

# Tidings

Bethlehem Catholic High School – Class of 1970 Alumni Newsletter  
September 2019

## Our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion News!

The reunion planning committee met on August 20<sup>th</sup> at George and Betsy's beautiful homestead *all the way out in Macungie*. Remember when you couldn't get to Macungie from Bethlehem?

We're making good progress on the up-front planning, so we can sort out the steps needed to make the reunion preparation run smoothly. We'll be setting up a website/blogsite for our Class so we'll all be able to communicate in real time, and address any questions, recommendation and suggestions along the way. One of our goals is to create a section on the site for us to provide a brief bio update to share with the class. More on this later...

Once again, the dates are

**Friday, September 18, 2020** reunion at the Steel Club.

**Saturday, September 19, 2020**, home football game with a tented reception area and

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**, possible mass at school in the chapel followed by continental breakfast. We're still working details for Saturday and Sunday events.

**June TBD, 2020** Baccalaureate mass as 50-Year Graduates.

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## Past Newsletters Now On-Line

We now have a "place" where anyone can go to see previous Class Newsletters/Tidings editions. I started putting them together in March of 2018, with a primary emphasis on Class of 1970 news and such, and it's gradually evolved into an Alumni Newsletter that includes information about the graduates from multiple class years and about the school's history. I rechristened the Class of 70 Newsletter to *Tidings* in December of 2018 as a way of reconnecting with our past. Most of us were featured as students in the school's newspaper over the years...Now we're featured as alumni.

You can find the posts on the Becahi Website <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/> Previous editions are kept on-line for one year. I have prior editions if you'd like to see them, or you can contact the school's Advancement Office directly. "Thanks" to Beca's new Alumni Relations Manager, Carlos Barata, for his social media skills.

Enjoy the read.

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**Please remember Corliss Kuzmin's mom, Jack Lewis's mom, Marie Marucci Good's husband, Tom Metzger's mom, and Grace Ocampo's mom in your prayers**

- † Dorothy Kuzmin passed away on August 9<sup>th</sup>... also say a prayer for Corliss's brother, **Bill '62**.
- † Irene Kranyecz Lewis passed away on August 2<sup>nd</sup>...also say a prayer for Jack's dad, Jack, and Jack's siblings, **Beverly '68, Sandra '76, James '77** and **Joann '83**.
- † Irvin Good passed away on August 8<sup>th</sup>. He and Marie were married for 33 years.
- † **Grace McNally Csordas Metzger '38**, passed away on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Grace was married to the late **Joseph Metzger '38**...also pray for Tom's siblings **Mary '67, Richard '68, Ann '71, Arlene '71, Regina '74, Jane '77**, and for the late **Joseph Csordas '59**.
- † Guadalupe "Lupe" Ocampo, passed away on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Also say a prayer for Grace's siblings **Maria '68, Joe '71, Leo '76, Jose '79**, and **Laura '79**.

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**This month I heard from...**

... **Frank Posivak '54, Harry Mitchell '57, John McCarty '58, Kathleen Bowe Borner '59, Nancy Fistner Verbonitz '59, Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec '66, Ginny Check Seaman '67, Rosemary Derr Neimeister '67, Yogi Eddinger '67, Jim Narlesky '67, Deb Redding Kresge '67, Patti Ebeling Miller '68, Don Brugger '69, Larry Gasda '69, Betsy Antalics Hansgen '71, Mark Bacak '71, Tom Kuzmick '71, Maria Spagnola '73, Charlie DiDonato '75, Steve Shive '81, John Perun '83, and Carlos Barata '10.**

From our class, I either saw or heard from **Joe Armatruda, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Rick Cassidy, Dave Cech, Jim Connell, Lisa, Mary Beth Freeh, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Joan Greenfield, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, George and Betsy (Horvath) Kane, Rick Jordan, Corliss Kuzmin Reed, Pat O'Connor Altier, Sue Peters Crawford, Dan and Debbie (Weiss) Perrett, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, and Kathy Ripper Grasso.**

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

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**First alumni-student mass of the school year: September 12<sup>th</sup> ...**

... at 9:45AM in the auditorium. Please try to arrive by 9:30. All alumni are welcome!

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## Seventy Year Reunion The Class of 1949

I'm not sure if any of the 59 members of the Class of '49 got together to commemorate this milestone year, but I'd like to remember them with a "virtual" class reunion by presenting their names. Please read each one, pause and reflect.

Martin Adams  
Bernadine Anderson  
Patricia Biting Lynch  
Eleanor Blonar Mesko  
Mary Boyle Turnbach\*  
Louise Buttillo Minarik\*  
John Collins\*  
Joan Culligan Green\*  
Claire Dickert Conahan\*  
Joan Dickert Friedman\*  
Patricia Donches Mikeska  
Mary Dougherty Pihanick\*  
Elizabeth Downing Mesick\*  
Richard Downing  
Rita Fagan Adams

Ethel Fecko Ornosky\*  
Martha Fertal Bobeck\*  
Helen Flecksteiner Stoneback\*  
Frances Glancy Doll  
Georgine Gress Leszcynski

Frances Greurinovich Halkias\*  
Helen Hajdinyak Lobb\*  
Virginia Hogan\*  
Theresa Horky Tockash\*  
Elizabeth Horvath Rau\*  
Richard Hrkach  
Theresa Hudock Gierula\*  
Louise Karch Matthews  
Natalie Keating  
Elizabeth Kelly Berg  
Dolores Kerso Shivok  
Joan Koch Smith\*  
Barbara Kohlmier Ebeling  
Dan Kostelnick  
Joseph Labdik\*

Elaine Lavinger Ungurean\*  
Margaret Long Opdenaker\*  
Anna Marie Lucas Wolbach  
Agnes Marcisin Toth  
Fritz Maurer\*

Ed McCarthy\*  
Hugh McShane\*  
Dennis Monaghan  
Jean Petruny Evans  
Richard Philippi\*  
Rosemarie Phillippi Kovacs  
Irene Posivak Urban  
Valeria Puchinger Beachman  
Rosemary Pum Reitmeir\*  
Rosemary Reiser Domin  
Jeanne Ryan Maurer  
Marvin Schubert\*  
Rosemarie Sewald Pfliegler\*  
Sally Svanda Wimberly  
Virginia (Sr. Rose Concetta)  
Tallarico, S.S.J.\*  
Jacqueline Tocci Kostelnick  
Jack Ungurean  
Josephine Velas Zorn  
Dolores Weinoffer Phillippi

\* Deceased

### Class of '49 JOB Notes:

- 9 members (*at least*) had 34 children who graduated from Beca; Eleanor Blonar Mesko (5), Mary Boyle Turnbach (4), Louise Buttillo Minarik (4), Joan Culligan Green (6), Joan Dickert Friedman (1), Ethel Fecko Ornosky (4), Frances Glancy Doll (3), and Dan Kostelnick and Jacqueline Tocci Kostelnick (7)
- 5 members served in the military: Fritz Maurer (Army), Ed McCarthy (Army), Hugh McShane (Navy), Rich Philippi (Army); Marvin Schubert (Navy)
- 5 class couples: Martin Adams and Rita Fagan, Claire Dickert and Jim Conahan '44, Dan Kostelnick and Jacqueline Tocci, Elaine Lavinger and Jack Ungurean, Fritz Maurer and Jeanne Ryan

### JOB Notes:

- The list of graduates comes from multiple sources over the years, and may not be complete. I suspect there may be more of the graduates who had children and even grandchildren who attended Beca through the years. I'd love to get their stories.
- I have tried to collect various information on the class members over the years, and my records indicate that there are 26 surviving members of the class, that is to say, I have information on 33 members passing as indicated with the \* in the table above. I'd love to hear from anyone with more current information.

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## Homecoming Weekend 2019 Set

### Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Pig 'n Swig, Becahi Courtyard, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Music by DJ Siebert

\$ 10.00 per person (\$ 5.00 for those under 10)

Bonfire: 7:30 PM on the softball field

### Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Becahi vs Whitehall football game at BASD Stadium at noon

Contact Tina Giordano at [tgiordano@becahi.org](mailto:tgiordano@becahi.org) or 610 866-0791 ext. 321.

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## A request from our new Alumni Relations & Social Media Manager, Carlos Barata '10...

*“As we look forward to improving our social media and website content, testimonials go a long way in getting our mission and values out there, from the people who've experienced and benefited from them first-hand. Some things we're interested in:*

*What's your favorite/fondest memory of BECAHI?*

*How did BECAHI prepare you for higher education?*

*How did BECAHI prepare you for careers?*

*How did BECAHI help you grow in faith?*

*How did BECAHI help you become the best-version-of-yourself?*

*What does BECAHI mean to you?*

*You can answer one, all, or any combination of the above, send them directly to me at [cbarata@becahi.org](mailto:cbarata@becahi.org) Thanks for your help.”*

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## This month's newsletter contains information from over 50 Classes!!!

What began as a newsletter for the Class of '70, has evolved in to a more inclusive publication to contain news and information from multiple years... One family. Our family. Becahi.

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## Nominations for Distinguished Graduates Now Open

Twenty years ago, Becahi established a platform to recognize a graduate... “who has been successful in their career, has given much to others, and displays what being a “Golden Hawk” is all about:

- Dedicated and successful in their career path
- Serving and getting involved in the community
- Demonstrating values of Catholic education in their achievements”

Fifty-seven persons have been recognized to date. The nomination process is now open for 2020. Follow the link below for more information on the past winners and for the nomination form: <https://becahi.org/alumni/distinguished-graduates/>

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## Save the Date(s)...

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – Alumni-Student Mass**, 9:45 AM in the auditorium

### **September 13<sup>th</sup> – Golden Hawk Golf Classic**

The Classic will be held at the Monocacy Course at Bethlehem Golf Club, Illicks Mill Road, Bethlehem PA 8:00 A.M. shotgun start, 4-man scramble format (registration starts at 7 A.M.) Golf Package \$110 per golfer includes greens fee, cart, golf gift, hot dog and soda at the turn and dinner catered by the Clubhouse Grille.

Lunch Attendee \$25 Can't make it for golf but still wish to join the festivities? Join us at 12:30 P.M. for lunch, raffle and more!

Golf Plus Package \$135 per golfer includes all of the above PLUS Special Player Package of mulligans, pot of gold registration, and raffle tickets.

Contact Connie Druckenmiller in the Advancement office to reserve your spot or to sponsor this event (or both)! Proceeds benefit the Becahi Athletic Department.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> – Class of 1957's 62<sup>nd</sup> Reunion** (See Reunion News below).

**September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – Alumni Weekend** (See article above)

### **September 28<sup>th</sup> – Alumni Band March at Homecoming 2019**

Over 40 former bandmates recently gathered at the Inaugural Band Camp Alumni Picnic. This looks like the beginning of a new chapter in the Band's illustrious history.

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Before we turn the page, we're turning back the clock and turning up the BECAHI Band with our Alumni and students marching side-by-side. You, former bandmates, are invited to march and perform with the current Band at Homecoming on Saturday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>**:

- March and play in the Parade at 11:00 a.m. with our Band, students, families, and more!
- Stand proud with our Band on the field for the official pregame show.
- Join them in the stands and play throughout the game.
- Bring your own instrument, or contact us about borrowing one (subject to availability)

Please RSVP by Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

For more information and to learn more about borrowing an instrument, please contact Band Director, Mr. Christopher Klump at 610-866-0791 x320.

**October 1<sup>st</sup> – Alumni-Student Mass**, 9:45 AM in the auditorium. All are welcome however; you are encouraged to RSVP to Carlos Barata at [cbarata@becahi.org](mailto:cbarata@becahi.org) or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 331. There will be a Meet and Greet the Alumni and Advancement Staff after the mass.

## **October 19<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night... For “Mature” Audiences**

Doors open at 6:00PM for this 21 and Over event. Round 1 starts at 7:00 PM. Come out and test your mental agility. Get together a team and a theme! This is sure to be a wild and fun time!!! Contact Connie Druckenmiller at (610) 866-0791 ext. 323 or email [cdruckenmiller@becahi.org](mailto:cdruckenmiller@becahi.org) to reserve your spot today. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Teams are tables of 8. BYOB, food and snacks. Beca supplies the questions and the Judge. You supply the energy and Spirit(s).

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – Alumni-Student Mass**, 9:45 AM in the auditorium. All Saints' Day. All are welcome however; you are encouraged to RSVP to Carlos Barata at [cbarata@becahi.org](mailto:cbarata@becahi.org) or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 331.

## **March 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Gala Event**

Bethlehem Catholic's Gala is tentatively scheduled. This will be an event you don't want to miss. Contact your classmates today and have a night-out to benefit your alma mater.

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## Reunion News...

The **Class of '57** will hold its 62<sup>nd</sup> reunion on **September 25<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 noon at Prime Steak in Bethlehem. The contact is **Harry Mitchell**, 757 Village Ave., Colleagueville, PA 19426 PH. 610-454-0768 Cell 484-363-3749

Come celebrate the **Class of '59's** 60th reunion with your Becahi classmates at a luncheon at the Steel Club in Hellertown, Pa. on **Friday, October 4, 2019** from 1 to 4 pm. Cost of the luncheon is \$40. per person. Make check payable to Mary Ann Moyer, send to her address, 2644 Boyd St., Bethlehem, Pa. 18017. Visit the Steel Club's website, it's quite beautiful. The contact is **Nancy Fistner Verbonitz** at [tnverb@gmail.com](mailto:tnverb@gmail.com)

A "**Class of 1967** Turns "70" Get-Together" will be held this fall to coincide with Homecoming Weekend. The plans are:

### Friday, September 27th

6:00 pm - Pig 'n Swig - Becahi's Courtyard - Cost is \$10.00 - Becahi will be emailing info and RSVP form.

7:30 pm - Bonfire - Becahi Softball Field

### Saturday, September 28th

Becahi Parade from Becahi to BASD Stadium

Noon - Becahi vs Whitehall Football Game - BASD Stadium at Liberty High School

Post-Game Get-Together - Rudy's Bar & Grill at 1406 Center Street in Bethlehem

Please RSVP ASAP via email or phone so we have an idea for a count for Pig 'n Swig, Football Game & Rudy's Bar & Grill. Contact Ginny Seaman at (610) 217-6687 or [ginny2545@hotmail.com](mailto:ginny2545@hotmail.com)

The **Class of '69** is planning for their **51<sup>st</sup>** Reunion in the **Spring of 2020**, after Easter, before Memorial Day. It will be casual. A reunion Facebook page should be up soon, meanwhile, they have a dedicated email, [becahi69reunion@gmail.com](mailto:becahi69reunion@gmail.com)  
If any classmate has not received an email yet please contact them at the reunion email address.

The **Class of '79's** 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion...is set for Saturday, **October 26th** 6:00 PM at the Steel Club. For more info check, out their Facebook page [Bethlehem Catholic Class of 1979](#)

They are in need of donations for a basket raffle.

For business owners, this is the perfect way to market your business to fellow alumni. For others, this is a great way to support your fellow alumni.

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Donate a gift basket, gift cards or gift certificates from any local or online merchant in any denomination, items we can raffle or combine with others to make gift baskets. Use your imagination! Contact **Kim Carrodo-Pulley** for more info at: [kim@catertome.net](mailto:kim@catertome.net) or call her at 610-709-7705.

The **Class of 1985's** 35 Year Reunion is set for 8-11 PM on **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, at The Bayou Restaurant in Bethlehem. All other classes are welcome to join us. Any questions, email Sherri Hines at [artteacherscsp@gmail.com](mailto:artteacherscsp@gmail.com)

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## I either read or heard that:

**Tim McGorry** who served as a **theology teacher since 1985**, and also served as boys' basketball and golf coach has recently retired from teaching at Beca... As some of you may or may not know, Tim was a star basketball player for Allentown Central Catholic High School, but he turned his life around when he went to the University of Scranton. That's where Jeff Jennings and I indoctrinated him into the magic of Becahi, and Becahi was then blessed to have him share his passion for service with their community. Thanks Tim!!

**Tim Foley '66**, Chief Technology Officer at Lehigh University for 40 years, retired on August 30. In retirement, Tim will continue to be active in indoor/outdoor rowing, cycling, and racquetball. He and his wife Saralyn will also be quite busy keeping up with their 19 grandchildren. Enjoy every second, Tim!

**Rick Cassidy '70**, (writing from Hong Kong), just completed a Professional Certificate program in Data Science at Stanford University Center for Professional Development. He started working as a volunteer advisor (part-time) several months ago at a non-profit software training company called Softstack Factory in San Diego. Their mission is to provide low-cost boot-camp training in web/mobile development programming and machine learning to those who could not afford equivalent high cost training venues. They target minorities, professionals seeking career changes, and ex-military as candidates. (Be safe over there, Rick.)

**Lynn Byczynski Nagengast, '72's Class President**, is the founding editor and publisher of Growing for Market, a national periodical featuring how-to articles about growing and selling produce. She is also the author of "The Flower Farmer: An Organic Grower's Guide to Raising and Selling Cut Flowers", "Market Farming Success" and "The Hoophouse Handbook." She has grown cut flowers commercially for more than 20 years, and lives in Lawrence, KS.



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**Joe Moyer '72, M.D., FACA**, has a BS from the United States Military Academy. After graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Army as an Infantry officer. Following several years of service in the infantry, he returned to school and received his medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine. Joe is board certified in Allergy/Immunology as well as pediatrics and currently resides in Myrtle Beach with his wife Barbara and their three children.

**Jane Holahan '74**, was recently named Executive Director of the Weingarten Learning Resources Center at the University of Pennsylvania. *Jane “has been in the field of education for over 30 years. Her Peace Corps experience sparked her interest in education. Jane's educational background includes a bachelor's degree from Moravian College, a master's degree from Barry University and a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership/Higher Education Administration from The George Washington University. As a language arts teacher in the Miami-Dade Public School system, Jane gained experience working with students from diverse backgrounds. During her secondary education experience, Jane discovered her interest in working with students with disabilities, thus leading to her mission of working in the field of disability services in the university setting. Jane served as the Director of the Academic Resource Center at Georgetown University for over 20 years.”* - <https://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lrc/lr/staff.php>

**Jimmy Grube '78** is Superintendent of the Lincoln Park Public Schools in Lincoln Park, NJ. Jim handles all issues related to the educational program, residency concerns, and personnel.

**Sonia Vazquez '78**, who received her Bachelor's Degree in Special Education from East Stroudsburg University, is the Principal of Donegan Elementary School in Bethlehem. – Fig, March 18, 2018

**Janice Kachmar Miller '80**, who received a BSN from DeSales University and an MSN from Mount Mercy University, is a Faculty Member at the University of Iowa College of Nursing. *“Her teaching journey has encompassed clinical, lab, and classroom positions prior to employment at the University of Iowa. Other areas of interest include allergy/immunology, nutrition, and the benefits of using simulation in nursing education.”* - <https://nursing.uiowa.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-directory/jmiller70>

**Bethany Jolley Hemphill '85**, who received a BSN from the University of Pittsburgh and an MSN in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from the University of Pennsylvania, is a Nurse Practitioner at Primary Care, Newtown (PA), a CHOP pediatric and adolescent care practice.

**Heather Maisenhalter Yarnell '88**, who received an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from DeSales University, is the Payroll Officer at the Easton Area School District.

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**John Mattes '89**, who quarterbacked the 1988 Undefeated Football team and starred at Moravian College (with a BA in Political Science as well), is now the Athletic Director at North Hunterdon High School in NJ. - Morning Call, 8/1/19

**Jim Weed '94**, has been an active member in the land surveying industry for over 15 years and is a Senior VP and Partner in Control Point Associates, Inc., which provides the talent needed for projects.

**Jacqueline Collette Fox '01, Esq.**, who received a BA from Moravian College and a JD from Penn State's Dickinson School of Law, is Assistant Director of Social Equity & Deputy Title IX Coordinator at Kutztown University.

**Matthew Johnson '01**, graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. Matt is a Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in both Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy at St. Luke's / Moravian College Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Center.

**Mary Jo Moninghoff '03**, who received a BA in Dance Education and Performance at cedar Crest College, is Assistant Dance Director at Nardi Dance Studios and Performing Arts Center in Easton. – Nardistudios.com

**Joe Kovacs '07**, a silver medalist at the Olympics in Rio, finished second in the shot put in late July at the USATF Outdoor Championships held at Drake University in Iowa. – Morning Call, 7/31/19



**Kristen '12 and Zach '09 (r) Glagola** presented **Mike Donchez '19** with the Joan & Mike Glagola Memorial Scholarship at this summer's Fountain Hill Stickball Classic. Wishing Mike a great start to his journey at Northampton Community College, studying to be an Electrician!

(Kristen and Zach's mom was **Joan Redding '73**)

**Class of 2023** - 178 Scholars (and future alumni) joined the Becahi Community last Monday as the 2019-2020 school year opened. Welcome to the family, kids!

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***We're almost there...***

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## The Angels for Alex are (still) coming!

Last September we set out to help Alex Tucker, a Becahi student who lost his father in 2010, and his mother to cancer last July, to raise money to complete his education at Beca. (Tuition is \$10,200/year). I am pleased to report that **\$8,350 has been raised to date**. We're almost at our **goal of \$10,200**. **Let's show Alex how much the alumni cares for our current students**. 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!

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## Sports Update

The best way for Alumni to plan attendance at this year's sporting events is to refer to this handy calendar: <https://becahiathletics.bigteams.com/main/calendar/>

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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Grace McNally Csordas Metzger	1938	8/06/19	99
Margaret Korpics	1941	8/11/19	96
Helen Miklos Many	1951	7/29/19	86
Marcia Miklos Finisdore	1955	8/16/19	82
Thomas Carroll	1957	8/25/19	79
Elaine Samley Dashuta	1964	8/29/19	73

## Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Thomas Carroll '57**, husband of **Marie Purcell Carroll '57**, on 8/25/19
- † Rosemary Coughlin, mother of **Carolann '76**, Dan and Tom, on 8/04/19
- † Charles Culver, son of **Ruth Showers Culver '30** and brother of **Richard Culver**, former teacher and principal at Beca, on 8/25/19
- † Margaret Gaspar, mother of **Marybeth '75** and Michael, on 8/16/19
- † Irvin Good, husband of **Marie Marucci Good '70** on 8/08/19
- † Paul Hancz, husband of **Francine Baran Hancz '78**, on 8/10/19
- † Dorothy Kuzmin, mother of **Bill '62** and **Corliss '70**, on 8/09/19
- † Irene Lewis, mother of **Beverly '68**, **Jack '70**, **Sandra '76**, **James '77** and **Joann '83**, on 8/02.
- † **Grace McNally Csordas Metzger '38**, wife of **Joseph Metzger '38**, mother of **Joseph Csordas '59**, **Mary Metzger '67**, **Richard '68**, **Tom '70**, **Ann '71**, **Arlene '71**, **Regina '74**, and **Jane '77**, on 8/06/19
- † Guadalupe “Lupe” Ocampo, mother of **Maria '68**, **Grace '70**, **Joe '71**, **Leo '76**, **Jose '79**, and **Laura '79** on 8/27/19
- † Marie O’Connors, mother of **Brian '72**, on 8/14/19
- † Carolyn Panik, wife of **Alex Panik '54**, on 3/25/19
- † James Taglang, father of **Kathleen '72**, **Tim '75**, **Barb '77** and James; and the sibling of **Genevieve Urello '42**, **Francis '43**, **Rosemarie Sullivan '44** and Thomas, on 8/12/19

Please say a prayer for our classmates who passed away in the month of September:

**Patty Coyle Metzger** 9/18/13  
**Steff Long** 9/16/18

**Leigh Doling Leming** 9/20/06  
**Rosemary Medve Vassa** 9/29/11

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## Alumni-Student Mass Schedule for 2019-2020 School Year is Set

The scheduled masses for this school year are as follows:

September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM in the auditorium  
October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 (with Meet and Greet following mass)  
November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 All Saints Day  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 (Catholic Schools Week)  
February 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 (Ash Wednesday)  
March 24, 9:45  
April 7, 9:45 (Holy Week)  
May 21, 9:45 (Ascension)

Walk-ins are welcome; however, you are also encouraged to RSVP to Carlos Barata at cbarata@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791 Ext. 331.

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## Cuba and the Caribbean! Start your plans for the Third Annual Alumni Cruise... A Reunion at Sea, perhaps?

It's a perfect way to celebrate a class reunion next year, leaves February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for 8 days! Departure from Miami. More details are in the attached flyer or contact **Angel Rivera '71** for more information 484-241-1059.

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## Alumni Mentorship Program

We are still looking for more BECAHI alumni to participate in our mentor program. Click on this link to take the survey and upload your resume:

<https://goo.gl/forms/5IKxKSGtGTx6fsrn1>

Here is a link to an overview of the Mentor Program:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6t6d8lbq\\_nAAKjNh46MjC0Le2S-7f-\\_view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6t6d8lbq_nAAKjNh46MjC0Le2S-7f-_view)

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## Lord, the (Class) Rings are Found:

Some info on them, pictured left to right, below:

Ring 1:

**Class of 1952**---Found outside at Holy Family Manor---The ring has a crack in the band

Ring 2:

**Class of 1972**---Found by Nancy P. Lang in Sevierville, Tennessee in a box that belonged to her sister-in-law after she passed. We have her contact info to share once we find the owner---Initials J.E.K. engraved on the inner side of the band



Possible owners of the 1972 ring... Jeff Kahl, Jim Knipe

Ring 3:

**Class of 1945**---Found in BECAHI's courtyard---Initials J.J.W. engraved on the inner side of the band.

You can contact the school or [cbarata@becahi.org](mailto:cbarata@becahi.org) for more information!

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## “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:

**Angel Rivera '71**, is Owner/President at Rivera's Cruise and Travel LLC in Bethlehem. He is CLIA (cruise line international association) certified ECC, highest certification currently available, and also certified with everything Disney.

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**Marianne Schnalzer Yasso '71**, is a Licensed Agent at New York Life Insurance Company in Jim Thorpe, PA.

**Dave Kacar '72**, who received a BA from Lehigh University and a Master of Architecture from Rice University, is an Architect at CLASSIC DESIGN + BUILD in the Washington D.C. metro area.

**Dave Ney '73**, who received a BS in Accounting from Bloomsburg University, is now “relaxing in retirement” in the greater Philadelphia area.

**John Yanushka '74**, who received a BS in Biology from Penn State University, is Senior Production Planner at Reckitt Benckiser, the global force in health, hygiene and home, in Hillsborough, NJ.

**Anne McCandless Rampolla '75**, who received a BA in Spanish from Moravian College and an MA in Spanish from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is a Spanish Professor of Language and Literature at Lehigh University. Anne is skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Spanish, Teaching, Higher Education, and Public Speaking.

**Sharon Yurko Neders '75**, who received a BA in Fine Art from Moravian College, is Stewardship Coordinator, Development Assistant at Pennsylvania State University - Lehigh Valley.

**Joseph Bellew '76**, who received a BA in Business, Accounting from the University of Pittsburgh, a JD from the University of Pittsburgh Law School and an LLD in Taxation from the University of Baltimore School of Law, is Senior Counsel for Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP in Baltimore, MD.

**Joe Brugger '76**, is the Account Manager at McKesson Medical-Surgical in Downingtown, PA.

**John Fiore '77**, who received a BA in Business Management from Moravian College, is a Realtor at RE/MAX in Bethlehem.

**Carol Cooper '79**, who received a BS in Environmental Planning from Rutgers University and a MS in Regional Planning from the University of Arizona, is Managing Director, Market Innovation Section at King County Metro Transit in Seattle, WA.

**Bernie Kita '81**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Elmira College and a Master's degree in Biology Education from Kutztown University, is a Lean Coach at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

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**Angeline Alvarez '83**, is now the Secretary-Treasurer of Earl Township in Boyertown, Pennsylvania.

**Matt Bilicic '84**, who received a BA in Political Science & Government from DeSales University and an MBA in Finance from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is a Global AML/KYC Risk and Analytics Manager - Asset Wealth Management at JPMorgan Chase & Co.

**Susan Gross Deborde '86's Co-Valedictorian**, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is now "Pack Leader" at Boodapug, founded in 2009 by a pair of pug-lovin' individuals who thought the world might be a better place if more people shared their passion, specifically on a T-shirt or maybe collectible coffee mug. (Hey, it worked for Hello Kitty.) in the Portland, OR area.

**Elizabeth "Lizz" Chung '87's Valedictorian**, who received a BA in Government from Dartmouth College and an MBA in Finance from the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business, is the Capital Structuring Originator at BP in Chicago, IL.

**John Bailey '91** and a Bechhi Distinguished Graduate, and who received a BA in Policy Studies from Dickinson College, is a Fellow at the Chan Zuckerberg Institute (CZI), a Walton Family Foundation Advisor and a Visiting Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in the Washington D.C. metro area.

**Erik Marsh '91**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Economics from Lafayette College, is Vice President of Business Development at LifeAire Systems in Allentown.

**Greg Panik '91**, who received a BS in Accounting from Bloomsburg University, is Vice President - FP&A and Accounting – International, at CTDI, a full-service, global engineering, repair and logistics company providing best-cost solutions to the communications industry in West Chester, PA.

**Shilpa Kapoor-Barrantes '92**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Penn State University and an MEd in K-8 Education with a focus on Computers in Education, is an Adjunct Professor at Lehigh Carbon Community College, and is the Owner/Developmental Specialist at Connections of the Lehigh Valley, LLC.

**Dan Callahan '93**, who served as a Hospital Corpsman in the U.S. Navy and received a BS in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is a Realtor/Broker at Allen Tate Realtors in Cornelius, NC.



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**Caryn Walck Metzger '94**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from DeSales University, is a Human Resource Manager at Cigars International in Bethlehem.

**Jason Fehr '95's Salutatorian**, who received a BA from Drew University and an MD from Penn State's College of Medicine, is an Anesthesiologist, Software Engineer, SurgiNet Anesthesia Consultant in the Washington, DC area.

**Cara Kresge '95**, is now the Director of Global Service Excellence at Guidant Global, the new global leaders in total talent management in Bethlehem.

**Ben Phillips '96**, who received a BA in English from Susquehanna University, a MEd in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Bank Street College of Education and an MEd in Leadership and Administration from Pace University, is a self-employed Tutor and a seasoned elementary school teacher aiming to transition to a customer service opportunity.

**Matthew DeSilver '97**, who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, is Project Manager at MBP (McDonough Bolyard Peck) that has provided program and construction management services that are scalable and tailored to the needs of our clients for over 30 years, in Charleston, SC.

**Amy Sowecke Gordon '97**, who received a BS from Penn State University and an MS in Traditional Chinese Medicine and Chinese Herbology from the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, is the Owner & Acupuncturist at Mama Lounge, a women's health center specializing in fertility and pregnancy, located in the heart of San Francisco.

**Jessica Flynn Ehrhardt '98**, who received an Associate's Degree in Education from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Psychology / Organizational Behavior from Albright College, is Human Resources Manager at MCS Industries, Inc. in Easton.

**Mike Zumas '99**, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Temple University, is Project Manager at M-Tec Construction Services, LLC in Bethlehem.

**Alyssa Antolick Holdorff '01**, who received a BS in Marketing from DeSales University and a Master's Degree in Sport Management from East Stroudsburg University, is Manager of Marketing & Events at The Heritage Guild in Easton.

**Jamie Gunshore '01**, who received an AAS in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and a BS in Sport Management from DeSales University, is a Sonographer at Main Line Health in the greater Philadelphia area.

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**Sara Williams Buckley '01**, who received a BA in Sociology from Moravian College and an MA in Communication from Seton Hall University, is a Career Counselor/Adjunct Professor at LIM College, that educates students for success in the global business of fashion and its many related industries, in the greater New York City area.

**Kristen Check Kline '02**, who received an AS in Radiology from Northampton Community College and a BS in Medical Imaging from Bloomsburg University, is a Radiographer at Sacred Heart Hospital.

**Nate Donchez '02**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Business from NYU, is Senior Licensing Representative at BMI in the greater Nashville area. Nate's also a professional organist and pianist.

**Tim Duckworth '02**, who received a BS in Business Administration from St. Joseph's University and a JD from the Michigan State University's College of Law, is an Associate Attorney at Mosebach, Funt, Dayton & Duckworth, P.C. in Bethlehem.

**Jim Hower '02**, who received a Bachelor of Applied Science (BASc) from the Pennsylvania College of Technology, is Director of Sales, Industrial Refrigeration, North America, at Danfoss Engineering, in the Baltimore area.

**Lauren Jebran '02**, who received a BS in Finance and an MBA from Wagner College, is Assistant Controller at Trans-Bridge Lines in Bethlehem.

**Greg Meila '02, Valedictorian** of the Class, who received a BA in Economics, Math and Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA in Quantitative Finance, Corporate Finance and Management from New York University's Leonard N. Stern School of Business, is Managing Director at Cambridge Associates in Boston.

**Pete Fazio '03**, who received a BS in Marketing and Finance from King's College, is South Florida Market Manager at Cigar City Brewing / Oskar Blues Brewery in Tampa, FL.

**Tom Keenan '03**, who received a BA in Communication from Villanova University, is an Infusion Care Specialist at B. Braun Medical in Tampa, FL.

**Catherine Muething '03**, who received a BS in Economics from Mount St. Mary's University and an MS in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University, is a Senior Analyst at OneMagnify, a full-service, multidisciplinary marketing and communications company in the Charlotte, NC area.

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**Frank Trovato '03**, who received a BA in Psychology from Lehigh University and a JD from Florida Coastal School of Law, is an Attorney at Benner & Trovato in Bethlehem.

**Nikolas Andreychak '04**, who received a BA in Communications/Criminal Justice from the University of Scranton, is Boiler & Machinery Account Consultant at Travelers Insurance in the greater New York City area.

**Bethany Bachman '04**, who received a BA in Physical Education from John Carroll University, an MS in Exercise Physiology from the University of Pittsburgh, and an MBA from Point Park University, is the Community Events and Communications Coordinator for the Borough of Dormont in the greater Pittsburgh area.

**Nathan Derwinski '07**, who received a BS in Accounting from Bloomsburg University and an MBA in Accounting from Shippensburg University, is Accountant Manager for Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, a Caterpillar construction dealer located in PA, MD, and WV.

**Dave Watsula '07, co-Valedictorian** of the Class, who received a BA in Sociology from Boston College and a Master's Degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, is Senior Analyst | Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues at the US General Accountability Office (GAO) in the greater Boston area.

**Alyssa Conahan '09**, who received a BS in Finance from Lehigh University, is a Relationship Manager, Vice President at Wells Fargo in Reading, PA.

**Marisa Iannelli '14**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Eastern University, is a Caseworker at Northampton County Department of Human Service in Easton.

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## News from the Advancement Office

### Gala Committee Members sought

Bethlehem Catholic High School is looking for alumni interested in serving on our Gala Committee for the 2019-2020 school year. The committee is currently meeting bi-weekly to promote and coordinate our primary fundraising event. If you would like to serve, please contact Connie Druckenmiller today at 610 866-0791, ext. 323

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## Advertise on-line

Alumni, would you like to advertise your business at <https://becahinews.com/>  
You will have business exclusivity since we are only accepting one advertiser per category! Reach over 1,100 monthly local website visitors and local parents in the community while also supporting Bethlehem Catholic High School with 10% of total advertising revenue donated back to the school.

Visit <https://becahinews.com/bethlehem-catholic-high-school/advertising>  
to learn more and reserve your category today or email Holly Magalengo at [hmagalengo@becahi.org](mailto:hmagalengo@becahi.org)

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## Would you like to give you PA State Tax Dollars to Bethlehem Catholic instead of the government?

If you pay at least \$3,500 on line 12 of your PA State Taxes then you can now participate. A 2-year commitments yields a 90% tax break. **So, a \$350 donation provides BECAHI with \$3500!** Complete the attached Fall Joinder Form and email to Holly Magalengo ([hmagalengo@becahi.org](mailto:hmagalengo@becahi.org)) today. This is a very popular program and forms are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Check with your accountant and complete the form to participate.

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## Smile!

Good news! Amazon Smile is now supported in the app. To turn on the Amazon Smile feature and support Bethlehem Catholic when you shop on Amazon using the app follow the instruction at this link:

[https://smile.amazon.com/b?node=15576745011&ref=\\_pe\\_24916680\\_419253880](https://smile.amazon.com/b?node=15576745011&ref=_pe_24916680_419253880)

If you don't use the app to shop on Amazon Smile continue using the following link each time you shop: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0843210>

Finally, if you are already shopping on Amazon, consider throwing something in the basket from our Charity List at:

[https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/28OSB8EX5WW4S/ref=smi\\_ext\\_lnk\\_lcl\\_cl](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/28OSB8EX5WW4S/ref=smi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl)

This is a great way to help our school!

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## Reflection

*“There are places I'll remember  
All my life, though some have changed  
Some forever, not for better  
Some have gone, and some remain  
All these places had their moments  
With lovers and friends, I still can recall  
Some are dead, and some are living  
In my life, I've loved them all...” – Lennon, McCartney*

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## 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,  
JohnnieO (John O'Boyle)  
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