



ST. PETER'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Peter's News

— OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS —

FALL 2022

Greetings from St. Peter's School!

Dear Friends,

This year, St. Peter's School celebrates 144 years of education and service! After enduring the COVID difficulties of the past two years, our faculty, staff, and families enter this new school year with a greater sense of joy and gratitude as we have more opportunities for celebrating and reconnecting with each other.



The St. Peter's team

While we welcome these new changes, we also look back on those who have had a long-lasting legacy at St. Peter's, such as Mr. and Mrs. Bourne – featured in this newsletter – who met at St. Peter's and who contributed greatly to the community. We look forward to the tradition of our annual Memorial Mass, which will be held on November 13, and we hope that friends of St. Peter's will be able to attend!

St. Peter's School has been serving the community for well over a century, and it is with a growth mindset that we continue to learn from our experiences, adapt, and face challenges, while still cherishing the traditions of our faith.

Several new teachers have been introduced to our faculty, all of whom are learning about the Mission of Mercy and have entered our school community with an open heart and open mind. We continue to provide a safe and engaging learning environment for our students, and with our "Love for Literacy" campaign, we are breathing new life into our classroom libraries.

As we embark on this new school year, I thank you for your prayers, encouragement, volunteer work, and financial support. You continue to be in our prayers at school each day!

In Solidarity,

Sandra Jimenez, Principal

St. Peter's Day of Giving – Love for Literacy Campaign – Again a Success!

On behalf of St. Peter's School, thank you for your support of our "Love for Literacy" campaign. During this third annual St. Peter's Day of Giving, 49 individuals made gifts ranging from \$20 - \$1,000 for a total of \$8,050—far exceeding our original goal. Fourteen gifts were from first-time donors to the school and matched by the Sister Marian Rose Power Fund.

At St. Peter's, we believe that when given proper resources, along with love, care, and attention, EVERY child has the ability to learn and grow. THANK YOU for helping to provide the resources of meaningful books in classroom libraries!



ST. PETER'S WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

Kindergarten



Born in San Francisco and raised in Marin, Kindergarten teacher Isabella Imperial attended Catholic schools for grades K-12, then went to Southern Oregon University for her BA in communications. After college, she returned to San Francisco, working as a K-8 classroom aide at The Friends School and then teaching 4th grade at Saint Anthony-Immaculate Conception. Isabella is working towards her Masters in Catholic education from the University of San Francisco. "As a teacher and a student, I feel that I'm always learning from my students and peers. It's exciting to be here at Saint Peter's."

First Grade



First grade teacher, Tylia Bruno, graduated from Mercy High School in Burlingame, where she gained a love and understanding of prayer. At Sonoma State University, she studied music and sang with jazz ensembles. She completed her undergraduate studies at San Francisco State University, with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in elementary education. Tylia worked as a substitute teacher for the past four years gaining classroom experience with grades K-12. "I'm looking forward to teaching first grade and sharing my love of learning!"

Third Grade



Third grade teacher, Wendy Wong, was born and raised in San Francisco and loves living and working in her community. She holds a B.A. in Broadcast Communications with emphasis on Writing and Production and received her teaching credential with a Bilingual Authorization at San Francisco State University. Wendy taught in bilingual settings in Suzhou, China for three years before returning to San Francisco to work with elementary school students. She taught kindergarten, first, and second grades in local schools and K-5 in literacy camps before coming to St. Peter's. "I love teaching third graders! They're so independent, creative, and courageous!"

Middle School Mathematics



Alexis Bishop teaches middle school Mathematics at St Peter's. She grew up in Soledad, California, attended Hartnell Community College, and graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a B.S. in psychology and a child development minor. Alexis plans to enter a Marriage and Family Therapy program. Alexis has valuable interpersonal experience as a caregiver, high school and college math tutor, supplemental instructor, and peer mentor for first-generation college students. "My previous work experience aligns well with St. Peter's mission to support and nurture students on their academic journey."

Middle School Social Studies



Middle School Social Studies teacher, Manuel Reyes, graduated from Soledad High School and San Francisco State University, where he earned his BA in liberal arts. Currently, he is in USF's Masters of Education with Teaching Credential program. Manuel aspires to be a therapist, taking steps toward rectifying inequality in the academic system through political awareness, trauma-informed mediation, and empathy in his work. "A child's internal relationship with the self informs their relationship with the external world. I hope to model how a person 'checks in' on their well-being and integrity daily and that my classroom fosters an atmosphere where students can learn to have compassion for themselves and others."

St. Peter's Church Full for Class of '22 Graduation



The Class of 2022 graduated from St. Peter's School on June 2, 2022. Families and teachers were happy to be able to have a full church for the ceremony.

These St. Peter's grads are now at ICA, Leadership, Lincoln, Lowell, The Academy, Mercy Burlingame, Riordan, Sacred Heart Cathedral, S.F. Christian School, George Washington, and high schools outside of San Francisco.



BACK TO SCHOOL!



3rd graders learning about their new teacher, Ms. Wong.



Parents can once again come on campus for morning assembly.



Getting to know new classmates in 1st grade.



Families are welcome to join students during weekly School Mass.

ST. PETER'S LEGACY

St. Peter's Sweethearts: Jack Bourne and Mary Carlino Bourne

Couple's Long Lasting Impact on Our Community

Alumni Jack Bourne and Mary Carlino Bourne spent most of their lives in St. Peter's Parish. They attended St. Peter's High schools and were high school sweethearts. Just months after graduation in June 1943, they married. The Bournes raised their four children – Mary, Jack, Ed, and Peter – in the parish and sent them all to St. Peter's School.



In the late '60s, San Francisco's Planning Department proposed high-density towers at the sites of the BART stations being constructed at 16th and 24th Streets. The towers would have razed hundreds of Mission district homes. Fearing a repeat of the Fillmore's urban renewal, which displaced more than 4,000 families, the Mission community mobilized to stop urban renewal, which included everyone from the Brown Berets to St. Peter's church leaders such as Deacon Jack Bourne, then director of Mission Housing Corporation.

Over the years, Jack and Mary engaged in almost every aspect of parish life. Working on festivals, picnics, and retreats and participating in variety shows were just some ways they chose to help build community. At Christmas, their Florida Street home became an annual field trip for St. Peter's students to enjoy holiday decorations and Christmas cookies. In addition, Mary and her daughter, Mary '62, chaired the St. Peter's Academy lunch and fashion show for several years.

It was a difficult decision, but upon Jack's retirement, the Bournes downsized and moved to San Bruno, where they continued their church involvement at St. Robert's Parish. They may have moved away, but they left their hearts at St. Peter's.

When the Archdiocese of San Francisco opened its first class of deacons, Jack enrolled. He had considered the priesthood as a youth, and being a deacon allowed him to serve God in a special way.

Jack passed away in 1993 and Mary in 2022. They will be among the alumni and friends prayed for during the St. Peter's Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 13 at 2:30 PM at St. Peter's Church.

Ethel Lager's Daughter Presents Annual 8th Grade Scholarship

We were pleased to have Linda Lager Andrews with us to present the Ethel Lager Scholarship to 8th grader Cecilia Farias-Tietze last June.

This full 8th grade scholarship, funded by Ethel's son Ray and his sisters in their mother's memory, enables an academically strong student to attend St. Peter's tuition-free for the entire school year.

St. Peter's Academy graduates remember Ethel's devotion to the school and her leadership of the Academy's Alumni Association.



**Did you marry your
St. Peter's sweetheart?**

**Send us a photo and a
caption and we'll publish
both in an upcoming
newsletter!**

Send to info@stpeterssf.org

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS IN SERVICE TO ST. PETER'S

You Can Be Involved in School Activities

Give back to the St. Peter's School community by serving as a volunteer for various School activities! Below are just some ways that you can participate. If you're interested in volunteering, contact jvela@sanpedro.org.

- ✓ Help maintain the School Archives and History
- ✓ Set up for the Annual Memorial Mass Reception
- ✓ Help organize events – Annual Memorial Mass, Class Reunions, Lunches in your community with Principal Jimenez
- ✓ Assist students in the preparation of the Annual Spring STEAM Fair
- ✓ Be a Friday Afternoon Zoom Guest Speaker – tell students about your Journey to College and/or your Career.



UCSF Volunteers at 2019 STEAM Fair

FORMER STUDENTS GIVE TRIBUTE TO "MRS. G"

More than 100 present and former students and coworkers joined us last June to give Cyndi Gonzalez a loving send-off from St. Peter's School. You may see Cyndi and hear the tributes expressed throughout Mass by clicking here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XymK8niY1Q&t=1s>

Thank you, Cyndi, for your 48 years of service to St. Peter's School!



Cyndi with Mass Readers, St. Peter's leadership team, former students Deacon Miguel Bustos '83, Steven Ybarra '04, Sandra Herrera '94, Raquel Rangel '92, teacher David Guzman and Sister Marian Rose Power.



St. Peter's on Patrol

Thank you, Jim O'Connor, Class of 1955, for helping to identify St. Peter's Boys Elementary School Students in this gem we received from the Christian Brothers Archives in Napa.

"This is the traffic patrol in 1953-54. I recognize my classmates: Xavier Granados, Lenny Avila, George Lazzaneo, John Rooney, Dan Walsh, Peter Delucchi and John Tomasello. They were back from the annual city-wide traffic boy parade at Kezar Stadium."



The **Guardsmen** is a local volunteer organization that is proud to provide scholarships for students at St. Peter's over the years. Stop by their **Pumpkin Patch** and **Tree Lot** at **Fort Mason** and help support their cause!



Tree Lot

November 26th - December 18th
Fort Mason



Pumpkin Patch

October 14th - October 23rd
Fort Mason



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Mission Statement

Open Hearts, Open Minds

St. Peter's Catholic School community nurtures the whole child to develop a lifelong passion for learning and to live out the Works of Mercy.

Please Join Us for the Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 13th at 2:30 PM

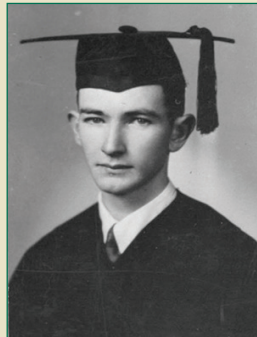
St. Peter's School will hold its annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 13th at 2:30 PM at St. Peter's Church.

Our celebrant will be Father John T. Mitchell, S.J. who attended St. Peter's Elementary School. Father John serves on the St. Peter's School Advisory Board and is the Superior of the St. Ignatius School Jesuit Community.

The names of alumni and friends who have passed away will be read during the Mass, and St. Peter's will give special recognition to the Classes of 1972, 1997 and 2007, who are all celebrating their Reunion years.

Refreshments in the Parish Hall will follow the Mass. Parking will be available both in the Church lot and on the schoolyard.

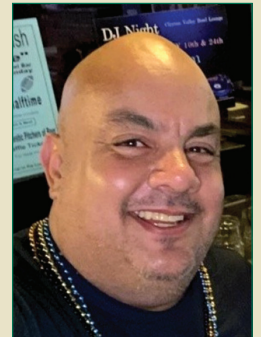
We will send a link in November for those who wish to join the Mass remotely.



Thomas Landers
Class of 1945



Fides Mangaliman Rojo
Class of 1971



Steven Diaz
Class of 1987

St. Peter's Memorial Fund

At this time of year, many of you make a gift to St. Peter's Memorial Fund in honor of your loved ones who have passed away. This fund provides for special classroom needs, such as student Chromebooks and blackout shades so students may more easily see curriculum presented on digital screens.

Your contribution to this fund acts as a lasting tribute to those you cherish and benefits all of our students. Your loved ones will be remembered in the daily prayers of the students of St. Peter's and the Sisters of Mercy and at the Annual Memorial Mass.

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