

Tidings

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Happy New Year!... 2021... Really!!?!

I took a look at our Class Reunion website <https://1970classreunion.blogspot.com/p/alumni-biogra.html> to see who posted their bio last year. Go on-line and check out **Mike Lynch's** bio that was added in December. For those of you thinking for a New Year's resolution, how about providing your bio for our Reunion website?

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 or send them to **Tina Hudak** at tinahudak@gmail.com and she'll post them. *And* you can keep it to under 150 words...

Meanwhile, catch up with **Pat O'Connor Altier** who writes...

*The past 50 years sound kind of boring because:
I do not live in Bethlehem
I did not marry a Beca graduate
I did not serve in the military
I did not serve in healthcare
I am not a lawyer (but my daughter is)
I am not a distinguished graduate
I did not teach at Beca
I am not on the wall of fame.*

But I did graduate from St. Bonaventure University with a BBA in Management. Bonas is where I met my husband Mark. After living in Danbury CT, we moved to Langhorne, PA, where we lived for 34 years and raised our 2 children (Matt and family live in New Hope, Cathy and her family live in Brooklyn).

After a career in Commercial insurance, (Mark was a medical publisher) we retired to Ocean View Delaware (Bethany Beach) where we love visiting with our 4 grandchildren, Clara (9), Henry (2) and Emerson (5), Ryan (2).

As for hobbies, I am an avid quilter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone (sans mask).

Tommy Sculley wrote:

I graduated from Lehigh University with a BS in Accounting, and later married Susan Ketcham. We had three children that are the pride of my life... Tommy is a nurse at Duke University Medical Hospital, where he had open heart surgery as a 9-month-old. Megan is a pharmacist living on a cattle ranch in Douglas, WY, and Sara, with an MED from Penn, is a 2nd grade teacher in Philadelphia.

I have been in the Sporting Goods Industry since graduation, and am currently a partner at Outer Circle Sports. We have an exclusive license to sell Adidas wrestling products in the USA.

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I now live in Wernersville, PA with my wife of 14 years, Bonnie. We have 4 precious granddaughters from her side of the family. Seems like my children are late bloomers. I look forward to returning to the LV to be closer to friends and family.

How many this time?

This month's edition contains the names of over 400 graduates from 86 different classes, including... 1927, 1929, 1931, 1933-1938, 1940 through 2016.

This month I either saw or heard from...

... **Connie Scripelliti Ewing '53, Bill Egan '58, Jean Korpics Lasover '58, Francis Peters '59, Geri Jancosko Morykan '61, Yogi Eddinger '67, Mike Long '67, Pat Urello '67, Pat Downing-Rasich '68, Bob Gangewere '69, Mary Ann Seaman Nickles '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Reenie Long '71, Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72, Monica MacLean Brogan '72, Stephen Daday '73, Vicky Roberts Brind'Amour '73, Karen Stoll Assetto '73, Tom Vresics '81, John Blair '84, Susan Steele Hoelzer '84, Bill Egan '86, Amanda Chomicki Hoffman '08, Carlos Barata '10, Bill Rowe '11, John Verbos III '13, Zachary Blair '15**

...and from our class, I either saw or heard from **Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Tony Bauer, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dave & Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Jim Connell, Tom Demshock, Bill Doncsecz, Jack Eckenrode, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Bernie Gillen, Mayra Godin Focht, Joan Greenfield, Bernie Guerra Misero, Paul Grube, Micky Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff & Col, George & Betsy, Joanne Lesko, Mike Lynch, Susan Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tommy Sculley, Sue Sikora O'Hare, Josephine, Carl**

... and from the school, Holly DeNofa and Cristin Eick.

Say a special prayer for Jimmy Dugan's brother and for Mary Jane Galle Spinner's brother who passed away last month.

Edward "Ebby" Dugan passed away on 12/18. Please also remember in your prayers his dad, the late **Edward '36**, and Jim's siblings **Sheila '68, Anne '76** and the late **Pete '78**.

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Terry Galle '67 passed away on 12/20. Please also remember Terry's wife **Jane Bender Galle '67**, their sons, and Mary Jane's siblings **Tina Galle Martin '71**, Matthew, Jennifer and the late **Tim Galle '69** in your prayers as well.

Tidings 2020 – A Brief Recap

One of the goals last year was to recognize as many graduates from as many class years as I could find. To that end, I tried to provide a short snippet of at least one graduate from each class every month. I limited these snippets to the class of 2016 back. (Next year I'll add the Class of 2017 to the monthly editions so we can celebrate their achievements 4 years after their graduation.)

There are two main sections of the newsletter that contain these profiles... 1) "I also either saw, heard from, or read about." and 2) "BLinkedIn". The result: **787 Graduates from 71 Classes** were profiled. The table below illustrates how many graduates and their class years were profiled.

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s
Year Ending										
0		1		2	28	16	14	15	15	1
1				5	12	19	10	12	14	
2				2	11	13	14	11	15	
3		1	1	2	10	12	13	13	16	
4	1			1	13	13	11	12	17	
5		1	1	8	12	16	15	15	22	
6			1	5	12	13	12	14	67	
7				8	14	13	13	13	9	
8	1		2	9	12	15	14	13	6	
9			1	7	15	12	12	14	4	
	2	3	6	49	139	142	128	132	185	1

So, for example, 28 members from the Class of 1970 were "profiled" in last year's *Tidings*. Check out the past issues on the school's website under the Alumni Tab to find "who's who" in the numbers from your class.

Graduate Responses

Each month there is a listing of those graduates who sent a message to me with a comment about the edition. I really enjoy receiving ALL of them, and last month I listed everyone's name. In 2020, **233 graduates from 55 classes** let me know what they thought. The table below illustrates how many graduates and their class years sent messages. (It doesn't count the number of messages throughout the year, just the persons.)

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Decades >	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s
<u>Year Ending</u>								
0			2	79	1	2	1	1
1		1	2	6	7	3		
2			1	5	2	2		1
3		1	1	10	2			1
4		3	2	1	2	1	1	2
5			1	4	1		1	1
6		2	2	2	1	1		2
7	2	3	14	5		2	2	
8		7	7	7	1	1		
9		3	12	4	1	1		
	2	20	44	123	18	13	5	8

Thank you for writing, and I hope the number of messages and class years' participation increase in 2021.

A 2021 Salute to Educators – The Honor Roll

No question. The year 2020 was probably the most disruptive year of our lives. Everyone was affected, in one way or another, by the multiple challenges that faced our country and the world...none more devastating than the COVID-19 pandemic.

This country owes a debt of gratitude to the essential front-line workers during this crisis, and this includes those who serve the educational endeavors of the youth... the teachers, staff, and administration, from pre-school through graduate school. As it happens, this pandemic has led to the realization that many times, we take the dedication and service of those in education for granted. So, let's take a moment to think about those educators who serve and have served our youth, and thank them for caring and helping us to become all-around better people, including the current and former teachers at Becahi.

I have attempted to honor those Becahi graduates who have served as "front-line workers" to the youth of tomorrow. I'm certain the list below is not complete, but I wanted to begin the process of thanking each person listed, knowing that the list will grow and we'll all be able to say a little prayer of thanks and gratitude for their service to our youth. Those Becahi graduates and Class years who have served in education are...

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Educator's Honor Role

Esther Dougherty Borda, '29
Elizabeth Keating Everett*, '29

Anne (Sr. Jane Andrew) Silvoy, S.S.J.*, '37
(Sr.) Mary Kathryn Quinn, S.S.J.*, '42
John Kelleher, '44
Theresa Miklos Voros*, '45
Richard Brady*, '46
(Sr.) Patricia Cullen, S.S.J., '46
Mary Jane (Sr. Eleanor) Bringenberg, S.S.J., '48
(Sr.) Joan Dugan, S.S.J., '48
Thomas Ortwein, '48

Katherine (Sr. Alphonsa) Concilio, IHM, '50
(Sr.) Regina Marie Chassar, S.S.J., '53
(Sr.) Elaine Cullen, S.S.J., '57
Bob Bukvics, '60
Dorothy Keating Steltzer, '60

Dolores Alves Johns, '70
Tom Ardizzone, '70
Jean Bringenberg Cech, '70
Celeste Casciano Silvonek, '70
Dave Cech, '70
Lisa DeAngelis Hummell, '70
Bill Doncsecz, '70
Alice Finn Freeh, '70
Mary Beth Freeh, '70
Dan Gallagher, '70
Bernie Gillen, '70
Paul Grube, '70
Ed Hartigan*, '70
Tina Hudak, '70
Corliss Kuzmin Reed, '70
Patty McGouldrick Doncsecz, '70
Phil Meguire, '70
Tom Mingora, '70
John O'Boyle, '70
Graciela Ocampo, '70
Dan Perrett, '70
Karen Raykos Fatzinger, '70
Dave Silbermann*, '70
Gloria Alves Peck, '71
(Sr.) Eileen Dolak, S.S.J., '71

Genevieve Martucci Hanchick, '60
Sarah "Sallie" Russ, '60
Daniel Bayak, '63
Marsha Brooks Burnard, '63
MaryAnn Zelko Impink, '65
Dorothy Bobal Krize, '66
Judy Cavanaugh Gery, '66
Tim Foley, '66
Jane Nastasee Hardin, '66
Jane Sefranek Stolz*, '66
Thomas Seidenberger, '66
Virginia Check Seaman, '67
Marie Amelia DeBellis Yanochko, '67
Terry Galle*, '67
Mary Magyar Gross, '68
Christine Stephan Mellor, '68
Mary Campbell Kovacs, '69
Mary Ann Seaman Nickles, '69

Nancy Fielding Mikitka, '71
Eileen Toth Edris, '71
Stephanie Voros Sellers, '71
Anne Sinnott Skutches, '72
Mary Sinnott, '72
Kathleen Kilgour Gorman, '73
Rosemarie Maurer Cantelmi, '73
Maria Spagnola, '73
Mary Diane Walchonski Darby, '73
Elizabeth Wiley Avila, '73
John Acerra, '74
Anne McCandless Rampolla, '75
Susan McGouldrick, '75
Maria Gonzalez Weiss, '76
Edward Kolosky, '76
John Ziccardi, '76
Edward Blonar, '77
Jayne Davis Serino, '77
Michael Roseman, '77
Joanne Von Leer Seche, '77
Kevin Culligan, '78
Susan Menalis McCaughlin, '78
Ozzie Breiner, '79
Edwin Cora, '79
Tim Lynch, '79
Maureen McGinnis Kohler, '79

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Maria Cunningham Myles, '80
Maria Carisio Russoli, '81
Sally Garvey Wuthrich, '81
Miriam Mello, '81
Abigail Vega Wright, '81
Tom Vresics, '81
Susan Arner Noack, '83
Peter Souza, '84
Timothy Stephan, '84
Lisa Balik Christy, '85
Debra Ann DeSanto, '85
Sherri Hines Stengline, '85
Erika Bayles Mondok, '86
Kathy Bolcar Laird, '86
Kevin Boucher, '86
Michelle Carl Bosak, '86
Ann Hart Gozzard, '86

Amy Braxmeier Correll, '90
Dennine Cecala Leschinsky, '90
Danielle Culver Frio, '90
Keith Vanic, '90
Michele Capuano Staves, '91
Matthew Garza, '91
Marie Christine Hoffner Barthold, '91
Karen Mattes Anderko, '91
Aaron Bachstein, '92
Lawrence Beer, '92
Perry Boucher, '92
Christina Corriere Andres, '92
Shannon Gray Flounders, '92
Shilpa Kapoor Barrantes, '92
Erin Mazza Krauss, '92
Carlos Santana, '92
Michele Allwein McCann, '93
Matthew Link, '93
Jason Roeder, '93
Christopher Domyan, '94

Martin Lynn, '00
Barbara Weed Kozo, '00
Stephen Tomaszewski, '01
William McGowan, '02
Karen Houck Hodge, '03
Amy Markovic Solano, '03
Joshua Reda, '03
Amy Solano, '03
Thomas Bold, '04

Sandra Hayduk Sopko, '86
Lesley Tuscher Estock, '86
Susan Braziell Costa, '87
Christine Culver Calantoni, '87
Garen Danyi, '87
James Deegan, '87
Rene Godbolt, '87
Robert Vlasaty, '87
Tracy Bosco Prostko, '88
Kimberly Burkhardt Marquette, '88
Donnamarie Gaugler Roman, '88
Kimmarie Germuga Rohrbach, '88
Rich Guman, '88
Jessica Metzger Schmidt, '88
Robert Carpenter, '89
John Mattes III, '89
Paul Sabota, '89

Amy Gasda Grabfelder, '94
Joshua Braxmeier, '95
Stacey Mitchell Spering, '95
Viktoria Seibert Wargo, '95
Jessica Chladny Gauthier, '96
Michael Palos, '96
Benjamin Phillips, '96
Laura Irene Abrahamson Bauer, '97
Michelle Calvo Marschank, '97
William Krebs, '97
Carla Majczan, '97
Robyn Paul, '97
Melissa Almodovar, '98
Michael Alogna, '99
Matthew Bartholomew, '99
Amanda Borda Dayer, '99
Thomas Derhammer, '99
Stephanie Katra Meyers, '99
Jeffrey Meila, '99

Keith Brotzman, '04
Hayley Zurick Bedics, '04
Lucia Riotto Fedele, '06
Nicole DiRado, '07
Kaitlyn Escott, '07
Krisha Giammarco, '07
Amy Brennan, '08
Kristina Blaszkza, '09
Kristen Hockenbury, '09
Alyssa (Sr. John Paul) Thorley, '09

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Carlos Barata, '10
Kevin Silvoy, '10
Alyse Hudock, '11
Mary Capilitan-Pulanco, '12

Caitlyn Shuster, '12
Amelia Colon, '13
Colleen Brida, '15
Maria Foreman, '16

The 184 names above and the information was taken from multiple sources; Allentown Morning Call, 1991 and 2013 Alumni Directories, Internet look-up, guidance office follow-up surveys from 1978 - 1982, and e-mails from relatives. I'm certain more names will be added to this special group of people. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and accept my sincerest apologies. I'll get your name in an upcoming *Tidings* - John O'Boyle '70

Ninety Years Ago – The Class of 1931

The Class of 1931 was the first class to attend four years in the newly formed Bethlehem Catholic High School at Fourth and Webster Streets in Bethlehem. There were 27 girls and 23 boys in the graduating class (according to my records.)

(Bernie Gillen's '70 uncle **Bill** was President of the class!)

The members of the class were...

Joseph Bartok	Neva Fresoli Simonetta*	David McFadden
Anna Birkel Budd*	William Gillen*	Katherine McGlade Marko*
Joseph Boquel*	Margaret Angela Hildenberger*	Bernadine Murphy
Catherine Boyle Schoenen*	Eileen Hoffert Kropp*	Rose Murphy Engel*
Theresa Brogan Kresge-Raish*	Dorothy Hogan Byrne*	Olga Peterson Conti*
Gertrude Burkhardt Pinter*	Richard Holly*	Irma Pock Strawn*
Michael Burkhardt	Marie Keating*	Paul Repsher*
John Casey	Joseph Kelly	Marie Rogan Long*
Antoinette Castiello Maioriello*	Mary Kelly	Phil Ryan
Robert Chrismer*	Thomas Kelly*	Andrew Slafkosky*
Marie Connors Klinger*	Richard King*	Lucy Smith*
Louis Cuchran*	Louis Lasco	Thomas Stamet
Ralph DeCrosta*	Joseph Lucas*	Frances Sweeney Gillen*
Honey Devlin	Robert Mahoney*	Alfred Tocci*
Mary Dougherty	Margaret Maquillon Nonnemaker*	
James Dreifert*	Theresa Mariello	Rita Walton*
Marie Farrell Murphy*	Joseph McCool*	Mary Ward Fink*

Although I attempted list those who passed away by using an asterisk * against their name above, in truth, I couldn't find information on those who did NOT have an * next to their name. I suspect their relative may be reading this article, and I'd appreciate if you could let me know so I could honor them appropriately. (JOB)

In the meantime, (at least):

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Eight members of the class had 19 children who also graduated from Beca...

Gertrude Burkhardt Pinter > **Barb '69**

Antoinette Castiello Maioriello > **Nick '69**

Eileen Hoffert Kropp > **Regina '52, Margaret '54, Charles '56, Robert '61, Eileen '65**

Richard Holly > **Bob '67, Trish '70**

Richard King > **Richard '67, Ursula '68**

Joseph McCool > **Kathy '71, Helen '72, Lizzy '74**

Frances Sweeney Gillen > **Bernie '70, Jimmy '72**

Alfred Tocci > **Geraldine '55, Alfred '60, Mary '67**

Four members of the class served in the health care profession...

Marie Connors Klinger > St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing

Marie Keating > St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing

Margaret Maquillon Nonnemaker > University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Hygiene

Rita Walton > St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing

Three members of the class served in the military...

Louis Cuchran > U.S. Army (WW II)

James Dreifert > U.S. Navy (WW II)

Marie Keating > U.S. Army

Two members of the class served the church...

(Sr) Margaret Angela Hildenberger, S.S.J.

(Rev) Andrew Slafkosky

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

Reunion News...

The alumni classes for years ending in "1" and "6" are (hopefully) beginning to plan their reunions. **Tom Vresics '81**, our Advancement Director and the office staff stand ready to help, and planners can contact him at tvresics@becahi.org. Tom is looking forward to working with every class, but especially the milestone classes whose celebrations are approaching quickly.

Kay Fenerty Lynn '57, writes that the **Class of '57** have reserved the Prime Steak House for their 64th Reunion luncheon on **September 29, 2021!**

The Class of '70 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.

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Class of 1972's 50th Reunion plans continue. 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)
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 - **Sus Bartos '72...** sbartos54@yahoo.com

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

The late **Cornelius Burkit '27**, was the first Becahi student (alphabetically) to graduate from the Fourth and Webster Streets' location.

And interesting to note... **Cornelius** married the late **Rosemary Curry '34**. Their child, the late **Elizabeth Burkit Bohl '57**, had a son, **Shawn Bohl '79**. So, a continuous Becahi direct descendant from 1923 to 1979 (56 years) in one family... which, I suspect is not that unusual. Right?

Margaret (Sr. Saint Urban) O'Donnell, S.S.J, '44, celebrated her 75th Jubilee with the Sisters of St. Joseph back in April, 2020! - God Bless you! JOB

Tom Ortwein '48, a graduate of Moravian College and Lehigh University, is the "Founder" of the self-styled "Boys of Winter" — a group of about 30 men age 80 (mostly) and older from Venice (FL), Englewood and North Port who get together three times a week to play softball. - Venice Gondolier on yoursun.com

Katherine (Sr. Mary Alphonsa) Concilio, IHM '50, was the inspiration for the 1996 establishment of The Sister M. Alphonsa Concilio, IHM Scholarship at Marywood University in Scranton, to provide scholarship support for undergraduate students. Preference is given to students majoring in voice. - marywood.smartcatalogiq.com

Bill Seaman, '64's Valedictorian, who received a BS from Lehigh University and a PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has retired from teaching math and science to college students at Muhlenberg College, Albright College and Susquehanna University. - How quickly the years added up! Congratulations, Bill! - JOB

Marie Zarinsky Jordan, '64's Salutatorian, was the last Becahi student (alphabetically) to graduate from the Fourth and Webster Streets' location.

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Joseph Adamcik '65, was the first Becahi student (alphabetically) to graduate from the Dewberry and Madison Avenues' location.

Tom Seidenberger '66, who earned his bachelor's degree at Kutztown University, his master's degree at Lehigh University and his doctorate at Widener University, has retired as superintendent of East Penn School District. Tom had a 43-year career in education. Congratulations and thanks Tom. - JOB

Carmella Castellucci Kitzhoffer '68, is now retired from the Cranford (NJ) Board of Education. - FB

Bernie Gillen '70, is retired after 33 years in education as teacher/school librarian at St. Athanasius Elementary School in Philly, Phillipsburg Middle School, Readington Twp. Middle School in Whitehouse NJ, NCCC in Bethlehem and finally, at Whitehall HS. He also coached football, basketball and directed /produced HS musicals.

Dennis Brogan '71 and his wife **Monica MacLean '72**, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in 2020.

Nancy Harris Davison '72, who received a BFA from Temple University's Tyler College of Art, is an Artist and Major Contributor at the Windchime Alley Art Studio in Mount Pleasant, SC. Nancy is also a member of the Charleston Artist Guild.

Emil Giordano '77, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BA from Moravian College and a JD from Villanova University, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Center for Guardianship Certification.

Mary Jo Campbell Cambridge '80, who graduated from Longwood College in Farmville, VA, with a BS in Physical Education and Athletic Training, and then earned a Master of Education in Athletic Training and Sports Medicine from the University of Virginia, is the Founder and Head Athletic Trainer at Alaska Training Room in Homer, Alaska. - alaskatraingroom.com

Rob Carpenter '89, who received a BA in Elementary Education from Moravian College, an MEd from Lehigh University and an EdD in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University, is the Principal at Upper Perkiomen High School.

Erika Riddle Petrozelli '99, who received a BS in Accounting and an MS in Accounting and Information Analysis from Lehigh University, has been named the Chief Executive Officer of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. - Morning Call 12/10/20

Amy Brennan '08, who received a BS both Special and Elementary Education, and an MS in Academic Standards and Reform from DeSales University, is an Aquinas teacher and also serves as the department chair for the Aquinas Program at Notre Dame High School. - ndcrusaders.org

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Catching up on Reading... in the Pandemic

Last month we listed some books read during the pandemic and asked for some recommendations from the alumni. Here are the books, authors and alumni “recommenders.” What’s in your ~~wallet~~ nightstand?

- 📖 *Double Crossed: Uncovering the Catholic Church's Betrayal of American Nuns*, by Kenneth Briggs – Tina Hudak '70
 - This groundbreaking exposé of the mistreatment of nuns by the Catholic Church reveals a history of unfulfilled promises, misuse of clerical power, and a devastating failure to recognize the singular contributions of these religious women.
- 📖 *Eleanor*, by David Michaelis – Connie Scripelliti Ewing '53
 - A breakthrough portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt, America's longest-serving First Lady, an avatar of democracy whose ever-expanding agency as diplomat, activist, and humanitarian made her one of the world's most widely admired and influential women.
- 📖 *The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*, by David McCullough – Jean Bringenberg Cech '70
 - The settling of the Northwest Territory by courageous pioneers who overcame incredible hardships to build a community based on ideals that would define our country.
- 📖 *Saving Stalin: Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin, and the Cost of Allied Victory in Europe*, by John Kelly – Stephen Daday '73
 - Chronicles the turbulent wartime relationship among the great leaders--Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin—and military commanders of America, Britain, and the Soviet Union.

Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Joan Gillen Dougherty*	1938	05/18/2020	100
Michael Dalton	1947	12/20/2020	91
Charles Schubert	1951	12/07/2020	87
Mary “Jane” Korpics Musike	1958	12/16/2020	80
Mary Margaret Peters Fischer	1958	11/28/2020	
Robert “Terry” Galle	1967	12/20/2020	70
Mike Kozo	1971	12/30/2020	67
Margaret “Maggie” Altemus Rice	1972	12/05/2020	66
Colin MacLean*	1974	09/17/2020	
Kevin Chomicki	2012	11/21/2020	26

* I just read about their passing

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Dick Allen, (GOAT Phillies player on **John O’Boyle ’70** ballot,) on 12/07
 - Dick was a Pennsylvania 1st Team All-State high school basketball player in 1960, alongside **Bob Bukvics ’60!**
- † Albert Cech, brother of the late **Matthew ’48**, on 12-21

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- † **Nancy Chickey**, mother of **Nicole '08**, on 12/03
- † **Kevin Chomicki '12**, brother of **Amanda '08**, on 11/21
- † Betty Jane Ciliberti, mother of **Rebecca '76**, on 12/05
- † **Michael Dalton '47**, father of **Ann '68, Christine '71, Michael '75** and Elizabeth, and brother of **Mary Ann Dalton Vidumsky '48**, on 12/20
- † Edward "Ebby" Dugan, son of the late **Edward '36**, and brother of **Sheila '68, Jimmy '70, Anne '76** and the late **Peter '78**, on 12-18
- † Hugh Dugan, brother of **Loretta Dugan Turnbach '55**, and the late **Edward '36, Mary Dugan Seidenberger '41** and **Rita Dugan Fenton '43**, on 12/06
- † William Farquer III, husband of **Judy Oravec '63**, on 03/20 (I just found this notice.)
- † **Terry Galle '67**, husband of **Jane Bender Galle '67**, brother of **Mary Jane '70, Tina '71**, and the late **Tim Galle '69**, on 12/20
- † **Joan Gillen Dougherty '38**, sister of the late **Joseph '27, William '31, Patrick '33, Thomas '35**, Bernard and Mary Rose Gillen Gregory, on 05/18
 - *"Though she is now happily dancing (in Heaven) with Dom, she is and will be deeply missed. All Because Two People Fell In Love, Joan's legacy is her fifteen children, sixty-five grandchildren and ninety-two great-grandchildren, and those on their way."*
- † Dr. Caroline Hollshwandner, sister of the late **Agnes Hollshwandner Temmel '40** and the late **Rose Marie Hollshwandner Boerner '45**, on 12/12
- † **Mike Kozo '71**, brother of **Karen '73**, and a former PCIAA State Wrestling Champion at Beca, on 12/30
- † Marion Lavinger Hottenstein, sister of the late **Elaine Lavinger Ungurean '49** and the late **Dolores Lavinger Mangan '56**, on 12/11
- † **Colin MacLean '74**, son of the late **Francis** and **Eleanor (McIntyre) MacLean '41**, and brother of **Molly '70, Kevin '72, Monica '72, Bridget '76, Manus '78** and the late **Deirdre '79**, on 09/17
- † Anne Polak Mesko, mother of **Amelia '72** and **Matthew '76**, on 12/21
- † Kathryn Mixon, mother of **Mari '71, Eileen '72** and **Joe '77**, on 12/08
- † John Ozdinec, Jr., husband of **Roseann Karc Ozdinec '66** and father of **John '91**, on 12/02
- † **Charles Schubert '51**, husband of **Connie Ammend Schubert '54**, and brother of the late **Betty Schubert Kenny '47, Marvin '49, Mary Schubert McGee '53** and **James '55**, on 12/07
- † Francis Wagner, father of **Patricia '74, Francene '75, Jacqueline '77** and **John '83**, and brother of the late **MaryAnn Wagner Sandherr '45**, on 12/04
- † Mary Ann Williams, mother of **Mary '78** and **William '85**, on 12/15
- † Chad Zongora, son of the late **Jeanne Zelko Zongora '60** and brother of **Joe '81**, on 12/18

Please say a special prayer for our classmates, **Roseann Pammer Szvetcz** (1/26/1996) and **Bill Szulborski** (1/22/2011), who passed away during the month of January.

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Sports

Girls Tennis

- 👉 Cara Magliochetti '22 was selected for the Morning Call's All-Area Girls Tennis Team first team Singles player
- 👉 Shannon Stewart '21 was selected for the Morning Call's All-Area Girls Tennis Team second team Singles player

Girls Volleyball

- 👉 The **2020 PIAA State Champions** were named the Morning Call's Girls Volleyball Team of the Year.
- 👉 **Kelly Brown '10**, was named the Morning Call's Girls Volleyball Coach of the Year.
- 👉 MacKenzy Ruggiero '22 was named the Morning Call's Girls Volleyball Player of the Year.
- 👉 Kyleigh Brown '21 was named to join MacKenzy on the Morning Call's First Team All-Area Girls Volleyball Team

Football

Joe Henrich, who led the Golden Hawks football program for nine seasons, has resigned. Beca's Athletic Director **Chris Domyan '94** praised Henrich in his press release...

"Coach Henrich had a great run as head football coach at Beca and we appreciate all that he has done for our school," he said. "He led the football program with class and had many accomplishments during his tenure. We wish him the best in all future endeavors."

Henrich, who said he will look to continue coaching elsewhere, finished with a record of 67-41. "Thank you, Coach, for your care and service to our entire Beca family! All the very best!" - JOB

Wrestling

Mike Kozo '71, the 1970 PCIAA State wrestling champion at 105 lbs., passed away on 12/30. We remember. Rest in peace, Mike. - JOB

Basketball

The 1930-1931 boys' basketball team, coached by Mr. John Conti and captained by **Joseph Lucas '31**, finished the season with a record of 21 wins and 1 loss!

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“BLinkedIn” Profiles

In 2020, 535 classmates from 58 different classes were profiled. Check out last year’s Tidings on the Becahi website under the Alumni Tab and network!

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 last month:

Joel Chanitz ’59, who received a BS in Accounting from St. Joseph’s University, is now finally Retired after over 18 years as SAP Consulting Manager for Acsis, Inc. in Marlton, NJ. Congratulations, Joel. - JOB

Elizabeth Weiss Iobst ’62, MA, LPC, LMFT, is a Counselor/Therapist, Child and Family Play Therapist in Bethlehem.

Frank Zondlo ’63, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who received a BS in Chemistry and an MD from the University of Florida, is a Physician at the Interventional Pain Center in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Marie DeBellis Yanocho ’67, an East Stroudsburg University graduate, is a 4th Grade Teacher at Christ the King School in Richland, WA.

Gerianne Derwinski Stoll ’69, who received a BBA in Business Administration from Penn State University, is Business Office Supervisor at Tristan Radiology Specialists in Harrisburg, PA.

Celeste Casciano Silvonek ’70, is the Owner and Administrator of Dorneyville Compounding Pharmacy in Allentown.

Gregg Semanick ’71, who received a BA in Political Science from LaSalle University and an MPA in Public Administration from Kean University, is now Retired from the Internal Revenue Service. – Phew! – JOB... and Congratulations, Gregg!

Ray Davis ’72, who received a BS from Delaware Valley University, is a Real Estate Agent for RE/MAX Realty Associates in Harrisburg.

Edmund Reybitz ’73, who received a BS in Accounting from the University of Scranton and an MBA from Wilkes University, is Director, Operations Accounting at KBR, Inc. in Houston, TX.

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Donna Terefinko Whiteford '74, who received a BS in Microbiology from Penn State University, is a former VP for Elan Pharmaceuticals, a neuroscience-focused biotechnology company headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, and is now a Non-Profit Volunteer/Board Member in Brooklyn, NY.

Donna Guman Foley '75, who received a BS in Accounting from King's College, is Manager Accounting at Air Products in Trexlertown.

Frank Toth '76, is the President of Toth Plumbing Inc. in Bethlehem.

Tony Seaman '77, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University, is a Semiconductors Professional in Bethlehem.

David Green '78, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Penn State University, is Senior Vice President at Boyle Construction Inc. in Bethlehem.

Kevin Brandstetter '79, who received a BBA in Marketing from Kutztown University, is Sales Manager at Fulton Mortgage Company in Bethlehem.

Shane Hudak '80, whose undergraduate studies were completed at the University of Pittsburgh, is Executive Partner at Nazareth-Hanover Associates, LLC in Nazareth, PA.

Joseph Stayer '81, who studied at Kutztown University, is the Owner, N.J.L.L.C. General Construction / Construction / Property Maintenance in Kunkletown, PA.

Ellen Cunningham Schmid '82, who received a BS in Marketing from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, an MBA from Lehigh University and a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Public Health Safety from Emory University, is a Business System Analyst at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Center Valley.

Karen Butryn '83, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Business from Villanova University and an MBA from Moravian College, is Implementation Manager at Dun & Bradstreet in Bethlehem.

John Blair '84, is a Police Officer at the Lehigh Valley International Airport.

Jane Bodor Schantz '85, who received a BS in Marketing from Kutztown University, is Plan Sponsor Liaison at Aetna in Bethlehem.

John Pavis '86, who received a BS in Pharmacy from the University of Rhode Island and a US Army Officer, is the Owner of Newhard Pharmacy in Bethlehem.

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Paul Eder '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and an MBA in Accounting from DeSales University, is Controller at Diamonex, BEST Engineered Surface Technologies, LLC in Allentown.

Peter Ramos '88, who received a Bachelor's in Business Administration from Temple University, is Agent/Builder at Century 21 Ramos Realty in Whitehall.

Amy Zvitkovitz '89, who received a BSN from Penn State University and an MBA from DeSales University, is Clinical Informatics Specialist at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown.

Willie Stravino '90, who received a BA in English Language & Literature from George Mason University, is the Off-Property Contact at Diamond Resorts in the Hampton Roads, VA metropolitan area.

Beth Holcombe Spirko '91, who received a BS in Environmental Science from Lehigh University, is an Environmental Educator in Corpus Christi, TX.

Joe Lennert '92, a Fairfield University alum, is Senior Vice President, Strategic Brokerage Operations at McGriff Insurance Services in Bethlehem.

Melissa Olivi-Williams '93, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing Research from Cedar Crest College and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Gwynedd Mercy University, is a 4th Grade Teacher at St. Anne School in Bethlehem.

Eve Lawrence Metzger '94, is Vice President of Bethlehem Apparatus Company, Inc., recognized as the leader in the recovery, recycling and retirement of mercury and mercury bearing waste.

Michael Metzger '94, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BArch in Architecture from Drexel University, is the President at Alloy5 Design Studio in Bethlehem.

Amy Rumsey Thoreson '95, who received a BS in Marketing from Fairleigh Dickinson University – College at Florham, is Operation Manager at Steel Fitness, A Full-Service Fitness Management Company in Newtown Square, PA.

Janelle Kowalczyk '96, who received a BA in English Language & Literature from Cedar Crest College, is an Analyst at AbbVie Pharmaceuticals whose mission is to discover and deliver innovative medicines that solve serious health issues today and address the medical challenges of tomorrow, in the greater Chicago area.

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Chris Lehman '97, who received a BA in Television & Film from DeSales University, is a television producer with a strong background in reality television who has sold multiple series and formats to a variety of networks including MTV, MTV2, H2, History, GSN, TLC among others. Chris is in Burbank, CA.

Nicholas Cirignano '98, whose undergraduate education was at St. Joseph's University, is Managing Director - Middle Market M&A and Corporate Finance For Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in New York city.

Jamie Frey '99, who received an Associate's Degree in Elementary Education from Northampton Community College, a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from East Stroudsburg University and a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology from DeSales University, is an Administrative Assistant at Staley, Inc., a national leader in network infrastructure, technology deployment services, and supplemental electrical solutions, in Bethlehem.

Matthew Blonar '00, who received a BS in Biology from DeSales University, is Waste Analysis Manager at AERC Recycling Solutions in Allentown.

Elizabeth Chegezy '01, who received a BA in Spanish, International Studies from Dickinson College and an MA in Spanish Translation and Interpretation from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, is an Independent Spanish Translation and Interpretation Professional; PA Court Certified in the greater Philadelphia area.

John Koempel '02, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and a PhD in Physics from Temple University, supports Client Systems – Technical Services at Epic Computer Software in Verona, WI.

Joshua Reda '03, who received a BA in History from St. Joseph's University and a Master's Degree in College Student Personnel Administration from Seton Hall University, is Assistant Director of Programming & Student Development at Seton Hall University.

Keith Brotzman '04, who received a BS in Historical Studies, Secondary Education from Moravian College, is an 8th Grade Math/Social Studies Teacher at Wicomico County Schools, Seaford, DE.

Mackenzie Collins '05, who received a BS in Marketing from Lehigh University, is a Connections Manager at MediaVest in NYC.

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Lucia Riotto Fedele '06, who received a BS in Business Administration and an MBA from Monmouth University, is Assistant Director of Graduate Admission at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ.

Tara Tew '07, who received an AAS in Criminal Justice from Northampton Community College, is a Training Specialist at Shift4 Payments in Allentown.

Amanda Bodnar '08, who received a BSN in Registered Nursing from Alvernia University and currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Clinical Nurse Specialist from West Chester University, is an Infusion Registered Nurse Float Pool at Penn Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia.

Meghan Dashe Mengel '09, who received a Bachelor's degree in Public Relations, Advertising from Lock Haven University and is working on a Master's Degree in Communication and Media Studies at East Stroudsburg, is Director of Social Media & Client Engagement at 212 Group in Bethlehem.

C. Max Andreychak '10, who received a Bachelor of Technology (BTech) from Purdue University, is a Senior Analyst – International Fleet Scheduling at United Airlines in the greater Chicago area.

William Rowe III '11, who received an AA in Business Administration from Northampton Community College and a BBA in Finance from Temple University's Fox School of Business, is Global Head of eComm Compliance at Cantor Fitzgerald in New York, New York.

Anthony Beltrami '12, who received a BA in Business Administration from Moravian College and a JD from Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law, is a Law Clerk at Fitzpatrick Lentz & Bubba, P.C. in Allentown.

Amelia Colon '13, who studied Early Childhood Education at Northampton Community College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Temple University, is now a College Graduate Student - M.S. School Counseling at Kutztown University, after serving as a teacher at the Bala Cynwyd School for Young Children.

Connor Hicks '14, who received a BSJ from West Virginia University, is a JD Candidate at the University of Kentucky College of Law and a Law Clerk at Investors Heritage in Frankfort, KY.

Ronan Fitzgerald '15, who received a BS in Management Information Systems from Penn State University, the Behrend College, is an Application Developer at Innovation Commons at Penn State Behrend in Erie, PA.

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Grant Hicks '16, who received a BS in Financial Management from Clemson University, is a Financial Analyst - Portfolio Management at American Campus Communities in Austin, TX.

Past BLinkedIns 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/>

From the Advancement Office's Director, Tom Vresics '81

"Hi Becahi Family! The Advancement Team of Connie, Tina and Tom extend to you and your families the best wishes for the coming New Year. May God bless you with good times and give you strength to overcome and thrive in the times that are not good.

It was wonderful being back in the Lehigh Valley for a big December snowfall. In our neighborhood we all helped dig each other out from a foot of snow. With everyone pitching in the work was much easier, and even at 58 years old, quite enjoyable. I know that same spirit is felt very strongly at Bethlehem Catholic and we all need it more than ever as we begin the new year in 2021. In that spirit, please consider the following:

Please stay connected with your fellow Becahi alumni, share with each other how to make your upcoming class reunions energizing and memorable.

- **Visit the Bethlehem Catholic Web Page.** On the brown header ribbon click on the following tabs: Alumni, Advancement and Support Becahi as well as the Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter symbols on the far-right side of the brown header ribbon.
- **Please share Becahi Social Media posts** with your friends and Becahi Alumni Class pages and Friends of Becahi pages. So far, I have contact with the following classes: **Class of '81: Lisa Slusaw Reade**, **Class of '84: Angela Matus Sinkler** and **Kristine Tantsits McGinty**, **Class of '85: Sherri Hines**, **Class of '92: Bill Bamper**. If you are the administrator of another class page, please email: tvresics@becahi.org
- **Think about a donation to Becahi** via the Annual Fund or Becahi's Giving Week to support our Technology Fund.
- **Consider becoming a part of Becahi's EITC program.** If you pay more than \$3,500 in PA State Taxes, you can direct 90% of the taxes you are already

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paying to Bethlehem Catholic. The next round sign-up period ends in February, so contact **Tom Vresics '81**, at tvresics@becahi.org as soon as possible.

- **Email Tom Vresics** at tvresics@becahi.org with any concerns or questions, or if you did not receive an Annual Fund letter.”

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

Reflection

God of Wonder, God of Light, help us to remember the gifts you have given to us. ...and may the peace and joy of the Holy Family be with you and your families throughout the new year.

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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