

# Tidings

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## Getting Ready for Our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion after 51 Years!

For a limited time only! The next 5 bios that get posted before the end of October (2020) will receive a free drink on me at the reunion! Now that our 50<sup>th</sup> was postponed until September 24, 2021, we have a little more time to 1) find the “missing persons” from our class, and 2) post your bio on the class webpage.

I know you’re gonna find it hard to believe, but NObody posted their bio on our website last month! The suspense is building. So, we still have **only 207 to go!**

Remember, you don’t have to include all of the latest information on yourselves. We can catch up with that at the reunion. So, post your short bios at <https://1970classreunion.blogspot.com/p/alumni-biogra.html> ...or send them to **Tina Hudak** at [tinahudak@gmail.com](mailto:tinahudak@gmail.com) and she’ll post them. *And* you can keep it to under 150 words...

Meanwhile, catch up with **Micky Halbreiner** who writes...

*[I] Recently retired after 20 years in the liquor/wine wholesale business in DC. Prior to that I worked in the Restaurant business in DC / VA / MD for about 15 years, managing and owning restaurants. After graduating from Navy, I spent 5 years on active duty as a Nuclear Engineering Officer and about 6 years in the reserves. Got my MBA from Lehigh in 1984 and that brought me to DC area. Currently live in Rockville, MD. I have 4 wonderful children and 5 grand-children. My older daughter is a High School English teacher living in Wilmington NC, my older son is a Cardiac Surgeon living in Sewickley PA and my younger 2 living in DC.*

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## How many this time?

This month’s edition contains the names of 338 graduates... from 69 (of 94) different classes, including...

1931, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1952 – 1959;  
1960 – 62, 1964 through 2016, and 2020

We all share a special bond.  
Stay safe and stay well.

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## This month I either saw or heard from...

... **Connie Scripelliti Davis-Gross '53, Kay Fenerty Lynn '57, Harry Mitchell '57, Bill Egan '58, Jack Voss '62, Dolores Durako Gecsek '64, Tom Neimeister '65, Rosemary Derr Neimeister '67, Yogi Edinger '67, Mary Tocci Mahoney '67, Athena Poulos McQuillan '67, Pat Bellew Kottke '69, Maryann May Hart '69, Tom Kozlowski '69, Jan Pakulski Connell '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Sue Bartos '72, Kay Malloy McLane '75, Sally Kammetler '78, Teri Kamenar Reza '81, Tom Vresics '81, Valerie Venezia Singley '90, Carlos Barata '10, Kylee Shivok '16**

...and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Tony Bauer, Jim Brennan, Celeste, Dave Cech, Sue Fischer Dever, Bernie Gallagher, Paul Grube, Micky Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, Tommy Sculley, Grace Soltis, Josephine, Carl**

... and from **Holly DeNofa**, Becahi's principal, from retired teachers and friends, George Harmanos and Tim McGorry, and from St. Ann's and Liberty's Ed Ruyak.

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## Say a special prayer for the late **Jimmy Bellizzi's dad, Cecelia Holotyak Fox's mother and Bernie Gallagher's brother** who have passed away last month.

Carmen Bellizzi passed away on 08/25. He was 93. Please also remember Jimmy's siblings **Sharon '73** and **Carmen '75** and **Georgene Yanocho Bellizzi '70**, Jimmy's wife, in your prayers. (Carmen provided the wedding tuxes for me and my groomsmen, and was a dear friend of our family as we were growing up on Main Street.)

Catherine Holotyak passed away on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, 08/09. Please also remember Cecelia's sister **Patricia '72** and their families as well.

**Michael Gallagher '80**, passed away on 08/08. Please remember Bernie's and Mike's siblings the late **Jim '67, Bobby '73, Kate '83, and Patrick '84** in your prayers as well.

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## Her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday and 300 Birthday Wishes!

Last month, we asked that you remember **Patricia D'Orsi Casciano '38** with a birthday card on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Patricia's daughter (and our classmate), **Celeste Casciano Silvonek '70**, wrote that her mom had a wonderful day.



*"I can't thank you and the alumni of Bethlehem Catholic enough for sending my mother so many beautiful cards and some of my classmates even sent her pictures, and she wore the mask that Dorothy made and sent to her. I was able to use Zoom to see her celebrate on her birthday August 19, and three days later I organized a drive-through or drive by or whatever it's called with my mom sitting outside with my whole family and friends singing happy birthday to her. I also got her 100 cupcakes and they all went. It really meant a lot to me and to my mother. I didn't get to read through all the cards yet with her because it takes a long time because she can't hear that well, but I will get through every single one of them with her. Last count was a little over 300, what a wonderful surprise. Thank you again and may God bless you all for making her day so special.*

*Sincerely and respectfully yours, **Celeste '70**, and my mom **Patricia '38**."*

BTW Celeste, I can taste those cupcakes from here!

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**Did you know...** Konrad "Connie" Reybitz '65, scored the first field goal in the "new" Becahi gym?

**Looking Back 55 Years...**

**Read on and give the class of 1965 a virtual reunion...**

Here's what I could find, with help from **Paula Ripper Olexa's '65** yearbook, and although it may not contain comprehensive and complete information, it's worth reading about and recognizing our Becahi "ancestors".

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This was the first class to graduate from the "new" school on Dewberry and Madison Aves., as it "moved in" from the Fourth and Webster Sts location in the middle of the 1964-65 school year.

Close to 3,000 persons attended the school's dedication service On December 4, 1964 in the "new gym".

< Get the picture? Some of the 3,000!

Father Francis Zavodny was the principal and Mother Joseph Bernard, SSJ, was vice-principal. There were 26 teachers, including 14 Sisters of St. Joseph, and 11 staff members that served the 675 students across all the class years at that time!

**Mary Jeanne Olexa** was Valedictorian and **Greg Lang** was the Salutatorian.

Thirteen members were inducted into the National Honor Society, including **Carol Chromczak, Maureen Dresen, Isabel Duran, Mary Ellen Free, Patricia Frick, Raisa Godin, Greg Lang, Mary Jeanne Olexa, Frances Pittner, Elaine Shivok, Dennis Snell, Barbara Stern** and **Mary Jo Svirzovsky**.

**Sharon Weber** starred in the senior play which was ironically entitled "Junior Miss", a humorous story of teen angst and misunderstandings, family dynamics and financial matters. The stage manager was Mr. Charles Kropp, **Eileen's** dad. BTW, Mr. Kropp was also the father of **Mary Catherine '52, Margaret '54, Charles '56** and the late **Robert '61**.

**Elizabeth Swegel** portrayed our Blessed Mother in the annual Christmas pageant.

**Frances Pittner** was the Sno-Ball Queen at the third annual Sno-Ball gala.

The first musical in the new auditorium and under the direction of Sr. Catharine Immaculate SSJ, was "The Sound of Music" and starred **Kathy Salos '67** as Maria and **Don Meder '67** in the role of Captain von Trapp.

The Bowling Team won the championship trophy! Members included **Mike Kalman '68, Joe Adamcik, Dennis Snell, Kevin Bellew '67, Rich Lopez '68, and Dan Husser '68**.

The Cheerleaders included **Nancy Brandafi '67, Alice Burke '67, Karen Calvo '66, Patricia Frick, Bonnie Grycko '66, Donna Repsher '67, Elaine Shivok** (Co-Captain) and **Sharon Weber** (Co-Captain). Ms. Patricia McCartney was the moderator.





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There were 6 “campus-couple” weddings:

- > Clifford Briody and **Linda Duff '67**
- > John Kresge and **Deborah Redding '67**
- > Jon Seaman and **Virginia Check '67**
- > Patricia Mickelson and **Timothy Goldsbury '61**
- > Tom Neimeister and **Rosemary Derr '67**
- > Charles Majczan and **Suzanne Carpency '66**

(At least) 5 class members had 9 children who graduated from Beca:

- > Susan Kanuck Walkiewicz
- > Barb Laposky Doyle
- > Tom Neimeister
- > Jonathan Seaman
- > Dennis Snell
- > **Sara '98**
- > **Sherry '85**
- > **Alison '96, Tom '00**
- > **Jon '96, Matt '98, Stephanie '02**
- > **Samantha '94, Jeremy '96**

Six class members had parents who graduated from Beca:

- > Judy Danko
- > Jim McArdle
- > Tom Neimeister
- > **Mary Baca '38**
- > **Helen Bender '39**
- > **Maylan Ropos '37**
- > Barbara Reybitz
- > Jon Seaman
- > **Claire Baur '40**
- > **Margaret Ammend '39**

**Remembering some of the teachers** of the Class of '65 who've passed away...

**Maureen Cashman Campbell** (11/06/13) taught English and Spanish for 15 years. She also did home bound teaching with the North Penn School District. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in North Wales where she served as a CCD Aid and as a lector and cantor.

**Patrick Duddy** (06/08/16) finished his career as a Professor of Biology at Kutztown University for 34 years. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Notre Dame and Master's Degrees from Villanova University, Lehigh University and Kutztown State College. He received many awards throughout his teaching career including being the first recipient of the Arthur and Isabel Wiesenberger Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching at Kutztown University.

**Annette Hamill** (05/15/11) was a 1942 graduate of Northeastern University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Bar. She was the third woman ever to pass both the state and federal bar exams in the state of Massachusetts. She served in the Red Cross in WWII and was a member of the Women's Overseas Service League. She worked as a corporate attorney at Lever Bros. in Boston.

**Ada Hess** (09/01/09) graduated from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, Pa., and from the University of Pittsburgh in 1945, with the bachelor of science degree in nursing education. Ada was a registered nurse, and had been a clinical instructor in various hospital schools of nursing. She was our school nurse for 9 years between 1962 and 1971.

**Jim McConlogue** (10/28/67) starred in football, basketball and baseball at Moravian College. After serving as a B-24 pilot in World War II, during which time he was shot down over Romania and spent 17 months as a German prisoner of war, he began a successful football coaching career. He was in Netcong (N.J.) for four years, coached one year at Allentown Central Catholic and

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then went to Lafayette, where he was an assistant for five years and head coach for five more. In 1964, he returned to Bethlehem Catholic to revive a football program that had been discontinued in 1925. He coached three years before moving to Lehigh as an assistant coach. He collapsed and died at the Lehigh-Furman game in 1967.

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## Save the Date(s)... for now...

### 2020 Golden Hawk Golf Classic

This year's outing is scheduled for **Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7am-3pm** at the Whitetail Golf Course | Whitetail Golf Club in Bath. This annual event benefits the school's athletic program. Check out the link on the Becahi website to get more information. <https://becahi.org/advancement/golden-hawk-golf-classic/>

### Homecoming 2020 >>>> On Hold (for now)

The 2020 Homecoming that was slated for Friday, September 25th vs. Liberty, and the "Pig 'N Swig" are on hold due to, you guessed it, COVID-19. Stay tuned for any update.

### Reunion News...

The **Class of '57** has decided to **CANCEL** their **63rd** Reunion luncheon that was scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Prime Steak House in Bethlehem due to the COVID-19, and, "more important, their ages!!" **Kay Fenerty Lynn '57**, writes that they **HAVE** reserved the Prime Steak House for their **64<sup>th</sup> Reunion luncheon** on **September 29, 2021!** Contact Harry Mitchell, 757 Village Ave. Collegeville, PA 19426 PH. 610-454-0768 Cell 484-363-3749 for more details.

**The Class of '70's Golden Reunion** has been rescheduled for the weekend of **September 24-26, 2021.**

### Class of 1971

Will there be a **Golden Reunion** for you next year? Let me know and I'll try to help spread the word.

**Class of 1972's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion** plans are continuing. A questionnaire and contact site were developed, and they're looking for your input...

1. Date: September or October, 2022
2. Interested in golf outing on Friday afternoon? (Yes or No)
3. Small social on Friday at local bar (6-9PM), with small plates and cash bar? (Y/N)
4. Dinner and dancing on Saturday, place TBD? (Y/N)

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5. Mass, coffee and donuts on Sunday at Becahi chapel (if available) and farewell?  
(Y/N)

6. Interested in serving on committee?

Please respond to the Class of '72 Reunion Site... sbartos54@yahoo.com

The **Class of 1985's** 35 Year Reunion is still set for **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, 8-11 PM, at The Bayou Restaurant in Bethlehem. All other classes are welcome to join them. Any questions, email **Sherri Hines '85** at arteacherscsp@gmail.com

## Classes of 1989 AND 1990 Reunion Postponed!!!

The 30th year reunion that was set for Beca Homecoming weekend this September 26<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed until sometime in 2021. Please join our Facebook group for up to date information as the date approaches (1989 & 1990 BCHS Class Reunion) or email **Valerie (Venezia) Singley '90** at... rvsings@ptd.net

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## I also either saw, heard from, or read about:

**Mr. Joseph Szczepanski**, who taught Spanish at Beca between 1968 and 1976, was featured in a recent article about WW II History lessons learning about the ordeal of POWs held by Japan, on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (8/15/20) of the Japanese surrender. – Morning Call 8/16/20 Read it! Re: POW, Bataan Death March! His obit notice was in the April 2018 *Tidings*.

**Bill Giaquinto '65**, has retired from IBEW Local 375, Allentown, and now lives in Goodyear, Arizona. – FB

**Jack Sobota '65**, was inducted into the DeSales University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016. Jack was a member of the very first varsity basketball team in 1967-68 and was a part of the first class to play in Billera Hall his senior year in 1968-69. He graduated with a BA in Economics in 1969 after being part of the first-ever class at Allentown College of St. Francis DeSales in 1965.

**Mary Catherine Solek Tachovsky '66**, is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees for Moravian Academy.

**Teri Kamenar Reza '81**, is Revaluation Manager at Industrial Appraisal Company, providing appraisal services nationally and globally to the public and private sectors, in Pittsburgh.



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**Ann Marie Falcone '88**, who earned a BM in Clarinet from Northwestern University, an MM in Clarinet from The University of Arizona, and an MFA from Chatham University, teaches clarinet, voice and piano at the Great Lakes School of Music in Mayfield Heights, OH. – [greatlakesschoolofmusic.com](http://greatlakesschoolofmusic.com)

**Ashley Kimmet '00**, captured the silver medal in the Junior World Track Cycling Championship at Fiorenzuola, Italy, becoming the first U.S. junior female medalist since 1992. – MC 8/5/2000

**Daniel Bencsics '06**, is a Police Patrolman with the Upper Saucon Township Police Department. Dan earned a BS in Criminal Justice from Mansfield University and completed his Act 120 training at the Allentown Police Academy.

**Sr. Mary Amata (Roberta) Reifsnyder '06**, who received a BS in Nursing from Cedar Crest College, has professed her Final Vows as a Sister of Christian Charity in August. God Bless you, Sister Mary Amata Reifsnyder.

and

**Sr. Chiara Marie (Kathryn) Stimpfle '09**, who received her Bachelor's Degree from DeSales University, has professed her Final Vows as a Sister of Christian Charity in August. God Bless you, Sister Chiara Marie Stimpfle.

Sr. Mary and Sr. Chiara now join the (at least) 80 other Becahi graduates who have taken their vows over the years. God bless them all!

**Jasmine Singh, '12's Valedictorian**, recently graduated from Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine. Congratulations, Doctor!

**Maria Foreman '16**, who received a BS in Secondary Education, English from DeSales University, joins the faculty at BECAHI and will teach English.

**Marco Calantoni '20**, son of **Christine Culver Calantoni '87**, is planning on attending Moravian College this fall (just like his grandfather, Richard Culver. Sound familiar?)

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**Alumni Zappy Hour:**  
**Thursday, September 24, 2020 6-7pm**

*Hey Golden Hawks! The times are certainly strange these days, but we're thinking of you, praying for you, and hoping that God's blessings are bountiful now and always. Despite not being able to see you or your BECAHI spirits in person, we're inviting you to join us for our first-ever virtual Happy Hour, or "Zappy Hour," powered by Zoom.*

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Join **Carlos Barata '10**, this year's *Fides et Scientia* recipient, **John O'Boyle '70**, and our new Director of Advancement, **Tom Vresics '81**. Connect with us and fellow alumni on Thursday, September 24, 6-7pm, from the safety and comfort of your home! Dress up, grab a drink, bring your stories, and let's make the best of this special time.

RSVP to [cbarata@becahi.org](mailto:cbarata@becahi.org) for the meeting invite and other details.

Please note: Zoom is a free, online, third-party program that does not require subscription or payment to participate.

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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
<b>Geraldine Tocci Deak</b>	1955	08/02/2020	83
<b>Joseph Balik</b>	1957	08/20/2020	81
<b>Br. Michael Smith</b>	1957	08/17/2020	81
<b>Monica Carpency</b>	1958	08/10/2020	80
<b>Edward Ortwein</b>	1959	08/03/2020	79
<b>Maryanne Kuharik</b>	1959	04/15/2020	78
<b>George Durako</b>	1960	06/21/2020	78
<b>Sharon Kelbon Cmorey</b>	1960	08/21/2020	78
<b>Beverly Krokus Hughes</b>	1968	08/07/2020	69
<b>Michael Gallagher</b>	1980	08/08/2020	58

## Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Joe Balik '57**, father of **Joseph '85**, **Lisa '85**, Dave and Denise, and brother of **Joan '58** and Beverly, on 08/20
- † Carmen Bellizzi, father of the late **Jim '70**, **Sharon '73** and **Carmen '75**, on 08/25
- † Edwin Braziell, father of **Susan '87**, on 08/07
- † **Monica Carpency '58**, sister of **Ann Marie '54**, **Jude '68** and the late Dolores, on 08/10
- † **Sharon Kelbon Cmorey '60**, wife of the late **Richard Cmorey '62**, on 08/21
- † **George Durako '60**, brother of **Dolores Durako Gecsek '64**, on 06/21
- † Anthony Filo, husband of **Amelia Dominquez '65**, on 01/24
- † Catherine Holotyak, mother of **Cecelia '70** and **Patricia '72**, on 08/09
- † **Mike Gallagher '80**, brother of the late **Jim '67**, **Bernie '70**, **Bobby '73**, **Kate '83**, and **Patrick '84**, on 08/08
- † **Beverly Krokus Hughes '68**, sister of **Bernie '67** and **Rocky '71**, on 08/07

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- † **Maryanne Kuharik '59**, sister of the late **Patricia '61**, on **04/15/20**
- † **Edward Ortwein '59**, husband of the late **Nilce Teles '59**, and father of **Michelle '84** and **Jeff '86**, on 08/03
- † Thomas Pavlinsky, father of **Vickie '89**, Tammy and Lori, on 08/26
- † Francis Petruny, father of the late **Christopher '90**, on 08/20
- † **Gerry Tocci Deak '55**, daughter of **Al Tocci '31** and sister of **Al (Buddy) '60** and **Mary '67**, on 08/02

Please say a special prayer for our classmates who passed away during the month of September...

**Patty Coyle Metzger** (9/18/13)  
**Leigh Doling Leming** (9/20/06)  
**Steff Long** (9/16/18)

**Rosemary Medve Vassa** (9/29/11)  
**Mike Tocci** (9/24/19)

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## Sports

### Top 10 Boys Tennis Records – “Love” to know where they went?

Rank / Name, Class	Record	Destinations
1. <b>Dave Lugo '03</b>	<b>84-30</b> 0.737	Temple University, BS, PhD / Lehigh University, MS
2. <b>Brendan Laughna '01</b>	71-26 0.732	Georgetown University, BS, MBA
3. <b>Jon Kelly '09</b>	67-34 0.663	St. Joseph's University, BS
4. <b>Dan Raposa '01</b>	63-40 0.612	Johns Hopkins University, BA / American University College of Law, JD
5. <b>Damir Franekic '82</b>	59-21 0.738	Lafayette College
6. <b>Luke Mesko '15</b>	56-21 0.727	University of Pittsburgh, BS
7. <b>Peter Demyan '15</b>	54-14 <b>0.794</b>	Moravian College, BA
8. <b>Chuck Holtzman '79</b>	53-29 0.646	University of Scranton, BS
9. <b>Tom Bosch '92</b>	51-27 0.654	University of Virginia, BA / Vanderbilt University Law, JD
10. <b>Jim Agger '88</b>	50-26 0.658	Hamilton College, BS / Widener University Law School, JD

- Sources: LinkedIn, George Harmanos

Check out the Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame Members, on-line at...

<https://becahi.org/alumni/athletic-wall-of-fame/>

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The boy's-basketball team, coached by future Becahi Wall of Famer Paul Calvo, finished the season with a record of 14-12 after heart-breaking losses in the Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League Championship game and in the PCIAA Class B Eastern playoffs. Members of the squad were **John Christein '67**, future 1,000-point scorers **Tom Coyle '67** and **Dan Dougherty '66**, **Yogi Eddinger '67**, **Trinidad Huertas '67**, **Gary Kardos '67**, **Don Meder '67**, **Tom Neimeister '65**, **Tom Seidenberger '66**, **Jack Sobota '65** (Captain and MVP) and **Bob Sopko '65**.

The girl's-basketball team members were **MaryAnn Antalics '67**, **Patricia Boone '65**, **Sharon Casey '66**, **Carol Cooke '66**, **Marie DeBellis '67**, **Eileen Detweiler '67**, **Isabel Duran '65**, **Eileen Ford '65**, **Helen Higgins '66**, **Frances Pittner '65**, **Jane Sefranek '66**, **Regina Soltis '67**, **Bernadette Soltis '65** (MVP), **Mary Jo Svirzovsky '65**, **Mary Tocci '67** and **Patricia Whitacre '67**. Sister Helen Edwin, S.S.J. was the moderator.

The baseball team, coached by Mr. McConlogue and Mr. Joseph Saks, members included **Mark Cacciatore '68**, **Terrence Csrenko '66**, **Dan Dougherty '66**, **Rich Haas '66**, **Frank Henninger '65**, **James Kenney '67**, **Trinidad Huertas '67**, **Mike Kresge '65**, **Bernie Lynch '68**, **Phil McGlade '66**, **Jim McKenzie '66**, **Dick Metzger '68**, **Bob Morey '65**, **Tom Neimeister '65**, **Bob Ringhoffer '68**, **Jon Seaman '65**, **Tom Seidenberg '66**, **Ed Shields '65**, **Jack Sobota '65** and **Bob Tarola '68**.

The golf team included **Mike Cunningham '66**, **"Connie" Reybitz '65** and **Chuck Majczan '65**

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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 its alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it "BLinkedIn"). I found the following grads on LinkedIn this year:

**Sandra Esten Casner '65**, has retired as Distribution Manager at Celgene Corporation, an integrated global pharmaceutical company in Summit, NJ.

**Rich Bealer '67**, who received a BBA in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College and a Master's Equivalent from the Consumer Banker Association (CBA) Retail School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia, is now retired from the banking profession, in Lancaster, PA.

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**Jim McGovern '68**, who received a BS in Social Studies from Mount St. Mary's University, is Division Manager at Home Depot, Home Services in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Jackie Angelucci Ortwein '70**, who received a BA in Liberal Arts from Kutztown University, is a PMP and LSS Green Belt Certified Project Manager/Business Analyst who serves as a Project Manager at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

**Betsy Antalics Hansgen '71**, a Marywood University graduate, is Vice President at Sure Fit Inc., the nation's leading provider of ready-made slipcovers and related accessories, in Swedesboro, NJ.

**Jim Daday '72**, a 15-plus-year US Air Force veteran, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA from Georgia College, is an Acquisition Program Management Specialist at Strategic Professional Resources, Inc. in Omaha, NE.

**Michael Hartigan '73**, who received an AA in Business Administration from Northampton Community College and a BS in Accounting from Moravian College, is now retired after a successful career in Supply Chain Management at Mack Trucks.

**Susan Kravatz Barone '74**, who received a BS in Medical Technology from Bloomsburg University, is a Medical Technologist at Texas Oncology in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

**Christine Baran Antoccia '75**, who received a BS in Behavioral Science, Psychology from Utah Valley University, is Case manager at Salt Lake County Division of Youth Services, in Salt Lake City, UT.

**Gerry Anthony '76**, who received a BA from Kutztown University, is Service Manager for G-Tech Solutions in Hellertown.

**Eileen Dougherty Turgeon '77**, who received a BS in Occupational Therapy from Colorado State University and a Doctor of Occupational Therapy from Chatham University, is an Occupational Therapist at the Orthopaedic & Spine Center of the Rockies in Fort Collins, CO.

**Mike Anderson '78**, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University, is an Experienced, Enthusiastic Technology Marketer with understanding of Wireless Telecom as well as Computer Software and Hardware Marketing and Sales, including 20 years at Communication Components, Inc. in the greater NYC area.



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**Marie Beier Roof '79**, who received a BS in Computer Science and Business Administration from Kutztown University and an MBA from Penn State University, is the CIO at Tift Regional Health System in Tifton, GA.

**Rose Nagy Szabo '80**, who studied at the University of Scranton and at the Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing, is an RN in the St. Luke's University Health Network.

**Abigail Vega Wright '81**, who received a BS in Biology from King's College and a Master's Degree in Student Affairs in higher Education from Kutztown University, is a DSS Learning Specialist at Lehigh Carbon Community College.

**John Kravatz '82**, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh, is an IT professional at AT&T, in the metropolitan Washington DC area.

**Suzanne Bulcavage Surovy '83**, is a Group Claims Practice Leader at Guardian Life Insurance Company in Allentown.

**Leslie LaChapelle Young, '84's Co-Valedictorian**, who received a BBA in Finance from the University of Notre Dame, is a Financial Advisor Personal Advisor Services at Vanguard in the greater Philadelphia area.

**John Brady '85**, who served in the U.S. Coast Guard for over 22 years, and who received an AA in General Studies from the College of Southern Maryland and a BS and MS in Criminal Justice and Management from the University of Maryland's University College, is the Director of Operations - Cruise at Allied Universal, a leading security and facility services company in North America, in Tampa, FL.

**David Kacsur '86**, who received a BS in Finance from Ithaca College and an MBA from Lehigh University, is the Small Business Owner at Budget Blinds, the nation's largest in-home window covering company, in downtown San Diego.

**Kristina Bartholomew Miller '87**, who received an BSN from Salve Regina University, is a 2014 Nursing Excellence Award recipient as an RN, OCN at the University of Maryland Medical Center

**Kim Germuga Rohrbach '88**, who earned a BS in Mathematics as well as certification in Elementary Education and Secondary Mathematics Education from Muhlenberg College and an MEd in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction from Kutztown University, is the Director of Student Teaching Program/Lecturer at Muhlenberg College.

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**Lisa Bedics Haflett '89**, who received a BS in Civil and Architectural Engineering from Drexel University, is Chief of Staff – Manufacturing Systems Design and Commercialization at Merck in West Point, PA.

**George Hahalis '90**, who received a BA in Mass Communication/Media Studies from the University of the District of Columbia, is Regional Sales Manager at WolfVision, a worldwide developer and manufacturer of innovative presentation and collaboration systems, in Lititz, PA.

**Tom Corey '91**, who received a BS in Chemistry from DeSales University, is currently pursuing a PhD in Chemistry at Lehigh University.

**Dave Iannetta, Salutatorian of '92**, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management, is Vice President of Marketing at Avedro, Inc., a leading commercial-stage ophthalmic medical technology company, in the greater Boston area.

**Heather Collins '93**, who received a BA in Political Science & Public Administration from Elon College, is an Underwriter at Atlantic Home Loans in Allentown.

**Jennie Coughlin '94**, who studied at both Marywood University and Moravian College, is District Sales Manager at Eisai Pharmaceuticals in the greater New York City area.

**Joshua Braxmeier '95**, who received an AA in Education from Northampton Community College and a BS in Elementary and Special Education from Kutztown University, is a Teacher in the Allentown School District.

**Alison Neimeister '96**, who received a BS in Marketing from the University of Scranton and an MBA from Moravian College, is a Capital Equipment Specialist at Solta Medical, Inc., a global leader in the medical aesthetics industry, in the Mid-Atlantic area.

**Wilson Idefonzo '97**, who received a BS in Business Administration, Marketing from the University of Nevada - Las Vegas, is an Advertising Account Executive at Caesars Entertainment Corporation in Las Vegas, NV.

**Jonathan Crane '98**, a Chief Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army, who received a BS in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College and an MS in Music Composition from Bowling Green State University, is an experienced Research Analyst with a demonstrated history of working at the intersection of music, science, and media, at West Point.

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**Michael Zile '99**, who received a BA in Business Management from Moravian College and an MBA from DeSales University, a Commercial Senior Relationship Manager for the Middle Market at M&T Bank in Allentown.

**Tom Neimeister '00**, who received a BBA in Supply Chain Management from Shippensburg University, is a Carrier Development Specialist at NFI, a fully integrated North American supply chain solutions provider headquartered in Camden, NJ.

**Brendan Laughna '01**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and an MBA from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, is a Principal Financial Analyst at Capital One in the Washington D.C. metro area.

**Michael DeMaris '02**, who was a U.S. Army Paratrooper and received a Bachelor of Applied Science (BASci) in Computer/Information Technology from ECPI University, is a Cryptocurrency consultant. IT Hardware & Software administrator. Pen Argyl, PA.

**Michael Blonar '03**, who received a BS in Sport and Fitness Administration from DeSales University, was Assistant Director for Athletic Facilities & Operations at Loyola University, Maryland.

**Charles Isaacs '04**, who received a BA in Economics from Franklin & Marshall College and a JD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, is Associate Attorney at Ehrlich, Petriello, Gudin & Plaza, Attorneys at Law in Newark, NJ

**Molly Bukvics '05**, who received a BS in Fashion Merchandising from Philadelphia University, is a Buyer at Burlington Stores, Inc. in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Graeme Hogan '06**, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Millersville University and a JD from Villanova University's School of Law, is an Attorney at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck, LLP in Philadelphia.

**Kurt Avard '07**, with undergraduate studies in Political Science and History from Rutgers University and an MA in International Relations and Economics from Webster University, is a Financial Analyst with proven success in both the public and private sectors, seeking an opportunity in Macroeconomic Financial Analytics in the greater New York City area.

**Courtney Bishop '08**, who received a BASc in Hospitality Administration and Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University, is Group Sales Manager at Andaz Wall Street, "The Best NYC Hotel for Business or Leisure Travel."

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**Jon Kelly '09**, who received a BS in Finance and Risk Management from St. Joseph's University, is Senior Associate at Alvarez & Marsal in NYC. He specializes in enterprise risk management, regulatory consulting, and data analysis.

**Justin Tocci '10**, who received a BS in Biology from West Virginia University, is an Environmental Inspector at New York Environmental and Analytical Laboratories, Inc. in the greater New York City area.

**Ethan Bott '11**, who received a Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture from Marywood University, is a CAD Drafter at KSE Engineering, PC in Quakertown, PA.

**Marta Boraganli '12** who received a Bachelor of International Business from Carleton University, is pursuing an MS in Marketing and Retail Innovation at University College, Dublin (UCD) Graduate School of Business in Dublin.

**Joseph Duda '13**, who received a BA in Philosophy from Marywood University and a Master's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Mississippi, is an Adjunct Professor at Marywood University with a proven track record in meditation, problem solving and mentoring.

**Marco Blasco '14**, who studied English Language and Literature at Muhlenberg College, is an Admissions Counselor at Gettysburg College.

**Kira Franekic '15**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Media Studies from Kutztown University, is a Communications and Events Specialist and a Merchandise Team Lead at Aerie by American Eagle, in the Lehigh Valley.

**Rachel Wills '16's Salutatorian**, whose undergraduate studies were in Bioengineering at the University of Maryland, College Park, is a Clinical Trial Coordinator at Merck in Philadelphia.

## Past BLinkedIn Now On-Line

Go back and view other BLinkedIn profiles from your class and others. Previous Tidings editions are kept on-line for one year. You can find the posts on the Becahi Website <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

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## Calling all Holy Ghost Parish alumni!

Holy Ghost Parish is planning to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of its Parish in **June, 2021**. They will be hosting events to honor its School alumni. Please check out more information at Holy Ghost Church 150th Anniversary Facebook Page and/or contact **Ron Koach '79** or Lisa Benedek at the Rectory 610-867-9382 #3 or to receive an anniversary packet in the mail. E-mail at... [hghostchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hghostchurch@gmail.com)

By the way, there were over 460 parish members who graduated from Beca!!!!

## Calling all St. Isidore Parish alumni!

St. Isidore Parish in Quakertown is planning to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its school in **September, 2020**. They will be hosting numerous events to honor its alumni. Please check out more information at [www.stisidoreschool.com/alumni](http://www.stisidoreschool.com/alumni)

By the way, there are at least 45 Becahi grads who were/are members of St. Isidore's parish.

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## Teach Them a Lesson!

Are you seeking a new career opportunity in Catholic education? Do you know of any teachers looking to join a team based in faith, learning, integrity, and service? We recently bid farewell to 9 retirees and are seeking new faculty members to serve as daily, per-diem substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year! To view for our current openings, please visit [becahi.org/jobs](http://becahi.org/jobs) and apply today.

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## Reflection

It would be wonderful to commit ourselves to accept nothing less than to continue building a community in which everyone feels welcome and safe.

In the bible it is written that Jesus told us: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.*

*And [the second greatest commandment] is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

It's that simple.

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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,  
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