



# The CURLEY Chronicle

*Merry Christmas!*

## Juniors Receive Their Curley Ring

Story by Patrick McDonald '20 Photos by Shane Stone '19

On December 2, 2018, the Junior class received their



class rings. The celebrant of the Mass was Fr. Donald, Grzymiski OFM Conv '70 who gave an inspirational homily that, while written for the congregation, was aimed at the

Junior class. It then came time for the students to receive their rings. Each student approached the stage and Fr. Donald placed the ring on his finger.

Each student also received a letter from a family member or friend about the special day. Finally, before the ending of the mass and ceremony, the Class of 2020 was

addressed by the Ring Speaker, Mr. Tyler-Cuomo. He gave a very uplifting and engaging speech, talking about receiving his ring and what that meant to him.

He also spoke about what the ring means today and in

the future. Personally, it was one of the most memorable moments I have had at Curley and I wear my ring proudly today. The ring is more than just getting to junior year of high school, it is a representation of the Curley Brotherhood.



### The Ring Pledge

*We, the Class of 2020 of Archbishop Curley High School, do pledge sincere loyalty to all the standards which our Class Ring symbolizes. As we are received officially into the ranks of Upperclassmen, we promise utmost cooperation and loyalty to our school. We will strive ever to set a good example to all those with whom we come into contact, so that others will know and respect the high standards of our Catholic Christian education. In order to remain ever steadfast to our promise, we will always cherish a love for Christ and His Blessed Mother. This we pledge through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Christmas Family Traditions

By Ronix Bhandari '19

Christmas tradition is a family's identity. Every family has their own traditions which define the unity and love they have for each other. Members of the family look forward to these traditions as it makes their Christmas complete. The holiday season is something everyone looks forward to as it brings many people together.

There are many traditions that occur in this holiday among the family. Christmas caroling, donating to the less fortunate, baking Christmas cookies, and sibling slumber party are examples of family Christmas traditions. Family traditions make you realize the importance of the people you love and who care about you. That's what Christmas is all about, being thankful and realizing the gifts that God has provided us, especially the gift of his son Jesus.

Some of the Christmas family traditions mentioned by Curley students in the last Chronicle Survey:

Going to church Christmas Eve

Every Christmas we do a scavenger hunt to find our presents.

Going to get my Christmas tree with my family

Watching Christmas movies with my family

My favorite family tradition is hiding our Elf on the Shelf around the house.

We make shrimp creole and rice every year

Getting person specific ornaments for each family member

My favorite Christmas family tradition is when my entire family all meet at my great grandmother's house to spend Christmas together.

My favorite tradition is when my family makes different kinds of cookies and we give them out to friends and neighbors.

Every Christmas Eve my family and I would use NORAD to see where Santa currently was flying. We then would read The Night Before Christmas and the passage in the Bible of Jesus' birth.

The Polish Christmas tradition of Wigilia

Secret Santa

Jesus Birthday Cake

Pickle Prize. You hide a pickle in the tree and first one to find it wins a prize

Singing carols

Saran Wrap ball is my favorite tradition because the ball is filled with goodies and in the middle is \$20, and we have to unwrap the ball with mittens on



## Editorial: Was Jesus A Caravaner?

By Luke Tollen '19

The story of Jesus' birth is celebrated throughout all cultures. Luke 2:1-7 tells the story of Jesus' birth. Jesus is always shown in the manger with animals, his mother Mary and father Joseph, and with the wise men following the star to give gifts to the newborn king. The one problem the parents faced was getting to Bethlehem. Then they fled Bethlehem and King Herod who feared the prospect of a new king. Fearing his throne would be challenged, he slaughtered all of the firstborn sons that he could find. The Holy Couple knew that God had a plan, so they left. To escape Herod, Mary and Joseph travelled from Bethlehem to Egypt to be safe.

The issue of the caravaners from Latin American is becoming the next escape story from poverty and tyranny. The United States is in a struggle to find the best way to solve the caravan issue. They have numerous options, but the most popular two are to either attempt to integrate them in or refuse them from entering the United States. The issue is not about the caravaners, but it is about a humanitarian crisis of poverty and leaders abusing their power. The United States is not at fault for the rise of these caravaners. Neither are they

responsible for taking care of the people. The ones needed to be held responsible are the leaders of the world. The United Nations is combatting the issue of poverty, yet it is not enough. People are leaving in droves to enter the United States, and no one is stopping them. The issue is that the United States cannot afford these migrants and they are breaking the law. The law is necessary for society because without it there would no order. Consider that the United States takes the more immigrants than any other country per year. So, before bashing on the United States, think about the entire world. It is very easy to judge, yet take that judgement and use it towards care. The difference between a positive approach and negative will make the best decision happen.



So, here is baby Jesus. He is in the same position the Latin American caravaners are in. Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem, but there was no room for them. They had their child in a manger. Jesus and his family escaped persecution by King Herod to survive. They lived in a poor town in Galilee. Jesus wore poor clothes. He worked hard. He challenged us to leave everything to follow him.

The question is not what the country can do for the immigrants, but it is what can YOU do to help. There are numerous ways to help: donating, volunteering, being involved with the community, and even hosting these families. There is not enough of that in the world to help end poverty. With the holiday season here, think about the things you have and what others do not. Americans tend to forget that they live in a country of the American Dream and the United States is home to some of the kindest people to walk the earth. Take time to relax this holiday from the craziness of the world, and be grateful for what you have. And try to help others this season.

Share your response to this editorial by sending your email to [gmalanowski@archbishopcurley.org](mailto:gmalanowski@archbishopcurley.org).

## FYM Toy Drive By Mitchell Frye '20

This year's toy drive was held from December 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and was a great success. Everyday students brought in toys to help those who are less fortunate than themselves and may not otherwise get any presents on Christmas. All of the students who donated to the toy drive were given hot chocolate, which was an extra incentive to donate and helped lead to the great success of the toy drive this year. At the end of the week, the study in the Conference Center, where the toys were kept until delivery, was overflowing.

On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, FYM delivered the toys to Cardinal Shehan School. The faculty and staff were very grateful for all the toys that had been brought to them, which totaled about 500, and are sure that the students will greatly appreciate the gifts that have been donated for them. They are very thankful for everything that Curley has done to improve the lives of children who are not as fortunate as us.



## Career Day

46 Alumni and friends of Curley came to school on November 29th to share their story and professional experience with the students.

The keynote speaker was 1996 alum Ben Verner, who, with several partners, established Marolina Outdoor Company, an apparel company to serve the outdoorsman. Their first brand, the "Huk" clothing line, was launched in 2014.

Students had pre-selected two professions of interest and, after the keynote, attended two 30-minute sessions.

Top left: Ben Verner '96

Top right: Eric Jenkins '82, Architect

Right: Chris Ruth '94 Music Teacher



## Greccio—A Live Nativity

By Michael Racosky '22

Greccio is an impressive hour long play performed by the freshman class that displays the Nativity scene. This is one of the Franciscan traditions at Curley, because in 1223, St. Francis organized people and animals to tell the Christmas story of how God became a human like us.

This play has many unique elements to it, such as the acting, intriguing props like the live animals, and the Curley Choir. Behind the scenes, however, are a multitude of men who help organize the props, do special effects, greet people, help with the lighting, and control the curtains to help make Greccio a success. Thus, the success of Greccio is dependent on the success of the Curley choir, the reliability of the actors, and the orderliness of the backstage crew. Despite the constant stress of performing, Greccio has always been a success over the years. This year's directors were Mr. Loftus and Mrs. Petr. "It was fun. You guys (the performers) were awesome. In the beginning it was unclear what we would do, but then it came together in the end."

Members of the production:

Narrators: Camden Sigmon and Alex Gonzalez-Guzman

Readers: Justin Scribner, Weston Banks, Mateo Eral, Michael Mann

Jesus: Cora Long (infant daughter of teacher, Mr. Jamie Long and his wife Amanda)

Joseph: Josh Tollen

Mary: Kate Mitcherling

Gabriel: Aidan Diem

St. Francis: Lucas Campbell

Wise men: Ryan Sansosti, Greg Majerowicz, Diego Martinez-Beltran

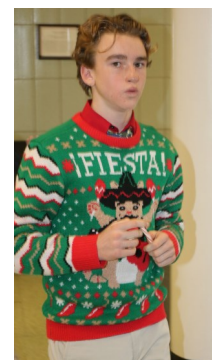
Shepherds: Ethan Bennett, Erich Vonderhorst, Kyle Walker, Nathan Barton, Ben Abbott

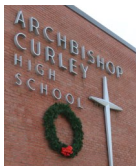
Ushers: Ryan Covahey, Jack Dye, Nick Hands, Ben McDonald, Kyran Pell, Niko Vasilikopoulos

Stage Crew: Justin Lemmon, Brandon Yackulak, Kirk Heise, Charlie Henry, Luke Lacy, Will Majerowicz, Matteo McQueen, Sahaj Patel, Nicholas Robicheaux, Naji Saleh, Hans Vonderhorst



# CHRISTMAS AT CURLEY





**MERRY CHRISTMAS!  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Faculty Profile: Mr. Thomas Olszewski

Text and Photo by Nick Kobrick '20

Mr. O is a graduate of Calvert Hall and played baseball throughout high school. He attended Towson University where he majored in math and secondary education. An IT staffing firm was his workplace for five years before finishing his degree and landing the job at Curley. He is involved in the Ping Pong Society and often golfs on the weekends. He plays in a men's baseball league over the summer. His favorite day in the SDR is the Taco Special Day. Mr. Olszewski teaches mathematics.



## Review of Creed 2

By Camden Sigmon '22

Creed 2 is a sequel to Creed. While Creed was a good movie more based on explaining the Characters, it still was a great addition to the Rocky franchise. As in Creed, Adonis establishes his own name. Creed really wanted to play it safe and not take many chances. While on the other hand, Creed 2 takes a huge risk on a high tension story line. Creed 2 is also a follow up to the famous Rocky 4 from the well-known Rocky series. In Rocky 4 Ivan Drago kills Apollo Creed in an exhibition boxing match. Rocky then fights Drago for revenge of his friend's death. Rocky then defeats Drago in a blood bath of a boxing match. In Creed 2 both Viktor Drago and Adonis Creed have something to fight for. Viktor Drago is Ivan's son and is fighting for his family's name as everybody forgot about Ivan when he lost to Rocky. Adonis Creed is fighting to revenge his father's death. This movie is a very intense because of the tension between these two fighters.



This movie is an emotional movie. The characters go through many changes throughout the story. The main character Adonis is played by Michael B. Jordan. Jordan played his role very well as he underwent many physical and emotional changes through the story. We of course see Adonis' lover Bianca. She is played by Tessa Thompson. She plays a great supporting character that gives the movie a different perspective with her personality. Sylvester Stallone once again plays the infamous Rocky Balboa. Stallone plays Rocky in his last film as the character according to what Stallone quoted after the movie release. Stallone plays a great Rocky as always with funny one liners, great training sequences, and inspirational quotes. We also see a very different part of Drago's personality never seen before. In the original Rocky series Ivan was like a cold hearted robot. In this movie we see a very different Ivan played by Dolph Lundgren. We see a very developed version of the Drago family. This movie really does connect the old story to the new. It keeps tradition but at the same time it shows the modern day world. Many die-hard Rocky fans will love this movie but others will say it is too predictable. Creed 2 is one of the most popular movies of 2018.

## Is There a Ravens Quarterback Controversy? By Wyatt Peters '20

The Baltimore Ravens selected quarterback Lamar Jackson in the first round of the 2018 NFL Draft. This created a lot of questions about the Ravens offense and about who was going to start as quarterback for the 2018-2019 NFL season. Joe Flacco has been inconsistent to say the least. As the preseason rolled around, people were curious about what the rookie quarterback could do. Joe Flacco seemed to play strongly in the



preseason and Ravens fans were sure that Flacco would start. The one question up in the air was if Joe Flacco starts playing badly, when does Lamar Jackson come in?

Flacco started the season off strongly winning 47-3 against the Buffalo Bills. The next game against the Bengals was a setback for both sides of the ball. The one loss that surprised everyone was the 12-9 loss against the Cleveland Browns, a team which the Ravens have owned the past several years. This season Flacco has 12 touchdowns, 9 interceptions and a record of 4-5. Week 9 of the NFL Season, Flacco injured his hip and Lamar Jackson made his first start against the Bengals. Since

his first start he has won three straight games and put the team in a good position to get to the playoffs. So far this season Jackson has a 60.7 pass/ completion ratio, 415 passing yards and 2 passing touchdowns.

Lamar Jackson is a multi threat quarterback, unlike Joe Flacco. This season Lamar Jackson has 329 rushing yards and 2 rushing touchdowns. The run game since Lamar Jackson has come back has been outstanding. Why is this important? This is giving the defense rest and keeping them fresh. When the defense has rest, they perform to their full potential. Lamar Jackson has also given the team a spark unlike anything this team has seen since the Super Bowl. The question is, who starts the rest of the season?

Lamar Jackson deserves the starting job until he proves he needs to be benched, but coming off three straight wins, I do not see how the Ravens can start Joe Flacco after he left with three straight losses. Lamar Jackson has some work to do, but he is only a rookie and the team can work with him over the offseason to fix the rookie mistakes he has been making these past couple games. But regarding the rest of the season, you roll with Lamar Jackson and let him determine the fate of our season, especially since Lamar Jackson is likely the future of the Ravens offense.

When the students of Curley were asked about this controversy in a Chronicle survey, the response was overwhelming in favor of Jackson. Of 231 respondents, 154 said Jackson should start, 53 voted for Flacco and 24 chose Griffin.

## 2018-19 College Football Playoffs: Can Alabama Be Stopped? By Patrick McDonald '20

The latest Chronicle survey says it all. Over half of the student body believes Alabama will win the National Championship. And statistics also suggest they should win.



According to Sports-Reference.com, Alabama ranks 2nd in Points per Game (PPG) with 47.9. They also rank 4th in Points Allowed per Game (PAPG) with 14.8. While Oklahoma does rank 1st in Points per Game (49.5), they rank 96th in Points Allowed per Game (32.4). These statistics alone show that the Heisman runner-up should take care of business against the Heisman winner. But what about their potential championship counterparts?

The statistics say that the Tigers have the advantage over the Fighting Irish in this one. Clemson ranks 5th in PPG (45.4) and 2nd in PAPG (13.7) while the Fighting Irish claim 34th in PPG (33.8) and 9th in PAPG (17.2). In our survey, Notre Dame holds almost an 11% lead over Clemson. If the Playoffs were to shake up this way, we would be in for a very interesting rematch of the 2017 National Championship, were Clemson beat Alabama on a last-second touchdown.

## Merry Christmas from the Chronicle Staff!



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# CURLEY SPORTS



Senior Travis Dobbins shows a little magic to his opponent. The Varsity is currently 3-3. Photo by Nick Kobrick '20.



Senior Ryan Becker has his McDonogh opponent under control. Ryan has won his three matches against McDonogh, John Carroll and Western Tech.



Goalie Shane Stone '19 clears the puck for the Curley Friars. The hockey team is currently 2-2-1. Photo by Jake Merryman '19



Jeff Brown '20 is in the pool for the 1-4 Swim Team. Photo by Shane Stone '19.



Ian Hoffman '20 clears his vault. He placed 2nd in the MIAA Meet at Loyola on December 7.

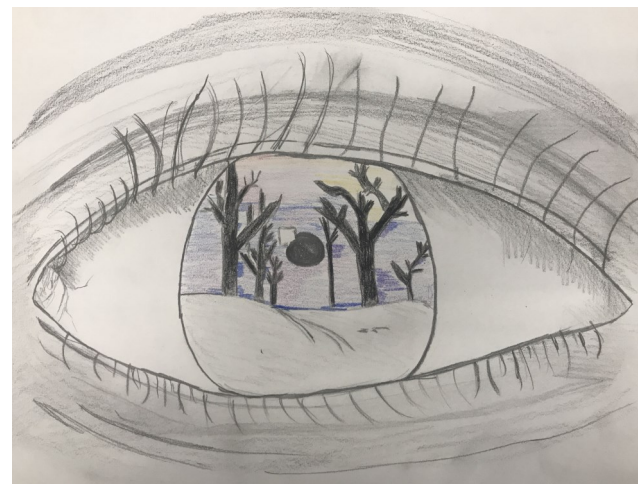
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