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Searles, Mark (1101385) - Posted 6/9/2014 10:05:29 PM - General Class of 2008



**Bishop Barres lay hands upon Father Mark Searles during the Sacrament of Holy Orders.**

Father Mark R. Searles was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John O. Barres at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown, PA on Saturday June 7, 2014. Fr. Mark celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish of St. Jane Frances de Chantal in Easton, PA on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. Fr. Mark's first assignment is Sacred Heart parish in Allentown, PA.

**Piazza (McHale), Mary "Molly" (98018960) - Posted 5/12/2014 7:15:56 AM - General Class of 1981**

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**Donatelli (Donatelli), Jennifer (97019903) - Posted 4/22/2014 7:41:47 PM - General Class of 1995**



**Alumni and their families gathered with Father Pantle to celebrate his retirement and mark the closure of one of his favorite restaurants, Blob's Park Bavarian Biergarten in Jessup, MD.**

Photograph by Paul W. Gillespie Photography (pwgphoto.com). Used with permission.

I left out the names of those who are not alumni, as well as the children, at their parents' requests. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Donatelli at 410-789-0066 or 443-286-5018 or [brooklynparknews@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynparknews@gmail.com). Thank you.

Several alumni of the Rev. G. Donald Pantle S.J.'s Ignatian retreats and Spanish House, of which he was Jesuit counselor, celebrated his retirement with their families recently at Blob's Park Bavarian Biergarten in Jessup, MD. The occasion also was to mark the closure of Blob's Park, one of Father Pantle's favorite restaurants. The beer and dance hall sold its land and property to the Archdiocese of Baltimore, which will demolish it to expand the nearby St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church.

The following alumni are in the photo: Back row from left to right (all standing:) Tom Blount, 87, second from left; Kristen VanderBurg Blount, 92, third from left; Jennifer Donatelli, 95, fourth from left; Eileen Kelleher Blahut, 95, fifth from left; Charles Lancelotta, 91, sixth from left; Father Pantle, seventh from left; Gary Christensen, 92, eighth from left; Rebecca Honeycutt Gill, 92, ninth from left; Tara Parsons, 94, tenth from left; Matt Reavy, 84, sixteenth from left; and Karl Ubelhoer, 93, seventeenth from left.

Second row, standing, Deb Mueller Longest, year of graduation unknown, second from left.

Front row: John Garrett, 93, first from left, kneeling.

**McCormick, David (98014611) - Posted 3/6/2014 11:27:00 PM - General Class of 1975**



David McCormick, 1975, 1979, has been elected a member of the Global Board of Directors of the Institute of Management Accounts (IMA). David serves as Subcommittee Chair with the IMA's Policy Oversight and Audit Committee.

**Luchansky, Gerald (98011011) - Posted 1/8/2014 4:27:17 PM - General  
Class of 1968**

Gerald Luchansky has been reelected as Chairman of the Mid Valley School District Board of Directors for a third consecutive term.

**McGuinness, Christopher (656630) - Posted 9/18/2013 1:45:26 PM - General  
Class of 2006**

Chris McGuinness '06, York, has been very active over the past year at York Little Theatre during their 80th Anniversary season. He appeared on-stage in the South Central PA premiere of "Avenue Q" and in their recent summer production of "The Producers" as well. In March, he served as Stage Manager for their production of "Godspell". As of this writing, Chris is currently in rehearsal for YLT's production of "The Rocky Horror Show"

where he'll be playing The Narrator.

**Wilcox, Jennifer (937303) - Posted 8/23/2013 10:03:14 AM - General Class of 2007**

Jennifer Wilcox '07, Bloomingburg, NY, received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University. She recently accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor position in Chemistry at Saint Francis University, a small Franciscan university in Loretto, Pennsylvania.

**Persuitti, Peter (98014673) - Posted 7/16/2013 12:34:45 PM - General Class of 1975**



**Persuitti Christmas in Scottsdale '12**

Mary Lou Johnson Persuitti (Marywood '75) and I live in Chicagoland, now for 10 years after stints across the US and Europe. Our older son married after living in China for 8 years and just completing his MBA from Kellogg's accelerated program. Our younger son (23) whom we adopted from Romania after the revolution just returned to play (pianist) in the orphanages and churches as a guest of NGO Missio International.

**Lillie, Raymond (98018392) - Posted 7/2/2013 3:53:28 PM - General Class of 1981**

I was named Knight of the Year by the Diocese of Paterson, Department for Persons with Disabilities, for 2013. As part of the honor, I received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Benedict XVI.

Raymond J. Lillie

**Searles, Mark (1101385) - Posted 6/4/2013 10:38:57 PM - General Class of 2008**



Rev. Mr. Mark Searles was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 18, 2013 in the cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown by Bishop John O. Barres.

**Grosso, Andrew (98017455) - Posted 4/25/2013 8:19:08 AM - General Class of 1980**

has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Empire State Credit Union Spring Valley, NY.

**Zaggi, John "Zag" (97006361) - Posted 3/6/2013 9:57:13 AM - General Class of 1992**

John and Chrissy Zaggi celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on March 21, 2013.

**Takacs (Kaminski), Alison (98024946) - Posted 2/17/2013 2:15:27 PM - General Class of 1988**



**Alison, with 14 y.o. Rosemary & 12 y.o. Grace & in June 2012**

When Alison's 47 y.o. husband, Jim, was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer in 2008, she & her 8 & 9 y.o. daughters began their fundraising and advocacy work for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. They, and their 2 PurpleStride teams, have raised over \$60,000 for research and education. They also visited Capitol Hill the past 3 years to educate their Congressional delegates on the Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act, garnering the support of 100% of the MA delegation. The bill, renamed the Recalcitrant Cancer Act, was passed in December and became law, due in large part to the hundreds of advocates who worked on this bill over the past 6 years.

**Luchansky, Gerald (98011011) - Posted 1/9/2013 6:09:07 AM - General Class of 1968**

Gerald Luchansky has been reelected chairman of the Mid Valley School District Board of Directors for 2013.

**English, Robert (98018373) - Posted 12/13/2012 9:46:36 PM - General Class of 1981**

Bob English '81 was re-elected to his second three year term on the Eatontown, New Jersey School Board

**Patterson, Richard (98011975) - Posted 12/10/2012 12:56:40 PM - General**  
**Class of 1970**

Richard B. Patterson PhD (BS, 1970) recently authored a book titled "Turtle on the Fencepost: Finding Faith through Doubt", published by Liguori Publications.

**Pierce, Joseph (459336) - Posted 10/28/2012 1:11:56 PM - General**  
**Class of 2003**

Joseph Pierce, M.S. (B.S. Exercise Science, '03) was one of 10 Ph.D. students selected nationally for research support from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) this past June. The ACSM Doctoral Student Research Grant Initiative will fund his dissertation project entitled: "Role of Skeletal Muscle-Released Myokines in Human Fat Lipolysis". He was recognized for his achievement along with the other recipients at the Annual National ACSM meeting this past June in San Francisco, CA.

**Muldowney, Thomas (185177) - Posted 10/27/2012 4:11:20 PM - General**  
**Class of 1999**

Reverend Thomas M. Muldowney '99 was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Scranton. Father Muldowney also serves as a Chaplain for the Pennsylvania State Police.

**Castagna, Peter (458407) - Posted 10/25/2012 10:08:17 AM - General**  
**Class of 2003**

Peter is currently the Asst. Director of Development at Widener University School of Law. Peter and his wife Meghan were married in July of 2010 in Galway, Ireland, where Peter studied during his junior year. He earned his MBA in January of 2011 from Wilmington University. He is currently pursuing a second master's degree in Higher Education Leadership at Widener University.

**O'Toole, Daniel (98026161) - Posted 8/23/2012 3:25:32 PM - General**  
**Class of 1989**

Daniel P. O'Toole remains a principal at Block O'Toole & Murphy LLP in Manhattan. For the fourth time in seven years Dan obtained one of the top ten jury verdicts in the State of New York in July of 2012. Dan was recently Honored as Man of the Year by the Brehon Law Society of New York City and will be honored by the Institute of Jewish Humanities in New York City as Lawyer of the Year in 2012. Dan and his wife Claire have established a number of academic scholarship funds in New Jersey at various Catholic High Schools and are actively involved with fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The Frances Pope Memorial Fund and the Candlelighters of New York City. Dan and Claire also are involved in fundraising for the Institute for Educational Achievement in New Jersey and the Connecticut Center for Childhood Development. Both of these schools are devoted to the education of autistic children.

**Mullooly (Benzenberg), Jean (98024180) - Posted 6/13/2012 9:52:19 PM - General**  
**Class of 1987**



**INTERNATIONAL KUDOS**—Jean Mullooly, an English teacher at Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, was honored recently as "Educator of the Year" for her work with young people and Operation Smile. Mullooly, with a group of children awaiting surgery to repair a cleft lip, this past summer accompanied a group of Holy Angels Academy students to Beijing for the 20th annual Operation Smile Student Conference. Nearly 800 young people from 23 countries participated in the conference. The students heard from speakers from around the world including longtime Operation Smile supporter and popular movie actor Jackie Chan.

## Doctor in step with a

**TENAFLY**—Bevilacqua, DPM, FACS, a podiatrist and ankle surgeon, is one of the physicians in Bergen County who performs total ankle surgery. Bevilacqua is board certified in podiatry and board certified in orthopedic surgery and reconstructive surgery by the American College of Podiatric Surgeons. While ankle replacement is common in the world, ankle replacement is not as common in the United States. "We are seeing the placements due to a better understanding of the ankle functions, explained. "Total ankle replacements are extremely common and can be custom made for individual patients." Bevilacqua noted that ankle replacement is a design advancement.

### **Jean with children waiting for surgery**

Jean Mullooly was named Operation Smile's "Educator of the Year" for devoted time, effort, and knowledge in educating today's youth about leadership, service learning and her support of student programs with Operation Smile. Recent work with Operation Smile has brought Jean to the Philippines, Cambodia and China.

### **Luchansky, Gerald (98011011) - Posted 2/7/2012 4:12:26 PM - General Class of 1968**

Gerald Luchansky, has been elected chairman of the Mid Valley School District's board of education.

### **Castagna, Peter (458407) - Posted 1/4/2012 8:27:49 AM - General Class of 2003**

Peter completed his MBA at Wilmington University in 2011 and recently began working at Widener University Law School as Assistant Director, Widener Law Fund.

### **Trently, William "Bill" (98019774) - Posted 12/21/2011 12:37:27 PM - General Class of 1982**

William M. Trently, DMD '82 has published his second book, Snapshot: Ship's Dentists, in August of 2011.

### **McGuinness, Christopher (656630) - Posted 12/6/2011 6:24:23 PM - General Class of 2006**

Chris McGuinness '06, York, PA, recently completed a run of "The Music Man" as Oliver Hix, a member of the school board/barbershop quartet, at York Little Theatre in York, PA. It was the first show he had been involved in since graduating from The University of Scranton.

### **Payne, Joseph (267927) - Posted 11/10/2011 9:02:32 AM - General Class of 2000**

Joe Payne, Class of 2000, co-authored a book called Managing Indirect Spend – Enhancing Profitability Through Strategic Sourcing. The book was recently published by Wiley & Sons publishing, and Kathleen Daly, Class of 2008 also contributed content.

**Battafarano, Daniel (98015480) - Posted 5/30/2011 8:22:40 AM - General  
Class of 1977**

Daniel F. Battafarano, DO, FACP, FACR (1977) received the Outstanding Clinical Educator Award in 2011 from the Internal Medicine Residency at San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) and an Outstanding Faculty Medicine Clerkship Award in 2011 from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio (UTHSCSA). Doctor Battafarano is the Chairman of Rheumatology at SAMMC and Clinical Professor of Medicine at UTHSCSA in San Antonio, TX.

**Myers, Donald (570624) - Posted 1/23/2011 10:18:00 AM - General  
Class of 1960**

2010.... Dr. Myers recently published two additional books, a children's book titled, "My Life with Roger" illustrated by his high school granddaughter Shannon and another book titled, "How to Survive and Learn from Life Experiences."

**Biedlingmaier Jr., Paul (98014885) - Posted 12/7/2010 2:36:46 PM - General  
Class of 1976**

PAUL BIEDLINGMAIER JR, A FINANCIAL ADVISOR WITH EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS, WAS NAMED BY THE PHILADELPHIA MAGAZINE AS ONE OF THE 2010 FIVE STAR WEALTH MANAGERS.

**Shahum, Gregory (263956) - Posted 9/10/2010 10:20:41 AM - General  
Class of 2000**

Initiated fundraiser for Haiti Relief Efforts by selling Haiti Lapel Pins to Stamford, CT community. Funds raised reached \$2,500 and were matched by my employer totaling \$5,000. Proceeds were sent to American Red Cross to benefit those in Haiti.

**Griffin, Michael (98018727) - Posted 8/5/2010 8:45:14 AM - General  
Class of 1981**

Michael P. Griffin '81 has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Canton-Potsdam Hospital in Potsdam, N.Y. Griffin resides in Colton, N.Y., with his wife, Nancy.

**Kratzer (Yard), Eileen (97006067) - Posted 7/13/2010 8:07:56 AM - General  
Class of 1993**

Eileen ran her first half marathon with Team in Training to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Shamrock 1/2 Marathon was in Virginia Beach in March 2010. Eileen raised \$2185 to help find a cure for blood cancers.

**Evans, Antwuan (630628) - Posted 2/12/2010 5:43:37 PM - General Class of 2007**



**Antwuan Evans in action!**

On January 30, 2010 I won the Mid-Atlantic Association Middleweight Novice Championship. I have been an amateur boxer since moving to Philadelphia in 2007, upon graduation from the University of Scranton.

**Dunn, Phillip (98021050) - Posted 11/30/2009 8:11:55 AM - General Class of 1984**

Phillip Dunn (1984) writes, "Phil is head football coach for his son Sean's football team the Totowa Tigers. In the last five years he led this team to five straight Super Bowl appearances, winning the trophy in 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009. Also served as his Town's Pool Commissioner for 6 years. Currently is on the Board of Recreation and served as a Director of the local youth wrestling club. Is on the Executive Board of the United Counties Junior Youth Football League. Was recently elected to the Executive Board of the Police Athletic League as Sgt at Arms.

**O'Laughlin, Joseph (98012627) - Posted 10/13/2009 9:50:22 AM - General Class of 1971**

Ryan O'Laughlin, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Laughlin of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan was named a 2008 National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Ryan graduated with Honors from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and is currently a Sophomore at the University of Notre Dame.

**Knipper, James (98018428) - Posted 9/9/2009 12:49:24 PM - General Class of 1981**

The Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Trenton is honoring Deacon Jim Knipper with their Light of Hope Award on October 2, 2009. The award is given to Jim and his company for their charitable contributions in Ocean County, New Jersey.

**Knipper, James (98018428) - Posted 9/2/2009 6:28:48 PM - General Class of 1981**

Jim, president/CEO of J. Knipper and Company, was voted one of the top 100 Most Inspiring People of 2009 in the life sciences industry by PharmaVOICE Magazine.

**Hughes, Donald (98010808) - Posted 7/30/2009 11:30:52 AM - General Class of 1967**



Don Hughes checking in from Sarasota Florida where I've made my life for the last 31 years. Still messing with old cars, lousy investments and great real estate.. Cmon down and look around you'll know why I live here! Pic taken here is directing a WELSH SONG FEST..yep, still making NOISE! check out donhughesrealty.com or hit me up at toll free 877 366 4844

**Eltz, Brian (364049) - Posted 6/19/2009 10:31:25 PM - General**

## **Class of 2002**



**Outside the Lightner Farmhouse Bed & Breakfast, Gettysburg, PA**

From June 12th to the 14th, Brian Eltz (2002, G'05), Sharon (Canale) Eltz (2002), Mark Treimel (2002), Veronica (Vallejo) Treimel (2002), Brian Muratore (2003), and Shanna (Gillespie) Muratore (2002) spent a relaxing weekend together in historic Gettysburg, PA. The three couples stayed at a historic Bed & Breakfast, enjoyed the new visitor center and restored Cyclorama, and toured the battlefield in beautiful weather. A memorable time was had by all.

### **English, Robert (98018373) - Posted 5/18/2009 10:25:14 AM - General Class of 1981**

Bob English was elected to a full 3 year term on the Eatontown, New Jersey School Board on April 21, 2009.

### **Gombos, Christopher (97000467) - Posted 4/1/2009 11:25:52 AM - General Class of 1993**



Christopher Gombos (93) was ordained a reader at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Bridgeport, CT on Friday March 27, 2009.

**Rapko (Burdziejko), Lisa (98028453) - Posted 2/24/2009 7:18:40 AM - General Class of 1991**

my second book, "Before She Was Babci" is now available at [Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com). I'm very excited.

**Deangelis, Louis "Louie Dee" (98014484) - Posted 1/5/2009 8:54:22 PM - General Class of 1975**



**With "Deuce" one of our minis!**

After leaving the Automobile Business as a dealer 10 years ago, Lou has changed gears in mid life and is now an Executive Chef for Andy Boy of California, proud host of his own TV series "My Italian Kitchen," and now is a co-host on the Nationally syndicated radio show, Good Day with Doug Stephan, and, Eat Better with Chef Louie. Still a clown, stop in at [www.dougstephan.com](http://www.dougstephan.com) and visit the TEAM profiles.

**Fas Alzamora, Chaiben (98010007) - Posted 12/27/2008 12:17:50 PM - General  
Class of 1965**

Ray Deering class of 1965 and wife Carol visited Puerto Rico and met with fellow classmate Chaiben Fas Alzamora and wife Babie. While touring around Old San Juan Chaiben was called back to his hometown where he became grandfather for the second time. Julianna was born a healthy baby and joins Ignacio who is 2 1/2 and plans to join the Royals wrestling team in about 15 years.

**Bartholomew, Michael (436021) - Posted 12/10/2008 10:23:58 AM - General  
Class of 2003**

On December 8, Mike Bartholomew was ordained a deacon by Bishop William Murphy of Diocese of Rockville Centre at Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. As he continues his studies, he will serve at the Parish of St. John of God in Central Islip on weekends for the next six months until ordination to Priesthood on June 13, 2009 in Rockville Centre, NY.

**Solomeno, Vincent (945308) - Posted 9/10/2008 11:22:19 PM - General  
Class of 2007**

Vincent Solomeno graduated cum laude with a degree in Political Science from the University of Scranton. Twice President of the Class of 2007, he is the only individual to serve two consecutive terms as Student Body President in Scranton's history. Named one of "50 Rising Stars in New Jersey Politics" by Politicker New Jersey, he has managed or worked on local, state, and national campaigns. He completed the Truman Summer Institute in the office of U.S. Representative Frank Pallone (NJ-6), specializing in health care and food safety issues.

In 2007, Vincent was selected as a J. William Fulbright Scholar to the Netherlands where he earned a Master of

Arts in European Studies at the University of Amsterdam. A Distinguished Military Graduate (DMG), he is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve and is training to become a Combat Engineer. He also writes and coaches youth soccer.

**Bosch, Richard (98012820) - Posted 8/21/2008 1:42:48 PM - General  
Class of 1972**

Richard ('72) and his wife Mary Clifford (Marywood '73) just completed their 6th season of their theatre company, The Illustrious Theatre Company, in residence at the Warwick Valley Winery in Warwick, NY. The company is best known for its annual outdoor summer production "Shakespeare in the Orchard". Visit [www.theillustrioustheatre.org](http://www.theillustrioustheatre.org).

When not working full time, or producing a play, Rich and Mary have fun playing with their three grandchildren, 8 cats, 1 dog, and many bears in Highland Lakes, NJ.

**Reina Boyd (Reina), Patricia (453242) - Posted 6/5/2008 2:18:29 PM - General  
Class of 2003**

Just purchased a house outside of Philadelphia! very excited! :)

**Kubeck, Justin (19635) - Posted 5/23/2008 12:08:35 PM - General  
Class of 1997**

I am finishing my Orthopedic Spine Surgery fellowship at UCSD in San Diego, CA this July and will be on staff at Comunity Medical Center in Toms River, NJ. I will be working at Ocean Orthopedics in Toms River as an Orthopedic Spine Surgeon.

**Eltzholtz, Ed (98024139) - Posted 3/27/2008 12:56:23 PM - General  
Class of 1987**

Edward Eltzholtz (1987) completed the Dublin Ireland Marathon this past October in 3hrs, 54 minutes

**Durkee, Christopher "Durk" (99034237) - Posted 3/27/2008 12:56:23 PM - General  
Class of 1996**

""Christopher S. Durkee and Irene Durkee announce with sadness the passing of their son, Isaiah Alexander Durkee, on December 4, 2007. Chris and Irene would like to thank all of their friends who have sent condolences and given them support through this difficult time.