

# St. Bernard Alumni Reunion Set for June 27-30

St. Bernard

# Happenings

St. Bernard Preparatory School

Spring 2019



*St. Bernard Prep School Class of 2019*

The 120th Graduation Exercise of St. Bernard will take place Sunday, May 26th, at 2:00pm in the Abbey Church. Pictured (l-r): 1st row: Jacinta Tona, Abigail Curtis, Adrian Smith, Samantha Silva, Andie Zatarain. 2nd row: Christine Lauwerth, Kim Gao, Phoebe Coccia, Chenyan Shi, Gracie Loyd, Emma Pierce, Mya Agnello, Brenda Avila. 3rd row: Jost Malczewski, Erik Freudenberg, Elliot Deep, Thomas Fortson, Fulton Gil, Ethan Shaw, Carson Holmes. 4th row: Peter Duan, Joseph McCarthy, Zachary McClain, Gavin Whaley, Johann Schultze, Alden Olyniec. Not shown: Seunghwan Kim, Zhongjie Zheng, Josie Reynolds.

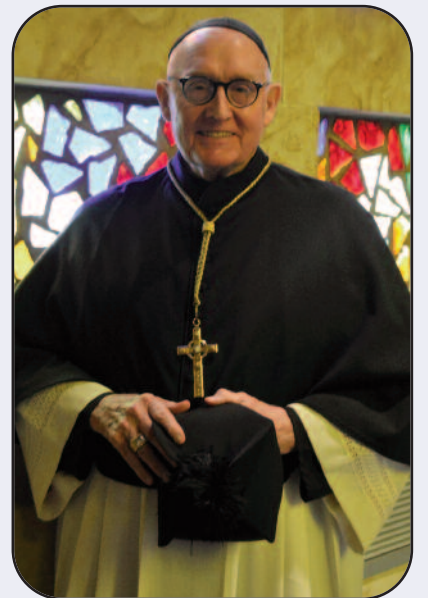
## Abbot Cletus Meagher Announces Retirement

In accordance with the law proper to the American-Cassinense Congregation of Benedictine Monks, which stipulates seventy-five years as the retirement age of abbots, the Right Reverend Cletus D. Meagher, O.S.B., the ninth abbot of Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman, Alabama, who turns seventy-five in 2019, announces his impending retirement from the office of abbot.

Abbot Cletus's retirement from the abbatial office will take effect upon the election of his successor, the tenth abbot of St. Bernard Abbey, which will be held the week of July 22, 2019. Abbot President Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B., president of the American-Cassinense Congregation of Benedictine Monks, will preside over the election process.

Abbot Cletus was born in Cleveland, Tennessee, in 1944, and attended high school and college at St. Bernard, studying as a candidate for the abbey. He entered monastic life in 1964, professing simple vows on July 4, 1965. He studied theology at St. Bede Abbey in Peru, Illinois, and at the University of St. Louis in St. Louis, Missouri. He was

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*Abbot Cletus D. Meagher, O.S.B.*

## 35th Annual Bloomin' Festival held at St. Bernard April 6-7

Thousands of Bloomin' Festival patrons enjoyed more than 180 booths that lined the campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School on the weekend of April 6th and 7th. The 35th edition of the Annual Bloomin' Festival wrapped up on Sunday with the grand prize - a 2019 Jeep Renegade being presented to Jeff and Katherine Karlinger of Huntsville, Alabama.

Highlighting the entertainment this year was Nashville's "Incognito Cartel," which played three sets during the day on Saturday. The festival also featured entertainment provided by St. Bernard Prep School's Choir as well as the St. Bernard Jazz Bands.

The grounds were covered with artisans featuring everything from flowers and plants to high quality arts, including paintings, pottery, broom making, jewelry, recycled art, fiber art and so much more.

Freddie Day Catering provided delicious food alongside Prep School parents and students, who served up smoked chicken, polish sausages, hotdogs, and hamburgers. Strawberry waffles, funnel cakes, hot cinnamon nuts, cheese straws, toffee, and homemade fudge were also available. Homemade St. Bernard Bread was in high demand and sold out late Saturday morning.

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*Grand Prize Winners*

Fr. Joel Martin presents the 2019 Jeep Renegade Grand Prize to Jeff and Katherine Karlinger of Huntsville, AL, Sunday afternoon, April 7, at the 35th Annual Bloomin' Festival.

# St. Bernard Happenings

## SBP Students inducted into National Honor Society

The St. Bernard Community, joined by a host of parents, gathered in the Abbey Church on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 to celebrate Mass and induct twenty-four students into the National Honor Society.

The National Honor

Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students on the basis of scholarship (at least 90 average), leadership, service, and character.

Addressing those in attendance, St. Bernard

Headmaster, Fr. Linus Klucarits, OSB, said "Greeks and Romans wore laurels and were told to rest on their laurels. This is not what National Honor Society is about. I encourage each of you to look forward to doing and serving more."

Elliot Deep, president of the National Honor Society, presided over the ceremony. Other officers presented one of the four qualities for NHS membership: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

Faculty sponsor, Joseph

Bond said the NHS officers were faced with the daunting task of making a brief formal speech before a large audience. "They did an excellent job! We wish to congratulate and welcome each of our new members."



*National Junior Honor Society Inductees*

Front row (l-r): Mollie Woods, Emma Powell, Amelia Tafazoli, Cesar Hernandez, Bradley Burrows, and Emily Lader. Second row (l-r): Merrilee Schartung, Margaret Holsomback, Natalie Garcia, Elizabeth Hazard, Chloe Lambert, Cole Bissot, and Emma Whaley. Back row (l-r): Fr. Linus Klucarits, Riley Holmes, Madeline McBride, Claudia Fallin, Morgan Waites, Campbell Whaley, Kole Gentry, Tyler Heatherly, John Pechon, Joseph Keith, and Deacon Tim Vaughn.



*National Honor Society Inductees*

Front row (l-r): Jay Kim, Caleb Norman, Daniel Campos, Justin Anders, Samantha Stefani, and Sara Barck. Second row (l-r): David DeJesus, Liz Medina, Alex Lewis, Anna Guthery, Kathleen George, Jackelyn Arteaga, Marianne Pichardo, and Isabella Warden. Third row (l-r): Eliajah Loyd, Chloe Tombo, and Conor Berry. Back row (l-r): John-David Grey, Druss Hays, Nik Borths, Francis Mami, Olivia Brown, Joseph Arriaga, and James Schomburg.

## 35th Annual Bloomin' Festival a success

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Festival Director, Joyce Nix was all smiles throughout the

weekend. "I am so excited about everything we are doing at St. Bernard. We work hard

to make this event come together and this year it came together like clockwork." She

continued, "Students and coaches from the athletic department assisted patrons with parking. The Saints cheerleaders took care of the children's area, and everyone else pitched in where necessary to make this a memorable weekend for families."

Sponsors who helped make our festival possible included: Leafilter, O.F. Richter & Sons, Hendon & Huckestein Architects, Pepsi, Buenavista Mex Cantina, Applebee's, Merchants Bank, Cullman Regional, Kassouf & Company, ITS, Byars-Wright Insurance, Cullman Jefferson Gas, Wal Mart Distribution #6006, Cook's Pest Control, Richard Neese - Weichert Realty, and Wes Warren - Happy Homes Real Estate. Temperatures in the high 70's

made lemonade an easy sell as the school gained another corporate sponsor this year, Nanny's Old Fashioned Lemonade.

Other winners in the giveaway included: Orange Beach Vacation (donated by D & J Retreats) - Kay and Stanley Martin of Madison, AL; Apple Watch - 3 GPS - Melissa Gimenez, Huntsville, AL; Apple AirPods - Denise McCullars of Glencoe, AL; and the Weather Radio (donated by Cullman Power Board) went to Perry Sullivan of Scottsboro, AL.

Fr. Joel Martin, President of St. Bernard Prep School, thanks all in attendance for supporting the festival and invites everyone back in September for the 3rd Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ on September 14-15, 2019.



*Bloomin' Festival Crowd*

# St. Bernard Happenings

## SBP Middle School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Students at St. Bernard Middle School participated in National Catholic Schools Week, the week of January 27-February 2.

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week marks the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January, lasting the entire week. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2019 was "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." The school observed this annual occasion with a Mass and other activities for students and families. During the course of these events, St. Bernard Middle School focused on the value Catholic education provides young

people and its continuing contributions to our church, our local communities, and the whole nation.

The students participated in a number of fun dress up days, enjoyed special snacks during break, and concluded each day with a bee competition in English, science, math, social studies, and religion.

On Friday, students celebrated the final day of Catholic Schools Week by boarding the St. Bernard bus and heading to Cullman Bowling Center for a morning of bowling adventures. Upon their return to campus, students were treated to pizza and soft drinks and enjoying a movie in the Abbey Byre.



*Middle School Spelling Bee Winners*

Winning the subject bees during Catholic Schools Week at St. Bernard Middle School are: L-R Cesar Hernandez – 7th Grade Math; Nic Ruse – 8th Grade Math; Amelia Tafazoli – Social Studies; Scarlette DeCicco – English; Emmanuel Santiago – Religion; and Maria Luyk – Social Studies.

## Tyler Hooper Joins Staff at St. Bernard

The St. Bernard community welcomed Tyler Hooper (SBP '07) as a member of the Alumni and Development Office. Hooper, a recipient of the General Excellence Award while at St. Bernard Prep, graduated with honors in 2011 from Samford University with a Bachelor of Science degree. After graduation, he managed his family's business and in 2015 he began working for a group called, REV Birmingham.

REV Birmingham is an

economic development agency that helps create vibrant commercial districts in the city of Birmingham. It was through this program that Hooper gained experience in grant writing and fundraising from the local to the national level for Birmingham revitalization projects.

Hooper said, "I'm glad to be back in Cullman and back at St. Bernard working in the school, which gave so much to me. I have so many memories of my years at

Sacred Heart School and my years at St. Bernard. I will always be grateful for the education I received here, which made it possible for me to attend Samford University with some wonderful scholarships."

"I'm glad to welcome Tyler as a member of the development team here at St. Bernard," said Fr. Marcus Voss, Director of Development. "He has a strong work ethic and experience in the field of fundraising. As a graduate of St. Bernard Prep School, he shares the memories of our current alumni and can help build that program as we move forward."

"I am excited about creating this new chapter of my life," Hooper said, "and I look forward to connecting with people who love St. Bernard just as much as I do."



*Fr. Marcus Voss, O.S.B. greets new staff member Tyler Hooper*

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## Make every day a Masterpiece!

By Michael Kastner  
Director of Fine Arts

If there was ever a quote that the **Fine Arts Department** at St. Bernard Prep School lives by... "Make everyday a masterpiece" would have to be it.

Thank you Coach John Wooden for those wonderful words of wisdom and inspiration.

Our journey this spring has been a masterful one in all areas of the Fine Arts. Art, Band, Choral, and Drama have all had a very special spring giving our students opportunities to excel. These experiences will be sure to last a life time."

### ART

The Art Department has been busy working on their final projects of the year. The high school is working on a landscape painting that shows perspective on either canvas or color paper using water colors or acrylics.

The middle school has been working on a project that shows foreground, middle ground, and background. To make it even more challenging they are trying to do a seascape, cityscape, and a landscape all in one picture. The secret is in the perspective and how things up close show a great deal of detail, and the further back, the less detail is seen.

It has been very interesting to

watch the students develop their final projects of the school year.

### BAND

"Time to book another gig!" should be the motto of the band program here at St. Bernard Prep School and this spring is a prime example of just that!

Starting on March 5th, Mr. Simpson packed up all of the groups and went over to **Sacred Heart School**, an annual favorite. The Beginning Band, Concert Band, and the Jazz Combo all performed for a fantastic audience of students and teachers. "It was like going home" one of the Sacred Heart alumni and current SBP student said after the show, "but everything is a lot smaller now."

The Jazz Combo hit the road on March 7th to perform at the **Cullman Chamber of Commerce Gala** at Stone Bridge Farms.

**The 35th Annual Bloomin' Festival**, which took place in April, was the next gig for all three of the bands. The groups performed for a packed festival and introduced a few new songs for each group.

Back on the road once again, the Jazz Combo kicked off the **Annual Cullman Strawberry Festival** on Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m. at Depot Park. Jazz Combo singer Lauren Agnello said that it was an

honor to help kick off this year's Strawberry Festival.

### CHORAL

Our **Spring Fine Arts Trip** this year took us to Nashville, Tennessee, where the students in the choir and band got to spend the day together. The adventure started with lunch at **The Aquarium** at the Opry Mills Mall where we had some amazing seafood while seated around a 200,000-gallon tank - home to a wide variety of fish, sharks, stingrays, and more.

After lunch it was off to **THE ESCAPE ROOM** where our students used their knowledge and teamwork skills to escape from one of the adventures that brought epic stories to life in a one-of-a-kind tactile experience, including *Special Ops*, *Mission: Mars*, *Playground*, *Nashville*, and *The Heist*. What a great teambuilding opportunity!

After we escaped it was off to the **Cool Springs Galleria** for our performance, but not before we got some shopping done. The Concert Band, the Jazz Combo and the Concert Choir all performed to the many guests in attendance. Many very positive comments were made about the high level of musicianship our students displayed. Very proud of everyone who made the trip a huge success!

### DRAMA

"There's no place like home" was never so evident as in the Spring Musical production of **The Wizard of Oz!** The cast and crew felt very much at ease on the stage of *The Byre* as they brought the story of Dorothy and Toto to life for sold out audiences.

Being staged "in-the-round" the performers and audience became

one as everyone journeyed over the rainbow to the enchanted land of Oz.

There is nothing better than having a positive and memorable experience on the stage when cast and crew become one to give the audience a smile, a tear, and a song to leave within their heart.

Everyone is already talking about next year's spring musical!

### SUMMER JAM ON THE QUAD

The bands and choirs will have one final concert of the school year on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. on the quad between the Church and the Administration Building! Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and help us celebrate the end of our journey

together this academic year. In the case of rain, we will move to *The Byre*. Let's send our seniors out in style! Please dress up in your favorite summer wear!

### THE FUTURE

The future for the Fine Arts Department looks very bright with course offerings, a huge trip to DISNEY in February, and a lot of very talented students returning to St. Bernard Prep School in the Fall. Can't wait to start a new journey together in August!

**God Bless the  
SBP family!  
Have a safe and  
enjoyable summer!**



*Band in Nashville*



*Choir in Nashville*

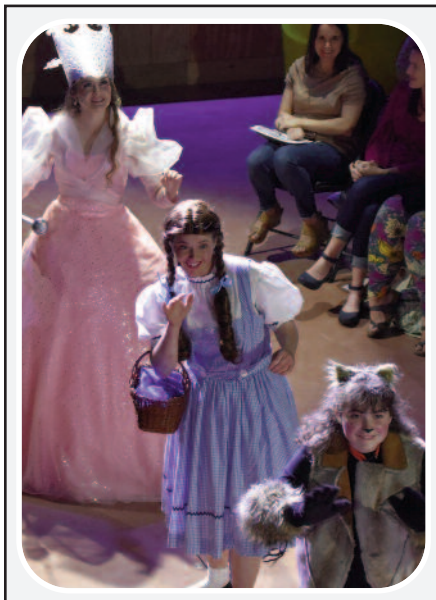


*Students Perform at Bloomin' Festival  
under the direction of Michael Kastner*

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## "Wizard of Oz" Production Transports Audience "Over the Rainbow"

Dorothy - Lauren Agnello  
 Tin Man - Ian Sidley  
 Scarecrow - John Christian Rose  
 Lion - Luis Garcia  
 Wicked Witch - Josie Reynolds  
 Glenda the Good Witch - Mya Agnello  
 Toto - Elaina Agnello



*Agnello Sisters spend some quality time together in Oz!*



*I am the Great and Powerful Oz! Who are you?*



*Pardon me. That way is a very nice way!*



*And your little dog too!*



*I'm an old Kansas man myself!*

## Plans for Camp St. Bernard underway

Parents and children interested in attending summer camp should look to Camp St. Bernard in Cullman. Camp St. Bernard strives to help each individual camper attain skills that will enable them to achieve a strong sense of self-value and self-responsibility in a safe, enjoyable, and highly active setting.

Camp St. Bernard offers a wide range of traditional camp programs and activities for young girls and boys between the ages of 6-14 years of age. Activities include but are not limited to archery, arts and crafts, basketball, canoeing, ceramics, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, kayaking, swimming, and tennis.



### 2019 Camp Schedule

June 2-7	.....Ages 6-11
June 9-14	.....Ages 8-12
June 16-21	....Ages 10-14
June 23-28	....Ages 10-14

Camp Sessions each last one week, Monday – Friday for day campers or Sunday – Friday for residential campers. Residential campers reside in the dorms of St.

Bernard Prep School. Each week will have a maximum of 104 campers. The camp staff includes 20 counselors and 3 adult administrators.

Cost for a day camper is \$250 per session; Residential Camper - \$450 per session. Sibling and repeat campers - \$50 discounts available.

For additional information visit [www.campstbernard.com](http://www.campstbernard.com).

### New Roof for Founders Hall

Workers prepare Founders Hall for a new roof. The roof comes as the result of the March 2018 baseball sized hail storm which devastated many homes and businesses in the city of Cullman.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Bernard Blues and BBQ**  
**September 14-15, 2019**

# Abbey news

## Fr. Bede Marcy Takes Over Dining Services at St. Bernard

Fr. Bede Marcy has accepted the challenge of taking over dining services at St. Bernard Abbey starting in June. For the past eight years, St. Bernard's dining hall has been operated by Flik Independent School Dining Services. However, this contract comes to a close on May 31st of this year.

Knowing that the current contract with Flik would be coming to an end in May, Abbot Cletus Meagher, approached Fr. Bede this past Fall to ask if he would be willing to consider taking over the position of dining hall manager. "Honestly, I was shocked by his response," said Abbot Cletus, "I really thought that he would be more hesitant to take on such an enormous task." In fact, Fr. Bede gave an enthusiastic "Yes".

Fr. Bede has been cooking since he was a young boy and has had a passion for it ever since. His dad said that he cooked his first meal for the family when he was only ten years old – sweet and sour

chicken with sticky rice. "We couldn't believe it. He kicked us out of the kitchen! And did everything from scratch. This was long before the days of YouTube videos." Since coming to the monastery, Fr. Bede has regularly prepared meals for the monastic community and is always trying to get them to eat new things. Over the past couple of years, he has focused on mastering Korean cuisine to the delight of our many international boarding students. He has even been featured on Maangchi's Korean YouTube cooking channel. One monk commented, "Fr. Bede really seems to love the art of cooking - he is always making things from scratch, from fresh cheese to kimchi, to breads and pastas." Despite his eager response, Abbot Cletus wisely asked that Fr. Bede ponder the challenge before giving his final answer. In fact, Abbot Cletus asked twice more if Fr. Bede was sure about the appointment

and each time was met with an enthusiastic "Absolutely!". In the Spring of this year, Abbot Cletus announced to both the monastic community and the larger Saint Bernard community that Fr. Bede would be the new Executive Chef of the Saint Bernard Dining Hall.

Fr. Bede will take a break from his chaplain services and day to day teaching in the classroom to prepare three hot meals daily for the monastic community, students, faculty, and staff, as well as taking care of retreat groups and various catered events. Fr. Bede said he is excited to serve and teach and minister in this new way. Jesus did not need a classroom in which to teach. But he used images from farming and food constantly in his teaching because he knows that we hunger and thirst – ultimately we hunger and thirst for God. What a great way to share the Gospel and serve the community!"

"We appreciate everything Flik has done for St. Bernard," Fr. Bede

said. "Chef Thomas has been a great source of encouragement and very helpful in making sure the transition goes smoothly. I am happy to know that Chef Thomas has received a wonderful job offer in

Montgomery which will allow him more quality time with his wife and twin boys." We all look forward to seeing what Fr. Bede and his team have on the menu for this coming year!



*Fr. Bede Marcy*



### *Three Men Enter Novitiate*

At First Vespers of the Solemnity of the Passing of Saint Benedict, Prior Leo Borelli, O.S.B., novice master and formation director, presented Saint Bernard's three postulants - Father Matthew Simmons, Anthony Visintainer, and Christian Peterson - to Abbot Cletus for reception into the novitiate. Before the monastic community, the abbot asked the three postulants "What do you seek?" Together, they answered: "The mercy of God and fellowship in this community." Then, each was invested with the monastic scapular over his tunic and received his new religious name. Father Matthew is now known as Father Isaac, Anthony as Brother Lazarus, and Christian as Brother Andrew.

The new novices now begin the year-long novitiate of work, prayer, study, and formation that precedes simple profession of vows.

Pictured l-r: Fr. Isaac, Brother Lazarus, Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., Brother Andrew.

# St. Bernard Abbey news

## St. Bernard Monks Prepare to Elect Abbot

This year Abbot Cletus D. Meagher, OSB, who has served as abbot of St. Bernard Abbey since 1995, will turn 75 and is required by the law of the American-Cassinian Congregation of Benedictine Monasteries, to which St. Bernard belongs, to resign from office. At that point, the monks of St. Bernard will hold an election for a new abbot, which has been scheduled to begin July 22, 2019. Completion of the election process can take anywhere from one to several days.

The election of an abbot is an important event in the life of a monastic community and is not to be approached cavalierly.

### Abbot Cletus Meagher Announces Retirement

(Continued from page 1) subsequently ordained to the priesthood on May 24, 1971. In the years before his election as abbot on May 8, 1995, Abbot Cletus served in a variety of roles, including prior, subprior, novice master, procurator, farm manager, and pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Cullman.

Abbot Cletus takes this opportunity to give thanks to Almighty God for sustaining him in nearly a quarter century of service to the monastic community as abbot, and to express his gratitude for the immeasurable support he received from the monks, and countless friends and benefactors of the abbey; he joins the monastic community in asking for your prayers as they begin

Consequently, the monks of St. Bernard have already begun preparing for this momentous event, as far back as July of last year, when Fr. Michael Skrocki, a priest of the Eparchy of Newton, MA, and a canon lawyer, delivered two conferences to the community, one on the election of an abbot in the *Rule of St. Benedict* and another on the election of an abbot according to the *Code of Canon Law*. More recently, on March 24 and 25 of this year, Abbot Placid Solari, OSB, of Belmont Abbey in North Carolina, came and gave a series of three conferences on the role of the abbot.

The monks, however, have been

doing more than listening to conferences in preparation for the election. Most importantly, they have been praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. One way that they have been doing this is by praying the Rosary together for the intention of the election on the Wednesdays of Lent. A series of community meetings for discussion of topics related to the choosing of an abbot are also scheduled for the first week of July. Meanwhile, the public reading of books and articles relating to the abbot and monastic leadership is being done at the monks' supper each evening. Such "Table Reading" ordinarily accompanies the monks' evening meal throughout the year, but the theme of the reading is currently focused on topics relating to the election.

In contrast to secular politics, there is no "campaign season" lead-

ing up to the election of an abbot. In fact, the monks are forbidden to campaign for the office of abbot. There are no "candidates" until the election actually begins, as all the monks of the abbey who are solemnly professed (i.e. have made a lifetime commitment to the monastery) are on the ballot. Nonetheless, there are certain requirements for the office of abbot spelled out in the proper law of the Congregation, namely: "In order to be validly elected to the office of abbot it is required that a monk be: (1) at least thirty years of age; (2) solemnly professed for at least seven years; (3) an ordained priest; (4) a member of the Congregation" (*Constitutions of the American-Cassinian Congregation*, 13).

The Abbot President of the Congregation, Abbot Elias Lorenzo, OSB, will preside over the election.

Once a monk has received the requisite number of votes, the Abbot President will ask him if he accepts the election; he is free to reject the election (i.e. refuse the office) if he sees fit. If he accepts, then the Abbot President confirms the election, and the abbot-elect assumes the office immediately. Within three months of the election, the new abbot is blessed in a grand ceremony. If the monk chosen refuses the election, then the community must begin the election process all over again. This may be done at once or at a later date (usually within a month).

The monks of St. Bernard ask all their friends and associates to join them in praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of the next abbot of St. Bernard. FIAT VOLUNTAS DEI!

### Three Monks Profess Simple Vows March 21

During Mass of the Solemnity of the Passing of Saint Benedict on Thursday, March 21, in the presence of Abbot Cletus, the monastic community, and many family members and friends, three novices made their simple profession of monastic vows, becoming the newest junior monks of Saint Bernard Abbey.

After being questioned by the abbot about their resolve to embrace a vowed monastic life, each novice read his profession document aloud. Then, together with two monks chosen by the novice as witnesses, each signed the document upon the altar. With arms extended, the

newly-professed monks sang the ancient prayer "Suscipe Me Domine" ("Uphold me O Lord according to your promise and I will live; do not let my hope in you be in vain") from Psalm 119. Each was clothed by the abbot in the monastic hood, a sign of being a professed monk, and finally received the fraternal embrace from all of the other professed monks.

Brother Charles Manning and Brother Benedict Dyar served as lectors and Deacon Pete Nassetta assisted the abbot. The music was led by the monastic schola, under the direction of Father Joel Martin, with Brother Peter Le accompanying as organist.

Brother Benedict Dyar and Brother Marion Sanchez served as witnesses for Brother Simeon, Prior Leo Borelli and Father Joel Martin for Brother Paul, and Father Marcus Voss and Father Bernard Denson for Brother Cassian. Following the Mass, there was a festive luncheon served in the student dining hall.

Brother Simeon Gagnon, O.S.B., the son of Gary and Laney Gagnon, is twenty years old and comes to Saint Bernard from Birmingham, Alabama. Before entering the monastery, Brother Simeon attended John Carroll Catholic High School and Oak Mountain High School, graduating in 2017. Feeling an attraction to religious life for as long as he can recall, Brother Simeon says, "After visiting Saint Bernard Abbey in the fall of 2016, I felt this would be my future home. The liturgy and the monastic customs here helped seal the deal for me."

Brother Paul Adams, O.S.B., twenty-four years old, is the son of Bill and Kate Adams of South Bend, Indiana. Prior to coming to Saint Bernard, Brother Paul

completed his bachelor of arts degree in theology at Christendom College, Fort Royal, Virginia. When asked what led him to the monastery, he recalls, "Looking at the world around me I saw distraction and inauthenticity ... reflecting on my relationship with God I felt a call to live a life wholly devoted to him."

Brother Cassian Konieczny, O.S.B., of West Lafayette, Indiana, is the son of Stephen Konieczny and Elizabeth Taparowsky and is twenty-eight years old. He earned his bachelor of arts degree, majoring in theology and minoring in philosophy, as well as his master of arts degree in theology, from Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, Florida.

Before coming to Saint Bernard, Brother Cassian worked as program coordinator for the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs at Purdue University and for campus ministry at Ave Maria University. Looking for a Benedictine community where he could seek God that also had a variety of apostolates, he says "the combination of the monastic environment, the academic dimension of the life, and a focus on hospitality where among the many aspects of Saint Bernard that appealed to me."

Monastic formation consists of three phases: a six-month period of initial monastic orientation known as the postulancy, a year of intense formation called the novitiate, and finally three years of simply—or temporarily—professed vows referred to as the juniorate. At the conclusion of these three years, the junior monk may profess solemn—or final—vows, becoming a monk for life.



Brother Simeon, Brother Paul, Abbot Cletus Meagher, O.S.B., and Brother Cassian

# SBP Athletes are Recognized at

St. Bernard Athletic Boosters and coaching staff honored athletes who participated in fall and winter sports on February 27, 2019 during a ceremony in the Abbey Byre.

Josh Whaley, President of the SBP Athletic Booster Club, commented that the coaches and parents work together to make athletics affordable for all students at St. Bernard. "It's been another successful year and we are thankful for each athlete and their parents who have supported the SBP Athletic Program."

Headmaster Fr. Linus Klucarskis, OSB opened the

evening with prayer with the presentation of awards following for cross country, volleyball, bowling, cheerleaders, and basketball.

## Cross Country

William Calvert, Athletic Director and cross country coach for the Saints congratulated the boys and girls teams for winning the 3A Section 3 Championships. "I am proud of the dedication and discipline these runners exhibited throughout the summer and fall training. Their hard work resulted in an another highly successful year

for our cross country program."

The boys placed 3rd while the girls finished in 5th place at the 3A State Cross Country Meet held at the Oakville Indian Mound on November 10, 2018.

Special awards for cross country included the following: Gracie Loyd, Adrian Smith and Joseph McCarthy received Senior Award plaques for their multiple years of successful running cross country. McCarthy was an All-Section runner in 2017 and 2018. Seventh grader Emma Powell was awarded the Most Outstanding Performance for the girls' team. Emma earned All-State status by placing in 10th place at the state meet with a time of 20:52 for 5k. Joseph Arriaga won the same award for the boys with a 19th place finish at the state meet and 6th place at the section meet. Most Valuable Runner for the boys was junior Caleb Guthery. Caleb earned All-State by placing 2nd at the state meet with a time of 17:03. He was first place for the team in 10 of 12 meets. Girls Most Valuable Runner was Chloe Tombo. She finished in first place for the team in 9 of 12 meets. She also took 2nd at the Section 3 Meet with a season best time for the team of 20:43. Claire Sanders was honored as Team Captain for her outstanding leadership in practice and at the meets. She also made the All-Section 3 Team, placing 6th. Further David De Jesus was honored as the "Best New Runner" by virtue of his improvement throughout the year. He made the All-Section 3 Team by placing 10th David improved an

unbelievable 3:42 for 5k from the first to last meet.

## Volleyball

Coach Tiffany Pope recognized each member of the team before presenting the top awards. She congratulated the girls on their dedication and work ethic throughout the season and challenged them to continue to continue their hard work in the off season. Coach Pope is excited about next year's prospects for returning to the Super Regionals, as there are no seniors on this year's team and the girls plan on attending a summer skills camp at UAB in July. Emma Whaley earned the Junior Varsity Volleyball Most Valuable Player Award; while Jenna Pechon was presented the Leadership Award.

Varsity Volleyball Awards went to the following: Olivia Brown – Most Blocks (39); Yessi Pascual – Most Assists; Emma Tafazoli – Best Offensive Player- Most Kills – 144/494, Most Aces – 42/171, and 83 Digs; Macy Whaley – Most Valuable Player - Best Serving Percentage – 88%, Best Ace Percentage – 31%, Best Kill Percentage – 30%, and 67 Digs; and Bridget Gallegos – Best Defensive Player.

## Bowling

Bowling Coach Tyler Ayers presented awards to the teams Seniors which included : Abigail Curtis, Gracie Loyd, and Thomas Fortson. The girls bowling team placed 3rd in the area, narrowly missing the play-offs. Gracie Loyd was the top scorer for the season.



## Varsity Boys Basketball

Top to bottom: Alex Shoaff, Jose Zatarain, Nik Borths, Caleb Guthery, Carson Holmes, Peter Duan, Gavin Whaley, David Kim, John Christian Rose.



## Varsity Girls Basketball Awards

Emma Tafazoli, Macy Whaley, and Claire Sanders.



## JV Boys Basketball

Conor Berry and Druss Hays.



## Middle School Girls

Emma Powell and Amelia Tafazoli.



## Cheerleaders

Claudia Fallin and Abigail Curtis.

# Fall and Winter Sports Ceremony



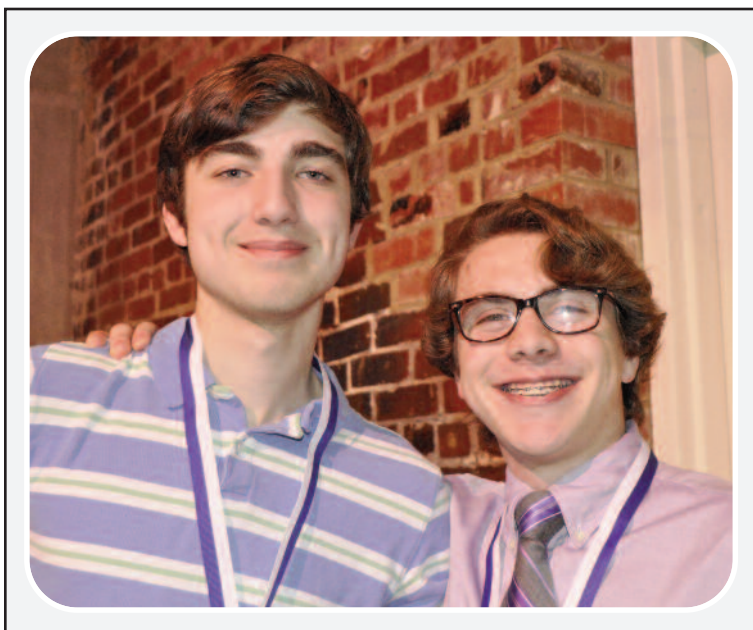
## Boys Cross Country Awards

Joseph Arriaga, Caleb Guthery, Joey McCarthy, David DeJesus



## Girls Cross Country

Adrian Smith, Claire Sanders, Emma Powell, Chloe Tombo, Gracie Loyd.



## Bowling Boys

Joey McCarthy and Ian Sidley.

### Cheerleaders

Cheer Coach Elicia Fallin recognized each member of the St. Bernard Prep Cheerleading Team with a medal. Congratulations were given to the squad for representing SBP in a professional and enthusiastic manner. Abigail Curtis, Claudia Fallin, Riley Holmes, Gabrielle Bennett, Alison Gongre, and Emma Powell were recognized for earning UCA All-American status at summer camp. Abigail Curtis and Claudia Fallin were presented plaques for Captain and Co-Captain respectively.

### Middle School - JV Basketball

Mr. Brendan Flannery, first year coach of the middle school boys team presented Jiovanny Arriaga-Aguilar the Defensive MVP Award and Peter Tran the award for Leading Scorer.

JV Boys Basketball awards were presented by Coach Sean Moriarty. Druss Hays received Most Valuable Player Award and Conor Berry received the Best Offensive Impact Award.

**In middle school girls basketball:** Emma Powell and Amelia Tafazoli were named the team's Most Outstanding Players.

### Varsity Girls Basketball

Coach Tiffany Pope commented on the improvement of the varsity girls basketball team throughout the season. The Saints have no seniors on the current team, so prospects are good for continued improvement and success. Coach Pope presented several statistical awards to the players as follows: Claire Sanders received the award for "Best Offensive Player." She also was recognized for Best Free Throw Percentage – 58%, Most Points Scored – 208, and PPG – 9.9. Emma Tafazoli was presented the plaque for "Most Valuable Player." She also was recognized for the



## Retiring Coaches

Greg Boatright and Wendell Calloway.

Best 3 Point Percentage -22.2%, Most Rebounds – 171, Most Steals – 43, and Best Overall Shooting Percentage – 37.4%. Macy Whaley received the "Best Defensive Player" award. She also was honored for Best 2 Point Percentage – 45.6%, and Most Blocks – 11.

### Varsity Boys Basketball

Head Coach Greg Boatright presented the varsity boys basketball team awards. Coach gave a summary of the season from summer play dates to area tournaments. "Last summer we had a lot to be desired as a basketball team, but by the time the season got rolling, we played some good basketball against tough competition. We finished with 10

wins, which is a credit to their hard work during the pre-season." The Saints were knocked from the area tournament by eventual 1A State champion Decatur Heritage. Coach Boatright recognized the entire team, and especially credited his seniors for their dedication to the program for multiple years. Awards were as follows: Senior Gavin Whaley - Team Captain , All Area Tournament and Most Rebounds. Senior Carson Holmes – Team Captain – Best 3 Point Field Goal Percentage ( 34%) , Most Assists; Junior J.C. Rose – All- Area for the Regular Season, Leading Scorer 347 points, (14.46 PPG;) Best 2 PT FG% 53%, FT% 74.6%; and Most Steals 39; and Junior Caleb Guthery - FT% 73.5%.

## Bowling Girls

Abigail Curtis  
and Gracie Loyd.



# St. Bernard Happenings

## NEW ARRIVALS



*Hadden Greer Crow*

Hank Michael Crow-4; and Hogan Davis Crow-2 at their home in Cullman.



*Macey Alexandra Bishop*

She joins her family at their home in Vestavia, Alabama with the family pet, Penny.

**Katie (LaRussa)** (PS '00) and **Jeff Henderson** announce the birth of their son, **Francesco (Frankie)** **Stephen Henderson**, who was born April 22, 2019. He weighed 7 lbs, and measured 20.5 inches long. He is the grandson of **Frank** (HS '59) and **Nan LaRussa** and **Stephen** and **Margaret Henderson**.



*Frankie Henderson*



*Alumni Visit Campus*

(l-r) Ken Copley, Bucky Jackson, and Fr. Frank Muscalino.

**Maddie (Harris) Crow** (PS '05) and **Wesley Crow** announced the birth of their son, **Hadden Greer Crow**, who was born March 9, 2019 weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces. He joins his older brothers **Harris Otto Crow-6**;

**Jeremiah Bishop** (PS '06) and wife **Ashley** announced the birth of their daughter, **Macey Alexandra Bishop**, who was born July 17, 2018. Macey weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20.5 inches long.

## Prayers are requested for family and friends:



*Jim Bailey*

and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout while participating in the Boy Scouts of America. He attended Woodlawn High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and played on the 1955 Jefferson County Championship baseball team. He continued his baseball career at Mississippi State University where he lettered in 1957, '58 & '59. He was a member of an engineering honor society and Sigma Chi Fraternity. After a brief position with US Steel in Fairfield, he went to work for Vulcan Materials Company where he worked for over 46 years, retiring in 2010. Most recently he spent the last 18-months working for Thompson Tractor. He leaves behind his wife of 57 years **Marcella Voss Bailey** and their three sons: **Pat Bailey** (Shannon) – Birmingham, AL; **Richard Bailey** (Kelly) – Ormond Beach, FL & **Phillip Bailey** (Jason) – Milwaukee, WI. He is survived by six grandchildren: **Malley Bailey**, **Blake Bailey**, **Grady Bailey**, **Brooke Bailey**, **Lucy Bailey** & **Christopher Bailey**. He is the brother-in-law of **Fr. Marcus Voss**.

**Arabella Blevins**, loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home the early morning of February 2, 2019. She was surrounded by family, friends, and her loving husband of 62 years. She worked for over 30 years at Greif Brothers Corporation. Following her retirement, she continued her career as an interpreter for the legal community of Cullman. Arabella was bound by love and Christian faith, with the capacity to touch the lives of all she came in contact with. She will truly be missed by all. The family wants to sincerely thank the caregivers who were so compassionate to Arabella during the final years of her joyous life.

Arabella is survived by her husband **Bob G. Blevins**, son **Robert Lee Blevins** (C'76-78), daughter-in-law **Cindy Daniel Blevins**, daughter **Candice Maria Blevins**, nephew **Xavier Flores**, her loving grandchildren **Robert Travis Blevins**, **Taylor Daniel Blevins**, **James Alexander Shoaff** and **Aidan Robert Shoaff**, sisters **Lila Flores** and **Dolores Tamez**, and brother **Sammy Tamez**.

**James Julius "Jim" Bailey**, age 81, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019. Jim lived most of his life in Birmingham, AL. He grew up in the Avondale area of Birmingham

**Anthony Joseph Bruno**, 92, passed away Saturday, February 16th, at home,

surrounded by his family. Anthony was a World War II Army Veteran, a long-time member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, and a member of the Equestrian Order of the



*Anthony Joseph Bruno*

Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. Anthony or "Mr. Anthony" as many called him, along with his siblings, was raised working in a small grocery store founded by his oldest brother, Joe. After being discharged from the Army, Anthony, alongside his brothers began expanding their business, which ultimately became the dominant grocery store chain in Alabama and one of the largest private employers in the state. Anthony served as Senior Vice President of Bruno's Inc. overseeing store operations and real estate development. In 1976 Bruno's expanded their drugstore concept with the creation of Big B Drugs, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bruno's, Inc. Anthony served as Chairman and CEO of Big B, Inc., after its public offering in 1980, and expanded the company to almost 400 stores in five southeastern states. Throughout his life, Anthony was a generous benefactor of St. Bernard Abbey and School. As much as Anthony enjoyed business, he loved most of all his family. He kept his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren close, always taking part in the activities surrounding them. He had a quick wit, an infectious smile, guiding wisdom, and a loyal and compassionate heart. Anthony is preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, **Marianne Timbrello**, his parents, **Vincent** and **Maria Theresa**, his sisters **Theresa** and **Mary**, and his brothers **Joe**, **Sam**, **Lee**, **Ben**, and **Angelo**. He is survived by his son **James (Theresa)**, three daughters, **Donna**, **Deborah**, and **Elizabeth Folsom (Drew)**; six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**Rufus Horace "R.H." Culpepper** (JC'49) died at the age of 96 on January 6th, 2019.

Serving in the First Marine Division, known as the "Old Breed", in World War II, he made five combat landings as a member of the Old Breed, most notably the landing at Peleliu Island. He is believed to be the last man standing from his historic unit prior to his death. After the war, using the GI Bill, he attended St. Bernard College and graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University). During college and after, Mr. Culpepper was buying and selling cars. He officially opened his used car business in 1947 and sold his last vehicle in 2018. Along with his partner **Charlie Glover**, he operated **Culpepper Motors**, a Chrysler/Plymouth dealership. After selling the car dealership, Mr. Culpepper started **Culpepper Real Estate**, **Culpepper Auto Sales**, and **Culpepper Trailer Sales**. Along with his partner **Clyde White**, he owned **Builders and Traders**, a real estate devel-

opment company. He was a businessman and deal maker all of his life. Mr. Culpepper was a member of First Baptist Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion. He was the Chairman of the City of Cullman Board of Education, the Alabama State Dairy Board, and the Cullman County Democratic Party. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, **Rachel Louise Culpepper**, his five children, **Karen Culpepper Foltz**, **Joe Culpepper**, **Kenny (Diane) Culpepper**, **Neal (Ann) Culpepper (C'75-77)** and **Tim (Tricia) Culpepper** and his sister **Hannah Culpepper Brock**. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

**William Hudson "Will" Faulk** (PS'13) died on Sunday, January 27, 2019. He was born on April 17, 1995, to **William** and **Paige (Hudson) Faulk**. After he graduated from Saint Bernard Preparatory School in 2013, he attended Birmingham Southern

College on an academic and athletic scholarship to run cross country and track. Will transferred to the University of Alabama at Birmingham and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in May 2018. In January 2019, Will began graduate school at UAB, to earn a Masters in Accounting. Will always had an enormous love for the outdoors. He especially enjoyed running and taking his two puppies, **Penny Lane** and **Finly**, out to play. But most of all, he loved spending quality time with his family and friends. Will's legacy lives on through his parents, **William** and **Paige Faulk**, his sister, **Anna Faulk**, his grandparents, **Maxie** and **Mary Hudson**, his aunts and uncles, **Johnny** and **Edith Faulk**, **Michael Faulk**, **Barry Faulk**, **Melanie** and **Eddie Goodwin**, **Wesley Hudson**, and **Scott** and **Ashley Hudson**, his cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, **Gwendolyn Hudson** and **Patsy Daniel (Mudder)**.

**Aloysius Andrew Germann**, 98, of Dearing, GA passed away early on Saturday morning, January 12, 2019 at home. Al Germann was born in Ripley and grew up on his family's farm. He married **Ella Ruth (Clark) Germann**, the sister of **Abbot Victor Clark, O.S.B.**, on August 12, 1942. During WWII he enlisted in the Navy. After being discharged, Al, his wife and 2



*William Faulk*



*Aloysius Germann*

# St. Bernard Alumni news

## IN MEMORY

very young sons moved to his wife's hometown of Cullman, AL where he began again working in the trucking business. In 1950, he moved to Birmingham where he spent the next 37 years in the truck/freight business. He was an active, devout Catholic all his life and a member of the Knights of Columbus, (Third Degree, since age 21). In the early 70's he applied to the Permanent Diaconate program and was ordained a Permanent Deacon March 2, 1975 at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham. He served in various apostolates and assignments. Al's last assignment before moving to GA was at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ensley. In 2012 Al moved to Dearing, GA to live with one of his sons. He was back on a farm again and in the country! He also became an associate member of the Alleluia Community of Augusta, GA and, as a deacon, he frequently took part in Church activities and services at Queen of the Angels Catholic Church in Thomson, GA, close to the town of Dearing where he lived. His love of farming and gardening stayed with him all his life and he was an untiring worker for his God, his family and his fellow man. Aloysius A. Germann is preceded in death by his parents, his 12 siblings, his wife Ruth and 2 infant sons. He is survived by six sons: **Col. John Anthony Germann** (Anne) **HS'61; C'66, Dr. Joseph Rene Germann** (Mary) **HS'62; C'67, Jerome Francis Germann** (Cathy) **HS'61-'62, Patrick Thomas Germann** (Jody, deceased), Aloysius Edward Germann (Margaret) and Vincent Paul Germann. Al is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

**Marjorie Frances Bailey Lee**, age 84 of Fairfield Highlands, AL passed away on January 3, 2019. She was a life-long friend of the monks of St. Bernard Abbey. For many years she served as the Secretary at St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Bessemer, and St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Ensley. She leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters, Kathryn Sheppard, Linda Lovelady and Margaret "Peggi" (Richard) Gilmore; three sons, James (Kelly) Lee, Michael Lee and Joseph Lee; four grandchildren, **Veronica (Jake) Brenenstall** (PS'02), **Melissa Hawsman** (PS'04), Stuart Lovelady and Cindy (Graham Beard) Gilmore; three siblings, Shirley Busby, Gerri Johnson and Jimmy Leithauser and many other relatives and friends.

**Edmonde "Ed" Letts, Jr.**, (C'66) age 73, of Decatur, passed away Dec. 13, 2018. Services were held on December 19, 2018, at 10:00 am at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with A. S. Turner & Sons Funeral Home, Decatur, GA., officiating.

**Marianne C. Miller**, age 72, of Shelton, CT, entered into rest on February 15, 2019 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of **Edward**



Marianne C. Miller

**"Ned" W. Miller, Jr. (C'77)**. Born in Derby on July 9, 1946 the daughter of the late Anthony and Mary (Zuikas) Draugelis, graduated Ansonia High School and went on to earn her Associate Degree from Quinnipiac College, becoming the Owner and Operator of the former Little Dimensions Clothing Store in Shelton. She then was employed for many years at Condon and Savitt in Ansonia as a Legal Secretary. She was also on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross. Marianne was an avid reader, enjoyed dancing and traveling. She loved taking trips to Ocean City and other various beach locations. She is survived by her daughter Erica Laudano and her husband Daniel McDermott, her two loving grandchildren Declan and Dylan McDermott. She also leaves, her step-son Nicholas Miller, her mother-in-law Marie Miller and several nieces and nephews.

**Col. James Jackson Monaghan (HS '36-'38)** (USAR-retired) passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019, in his ninety-eighth year. Jack was born July 20, 1921,

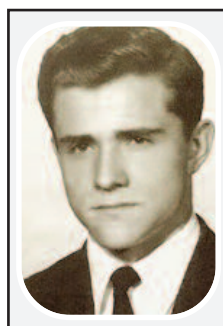


Col. James Monaghan

Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham the fourth child of Bernard "Barney" Andrew Monaghan of East Troy, WI, and Mary Frances Jackson Monaghan of Greensboro, AL. He attended Ramsey High School in Birmingham, then St. Bernard High School in Cullman, and finally L'Ecole des Roches in Normandy, France, where he graduated high school in 1939. Jack attended college at the University of Alabama before transferring to The Citadel and enlisting in the Army as the United States became involved in World War II. Graduating in 1943, Jack completed Officer Training School and was assigned to Cannon Company, 317th Infantry, in Patton's 3rd Army Division, where he served as forward observer, artillery. The unit served with distinction across France. Jack was wounded and captured near Civry, France and spent the winter of '44-'45 in the German POW camp, Oflag 64, in Schubin, Poland. Liberated by the Russian Army, Jack was transported across the Black Sea to Istanbul and finally to an American hospital in Cairo, Egypt. Upon his return to the US, Jack married Wodie Coleman on August 31, 1945 and eventually settled in Birmingham, AL, where they built a home and a family together. Jack bought the Overhead Door Company of Birmingham in 1956. Ever the entrepreneur, Jack built homes in Forest Park with Monaghan Realty Company, started and co-owned Automatic Detection Systems. Jack joined the Army Reserves following the war and served in various units including a heavy tank battalion and the Special Forces. Jack was especially proud to be airborne qualified and to wear the green beret in the 20th Special Forces Group headquartered in Birmingham, where he served as its first executive officer. Jack retired as Colonel from the 87th

MAC in 1971. He is survived by his wife, Helen Rosa "Wodie" Coleman Monaghan; his four daughters, Marietta Monaghan, Catherine Joyner, Anne Frost and her husband David Frost, and Rosa Read; his two sons, Jamey Monaghan and his wife Barbara, and Andrew Monaghan and his wife Paige; eleven grandchildren: David Joyner, Will Joyner, Mimi McCauley, Meghan Frost, Marian Frost, Daniel Read, Catherine Read, Jack Monaghan, Austin Monaghan, Caroline Monaghan and Kelley Monaghan; two great-grandchildren: Payton Moore and Henry Joyner; his niece, Peg Monaghan; brother-in-law Stephen B. Coleman, Jr. and his family; and numerous Monaghan, Jackson, Coleman and Randolph kin.

**Laszlo Jozsef Pinter, (HS'59)** age 76 of Ocean View, DE, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2018 at his home surrounded by his wife and children. He was born Thursday, June 5, 1941 in Eger, Hungary, son of the late Jozsef L. and Madeline Pinter. Laszlo and his older brother Steven survived war torn Europe as small children in Hungary, followed by the Hungarian Revolution in 1956. In November of that year, unbeknownst to their parents, the two adolescent brothers traveled on foot to Austria, and eventually to America. With the help of their New York born mother, they were able to attain citizenship and eventually build their lives here in the US.



Laszlo Pinter

After graduating private school at St. Bernard's Preparatory School in Cullman, Alabama, Laszlo began his collegiate studies and shortly thereafter met Barbara Willette, known as Bobbi, his bride. Shortly after their wedding on June 12, 1965, Laszlo went on to serve in the army from 1966-1968. After an honorable discharge and the birth of their first child, Jozsef Laszlo he graduated with a degree in business from American University in Washington DC.

With the help of his beloved Bobbi, he was able to secure a position as a special agent with the US customs service. During this time, Laszlo and Bobbi welcomed their second child Erika Kristine.

His career took him around the globe, living in Tokyo, Japan and Bonn, Germany. Amongst other honorable duties, he served in the presidential detail for both Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. In 1989, at the end of the cold war he was also honored with the position of special agent in charge of security for president George Bush during his presidential visit to Hungary. He dedicated nearly 31 years to government service before retiring in Great Falls VA. In 2011, Bobbi and Laszlo made the decision to relocate to Ocean View, DE where they remained until his passing. Laszlo is survived by his wife of 53 years Barbara (Willette) Pinter; his children: Erika and Jozsef (Vanessa); his brother, Steven (Patricia); his niece, Elissa; his nephew, John; and his grand-nieces Madeleine, Ireland, and Elle.

**Maria "Skippy" Peterson**, age 94, a native of Antigo Wisconsin and a resident of Lillian, AL, passed away Monday, January 14, 2019. I am writing my own obituary to thank God, my loving family, friends, relatives and all the kind people who helped me arrive here at death's door, a happy woman. Although born in Antigo WI, from the age of two I grew up in Atmore, AL., a southerner who graduated from Auburn University as a chemical engineer and whose night life had spent with the Auburn Players theatrical group. I started my career at St. Regis Paper Mill, and enjoyed my many years teaching at Pensacola Junior College and the University of West Florida. My love of birthdays led to a list of birthdays of people I knew personally for each of the 365 days of the year, even February 29. This led to the publication of the "Duchac Dailey". I wrote and sent this message to all my relatives and friends. "When the spirit moved me and the flesh was willing". I have a love of learning, am a voracious reader, traveled quite a bit with Lyle and attended many educational Elder Hotels. My travels included refreshing visits to Deep Woods Lakes in Wisconsin near my birthplace. For 54 years I have been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Lillian community and participated in many capacities including the ACCW, The Lillian Paper, Lillian Library, Girl Scouts, Grand Marshall of the 4th of July parades, Choir and Parish Council. I have enjoyed these endeavors and this journey on earth with all of you. Preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Hugh Peterson who passed away in 2012, a sister, Aileen and brothers, Joseph and Duke David. I am survived by our five children and their families: Clancy and **Larry O'Donnell (C'71)** with Kevin, Colleen (Joel) with great granddaughter Quinn Riley and Shannon with great-grandson Kellen; Gregory Peterson and son Damian, Lyetta and Rich Griffin with Jeffery and David (Sammy); Anita and John Sanford with Paul and Rachel (Brad); Bret and Lisa Peterson with Brian, Mark and Amy. I am also survived by my nieces, Jahala and Janine Woods and my nephew, Ronald Duchac.



Maria "Skippy" Peterson

and gratitude. He "LUVed" serving others and continued this work even through his illness. Maury was the ultimate family man, sports fanatic, and all around "good guy." Maury's gregarious personality, love of life, and always positive attitude profoundly impacted many lives - he never met a stranger! His unwavering faith, trust in God, and commitment to living his life with his "glass half full," will be remembered by all those who knew him. Maury was a friend to many and a hero to his family. Maury is survived by his wife, Diane Shipper, to whom he was proudly married for 40 years; their children, Christa Shipper, Leigh Anne (Sohail) Shajary, Curtis Shipper and Mary Beth (Nicholas) Fincher; six grandchildren; and his siblings, Edward Shipper, Stephanie Shipper, Paula Shipper and Suzanne Kushner. He is preceded in death by his son, Morris "Maury" Chandler Shipper, Jr. and his parents, Edward Stanley Shipper and Ladye Cheri Shipper.



"Maury" Shipper

**Dan Burnham York (C'74)** of Cullman, Alabama passed away February 25, 2019 at his residence. He was a 1968 graduate of Cullman High School. He always had a passion for golf, excelling as a player and coach. He played collegiately at St. Bernard College, lettering for four seasons. He earned a degree in physical education in 1974. During his 32-year tenure at Wallace State, the men's golf team won 13 Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC)/National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 22 Championships and made 23 appearances at the NJCAA National Championships where his teams finished runner-up national champions on three occasions. He also began Wallace State's women's golf program in 2015, earning three additional ACCC Championships and National Tournament appearances in the first three years of that program. In recognition of these accomplishments, the golf practice facility at Wallace State Wellness Center was named in his honor. His outstanding success in athletics led to his induction into the NJCAA Golf Coaches Hall of Fame, the ACCC Hall of Fame, and the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. He is survived by his mother, Mary Jo Burnham York, and his two children, Natalie York Tielking and her husband, Jason, Leslie York Hollingsworth and her husband, Clint. He is also survived by six loving grandchildren.



Dan York

**Morris "Maury" Chandler Shipper, (C'73 -'74)** a ten-year resident of Fernandina Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully August 12, 2018, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 63 years old. Born August 2, 1955 in Florence, Alabama, Maury graduated from Bradshaw High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of North Alabama. He worked as a Human Resources Manager for more than 30 years at several large paper corporations. After spending two years enjoying retirement, Maury became a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines, a company and profession that brought him an incredible amount of joy

# St. Bernard Happenings

## Alumni Reunion Set for June 27-30, 2019

St. Bernard is hosting the 2019 Alumni Reunion on June 27-30, 2019. The weekend kicks off with an alumni golf reception on Thursday, June 27, 2019 for all who are participating in the Alumni Golf Tournament on Friday, June 28, 2019 at Chesley Oaks Golf Course in Fairview.

The weekend features an Alumni Gathering on Friday evening in the

Abbey Byre. On Saturday, everyone can enjoy a 5K Run/Walk on the trails of St. Bernard followed by breakfast in the Dining Hall. A guided campus tour of the facilities will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a reception down in the Grotto gardens. Lunch will be served at noon followed by family fun on the quad, Vespers, Mass, Alumni Social, and dinner.

Sunday breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. followed by Mass with the Monastic Community in the Abbey Church.

Cost for the Reunion is \$100 per person for the entire weekend or a la carte pricing is available. Please contact the Alumni office to register or go online at [www.stbernardprep.com](http://www.stbernardprep.com).

## Summer Appeal Underway at St. Bernard

With the coming of the summer, St. Bernard is making plans to move forward on a project that has been under study for the past several years. With the help of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the study focused on the use of LED lights for the improvement of campus life and for savings on the utility budget.

Director of Development, Fr. Marcus Voss said, "We made the decision two years ago to have a trial run for this project. We replaced the incandescent lights with LED lights in the Fazi-Richard Athletic Center. As it turned out, the lighting for the gym was much brighter and we had a 40% savings on our utility bill. Then, last year, an independent contractor evaluated the placement of LED lights for the campus overall. Their study showed that, not only would lighting greatly improve at every level, but there would be a \$50,000 savings on the annual budget."

"Having done the studies, our plan this summer is to move ahead with the project of installing LED lights throughout the St. Bernard campus," Fr. Marcus continued. "This is an ambitious goal and we are dedicating our 22nd Annual Summer Appeal to this effort. With the help of our alumni and benefactors, I know we'll get the job done."

"Over the years, the summer appeal has provided many significant improvements at St. Bernard," Fr. Marcus added. "Our goal is to make forward progress on this year's project. I will be most grateful for the support we'll receive toward reaching our goal."

A donation envelope has been inserted into this edition of the St. Bernard Happenings or donations may be made online at <https://stbernardprep.com/summer-appeal>.

## Dyron Powell (SBP '99) and Zac Wood New Owners of The All Steak

Cullman's landmark restaurant, The All Steak, was recently purchased by its 5th generation of owners - Dyron Powell (SBP '99) and Zac Woods of Cullman.

The All Steak restaurant in Cullman is described by the Birmingham News as "the place where half of Cullman comes to talk about politics and football." The popular eatery first opened in 1934 when it was founded in Pulaski, Tennessee by Millard Buchmann. The original name was to have been "All Steak Hamburgers," but when the sign was made, Millard did not have the money to add the word "Hamburgers."

In 1938, he moved the business to Cullman selling the restaurant to Ewing and Lucille Wallace in 1946. The Wallace family operated from that time until 1962 when a fire forced the restaurant to close. The establishment reopened in 1963 and continued under the Wallace family until 1977 when it was sold to Charlie and Paula Dobson. In 1998, the restaurant changed locations and moved to the top of the Cullman Savings Bank building. There it stayed until 2006 when the new owner, Matt Heim, moved to the corner of third avenue and fourth street southeast.

When The All Steak came available this year, Dyron Powell, who graduated from St. Bernard Preparatory School in 1991, joined with Zac Woods to become its new owners. Dyron and his wife, Sonya, are the proud owners of highly successful Dyron's Lowcountry Restaurant in Birmingham, which is rated as one of the top restaurants in Mountain Brook.

Under their new ownership and direction, the All Steak will give even greater emphasis to its long tradition of exceptional food, including excellent steaks, home-grown vegetables and fine seafood, in an atmosphere that includes white table clothes and superb service. The menu will also include their signature orange rolls, which are said to be "world famous" and are served hot with each meal. The orange rolls are so popular, it's not unusual for patrons to pick up a dozen (or two) of the rolls to go, either already made or packaged to cook at home.

Dyron and Sonya make their home in Cullman and have their two children, Ethan and Emma, enrolled at St. Bernard Prep School. Woods and his wife Amy have four children. Amy is the niece of James Earl Edge (C '62) of Cullman.



The new faces of The All Steak: (l-r) Dyron Powell, Chef Anthony Barnes, Zac Wood

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