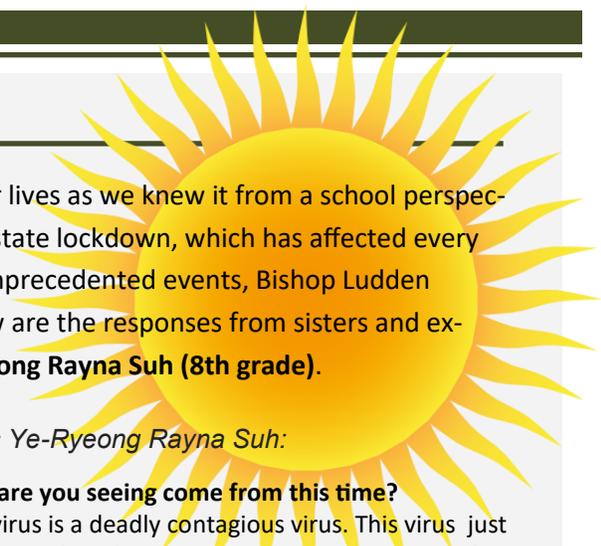
How is it helping you grow? What are you learning about this new normal?

I am learning to keep my stuff more clean, and how to keep social distancing. When I go out to take a walk and see people who are walking to me, I immediately stay away from them.

Also, I am learning how to study online and use my time wisely. Our school told us, "we are in a state of emergency, and it's not a vacation." Also I thought I gotta study and use my time wisely. To make my time valuable, I made a daily plan in detail. This will allow me to keep track of what I have to do daily. I feel that my self-directed learning capability is improving.

What acts of kindness are you doing to help others in your family? What act of kindness are you witnessing?

This time, everybody has to stay in their home. So, my host mother has to cook more than before. I feel sorry for her, so I heated up the hot pocket in the microwave for my host father and cleaned the table after lunch.



FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

OCC cancels SAT prep courses, ACT and SAT also cancelled

The upcoming April 4th ACT and May 2nd SAT have been canceled. More information about what that means for your registrations can be found at the following websites:

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/covid-19.html>

<https://pages.collegeboard.org/natural-disasters>

As it stands, the OCC SAT prep courses are canceled. Resources to prepare for exams can be found online through the testing websites and Khan Academy. Each student who took the PSAT has an account that will link to materials personalized to the student's needs.

Many college campuses have closed to outside visitors and admissions offices are not conducting tours. On a college's website, you can usually find a virtual tour under the admissions section of the page. We encourage you to use this to help narrow your searches or replace planned visits your family had in the coming weeks.

Admissions staff are available remotely as well. Please email them questions you develop through the virtual tours and exploring the college website. This can replace the content you might have received through a presentation or tour.

Juniors can continue to use Naviance for college and career exploration. If you have the chance, please finish updating your resume and completing the Tell Your Story survey that will be used by teachers as they write your recommendations next fall.

Seniors: I have received a few emails from colleges letting me know that they are extending the deadline to commit to their school to June 1 and I would imagine many schools will decide to do this. Stay tuned!

Also, decisions will start rolling in for some private colleges in just another week or so. Please continue to notify Mrs. Schoeneck of these decisions, whatever they may be.

Tips for teens, family

This can be a very difficult time for parents and students right now. Please keep in mind you are not alone in this. Obviously you have the support of your teachers, but you also have the support of Mrs. Schoeneck, Miss Gilbert and Mr. Baer. Feel free to contact any one of them if you have any questions, concerns or anything else with which you need help. Below are some tips that could be helpful while you are learning at home to help reduce stress.

Establish routines. Students are used to routines and thrive on them. Below is a sample scheduling you can use for your studies. This will help to add purpose and meaning to the consecutive days at home.

Be mindful of screen time. It is so easy to get sucked into hours of Instagram, Snapchat, TikToks or whatever else you enjoy during the day. While screen time is ok and will help to keep your sanity because it can keep us connected to people, it can also distract us

from the work we need to do. Try to limit your screen time!

Exercise! Regular exercising is a great way to keep your mind and body healthy during this isolation period. Go on a walk (yes, even in the snow right now), take up running, google yoga and download a free class. This all can certainly help to raise your spirits!

Connect with friend and family (virtually). This is where screens can come in handy. Utilize things like FaceTime, SnapChat, Instagram, Messages, write a letter to a grandparent or actually call people on the phone! Stay in touch with others so both you and they don't feel alone.

We are all in this together! Please reach out if you need anything!

BL Counseling Staff

Wanted: Volunteers

Pending the COVID-19 state government mandates pertaining to social functions and social distancing, we are still planning to hold another After-Prom fundraiser in May. Below are the details should these mandates be lifted:

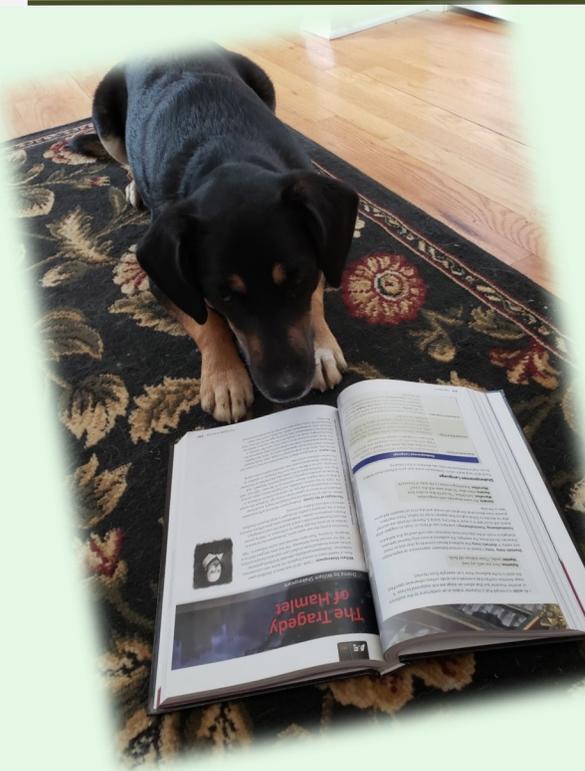
We are still in dire need of volunteers to assist us in accomplishing our goals as we wish to host another stellar After-Prom Party at Destiny Mall's APEX Entertainment Venue.



We need cash donations, gift cards, gift certificates, etc. along with gift baskets and items to raffle off; as well as parents to chaperone the event Friday (into Saturday) May 15th, 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. We will (eventually) host our Spring "Trivia Night" that is now postponed from March 31, as school will be closed then.

In the interim, feel free to write me at gbaer@syrdiocese.org.

FROM STUDENTS & STAFF



I am enjoying all the time I can spend with my dogs. Here is Addie catching up on her Shakespeare – Ava DiRubbo, 10th grade



Brothers Joey McGarvey (10th grade) and Philip McGarvey (Eighth grade) keeping their social distance!

Spanish teacher Ms. Roybn DeGaetano emailed all faculty and staff at the end of the first two weeks with the following:

"I had my first Zoom class with my students today, and it was FABULOUS. I would highly recommend it to everyone. I couldn't believe how much it improved my mood for today. Teaching in this removed way has been very hard for me, and seeing and talking to my students today was sooo good for me. You could also tell that the students really liked it, too. They liked seeing each other and "being together" and I got to have a great instruction time and talk to the kids about how they were doing, etc. I got done with class and I felt lighter than I have in days. I can't really describe it, but trust me - it was good for my teacher's soul and again, I highly recommend. ;)"

"Even better was the email that I got from a student today: 'Hello Mrs. DeGaetano. I'm sorry to bother you but I just wanted to say that I really liked the meeting this morning, and I feel like I retained more knowledge than I would have if it was a PDF packet. I appreciate that you care enough to set up a meeting on Zoom to explain things more to us. Thank you.'

"Floating right now ... :D"

When asked to reflect on his days at Ludden and how they shaped him for trying times like what we're experiencing today, Bishop Ludden's athletic director and alum Gallagher Driscoll ('88) said,

"I had the best high school experience anyone could have asked for. Through happy times, sad times, hard times, fun times, someone was always there to help. My mother made a huge sacrifice to send my brother, sister and I to Bishop Ludden. I will always be grateful and indebted to my teachers, coaches, classmates, teammates and dear friends who made my journey through Ludden a special one. During these times of struggles and uncertainty, I look back and reflect on my years that shaped me at BL. Faith, family, sharing, trust, teammates, classmates, friends, sacrifice, and giving back. There is no other way we should live! Tough times don't last. Tough people do!"

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Lady Knight All League Basketball Selections!

Amarah Streiff - 1st Team All League
Lauren Petrie 2nd Team All League
Kaitlyn Kibling - 2nd Team All League

Keiara Odume - Honorable Mention
Jayden Burney - Honorable Mention



Amarah Streiff - 1st Team All League

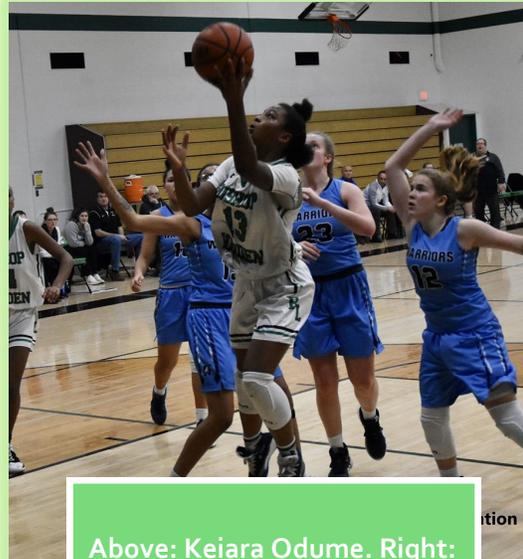


Kaitlyn Kibling - 2nd Team All League

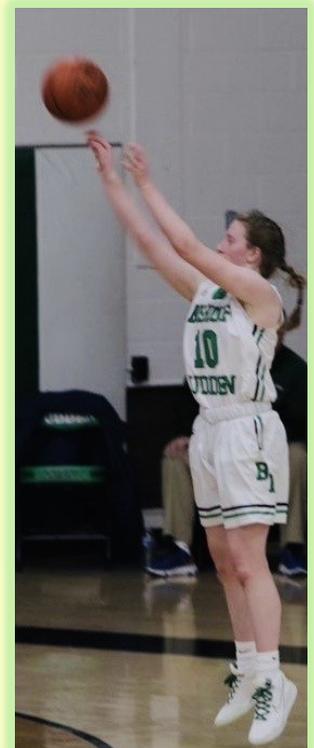
Left: Amarah Streiff. Right: Kaitlyn Kibling



Below: Jayden Burney



Above: Keiara Odume. Right: Lauren Petrie



LIVING ENVIRONMENT STUDENT MODEL ECOLOGICAL BIOMES



Mountain Biome, showing water ecology and wildlife, including moose grazing on water plants.



Marine Shoreline Biome, featuring sea life and important marine plants.



Desert Biome illustrates tree-like saguaro cacti, rock and gravel surface and animals adapted to arid environments.



Students proved their understanding of the components in a biome by reporting on and producing unique dioramas. The dioramas were set up as a museum, and all students took the opportunity to listen to presentations and analyze the creative models.



Pictured clockwise from top left: Adrianna Parker and Charlotte Hsiao; Ayen Aman and Alexis Netti; Bailey Ganoung; Jonuel Quinones; and Natalie Testa and Meredith Pessirilo



In the Spotlight: Ben Cassalia, Ludden's new soccer coach!

How does it feel to be back at your alma mater as a soccer coach?

I am very grateful to be given the opportunity to coach the boys soccer team at Bishop Ludden as it holds a very special place in my heart. Some of my fondest memories playing the game were made right here and I am extremely excited to work with Coach Colella (Assistant Coach) and a very talented and dedicated group of student-athletes.

What's the best advice you were ever given as a soccer player? as a coach?

It doesn't take talent or skill to lead a team in effort.

What would you like your student athletes to know about you as their coach?

That as a veteran of the United States Marine Corps the lessons I learned regarding teamwork, dedication and selflessness play a large role in how I approach teaching the game and trying to develop a team first culture.

What do you love most about coaching soccer?

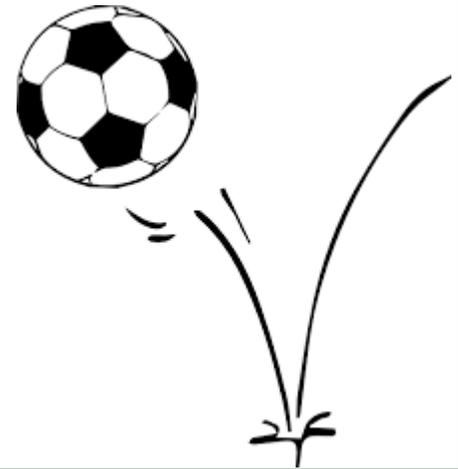
Through teaching the game, being able to develop a culture where players fully commit to work for each other.

What do you love most about Bishop Ludden?

Without a doubt, the friends I made while at Bishop Ludden.

Soccer aside, what are some of your favorite hobbies?

When I am not coaching or watching soccer, I enjoy spending time with my family, following the Las Vegas Raiders and country music.



The following article on Ben Cassalia written by Nolan Weidner was published on Syracuse.com in early March. Enjoy!

Bishop Ludden hires alum to take over boys soccer program

Ben Cassalia wasn't looking to leave his job as girls soccer coach at Westhill.

After all, Cassalia had coached the Warriors to an overall record of 30-6-2 in his two varsity seasons.

But when the opportunity to return to his alma mater, Bishop Ludden, presented itself, it was an offer he couldn't refuse.

"If it wasn't to coach the team I played for, I never would have left Westhill," Cassalia said of being named the boys varsity soccer coach at Ludden this week.

"I'm excited to coach the team I played for," said Cassalia, who spent four years coaching at Westhill, two as an assistant to boys coach Tom Etoll, before deciding to return to Ludden.

Athletics director Gallagher Driscoll said the school was happy to have Cassalia replace Oscar Vergara, who retired after 34 seasons at Ludden and more than four decades of coaching boys soccer at Ludden, Assumption Academy and West Genesee.

"We wanted someone who has coached and had success at the varsity level. Obviously, coach Cassalia has done that over at Westhill the last couple of years," Driscoll said. "We also wanted to find a coach who understands the mission and criteria of Bishop Ludden. Ben understands this very well. He played here and coached here. He is a terrific fit for our school and the boys soccer program."

Cassalia, a 1994 Ludden graduate, played on Onondaga High School League championship teams coached by Vergara as a sophomore, junior and senior.

In addition to returning to his alma mater, Cassalia gets to coach alongside his father, Pat, who is a longtime coach of the Gaelic Knights girls soccer team. Ben coached under his father starting out.

As for replacing Vergara, his former coach who won more than 500 matches, Cassalia said he looked forward to carrying on the boys program's tradition of winning.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE EDITOR

Keeping calm in the classroom called life

Yesterday morning, I woke up early – 5 a.m. – to get a jumpstart on my day. We’re all home now, my three kids and I, and the balancing act of being a mom, employee, and soon-to-be divorcee prepping for a move out of our home and into my Dad’s for a time, has been a day-to-day conquer. Some days are a win, others a complete failure, at least from my perspective.

How deeply I crave routine! With a schedule, absent unforeseen interruptions, I know just how much time and energy I can dedicate to any one of those roles I listed above. Without a normal cycle, I find myself questioning the day of the week!

Living today in our “new normal,” whatever that may look like individually, I think it’s safe to assume that collectively, we’re all in the same boat. Teachers with little ones are struggling to maintain a sense of sanity, and all are becoming students themselves in the world of digital learning. Students are dealing with this unprecedented (at least in our lifetime) hand the best they can as full-time distance learners now. And parents now working full time from home? Let’s not even go there!

What can we count on as we move forward together? Well, the obvious answer is God. Our faith will determine our steps, how we choose to face each day, and how we react to everyday uncertainties, be they personal, social, or professional. This Lent and in these current circumstances, it’s as if God has hit the pause button and said, “Now can I have your attention?”

Take this time to spend in quiet meditation, conversing with our Lord and listening for His directives. Take deep breaths and say, “I can do this.” In January, our Bishop Ludden hallway bulletin board read, “Nunc Coepi,” which is Latin for “Now I begin.” Saint Jose Maria Escriba described this phrase as “the cry of a soul in love

which, at every moment, whether it has been faithful or lacking in generosity, renews its desire to serve – to love – our God with a wholehearted loyalty ...” Not only is each day a new beginning, but also each moment to begin again.

Deep breaths.

Remember when I said I woke up at 5 a.m. yesterday to get an early start to the day? To wake up before the rest of the family for quiet time, reflection, and work without distractions ... Ten minutes after I came downstairs, I heard the shuffling of little footsteps coming from our upstairs. “Mama?” My energetic, playful and often demanding 5-year-old son was also up.

Deep breaths.

I had to reshape the way I had planned my morning and knock the big chunk of quiet time down to pieces dispersed throughout the day. *Nunc Coepi.*

I know I am not alone. And neither are you. If you have any questions or concerns about homework, tuition, admissions, food — know you can turn to your Ludden community. Our teachers are working hard to make sure each of their students is successful as a distance learner. Our staff, both in counseling and administrative, is compassionate and quick to help during trying times. *Deep breaths.* We are in this together. Enjoy your family, nurture your faith, and forge on! #WeAreLudden

God bless and stay healthy!

Tami Scott

Main Office Admin Asst.

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Driveway drawing by sisters and Bishop Ludden students, Rayna and Carmel Suh.

SCRIP PROGRAM: GIVE A GIFT CARD AND EARN MONEY TOWARD TUITION!



Do you shop at Target? Walmart? Amazon? JCPenney? Marshalls? Kohls? Barnes & Noble?

Do you eat at Applebees? Olive Garden? Panera Bread? Cheesecake Factory? Subway? Dunkin' Donuts?

Are you planning a big home improvement project with Lowe's or Home Depot?

How about making vacation plans with Airbnb? American Airlines? Hilton Hotels? Carnival Cruise Lines? Disney?

SCRIP gives you the opportunity to earn credit towards your student's tuition when you make your normal purchases from hundreds of retailers

So, how does it work?

Think of it as substitute money. When you purchase a SCRIP, you're purchasing a normal gift card to use just like cash. But with every card you purchase, you're earning money back towards the cost of tuition at Ludden. SCRIP cards can be used for groceries, clothing, gifts, gasoline, vacations and more! Extended family and friends can also order through your student, earning your family even more credit toward tuition!

How does buying a SCRIP generate revenue?

You order your SCRIP gift cards through the school and pay full face value for them. Bishop Ludden is able to buy SCRIP from hundreds of local and nationwide retailers through the Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount. The discount, which varies from 1.5% to 25%, is returned to you as tuition credit for the following school year. For example, if you purchase a \$50 gift card from a retailer that is offering a 10% discount, you have already saved \$5 on next year's tuition bill.

DROP OFF	PICK UP
Apr. 20th	Apr. 24th
May 11th	May 15th
June 8th	June 12th

If you're planning a shopping trip to Target or a dinner at Cheesecake Factory, plan ahead and shop with SCRIP! Earn money back in the process — it really adds up. Families have earned hundreds of dollars towards their tuition bills.

How do I order SCRIP?

Download and complete an order form. There is a one time \$20 set-up fee paid annually, which covers shipping costs. Send the order to school with your student on the due date (always on a Monday) and the rest is up to our SCRIP coordinator. Your SCRIP order is returned to you or your student at school the Friday of the same week.

If you will not have a student enrolled at Bishop Ludden next year, the rebate amount will be donated to the Ludden Fund.

At Bishop Ludden, our SCRIP coordinator is Heather Chemotti. Please feel free to contact Heather at hchemotti9@gmail.com with any questions. For more information, including order forms and a full list of

Easter brings hope

As Christians, Easter is the central and most important celebration of our faith. It is the victory of life over death, light over darkness and redemption over sin.

In this time in our history when we are facing adversity, we should always remember the victory of our God and promise He makes to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As we read in John 3:16-17: "God so loved the world that he sent His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have Eternal Life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

What an amazing gift, what an amazing God we have. He offers to all of us faith, hope and love: as St. Paul reminds us that the greatest is love for our God Is love itself.

This Easter, even though we may not be able to gather together in our houses of worship, we need to remember that we, the People of God are the Church, the Body of Christ and we offer the gift of our faith in Jesus Christ, crucified and Risen to all who are in darkness, feeling anxiety or are experiencing hopelessness.

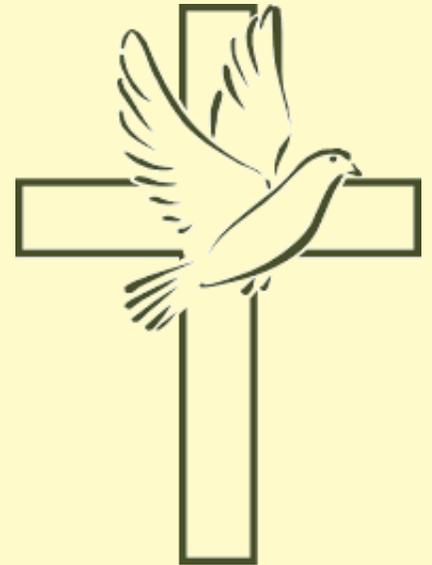
Jesus Christ is Risen, and all things are made new. "Resurrexit sicut Dixit."

God Bless you all and have a happy, prayerful, blessed Easter.

Fr. Dan

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."



**This following prayer was written by Bishop Ludden
ninth-grader Ryan Brady.**

Lord Jesus,
you taught us to care for the sick
as you did.
Help us in this time of medical crisis,
to show your love to those suffering
with the Coronavirus.
Give us the strength and the faith
to serve those infected
and show unto them your love and mercy.
Protect us from the virus,
especially those at the most risk,
and bring the pandemic to an end
as quickly as possible.
Give your wisdom and knowledge to the
scientists and doctors searching for cures
and working to create a vaccine.
Assist our leaders as they lead us
through this crisis.
Help them to make wise decisions
that limit the spread of the virus.
Protect the frontline warriors against the virus,
the doctors and nurses working
in understaffed hospitals who are
directly exposed to the virus
and keep them safe so that they will not become infected
and can continue to heal those in need.
Give your healing love to all the victims
of the Coronavirus and their families.
Be with us always, Lord,
and pour your blessing and protection
upon all the human race.
Amen

Ryan Brady, 9th grade



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: TOM BARRETT, CLASS OF 1979

College Education: Boston Architectural College

Current Occupation: President, Barrett Builders LLC

Professional Achievements: Thirty-nine years in the design and construction industry. Led the effort to build the second tallest commercial building in the state of New Jersey from 1999 to 2004 for the owner Goldman Sachs. Built and managed a \$12 million/year construction/consulting business from 2008 to 2018. However, what I'm most proud of are the professional relationships I cultivated with some of the best builders/leaders in the industry over the years. BarrettBuildersNY.com

What is the best advice you could give current Ludden students?

At some point in your life, 'bet on your self,' take a risk(s) on your trade, craft, interpersonal skills, etc. Push yourself to be better at what you've chosen to do with your life ... and never give up on family relationships.

What is your favorite Ludden memory?

The good times I had with my friends, Dave Salanger, the late Joe Thornton, Joe King, Pat Day, Kevin Maher, Jim Bova ... to name a few.

Why are you proud of your Bishop Ludden heritage?

It combined a first-rate education with Christian values and the spirit of teamwork through athletics.



Tom Barrett

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: LOU FRIO, CLASS OF 1980

College Education: Bachelor of Science from Rochester Institute of Technology in mathematics with computer science as a minor

Current Occupation: Vice president of Oracle Retail Consulting Services

Professional Achievements: My life achievements are finding my wife, also a Bishop Ludden alumni, Peggy Burke, and having three wonderful children (and now young adults) with her. They are healthy and happy and we are blessed in that way and that's the achievement.

What is the best advice you can give current Ludden students?

School and education helps you open many doors in life. Study hard, play hard, find balance, find what you love doing and work towards finding the right passions that make you happy and healthy in life. If you can wake up every morning loving what your day is looking like, you are blessed. If you don't wake up looking at that picture, fix it!

What is your favorite Ludden memory?

I don't have one favorite. Ludden gave me that great education I mention above mixed with sports and activities giving me balance in my young life. Ludden gave me a great foundation to build off of at RIT and then the real world of work and life.

Why are you proud of your Bishop Ludden heritage?

Bishop Ludden and the values and discipline that it instilled in me early in my life helped shape much of who I am today. Of course, besides Bishop Ludden, having a great family and family values mixed perfectly with the Bishop Ludden "way of life." All of this helped create an "unfair advantage" for me that led to much success in the business world over the years. More importantly though, it taught me that work success is just a small part of life. Being blessed with family and friends is the real measure of success!



Lou Frio

Alumni Spotlights are now on our website under the Alumni tab! We will be featuring a few alumni every month and would love for you to learn more about them!

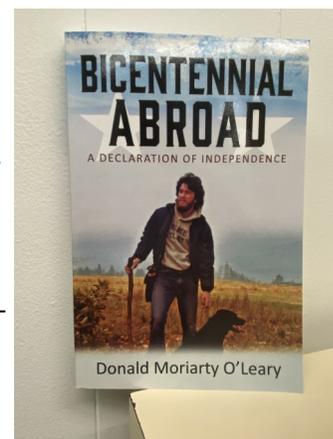
Dc. Bob Fangio '74 speaks to BL staff

Bishop Ludden staff and faculty were fortunate to have alumnus Dc. Bob Fangio guest speak the morning of their March 11 retreat for Staff Development Day. His theme was "Giftedness." Dc. Bob engaged his audience with humor, personal stories, and reflection as he talked about our God-given gifts, faith, prayer as a means to deepen our relationship with God, and how to walk and live in love—for God, for ourselves, and for others.



'72 ALUM WRITES MEMOIR

Bishop Ludden Class of 1972 alumnus Donald Moriarty O'Leary recently published a memoir, "Bicentennial Abroad: A Declaration of Independence." In his book, O'Leary recounts his personal adventures over the years, from his early youth until now — and even mentions his alma mater!



You can check out and/or purchase his book online at <https://outskirtspress.com/BICENTENNIALABROAD>.



Upcoming Reunions

The **Class of 1980** is planning its 40th Reunion to be held **Saturday, Oct. 10**.

Please Save the Date! Many more details will follow but initial plans are to have a Mass and tour of the school, attend a football game, and have a reunion dinner. Right now, the reunion committee consists of Kathy Gilheney, Chris Didio and Karen Jones. If you are interested in helping, please let one of us know by contacting Bishop Ludden at 315-468-2591. Many hands make light work! Also, we could really use help with finding contact information for old friends and classmates. If you are an '80 alum, please pass this information on to any other '80 alums you're in contact with; if you are not an '80 but know someone who graduated that year, please share this news with them!

The **Class of 1970** is holding its 50th Reunion this July. At 5 p.m. on **Friday, July 17**, former classmates will meet at the Barney Stone. At 1 p.m. on **Saturday, July 18**, alumni will gather at Tuscarora Golf Club in Marcellus. More details TBD! Email any questions to Kathy Shults O'Leary at kobo1007@yahoo.com.

Planning a reunion? Bishop Ludden would love to help!

For more info, visit <https://www.bishopludden.org/alumni/reunion-events/>.

In Memoriam

Dennis P. Lambert

Former Bishop Ludden teacher, Dennis P. Lambert, 75, of Camillus, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, March 3. Born and raised in Valhalla, N.Y., he later attended Syracuse University where he became captain of the fencing team and graduated with his bachelor's degree in 1966. He went on to earn his master's degree in English from the University of Bridgeport.



He was a beloved English teacher for more than 30 years at Bishop Ludden High School. A passionate poet and writer, he belonged to several writing groups and had numerous works published.

To read his full obituary and to share memories and tributes online, please visit <https://www.bagozzitwins.com/obituaries/Dennis-Lambert-3>.

Jeanne A. Gensler

Former Bishop Ludden teacher, Jeanne A. (McNamara) Gensler, loving wife and mother, 75, of Clay, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Crown Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.



A lifetime resident of the Syracuse area, she graduated from Convent School and earned her master's degree from SUNY Oswego.

Jeanne was a teacher at Bishop Ludden High School and former communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Cicero.

To read her full obituary and to share condolences and tributes online, please visit www.BuranichFH.com.

Memory Garden Bricks Available

With an engraved brick in Bishop Ludden's Memory Garden, you can pay tribute to a family member, leave a message for future generations to see, or simply include your name among those who invested in the future of Ludden. Brick order forms are online, at <https://www.bishopludden.org/alumni/memory-garden/>.



Class Representatives Needed!

**IF INTERESTED, CALL BISHOP LUDDEN
AT 315-468-2591.**

We are so grateful to have your support for the work that is being done at Bishop Ludden! The Development Office is seeking class representatives and updated information to help keep our alumni connected and up to date on the great things happening at Bishop Ludden.



Please follow Bishop Ludden on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) & [Twitter](#)!

P4L long-sleeved tees for sale

Bishop Ludden's parent organization, P4L, is selling unisex, long-sleeved grey T-shirts for \$10 each, in sizes small through 2XL. P4L coordinates the Fall Welcome Back Social, treats during Catholic Schools' Week, the Valentine teacher/staff replenishment endeavor and receptions after special masses and graduation, and leads the Bishop Ludden team in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

If any parents or family members want to be a part of P4L, please email Christine Prowak at cprowak@gmail.com or Heather Lamendola at hsisadg@hotmail.com.



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Why give?

Bishop Ludden welcomes the many gifts of our alumni, friends, families and community members. We are grateful for the time of our volunteers who give unselfishly to help coordinate our annual events, assist in one of the many volunteer roles within the school or serve on one of our many committees. We thank you for all you do to continue to be our greatest advocates and supporters!

With the continued support of our Ludden Family we are able to celebrate more than 50 years of faith-filled academic excellence. Whether you purchase a Sweepstakes ticket or make a gift to the Ludden Fund, it is your generosity that enables us to provide for future generations.

A common theme from our alumni is that they wish for students of today to have the same Ludden experience they had. With the support and generosity of alumni, friends and family, they will.

By annually supporting the Ludden Fund, you are giving back so future generations can carry on the legacy of a Bishop Ludden education.

Questions? Contact Kathy Gilheney at (315) 579-0061 or at kgilheney@syrdioocese.org.

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"It's a tall order. He had a lot of success," Cassalia said. "But we're going to work hard."

The Ludden boys went 13-4-1 last fall and lost, 3-0, to eventual sectional champion Bishop Grimes in the Class C semifinals.

Cassalia said he took a lot from playing under Vergara in the early 1990s.

"He loved the game. He really enjoyed it. But he did a lot of really good stuff off of the field," Cassalia said of Vergara's dedication to involving his players in community service projects.

Cassalia, who works with special education students in the Syracuse City Schools, lives in Syracuse with his wife and two sons, ages 9 and 7.