

Saint John's Seminary

Currents

Happenings in this Holy House

Winter 2014

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1st Annual Benefactors' Banquet



Mass recessional at the Benefactors' Banquet on Sunday, January 26, 2014.

January 26, 2014 marked our first Annual Benefactors' Banquet here at Saint John's Seminary. This event is a way to gather all of our generous leadership donors (those contributing \$1,000 or more annually) to thank them for their contributions throughout the year. It is also an opportunity to lift up two exemplary benefactors by granting the Saint John the Evangelist Medal, awarded for extraordinary contributions to the spiritual support of the Seminary, and the Archbishop John J. Williams Medal, designated for extraordinary contributions to SJS temporal life. Next year's event will take place on Sunday, January 25, 2015 — please save the date now and stay tuned for more ways to get involved!

A Faith-Filled Woman

Our first recipient of the Saint John the Evangelist Medal was SJS Trustee and friend Mrs. Loretta Gallagher. In a thousand ways, from organizing Carmelite prayer chains and notes and gifts in support of the seminarians, to actively engaging the members of the Serra Club, Loretta Gallagher has witnessed by her prayers and hard work the importance of what God is doing in the hearts of these young men.



SJS Trustee Loretta Gallagher receives her award from Cardinal Seán and Monsignor Moroney.

An Extraordinary Man

The greater Boston community lost a great man, Jack Shaughnessy, Sr., on November 27, 2013. Jack was a businessman and philanthropist, but more importantly, a faithful and dedicated friend of the Church and Saint John's Seminary. It was our great honor to remember him in the presence of 22 of his family members on Sunday, January 26, as he was posthumously granted the first Archbishop John J. Williams medal in recognition of his extraordinary support.



Jack Shaughnessy, Sr. and Monsignor James P. Moroney



Jack Shaughnessy, Jr. accepts the award on behalf of his father.



Note from the Rector

It's been a snowy and cold winter outside the Chapel and the statue of the Blessed Virgin and Child look like they're looking forward to Spring. But within the walls of this holy house it is springtime every day, as the Lord works marvels in the hearts of these good men.

With Diaconate ordinations just celebrated and a new semester underway, there's a sense of newness and of the freshness of God's love about. Perhaps the refreshing words (and actions!) of good Pope Francis are behind this sense of a new Pentecost.

It is all made possible by our friends and benefactors who gathered for the first time with Cardinal O'Malley on the evening of January 26. Remembering the good heart of Jack Shaughnessey, Sr. and the devout dedication of Loretta Gallagher, we were able to join as one big family with Cardinal O'Malley, the seminarians, and our most supportive friends.

Despite the temperature and all that white stuff on the ground, God always makes it springtime at Saint John's Seminary! Please join us soon for an event to see for the goodness for yourself.



Msgr. J. P. Moroney

Not Just a Golf Tournament...

On a perfect Fall day in late September, a full field of 144 golfers gathered at the Woodland Golf Club in Auburndale, MA for the 12th Annual Saint John's Seminary Golf Tournament & Auction. What a wonderful gathering it was for our golfers and guests as they mingled with Saint John's seminarians. After a fantastic day on the course, we capped off the evening with dinner, silent and live auctions and a bit of singing led by Fr. Chris Hickey. A good time was had by all!

Besides the day of fun and camaraderie, the mission of Saint John's Seminary was fortified by a record \$42,000+ in net proceeds. These funds support the many formational and educational programs of all those who attend Saint John's Seminary.

Please Save the Date for our 13th Annual Golf Tournament & Auction, again at the beautiful Woodland Golf Club, on Monday, September 15, 2014!

For more information, to reserve your spot early, or for sponsorship opportunities, please call 617-746-5422 or email marilyn.gaeta@sjs.edu.

Monsignor's Wish List

Are you looking to direct your funds to a special need or project? In addition to the ever-present need to keep the lights on and the seminarians fed, I do have a little "wish list". Won't you consider making a gift today toward one of the following needs?

- New mattresses for the Seminarians (\$200 each for 100 residents)
- Renovation of a quartet of pipes for our chapel organ (\$1,000)
- Classroom Technology: 1 Smart Board (\$3,100)

Gifts may be made by mailing checks to **Saint John's Seminary, attn: Msgr.'s Wish List; 127 Lake Street; Brighton, MA 02135**, or online at www.sjs.edu/gift.html. **Questions?** Email me at rector@sjs.edu or call 617-746-5413.



Msgr. James Moroney, SJS Rector, and Vice Rector Fr. Chris O'Connor cruised the course in the Rector Mobile!

March for Life 2014



Seminarian Brandon Sargent (Diocese of Manchester) tries to stay warm!

On January 21st and 22nd, eighty members of the SJS community traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend the 2014 March for Life. This year marked the 41st anniversary of 1973 Supreme Court decision on *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in the United States.

Over 10,000 people attended the Vigil Mass for Life, where Cardinal Seán O'Malley was principal celebrant and homilist. Hundreds of thousands walked the next day in the March, despite freezing temperatures. The March finished at the Supreme Court as the group prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

"It was the coldest March for Life I have ever attended, but the colder weather is better for our witness, because it shows how serious we are about the life issue."

— Seminarian Christopher Bae, President of the SJS Pro-Life Committee

Seminarians Report to Spring Training

Our championship softball team is gearing up for another great season. Stay tuned to www.sjs.edu for their game schedule and let's see if they can bring home the title again this year!



Seminarian Joseph Sanderson (Diocese of Burlington, VT)

Seminarian SPOTLIGHT

Did you know? Seminarians come to Saint John's from eleven different dioceses (Boston, Burlington, Fall River, Hartford, Hanoi, Hung Hoa, Manchester, Providence, Springfield, Thanh Hoa, & Worcester). In each issue of *Currents* and the *SJS Magazine* from now on, we will shine a spotlight on one student to give you an "insider's perspective" on the life and calling of a future priest. First up is Brian Morris, from the Diocese of Providence.

Brian Morris



Class: 1st Theology (that means I'm in my 3rd out of 6 years!)

Home Parish and Town: Our Lady of Mercy; East Greenwich, RI

HS/College Attended: Bishop Hendricken High School & Wake Forest University

Other Degrees or Previous Careers: I was a Certified Financial Planner and worked for UBS Financial Services as a Financial Advisor for four years.

If I could spend ten minutes with His Holiness Pope Francis, I would:

- a) Snap a photo and post it on Facebook
- b) Engage him in deep theological discussion
- c) Hand him my resume**

When did you first sense a call to the ministry?

In high school, while on Pilgrimage to Rome during my sophomore year. It took me about 10 years to fully respond, though!

Who or what have been the most formative influences on your faith identity and development?

Fr. Marcel Taillon. He was my high school chaplain and the one who really brought me back to thinking about the priesthood.

Do you have a particular focus or perspective that you hope to bring to your ministry?

The thing I most look forward to is working with young couples and families, especially helping to answer their questions about financial planning. In my studies, though, I hope to focus on Church History.

What is the most surprising thing you've learned about yourself or your faith at SJS?

That I cannot go it alone — I need to let go and ask for help, especially in the spiritual life.

People might be surprised to learn: Life at Saint John's Seminary is a lot of fun! We play intramural sports with the Boston College students and with other seminaries.

Please visit www.sjs.edu for more!



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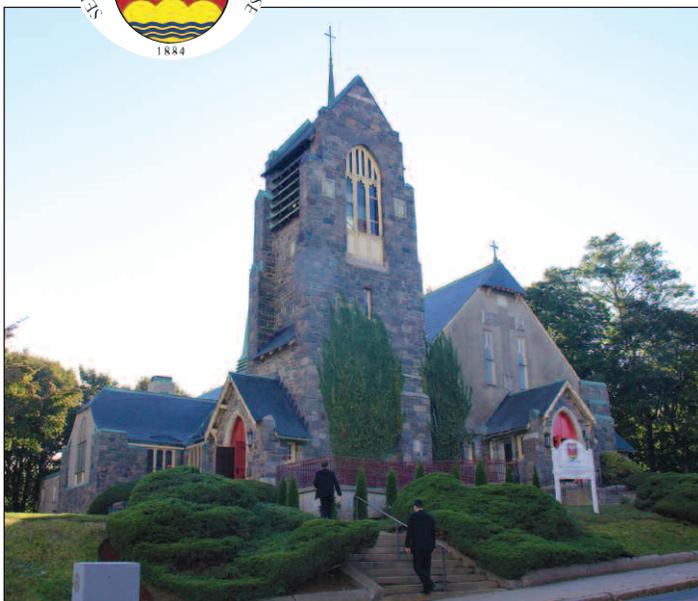
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Lady of the Presentation Lecture Hall and Library

The new Our Lady of the Presentation Lecture Hall and Library is located at 680 Washington Street, Oak Square, Brighton. Parking is available in a large lot further up the hill. **For more information on exact locations, please email sandy.barry@sjs.edu.** All other events take place on the main campus at 127 Lake Street, Brighton.

SJS Concert Series: Open Rehearsal with the Boston Chamber Orchestra

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 7:00–9:30 PM

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SJS Concert Series: English Catholic Music during the Tudor Reign

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, AT 3:00 PM

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY CHAPEL

OLP Lecture Series: The Cross & Resurrection in the History of Christian Art

MONDAY, APRIL 7, AT 7:00 PM

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April 13–20: HOLY WEEK

CHECK BACK TO WWW.SJS.EDU SOON FOR INFO ON JOINING US FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM IN THE SJS CHAPEL.

SJS Concert Series Special Mother's Day Weekend Concert: Baroque Chamber Music

SATURDAY, MAY 10, AT 7:30 PM

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