

# BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER



"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony"

Colossians 3:14

## DR CHARLES MANGO



Bishop Ludden welcomed back Dr. Charles Mango, father of three Bishop Ludden alums and local ophthalmology specialist, to share his experiences in the Amazon rainforest with our IB science classes.

Residing in an Eco-Lodge designed to house scientists, Dr. Mango traveled to the Amazon over 28 times during his life to study the flora and fauna of the tropical rainforest. Our students enjoyed viewing his wildlife photography of the many beautiful species of plants and animals that became his everyday companions. Whether it be monkeys trying to drive a boat or tarantulas swimming in the river, every day was filled with intrigue.

On behalf of the entire Bishop Ludden community, we would like to thank Dr. Mango for inspiring our students to seek out scientific adventures.

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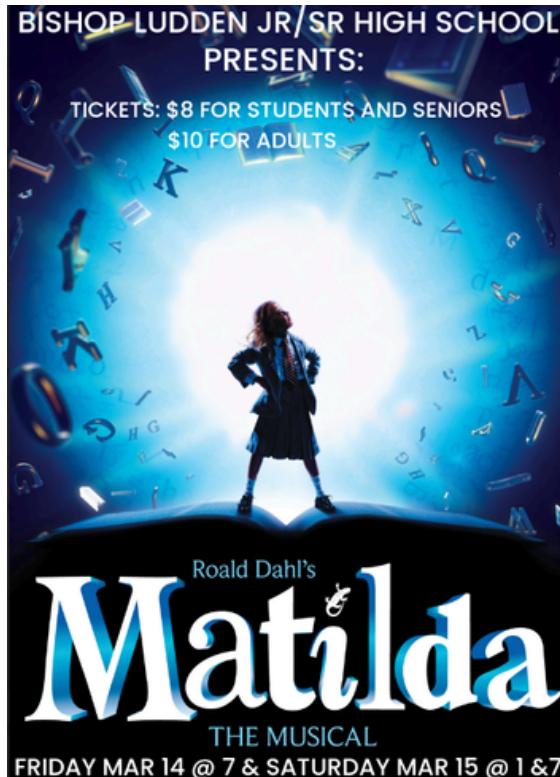
Father Dennis Walker



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**NO SCHOOL/DIOCESE PD DAY** MARCH 14TH  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** MARCH 15TH  
**NO SCHOOL/STAFF DEV DAY** MARCH 28TH  
**SPRING FLING DANCE** APRIL 5TH  
**NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY INDUCTION** APRIL 8TH  
**NO SCHOOL/APRIL BREAK** APRIL 14TH - APRIL 21ST



## Don't Miss Our Spring Musical!

Our performance of *Matilda* will be  
March 14th @7:00pm  
March 15th @1:00 & 7:00pm

## Travel With Us!

Travel to Switzerland, Italy, and France with Mrs. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. P, and Miss Kulak in 2026!

Contact [mbabcock@syrdiocese.org](mailto:mbabcock@syrdiocese.org) for more information.



**Switzerland, Italy and France**

Click the plane to Sign up!



## FINANCIAL AID

Thank you to all of those that submitted their 2025-2026 Financial Aid applications in February. You should be getting your award letters in late April or early May indicating your final tuition for the coming school year.

## Calling All Military and First Responders



We have recently been informed of an organization, named Folds of Honor, that assists military and first responder families with private school tuition costs for their children through their scholarship program. This organization is known to be generous to many families, not just ones that have suffered either a loss of life or debilitating injury.

**Apply Here**

**Application deadline is March 31st at 6:00pm**

If you are in the military or are a first responder, please consider applying to this wonderful organization for tuition assistance. Should you need any documentation from Bishop Ludden, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Maria Petrus  
Director of Tuition and  
Financial Assistance



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## Student of the Month

*Each month our teachers and staff nominate students that exemplify the selected virtue or character trait for the month*



### January *Citizenship*

**Grade 7** Louis McLaughlin  
**Grade 8** Nico Rivera  
**Grade 9** Asimwe Kabulete  
**Grade 10** Mya Barnaba  
**Grade 11** Nick Brady  
**Grade 12** Elizabeth Gaughan

## Student Shout-Out: Jahzar Greene

Congratulations to Bishop Ludden junior, Jahzar Greene, who has reached the 1,000 point milestone in his basketball career!

Players that achieve this rare honor demonstrate unique offensive talent, dedication, and consistency. Jahzar works hard in the classroom and on the court and we are so proud of him for his incredible contributions to his team and our school and look forward to his continued success!



## Sport Schedules

*Let's pack the stands with fans!*

### Boys

#### *Spring Sports*

Baseball

Golf

Lacrosse

Outdoor Track

### Girls

#### *Spring Sports*

Outdoor Track

Lacrosse

Softball

As winter sports come to an end, we would like to celebrate all of our winter varsity teams that received New York State Scholar Athlete Recognition: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Indoor Track and Girls Indoor Track.



## League Champions

Our Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Teams won the league Championship this year after a fantastic season.

## Section III Champions

Congratulations to our indoor track competitors Mia DeCarlo, Charlotte Hsiao, Ainsley Mead, Haley Gilbertsen, Brenna Lillis, Brynn Marvin and Ashley Pawelczyk for their wins in the 4x400, 4x200, and 4x800 relays. A special shout-out to senior Alexi Sheen for being a section III champion in the 55m hurdles as well as the relays.

## Spring Sports start March 17, 2025!

**Sign up through Final Forms [here](#)**

Final Forms offers a secure platform that provides you with an easy, user-friendly way to register for our athletics programs.

It helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register, the system keeps track of your profile so that you enter your information only once for multiple uses, multiple family and multiple programs.

**All students will need an updated Medical packet and a physical within the past 12 months to participate**

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact Meghan Allen

School Nurse



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Contact Shaun Smith

Athletic Director



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## Print Making

Our Studio Art class has been working on making their own prints. Students design their artwork by carving into a hard surface known as a "matrix," to make a sort of stamp. They then paint over their design with their medium of choice and meticulously transfer it onto paper. This process teaches patience and variability within the artistic process.



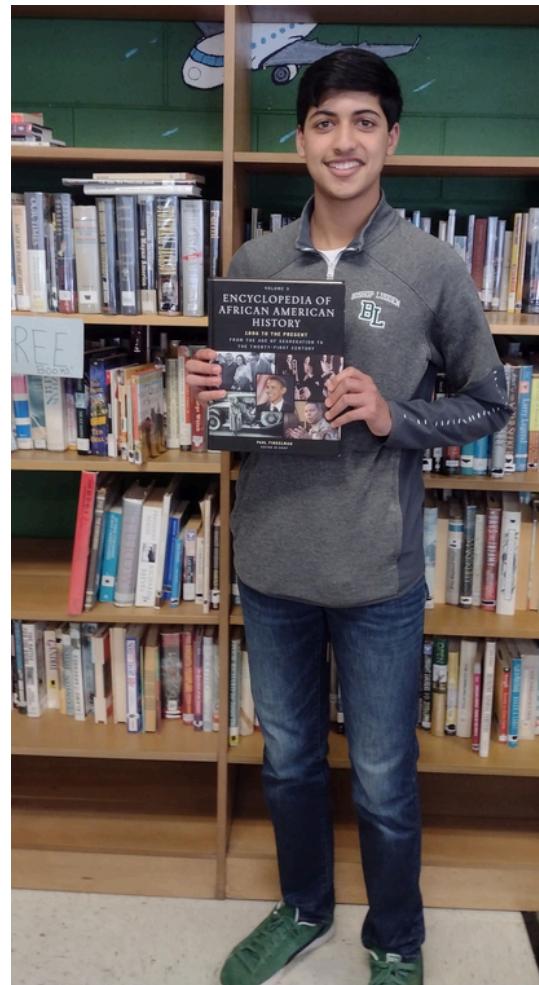
## CNY Winter Invitational II Quiz Bowl Results



Bishop Ludden's A Team finished 5-4 to take fifth place at the 2025 Central New York CNY Winter Invitational II Quiz Bowl Tournament at Bishop Ludden on March 1st. The B team scored three wins, while the C Team had a win against Geneva B. All-Star Momin Naveed was Bishop Ludden's top scorer with 355 points, while Mya Barnaba was also an All-Star with 325 points.

Every single player on the three teams scored, with seventh graders Aidan Ewanyk and Alibariki Kabulete scoring 55 and 5 points respectively against high school players on NAQT Packet 235. Ithaca won the tournament with a perfect record, followed by Mayfield and Geneva A. Payton Campbell scored 260, while senior Aidan Grelish-Liquori added 210, with Alex Ewanyk rounding out the A team scoring with 135. Anthony Taylor scored 100, with Asimwe Kabulete at 90, with Noor Naveed at 35. Nina Barraco and Sophia Azria tied with 30 apiece.

Holy Family's sixth grade squad scored a win against high school teams! Great job by Alexander Straight, Alex Murry, James Ryan, and Brady Davis. The team is mentored by Bishop Ludden Coach Maxine Babcock and varsity star Mya Barnaba. Alexander scored 65, James added 40, and Alex scored 5.



Bishop Ludden's Varsity and JV History Bowl and Bee players will be heading to Geneva for the Geneva History Bowl and Bee on March 22nd.



**Science Olympiad B Regionals** March 8

**Quiz Bowl IAC Championship** March 22

**Quiz Bowl Spring Championship** March 29



**2025**

### Upcoming CNY Quizbowl Events

Date	Event	Time
1 MAR	<u>Central NY Winter Invitational</u> All-subject HS Quizbowl (Set: NAQT IS-235) Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School, Syracuse, NY	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
22 MAR	<u>Central NY IAC Championship</u> History Bee and Bowl (International Academic Competitions) Geneva High School, Geneva, NY	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
29 MAR	<u>Central NY Spring Championship</u> All-subject HS Quizbowl (Set: CALISTO III) Geneva High School, Geneva, NY	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
3 MAY	<u>Central NY Spring Showcase</u> All-subject Middle/High School Quizbowl (Set: FARSI) Geneva High School, Geneva, NY	8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

**MORE INFORMATION** <https://sites.google.com/view/cnyqua>

**CONTACT** cnyqua@gmail.com

## Love for Joseph's House

Bishop Ludden junior Maria Natale hosted multiple service opportunities for her peers to aid in the creation of Valentine's Day cards for the residents of Joseph's House. Located in Syracuse, Joseph's House of Women is a Catholic organization that provides a nurturing home for mothers struggling with pregnancy preparation, housing insecurity, or providing a safe space for their children. Our students provided a little cheer as we continue to keep the mothers, children, and workers of Joseph's House in our prayers.



## Diamond Art

Our monthly makerspace invited students to create diamond art Valentine's for their friends and loved ones. By carefully placing colored gems onto their favorite animal, students could de-stress and get the creative juices flowing!

LOOKING TO DONATE TO OUR LIBRARY?



Please visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Thank you for supporting literacy in our school!

# REUNIONS



## BISHOP LUDDEN CLASS OF 2005 TWENTY-YEAR REUNION

JUNE 7TH, 2025, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

*Emerald Cocktail Kitchen's AMAZING Rooftop,  
133 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, NY 13204*

**EVENT INCLUDES:**

- Premium open bar
- Gourmet buffet dinner

*- Music that doesn't include morning announcements*

TICKETS: \$85 PER PERSON.  
SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WELCOME

RSVP: Alena Anthony (alena.anthony@gmail.com) or  
Jake Slowik (jacob.slowik@gmail.com)



SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE THE

## 50th YEAR reunion

OF THE  
BISHOP LUDDEN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF  
1975

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025, 4:00-8:00 PM  
TUSCARORA GOLF CLUB  
2901 HOWLETT HILL ROAD  
MARCELLUS, NY 13108

TICKET \$75, DINNER & CASH BAR  
RSVP: By July 2, 2025 [myevent.com/Bishop-Ludden-1975](http://myevent.com/Bishop-Ludden-1975)

CONTACT: Paul Schoeneck [PaulSchoenecksr@gmail.com](mailto:PaulSchoenecksr@gmail.com)

**Looking for something to wear  
to your reunion?**

**Get your Ludden gear here!**



*Planning a reunion? We want to hear from you! Please call us at 315-468-2591*

# Matthew Lorenzo & Gabriella Parsons

## Class of 2017

On Friday, February 28th, high school sweethearts, Matthew Lorenzo and Gabriella Parsons, celebrated their love for one another by announcing their engagement.

Matt knew he wanted to propose in his old French classroom, the same place, where several years earlier, he had asked Gabriella to prom. Mrs. Pietropaolo, their former French teacher, helped Matt bring his plan to life, decorating her classroom with rose petals to set the mood.

Matt and Gabriella's families have known each other for years, but it was not until Matt transferred to Bishop Ludden in 11th grade that he met his now fiancé Gabriella. They were both at their teacher, Mrs. O'Malley's, house when they met as juniors, but didn't begin dating until March of their senior year. While Matt would play on the varsity soccer team, Gabriella would wear his jersey proudly and attend every game. Likewise, Matt never missed one of Gabriella's many performances through the BL theater program.

We pray for Matt and Gabriella as they begin their lives as husband and wife and wish them much happiness on their journey together, one which we at Ludden feel blessed to have been a part of.



**Matt and Gabriella, 2025**



**Matt and Gabriella, 2017**

# Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

## 2025

Inductee	Class of	Sport
Mark Ganley	1971	Football, Basketball, Track & Field
John Cristoforetti	1974	Football & Basketball
Beth Sierotnik	2004	Basketball & Lacrosse
David Mulherin	1975	Football & Lacrosse
Randy Jones	1985	Basketball
John Elmer	1977	Wrestling
Oscar Vergara	1972	Soccer Coach (1974-2019)
Kaitlyn Conboy	2002	Basketball
Patty Romano Marshall	1982	Softball, Basketball, Soccer, Indoor Track, & Cheerleading
Marty Kress	1966	Basketball & Baseball
Boys Basketball State Champions	1994	Basketball

**We will celebrate these Ludden athletes at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown (The old Hotel Syracuse) during the Induction Ceremony on Sunday August 3rd starting at 2PM with a cocktail reception**

IN MEMORIAM: for full obituary, please click on the name

## Paige Swierk, Class of 2026



Paige Marie Elizabeth Swierk, 16, of Syracuse, NY, passed away unexpectedly on February 3, 2025.

Born on August 20, 2008, to Karen Trendowski Swierk and Francis J. Swierk, Paige was known for her tenacious determination. She often got lost in her books and found peace in the tranquility of Otisco Lake. Paige was currently a student at Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School and had previously attended the Westhill School District. In her honor, scholarship funds will be established at both school districts.

Paige was predeceased by her grandmothers, Patricia Trendowski and Mary Fran Swierk.

She will be dearly missed by her parents, Karen Trendowski Swierk and Francis Swierk; her siblings, Ryan Swierk and Teagan Swierk; her grandfathers, Teal Trendowski (Kathy) and Chester Swierk (Valerie); her godparents, Angela Trendowski and Richard Barton; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, and her beloved cats; Riley, Harper, and Kennedy.

## Mary Petrarca, Class of 1977



Mary Elizabeth Petrarca (Rother) peacefully went home to her Lord on a beautiful afternoon, Wednesday, February 26, 2025. She was embraced by her family in her home of nearly forty years in Liverpool, NY.

A native of the city of Syracuse, Mary was born to Edward and Lucille Rother and spent her early years on West Pleasant Avenue in the city of Syracuse before moving to Elm Tree Lane in Fairmont where she would eventually meet her husband, Bob Petrarca "Guido".

Mary graduated from Bishop Ludden Junior Senior High School in 1977, and from Powelson Business Institute in 1978.

She had a career as a Medical Assistant and worked until she was physically unable to continue. Amidst working and raising four children, she also managed to start BMAT Enterprises, an office servicing company, with her husband, close friends, and children.

Mary is survived by her devoted husband, Bob Petrarca; children, Melissa Petrarca (Derek Robinson), Robert Petrarca, Jr., Kate (EJ) Johnson, and Margaret (Gabriel) Romano; step-children, Jen (Dave) Huyck, Jean (Rob) Guanciale, and Tony (Melinda) Petrarca; her most beloved grandchildren, Sam, Ella, Aidan, Ryan, Sophia, Charlotte, Hadley, Lily, Ethan, and Josephine; her siblings, Ed Rother, Ann Rother, and Bob (Karen) Rother, along with many nieces and nephews.



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**\$100 EACH**  
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*Drawing*  
**10 LUCKY WINNERS**  
**OF \$100 EACH**

If you buy a ticket by FEB 28, 2025



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**WIN BIG!**

<b>1ST PRIZE</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>2ND PRIZE</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>3RD PRIZE</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
<b>5 PRIZES</b> OF	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>15 PRIZES</b> OF	<b>\$500</b>

*Bishop Ludden's annual sweepstakes benefits our school  
and celebrates over 60 years of faith-filled academic excellence.*

# LUDDEN GIVING

Requested #'s (first come, first served) \_\_\_\_\_ Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_

## BISHOP LUDDEN 2025 SPRING SWEEPSTAKES APPLICATION

Make a **\$100** payment to Bishop Ludden for each ticket. Include the number of tickets you want and what names you want on each ticket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

All 2,000 tickets are eligible for listed prizes.  
Drawing will start with the 23rd prize and work back  
to the 1st prize of \$50,000. Must be 18 to buy tickets.

Send application to:  
BISHOP LUDDEN  
SPRING SWEEPSTAKES  
815 Fay Road  
Syracuse, NY 13219

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