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Our 50th Reunion News! The Results are in...

We sent out an e-mail questionnaire to the 161 classmates for which we have addresses, and 85 persons (53%) responded by the March 15th date. That's an exceptional response rate, believe it or not, because I usually have about a 3% comment/response rate for the newsletter each month.

The overwhelming majority (81) supported the reunion idea, with 46 persons requesting to bring a guest, and 56 (~70%) persons preferring an early fall event. For those who indicated a cost preference, over 80% were looking to spend \$75 or less per person.

Friday, September 18, 2020 is the date selected and the Steel Club has been booked for the banquet event! So now we are looking at activities to coincide with Becahi sporting activities for the fall of 2020. Ideally, we would like to include a home football game with a tented reception area and an event at the school to complement the buffet dinner with cash bar at the Steel Club on that Friday evening. This would enable classmates to pick and choose based on their schedule and budget, provide more than one event to mix and mingle, and give the out-of-towners more bang for their buck! We plan on meeting again after mass on April 2nd to chart the next steps. We want to include as many grads as possible, so we are searching for around 68 classmates who've we been unable to locate by e-mail so far. We have a "search party" out looking to reconnect.

Good news. I'm told by the Advancement Office that **we will most likely be invited to attend the June 2020 Baccalaureate mass as 50-Year Graduates**...more on that in a later newsletter.

Stay tuned for more.... The committee members are Lisa DeAngelis Hummell, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Bernie Gallagher, Anne Gerber, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tina Hudak, George Kane, Greg Ortwein, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Betsy Vreeland Lavelle, Mary Jane Bartos Sikonic, Debbie Weiss Perrett and me. Betsy Horvath Kane is leading the effort. Her number is 412-400-0240 or elizabeth.j.kane@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

The next Alumni-Student mass is April 2nd ...

...at 9:45 AM in the auditorium. Please try to arrive by 9:30.

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Please Remember:

**Marlene Anthony Howard's brother, Mary Bosha Blanar's mom,
Ray Gestl's mom, Mary Krasnasky Biehl's brother and
Bill Szulborski's sister in your prayers**

Jim Anthony passed away on January 31st. He is survived by his wife Gail, daughter Michele, and Marlene's brothers Tom and Bernard.

Alice Bosha passed away March 4th. Please pray for Mary's siblings Michael and Alicia as well. Any memorial contributions may be made to the **Kathryn Blanar '97** (Mary's daughter) Scholarship fund at Bethlehem Catholic High School, 2133 Madison Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Barbara Gestl passed away March 23rd. Please also pray for Ray's father, Ray Sr., and for Ray's siblings **Kathleen '72**, Kevin and Carol.

Edward Krasnasky passed away March 19th. Please also pray for Mary's siblings Stephen, Francis, Andrew, James, Margaret, Rose Mary, Kathy, Eleanor, Joan and Sarah.

Kathleen Szulborski Gessitz '77, passed away on Monday, February 18th. Please also say a prayer for Bill's and Kathleen's sister, **Mary Frances '72**.

This month I heard from...

... Gus Concilio '47, Sylvia Sukitch Briscoe '54, Patricia Takacs Kauffman '56, Harry Mitchell '57, Kay Lippey Kondash '67, Pat Urello '67, Yogi Eddinger '68, Fran Farris '69, Rita Manone Frey '69, Ed Ramsberger '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Greg Adams '72, Peggy Dougherty Liebold '72, Louise McCafferty Kelchner '72, Amelia Mesko Upchurch '72, Mark Breiner '73 and Steve Daday '73

From our class, I heard from **Bobby A, Jackie Angelucci Ortwein, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Marlene Anthony Howard, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dave Cech, Bill Doncsecz, Jim Fink, Sue Fischer Dever, Bernie Gallagher, Dan Gallagher, Mike Herczeg, Trish Holly Zechman, Betsy Horvath Kane, Tina Hudak, Jeff Jennings, Rick Jordan, Jeanie Redding Cunningham, and Josephine.**

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I received a nice e-mail from **Jeanie Redding Cunningham** (the better half of the **Mike Cunningham-Jean Redding Duo**) ...

“...I retired 4 years ago after teaching music for over 35 years. After high school I received a B.S. degree from Lebanon Valley College and then a Masters in Music from Ithaca College, both in piano performance and music education. I taught in New York State and later in the Allentown Diocese, most recently at St. Anne’s in Bethlehem and St. Theresa’s, in Hellertown. My musical life is still busy with playing organ at weekend Masses.

Mike retired 5 years ago after working as a union electrician foreman at West Side Electric. He keeps active with organic gardening in our back yard.

*Mike and I have 2 grown boys (**Eamon ‘02** and Owen) and a 17- month old grandson. We travel extensively, the last trip in February visiting Argentina, Uruguay, Falkland Islands, Chile and rounding Cape Horn.*

Both of us are in contact with quite a few members from our class... All the best to you and I am looking forward to details of the reunion.”

Classmates’ Short Stories:

Mike Herczeg, who received his BA in Business Administration from Moravian College, is planning to retire after serving as Video Editor and Technical Operations Center Operator at CBS 3, KYW in Philadelphia for over 37 years. He was a News editor, a Special Projects editor, the original editor for Friday Football Frenzy (high school football highlights segment on 11pm newscast); Editor for Larry Kane's Bulletin News Magazine. He established Microwave live shots for Newscasts; Downlinked Satellite feeds for live content, as well as Network interviews; Fed the local news content to CBS Newspath and provided a “beauty shot” of the Philadelphia skyline for CBS This Morning at least once a week. Well done and best wishes, Mike!

Rick Jordan, who received his undergraduate degree in History from Georgetown University and his J.D. from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, is an associate judge on the Sixth Circuit Court for Montgomery County in Maryland. He has served as a judge on the court since March 13, 2009.

A murder case that he presided over was the subject of a show on the “48 Hours” program on CBS involving the murder of a Georgetown University Law student by a George Washington University grad student – they were friends from high school years and had celebrated a birthday on the night of the murder. The defendant was convicted and was sentenced to life in prison. The show is now on the internet on the 48 Hours website as – “What Happened in Apt. 1601.”

Thanks for your messages...they keep me motivated!

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I read that:

Holy Infancy Elementary School will be moving from its current location on Fourth and Webster Streets to the former Incarnation of Our Lord Parish School at Thomas and Pierce Streets beginning with the 2019-2020 school year... The diocese said that Holy Infancy Parish intends to sell the current school building and use the proceeds for future needs in the parish and school. - Page 7, Morning Call, 3/18/2019

And as we all know, the school on Fourth and Webster Streets also housed Bethlehem Catholic High School students between 1926 and 1964. **Between that time, more than 2,470 scholars graduated from that location.**

A Treasure from 1948

Many of you may not be aware, but there were no hardcover yearbooks produced between 1930 and 1950. If there were yearbooks compiled, they were probably in a “soft-copy”, scrapbook-like format. **Virginia Gonzalez Brady’48**, the mother of **Dan ’70** and **Beverly Brady Quigney ’73** was gracious enough to provide Dan with her copy of the 1948 yearbook for me to peruse. I thought I would share some of those memories and some outcomes with you.

About the years: The class of 1948 entered high school in September 1944. The yearbook contained highlights from their four years at Beca, including:

Freshman Year – 1944/45:

- September 5th, their first day of class with mass celebrated at Holy Infancy Church with Rev. A.B. Caine, Rector...
- December 20th the high school and Holy Infancy grade school cooperated to make the Christmas Assembly something special...
- April 12, 1945, the school closed at noon because of the sudden death of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt...
- June 8th was graduation day for the Class of 1945, with **Kathleen Doherty ’45** as Valedictorian and **Pauline Fleck ’45** as Salutatorian...

Sophomore Year – 1945/46:

- February 24th 1946 saw “Jennie”, our first post-war operetta performed...
- Graduation Day for the Class of 1946 was June 7th ...

Junior Year 1946/47:

- September 16th was one of the saddest days in the history of the school as Father Caine, the beloved pastor and principal of Becahi passed away...
- October 5th saw Rev. Garrett X. Murphy, Navy chaplain from both WW I and WW II become principal...

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- June 6, 1947 was Commencement for the Class of 1947...
Senior Year 1947/48:
- September 1st, at 8:00 mass at Holy Infancy ushered in senior year... Rev. Daniel B. Powell succeeded Fr. Murphy as principal
- June 4th 1948 was Commencement Day with **Elaine Kisslan '48** as Salutatorian and **Joseph Turnbach '48** as Valedictorian.

About the class: There were 63 seniors in the yearbook... 49 girls and 17 boys

*Mary Ann Bacak
Geraldine Ann Barron
Vivian Rose Barron
Teresa M. Bartera
*John W. Boyle
Mary G. Brady
Mary J. Bringenberg
*Vincent R. Bringenberg
*Rosemarie J. Bush
*Matthew E. Cech
Maryann T. Dalton
*Dolores T. Davenport
*Eugene R. Doyle
Georgine M. Dugan
Joan A. Dugan
Patricia A. Dwyer
*Dolores E. Enright
Bernadine A. Fecko
Robert C. Fenol
*Michael F. Folajtar
*Frances A. Gasdaska

Rosemary T. Glancy
Victoria M. Gonzalez
Mary C. Green
*Rosemarie A. Hartigan
*Robert T. Hogan
Mary J. Hollendersky
*Anne M. Kacmar
*Elaine M. Kisslan
*Helen E. Korpics
Rose Marie A. Kosalko
*Anthony V. Lucia
*Verna L. Lunglhofer
*Mary Ann C. Maloney
*Lorraine McFadden
Rosemarie Ann McGee
Francis T. McGouldrick
*Mary E. McGouldrick
Theresa S. Mingora
*Margaret S. Molitorisz
Anna M. O'Connell
*Madeleine M. O'Donnell

Ann M. Ortwein
Thomas A. Ortwein
Constance C. Patelis
Marie A. Petruny
*Mary T. Pongracz
*Stephen T. Pringer
Patricia L. Repasch
*Rita H. Rodgers
*Rose A. Ruth
*Joan Marie Ryan
Marianne Salaski
*Helen Sankovsky
*Kathleen M. Simmons
George J. Sikora
*Eleanor J. Schramko
Margaret Ann Spevak
*Cecilia Theresa Spisak
Elizabeth B. Thomas
*Joseph A. Turnbach
*Joseph W. Timmer
*Mary M. Toth

* Deceased

Four Veterans: **Jack Boyle (Army), Eugene Doyle (Navy), Bob Hogan (Navy), Cecilia Spisak Kish (Air Force)**

Three Sisters: **Sr. Eleanor (Mary Jane) Bringenberg, S.S.J., Sr. Joan Dugan, S.S.J., and Sr. Rita Helen Rodgers, S.S.J.**

(At Least) Three parents: **Victoria Gonzalez Brady (Dan '70 and Beverly '73); Rosemarie Hartigan Kaercher (Patty '79 and Lisa '80); and Helen Korpics Vargo (Joe '80)**

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About the Teachers and Staff: The yearbook mentions the following:

Sister Mary Henry, S.S.J.
Sister Margaret Isabelle, S.S.J.
Sister Irma Mildred, S.S.J.
Sister Clara Vincent, S.S.J.
Sister Mary Sara, S.S.J.
Sister Mary Nicholas, S.S.J.
Sister Michael Cecilia, S.S.J.
Sister Loreto Aloysia, S.S.J.
Mr. Tachovsky, Athletic Director

Sister Terese Catherine, S.S.J.
Sister Rose Ines, S.S.J.
Sister St. Veronica, S.S.J.
Sister Mary Clare, S.S.J.
Sister Mildred Marie, S.S.J.
Sister St. Isabelle, S.S.J.
Sister Stanislaus Kostka, S.S.J.
Mr. Frank Majczan, Basketball Coach
Rev. Thomas Doran, Athletic Advisor

Other interesting notes:

The “Becadram” Club portrayed the annual Christmas performance.

The Glee Club, directed by Sr. Loreto Aloysia, S.S.J., was responsible for the annual operetta. Within the Glee Club are the “Melodaires”, composed of freshman and sophomore girls, and the “Becatones” made up of junior and senior boys and girls.

The *Belle of Barcelona*, (a musical comedy), which was double-casted, was performed as the spring operetta in senior year.

Sunbonnet Sue, “a delightful musical comedy”, was also performed in the senior year.

The boys’ basketball team was quite successful as they ventured deep into the Catholic Playoffs with 3 wins before losing to St. John’s in Manayunk. I believe the team finished the season with a record of 22-2, coached by Frank Majczan.

The girls’ basketball team also had a very successful season with a record of 12-2-1.

Breakfast and a Show!

Becahi’s Theatre Group invites us to join them for their presentation of ***Meet Me in St. Louis*** on Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 9:30am in the auditorium. The play will be preceded by breakfast at 8:30am in the gym. Reserved parking will be by the auditorium (on the “girls’ side”.) Look for the orange traffic cones. Due to the popularity of the event, they can accommodate the alumni and their guests on a first come-first served basis. Please notify Connie Druckenmiller by email at cdrukkenmiller@becahi.org or call 610-866-0791 Ext. 323 as soon as you can, but no later than April 5th.

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Parishes of the Sixties...

Over the years, I have read through the yearbooks since 1950 that are now kept in the Advancement Office. A consistent notation in those yearbooks, although there were some exceptions, was the listing of each senior's home parish. Last month we looked at the Fifties. Let's see what parishes gave us the "Children of the Sixties."

I have the names of 1,484 scholars who were listed as seniors in the 1960s. Here's the data and information that I found in the yearbooks:

- 1,475 seniors came from 25 parishes
- 9 seniors did not have a parish reference

The 25 parishes and the number of seniors from the sixties were:

Parish	Seniors	Seniors	Parish
St. Ursula	197	27	St. Stanislaus
SS. Cyril and Methodius	152	25	Assumption B.V.M.
Holy Infancy	143	22	Holy Rosary
Holy Ghost	139	20	Sacred Heart
St. Anne	137	6	SS. Peter and Paul
SS. Simon and Jude	132	5	St. Josaphat
Notre Dame	125	1	Immaculate Conception
St. Joseph	104	1	Our Lady Help of Christians
St. John Capistrano	91	1	Our Lady Queen of Peace
St. Theresa	56	1	St. John the Baptist
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	47	1	St. Michael
Our Lady of Pompeii	40	1	St. Nicholas
		1	St. Paul

Interesting, yes? I think you'll find that the demographics reflect the population of the city at that time, and over time, you'll see the gradual diaspora of the students' families' homesteads. Of note in this decade is the increase in the number of seniors in each class and the opening of the Dewberry and Madison Ave location beginning with the first graduating seniors from 1965.

What's in a name? 147 Grads

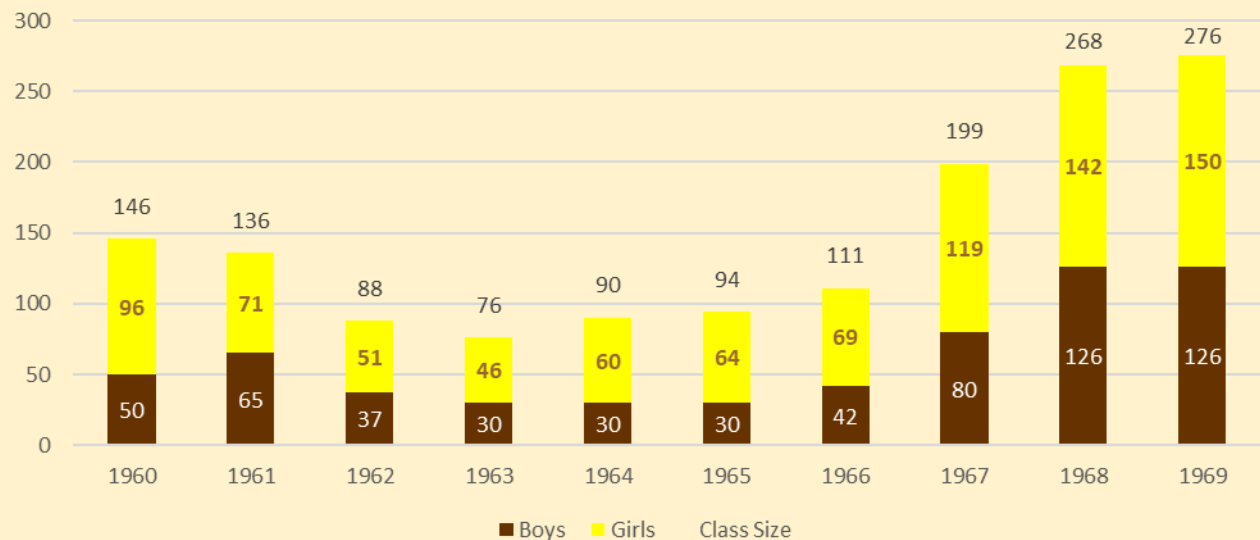
There were 29 **Domyans** and 18 **Demyans** who graduated from Beca.
There were 36 **Horvaths**, 14 **Horwaths** and 2 **Horweaths** who graduated from Beca.
There were 27 **Donchezs**, 10 **Donches**, 7 **Doncseczs** and 4 **Donchetz**s who graduated from Beca

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The Children of the Sixties

Of the 1,484 seniors in the 1960s, ever wonder what were the numbers of boys vs. girls who graduated each year? The numbers were 616 Boys (42%) and 868 Girls (58%) ...



Notes:

- 1964 Last Class to Graduate from Fourth and Webster Street location
- 1965 First Class to Graduate from Dewberry & Madison Aves. location
- 1969 First Class to attend four years at Dewberry & Madison Aves, and *largest* graduating class in history!

For you SS. Simon and Jude alums...

In the early sixties, who used to tell us...

“Looks like bread...Tastes like bread...and it is bread!”

I also read that:

A “Class of 1967 Turns “70” Get-Together” will be held **October 5, 2019 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm** in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend. Four persons have signed up so far. More details to follow...Anyone have any? You know, like where?

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Maryellen Ahern-Dodson '68, who received a BSN from Villanova University and an MD from Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, is a practicing Anesthesiologist in Bethlehem. - Sharecare

Joe Bellew '76, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh and earned a Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, an LL.M. in taxation from the University of Baltimore School of Law and admissions to the Maryland, Pennsylvania and U.S. Tax Court bars.

Ellie Braxmeier Neveling '76, has a therapy practice in Bethlehem and is licensed to provide medical treatment under their counseling credentials, RN, MED, LPC.

Jerry Fagliano '76, who received a BA in Biology from the University of Vermont; an MPH in Environmental Health from Yale University and a PhD in Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University, is an Associate Clinical Professor and the Chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at Drexel University.

Mike Vanic '77, who received a BS in Accounting from the University of Notre Dame, was selected as the Chief Financial Officer at Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania. - Philadelphia Business Journal, August 2016

Dan Roebuck '81, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the May 31st Opening Night preview party for the 10th Annual Lehigh Valley Food & Wine Festival at the Sands.

Ryan Kelly '04, has a leading role in promoting what experts believe could be the next big breakthrough in transportation technology. Ryan is the head of global marketing and communications for Virgin Hyperloop One, the only company in the world that has constructed a full-scale test tube for the highspeed mode of transportation. The technology would allow someone living in Western Pennsylvania to commute to Philadelphia in about 30 minutes. – Morning Call 3-21-19 Beam me up, Ryan!

Andrew Dunn, Jr. '15, won 2019 NCAA Division II 285-pound National Championship from Kutztown University.

Mikey Labriola '17, who attends the University of Nebraska, placed sixth in his first NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships.

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Winter Sports Wrap-up...

Boys Basketball

- Coach Scott McClary's first year
- The team finished 26 – 4
 - **East Penn Conference Champions** (2nd title in a row)
 - **District XI 4A Champions** (3rd title in a row)
 - **PIAA 4A Tournament...**made it to the second round
 - **Justin Paz '19** is now Beca's all-time scoring leader, surpassing the 59-year record held by **Bob Bukvics '60**

 - Next month I'll list the members of the 1,000-point club for the boy's
 - (I don't have all the information on the girl's achievements)
 - BTW, I scored almost 50 points during my storied career...just saying.

Girls Basketball

- Coach Jose Medina's fifth season (128 – 23)
- The team finished 28 – 4
 - **East Penn Conference Champions** (5th title in last 6 years)
 - **District XI 4A Champions** (3rd straight, 6th in last 7 yrs., 10th overall)
 - **PIAA 4A Champions** (2nd title in 3 years)

Wrestling

- Coaches, Rick Thompson (6-1); Jeff Karam (10-0)
- The team finished its season with a record of 16 – 1, including:
 - **District XI 3A Team Champions** (4th title in 5 years)
 - **PIAA 3A Team Champions** (2nd straight title, 7th in last 9 years)
 - **Morning Call's All-Area Team of the Year**
- Individual 3A Championships – District XI, Northeast Regionals, State
 - 106 Dante Frinzi, 2nd, 2nd
 - 113 Matt Mayer, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd
 - 126 Dillon Murphy, 4th, 6th
 - 132 Kenny Herrmann, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd
 - 138 Matt Lackman, 4th, 6th
 - **145 Ryan Anderson, 1st, 1st, 1st**
 - 152 Cole Handlovic, 1st, 1st, 4th
 - 160 Luca Frinzi, 2nd, 2nd, 4th
 - 285 Jase Crouse, 4th, 3rd
 - **State champion Ryan Anderson, runner-up Kenny Herrmann, bronze medalist Matt Mayer**, plus fourth-place finishers Cole Handlovic and Luca Frinzi pushed Bethlehem Catholic's medal streak to 13 years in a row.
 - Ryan Anderson finished his BecaHi career with a 118-13 record.
 - Cole Handlovic's season record was 42-7.

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The Angels for Alex are (still) coming!

A few months back we set out to help Alex Tucker, a Becahi junior who lost his father in 2010 and his mother to cancer last July, raise money to complete his education at Beca. (Tuition is \$10,200/year). **I am pleased to report that we have now received \$5,295 from multiple donors to date. THANK YOU!** If you have been thinking about helping out, now is your chance. Please know that each gift is important. No gift is too small, but a sacrificial gift is greatly appreciated and will compensate for those not in a position to donate at this time.

If you are willing to commit to a pledge with a one time or recurring payment, the Advancement Office notes that there are many ways you can donate to Alex Tucker's Bethlehem Catholic High Schools tuition and become an Angel Sponsor:

1. Call the Advancement Office and pay with a credit card. Call Tina Giordano at (610) 866-0791 ext. 321 and pay with a credit card. **Be sure to say that this is for Alex Tucker's Tuition.**
2. Use this link to donate using our online form - all major credit cards are accepted. Click the link <https://becahi.org/advancement/> and then click on "Donate Today!". **Be sure to note in the "Tribute" field - Alex Tucker.**
3. Mail a check payable to "Bethlehem Catholic High School" to "Bethlehem Catholic High School, 2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017. **Be sure to note "Alex Tucker's Tuition" on the subject line.**
4. Or, stop by the Advancement Office at Bethlehem Catholic High School if you wish to pay with cash and say hello!

Below is a bit more information about Alex.

Alex Tucker is a second-semester junior at Bethlehem Catholic High School with three older siblings who also attended Beca. He has achieved Honors each quarter, was on the wrestling team and is described as respectful and conscientious with amazing potential. He works part time, loves sports in general and the Philly sports in particular. Alex's mother Mary passed away from brain cancer on July 23, 2018. She was predeceased by Alex's father, Brian Tucker, who passed away on May 2, 2010 at the age of 53. For a student who has lost both parents, the Bethlehem Catholic family and the spiritual strength that a Catholic Education offers provide stability and strength. Freshman Guidance Counselor, Kathy Henry, said, *"I watched Alex grow up while working at Notre Dame of Bethlehem School. Now at Becahi, I see what an awesome young man he has become. Alex is a humble, thoughtful, and kind person due to the love and guidance he received from his parents, Mary and Brian, and the influence of his brothers and sister. There are people in our lives who are more than friends. They are like family. Alex is that kind of person to our community. He is a special part of our Becahi family."*

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Recent Passings

Family and Friends Passing

Jim Anthony, brother of **Marlene '70**, Tom and Bernard, on 1/31/19
Alice Bosha, mother of **Mary '70**, Michael and Alicia, on 3/4/19
Margaret Gangewere, mother of **Bob '69**, on 3/27/19
Barbara Gestl, mother of **Ray '70, Kathleen '72**, Kevin and Carol on 3/23/19
Helen Phillip, mother of **Marie '71, Louis '73** and James, on 3/16/19
Kathleen Szulborski Gessitz '77, sister of **Bill '70** and **Mary Frances '72**, on 2/18/19
Francis Vresics, father of **Bill '74, Dave '76 and Steve '81**, on 3/17/19

Please remember our classmates who passed away in the month of April:

Greg Darabaris 4/13/11 Claudia Derr Benner 4/18/14 Jack Gallagher 4/7/09

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

LinkedIn is an online platform that people use to build social networks with other people who share similar personal or career interests, activities, backgrounds or real-life connections. Many of our classmates have profiles on LinkedIn that are viewed by and shared with the public. In future newsletters, some of those profiles of Becahi grads will be posted so we can continue to share our stories and connections with each other. It's a great way to market our school and her alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it “BLinkedIn”). I found the following grads on LinkedIn this year:

Bob Klinger '63, who studied Economics at Kent State University and Economics and Political Science at Youngstown State University, is a Licensed Inspector at Home Assurance Home Inspections in the Sarasota, FL area.

Jack Albenzi '69, who received a BS in Accounting from Mount St. Mary's University, is now retired as the Controller of Lehigh Country Club. Enjoy!

Rich Racosky '69, who received a BA in Liberal Arts from Lehigh University, is President and one of the co-owners of Phoenix Contract, Inc. which specializes in providing Senior Living furniture for Nursing Homes & Assisted Living facilities.

Bruce Edelman '72, who received a BS in Education from the University of Scranton and an MS in Human Resource Management from New School University, is Senior Compensation Advisor/Consultant at Brookdale Hospital and Medical Center in Bellmore, NY.

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Stephen Daday '73, who received a BA in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame and a JD from the John Marshall Law School, is Partner at Klein, Daday, Aretos & O'Donoghue, LLC in the greater Chicago area.

Dave Klucsik '73, who received BS in Business and Economics from Lehigh University and a Master of Journalism from Temple University, is Head of Crisis Communications and Issues Management at Solvay, an international chemical and advanced materials company, in Princeton, NJ.

Dan Sinnott '73, who received a BA in Sociology/Social Welfare from Mount St. Mary's University and an MBA in Healthcare Management from The Fox School of Business at Temple University, is President and CEO of St. Francis Healthcare in Wilmington DE, a Lecturer at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and President of Sinnott Executive Consulting which is focused on improving the leadership skills of key executives within the organization.

Charles DiDonato '75, who received BS in Business Administration from Bloomsburg University, is Vice President at Energy Electrical Distribution Company in Odessa, Texas.

Alexandra Donchez Casciato '75, who received a BA in Sociology from Villanova University, is the Vice President of Talent Acquisition and Talent Management at Radian Financial Services in the greater Philadelphia area.

Tom Casagrande '76, who received a BS in Business and Finance/Accounting from Mount St. Mary's University, is a Graduate Medical Education (GME) Data System Analyst at Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.

Virginia Forest '76, who received an AA in Liberal Arts from Northampton Community College, is Associate Financial Representative at Northwestern Mutual in Center Valley, PA.

Carol Walchonski Cofer '76, who received her BS in Nursing from Gwynedd Mercy University, is a Professor of Nursing at Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Eileen Willey Singleton '76, who received a BS in Agriculture from Penn State University, is a Research Technician/Lab Manager in Biosciences at Rice University in Houston, TX.

Liz Gillen Swigart '77, who received an AA in General Studies from Northampton Community College and a BA in Business Management from DeSales University, is a Data Assistant at DeSales University in Center Valley.

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Joe Mixon '77, who received a BA in Music from Moravian College and a Master of Music in Jazz and Jazz Studies at Combs College of Music, is “sharing the JOY of music as an artist and teacher”, as Director of Guitar Studies at Lebanon Valley College and as Community Music at Moravian College.

Joanne Von Leer Seche '77, who received a BS in Chemistry from Moravian College and an MS in Education from Walden University, is a Science Teacher at Ramapo High School in Kingston, NY.

Maria Bulcavage Kelley '78, who is a US Army Veteran, and who received an AAS in Medical Laboratory Technician from the College of Lake County and a BS in Business Administration, Human Resources from Columbia College of Missouri, is Laboratory Manager Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital in the greater Chicago area.

Mike Wavrek '84, who received a BA in Economics from Boston University, is Director, Real Estate Transaction Management at CDW, a Fortune 200 multi-brand technology solutions provider to business, government, education and healthcare organizations in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, in the greater Chicago area.

Karen Witmer Malsom '84, who received a BS from The University of Georgia and an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, is Senior Director of Marketing at Swedish Covenant Health in Chicago.

Kristin Klinger Rickert '85, who received a BBA in Risk management & Insurance from Temple University, is a Coordinator - Financial Management and Analysis at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Kathryn Kalata Dean '89, who received a BA in Fine Art/Art History from Chestnut Hill College and an MS in Biomedical Visualization from the University of Illinois at Chicago, is an Outreach Coordinator at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Bethanne Miranda McFadden '89, who received a BS from St. Joseph's University, is a Project Management and Human Resource Specialist who now supports HRBoost, LLC. in the Greater Chicago Area

Ryan Hopkins '99, who received a BA in Architecture from the University of Notre Dame and is an Army veteran who has 14+ years of military service in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, is a licensed Engineer with Gensler, a global design firm in the Chicago area.

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Eamon Cunningham '02, is now an Account Executive at XPO Logistics, Inc. in the greater Philadelphia area. Prior to that he toured the country as a musician while systematically managing the group itself. His passion is in leading and growing relationships.

Ryan Kelly '04, who received a BS and BA in Marketing and Advertising from Syracuse University and Certification in Digital Marketing from New York University, is Head of Marketing and Communications at Virgin Hyperloop One in Los Angeles.

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In Need of Prayers? Fire Up Your Email

“We are living in stressful times. People can feel alone and vulnerable – in need of prayer. Now, thanks to the students and staff of Bethlehem Catholic High School, a quick email is all it takes to ask for prayerful assistance. “We’re here to pray for anyone who feels like they need it,” says Holly Magalengo, the school’s advancement director. “It’s a way for us as a school to help our community.” Anyone, whether they are Catholic or not, is invited to send a prayer request to this email address: BecahiPrayForUs@becahi.org. Prayer requests are printed out and placed on the altar for daily Mass celebrated by Father Kevin Bobbin, high school chaplain. All in attendance are invited to pray for the emailed intentions. The school publicizes the prayer-request email address on its social media accounts...the email prayer request service is available anytime during the school year...” – AD Times, February 7, 2019

Start your plans for the Third Annual Alumni Cruise to the Bahamas and Florida A Reunion at sea?

It’s a perfect way to celebrate a class reunion next year, February 15-23, 2020 – 8 nights! The cruise sails out of Bayonne, New Jersey. More details will come in future newsletters, or contact the Advancement Office in the meantime.

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Reflection

Because we all need it...

The Act of Love

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured.
Amen.

And now...

Despite every effort to prevent errors, sometimes they occur. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and/or the Advancement Office and accept my sincerest apologies, and...

If you have any stories, comments, concerns, opinions, etc., that you'd like to share, please let us know.

Sincerely,
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