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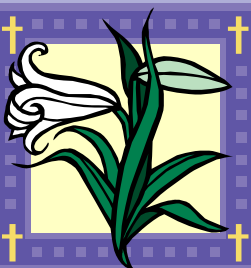
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR ICHS GRADUATES FROM JAMAICA

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# Hey there Susie Q !!

By Heather Bubb-Clarke

## Hey there Susie Q get off the grass!!

Remember hearing those words being shouted at someone who dared to walk on the lawns of I.C.H.S.

Were you one of Sister's James Vincent's victims? I was. Alas, her words are only an echo now.

On Tuesday, November 3, 2009, our dear Sister Mary James Vincent Buttino (affectionately called Sister Jimmy) went home to be with our Holy Father.

Born December 9, 1919 as Beatrice Concetta Buttino, the daughter of Pasquale and Henrietta Buttino of Courtland, N.Y. She attend St. Mary's Grade and St. Mary's High School in Cortland. Graduated from Cornell University with a B.S. in Bacteriology and a minor in Chemistry before entering religious life.

Beatrice was received into the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse on Aug. 15, 1948. She made her first



profession of vows on Aug. 16, 1949 and her final vows on Aug. 16, 1955.

Her first assignment was as science teacher to St. Anne's High School, Winston-Salem, N.C. where she taught science for a year. She was later commissioned to Kingston, Jamaica in September 1950 where she lived, taught, and devoted her time to God until her death.

Sister James Vincent's new assignment was to teach biology and chemistry to the students of Immaculate Conception High School. Sometime later Biology became her focal subject to teach. With Sister's love of science and her students, she was appointed the Head of the Science Department and later the Vice-Principal of

I.C.H.S. Many of us will remember that sister was also the Moderator to the Sodality of Our Lady and House Mistress of the Immaculate House.

Sister's missionary activities involved her teaching Sunday School at the Immaculate Conception Church, Stony Hill, as well as at it's four rural missions.

In her retirement years, Sister Jimmy dedicated much of her time to teaching Catholic Doctrines at St. Aloysius Primary School on Duke Street, Kingston. This ended abruptly when she suffered a massive stroke. Her final days were spent in prayer and suffering.

You will be greatly missed dear Sister Jimmy by your fellow Franciscan Sisters, your many students and by all the many individuals whoes lives you may have touched. May your soul be forever with the Lord.

# President's Message



*My Dear Fellow Alumnae,*

*This probably will be my last message as President of the Association since the term of this Executive comes to an end this year. It has been my pleasure to serve the Association and I take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support during this time.*

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*As an association, we have continued the tradition of supporting ICHS during the past four years. Recently, in January of 2010, with the assistance of an Alumna in Jamaica, the Association donated a ride-on lawn mower to ensure that the beautiful grounds are kept in "Immaculate" condition. In July, 2008, we donated a portable organ to the music department as our gift to the school for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and in 2006, the ICHSAA Toronto Chapter established two scholarships for students seeking higher education at a college or University in Canada.*

*Since the inception of the Scholarships, two have been awarded to children of our membership, the first to Jade Hugh and the second to David Collins. Unfortunately, we had no applicants for the academic year 2009/10 but are hoping that this will not be the case for the coming academic year. If you know of anyone that could benefit from our scholarship, please see the application and the criteria in this newsletter. The last date to submit an application is June 30, 2010. In addition, we have not been successful with the financial needs Scholarship to an ICHS graduate and have therefore decided to re-vamp the criteria and award the scholarship to a student pursuing studies in the sciences at a the University of the West Indies or University of Technology in Jamaica. This scholarship will be named the Sr. James Vincent Scholarship.*

*We have also established a Science award for the top graduating student in biology, also in honour of Sr. James Vincent in recognition of her dedication to the education of science students at ICHS.*

*In December 2009, we started a campaign to raise funds to ensure that the scholarships that have been established to assist disadvantaged students at Immaculate can continue if we, as an association, are no longer able to raise funds through our dances etc. I implore you to assist with this valiant effort by making your donation using the enclosed Power of One flyer.*

*Our 2010 Dance will take place in the Spring this year and has been aptly named Rejuvenation. Our Snow Birds will have returned from the South and we are looking forward to enjoying their company once more at our dance. Save the date and be sure to attend April 24, 2010 at Sts Peter and Paul Banquet Hall. 2009 saw a greater number of deaths and illnesses in the midst of many weddings and births.*

*Let us pray:*

*for the families of those who have died, that in time the loss will be less painful;*

*for the sick, that they will be restored to good health;*

*for the newly weds, that they will enjoy a long, blessed, happy and fulfilling marriage;*

*for the babies, that they will flourish and grow up to be noble citizens of our world; and*

*for each of us that we will have a healthy and peaceful 2010.*

*Looking forward to seeing you on April 24, 2010!*

*Sincerely  
Cathrine (Katy) Sani*





## 'Runnings from the Rock'

BY *Lorraine Chung*  
A RETURNING RESIDENT



Today I am going to deal with something that is at the top of my pet peeves. **THE MAD ROUTE TAXI DRIVERS.** The laws of the road in Jamaica is something written in a book. This is never practised once these unlicensed get behind the wheel of a car. Simple things like driving on the shoulder, don't over take going up a hill or not making a right turn from the extreme left lane in front of 2 lanes of traffic all seems to be just common sense to stay alive.

I have seen some blatant disregard for the other drivers on the road. Some examples, two lanes of traffic going straight one turning right (remember left hand drive) and the turning lane is used to get in front of the lanes going straight. That is overtaking on the right, a very common practice in Montego Bay.

The roads are improving on the island and as this progress the death rate seems to be getting higher. The better the road the faster they go, therefore the greater the im-

pact and so the greater chance of a fatality. There is currently a contest on to try to encourage the Parishes to get the traffic death rate down. In 2008 there were 343 deaths and to the end of September we are at 251. It looks as if it is on track to repeat or pass last year. Since living in Montego Bay I personally have been in contact with families of several victims of the road. I have not been in contact with anyone shot or family of anyone shot dead or injured in Jamaica. When I am asked about the violence here I tell them the driving scares me more than the gun. I can stay away from the areas that have gun play but we all have to use the road and can't get away from the drivers who have no licence or insurance. The police do have check points but as one is set up the word gets out and the guilty gets off the road till all is cleared.

This is a serious problem and one I can't see improving anytime soon.

As Miss Lou would say *"walk good or should that be drive good"*



Dear Alumnae,

The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and the Buttino family wish to express their deep appreciation and gratitude to all the graduates of ICHS and members of the Alumnae Association for the tremendous outpouring of loving support, expressions of sympathy, and the love and gratitude expressed especially in "Facebook" by so many of you on the passing of our beloved Sister James Vincent.

To all who were able to attend the funeral, who sang the Panis Angelicus, who formed the Guard of Honour so spontaneously, "thank you" in a special way. Her two nieces who were present found it extremely touching.

Gratitude and appreciation too, to all who have contributed and are still sending in cheques to the Fund in her memory. A little over J\$81,000 was taken up in the collection at the funeral. We will let you know the total amount and the use to which it will be put when it all comes in.

The family had a Memorial Mass for her in her hometown parish, St. Anthony's Church in Cortland, N.Y. on Thursday, December 10, at noon.

Blessings on each and everyone of you and your families. In continual memory of our dear Sister JV, may you hold fast to and spread the values that were dear to her and which she passed on to you.

Sister Maureen Clare, o.s.f.

# Upcoming Events



*Come To Our Dinner Dance*  
& Restore your youthful vigor

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ON APRIL 24, 2010**

# Rejuvenation

AT ST. PETER & PAUL BANQUET HALL  
231 MILNER AVENUE, SCARBOROUGH, ON M1S5E3

**Doors open at 6:30pm**

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Handing over the Lawn mover keys to Sister Angela

**Families & Friends!!**  
Please join us for an Old Fashioned Picnic

Alpha Academy Alumnae Assn  
Immaculate Conception High School Alumnae Assn  
St. George's College Old Boys Assn

**Sunday, August 22nd 2010.**  
10:00am to 8:00pm  
**Milne Park**  
Lakeview B / Shelter Area  
Located on McCowan Road  
South of Highway 7  
Markham, Ontario, Canada  
**RAIN or SHINE**

# AAAA/ICHSA/St.GCOBA Old Fashioned Picnic

What a beautiful summer's day last Aug 16,2009 was! For the first time in years not a drop of rain to spoil our old fashioned picnic. Each alumni had a good turnout of similar faces and friends. Food, food, food and more food. Finger licking food, fun, games, laughter and tales. Everyone present have a wonderful time.



Alumni Presidents -Alpha's JoJo, St.George's Chris ICHS' Katy



# Sisters' Visit

By *Heather Bubb-Clarke*



Early July, 2009, many of us Alumnae had the opportunity to spend an evening with Sisters Maureen Clare Hall and Celia Cools-lartique at Yvonne & Gerry Lew's home. Several of us had not seen Sister Celia since school days (1970's), so it came as a complete surprise to see her without her veil. Sister looked fabulous. It was a treat to catch-up on old times, as well as, to share many a stories. Sister Maureen Clare was heavenly. Just her warm smile

and presence filled each and every one of our hearts. Excitement, chatter, and laughter filled the air.

The evening started with an assembly of all us girls (ladies) on Yvonne's lawn for refreshments, followed by a delicious Jamaican catered meal. After the dinner, each Sister was presented with tokens of appreciation. The Award-winning Photographer Heather Bubb-Clarke presented Sister Maureen Clare with one of her photographs "On Autumn Pond" a Canadian scene on canvas. The evening concluded with Denise Narcisse-Mair Bishop tickling the ivories while we enjoyed tea, coffee and dessert. Several Glee Club members demonstrated their vocal talent by joining in with the singing of many school songs. The best treat of the evening was when Sister Maureen Clare sat at the piano to play and lead us with song of our school's Alma mater. It still gives me a chill down my spine. "Triumphantly we'll sing till the vaults of heaven ring...Alta mater....Immaculate Conception Alma Mater...." Wow what an evening!! Nothing like the old times....such memories.



# Anne-Marie Bonner's Farewell By Suzanne Reid

What a party, what a sendoff, what a NICE TIME was hosted for our esteemed alumna, Jamaica's Consul General to Toronto, Anne-Marie Bonner! On November 14, we met at Yvonne & Gerry Lew's home to fete Anne-Marie, as her term of office comes to an end.

We dined on escoveitch fish, fricas-



"Livewire". The laughter flowed freely, as did the good wishes to Anne-Marie, on her next endeavour and her return to private life. Anne-Marie thanked everyone for their many kindnesses, the fellowship and friendships she made. She hopes to see us all again soon. We wish her well.



see chicken, curry goat, macaroni and cheese and a nice salad of greens and blueberries, followed by cake by Debbie Jureidini, to the smooth sounds of Robbie Vernon on the piano.

The crowd was friendly and very chatty. Past pres Lorraine Chung made observations about her recent return to Jamaica, particularly of the Montego Bay area. The conversation included some very lively arguments about the best beaches in the Caribbean, the best resorts, where to get the best meals, and so on and so on. The most amusing were the accounts by Heather Bubb-Clarke about her recent trips to Jamaica, to document out-of-the-way places; truly she is a



## She Does not look a day over 55

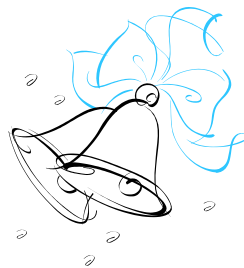
Happy Easter



Congratulations to our Treasurer, Yvonne Lyew on reaching a major milestone on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. You do not look a day over 55.

On Saturday, August 28th, 2009, a rainy and cold summer's evening, many of Yvonne's ICHS family, immediate family and friends joined Gerry and her on their lawn to celebrate Yvonne's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. The lawn was adorned with tents in which everyone huddled as the weather was not cooperating for that time of the year. Not even the bad weather could stop everyone from enjoying the delicious spread Gerry had catered. Yvonne looked radiant in her summer dress as she visited with her guests to ensure that everyone had plenty to eat and drink. Fun and merriment were had by all. The evening was topped with the cutting of the traditional cake.

Did you know that it is a Chinese tradition not to celebrate your birthday after your birth date? .... hence the early party.



### **Congratulations are in order**

Our whole hearted Congratulations go out to our Donette Chin-Loy and St. George's Ray Chang on their recent nuptials. They're seen here at the first UWI Toronto benefit gala, at which Ray was patron

Welcome **Adam Philip Case**  
Proud Grandma Carol has a special twinkle in her eye.







**Archbishop Lawrence Aloysius Burke, S.J.** was born in Kingston on October 27, 1932, the son of the late Herbert and Mary (Bennett) Burke. One of six children, his brother, Herbert Jr. deceased as his sister Mrs Sheila Bississar. His three other sisters, Miss Marjorie Burke, Mrs Cynthia Stewart and Miss Barbara

- Entered the Society of Jesus 14 August 1951
- Ordained Priest 16 June 1964
- Ordained Bishop of Nassau 11 October 1981
- Appointed Superior of Turks & Caicos 10 June 1984
- Resigned as Superior of Turks & Caicos 17 October 1998
- Appointed Archbishop of Nassau 22 June 1999
- Appointed Archbishop of Kingston 17 February 2004
- Retired as Archbishop of Kingston 12 April 2008

Burke reside in Ontario, Canada. From his earliest youth, Archbishop Burke was strongly influenced by the Jesuits he came to know at his parish, St. Theresa's on Deanery Road, and later at St. George's College, two institutions which along with his family, were at the very heard of his young life. He was ordained Priest in 1964. He became the Principle of St George in 1979 and in 1981 appointed Bishop of Nassau by Pope Paul II

On February 9, 2004 he returned to his native Jamaica as Archbishop of Kingston. Able to let go with no sense of ownership, grateful for the privilege of serving the Church and God's people in Nassau, he was again ready to go wherever the Church wanted him to serve. Coming back to Jamaica, he told the people in his opening sermon: "I return to a Jamaica changed tremendously since 1981, but with all of its challenges. I find it a country of great promise." He won the hearts of priests and laity alike, felt their support for his ministry and was encouraged and strengthened by their prayers.

## Our New Arrivals



### Welcome : Lyric Simone

Born to Scarlett and Patrizzio Proud Grandparents Deana and Robert Burke are overjoyed with their little bundle.



**Savanna Grace**

She is certainly Grandpa's girl. No doubt who Savanna looks like. Congrats to Ray Chang on his adorable grandbaby.

### Mister Nickolas Hart



Everyone meet Nickolas at the Old Fashion Picnic when mum Novellette and dad Milton Hart proudly showed off their new addition and brother to Matt.

Allison giving a helping with our double delights

**Arianna Lily Sanz** arrived on April 19, 2009. She weighed in at 7 lbs. Proud parents are Melissa and Albert Sanz. Even prouder grandparents are Jacqueline and Derrick Lue. Arianna is perpetually smothered with love by big sisters Sierra (5) and Katarina (2).



## SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR CANADIANS

### SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Applications are sought from children and grandchildren of dues paying members of the ICHS AA Toronto Chapter who are Canadian residents and are / or will be attending a college or university in Canada.

Consideration will be given to candidates who are well rounded in athletics, academics and community involvement not only candidates with the highest grades.

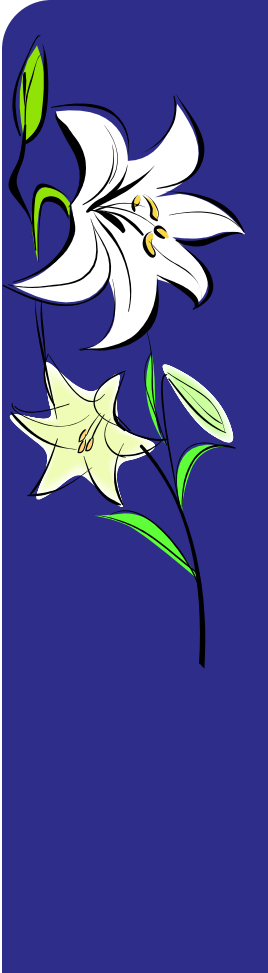
The Scholarship Grant will be awarded to the individual who the selection committee decides will make a meaningful contribution to society.

All applications will be reviewed by an independent selection committee.

Applications, may be downloaded from our website, or are available from any of our Committee members. You may also request a copy by contacting us at our Email address: [ichsaatoronto@gmail.com](mailto:ichsaatoronto@gmail.com)

**Deadline - June 30, 2010**  
**SCHOLARSHIP GRANT FOR ICHS**

Photos from the December Mass and Luncheon



Proud Parents, our Katy and Tony Sani poses for the camera at the Destination Wedding of their son **Aaron to Luarne**, June 25,2009

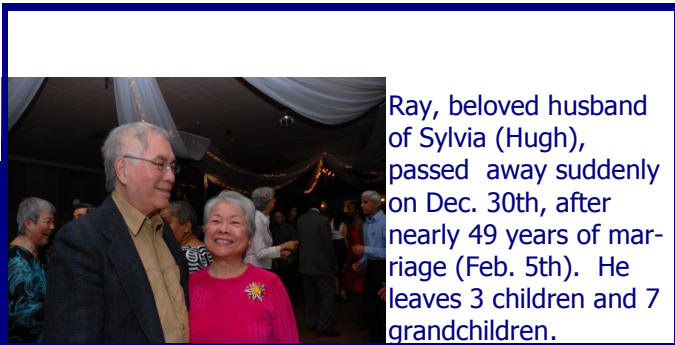
Wow, wow aren't they a beautiful couple  
**Congrats Mikkel and Alicia**

# Gone too Soon

**Prayers and Condolence are extended to the families of ...**



. LYN - Earl Roy (Nakisaki): Formerly of Kingston, Jamaica, passed away on 31st August, 2009 in New York, leaving wife, Dorothy, children Earl Jr., Paul & Debbie, sisters Daphne (Moy), Colleen (Das), Sadie (Gigi), Joan (Gimlen), Diana (Suelen) and Paula; brothers Allan (Skippy), Michael (Micky), Maurice (Danny) and Neville; other relatives and friends.



Ray, beloved husband of Sylvia (Hugh), passed away suddenly on Dec. 30th, after nearly 49 years of marriage (Feb. 5th). He leaves 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

passed away in New York after a long illness. May her soul rest in peace.

**CARMEN MERCEDES BUBB-CLARKE**



Mrs B. affectionately called by many of us passed away on Oct 14, 2009 from a long illness of Dementia. She was the devoted mother of Heather, Roma (Xindrias) and Judith (Williams). Wife of the deceased Baxter Bubb-Clarke. Grandmother of Jessica, Katherina and Gabriella. A caring friend to many. Mrs B, you will be greatly missed. May

your soul rest in peace.

**CHEN SEE, PATRICK ALOYSIOUS.**

Passed away peacefully the morning of March 26, 2010 in his 79<sup>th</sup> year. Beloved husband of Lillian (Look Hong). Loving father of Suzanne (& Thomas Read), Debbie (& Tony Chin) and Tony (& Julia Huang). Doting grandfather of Timothy, Suzy, Daniel, Adrian, Alison, Christopher, Tyler, Justin and Johnny. Brother of Daisy, Monica, Neville and Kitty

**Congratulation to Debbie Chen See** (sister of our Suzanne Read) on her recent marriage to **Tony Chin**



**Congratulations Chase & Jessica**

Jessica is the daughter of Carol and Tony Case, niece of our President Katy Sani and Dawn-Marie

**Congratulations to Leslie & Carmen (Chung) Chin on their Golden Anniversary**



**Congratulations to Kurt Wong, Ph.D.**

who graduated from New York University in May.

His doctoral dissertation, written while a student in the Dept. of Medical Parasitology, explored how the immune system tries

to alleviate the potentially lethal inflammation that occurs during a malaria infection. Kurt will take a postdoctoral position in vaccine immunology at the Scripps Research Institute in San Diego. Kurt is the son of Peter & Sharon Wong (nee Tenn), and grandson of Dorothy Tenn.

**Congrats to Adam Wong** who graduated from Mechatronics Engineering at McMaster University. Adam is the son of Peter & Sharon Wong (nee Tenn) and grandson of Dorothy Tenn.

**Congratulations to Justin Lyn** who was accepted to Howard University Dental School in Washington D.C. Justin is the son of Dr. Herman Jr. & Diane Lyn (nee Tenn). His grandparents are Dr. Herman Sr. (deceased) & Marjorie Lyn, and Dorothy Tenn.

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