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Class of 1970 – The Date Is Set!!!

The Class of '70 turns 70 had a committee meeting at Emmaus Community Park, and only 2 members got lost getting there! We will send explicit directions to attendees! We decided on an 11 AM to dusk event, since it seems our 50+1 reunion was too short! Planning continues as we explore a catered menu vs. food trucks for lunch. If you have any suggestions, let us know. Beverages will be BYOB - (all your beverages) no bottles, but beer in cans, wine in boxes and liquor in flasks is acceptable! Look for more details as we finalize the meal. In the meantime, circle Saturday September 17 as a day to celebrate our collective birthday with a day-long get-together! And remember, don't be disappointed that your friends aren't there - get in touch with them now to ensure their attendance.

Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus.

More info to come.

Please say prayers for our classmates: Anne Gerber's brother, Suzanne Oswald Wagner's sister, and Colleen Quarry Jennings's mom who passed away recently.

Gerald "Gerry" Gerber '68, passed away on April 13th. Gerry was also the husband of **Anne Ortwein Kish '67**, the father of **Jennifer Kish Russ '93** and Glennie, and the son of the late **Gerald Gerber '40**. Prayers are coming your way, Anne.

Eileen Oswald McIntosh '71, daughter of the late **Ursula Miller Oswald '45**, and sister of **Regina '69**, **Suzanne '70**, **Anthony '75** and the late **Mary '73**, passed away on 04/01. Prayers are on the way.

Josephine Prosperi Quarry '46, passed away on Holy Saturday. Please also say a prayer for Col's late brothers **Bobby '67** and Pat, and for her late father, Bob. Prayers are on the way, Col.

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This month I either read about, saw, or spoke with...

... **Gus Concilio '47**, Sr. Regina Chassar '53, Connie Scripelliti Ewing '53, **Harry Mitchell '57**, **Joanne Polaha Siegfeldt '57**, Bill Egan '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Rich Haas '66, **Yogi Eddinger '67**, Cat Gallagher '68, Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68, Larry Gasda '69, Jeff Andrews '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Angel Rivera '71, **Stephanie Voros Sellers '71**, **Greg Adams '72**, **Sue Bartos '72**, **Amey Mesko Upchurch '72**, Steve Daday '73, Sally Kammetler '78, Tom Vresics '81, **Amber Firth '17**

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...Bobby A, Tommy Altimare, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Dan Brady, Dave Cech, Lisa, Bernie Gallagher, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Anne Gerber, Joannie Greenfield, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Greg Ortwein, Susan Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Josephine, and Carl

Alumni Cited this Month

If your class is missing from the newsletter this month, let me know what to include, and I'll gladly share the news. Meanwhile, here's a matrix of 318 grads from 63 classes for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "2" and/or "7".

Names and Classes Mentioned in May's *Tidings*

Decades >	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
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4				8	5	2	2	2		
5	1			5	3	2	2	2		
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9			4	6	3	2	2			Grads
	83	7	16	98	40	25	25	23	1	318

Reunion Years Ending in "2" and "7"

This year, 2022, is the time to acknowledge those alumni who celebrate their reunions, whether virtually or in person, in the five-year increments of "2" and "7". Each month through October, *Tidings* will identify those graduates from the following classes...

- ✓ January – Class of 1927, 95th Year
- ✓ February – Class of 1932, 90th
- ✓ March – Class of 1937, 85th
- ✓ April – Class of 1942, 80th
- ✓ May – Class of 1947, 75th
- June – Class of 1952, 70th
- July – Class of 1957, 65th
- August – Class of 1962, 60th
- September – Class of 1967, 55th
- October – Class of 1972, 50th

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Don't Leave \$15,000 Sitting on the Table – Join in Becahi's Giving Day on Friday, June 1st

Tom Vresics '81, Beca's Advancement Director writes...

We have received a one-to-one dollar matching offer for up to \$15,000 to help our Becahi Fund reach new heights. Currently, the Becahi Fund stands around \$116,000 with about 366 donors or just under 5% of our alumni contributing. Imagine what we could raise if just 10% to 20% of our alumni participated in the Becahi Fund. Our 30-Day Sprint to the Finish ends on Thursday, June 30th completing our '21-'22 Fiscal Year. Bethlehem Catholic is very grateful to everyone who has already contributed to the '21-'22 Becahi Fund. Together, we can set a new giving record for the Becahi Fund which currently stands at around \$150,000. Use this link:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E6716&id=15> to make your donation or copy and paste it into your browser if the link doesn't work for you. Please give whatever your heart tells you. Know that we love you and pray for you every day at Becahi.

The Becahi Fund Now Accepts Venmo Payments!

***Isabella Faasuumalie '21** was the first to give to the 2021-2022 Becahi Fund using Venmo at 4:37 PM on March 29th, 2022. Both one-time and scheduled monthly payments are possible. Please love, comment, and share using the icons below your Venmo contribution to encourage your friends and family to do the same at <https://givebutter.com/BvPRzV>.*

Class of 1970 Becahi Fund Donors - \$70 for '70

Don't Be Afraid to Mark Your Birthday with a Class of 1970. This was the first month we did not have any "\$70 for '70" Gifts sent in. We welcome members of the Becahi Class of '70 with April birthdays to join their classmates with May birthdays by sending in a "\$70 for '70" Donation. The birthday gift is close to \$900! Now that you've completed your tax returns, please join those who have accepted Jim Connell's challenge of donating at least the amount of their year of Graduation to the Becahi Fund as they turn 70 in 2022. Please join...

Tony Bauer

Jim Connell

Gl Jerry Evans

Susan Fischer Dever

Bernie Gallagher

Dan Gallagher

Joan Greenfield

Jack Klucsik

Corliss Kuzmin Reed

Susan Reing Spaar

Kathy Shanahan Baur

John Andris '69H (Honorary '70)

If you are not from the class of '70 but would like to respond to Jim's challenge and donate at least the amount of your year of Graduation to the Becahi Fund, just be sure to write "\$70 for '70" in the memo of the check and we will post your name in the **Tidings** like above.

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75 Years Ago... A "Virtual" Reunion The Class of 1947

From Gus and Mary (Anderson '47) Concilio's copy of...

"Tomorrow's Treasure" Class of 1947's Book of Memoirs"

Dedicated to Sr. Stanislaus Kostka, S.S.J. and Sr. Bernard Francis, S.S.J.

John J. Adamcik*
Caroline Almer Kalamar*
Marie Almer Copek*
Mary Anderson Concilio
Margaret Baca Cacciatore*
Joseph Bucko*
Katherine Cannon Connell*
Teresa Capocetta Donley*
(Rev.) Michael Capuano*
Margaret Chavar Kuba*
Augustine "Gus" Concilio
Michael Dalton*
Irene Danko Farrell*
Donald Davies*
Dorothy Demyan Green*
Helen Donchez Halleman
Richard Dougherty*
Elizabeth Dugas*
Carl Evrard*
Anne Fabian Sopko
Mary Flecksteiner Hunsberger
Michael Fox*
Elizabeth Gecsek Desort*
Margaret George Laughlin*
William Glancy*
Herman Grimmer*
Kathleen Hanley Szulborski
James Henick*
Eleanore D. Hudock Saganowich*
Eleanore E. Hudock Takacs*
Charles Husovsky
Jacob Kaercher*
Elizabeth "Betty" Keating*
Dolores "Dee" Kelly Flemming*
Annamae Kostelnick*
Joseph J. Kostelnick*
Dorothy Kramer Bartholomew*
Cecilia LaBuda Zakeski*
John LaBuda*

Jeannette Lazarus Orwan
Patricia Lyons Daday
Joseph Machain
(Sr.) Mary Alexander Machain, S.S.J. *
Helen Marcincin Boyle*
Anna Maurer Altemus*
John McCann*
Raymond "Ray" McFadden*
Michael McGouldrick*
Shirley Motiska Palenchar*
Anne Louise Murphy Kilgour*
Mary Nemetz Brandstetter*
Christine Nishnic Clauser*
Kathleen "Boots" O'Connell Horwath
Marguerite O'Connell Whitehead*
Veronica O'Donnell Horwath*
Ceferino "Chip" Orta*
(Sr.) Catherine Ortwein, S.S.J. *
Rosalie Petko Troutman*
Helen Pfliegler Pinter
Joseph Pongracz*
Ann Posivak Kostalis*
Charles Preston*
Mary Reiser Fitzpatrick
Anne Rentko Pianowski*
Joseph Ricapito*
Elizabeth Rogacs Leseberg*
Rosalie Schamenek Grimmer*
Betty Jean Schubert Kenny*
Mary Ann Sefranek Billy*
Mary Ann Slaninka Brady*
Michael Stern*
Joseph F. Tallarico*
Carmela Tarole Gotthardt
Margaret Toner*
Jean Torpey*
Margaret Toth Griffin*
Anna Zaun Kaufmann

* Deceased

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Joseph Kostelnick was Valedictorian

Rosalie Schamenek was Salutatorian

Fr. Andrew Slafkosky '31 was the guest speaker at graduation.

School Student Officers were **Joseph Kostelnick**, President and **Teresa "Tece" Capocchetta**, Vice-President.

Mary Kerezi passed away after freshman year

Billy Huerta left school after junior year to join the Paratroopers fighting in Japan.

Michael Capuano and **Richard Downing** left in senior year to enter St. Charles Seminary.

Father Caine, the school's rector, passed away.

A comedy with music, *Tulip Time; An Operetta in Two Acts*, was performed by the Glee Club in February of senior year. The American musical comedy, *Sunbonnet Sue*, was the spring Operetta in the spring of senior year.

Anne Marie Cunningham was Coach of the Girls Basketball team.

Harry Tachovsky was Coach of the Boys Basketball team

Here's what I found about the class *after* graduation...
there were:

Fifteen members had 39 children who graduated from Beca...

Mary Anderson Concilio and Gus > **Gus '74, John '77, Ian '79, Maria '84**

Margaret Baca Cacciatore > **Mark '68, Nancy '70, Gary '71, Rick '72, Sally '77, Tony '82**

Michael Dalton > **Ann '68, Christine '71, Michael '75**

Dorothy Demyan Green > **Judy '75, Susan '76**

Herman and Rosalie (Schamenek) Grimmer > **Susan '74, Mary Beth '76, Judy '80, Roseann '85**

Jacob and **Rosemarie (Hartigan '48) Kaercher** > **Patty '79, Lisa '80**

Ray McFadden > **Ray '71, Hugh '76, Patrick '78**

Shirley Motiska Palenchar > **Judy '68, Gary '69, Cindy '76**

Anne Louise Murphy Kilgour > **Karen '73, Kathleen '73**

Mary Nemetz Brandstetter > **Bernie '75, Kevin '79, Mark '81**

Joseph Tallarico > **Michael '71, Nina '72, Patricia '74**

Margaret Toth Griffin > **Tom '71, Daneen '79**

There were thirteen Veterans who served our country...

Joseph Bucko > U.S. Army

Gus Concilio > U.S. Army

Michael Dalton > U.S. Army

Donald Davies > U.S. Army

Carl Evrard > U.S. Air Force

William Glancy > U.S. Army

Charles Husovsky > U.S. Army

John McCann > U.S. Coast Guard

Ray McFadden > U.S. Navy

Michael McGouldrick > U.S. Army

Ceferino Orta > U.S. Navy

Michael Stern > U.S. Air Force

Joseph Tallarico > U.S. Marines

There were two graduates who served the Lord...

Sr. Mary Alexander Machain, S.S.J.

Sr. Catherine Ortwein, S.S.J.

Gus and Mary (Anderson) Concilio will celebrate their 69th wedding anniversary in September.

Helen Pfliegler Pinter and her husband, John, will celebrate their 72nd wedding anniversary in September.

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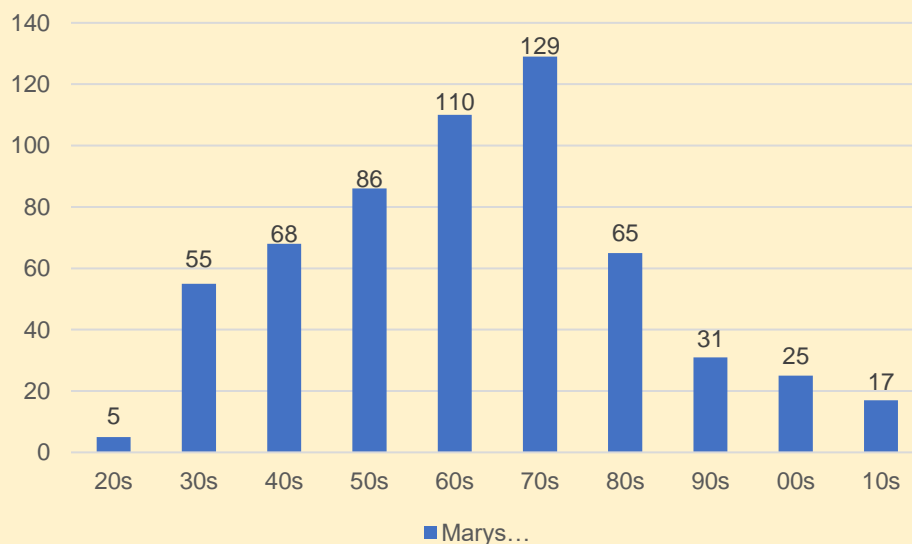
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May – The Month of Mary

In the Catholic Church, the month of May is Mary's month. It's the month we honor Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. If you attended Catholic school, you probably remember taking part in the "May crowning" in the beginning of May—where a wreath of flowers was placed on the head of the statue of Mary as prayers were said. As an older student you understood that this ritual was a way to show our love for Mary. – catholicfaithstore.com

Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. -ncregister.com

I went through the names of grads through the years to identify those girls whose first name was Mary (including Maria, and Mary Jane, etc.), and found 591 girls out of 7,088 girls (8%). Here are the numbers of girls with a first name of Mary by decade....



You observe, the numbers decrease over time. This phenomenon would make for an interesting anthropologic study...

Just for the fun of it, I made you a graph that shows the percentage of girls with the first name of Mary among all the girls' names who graduated between 1927 (1st Class) and 2019...

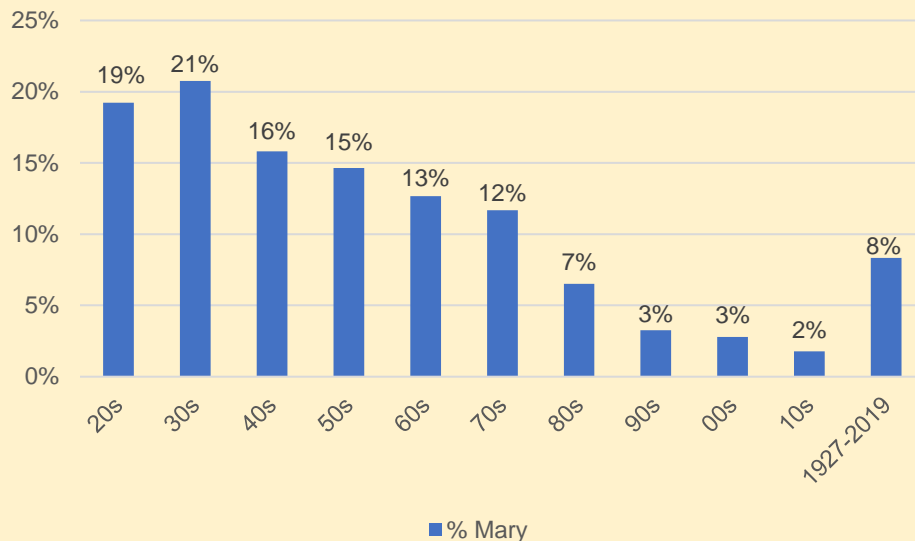
It looks like this...

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An Angel's Gift

Angel Rivera '71 wrote to let us know that his Travel Agency **will donate \$70** in any person's name born in 1952, and in the Class of 1970, if they book their 2022 Vacation with him. He is holding spaces on a cruise between August 18 to the 27th. – A 9-day sailing adventure.



The destinations are Bermuda (overnight), Puerto Rico, Labadee, Haiti and St. Maarten, and will depart from Bayonne, NJ on the Adventure of the Seas, a Royal Caribbean ship. What a great way to celebrate August

birthdays or for anyone wanting to join in the 70th celebration!

...AND its' ok if you weren't born in 1952. The more the merrier. **\$50 will be donated** to the school if you graduated from ANY OTHER YEAR! **His offer ends May 31st.**

If anyone is interested prices, cabin types etc. vary so it is important to contact **Angel Rivera** directly, either via phone (484-241-1059) or email angel.rcandt@gmail.com

Well Done – Dolly



Large crowds came to say "Hello Dolly!" last month after a 50-year absence from the Becahi stage. There were lots of positive comments about the performance says Diana Tice, Director.

An alum from the 1972 cast, Bill Cengeri '72, stopped by to say *hello*, and he's pictured at left with the latest "Minnie Fay", Emma Smith '22. They've got elegance!

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

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May 4th – 2022 Becahi Distinguished Graduates Induction Ceremony, Auditorium

June 1st – Becahi's Giving Day

Proceeds benefit the Becahi Annual Fund for students and resources

June 3rd – Tony Iasiello Memorial Golf Tournament/Wrestling Reunion, Whitetail Golf Course

Proceeds benefit Becahi's Wrestling program

July 15th – Becahi Football Alumni Golf Tournament, Whitetail Golf Course

Proceeds benefit Becahi's Football Program

September 9th – Golden Hawk Golf Classic, Whitetail Golf Course

Proceeds benefit Becahi's Athletic Programs

September 16th – Class of '72 **Golf Outing** at Bethlehem Muni

September 17th – Class of '70's **70th Birthday Picnic in the Park** (Emmaus Community Park)

September 17th – Class of '72's – **50th Year Reunion**, Steel Club

September 28th – Class of '57's – **65th Year Reunion**, Prime Restaurant, Bethlehem

November 25th – Class of '82's – **40th Reunion**, Hotel Bethlehem

Reunion News...

- **Class of 1957's 65th Reunion**.... The Prime Restaurant in Bethlehem for the "**Class of '57's** 65th reunion is booked! The date is September 28th....12-4pm. Contact **Kay Fenerty Lynn '57** for details.
- **Class of 1970's 70th Birthday Party** in the Park. Two pavilions and plenty of surrounding parking means there is room for everyone in the tree covered venue of Emmaus Community Park, 1401 Shimerville Road Emmaus. More info to come.
- **Class of 1972's 50th Reunion**
The class of 1972 50th reunion is quickly approaching (September 17th). The invitations are sent out and we would appreciate your response in a timely manner. Any gift basket, gift cards or donations would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out to Brian DeAngelis #610-868-1590 or bmdehiller@gmail.com
- **Class of 1977's 45th Reunion**
Jane Metzger '77 wrote to say that plans are now underway...stay tuned!
- **Class of 1978's 45th Reunion**
Arrangements are underway for the Class of 1978's 45th Reunion. The date is 9/30/2023... venue will be The Steel Club. No other details yet. The class has a Facebook page titled – Becahi Class of '78, on which **Sally Kammetler '78** is the administrator... sallykamm@gmail.com

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- **Class of 1982's 40th Reunion** at Hotel Bethlehem – Still looking for Mailing Addresses.

On Friday, November 25th, from 6 PM until 10 PM the Class of 1982 will celebrate its 40th Reunion at the historic Hotel Bethlehem. The 1982 Reunion is a fundraiser for Becahi as everything has been donated by Class President Michael Solomon. Every class member and their spouse/or significant other is welcome and encouraged to join the Facebook page "Bethlehem Catholic Class of 82 Reunion" organized by Mary Beth Whitehead and Gerry Matos. Donations are requested to support the current generation of Golden Hawks through the Becahi Fund. Check your mailboxes for your invitation and postage-paid RSVPs and postage-paid Becahi Fund envelopes to arrive sometime in May Contact the "Bethlehem Catholic Class of 82 Reunion" Group Page if you do not receive your invitation by June 1st at <https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/4836422249772008>.

More from...

Tom Vresics '81, Avancement Director

Learn How to Redirect 90% of Your PA Income Tax Dollars to Becahi

Would you like to give your PA State Tax Dollars to Bethlehem Catholic instead of Harrisburg? If you pay at least \$3,500 on line 12 of your PA State Taxes, you can now participate. A 2- year commitment yields a 90% tax credit. So, a \$3500 donation to BECAHI costs you only \$350. It is even less if you can itemize your federal taxes! Use this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ou4aasc4ztg57ai/Becahi%20CPSF%20-%20Fall%202021.pdf?dl=0> to complete the Joinder Form and then email it as soon as you can to Tom Vresics (tvresics@becahi.org). This popular program gives limited tax credits to PA taxpayers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Filling out the Joinder Form does not commit you to the program but saves your spot in the queue before alumni and parents from other Catholic schools. Check with your accountant (they love the program) and complete the form to participate as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call **Tom Vresics '81**, at (302) 985-7648.

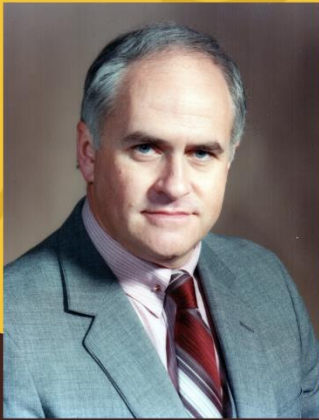
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2022 Bethlehem Catholic Distinguished Graduates



Harry Mitchell '57



Sean B. McIntyre '84



Christine Cochran Sheehan '95

Three of our alumni were recently selected as “Distinguished Graduates” of Becahi.

Harry Mitchell '57, has worked on every NASA Program from Mercury to Apollo to the Space Shuttle to the International Space Station!

After graduation from Villanova University and service in the U.S. Navy, Harry began his career in engineering, working on Sidewinder missiles with vacuum tubes, and secure voice devices and communication equipment for the government, using transistors and the very beginning of digital chips, at Philco, (now Philips), a pioneer in battery, radio, and television production.

He worked mostly communication programs and progressed through the ranks to Chief Engineer at a company that used modulation techniques to transmit information. He later became program manager for equipment for the Space Shuttle program. As program manager he managed many communication programs including winning the largest RCA contract for Space Station. After that he managed many other programs for GE, Lockheed Martin and the US Govt, requiring the highest levels of security for satellite and voice communication.

He also received his MS in Electrical Engineering from Drexel University and an MBA from the Alexander Hamilton Institute, retired in 2000 as Program Manager at Lockheed Martin, and enjoys life with his wife and high school sweetheart, **Priscilla Farris '57**.

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Sean McIntyre '84, is a second-generation McDonald's Owner/Operator with four restaurants in Easton and Emmaus. Sean is a Philadelphia region Board Member of the Ronald McDonald House Charities, and also serves as an Environmental Consultant for Alternative Ways New Jersey.

Prior to becoming an Owner Operator, he worked for his father, Chuck McIntyre, the owner of nine McDonald's restaurants. Working his way up through the ranks, he occupied every management position and eventually became supervisor of the majority of the stores in the organization.

Sean is a board member with the Lehigh Valley All Star Football Classic which has raised one million dollars for Ronald McDonald House Charities. He is also a board member for Emmaus Main Street Partners.

Sean earned his BA in Finance from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. He and his wife **Erin McDonald '89** are the proud parents of three daughters, Teghan, Abby and Emerson. – rmhcephilly.org

Christine Cochran Sheehan '95, a Becahi Athletic Wall-of-Fame member, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Communications from Penn State University. She was named an All-American volleyball player while competing on the Penn State volleyball team, serving as captain and playing in two Final Four tournaments and two NCAA national championship games. Following her collegiate career, Christy went on to play professionally in the United States and Europe. She later transitioned into the coaching ranks at The University of Texas at Austin, where she was responsible for coaching and recruiting, often landing the nation's top recruiting classes.

Following her career in volleyball, she entered the sales and marketing arena, working for over a decade in institutional pharmaceutical sales (Eli Lilly and Pfizer). Christy was consistently named a top performer and President Club award winner.

Christy serves as a Strategic Development Partner at The Sheehan Agency, the premier boutique residential, commercial, and investment brokerage firm in Northern Palm Beach and Martin Counties. She resides in North Palm Beach, FL, is an active member in her community, and is a proud wife and mother of three young children. – thesheehanagency.com

Harry, Sean and Christy will be inducted as Bethlehem Catholic Distinguished Graduates on Wednesday, May 4th in the auditorium.

Congratulations!

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Alumni Briefs:

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

Chuck Kovacs '74, purchased Ripper's Pub from Joseph "Ripper" Rich on February 2nd, 1986. He began bartending over thirty-five years ago at a place called "Your Mother's Bloomers" (remember that place, Carl?) in South Bethlehem. He was chosen as "Member of the Month – December 2015" by the Pennsylvania Licensed Beverage & Tavern Association. – pataverns.com 12/01/15

Lisa Ludwick Sampson '74 is the Manager at the Bank of America Financial Center in Bethlehem. -allbiz.com

Karen Mergel Reitz, '87's Class President, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University and a Master's Degree in Education from East Stroudsburg University, is an Elementary School Teacher in the Loyalsock Township School District in Williamsport, PA.

Maggie Nerz Iribarne '87, is a teacher, writer, wife, and mother living in Syracuse, N.Y. One of seven "children," she finds inspiration for poetry, short stories, and essays from the lives of her many family members. She is a "lifelong writer of journals, poetry, fiction, and memoir." – maggienerziribarne.com

Shannon Newman Nickischer '87, is a Teacher in the Nazareth Area Intermediate School.

Lauren Spence '12, who graduated Cum Laude from Villanova University in 2016 with Bachelor's Degrees in Communications and Spanish Language, is Vice President of Major Events at the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. – lehighvalleychamber.org

Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Virginia "Ginny" Kelly Haas	1941	03/29/2022	97
Josephine Prosperi Quarry	1946	04/16/2022	93
Gerald Gerber	1968	04/13/2022	71
Eileen Oswald McIntosh	1971	04/01/2022	68

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † John D'Angelo, father of **Michael '78** and **Christopher '82**, on 04/12
 - John was past President of the Becahi Booster Club

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- † Barbara Dugas, mother of **Beverly '71**, **Eileen '84**, and the late **John '74**, on 04/02
- † Pauline Felker, mother of **Brian '78**, **Joseph '80** and **Catherine '82**, on 04/07
- † **Gerry Gerber '68**, husband of **Anne Ortwein Kish '67**, father of **Jennifer Kish Russ '93**, son of the late **Gerald Gerber '40**, and brother of **Anne '70**, on 04/13
- † Frances Gestl, mother of **Robin '89**, on 04/17
- † **Ginny Kelly Haas '41**, wife of the recently deceased **Charles '41**, and mother of **Rich '66**, **Mike '71**, **Robert '74**, **Thomas '76**, and **Jeff '81**, on 03/29
- † Robert Hamrick, father of **Bob '81**, **Joe '82**, **Jim '85** and **Kathy '91**, on 04/25
- † Frances Kramer Eckhart, sister of the late **Dorothy Kramer Bartholomew '47**, on 04/23
- † **Eileen Oswald McIntosh '71**, daughter of the late **Ursula Miller Oswald '45**, and sister of **Regina '69**, **Suzanne '70**, **Anthony '75** and the late **Mary '73**, on 04/01
- † **Josephine Prosperi Quarry '46**, mother of **Colleen '70** and the late **Bobby '67** and Pat, on 04/16
- † Dr. Surendra Shah, father of **Kavita '08**, on 04/14
- † Sandra Ulshafer, wife of **Robert '61**, on 04/19

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

Tom Kacar
(5/26/17)

Mike Keefe
(5/09/17)

Dick Murray
(5/29/87)

Frank Tomaszewski
(5/01/93)

Spring Sports Highlights

Baseball – Matt Corsi '99, Head Coach (2nd Season)
Team Record as of 04/30... 7 Wins – 8 Losses

Softball – Rich Mazza, Head Coach (19th Season)
Team Record as of 04/30... 12 Wins – 3 Losses

Boys' Tennis – George Harmanos, Head Coach (49th Season)
Team Record as of 04/30... 7 Wins – 8 Losses

Boys' Volleyball – Tim Sledz, Head Coach
Team Record as of 04/30... 2 Wins – 14 Losses

Boys Lacrosse – Tom Fekula, Head Coach
Team Record as of 04/29... 0 Wins – 10 Losses

Girls Lacrosse – Taylor Ondrejca, Head Coach
Team Record as of 04/29... 0 Wins – 11 Losses

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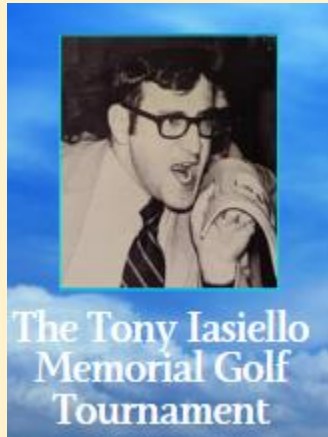
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Alumni Sports Notables

Joe Henrich, Becahi's former Head Football Coach for nine seasons between 2011 and 2020, whose teams posted a 67-41 record, is now Director of Advancement at Kolbe Academy Recovery High School in Bethlehem.

Jim Hutnik, who served as Head Boys Basketball Coach *and* Golf team between 1993/94 through 2004/2005, will be inducted into the Lehigh Valley Sports Hall of Fame on May 14 in Northampton. Jim, who posted a winning record in each of his 12 seasons in basketball, with a record of 222-111, led Beca to 5 appearances in the District XI 3A championship game, winning twice. He guided Beca to its first ever East Penn League Championship. Jim was named Coach of the Year by the Express Times in 1995, 1998, and 2001, and was nominated for Pennsylvania's Coach of the year award in 1998. Congratulations, Jim!

The Tony Iasiello, "T.I.", Memorial Golf Tournament - Wrestling Reunion is set for Friday, June 3rd, at Noon, at Whitetail G.C. in Bath, PA.



Special Guest: **Tom Sculley '70**

"Don't be silly, no wrestling on the greens."

Click or copy to your browser, the link below to organize for your foursome or to attend the dinner around 5 PM.

Registration forms are due by Friday, May 27th. All proceeds benefit the Becahi Wrestling Program.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/35534bjrt0im4wq/TI%20Memorial%20Golf%20Tournament.pdf?dl=0>

Christian Saveri '06, holds East Stroudsburg University's school record with 65 career appearances, ranks second with nine saves, fourth since 1985 with 3.94 ERA and sixth with 161 strikeouts ... on single season list, ranks fifth with 65 strikeouts and ninth with 69.1 innings pitched as a senior ... pitched in ESU record 22 games as a junior. - esuwarriors.com

Darian Cruz '13, a two-time PA State Wrestling champion and an NCAA champion at Lehigh University, was inducted into the Lehigh Valley Wrestling Hall of Fame on April 24th. Darian, who finished his high school career with 153 victories, the fourth most in school history, was a three-time district and regional champion who was also third in the state in 2011. He was a three-time All-American at Lehigh. - Morning Call 4/19/22

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Tessa Zamolyi '17, a senior at Misericordia University, won the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) title in the javelin and earned All-America honors with a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. – s.3.amazonnews 20212022Brochure Misericordia Athletics

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... > 525 grads “profiled” in 2022. Read past Tidings issues

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”).

Here's what I found this month...

Marian Duro Congiusta '72, is a Sales Assistant at AGL Resources, AKA Southern Company Gas, in Somerset, NJ.

Dennis Fenton '72, a Becahi Wall-of-Fame member, is a History Teacher at Notre Dame High School – Green Pond.

Lisa Ferrigan Carter '73, is Laboratory Manager at Renown Health, northern Nevada's largest not-for-profit health network and a nationally recognized healthcare leader, in Reno.

Mary Ann Gombosi Hartzell '73, is Administrator at CowanGates PC, a law firm in Richmond, VA that provides personal injury attorneys, DUI lawyers, and family law attorneys.

Dan Kostelnick '74, who received an AAS in Mechanical Engineering from Northampton Community College and a BS in Information Technology Network and Telecommunications from the University of Phoenix, is Senior Construction Manager at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM.

Mike Dalton '75 is President and CEO of Dalton Delivery Services, Inc., to sell and transport motor fuels, ethanol, heating oil, and diesel fuel to gas stations, bulk plants, and private storage facilities, in Lehigh Valley area.

William Downing '75, is Molding Supervisor at Victaulic, the leading producer of mechanical pipe joining solutions, in Easton.

Mary Beth Grimmer Linsenmann '76, is Strategic Talent Management Leader at the PowerSchool Group, LLC in Bethlehem.

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Mike Guman '76, a Becahi Wall of Fame member, who, among many other significant accomplishments, received a BA in Business Administration from Penn State University, is Senior Advisor Consultant, PA Region, Invesco US in Allentown.

John Concilio '77, is a Credit Recovery Teacher in the Northampton Area School District.

Don Fries '77, who studied at King's College, is Supervisor-Security Programs at PPL Corporation in Berwick, PA.

Bill Fritz '77 is the Hotel General Manager at the Red Roof Inn in Allentown.

Beth Patterson Casilio '77, who received a BS in Nutrition from Cedar Crest College, is a Registered Dietitian at Moravian Village of Bethlehem.

Bernadette Amici-Bartynski '78, is currently seeking a new opportunity to apply her extensive and diverse administrative and office experience and education to a team and organization.

Maria Bulcavage Kelley '78, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received a BS in Business Administration from Columbia College of Missouri, is Laboratory Manager at Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital in Lake Forest, IL.

Mary Brown Gotzon '79, who studied at DeSales University, is Executive Assistant to the executive Director at Arts Academy Charter Middle School (AACMS) in Allentown.

Lisa Thoder Close '79, who studied at Penn State University, is a Clinical Nutrition Specialist at the St. Luke's University Health Network.

Mike Brenner '80, who studied at Keystone College, is Manager at The Brenner Company in Somerset, NJ.

Linda Check Toth '80, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Kutztown University and an EdD in Educational Administration from the George Washington University, is the Principal at Millersville Elementary School in Anne Arundel County, MD.

Richard Basilici '81, is now Retired from the U.S. Army, in Hope Mills, NC.

Maria Carisio Russoli '81, is a High School English Teacher in the Mechanicsburg (PA) Area School District.

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Michael Cummings '82, who graduated from the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business, is Healthcare Administrator at The Crossings retirement Community in League City, TX.

Beth Dane '82, who studied Nursing and Computer Science at DeSales University, is Product Manager at STI Computer Services in Eagleville, PA.

Wanda Matos Barnard '82, who studied at Northampton Community College, is Business Support Manager at PharmScript, LLC in Bethlehem.

Denise Szabo Verrastro '82, is a Medical Secretary for St. Luke's Hospital

Stephen Cerva '83, is Maintenance Manager at C&S Wholesale Grocers, an industry leader in supply chain solutions and wholesale grocery supply in the United States, in Bethlehem.

Daniel Goodnow '83, who received a BS in Marketing from St. Joseph's University, is Division President at Minute Men HR, Human Resource Services, in Cleveland, OH.

Eric Funk '84, who received a BS in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Maryland, is the Owner / RF Design Engineer at Red Mountain Radio, LLC in Ouray, CO

Colleen Gettings '84, who received a BS In Marketing and Finance from Syracuse University, is Manager, Category Advisory Services, at The Coca-Cola Company in the greater Chicago area.

Mike Gallagher '85, is a teacher in the Methacton (PA) School District.

Christopher Henn '85, is the Plant Manager at Rock Hill Concrete in Catasauqua.

Ann Hart Gozzard '86, who received a BA in Elementary Education from St. Joseph's University and an MEd in Elementary Education from Moravian College, is an Elementary School Teacher for the Radnor Township (PA) School District, and an Adjunct Professor at Drexel University.

Andrew Hersh '86, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Kutztown University, is an Insurance Adjuster for the Erie Insurance Group in the Lehigh Valley.

Elizabeth "Lizz" Chung, 87's Valedictorian (and, BTW, former co-Editor of *Tidings*,) who received a BA in Government from Dartmouth College and an MBA from the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business, is Capital Structuring Originator at BP, *Reimagining energy for people and our planet*, in Chicago.

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Tony Padilla '87, who received a BS in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and an Executive MBA from The University of central Florida's College of Business, is National Sales Manager at Toptech Systems, the leading provider of hardware and software automation and management solutions for the midstream oil industry, in Longwood, FL.

Scott Pretti '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Physiology from Penn State University, is a Self-Employed Exercise Physiologist in Bethlehem.

Ann Marie Takach Pammer '87, is Clinical Supervisor and Mohs Technician at Derm and Mohs Surgical Center in Bethlehem.

George Jaramillo '88, a U.S. Army Veteran, is Merchandise Manager at Aki-Home, a retailer of furniture and furnishings for the home, in Huntington Beach, CA.

David Jones '88, who received a BBS in Marketing from Millersville University, is an Experienced Relationship Consultant/Team Leader in Charlotte, NC.

Jennifer Breault Pierce '89, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management from Kings College, is Director of Benefits Administration at Bolton, a full-service employee benefits, actuarial, investment, and compensation consulting firm, in Baltimore.

Carolynn Chapman '89, who studied at Penn State University, is Advertising Operations Coordinator II at Effectv, a Comcast company, helps advertisers use the best of digital with the power of TV to grow their business, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Jessica Huertas '90, who received a BA in Biology from Lehigh University and a BSN from Thomas Jefferson University, is Clinical Operations Lead- Women's Health Team for Accolade, Inc. in Norristown.

Jennifer Jordan Brown '90, who received an AS in Registered Nursing from Lehigh Carbon Community College and a BS in Nursing from Western Governors University, is Trauma Program Manager at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Scot Finch '91, who received a BS in Health Policy and Administration from Penn State University, is Senior Client Executive at OneDigital in the Raleigh-Durham, NC area.

Joseph Flok '91, is the Owner of US Stone and Stucco in Emmaus

Louis Csaszar '92, is a Police Officer for the City of Bethlehem.

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Denise Geitz Jennings '92, is a Document Management Specialist at Reynolds Business Systems Inc. in Allentown.

James German '92, is the Owner of Jimmy James Tattoo & Body Piercing in Bethlehem.

Michele Goncalves Hartzell '92, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant and an MBA from DeSales University, is Assistant Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer at Lehigh Valley Health Network

Emily Fleck Swann '93, who received a BA in Psychology and an MEd in Counseling from Lehigh University, is Assistant Operations Director at PAHrtners Deaf Services in Quakertown.

Mike Garza '93, who received a BA in Politics from DeSales University and a Career Diploma in Legal Assistant/Paralegal from Penn Foster, is a Paralegal/Confidential Clerk at Allentown Police Department.

Alexandra Dimopoulos '94, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Moravian College, is a Freelance Production Supervisor in New Orleans.

Michael Dontas '94, who received a BASc in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Penn State University, is Co-Owner & Executive Chef at the Copperhead Grille in Center Valley.

Laura Bellis Ours '95, who attended Virginia Tech, is an Architect at Reader & Swartz Architects in Purcellville, VA.

Jason Breen '95, who received a BS in Computer Science and Biology from Rutgers University, is Associate Director Regulatory Affairs - Safety Data Management at Merck in Green Lane, PA.

Jessica Chladny Gauthier '96, who received a BS in Art Education from Millersville University, is a Talent Acquisition Specialist at Genome Medical in Bethlehem.

Eric Deutsch '96, is Visual Communications Manager at Factory LLC in Bethlehem.

Joseph Krenos '97, is a designer at Jafo Development Corporation in Easton.

Anthony Lawrence '97, is a Journeyman Electrician and Maintenance Coordinator at the WestRock Company, providing differentiated, sustainable paper and packaging solutions that help them win in the marketplace, in Emerson, NE.

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Dan Lyman '97, who received a BS in Psychology from Drexel University, is Business manager at Lynam Home Improvement in Bethlehem.

Teresa Marchese McNish '97, is an Accountant at Alliance for Building Communities in Bethlehem.

Jihan Amani Francois '98, who received a BS in Entrepreneurship from Hampton University an MBA in Marketing from Emory University's Goizueta Business School, is Chief Experience Officer at Amani Affairs, a wedding and event planning company, based in Wilmington, NC.

Valerie Engel '98, is a Homeschool Teacher at Fieldstone Christian Academy in Granger, IN.

Alvin Abadilla '99, who received a BS in Management Information Systems from the University of Scranton, is Area IT Manager - Field Services East with HILTON in New York City.

Lauren Fackler '99, who received a Specialized Associates Degree in Business/ Networking Technology from the Information Computer Systems Institute, is a Freelance Software Developer in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Chris Connors '00, who received a BS in Architecture from Penn State University, is Senior Project Designer at MKSD Architects in Allentown.

Clifton Dukes '00, is a Quality Assurance Specialist at Accenture in San Antonio, TX

Matthew Dos Santos '01, is a Customer Service Professional at Praxair Distribution Inc., the US industrial gases distribution/welding distributor business of The Linde Group, in Bethlehem.

Ryan Fehr '01, who received a BA in Organizational Psychology from The College of New Jersey, and an MA and PhD in Organizational Psychology from the University of Maryland, is Associate Professor at University of Washington, Michael G. Foster School of Business, in Seattle.

Megan O'Brien Jones '02, who received a BS in Secondary Education from Western Michigan University, is Kitchen Supervisor at Pacific Quest, creating life-changing experiences for struggling adolescents and young adults, in Naalehu, HI

Adrienne Perrett '02, who received a BA in Elementary/Early Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) in the Allentown School District.

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Joseph Petfield '02, who received a BA in Biology, Psychology from the University of Delaware and an MD from Thomas Jefferson University, is a Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon at Penn State Health in Hershey, PA.

Dustin Ronyack '02, is the Co-Owner of The Edge Media and Sales Manager for Darden Restaurants in Bethlehem.

Kate Fruhmann '03, is an Industry Rep for Brenntag, the global market leader in chemicals and ingredients distribution, in Bethlehem.

Robert Gonzalez '03, who studied at King's College and Northampton Community College, and received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies at DeSales University, is a Physician Assistant at the St. Luke's University Health Network.

Dan Buckley '04, is Inventory Control Clerk at Fred Beans Family of Dealerships in Erwinna, PA.

Tina Cardona '04, is a Hospital & Health Care Professional in Allentown.

Leah DuRoss '05, who received a BA in Political Science from the University of Michigan and a JD from the University of Georgia School of Law, is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at Pulaski County Prosecutor's Office in Waynesville, Missouri.

Brenton Eska '05, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from the D'Amore-McKim School of Business at Northeastern University, is a Consultant, Business Analytics & Data Management at Spinnaker Consulting Group LLC, in Dallas, TX.

Mike Molchan '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy & Environmental Science from Delaware Valley University, is Mid-Atlantic Regional Sales Manager at Nufarm, the trusted global partner behind thousands of agricultural success stories, in Northampton.

Eric Yeager '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from DeSales University, is a Workforce Analyst for Vanguard in Bethlehem.

Christopher Carter '07, is a Real Estate Broker Associate, Licensed Community Association Manager, Mortgage Financing Advisor for Waterfront Realty Group in Naples, FL.

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Stephen Derminio '07, who received an Associate's degree in Business from Scottsdale Community College, is Corporate Account Executive at Roofing101, in the San Diego County area.

Curtana Green '07, is a Direct Support Professional at The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties, to advocate, educate, and provide services and support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Jonathon Jasinski '07, who received a BS in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is Market Center Administrator at Keller Williams Platinum Real Estate, in Wyomissing.

Gavin Buckner '08, who received a Pennsylvania Cosmetology License from the Paul Mitchell Vision Academy and studied Business Administration at Northampton Community College, is Manager at The Warren Salon in Bethlehem.

Kavita Shah '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Scranton and an MS in Applied Psychological Methods from Fordham University, is Associate Director of Elementary Education for Apex for Youth in New York, NY.

Dan Merkel '09, who received a BS in Air Traffic Control Management from Daniel Webster College, is Materials Manager at Brenntag Group in the Reading, PA area.

Jonathan Ruchlin '09, who received an MS in Applied Behavior Analysis, is Supervising Clinician, BCBA, LBA at Jigsaw Developmental Services in the greater Phoenix, AZ area.

Katelyn Rhiel '10, who received a BS in Community Health Education from the University of Scranton and a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy from Alvernia University, is an Occupational Therapist at Benchmark Therapies, Inc. Benchmark Therapies, Inc. in Huntingdon, PA.

Zachary Roger '10, who received a BS in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from East Stroudsburg University, is a Rehabilitation Aide at Keystone Pointe Health and Rehabilitation.

Emily Schwalm '10, who received a Diploma in Nursing from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing and a BSN from Moravian University, is a Pediatric Intensive Care Nurse at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.

Peter Schadt '11, who received a BS in Economics from Virginia Tech, is Operations Officer for the U.S. Army at Fort Riley, Kansas.

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Derek Wosczyzna '11, who received a BA in Finance from Moravian University, and pursuing an MBA at Lehigh University, is Manager - Supply Planning & Procurement at UGI Energy Services in Wyomissing, PA.

Caitlin Moroney '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from DeSales University, is a Financial Analyst at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Rana Plesko '12, who studied Accounting and Marketing at Temple University's Fox School of Business, is Senior Accountant at VMS Fund Administration in Princeton.

Travis Stasa '12, who studied Management Information Systems at Shippensburg University, is IT Technician/Applications Specialist for Adams County, PA.

Paul Thorley '12, who received a BS in Chemistry from Mount St. Mary's university and a Master in Construction management from the NewSchool of Architecture & Design, is Construction Superintendent at Build-It Construction in Plaistow, NH.

Michael Chajnacki '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Actuarial Science from Lebanon Valley College, is an Actuarial Consulting Analyst at Willis Towers Watson, providing data-driven, insight-led solutions in the areas of people, risk and capital, in Philadelphia.

Brighde Foley '13, who received a BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Penn State University and an MS in Speech-Language Pathology from Moravian University, is a Speech Language Pathologist Clinical Fellow at International Institute for the Brain (iBrain) in New York City.

Nick Karabin '14, who received a BS in Chemical Engineering from Penn State University, is serving in the U.S. Navy as a Fire Control Officer, stationed in Rota, Spain.

Lauren Posch '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Actuarial Science from Lehigh University, is Advisory - Workforce Transformation Senior Associate at PwC in New York City.

Dana Cruz '15, studied at Lehigh Carbon Community College and received a Cosmetology License from the Metro Beauty Academy in Bethlehem.

Olivia Rosati '15, who received a BA in Speech-Language Pathology from Temple University and an MS in Speech-Language Pathology from Moravian University, is Speech-Language Pathologist, Clinical Fellow at Colonial Northampton Intermediate Unit No 20 in Bethlehem.

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Sim Bhamra '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from DeSales University, is a UI Engineer at LinkedIn and is studying for her Master's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Jade Devlin '16, who received her BSN from Widener University, is a Registered Nurse at Temple Health – Temple University Health System, in greater Philadelphia.

Katie Rose Dwyre '17, who was a Public Relations major at Penn State University, is An Account Coordinator at Tierney, a full-service agency with skills in advertising, PR, interactive and media, in Philadelphia.

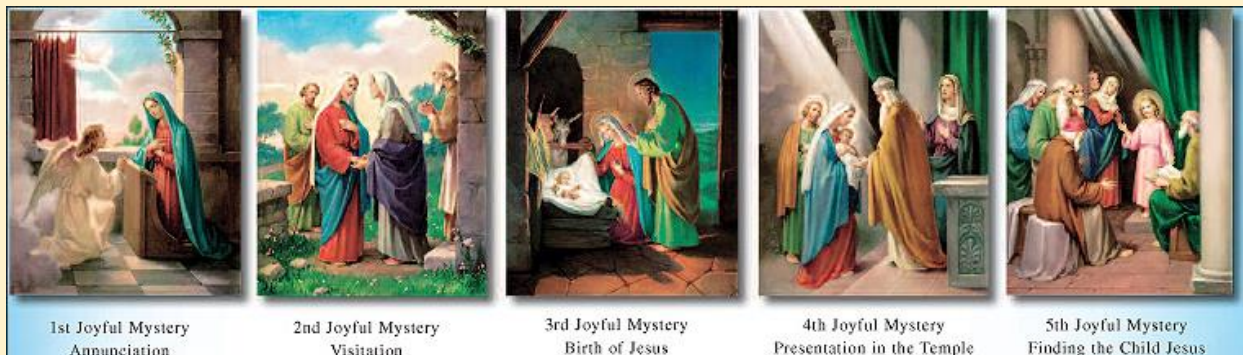
Paige Faasuumalie '17, who received a BS in Neuroscience from Lafayette College, is a National Institute of Health (NIH) Postbaccalaureate IRTA Fellow in Bethesda, MD.

Megan Friend '17, who received a BA in Creative Media & Creative Writing from the University of Alabama, is a Talent Assistant at United Talent Agency, in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area.

Colby Treadwell '17, who received a BA in Communication and Media Studies from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Research Assistant at the Treadwell Law Offices in Bethlehem.

Reflection

In honor of Our Holy Mother, Mary, take a few minutes to recite the rosary with the Joyful Mysteries.



And now...

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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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Tom Vresics '81, Director of Advancement, 610 866-0791, ext. 331 tvresics@becahi.org