

## SMC Class of 1970 – Class Events

e-Union 2021 – June 4-6

This document gives short descriptions of each of our class events. These are the events are shown in **RED** in the accompanying integrated schedule spreadsheet. It also includes information about the Loretto Liturgy, shown in **GREEN** in the integrated schedule.

Some of our events will run concurrently with the college's events, but we have tried to avoid schedule conflicts with those college events that we think will be the most popular with our classmates. College events are shown in **BLUE** in the integrated schedule and are described at <http://alumnae.saintmarys.edu/s/1611/bp19/interior.aspx?sid=1611&gid=2&pgid=2184>.

### Friday, June 4

Opening Class Lounge (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM) All times in this document are given in EDT.

Our class president, Rosemarie Rinella Stocky, will give a short welcome. Then there will be time to renew acquaintances with one another so we are settled in and ready to focus on the other sessions when they start.

NOTE: You may want to attend the college's Dialogue Project event which begins at 12:45. Feel free leave our lounge early to do so.

Serious Discussion – Inclusivity (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Inspired by the college's focus on inclusivity in the Dialogue Project session, we intend to address questions like how we handle diversity and inclusivity issues in our own lives and how to get along with people whose views are very different from ours. You are welcome to join us whether you participated in the Dialogue Project workshop or not.

Book Discussion (4:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

The book is Charlie Mackesy's The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. This short work that can be read in a single session, but may plant seeds for further thought. Feel free to attend even if you have not read the book. Classmate and librarian Kathy Bernard Franzel is preparing some discussion questions. Bring your own ideas, too.

Class Lounge (7:30 PM – 8:30 PM or later)

Time to gab. The college has agreed to share its trivia questions with us, and we plan to use these as conversation starters. Come even if you're not interested in trivia. We can easily create trivia breakout rooms and other rooms for people who want to do their own thing.

## Saturday, June 5

We expect that many classmates will want to attend the presidential address at noon, the alumnae association's awards presentation at 1:00, and the political science prof's presentation on Biden's first 100 days at 2:15, so we have not scheduled anything to conflict with those events. Remember to register in advance for any of them you want to attend!

### Class Liturgy (4:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

Join us for prayers, Scripture readings from Luke and Lamentations, a reflection on the reading from Luke, and an updated memorial honoring our deceased classmates. You will have the opportunity to share your own prayer requests in the general intercessions. Among the presenters will be classmates Sr. Veronique Wiedower, president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Episcopal priest Julia O'Brien Gatta, as well as theology majors Sara Bateman Koehler and Diane Wallace McKee. Deacon Bill Batz, the husband of classmate Pam Carey Batz, will offer the reflection.

### Class Lounge (7:00 PM – 8:00 PM or later)

More time to gab. We expect to put people into breakout rooms based on their majors for this session, at least for part of the time.

## Sunday, June 6

### Loretto Liturgy (9:45 AM – 10:45 AM)

Members of our class are invited to attend this weekly worship service (not a Mass) put on by and for people who regularly attended Sunday Mass at the church on campus before the pandemic shutdown. The Zoom link for this event is <https://notredame.zoom.us/j/99766932090>, and the password is loretto, all lower case.

### SMC Strategic Plan (1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

We will review and discuss the college's new strategic plan for the current decade. What do we like about it? What questions or concerns does it raise? A college administrator may join us for this session, but that is not yet confirmed. Should you want to read the plan beforehand, you can find the complete text at <https://www.saintmarys.edu/office-of-the-president/strategic-plan>. There are also several articles about it in the Spring 2021 Courier. See <https://www.saintmarys.edu/news/roadmap-next-decade?re=%2Fcourier%2Fcourier-spring-2021>.

### What Makes Your Heart Sing? (2:15 PM – 3:45 PM)

Last year's session on causes got lots of positive feedback and requests for more of the same. We listened. This year Ronnie Henry Kessenich will tell us about her work as a hospital volunteer in several capacities including working in the gift shop and serving on the board,

Cathy Collet will give an update on her ALS advocacy work, Patty Jo Walters will present a slide show of her art work, and Rosemary Anderson Kendall will share lessons learned during 50 years as a professional and volunteer in the world of early childhood development.

[Closing Event \(4:00 PM – 5:00 PM\)](#)

To end our weekend together, we will review the details of an upcoming opportunity to meet in person in October – our class will be invited to attend the formal inauguration of Dr. Katie Conboy as the college president. We will also ask for input from attendees on future class events – topics & books to discuss, frequency of meetings going forward, ... Rosemarie Rinella Stocky will make some closing remarks, and Sr. Veronique will offer a blessing. We'll thank those who took lead roles in our events, exchange some virtual hugs, and say our good-byes.