



Congratulations to the 2025 Hall of Fame Inductees!



Saturday, November 8, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Antun's of Queens Village

The Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association is proud to announce the 2025 **Reunion and Hall of Fame Ceremony**, taking place on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, at **Antun's** in Queens Village. Join us from **12:00 PM to 5:00 PM** for an afternoon of fellowship, memories, and recognition of our newest Hall of Fame inductees.

This event brings together Power alumni of all generations to honor our shared legacy and the outstanding individuals who have helped shape it.

Special Early Bird Pricing – Available Until September 30, 2025:

Individual Ticket: \$125

Table of 10: \$1,100

Ticket prices increase to \$150 per person beginning October 1, 2025.

To reserve your spot:

Zelle: Send payment to smlazarus@aol.com

Check: Make payable to **PMAAA** and mail to:

PMAAA c/o Steve Lazarus

410 Fieldstone Terrace

Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni, celebrate our Hall of Fame honorees, and show your Power pride. We look forward to seeing you there!



How to Nominate Someone for the Power Memorial Hall of Fame

With the Big Reveal for this Year's HOF Class, we thought it was a good time to interview the Hall of Fame Committee. Members of the Hall of Fame Committee are Kevin McGearry '72, Steve Lazarus '79 and Tom Tuffey '80.

Q. Is it true the role of the Hall of Fame Committee is to Select Alumni for Recognition?

A. No. The Committee's job is to acknowledge All Nominations submitted via the "Submission Form" which is accessible from the Home - Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association Webpage. Additionally, the Committee is responsible for putting together the information provided by the Nominators for presentation to the Voting Committee.

As per the Guidelines, the Committee can make recommendation to the Voting Board for specific Candidates in a particular Year that we believe could help maximize the Attendance at the Annual Reunion/ Hall of Fame Event.

This Year's Event will be a Luncheon on Saturday, November 8th at Antun's in Queens Village, NY.

Q. Who is the Voting Committee:

A. The HOF Voting Committee shall consist of the members of the PMAAA Board and may include some HOF members selected such that the vote will be an odd number so that a simple majority can determine the vote on each nominee.

Q. Are only Athletes elected to the Hall of Fame?

A. Former students who attended PMA for at least one full year, former Faculty, former Administration and Staff workers are eligible for nomination. Even if the nominee never played for a City Championship Team, or passed the baton in a record setting race, or was not the Head of the Yearbook Committee or leader of the Band, consider what this student, faculty, staff or administrator has done in their life to exemplify the Spirit of Power Memorial Academy.

To date we have had 87 Members and Teams Honored in the PMA Hall of Fame.

The breakdown is 11 Teams, 21 Teachers/Faculty, 30 Alumni/Students and 25 Sports Alumni.

There are many Great Stories out there and it is All Alumni's choice to put those Extraordinary Stories forward.

Q. Are there some thoughts that one should consider when submitting a Person for the Hall of Fame?

A. Be vested in the submission. The Committee is not responsible to build a case for the person. Three Nominators names go on the form, please do the work of formulating the case as to why this person exemplifies a "Power Man" above most others. Like any Hall of Fame, it should represent the small percentage of attendees who make us all look good. Not just at what they did while in their Year(s) at Power but what they achieved or are achieving in their lifetime. — PMAAA Newsletter Team

BISHOP GERALD T. WALSH, 82, DEVOTED NEW YORK CLERGYMAN

Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, a longtime leader in the Archdiocese of New York and former rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, passed away on May 4, 2025, at age 82.

Born in Manhattan on April 25, 1942, he graduated from Power Memorial Academy in 1959 and studied at Iona College before entering St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers in 1961. He was ordained a priest by Cardinal Francis Spellman at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 27, 1967.

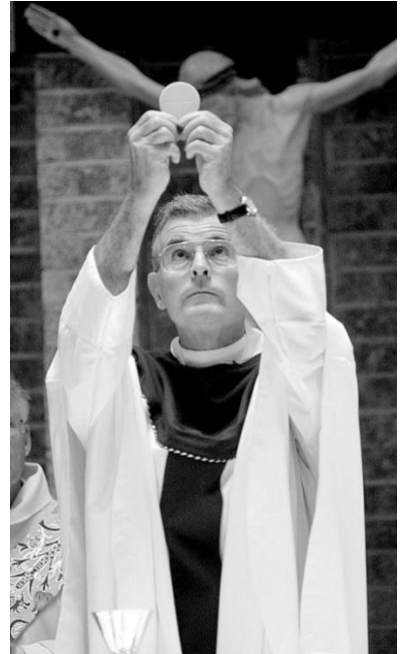
Following Spanish immersion training in Puerto Rico, Father Walsh began his ministry as parochial vicar at Holy Trinity in Manhattan, where his warm pastoral style took root—exemplified by a memorable early encounter with three sixth-grade boys who remained in his life for decades.

He served at Holy Trinity for 22 years and worked at Catholic Charities beginning in 1980, earning a master's in social work from Fordham in 1983. He later served as pastor at Incarnation and St. Elizabeth parishes in Washington Heights, and as secretary to Cardinal John O'Connor.

Appointed an auxiliary bishop in 2004 by Pope John Paul II and ordained by Cardinal Edward Egan, he held numerous roles including vicar for development, vicar for clergy, vicar general, and rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, where he welcomed Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

Known for his humility, pastoral care, and what he called the “theology of hanging out,” Bishop Walsh retired in 2017 but continued to serve the archdiocese with dedication. Cardinal Timothy Dolan called him “one of the finest priests I have ever met.”

Reflecting on his 50 years of priesthood, Bishop Walsh once said simply, “I’ve been very happy.”



A LIGHT THAT LIFTED OTHERS: THE LEGACY OF CULLEN CROWLEY

The *Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association* would like to extend its deepest condolences to the Crowley family on the passing of Cullen Crowley, a proud graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a U.S. Marine Corps officer, who died after a courageous battle with cancer. He was just 25.

Cullen, the beloved son of former Congressman Joe Crowley, a 1980 Power Memorial Academy graduate, and his wife Kasey, passed away on Memorial Day weekend. A proud New Yorker with roots in Queens, Cullen was known for his infectious spirit, love of music, and devotion to family, friends, and country.

Driven by a deep desire to serve, Cullen set his sights on the Naval Academy at age 12 and fulfilled that dream in 2018. He later became a Marine Corps

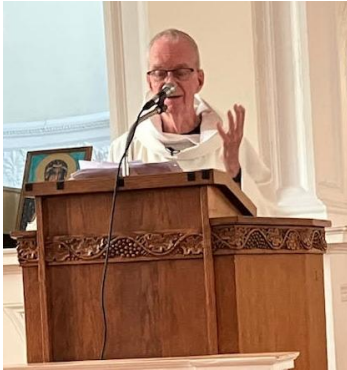




officer and, even after a rare cancer diagnosis, continued to embody the values of strength, resilience, and service. He officially retired in 2024 as a first lieutenant.

The Crowley family shared: “Cullen is our hero. We are endlessly proud of the man he became and feel so blessed to call him ours. We miss you, Cullen — forever and always.”

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Rev. Raymond Maher for graciously serving as the Principal Celebrant of this year’s Mass of Remembrance. We are also deeply grateful to Mr. Eric Mercado, Principal of Monsignor Scanlan High School, and to Christopher Gallagher, President of Monsignor Scanlan’s Board of Directors, for their generosity, hospitality, and assistance in allowing us to use the beautiful Msgr. Scanlan Chapel for the service.

A heartfelt thank-you as well to Joy Vanadio, Director of Music at St. Frances de Chantal Church in the Bronx, for providing the music and accompanying me during the Mass.

We also want to thank those who were able to join us virtually via livestream. Our sincere appreciation to Monsignor Scanlan High School for making the livestream possible and allowing members of our community near and far to participate in this meaningful event.

Additionally, we thank the Board of Directors of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association—especially Joe DeFazio and his wife Connie—and everyone whose support and contributions helped make the Mass of Remembrance and the reception that followed such a meaningful and successful event.

Exciting News — We Secured PowerMemorialAcademy.com!

Thanks to the efforts of former Board member John Torres, we are proud to announce that we have secured the domain **PowerMemorialAcademy.com**.

What does this mean? It means that when you type **PowerMemorialAcademy.com** into your web browser, it will automatically take you to our website at **PowerMemorialAcademyAlumniAssociation.com**. This makes it easier than ever for alumni, friends, and supporters to find us online.

Thank you, John, for helping preserve and promote the legacy of Power Memorial Academy!



Birdies, Bogeys & Brotherhood – A Big Thank You to All Who Joined Us!!!



Sometimes when you leave a Golf Course You wonder why you ever came, and sometimes You are reminded why the allure of the Game is so magical.

Thursday, May 2nd, 2025 fits into the later description as 43 Gentleman from 18 different Classes and some Family & Friends came to Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx to participate in the first Power Memorial Golf Outing of this Century.

Included in that attendance was 1948 Graduate, and 95 Year old, Mr. Louis Le Jacq, who attended lunch with his Son, Maryknoll Missionary, Peter Le Jacq. In addition to Mr. Le Jacq, we were blessed in fellowship with Alumni from the Classes of 1961, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1982 and 1984. 1968 & 1973 took Honors with four attendees and 1965 and 1979 had three each. We were also joined for lunch by Monsignor Scanlan Principal, Eric Mercado and Board Member & PMA HOF Inductee, Lou Santo, (Reminder: PMA Remembrance Mass at Monsignor Scanlan on Saturday, June 14 at 10am)

The day was brisk, but very comfortable and we were treated to a full breakfast from 7:30 until 8:30 am and then the bell rang promptly at 8:30 for all to tee off on their respective holes. We had 36 Golfers participate on the beautifully manicured and pristine conditions of the Par 71 Pelham Bay Course. It proved very challenging with a Foursome of Alumni recording a two under par Scramble score to come in second to a Group of very talented Friends (and Non-Alumni) who posted a 7 under.

But the real reward was the comradery of a Two Hour Lunch which featured an extensive buffet of food and a few libations with lots of time and generous space both indoors and outdoors, to catch up with old Friends and meet new acquaintance's.

Photos from the Day are posted on the PMAAA website (www.powermemorialacademyalumniassociation.com) under the "Pictures" tab of the drop down menu.

For a first time, it seemed that we had a lot of happy and please attendees and the plan is to do it again on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Special thanks to Ed Coleman for doing the leg work in getting things teed up with the golf course and to Board Member and Historian, Kevin McGeary, for trucking some of the Memorabilia up to the Course to



make the room feel a little more like Home. (And to Tom Tuffey for muscling the artifacts back with Him.) And a shout out to our President, Dennis Mooney for taking a day off from Teaching and making a special presentation of the 1948 Yearbook to Mr. Le Jacq.

And a Special Thank You to All who attended and participated. Next Year we could use an Alumni volunteer with some photography skills to go around and take some action photos on the course!

We hope that many more Alumni can join us next May. Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Steve Lazarus at smlazarus@aol.com or 201-851-2445.

Event Summary:

36 Golfers participated, contributing \$6,300

7 Additional Lunch Guests joined us, raising \$575

Total Revenue: \$6,875

Event Costs:

Golf Course Charges: \$6,466

(\$153 per golfer package, \$60 per lunch guest)

Net Profit: \$409

Special Thanks:

We gave out custom golf towels to all attendees — a generous donation valued at \$1,325, contributed by a loyal Power alum. Thank you for your continued support of the PMAAA mission!

Towels for Sale!

We have 52 high-quality Power golf towels remaining. They're available for purchase at \$20 each plus shipping, and all proceeds will go directly to support the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association.

Interested in buying a towel? Contact Steve Lazarus at 201-851-2445 or smlazarus@aol.com.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

A Legacy of Faith and Service: The Mooney's Mission to Support Inner City Catholic Education

The Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association proudly recognizes John Mooney, Class of 1982, and his wife Christine Mooney for their unwavering dedication to Catholic education and community service. Through the years, their philanthropic spirit has made a profound impact on three storied institutions in the Bronx and Long Island—All Hallows High School, Kellenberg Memorial High School, and most recently, Mount St. Michael Academy.

A Mission Begins at All Hallows

The Mooney's journey into Catholic school advocacy began with All Hallows High School in the South Bronx. John, a proud Power graduate, recognized in All Hallows a kindred spirit—an institution serving young men from underserved communities, offering not only academic instruction but discipline, character, and a faith based environment. As All Hallows faced mounting financial and enrollment pressures, the Mooney's were at the forefront of fundraising efforts, dedicating their time, energy, and resources to sustaining the school. Their work helped support scholarships, facility upgrades, and critical student services.



Though the school recently announced its closure, it was not for lack of passion or effort. John and Christine were among its strongest advocates to the very end, working tirelessly with school leaders and donors to explore every possible path forward.

A New Chapter at Mount St. Michael

In the wake of All Hallows' closure, the Mooney's have once again answered the call—this time at Mount St. Michael Academy, another Bronx institution serving young men with the same values that defined Power Memorial. Recognizing the Mount as a natural continuation of their mission, John and Christine have begun working with school leaders to ensure students have access to the resources and opportunities they deserve.

Their goal remains unchanged: to preserve the legacy of Catholic education in the Bronx, and to give young men the tools they need to grow into compassionate, successful leaders.

Power's Legacy Lives On

John Mooney has never forgotten the foundation he received at Power Memorial Academy—nor the Brotherhood that continues to connect its alumni across generations. His life of service is a testament to Power's enduring mission of preparing young men to be leaders in the service of others.

The PMAAA salutes John and Christine Mooney for their example, their faith, and their extraordinary generosity. In honoring schools like All Hallows, Kellenberg, and Mount St. Michael, they keep the Power spirit alive and thriving.

END OF 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

As you can review from the below Report we had a successful year of gathering together at various activities and delivering on our financial obligations while maintaining our responsibility on our finances. The Board appreciates all the Alumni who participated, donated and shared your thoughts and memories. We are in a good place fiscally and we will have to decide how to support Inner City Education as we move forward. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

It is evident from the report that outside of the advance Donations from the 1965 Class, who are celebrating their Diamond (60th) Graduating Anniversary throughout this Year, we pretty much ran in place while accomplishing a lot. Shout out to Norm Jardine and All of His Classmates who have responded to the Appeal, not only currently but for many decades of supporting the work of the Alumni Association.

Unfortunately, we did not know at the time but the 2024 Summer Social at All Hallows High School chaired by Vice President Carl Hall was the final one to be held at the school. As we are all aware by now, the last Irish Christian Brothers School in New York is closing as the end of this School Year and the property is in the process of being sold to a Real Estate development company.

The first Basketball Classic raised some funds, and it also was a nice gathering event for Alumni to come together in January at Mount St. Michael's Academy. Thanks to our President Dennis Mooney for bringing this vision to life and some of the buzzer beaters that we witnessed reminded us of the heyday of our beloved Teams at PMA.

We were able to make a payment to All Hallows in support of the Four PMAAA Sponsored Students, and fulfillment of our Charter. If any of these current Students continues their education at another Catholic High School, the Board has voted to maintain the same level of support towards the finalization of their Education.



We had an incredible number of over 300 People attending the Hall of Fame & Alumni Dinner in October at Antun's in Queens Village, NY. It was an incredible evening and squeaked out a few shekels to support our efforts. It was a room filled with a lot of Alumni and the memories and re-connecting was electric. We hope more folks can join us on November 8th, 2025 as we try a lunch event (Noon) at the same venue.

We did have to pay a Penalty to the US Treasury for the late filing of our 2021 990 Tax Form due to COVID. We have filed for an abatement for this cost and should know if our optimism on this is fulfilled.

We have been utilizing Metro Sports for our Merchandise Sales and this allows us to periodically open a virtual store. This frees us up from carrying an inventory and allows us to offer a wider selection of merchandise. If you have an idea for a favorite piece of PMA wear that you would like to see, please notify any of the Board members. Please keep in mind that "one off" pieces cannot be produced but any ideas that might have a far reaching appeal, please share. This Company covers most of the High Schools throughout NYC and in addition to being very accurate in timing and product choices, they have also been generous in supporting the Annual Power Classic by donating Purple and Gold Warm-up T-shirts for all participating Teams.

Any questions or thoughts on this report or anything to do with the financial status of our organization can be addressed with Steve Lazarus

Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association					
Schedule of Cashflows for the 2024 Calendar Year					
Checking 1/1/2024				\$	51,019.72
Revenue:					
Summer Social Revenue/Donation	1675.00				
1965 Donations for Anniversary Year	2603.45				
2025 Classic Donations	1650.00				
Donations from Appeal and thruout 2024	5513.79	Line 1 of 990	11442.24		
Merchandise Sales & Commissions	1743.50	Line 7a & 7c of 1099			
2024 Dinner Revenue	42098.91	Line 6b & 6c of 1099			
Transfer of Money from Savings for CD	4046.60				
	Total Revenue			\$	59,331.25
Expenditures:					
Subscriptions & Services:					
	Go Daddy		\$ 35.16		
	SmugMug (2yr)		\$ 234.58		
	Zoom		\$163.75		
	WebSite & WebMail		\$ 92.80		
	Constant Contact		\$ 510.36		
	Square		\$ 62.91		
Total S&S				\$ 1,099.56	Line 13
BigColor Printing	\$1,000.00	Line 15 of 990			
Shadow Boxes for HOF	\$446.26	Line 15 of 990			
St. Patrick's Post Parade Cost	\$309.56	Line 15 of 990			
Memorial Mass	\$294.66	Line 15 of 990			
USPS	\$95.20	Line 15 of 990	\$2,145.68		
990Filing Fees	\$221.70	Line 16 of 990			
Donations to All Hallows	\$10,500.00	Line 10 of 990			
Deposit for 2025 Golf outing	\$1,000.00	Line 13 of 990	\$ 2,099.56		
Cost of Reunion/Hall of Fame Dinner & Summer Social	\$37,325.94	Line 6c of 990			
Penalty for Late Filing of 2021 990Form	\$2,903.30	Line 16 of 990			
	Total Expenditures			\$55,196.18	
Transfer to CD				\$47,379.92	
Ending Balance 12/31/2024				\$	7,774.87
Savings Balance 1/1/24					
Interest in 2023				\$ 15,787.06	
Funds transferred to CD				\$ 0.73	
				\$ (14,265.86)	
Ending Balance 12/31/2024				\$	1,521.93
CD Holdings at JP Morgan Chase					
CD Holdings at JP Morgan Chase 1/1/24				\$ 40,000.00	
3/24 Interest on CD				\$ 780.74	
3/24 Transfer from Savings \$10,219.26				\$ 10,219.26	
12/25 Interest on \$51,000 CD				\$ 1,620.08	
Transfer from Checking to roll CD of \$100,000				\$ 47,379.92	
Ending CD Balance 12/31/2024				\$	100,000.00
Total Assets of PMAAA 12/31/2024				\$	109,296.80
Restricted Funds					
2022 Appeal Scholarship (Needs to be verified with Kevin Bollbach)			1600		
2023 Appeal Scholarship Directed			1600		



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“HONORING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE”

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I write to you today with a mix of reflection and optimism about the future of our Alumni Association.

Last month marked the final graduation ceremony at **All Hallows High School**, bringing an end to the proud tradition of **Irish Christian Brothers education in Manhattan and the Bronx**. This moment is bittersweet. Our partnership with All Hallows has been meaningful, and we are deeply grateful to the dedicated administrators, faculty, and staff who worked tirelessly to educate and inspire generations of young men.

As one chapter closes, another begins. I am pleased to share that the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association has established a new relationship with **Monsignor Scanlan High School in the Bronx**. This partnership enables us to continue fulfilling our mission:

“To promote fellowship among alumni and former faculty and to promulgate the traditions of Power Memorial Academy, through need-based scholarships for scholastically accomplished young people, especially those from minority populations.”

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Mr. Eric Mercado**, Principal of Monsignor Scanlan High School, and **Christopher Gallagher**, President of Monsignor Scanlan’s Board of Directors, for welcoming us as part of the Scanlan family. They have generously provided us with a dedicated room to display our **Power Memorial memorabilia**, allowing us to preserve and share the rich history and traditions of Power Memorial Academy with future generations.

While we are saddened by the closure of All Hallows, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead with Monsignor Scanlan. This new chapter allows us to continue supporting deserving students and preserving the values and legacy of Power Memorial Academy.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we honor the past while investing in the future.

Sincerely,

Dennis Mooney

President

Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association

