

Bethlehem Catholic High School
Class of 1970 Alumni Newsletter
October 2018

There are only 612 days until the 50th Anniversary of our Graduation!

Special Prayers this month for our classmate Steph Long...

who passed away on September 16. Here is his notice...

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mcall/obituary.aspx?n=stephen-f-long&pid=190250689> Our prayers also go out to his sisters **Maureen '71** and **Kathleen '74**.

Next Alumni – Student Mass is Thursday October 18th at 9:45AM...

...In the auditorium. Please try to get there by 9:30.

Interesting observations...

I came across a Becahi Alumni Today Directory dated 2013. Even though I figured it would be logical to conclude, I was still amazed as I read the names of many mothers, fathers, aunts and uncles of our classmates. We were then, and still are... one big family. Later in this newsletter, I included those graduates who passed away this year that I didn't realize at the time...and they are from the classes in the 40s and early 50s.

I also came across the e-mail addresses of another 33 of our classmates and was able to send out last month's newsletter. We now have e-mail addresses of 117 classmates ...and just in time as we get closer to our 50th anniversary year.

Do you realize that we graduated 17,651 days ago?

Also included in the directory were the e-mail addresses to over 90 members of the class of 1969...so I sent them our September newsletter since they were like our big brothers and sisters, and as I mentioned in an earlier edition, there were 37 of us who had a sibling in the class of '69.

Last month's Word/Name Scramble... Match the first and last names of our classmates...

I didn't get any responses (yet), so I guess you're all still working them. Good for you!

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I read that:

During Jubilee Day at Saint Joseph Villa on April 29, 2017, ...

(Sister) Mary Kathryn Quinn, S.S.J. '42, who served as vice principal between 1977 and 1986, celebrated her 75th Jubilee Year, and Sister Adele Solari, formerly **Sister Anita David, S.S.J.**, who taught us chemistry and physics between 1968 and 1973, celebrated her 60th Jubilee Year.

In the Chapel, Congregational President, Sister Anne Myers SSJ, warmly welcomed all present, recalling with deep gratitude the lives of the jubilarians, lived for God in service to the Church. *"...The Church and our Congregation have been graced beyond measure by your lives, Sister Jubilarians. Congratulations! We love you!"*

- SSJ E-NEWS, Edition No. 40 May 2, 2017

Thank you and God bless you, Sister Mary Kathryn and Sister Adele, for sharing your lives with us!

I also read that...

Paul Fistner '69 was featured in a WFMZ video as "Man has volunteered at Musikfest since the beginning." Check out the feature... <http://www.wfmz.com/news/lehigh-valley/man-has-volunteered-at-musikfest-since-the-beginning/780055996>

Ric Cengeri '77 and fellow SS. Simon & Jude alum, who received a BS from the University of Dayton and a MS from St. Thomas University, is the Vermont Edition Producer at Vermont Public Radio in Colchester VT.

Dave Begany '77, who received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Scranton, was ordained a priest to serve the African-American community with the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, The Josephites. Fr. Begany was ordained on May 31, 2014 at St. Luke Catholic Church, a Josephite parish, in Washington, DC. and was assigned as parochial vicar of Corpus Christi-Epiphaney Church in New Orleans, LA.

Sports Update...

Here are the fall sports teams' records as of Saturday, September 29...

Boys' Soccer	2 – 8	Football	4– 2
Girls' Soccer	3 – 8	Golf	6 – 11...finished 13 th of 15 in EPC tourney
Field Hockey	2 – 6 – 1	Girls Tennis	15 – 0
Girls Volleyball	7 – 3		

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50 Years Ago, Our Junior Year, Our Lay Faculty and Staff 1968-69... ... In Grateful Recognition and Remembrance for Their Service

From Yearbook records available between (Sep) 1949 and 2015

	Years of Service	From Sept. of...	Until June of...	Notes
Teachers				
Mr. Robert Bukvics, '60	40	1965	2005	taught social studies, history, coached, A.D.
* Mr. Richard Butler	27	1965	1992	taught phys ed/coached football and Baseball
* Ms. Maureen Cashman Campbell	9	1963	1972	taught Spanish, Future Teachers Club
Mr. George M. Cocks	1	1969	1970	taught math
* Mr. Cormac Courtney	30	1965	1995	taught history, social studies, coached and A.D.
Mr. Richard Culver	42	1965	2007	taught math, later became principal
Mr. Peter DeFilippis	35	1966	2001	taught French
Mr. William Fonzone	2	1968	1970	taught biology
Mrs. Thespina Stelyn Gilbert	2	1967	1969	taught general business, typing and stenography
* Mrs. Grethe Goodwin	3	1968	1971	taught German
* Mrs. Betty Griffis	29	1968	1997	taught social studies and history
Mr. Robert Hinkle	2	1967	1969	Band Director, taught music
Miss Paulette "Heidi" Hydusik	6	1968	1974	taught health/phys ed/coached
* Mr. Anthony Iasiello	50	1965	2015	taught history, coached wrestling
Mrs. Willa Kravitz	1	1968	1969	taught world culture
Mrs. Patricia Murphy Friel	14	1967	1981	taught English
Mr. Edward Murray	4	1967	1971	taught English
Miss Anissa Nassry	36	1964	2000	taught biology
Mr. Herman Rij	2	1967	1969	taught math, head baseball coach
Mrs. Sally Ryan	19	1968	1987	taught art
Mr. Adam Schaible	11	1965	1976	taught physical science and physics
Mrs. Elaine Smith	1	1968	1969	taught world culture, health, phys ed
Miss Kathleen Wagner	5	1965	1970	Guidance counselor
Staff				
Mr. Anthony Cacciatore				Assistant Football Coach
* Mr. Paul Calvo	15	1954	1969	Head Basketball Coach
* Mrs. Irene Grund Lux	5	1968	1973	Office Secretary
Mr. Bill Haake	11	1964	1975	Custodian
* Mrs. Anna Hamrick	5	1964	1969	Cafeteria Staff
* Mrs. Ada Hess	10	1962	1972	Nurse
* Mrs. Rita Holly	1	1968	1969	Office Secretary
* Mrs. Jay Kardos	9	1968	1977	Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Mary Lawrence	11	1966	1977	Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Anna Neupauer	5	1968	1973	Cafeteria Staff
* Mrs. Peggy Terry	8	1964	1972	Cafeteria Staff
* Mrs. Isabel Zavar	8	1968	1976	Cafeteria Staff

* Passed away

35 Dedicated Professionals with over 460 years of service!

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Clare Stein Kubat	1941	3/30/2018	94
Theresa Devlin Christ	1945	5/04/2018	90
Anna Green Burns	1945	7/25/2018	90
Grace Kozo Sassaman	1945	4/09/2018	90
Margaret Falatek	1946	2/21/2018	90
Margaret Ulincy Maher	1946	6/04/2018	90
Cecelia Spisak Kish	1948	3/17/2018	87
Elaine Gaydos Fox	1951	6/02/2018	85
Bernie McNamee	1953	7/01/2018	82
Ron King	1967	8/12/2018	69
Barbara King Dilliard	1969	6/22/2018	67
Joshua Knipe	2004	4/15/2018	32

Family and Friends

Manuel Cerqueira, father of **Lina '79** and **Isabel '80**, on 9/5/18

Grethe Goodwin T'68-71, taught German between 1968 and 1971, on 6/28/18

Read her incredible story at: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/obituaries-memorials/obituaries/2018/07/06/grethe-goodwin/>

Ron King '67 and **Barbara King Dilliard '69**, siblings of **Jim '71**, **Patricia '72**, **Diane '83**, and Dan

Edward LaChapelle, father of **Mary Beth '77**, **John '81** and **Leslie '84**, on 9/13/18.

Please remember our classmates who passed away in the month of October...

Jimmy Bellizzi, on 10/23/2007

Bernie Fota, on 10/27/2008

Roxanne Hoffman, on 10/15/2008

Rick Kearney, on 10/12/1997

Former Becahi Principal to Lead New Recovery High School in Bethlehem

BY CAROL THOMPSON OF THE MORNING CALL
9/13/18

On September 12th, the Allentown Diocese announced that John P. Petruzzelli will be principal of the new Kolbe Academy next year as the first parochial recovery high school in the country. John was Becahi's principal for 7 years and most recently the principal at St. Joe's Prep in Philly. The new school will be located at the former St. Francis Academy location in Bethlehem. cthompson@mcall.com 610-778-2259

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Homecoming “Pig n' Swig” will be held this Friday, October 5th.

Come feel the excitement before the game while socializing with friends and enjoying some food and beverages in the Becahi Courtyard. Registration at 5:45 PM. Then, come and cheer on the Golden Hawks as they play the East Stroudsburg South Cavaliers at Noon on Saturday at Liberty Stadium!

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 Kammeter for more information sallykamm@gmail.com

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

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

“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.

“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

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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:

Len "Yogi" Eddinger '67, who received a BS in Sociology and a Master's in Education from Pepperdine University, retired as Senior Director, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs from the Washington State Medical Association in University Place, Washington.

Herman Rij T'67-'69, who taught math and coached baseball between 1967 and 1969 (T'67-'69), is the Founding Partner, Private Wealth Advisor at Quadrant Private Wealth in Bethlehem

Willa Kravitz T'68-'69, who taught world culture, communism and democracy, health and physical education between 1968 and 1969, is a development director with an exceptional record of fundraising success in a challenging economy and is a Member of the Board of the Community Partnership School in the greater Philadelphia area

George Kelly T'69-'79, who taught social studies and coached multiple teams, is a Deacon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and is currently a self-employed Education Consultant at Kelly Consulting in Bethlehem.

Jeff Bartos '80, who received a BS in Sociology and Industrial Relations from St. Vincent College, is Patient Access Manager at NorthShore University Healthsystem greater Chicago area.

Melissa Bennett Carreras '92, with 20+ years of experience combining management and customer service expertise, is a Real Estate Agent for REMAX Real Estate in Bethlehem.

Brian Ebeling '96, who received a BS in Accounting from York College of Pennsylvania and a Masters in Taxation from Villanova University, is a Partner at Innovative Sales Tax Solutions, LLC in the Allentown Area

Christopher Heater '98, who received his undergraduate degree in Accounting from LaSalle University, is a Director of Insurance Accounting at Hartford Steam Boiler in the greater Philadelphia area.

Amy Fantasia '00, who received a BA in English and a MA in Political Science from Lehigh University, is University Speech Writer and Director of Presidential Correspondence at Harvard University in the greater Boston area.

Josh Prugar '00, who received a BS in Accounting & Sports Management and an MBA from DeSales University, is an Analyst, Financial Systems & Reporting at United States Golf Association (USGA) in the Lehigh Valley area.

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Stephen DeMatos '04, who received his BS in Math & Computer Science from DeSales University, is Desktop System Engineer at Fischer Clinical Services in Allentown.

Richelle Nicoletta '05, who received a BS in Advertising from West Virginia University, is Business Development Manager for Travel Impressions in the Allentown area.

Zach Stein '07, who received a BA in Business Management from Moravian College, is Mid-Atlantic District Sales Manager at Hayward Industries, Inc. in the Allentown area.

David Rene '09, who received a BS in Public Relations/Image Management and a MS in Crisis/Emergency/Disaster Management from Millersville University, is an Experienced Brand Ambassador for Daymon Worldwide in West Orange, NJ.

Reflection

Growing up, October was the month we dedicated to praying the rosary. I thought I'd refresh everyone's memory on the concluding prayer ...

"O GOD, WHOSE only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. 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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and...

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