

Class of '58



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FIRST UP

NewYork!NewYork!

Monday March 12 10PM EST
THE FOOD NETWORK CHANNEL
"Secret Life of Irish Pubs" features our DENNIS IRVIN in a McSorley's segment doing what he does best – drinking a bit of the classic brew. You can catch him again in the wee hours in a repeat broadcast at 1 am. Of course by then, you can look for him under the table.

James Maloney

June 28, 1945 - April 8, 1978
"Remembering Jimmy"-



by [DOROTHY HODGENS](#)

Jimmy grew up in a large family. The Maloney's had eight children, and Jimmy was the oldest. In a way, our class at STA was also like a large family, and Jimmy was part of that family too. After graduating from STA, he attended Rice High School, Brooklyn College, the Fashion Institute of Technology. That lead Jimmy into a career with BurlingtonIndustries. His sister Mary remembers that he loved playing ball, and would always be up for a game of softball or baseball. He would carry a base ball glove around with him in his car, just in case he got a chance to play. Jimmy remained close to his family. He was still

FRONT AND CENTER

Upcoming Events –



March 17
Happy St. Patrick's Day



April 8
Happy Easter

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Tentative date for next reunion is:
OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY
Saturday OCTOBER 11, 2008
And let's try for a Class of '58 Dinner Friday Oct. 10.

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JOHN J PADIAN- Priest
born in **AUSTRALIA** 10/03/ 1945
(Youngest in our Class)
Member Class of '58

DIED October 29, 1995
As per RC Diocese Clergy Personnel Office

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RONALD P PETROSKI- Priest
(Member of the other Class of '58)

Born in **NEW JERSEY** 1944
DIED December 21, 1986
As per RC Diocese Clergy Personnel Office

THE BROOKLYN BEAT

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WELCOME

Great club we have here; no regular meetings; and no dues.

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This edition features a REMEMBRANCE of **JAMES MALONEY**, by mild-mannered reporter **DOROTHY HODGENS**, a super lady. Thank you **DOROTHY**.

I am making small incremental changes to the e-newsletter format, thanks to my HS teacher Mr. Salvatore Guarneri.

Bob Iannizzotto has pointed me in the direction of more user friendly software, but I haven't made use of it yet.

I hope you like the changes so far. —

[Look for pictures and short story of Louis and Denise D'Amico here on pg.3](#)

single, and living in Brooklyn, at the time of his unexpected death from a previously undiagnosed heart problem. Dennis Irvin and Jimmy were friends from the time they were seven years old. Here are some great remembrances from Dennis....

" Jimmy Maloney was a great friend. I feel that I was part of the Maloney family. He had lots of brothers and sisters, and I watched them all grow up. Jimmy was very smart in grammar school. When we got older, we had a club called the Tribunes. We played football, softball, and basketball. Neil Craffey was also a Tribune. We would go to O'Connors bar on 4th Street and 6th Avenue after the games. The guys and gals would meet there, usually on Friday nights and weekends. There were also a lot of house parties time. Jimmy was always there! Our crowd rented a summer house in Long Beach, and those days bring back great memories. Jimmy was in my wedding party. His mother was a wonderful lady. I also remember his father, but I was pretty young when he died. His father was good friends with my Uncle George. It was an era of flying pigeons from rooftops. Uncle George and Mr. Maloney were part of that scene. Jimmy died young, and it was a big shock to me." There is a beautiful song with the refrain, 'bind us together Lord, with chains that cannot be broken, bind us together in love'. We are all bound together in the Love of Christ. Our STA Class of 1958 is remembering Jimmy with a series of Gregorian Masses being offered for the repose of his soul. END.

THE FOLLOWING SPACES RESERVED FOR YOU.



BOB IANNIZZOTTO



MARY ANN COSTER



WALTER CONNOLLY

Walter's mom is 96 years young



MARY ELIZABETH MCNIFF



NEIL CRAFFEY

HANK(HENRY)SKOWRONSKI



Hank's father John is 85 years old and lives here in Brooklyn on 11th street.

MARYANN PADURANO



Mary Ann is also a Brooklyn resident and is married to Saverio(Cookie) La Salle since May of '64! Longest married couple of us all

KATHY KELSCH



Kath's husband, Pat Monachino is named Patrick because he was born on St. Patrick's Day. And March Happy Birthday wishes for him too. They are both in Florida until late Spring.

ANGELA RICCARDELLI



Lives across the street from Bob Iannizzotto in Staten Island, NY. Angela, call or write and tell us more.

Happy Birthday
Dorothy Hodgens, March 03
Kathy Kelsch, March 23
Mary Ann Coster, April 10

Jack(John) McFeeley –
August 15, 1945(youngest boy)
Maureen Spruyt –
July 24, 1945(and still, the youngest girl)

The Spruyt-Kaseta's fourth grandchild, Delaney Shea will be one year old on April 12. Maureen and John will also be celebrating their 38th Wedding Anniversary same day. And my daughter Amanda will be 22 years old on April 12.



If you can spell IANNIZZOTTO backwards, without reading it, in less than 4 seconds, I'll buy you a lollipop. Leave tape message I will announce winners next edition.

Now that I am on the cusp of becoming a Senior Citizen, here is what I may have in common with your grandchildren:

- I go to bed early.
- In the winter months some times as early as 8.
- I won't share my ice-cream.
- I cry when I don't get my way.

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LOUIS D'AMICO

Recent email traffic tipped you off that I was going to try to meet up with Louis & Denise in my travels over the weekend of March 10 in Ithaca, NY. Well as you can see, it did happen. As it turned out, we stayed at hotels across the street from one-another. He and Denise were up this way for an overnight stay visiting their son and newest grandson.

And after more than 40 years, they got to not only see me and my wife, they also got to meet a sizable chunk of my family who were up in Ithaca to attend my uncle Ray's 75th Birthday Party. We all gathered at my hotel to have breakfast. My cousin John, an oral-surgeon who lives and practices in Staten Island, is son of the doctor (Uncle Doc) who was at times the D'Amico family physician, in Dyker Heights Brooklyn.

It was a great first meet, and hey you never know --- I may go up his way in Rhode Island for a couple of hot dogs and a coke just as soon as the weather gets warmer.

Sad for me to relay to you from LOUIS, that another of our own, JOSEPH CANDELLO, who had enlisted in the US AIRFORCE in the mid-60's, died in an auto accident back then in England. His remains were brought back here and he was waked at Duffy's. I have no other information about JOSEPH and or circumstances surrounding his death at this time.

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Does anyone have any information
about
MARTY MARTINSEN?



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Dec. 01, 2006

CarolAnn Stone-Gushue, daughters grandchildren, & daughter-in-law. Now known as the beautiful 7, this traveling troupe taking in the NY sights and shopping up a storm--with (Uncle) Dennis Irvin at Macy's Cellar Bar & Grill -

Managed to get a table for all nine of us this very busy holiday shopping day. Thank you CarolAnn for your visit.



and with Uncle Lenny.

Front and Center- Upcoming Events -

Feb. 02



February 14

President's Day



February 19

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Nov. 10, 2006

Dorothy Hodgens-Neubauer & Family at the Brooklyn Wedding of her niece Tara, her older brother Tim's daughter, to Danny Schneider ---at St. Francis Xavier



Dorothy, daughter-Sharon, husband-Richard, son-Christopher.



Richard and Dorothy with Lenny

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Welcome back-

Best way to view the photos - not the silhouettes - is to enlarge them in the toolbar to 200%

Don't ask me how Ground Hog Day made the cut and Martin Luther King Day didn't.

If you & yours do anything special that day let me know. I haven't a clue.

For 2007, your birthday falls on the same day of the week as in 1945, when most of you were born.

We've been busy getting together online in emails and in and around visits of Dorothy Hodgens & Family and CarolAnn Stone & her Family. All very good since our group had a small showing at the recent STA reunion. We were represented by our Kathleen Kelsch. Renewed email activity hopefully will raise our level of participation at reunions and more.

Jack McFeeley has volunteered to followup a lead to classmate Henry J. Skowronski. Hope to hear good news soon.

Found!

MaryAnn Coster-Zimmerman -- She's been corresponding with me and I suspect many of you. We can depend on her to be involved in our email traffic. Hope to see her and husband Norman at our next reunion 2008.

Dennis Irvin has met up with our Neil Craffey at a reunion of sorts at Bishop Ford Nov. 04'06. Contact info to follow.



Jackie & Jack McFeeley, Norfolk, Massachusetts Birthdays- Walter Connolly-January,23,1945 a/k/a 012345 ?-----February

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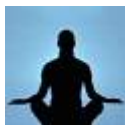
Bob Iannizzotto without his dimples.



Mary Ann Coster. Photo coming soon, says she.



If I was afraid to show my fat face I would have this picture as me! (Lenny) the saxophone player.



Walter Connelly



Mary Elizabeth McNiff, maybe.

New York! New York!

December 8th.2006



Christmas Concert at St. Francis of Paola, Humboldt & Skillman, Williamsburg. Lenny-the saxophone player-took-lessons-25cents-a-wk. at-St.Thomas-beginning-1958, classmate Maureen Spruyt-Kaseta, husband John and my wife Josephine -----Performances by the Empire State Concert (28 piece) Band and St.Francis Choral group, playing and singing your holiday favorites -----All preceded by a wonderful dinner at 'The Frost' restaurant, just the four of us, not the whole 28 piece band!, a few blocks away.

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Neil Craffey, until I see otherwise.

In Memorium- John Newberry & James Maloney- I will contribute more in-depth stories in the future about these men as we get them.

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June Graduates

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BOYS

ARTHUR W. ANWANDER
MICHAEL R. BASSO
JAMES G. CARCACI
JOHN J. CASSIDY
JAMES T. CATES
NICHOLAS CIACCIA
KEVIN P. CLAFFEY
JAMES A. CONFUSIONE
PETER J. CROFFEY
PETER J. DeI PEZZA
RONALD B. DUDA
ROGER E. GIORDANO
CARLO M. IMPERATO
JOSEPH J. KLEMBALLA
GABRIEL M. LUPO
GERALD F. METER
JOHN L. NAPPI
RONALD PETROSKI
LOUIS A. RODERO
JAMES E. ROONEY
PETER SKEFFINGTON
JAMES J. STASINSKI
WALTER A. STOREY
ROBERT J. TRANZILLO

GIRLS

JEANETTE I. BERG
MARILYN D. CUSAMANO
RITA A. DeI PRIORE
LORRAINE J. DeLUCA
RACHEL A. ESPOSITO
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HELEN R. LAKE
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE TWENTY-SECOND

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Eight

at 3:00 P. M.

REVEREND JOHN H. KING, Pastor



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St. Thomas Aquinas Biography>>Priest, doctor of the Church, patron of all universities and of students. Born toward end of year 1226, he was the son of Landulph, Count of Aquino, who, when St. Thomas was 5 years old, placed him under the care of the Benedictines of Monte Casino >>His teachers were surprised at the progress he made, for he surpassed all his fellow pupils in learning as well as in the practice of virtue.>>>When he became of age to choose his state in life St. Thomas renounced the things of his world and resolved to enter the Order of St. Dominic in spite of the opposition of his family. >>>In 1243, at 17, he joined the Dominicans of Naples. Some members of his family resorted to all manner and means over a two year period to break his constancy.>>>>They even went so far as to send an impure woman to tempt him. (ed.note: sounds like he had family with the resolve of my inlaws.)>>>>>But all their efforts were in vain and St. Thomas persevered in his vocation >>>>As a reward for his efforts, God conferred upon him the gift of perfect charity which has merited him the title of Angelic Doctor. >>At Paris he was honored with the friendship of the King, St. Louis, with whom he frequently dined.>>>In 1261 Urban IV called him to Rome where he was appointed to teach, but positively declined to accept any ecclesiastical dignity.>>>>St. Thomas not only wrote but he preached often. >>Clement the IV offered him the Archbishopric of Naples, which he also refused.>>>>>He left the great monument of his learning, the "Summa Theologica", unfinished, for on his way to the 2nd.

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Council of Lyons, ordered there by Gregory X, he fell sick and died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossa Nuova in 1274.>> St. Thomas was one of the greatest & most influential theologians of all time. He was canonized in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V.

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Mary & Norm	- May 22, 1999

The Brooklyn beat ----



Lenny at seven.....c.1952
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We were born not at the chronological mid-point of the twentieth-century, but at its historical midpoint.

The second war to end all wars was all but over. The stewards and architects of various ideologies --- Roosevelt, Hitler, Mussolini all died within a short time of one-another amidst the birthdates of most of us.

And of course the atom bomb ---first used just days before the youngest among us was born. And thanks to the prayers of many of you, yet to be used again.

For better or for worse- a new age had begun.. and I say, it was for the better.

You have made your own mark on this great society, and history in general.

I am proud and privileged to know you and am grateful for our time together.

We begin anew --

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