

Bethlehem Catholic High School
Class of 1970 Alumni Newsletter
November 2018

There are only 581 days until the 50th Anniversary of our Graduation!

Special prayers this month for Patty McGouldrick's brother, Tim '74...

...who passed away October 20th. Our prayers also go out to Tim's siblings **Fran '69, Tom '72 and Michelle '75.**

Next Alumni – Student Mass is **today...November 1st**

...In the auditorium at 9:45AM. Sorry about the last-minute announcement. Please try to get there by 9:30 if you can make it.

Becahi to Celebrate Forty Hours in November... All are welcome

Forty Hours is a traditional Catholic devotion honoring Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for extended periods of time over three days during which visitors spend time in quiet prayer, reflection, and adoration. Becahi will celebrate Forty Hours November 13-15. Our school auditorium will become our "church" where students will visit Jesus during the school day. Families, alumni, and other guests are welcome to visit on November 13 and 14 between the hours of 2:30pm and 7:00pm to spend quiet time with our Lord. All are welcome to attend Benediction at 7:00pm both days. Please use the side entrance nearest the auditorium. Join us for these special days of honoring Jesus, the heart of our school family.

Interesting observations...

I read an old article from lehighvalleylive.com, posted back on October 7, 2011 about the Diocese of Allentown selling the rectory and parking lot of the closed St. Joseph's Church. The article later stated that St. Joseph, St. John Capistrano, St. Stanislaus and Our Lady of Pompeii, all in South Bethlehem, were all closed in July 2008 as part of a major diocese restructuring. My curiosity got to me so I looked up in yearbooks between 1950 and 2008, to see about how many of our grads attended those parishes...the findings were that at least 728 students from these parishes graduated from Beca.

...290 graduates from St. Joseph; 289 graduates from St. John Capistrano;
58 grads from St. Stanislaus, and 91 grads from Our Lady of Pompeii

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Mary. Did you know?

- Mary was the first name of 10 girls in the class of 1950. This included names like Mary Grace and Mary Ann, etc. Ten out of 39 girls in the class, or 25%
- In 1960, there were 13 girls with the first name of Mary. Thirteen of 96 girls or 15% of the girls.
- Our class had 13/130 (10%) girls with first name beginning with Mary-
- 1980 had 6/88 (7%); 1990 had 5/90 (5%); 2000 had 1/95 (1%)
- The first name, Mary, went from 1 in 4 to 1 in ~100 in 50 years.

I read that:

Rev. David B. Machain '43, who celebrated his 65th year in the priesthood, is Pastor Emeritus at St. Paul, Norristown and resides at Saint Bernard Rectory, 7341 Cottage Street, Philadelphia – CatholicPhilly.com, 5-01-2017

Mike Mish '63, is the owner of Mike's Auto Glass in Bethlehem

Dan Nolan '62, who served in the U.S. Army and received his undergraduate and PhD in Physics from Penn State University, has had a distinguished career and was named a Corporate Fellow in Corning's Research Group in New York.

Kathleen Bringenberg Misunas '68, was Named Advisor At iVvy in Varsity Lakes, Australia. Kathy is cofounder and principal of Essential Ideas, a boutique advisory firm with offices in New York. – Hospitality Net, July 7, 2017

Laura Baumann '09, who graduated from Susquehanna University, married Michael Cudwadie on June 30th.

Sports Update...

Girls Tennis... 18 wins – 2 losses; **District XI Team Champions; Coach Harmanos reaches 465 wins in girls' tennis...818 career wins (boys' and girls')**

Cross Country (boys)...placed 12th of 18 at District XI Championships

Cross Country (girls)... placed 9th of 11 at District XI Championships

Field Hockey... 8 wins – 10 losses – 1 tie... lost in District XI semifinal

Boys Soccer... 2 wins – 18 losses

Girls Soccer... 8 wins – 11 losses... lost in District XI tournament

Football...7 wins – 3 losses; **Coach Henrich reaches 50+ wins**, playoffs start soon.

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Calling all Angels!

Five of us attended the last student-alumni mass in October. It was good to see Jim Connell, Corliss Kuzmin, George and Betsy Kane. After mass, we inquired about the request published in the last BECAHI Alumni Newsletter, *The Talon*, for an Angel provide tuition for a current member of the student body who lost his father in 2010 and his mother this past summer. Unfortunately, no individual(s) has stepped forward to take on this responsibility, which totals \$10,200 per year. While this would be a great sacrifice for most, it would not be impossible for a group like the Class of 1970 to pull together and make a gift to our alma mater with the goal of supporting a year's tuition for this student. This email goes out to over 115 of our classmates, or about half of us. Most of us are retired now, but perhaps could see our way to a donation as a memorial to a deceased classmate, sibling or parent who attended Becahi or simply as a way to pay it forward for the benefits we received at Beca. And if we as a class can pull together and pledge to help this student, perhaps other classes can be challenged to do the same for succeeding years.

If you are willing to commit to a pledge with a one time or recurring payment, please contact Becahi Director of Advancement Holly Magalengo at hmagalengo@becahi.org Betsy Horvath Kane at Elizabeth.j.kane@gmail.com , or John O'Boyle at jobisob1@yahoo.com with your contact information and pledge amount. They'll help you get started in the process. Given the number of surviving members of our class, an average donation would be \$100.

Please know that each gift is important, no gift is too small, but a sacrificial gift is greatly appreciated and will compensate for those not in a position to donate at this time.

Below is a bit more information about this student.

Alex Tucker is a Sophomore at Bethlehem Catholic High School with three older siblings who also attended Beca. He has achieved Honors each quarter, was on the wrestling team and is described as respectful and conscientious with amazing potential. He works part time, loves sports in general and the Philly sports in particular. Alex's mother Mary passed away from brain cancer on July 23, 2018. She was predeceased by Alex's father, Brian Tucker, who passed away on May 2, 2010 at the age of 53. For a student who has lost both parents, the Bethlehem Catholic family and the spiritual strength that a Catholic Education offers provide stability and strength. Freshman Guidance Counselor, Kathy Henry, said, *"I watched Alex grow up while working at Notre Dame of Bethlehem School. Now at Becahi, I see what an awesome young man he has become. Alex is a humble, thoughtful, and kind person due to the love and guidance he received from his parents, Mary and Brian, and the influence of his brothers and sister. There are people in our lives who are more than friends. They are like family. Alex is that kind of person to our community. He is a special part of our Becahi family."*

Maybe we can help to make Alex's Thanksgiving a bit more hopeful.

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Anna Marie Sorrentino	1954	9/29/2018	82
Richard Lopez	1968	10/29/2018	67
Tim McGouldrick	1974	10/20/2018	62

Family and Friends

Tim McGouldrick '74, brother of **Fran '69, Patty '70, Tom '72** and **Michelle '75**

Please remember our classmate **Chris Gorski** who passed away in the month of **November... 11/13/1972**

November – The Month of All Souls

We were taught that the month of November is dedicated to the souls in purgatory, and November 1st is All-Saints Day. On this holy day of obligation, we celebrate all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not. **I have attached a list of seventy-one former students** who have passed away within the last twelve months. **Also included is list of another 37 souls** who are family and friends of Becahi and its graduates. It may not be a complete list, but it is what I have found. Please read their names and pray for these future saints and their families.

Class of 1970 Guardian Angels...Pray for us.

Barry Astel	Jimmy Bellizzi	Al Calvo
Patty Coyle Metzger	Greg Darabaris	Claudia Derr Benner
Leigh Doling Leming	Mike A. Dougherty	Walt Dozer
Francine Ferreira	Bernie Fota	Robin Fraser
Jack Gallagher	Chris Gorski	Ed Hartigan
Roxanne Hoffman	Rick Kearney	Mike Keefe
Carol Koprivsek Williams	Steph Long	Joe Makoski
Rosemary Medve Vassa	Dick Murray	Sue Nickel Santley-Lazzaro
Dave Silbermann	Mike Slafkosky	Bill Szulborski
Frank Tomaszewski		

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“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:

Edward Narlesky '64, who received his BA in Accounting & Economics from Moravian College, is now retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory in Santa Fe, NM.

Joe Gasper '67, who received his BS from the University of Maryland University College and MA from Central Michigan University, is a retired U.S. Air Force Officer and a retired Bank Compliance Officer at Penn Community Bank.

Richard Bulcavage '68, who received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Kutztown University, is President at Money Concepts, an independent broker-dealer founded on the principle of true ownership, in Accokeek, Maryland.

George Danko '68, who received a BSEE in Engineering from Drexel University, is now a retired business executive from Cardia Health Systems in Boca Raton, FL.

Beverly Lewis Kincaid '68, who received her BS in Secondary Education from Shippensburg University, is now retired after teaching math for over 30 years including Becahi and Notre Dame.

Steve Kraft '68, who received an AB in Political Science from Brown University, is the Business Applications Manager at Easton Publishing Co.

Stephen Roseman '68, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University, is Manager Emeritus, Systems and Networking Administration after serving for over 43 years at Lehigh University.

Julie Mauser '03, who received her undergraduate degree from Lehigh University, is Director of Business Development at Atrato Advisors LLC in the Greater New York City Area.

From the Advancement Office...

Do you shop on Amazon? Now through November 2nd, use this link when you shop and Amazon will give 5% back to Bethlehem Catholic - that is 10X the usual rate of .5%. Start your Christmas Shopping Early! <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/24-0843210>

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“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.

Reflection

Heavenly Father, please help us to dedicate ourselves as a community of faith grounded in love, to answering acts of hate and violence with acts of love.

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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