

**Bethlehem Catholic High School
Class of 1970 Alumni Newsletter**

August 2018

There are only 676 days until the 50th Anniversary of our Graduation!

Very Special Class Prayers and Remembrances for...

Carol Koprivsek who passed away from us on the fourth of July,
<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mcall/obituary.aspx?n=carol-f-williams&pid=189476737&fhid=4622>

and for

Jody DeAngelis '74, Lisa's brother, who also passed away on the fourth of July. Jody was also the brother of Billy, Brian and Jeff.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mcall/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=189485871>

Other Class Notes that I found (or were sent to me)...

Dan Brady, a Moravian College grad, is a retired Entrepreneurial Sales and Marketing Professional with over 25 years of experience in the lending industry and is willing to explore new opportunities.

Tina Hudak recently retired after 20 years as a school librarian including 7 years in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and 13 years as Head Librarian for St. Albans School for Boys in Washington, D.C.

George and Betsy (Horvath) Kane are back in the Lehigh Valley after decades out in western Pennsylvania. Who says you can't go home?

Tom Stefl has recently retired and is now a full-time Homefather at the Stefl Home in Kempton, PA.

Tom Sugalski, who received his BA in Psychology from King's College, and earned his PhD from Fairleigh Dickinson University, is a Clinical Neuropsychologist, Licensed Psychologist at Psychology Associates of Bethlehem

Oh, Brother Where Art Thou (Part 2)

Another communication that I received from the Brothers of Holy Cross was from Br. Harold Hathaway who came to Beca in the spring of 1966. Here are some excerpts from his message.

"I remember fondly my semester at BCH{S} in the Spring of 1966. Perhaps because it was my first assigned school to be teaching at and all the schools the Brothers were teaching at in the East. It was a co-institutional building with a classroom wing for the young men and another for

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the young women with the auditorium and gym at the end and the administrative offices with Religious housing units off the front. There was a good number of Sisters of St. Joseph and about 15 Brothers with a chaplain. Most of the Brothers were young. I remember enjoying the various sports, especially football, basketball and wrestling. It was the first time I was at a school that had wrestling and here they did very well. I also, assisted Br. Etienne that Spring semester musical with the creation of the scenery for the school play, South Pacific

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Anyway, from there I was assigned to Holy Cross HS Flushing, NY. An all-boys school, although going co-ed this coming Fall. I was able to teach my under-graduate degree in biology...I was there for two years, before being assigned to our new school in Waterbury, CT - Holy Cross High School. I taught again Biological sciences to the first class of sophomores...my second year there, I went into administration, first as an assistant principal in 1972, principal in 1980 and the first school President in 1987 through 1992. After close to 25 years at the school, I thought I needed a change and had brought the school to a great position, time to let someone else continue...

I had a sabbatical in San Antonio, Texas for a year studying theology at Oblate College. Then my Provincial said to get a job...I then in 1993 became President of Judge Memorial Catholic High School in Salt Lake City...yes there are Catholics there among the Mormons.... five years later, the Bishop asked me to go to St. Joseph High School in Ogden, UT to bring order from some chaos... doing that I left for another sabbatical but quickly became Development Director in our school in Sherman Oaks, CA - Notre Dame High School. Was there for a three year for a 6 million \$\$\$ campaign to build a new building for arts and computer studies...having raised the money and having the building built in the third year I was there...it was time for another change...

I left California and came back to Massachusetts, taught for one year biological sciences at Cardinal Spellman HS I Brockton, MA, before becoming President of Coyle -Cassidy HS in Taunton, MA. I had graduated from Coyle HS when it was all young men and taught by the Brothers.

It was full circle for me...after being President there for 5 fives, I called it time to move on and went to Boston College for two years to receive an advanced certificate in religious studies in young adult ministry. (I had besides received a BA from St. Edward's University in Austin, TX; a MALS from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT in Biological Sciences, and an MSA, (much like an MBA), from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN).

Three years ago, I spent the Fall Semester at Holy Cross College in South Bend, IN, before my Provincial assigned me to Austin, Texas to be Director of Communications for the Brothers' Moreau Province, headquarters here in Austin, and to be superior of the Brothers community on the campus of St. Edward's University...

That is enough for now... as I am looking forward to the coming years of doing different ministries...

I pray your life has been blessed by the Lord...

*Brother Harold Hathaway, CSC
Director of Communications
Moreau Province"*

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Do you realize that we graduated 17,587 days ago?

Word/Name Scramble... Match the first and last names of our classmates...

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| 1. burge | a. ulpa |
| 2. losek | b. ebidbe |
| 3. emsro | c. nenjano |
| 4. perpir | d. rudyea |
| 5. disav | e. hyatk |
| 6. swise | f. steyb |
| 7. lendevara | g. alup |

I read that:

Geoff Borda '69, a graduate of Temple University, is a CPA, CVA and shareholder of Abraham, Borda, Corvino, Butz, LaValva and Co., PC., a firm that offers expertise in a full range of accounting, tax and consulting services.

David Mitchell '75 was ordained as Permanent Deacon at St. Isidore's parish in Quakertown. Dave graduated from Moravian College a BA in Business/Psychology and continued his studies in Accounting at DeSales University. He currently serves as the Business Manager for St. Jude's Parish in Chalfont and is on the team of deacons who serve at the Cathedral Basilica in Philadelphia.

- By the way, the first Becahi grad from St. Isidore's parish was **Gary Watson '76**.

Bernie Story '76, a Moravian College grad, is the President and CEO of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, which is a "collection of many charitable funds...many stories...each reflecting the diverse ways people choose to help their community and support the causes that matter to them."

Ziad Haddad '08, has been named the first wrestling coach at the four-year-old Allentown charter school, Executive Education Academy. Ziad was a PIAA and two-time NCAA wrestling champion at Kutztown University. All the best, Ziad!

Ray Barbosa, Beca's basketball coach for the past three years has been named the first head basketball coach at the four-year-old Allentown charter school, Executive Education Academy. Ray's Becahi teams went 91-25 in his three seasons, won Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and District XI 4A titles and reached the PIAA semifinals for the first time. Thanks, and best of luck, Ray!

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2018 Distinguished Graduates

Since 1999, fifty-five persons have been singled out as Distinguished Graduates of Becahi. This “august” list includes several members of our class including **Rosina***, who was recognized in 2000, **Chris Wright** in 2003, **Jack Eckenrode** in 2006, **Rick Jordan** in 2009, and **Alice Finn** in 2010.

Earlier this spring, the 2018 award recipients were **William A. Phillip '00** and **Scott T. Sauer '90**. Congratulations to Bill and Scott! You're now part of a “distinguished” list.

* Rosina Bierbaum, much like Cher and Madonna, is easily identified and recognized by her classmates by using her first name only.

Reminders:

The Class of 1978 is planning their 40th Reunion on...

...Saturday, October 27th at the Steel Club from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Contact Sally Kammetler for more information sallykamm@gmail.com

Class of 1988's 30th Class Reunion – Kegs and Eggs...

Alumni from the class of '88 can celebrate their 30th class reunion in the Becahi courtyard on October 6th from 9:30-11:30AM prior to the Homecoming Game. Visit your alma mater and remember the excitement as we prepare to cheer on the Golden Hawks. The cost is \$20.00/person. Please contact Holly Magalengo for tickets Hmagalengo@becahi.org or call 610-866-0791 ext. 322

Class of 1998 plans set for their Reunion...

The 20-Year Reunion for the class of '98 is set for September 22, at the Tavern at the Sun Inn in downtown Bethlehem. There will be a cash bar and appetizers will be available. The price is \$20.00 (that's only a buck a year!) and the link to sign up is... <https://bethlehemcatholic98.myevent.com/>

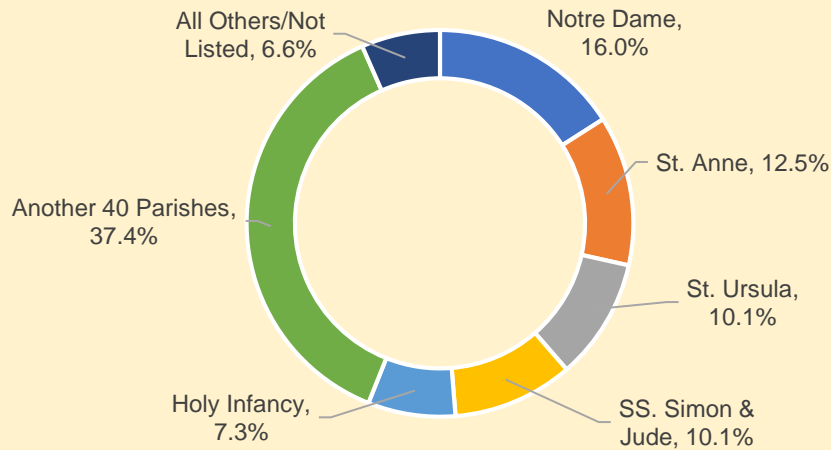
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Another interesting observation...

For the 50 years between 1950 and 1999, the Sceptre published the home parishes of the graduates. Between 1995 and 1997, no parishes were published in the Sceptre, so no information is available for the illustration below. (There were 571 graduates listed in the yearbook during those three years.) The following is a breakdown of the **7,891 graduates**' available information contained within the yearbooks...

Student Parishes 1950 - 1999



Graduates' Parishes by the numbers...

Top 5 Parishes 1950 - 1999...

Notre Dame	16.0%	1,259
St. Anne	12.5%	989
St. Ursula	10.1%	800
SS. Simon & Jude	10.1%	796
Holy Infancy	7.3%	577
Another 40 Parishes	37.4%	2,950
All Others/Not Listed	6.6%	519
		7,891

Top 5 Parishes 1970

Notre Dame	17.9%	47
St. Anne	16.0%	42
SS. Simon & Jude	15.6%	41
St. Ursula	12.9%	34
Holy Ghost	4.6%	15
Another 12 Parishes	33.1%	84
All Others/Not Listed	0	0
		263

“Wanna go to Bermuda next April?” asked an Angel.

The second annual alumni cruise sets sail from New York City next April 28, 2019. Angel Rivera '71, has provided an attached flyer for your reading pleasure and planning for this 7-Day Bermuda from New York escape.

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Passings

Classmates	Class	Passed Away	Age
Jean Cope Stoll	1951	7/15/2018	81
Patricia Pereda Lawrence	1953	7/31/2018	83
Rosemarie Schuster Hlatky	1958	7/21/2018	78
Bob Ardinger	1967	7/06/2018	68
Carol Koprivsek Williams	1970	7/04/2018	65
Jody DeAngelis	1974	7/04/2018	60
John Connors	1978	7/07/2018	58

Family and Friends

Bob Ardinger '67, father of **Scott '91**

Jean Cope Stoll '51, mother of **Karen '73, Lori '77, James and Thomas**

John Connors '78, brother of **Kevin '71, Deirdre '72, Chris '73, Carl '75, Maura '80, Miriam '82, Stacey '86, and Matthew '88**

Jody DeAngelis '74, brother of **Lisa '70, Billy '68, Brian '72 and Jeff '78**

Rosemarie Ponticelli Deutsch, mother of **Bill '69 and Bob '72**, on 7/21/2018

Dorothy Kokosky Taglang, mother of **Kathleen '72, Tim '75, Barbara '77**, and James on 7/19/2018

Dorothy Ann Wilson, mother of **Paul '71, Steve '75, Mary '78, Nancy '80, Jim '82, Joan '86 and Tom '87**, on 7/9/2018

“BLinkedIn”

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 the school and the alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it “BLinkedIn”). The following grads were found on LinkedIn this year:

Bob Curzi '94 Co-Salutatorian, who received his BS in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University, is an Operations Line Manager at Air Products in Allentown.

Christopher Cantelmi '94, who earned his AA in Liberal Arts from Northampton County College, his BA in Theater from Temple University, and his Masters in Fine Arts from the University of Connecticut, is now a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Lehigh Valley Charter Arts.

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Rich Haas '96, who received both his BS in Accounting and MBA from Lehigh University, is the Assistant Athletic Director – Sales and marketing for Lehigh University.

Lisa Vuchak '98 Salutatorian, who graduated with a BS in Biology from Bucknell university and earned her PhD in Pharmacology from The University of Pennsylvania, is an Associate Director, Publications and Scientific Content, Lung at Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton, NJ.

Hugh Wilson '99, a graduate from The United States Naval Academy with a BS in Economics, is now Operations Manager for Amazon in the Baltimore area.

Johanna Mikitka Simon, '01's Co-Salutatorian, who received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Drexel University in Engineering, is a Project Engineer at Schnabel Engineering in the greater Philadelphia area.

Mark Borda '02, who earned a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University, is a Director/Senior Analyst for Manulife Asset Management in the greater Philadelphia area.

Christine Garis '02 is a student at Cairn University working toward her undergraduate degree in Business Administration, focusing on marketing, sales and human resources.

Keri Duda '04, who attended Moravian College, is now the National Accounts Manager at Kistler O'Brien Fire Protection in Bethlehem.

Kerri Andrews '06, who received her bachelor's degree in Accounting from DeSales University, is an Analyst at Sigma Financial Inc in Bethlehem

Caryn Audenried '06, who received her BS in Communication Design from Carnegie Mellon University, is a freelance UX/UI Product Designer and Illustrator in the greater New York City area.

Michael Basile '06, who received his BBA from Rutgers University, is a Treasury Management Sales Associate at PNC in the greater New York City area.

Scott Brantingson '06, who received his BS in Accounting from Penn State University, is a Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors in the Allentown PA area.

Mike Molchan '06, who graduated from Delaware Valley University with a BS in Agronomy & Environmental Science, is the Assistant Director of Grounds Operations at Saucon Valley Country Club

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Dave Irzinski '08, who received his undergraduate degree from Temple University and earned a MS in Sports Management from California State University – Long Beach, is a Hybrid Specialty Sales Representative - Flexion Therapeutics for PDI, Inc., a leading healthcare commercialization company, in the Greater Philadelphia Area

Elyse Aristide '09, who graduated from the University of Scranton, is a Senior District Manager – Human Capital Management Consultant for ADP in Bethlehem.

Erin Salabsky '10, who received her AA from Northampton Community College, her BA from Millersville University and her MFA from Arcadia University, is an “awesome” Writer, a Floral Designer and Independent Consultant for Jamberry in the local area.

Mark Bensinger '13, who received his BBA in Marketing from Temple University, is currently a Sales Support Representative at Olympus Corporation of the Americas in the greater Philadelphia area.

Jonathan Neupauer, Valedictorian of '14, earned his BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and will be an incoming Engineer for Exxon Mobil.

Megan Tucker '14, who received her BS in Information Science, Systems & Technology from Penn State University, is a Data Scientist at Northrup Grumman in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area.

More Recent College Graduates

(Source: newspapers, etc.)

Nicole Erney '06, Moravian College, M Ed in Education

Emily Schwalm '10, Moravian College, BS Nursing

Abigail Guman '13, Moravian College, BA

John Donchez '14, Temple University, BBA in Finance

Eric Oh '14, Penn State University, BS Finance

Jacquelyn Vanic '14, Moravian College, BA

Ciara Walshe '14, Fordham University, BS Biology

Olivia Zarrelli '14, Marywood University, BS Nutrition & Dietetics

Reflection

I found this passage on line at <http://www.marquette.edu/faith/prayer-summer.php> and wanted to share with you...

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“Prayer for Summertime

*Loving God, Creator of all times and places,
we thank you for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.*

*Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look:
the multi-colored flowers,
the deep blue of the sky,
the tranquil surface of lakes,
the laughter of children at play,
people strolling in park,
families gathered around picnic tables and
the increased time to spend with family and friends.*

*As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people,
open our hearts to receive all as gift.
Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.
Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring
to keep all in existence.
And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.*

*Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer
deepen our awareness of you love
so that we may share this with others and enjoy
a summertime of re-creation.*

Amen”

And now...

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

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

Sincerely,
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