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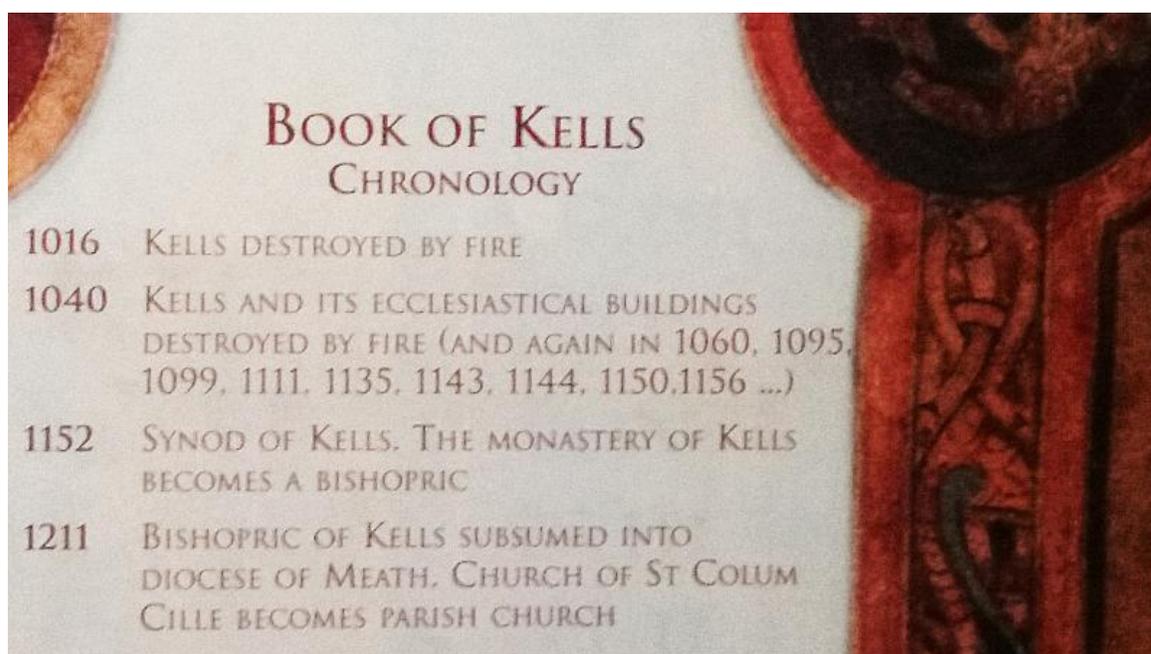
— Alumni News —

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Greetings!

My husband Kirk and I just returned from a trip to Ireland—what a beautiful country! We toured Galway, Kilkenny, Dublin and the surrounding areas. As we travelled the country, exploring historical sites as well as natural wonders, I was struck by the profound influence of the Catholic Church on the history and civilization of Ireland. One striking example was the Book of Kells in the Trinity University Library. This is an illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels, dating from the 800s, created by some monks originally on the island of Iona, off the coast of western Scotland, and later preserved in the Abbey of Kells in northern Ireland. The illumination is so intricate and detailed, the product of so many years and so much devotion. Thanks to the painstaking labors of these long ago monks, we have this priceless treasure. Just think—this manuscript is 1200 years old!

Its preservation is something of a miracle. One of my favorite displays in the library where it is housed contained this note for the year 1040:



The Catholic Church, like any institution, isn't perfect, but my time in Ireland renewed my appreciation for the profound and positive influence the Church has had and continues to have on the world.

And Happy Thanksgiving to all. May you enjoy a day of family and feasting and giving thanks for all your blessings!

Kate Marshall
MSS Class of 1969

It's a Small World

You never know where you might run into a MSS grad! On September 22, I went down to the National Mall to meet **Nora Ligorano (MSS 1970)** who, with her husband and artistic partner Marshall Reese, was installing a giant ice sculpture of the word "Truth" one of several ice sculpture installations that Ligorano/Reese has produced over the last 12 years. I couldn't stay for long, but luckily my time there coincided with a visit to the sculpture by **Mary Morningstar (MSS 1973)** and two of her nieces, Hannah Cooper, daughter of **Susie Morningstar (MSS 1969)** and Annie Katz, daughter of **Sally Morningstar (MSS 1975)**. Well, it was delightful to see Mary and to meet both Hannah and Annie, and we were able to have a brief visit. But then Nora introduced me to one of the ice sculpturers, a young woman named **Alyssa Imes**, and told me she was from Emmitsburg and a MSS grad! You'll read more about Alyssa in a future E-News, but she is a 2010 graduate of MSS and the daughter of **Laura (Rosensteel) Imes (MSS 1984)** and Jeff Imes. Talk about a small world!



(L-R) Nora Ligorano, Mary Morningstar, Kate Marshall, Alyssa Imes

Class of 2017

Congratulations to our young Alums! At Catoclin High School, **Natalie Bosche**, **Emily Dewees** and **Carson Sickeri (all MSS 2017)** were recognized for having unweighted GPAs of 3.75-3.99, and **Grace Kovalcik** was recognized for earning an unweighted GPA of 4.0! In addition, Natalie received the Career Technology-Business Department Award for academic excellence in the field, working hard, being a great team member and always be willing to help others succeed. The Mathematics Departments Award went to Grace, for academic excellence as well as excellence in communication and time management, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.



Grace Kovalcik



Natalie Bosche

Elis McCormick '15

Linganore high School senior **Elis McCormick (MSS 2015)** has maintained a perfect 4.0 average and perfect attendance for the last three years of school. This past summer, she attended the Johns Hopkins Engineering Innovation course, and participates in the Project Lead the Way program. Her talents extend to the stage as well, where she recently portrayed the minister's wife in Footloose. In her spare (!) time, Elis volunteers at St. Peter's in Libertytown and is active in various school clubs. Way to go, Elis!

Saint John's Catholic Prep President's List

Congratulations to our MSS alumni at SJCP who were on the President's List and were recognized at the Honors Assembly on October 1st: **Jack Guinan (MSS 2017)**, **Emma Adams (MSS 2016)**, and **Katie Adams (MSS 2015)**. The President's List is awarded to students who received all A's or a GPA of 4.0. Well done!

Alex Wivell '15



Congratulations to **Alex Wivell (MSS 2015)**, who attended Maryland Boys State at McDaniel College in Westminster with approximately 175 other boys for a week in June. During their week at Boys State each boy was assigned to a "city" and was given duties by their counselor in charge. Alex was in Legion City. He was elected Police Chief, City Delegate, and City Councilman. The boys were taught to march, participated in physical training, attended law enforcement presentations, and listened to multiple speakers including Peter Franchot, the Comptroller of Maryland. They also spent a day touring the State House in Annapolis. The week culminated in a graduation ceremony attended by family and friends. Alex was sponsored by the Emmitsburg Legion Post #121. Well done, Alex!

Class of 1997

Over two decades of friendship! When **Amy (Kalas) Buser (MSS 1997)** came from Miami to visit her family in Gettysburg this past summer, she rounded up some MSS classmates for a mini-reunion. They even included **Melanie Ware**, their teacher in 7th and 8th grade!



(L-R) Amy (Kalas) Buser, Alma (Ritz) Fout, Melanie Ware, Abby (Whitney) Sines, Katie (Joyner) Byrd, and Karen (Walter) Winfrey

Thanks, Alumni Parents!

These smiling folks may not be alums, but their children are, and as **Susan Keane** said *"One of my favorite things about sending my kids to MSS is the friendships formed with other parents. Our kids are in college now but we still get together--without them!"*



(L-R) Dr. Susan Keane and Dr. Jonathan Bramson, Marjorie and BJ Bosche, Bridget and David McCarthy, Geoff and Barb Ruppert

We prayerfully remember the following

Guy Ridenour



Guy A. Ridenour, Jr., died on October 19, 2018. Many alums will remember Guy as the cheerful custodian who for 23 years kept the halls and classrooms of Mother Seton School clean and welcoming. Guy is survived by his wife, Glenda, and their three children, Dale Ridenour, Linda Lingg and Wayne Ridenour.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Upcoming Events- Join us!

Maryland 529 Presentation

Did you know you can use your Maryland 529 savings plan (formerly the College Savings Plan of Maryland) to pay K-12 private education and/or college tuition and receive a tax benefit? Join us for an informational session led by a representation from the state program. November 15th at 7:00p at MSS. Open to the public. [Click here](#) to view flier.

Memorial Prayer Service



Please join us on Monday, November 19, at 1:45 at MSS for the Memorial Prayer Service. This annual event is a time we gather together to remember and pray for those members of our Mother Seton School community who have died. We especially remember those who have died in the last year, and light a candle in their memory. "They have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith..."

If you would like MSS to remember a loved one, please contact Jen Buchheister at 301-447-3165 or email advancement@mothersetonschool.org

#GIVING TUESDAY

During this month of Thanksgiving, we are so thankful to all those who help make the mission of MSS possible, through their generous donations of time, talent and treasure. Your help makes it possible to continue to our mission of graduating students who have the personal integrity and academic excellence to succeed both personally and as responsible, involved citizens.

Giving Tuesday is November 26! Why not give back to MSS on this national day of giving? [Click here](#) to donate online.

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