

*Mass of Remembrance  
for  
Deceased Sisters,  
Associates and Former Members*



*Sisters of Charity of New York*

*November 7, 2020*

*President  
Rev. Paul Fagan, CP*

*October 2019 - September 2020*  
*Our Deceased Sisters*

**SISTER JANET M. BAXENDALE**  
**SISTER MARY CATHERINE RYAN**  
**SISTER PATRICIA E. MC GOWAN**  
**SISTER PATRICIA ANN O' BRIEN**  
**SISTER GRACE HENKE**  
**SISTER MARGUERITE MC GILLY**  
**SISTER CLARE REGAN**  
**SISTER ANGELA MARIE ROONEY**  
**SISTER GRACE ANNE TROISI**

*Sister Thérèse Maria Dunne*  
*Sister Elizabeth Carmela Engelhardt*  
*Sister Edith M. Belmonte*  
*Sister Ann Rose Connell*

*Sister Helen Fleming*  
*Sister Joan Anderson*  
*Sister Marion Hunt*  
*Sister Alice Maureen Darragh*

*Sister Mary Aquin Flaherty*  
*Sister Marie Irene Breheny*  
*Sister Patricia Maureen Mulryan*  
*Sister Catherine McGlynn*

*Sister Nora Hearty*  
*Sister Mary Christine Rogers*  
*Sister Kathleen McKiernan*

*Sister Anne Miriam Connellan*  
*Sister Ellen M. Dunne*  
*Sister Constance Brennan*

**Our Deceased Former Members**

**Entrance Year**

*Helen Gorman (Sr. Marie Helen)*  
*Patricia Cleary (Sr. Grace John)*  
*Sister Kathleen Fitz Simons, CND*

1945  
1960  
1966

**Our Deceased Associates**

**Associate Since**

*Peggy B. Cekoric*  
*John Keanna*

1991  
2019

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**WELCOME**

Sister Donna Dodge  
President, Sisters of Charity

**REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES**

**GATHERING HYMN *Sing with All the Saints in Glory***

Sing with all the saints in glory,  
sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness, we, awaking,  
know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,  
never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
there on high our welcome waits.  
Every humble spirit shares it;  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices;  
Jesus lives, who once was dead.  
Join with all the heav'nly voices;  
child of God, lift up your head!  
Patriarchs from distant ages,  
saints all longing for their heav'n,  
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,  
all await the glory given.

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## READING

Wisdom 3: 1-9

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23 *(Cantor sings*

*response, all repeat)*

### Response:

**My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## GOSPEL

John 6: 37-40

## HOMILY

## GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

**Response:** Loving God, hear our prayer.

## HYMN DURING PREPARATION OF GIFTS

*Table of Plenty*

### Refrain:

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!  
Come to the table of plenty!  
God will provide for all that we need,  
here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table  
where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
to share the cup of my love.

**Refrain**

My bread will ever sustain you  
through days of sorrow and woe.  
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness  
to flood the depths of your soul.

### **Refrain**

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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Mass of Christ the Savior

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

**AMEN**

### **LAMB OF GOD**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

#### ***Be My True Vision***

Be my true Vision, O God of my heart,  
Nothing can satisfy but what You are.  
You my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.

Be my true Wisdom and be my true Word;  
I ever with You and You with me, God;  
You are my Creator and I am your child;  
You in me dwelling, and here by my side.

Be my Protector by day and by night,  
Be my true Dignity, be my Delight;  
You are my soul's Shelter, my Hope in each hour;  
God, raise me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,  
You are my cherished One, now and always:  
You and You only, first in my heart;  
God of the universe, my Treasure You are.

God of the universe, my final goal,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, peace for my soul,  
May I seek You always, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Lover of all.

Music: trad. Irish melody Text: adapted by Margaret Egan, SC, 2011.



**Sister Edith Mercedes Belmonte****October 17, 2019**

An avid student herself, Edith was happy to share her love of learning with children, teenagers and young adults in various schools throughout the Archdiocese. During those years and in her later years as Staff Nurse, Nursing Education Instructor, Community Health Nurse, Home Care Supervisor and Administrator at Saint Patrick Villa, she lived out her belief that in all these roles she was, as she expressed it, “a visible representative of the teaching and healing presence of the Lord”.

**Sister Ann Rose Connell****October 30, 2019**

Reflecting on her many years in education and especially her ministry in Religious Education both as teacher and coordinator, Ann Rose believed that her efforts helped bring the love of God to the children and parishioners she served. Her ability to listen well informed her eighteen years as Guidance Counselor at Blessed Sacrament / St. Gabriel’s High School, New Rochelle.

**Sister Helen Fleming****November 18, 2019**

Helen shared her exuberance and passion for the French language with her students from elementary to college level. Her life of love as a Sister of Charity inspired lasting friendships. Her prayerfulness, kindly spirit, generosity and pleasant disposition have been deeply appreciated by all with whom she lived.

**Sister Joan Anderson****November 27, 2019**

Remembered as a generous, willing, steady, no-nonsense woman by the Bahamian people whom she served for forty-one years, Joan gave of herself as teacher, administrator and social worker. Beginning her ministry as teacher and group mother at St. Agatha Home in Nanuet, she later taught on Staten Island, Manhattan and the Bronx between her returning to Nassau in response to ongoing needs. She remained there until 2007; the last Sister of Charity to serve in the Bahamas.

**Sister Marion Hunt****December 14, 2019**

Scholar and Professor of Philosophy, Marion was a gifted teacher, able to convey complex concepts in a manner accessible to all, doing so with kindness, patience, graciousness and caring. With quiet insightfulness, she contributed to Congregation committees and those at the College of Mount Saint Vincent, volunteered to teach at Malcom-King Extension College in Harlem and to teach English as a Second Language at the Head Start Program and the Sisters of Charity Multi-Service Center, both in Yonkers. She communicated in every way the warmth of her loving and joyful heart.

**Sister Alice Maureen Darragh****January 12, 2020**

Whether in an elementary or high school classroom, in the Principal’s office or serving as Administrative Assistant to the President of the Congregation, Alice was known not only for her professional excellence, but also for her easy smile, laughing eyes, and gracious manner, all rising from her life of prayer. She delighted in all creation – flowers, animals, people – as precious gifts of God.

**Sister Mary Aquin Flaherty****January 29, 2020**

Throughout her sixty-one years in elementary and high school education, Aquin brought to the classroom not only her teaching skills, but also her joyful, enthusiastic and palpable love of God and the students. Her legendary travels brought her into contact with the faith of many groups of people. These experiences brought nourishment to her own faith, centered deeply in the Incarnation and the Eucharist.

**Sister Marie Irene Breheny****February 5, 2020**

Remembered for her irrepressible sense of humor, her singing of “Danny Boy” and “O Holy Night,” and her cherishing of her devoted family and friends, Irene was very much appreciated for her skills at teaching Mathematics on elementary, high school and college levels. She empowered her students to “make math make sense,” and was affectionately called by some “Sister Mary Math.”

**Sister Patricia Maureen Mulryan****February 9, 2020**

Not only an exceptionally skilled Treasurer, Pat herself was a treasure to the Congregation, her family, friends, colleagues and students who appreciated her deep faith, her kindness, her ready smile and ability to create community. She enjoyed life and was always aware of people needing assistance; her involvement in founding the Leviticus Fund to enable people to start up or continue various projects is a lasting testimony to her commitment to living out the mission of the Sisters of Charity.

**Sister Catherine McGlynn****February 21, 2020**

A kind, compassionate elementary school teacher, Catherine brought the joy of education to her students for thirty-one years and brought that same joy to those she entertained with singing and dancing, often enhanced with appropriate costumes. Urged by her concern for people, often senior citizens who needed housing, she entered into housing ministry, serving as Director of Alpha Housing Coalition in the Bronx, as Housing Administrator for Knickerbocker Plaza in Manhattan and as Housing Manager for Squadron Gardens in New City in Rockland County.

**Sister Nora Hearty****March 6, 2020**

An outstanding primary grades teacher who prepared many young people to receive their first Holy Communion, Nora, in her twenty-five years in this ministry, launched these children into lives of fruitfulness and purpose. Her core of inner strength sustained her throughout her years of service in administrative support positions, in volunteering as tutor and in participation in outreach programs at St. Joseph Parish – always with a ready smile and a great sense of humor.



**SISTER JANET BAXENDALE****MARCH 31, 2020**

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Following fourteen years teaching in elementary and high school, Janet devoted forty-four years of ministry in the field of Liturgy. She served on the faculty of Saint Joseph Seminary and the Masters Program of the Institute of Religious Studies of the Archdiocese of New York. She also served, with singular expertise, three Cardinals of New York as well as leaders of dioceses across the United States. Janet was called to coordinate the liturgical functions for the visit of Pope Saint John Paul II to New York, to work on the Committee for Texts for the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States, and to share authorship of a seminal book on art, architecture and worship. She is remembered for the legacy of students that carry her spirit into the future of the Church.

**SISTER MARY CATHERINE RYAN****APRIL 11, 2020**

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In addition to her first fourteen years of educational ministry with young children, Mary Catherine brought much joy to others during those years and beyond by using and sharing her artistic talents. The results of her dressmaking, especially for dolls, her crocheting, especially of baby clothes and blankets, her photography and oil paintings were very much appreciated by the Sisters, family and friends as were the art classes she offered to other retired Sisters during her residence at Mount Saint Vincent Convent.

**SISTER PATRICIA E. MC GOWAN****APRIL 19, 2020**

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An educator for sixty years, Pat influenced both colleagues and students, particularly at the College of Mount Saint Vincent as Professor in the Communications Department, Director of their Internship Program and as member of numerous committees. Her wit and finely-honed interviewing skills enabled her to glean both facts and "flavor" as evidenced in her contribution to the soon-to-be published History of the Congregation (1997-2020). Her generous nature made her a committed volunteer at the Information Desk at St. Joseph Hospital, Yonkers and at a safe house for women recently released from the net of human trafficking.

**SISTER PATRICIA ANN O'BRIEN****APRIL 21, 2020**

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From Staten Island to Florida, New York, to Southampton and places in-between, Pat's passion infused her ministry involving all levels of elementary education and as Principal and Reading Consultant. During her roles as Director of Personnel at the Convent of Mary the Queen, as Administrator at Mt. St. Joseph, New Windsor with the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and as a volunteer at Seton Village, her prayerfulness and patience brought her and others much happiness and peace.

**SISTER GRACE HENKE****APRIL 27, 2020**

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Known for her kindness, compassion and marvelous sense of humor, Grace ministered in the fields of nursing and nursing education, first serving patients on the wards of St. Vincent Hospital, Manhattan, as Assistant Head Nurse and as Relief Night Supervisor; later she taught such challenging courses as medical physics, introduced a course in bioethics, authored several professional textbooks and was Adjunct Professor at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the areas of pharmaco-physiology and medical ethics. Her interest in the care of the elderly and of the developmentally disabled led her to volunteer and serve on boards of several agencies. She was also Coordinator at the Assisted Living Program at the New Jewish Home where our Sisters enjoyed her love of life and joyful demeanor.

**SISTER MARGUERITE MC GILLY****MAY 5, 2020**

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Beginning her ministry in childcare, Marguerite went on to serve thirty-six years as a primary grade teacher followed by eight years volunteering as a parish Pastoral Minister in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This caring, prayerful, dedicated woman of charity spent afternoons after school at the 9/11 shrine erected near her convent on Staten Island in order to provide some consolation for grieving family members and friends of the victims by her gentle presence and listening ear.

**SISTER CLARE REGAN****MAY 21, 2020**

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A compassionate and good listener, Clare was a deeply appreciated role model for the hundreds of students fortunate to meet her in elementary school, high school or college. These gifts also enhanced her ministry as Assistant Dean of Students at the College of Mount Saint Vincent and as Guidance Counselor for young women at St. Catharine Academy and for young men at Mount St. Michael Academy, both in the Bronx.

**SISTER ANGELA MARIE ROONEY****MAY 27, 2020**

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A teacher of elementary and middle grades for forty years, Angela began a new ministry, using her excellent secretarial skills for the next twenty-six years at the Sisters of Charity Center where she embraced the introduction of the computer, delighting many with the products of her creativity. When she moved to Assisted Living at age 97, she found a new two-pronged ministry: spreading joy among the residents and "running errands" for those unable to be out and about in the neighborhood.

**SISTER GRACE ANNE TROISI****JUNE 17, 2020**

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Grace changed the lives of thousands by her presence and support, not only during her nineteen years in elementary and high school classrooms, but especially in her forty-three years promoting community relations, staff development and strategic planning, always working for the development of leadership with a focus on living in a multi-cultural world. Honored with the first John V. Lindsay Prize for Race and Ethnic Relations, as a true daughter of Elizabeth Ann Seton, who called herself a "citizen of the world," Grace stated: "If people understood each other's cultures, they would be able to work through their biases."

**Sister Mary Christine Rogers****August 20, 2020**

Having taught elementary school for six years in St. John the Baptist in Brooklyn and “mothering” children at St. Joseph Hall, Mary Christine then made her home at St. Agatha in Nanuet where, during her fifty-six years as teacher and religious educator, she contributed to the making of a home for young women and men through her presence, support and unconditional love. She continued in contact with many alumnae/alumni, greeting all at homecoming events with her gracious smile which, if possible, glowed even greater when celebrating the success of the New York Yankees.

**Sister Kathleen McKiernan****August 31, 2020**

Throughout her fifty-three years in the healing ministry, as staff nurse, nursing educator or administrator, Kathleen’s wit, warm personality and quiet sense of determination enabled her to excel both professionally and in her personal relationships. She was as happy to volunteer at the Westchester County YWCA Center in White Plains and at a Lifeway Network safe house, as she was to lead the movement to the dance floor at the first notes of an Irish step dance.

**Sister Anne Miriam Connellan****September 16, 2020**

Although her forty-six years in the ministry of education brought Anne to elementary schools in Manhattan, and high schools in Tuxedo Park, the Bronx, Staten Island and the Bahamas, her legacy as an excellent English teacher and, later, art teacher, is most remembered for her thirty-three intermittent years at Cathedral High School in Manhattan. Gifted in sketching, painting, needlework, she is especially recalled for her ability to help her students achieve the high standards she set for them. No less notable was her generosity and dedication during her years as a volunteer at St. Malachy’s Parish in Manhattan and her years in residence in Davidson House and later in the Assisted Living Program at the New Jewish Home, both in the Bronx.

**Sister Ellen M. Dunne****September 22, 2020**

Considering herself blessed to be a Catholic educator of young children for fifty years, (forty-three at Our Lady of Angles) Ellen brought her steadiness, faith and genuine concern to her students, whether in the classroom preparing them for the reception of First Penance and First Holy Communion, or waiting with them after school for their working parents. Her local community, friends and colleagues appreciated her quick, dry sense of humor which particularly enhanced their enjoyment of her monthly card game evenings.

**Sister Constance Brennan****September 26, 2020**

A kind-hearted generous lover of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (and of cats), a gifted classroom teacher and creative media librarian, Connie placed all her talents at the service of her students on all levels of education for forty-eight years. It was a ministry she enjoyed. For thirty-five years, she also devoted her weekends to the religious education of the children of St. Joseph Parish, Yonkers and Visitation in the Bronx. Her dedication to these children in public school was recognized by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

## **Former Members**

Helen Gorman	March 25, 2020
Patricia Cleary	May 28, 2020
Sister Kathleen Fitz Simons, CND	July 12, 2020

## **Associates**

Peggy B. Cekoric	September 17, 2020
John Keanna	September 29, 2020



*When they were with us  
they shared their life and charism.*

*We were graced by their presence.  
We remember them in prayer and love.*

*In life, in death, in time, in eternity  
in the hour of death, defend me,  
call me to come to thee,  
receive me with thy saints,  
in glory everlasting.*

*- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*