

Tidings

Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni & Class of '70 Newsletter

January, 2023

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Happy New Year 2023!

But First, ...

A Quick Numbers Look Back at Tidings 2022

- **47,000+** emails were sent to **3,625** graduates across **74** classes
 - 12 monthly newsletters and 1 Veterans Day message
 - 306 pages of information
- **3,398** graduates from **96** classes were mentioned throughout the year

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
0	8	7	9	25	160	37	25	29	25	6		
1	15	17	9	35	39	44	27	23	26	12		
2	50	59	63	88	224	58	46	40	41	8		
3	6	15	23	19	60	36	24	25	25			
4	10	11	24	16	42	42	28	24	19			
5	14	16	23	24	44	41	28	25	24			
6	12	9	31	20	49	37	32	21	22			
7	13	44	81	108	200	73	51	41	39	44		Classes
8	3	7	12	19	71	53	32	28	22	41		<u>96</u>
9	8	7	12	12	59	45	34	28	28	7		Grads
	24	173	239	321	557	789	412	307	276	274	26	<u><u>3398</u></u>

- **943** graduates across **55** classes were profiled in “BLinkedIn”
 - Check them out (again) and get (re)connected in past issues by going to <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

BLinkedIn Names/Profiles and Classes Mentioned in 2022 Issues

Decades >	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	
Year Ending								
0		1	2	17	17	17	18	
1			1	17	17	17	17	
2		2	22	36	34	34	35	
3		1	13	17	17	18	17	
4			11	17	18	18	17	
5		1	13	16	17	18	20	
6			13	15	21	17	18	
7	3		25	34	34	34	35	Classes
8	1		13	17	17	17	11	<u>55</u>
9			13	17	18	17		Grads
	4	5	126	203	210	207	188	<u><u>943</u></u>

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- **741** graduates across **90** classes are now on the Military Veterans Honor Roll
 - (22 more veterans have been added since the November 11, 2022 publication)

Veterans by Class/Decade

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
0		3	5	8	14	19	6	1	6	3		
1		4	15	6	25	11	7	6	2	11	4	
2		4	10	10	14	10	8	5	4	2		
3		1	14	10	14	5	5	3	1	3		
4		5	9	13	9	5	9	2	2	2		
5		7	12	11	12	12	12	7	5			
6		7	6	17	7	10	10	5	1	4		
7		8	17	14	26	17	7	6	5	5		Classes
8		3	8	14	15	19	12	7	5	7		90
9	2	7	10	9	11	11	2	8	6			Grads
	2	49	106	112	147	119	78	50	37	37	4	741

- **400** graduates from **72** Classes (by JOB's account) contributed to the 2021/2022 Annual Fund
 - 15% increase over 2020/2021 (Thank you!!!)

2022 Alumni Donors by Class Year / Decade

Year	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
0		2	14	39	7	5	3		1	
1		4	7	13	12		1	1	1	
2		6	2	11	4	2	4			
3		2	5	8	8	2	2	1		
4	1	8	5	7	7	3	1	1	1	
5	1	4	5	14	3	2	1	1		
6		2	9	15	8	2	1	1		
7	3	8	13	16	3	1	2			
8	1	7	20	8	4	2				
9	2	7	16	9	4	2	1	1		
	8	50	96	140	60	21	16	6	3	
	2%	13%	24%	35%	15%	5%	4%	2%	1%	

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- **403** graduates from **58** classes wrote **887** "Messages" to the Editor"
 - 11% response rate... Messages received / Emails Sent

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Year Ending									
0			3	112	2	2	1	1	
1		1	8	15	8		1	1	
2		2	3	22	2	2		3	
3		2	3	10	5	1	1	1	
4		4	3	5	2	3			
5			7	6	1	2			
6		1	8	11	5	2			
7	2	8	23	4	1		1	4	Classes: 58
8	1	5	19	12	2	1	1	1	
9		2	34	6	4				Alums: 403
	3	25	111	203	32	13	5	11	

Some of the Alums who wrote in last month were...

... Jacqueline Tocci Kostelnick '49, (Sr.) Regina Chassar, S.S.J. '53, Patricia Takacs Kauffman '56, Joan Kulanko Yasenchok '57, Harry Mitchell '57, Bill Egan '58, Shirley Zampar Labert '58, Carol Rau Doll '59, Geri Jancosko Morykan '61, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, John McGeehan '61, Al Ortwein '61, Anita Gonzales Harrison '64, Paula Ripper Olexa '65, Carol Cooke Fertal '66, Phil McGlade '66, Tom Anthony '67, Paula Ripper Olexa '65, Yogi Eddinger '67, Terence Ford '67, Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68, Andy Kametz '69, Gary Palenchar '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Stephanie Voros Sellers '71, Bruce Edelman '72, Barbara Brugger Carrington '73, Ann Knipe MacLaughlin '73, Bill Ripper '73, Mary Beth Grimmer Linsenmann '76, Joe Vargo '80, Teri Kamenar Nemeth '81, Jim Kostelnick '83, Kate Toczek '88, Kyle John '07, Lauren Spence '12

...and from my Class...

BobbyA, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Tony Bauer, Dave Cech, Ed Delluva, Anne Gerber, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, Jean Redding Cunningham, Bob Roethke, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Carl, Linda Talbot Keefe

Please remember my sister in your prayers

Mary Elizabeth "Libby" O'Boyle Franko, (St. Francis Academy '69), passed away on Christmas Eve. Please also pray for her husband Dennis, her daughter Hart and husband Nico, her daughter-in-law Amy, her grandchildren Declan and Nicholas, and my sisters Judy (SFA '72) and Katie (SFA '72).



She is now in heaven with our parents and with her two sons, Dennis and Sean.

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Alumni Cited in this Month's Tidings

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 **244 grads from 82 classes** for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "3" and/or "8".

Names and Classes Mentioned in January

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
0	5		2	2	17	4	3	2	1	1		
1	2	1	3	4	4	3	2	3	2			
2				2	2	3	2	1	1	3		
3			3		5	4	2	2	4			
4	5		3		2	3	2	1	1			
5			2	2	5	4	1	2	1			
6	4		3	2	4	2	2	3	2			
7		1	1	4	4	1	3	4	3	4		Classes:
8	14	4	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3		82
9	2	3	4	1	5	2	3	1	3	4		Grads:
	16	24	8	25	24	45	32	21	22	23	4	244

Veterans Honor Roll Additions

One of the ways I find out about our graduate exploits is by family and friends sending me the information. Because of that, four more names have been added to the Honor Roll. Last month, we added...

- 👉 **Dan Kostelnick '49**, served in the U.S. Army as a Sergeant, and his name was added to the Becahi Military Veterans' Honor Roll.
- 👉 **Donald Selvecki '49**, served in the U.S. Air Force as a Pilot, and his name was added to the Becahi Military Veterans' Honor Roll.
- 👉 **Harry Kirk '62**, recently deceased (12/05/22), served in the U.S. Navy. His name was added to the Becahi Military Veterans' Honor Roll.
- 👉 **Gary Palenchar '69**, served in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman. His name was added to the Becahi Military Veterans' Honor Roll.
- 👉 **Brendan Teles '88**, served in the U.S. Army, Special Forces. His name was added to the Becahi Military Veterans' Honor Roll.
- 👉 **Matthew Ludivico '91**, served in U.S. Army Veteran. His name was added to the Becahi Military Veterans' Honor Roll.

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Alumni Briefs:

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

Mary Beth Grimmer Linsenmann '76, was promoted to Director, HR Corporate Functions with PowerSchool LLC based in Folsom, CA. She resides locally in Bath. BTW, Mary Beth also welcomed her third grandchild in September 2022!

Jim Kostelnick '83, wrote... *"...the newsletter. It's a nice feeling to have a tie back home through Becahi, and sometimes makes me home sick even more, but still a good thing to have. 37 years in Oklahoma and I'm ready to move back home!!"*

Christopher Landry '86, who received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Richmond and a PhD in Chemistry from Harvard University, is Professor of Inorganic and Materials Chemistry at the University of Vermont.

Beth Derr '87, earned her BS from Moravian College, then achieved her lifetime goal and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Beth practices at Dr. Sam's Veterinary House Calls in Allentown. – dr-sams.com

Lauren Spence '12, will be moving into a new role as Lehigh Valley Development Director for the American Heart Association. Congratulations, Lauren.

Thank You for All the Stellar Bethlehem Catholic High School Distinguished Graduate Nominations We Have Received!

Tom Vresics '81, Becahi's Director of Advancement writes...

*"We will select our 2023 Class of Distinguished Grads in a few days. Since the *Tidings* is the primary news source for our Alumni, the February issue of the *Tidings* will be the first outlet to announce the names of this year's Distinguished Grads. We received so many outstanding nominations this year that the voting margins will no doubt be razor-thin. We can all be proud of the many notable achievements made by our graduates in our 96-year history.*

Please keep nominating Becahi alumni who have been successful in their careers, given much to others, and displayed what a "Golden Hawk" is all about, demonstrating the values of their Catholic education in their achievements."

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Celebrating the Class of 1928 (95 Years Ago) Becahi's 2nd Graduating Class

I found their yearbook, titled "*The Brown and Gold*", and gleaned some information on the class. The Rev. Charles E. Bowles was the Rector, and Rev. Joseph A. McPeak was the Director.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, including Sister Rose Immaculate, S.S.J., served as faculty as well as the Rev. John F. Morton and Rev Joseph N. LaRue.

There were 14 graduates in the class.

John "Nick" Beckett *
Isabell Rose Blackton *
Francis P. Boquel *
Harry Dougherty *, Football Team Captain
James F.X. Dugan
John P. Gallagher, Class Vice-President
Robert T. Hart *, Class Treasurer

Joseph P. Kelly *
Mary G. Mahoney
George L. Martin
Joseph McGoldrick, Class President
Robert T. Morgan
Helen Elizabeth Powell *
Mary R. Reagan *, Class Secretary

* Deceased, and I was unable to find information on the balance of the class.

The football team, coached by Villanova grad George "Doc" Jacobs, was the first undefeated Becahi team with a record of 5-0-1. The team had 5 shutouts, and outscored their opponents 245-6, winning an average of 40 points a game!

Of Note:

Sophomore Cortland O'Connor scored 16 touchdowns in 5 games AND because statistics are lost for the 58-point win against Pottsville Catholic, it's highly likely Cortland scored a few more TDs that year.

The boy's-basketball team and the girls-basketball teams were coached by Thomas Wills, who, I believe, had three children who graduated from Beca... **Theresa Wills McClarin '51, Christopher '54, and the late Thomas '50.**

Here's what I could find about the graduates' post-Becahi pursuits:

- **John "Nick" Beckett** worked at Bethlehem Steel.
- **Francis Boquel** married **Generosa Coyle '29.**
- **Robert Hart** worked at Bethlehem Steel.
- **Mary Mahoney** graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a degree in Education, taught elementary grade students in the Bethlehem Area School District
- **Helen Powell McShane** was an LPN and had four children who graduated from Beca; **Hugh '49, Helen '51, Mary Alice '54, and James '56.**
- **Mary Reagan Powell Napravnik** had two children who graduated from Beca; **Mary '53 and Margaret "Peggy" '58.**

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100 Years of Becahi (in 2026)

The 1930s and 1940s – “The Dark (p)Ages”

I need your help!

There were no traditional yearbooks that I could find during these years. I did peruse copies of “scrapbook-like yearbooks” for 1931 from **Bernie Gillen '70** whose mom, **Frances Sweeney**, graduated in '31; for 1947 from **Gus Concilio '47**; and for 1948 from the late **Victoria Gonzalez Brady '48**.

I do have some information, but not a complete picture. If anyone has a copy of a yearbook that they'd be willing to lend me, I'll take care of it as if it were my own, and return it to you.

Valedictorians and Salutatorians through the 1930s...

Valedictorian	Salutarian
1927 Katherine Hildenberger – Wrote Valedictory Address	Joseph Gillen
1927 Margaret Repsher – Delivered Valedictory Address	
1928 Not Sure	Not Sure
1929 Not Sure	Not Sure
1930 Lester Drumheller – Wrote Valedictory Address	Michael Matias – Wrote Salutatory Address
1930 Thomas Dempsey – Delivered Valedictory Address	Lucy Castiello – Delivered Salutatory Address
1931 Not Sure	Not Sure
1932 Not Sure	Not Sure
1933 Not Sure	Not Sure
1934 Michael Maloney - Wrote Valedictory Address	Anne Murphy - Wrote Salutatory Address
1934 Elmer Krizin - Delivered Valedictory Address	Mildred Mueller - Delivered Salutatory Address
1935 Not Sure	Not Sure
1936 Joseph Sheehan - Wrote Valedictory Address	Elizabeth Sladey - Wrote Salutatory Address
1936 Joseph Bowe - Delivered Valedictory Address	Mary Conahan – Delivered Salutatory Address
1937 Not Sure	Not Sure
1938 Helen Daday - Wrote Valedictory Address	Kathryn Repsher – Wrote Salutatory Address
1938 John Evrard – Delivered Valedictory Address	Helen Sullivan - Delivered Salutatory Address
1939 Mary Evrard	Margaret McLaughlin - Wrote Salutatory Address Charles Dick – Delivered Salutatory Address

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No John Smith, but...

There were 64 others who graduated Becahi with the last name of Smith.

Aaron '19	Diana '85	Joanne "Jody" '68	Michael '82
Adam '05	Diane '76	Joseph "Joe Jay" '16	Michelle '06
Alex '16	Diane '83	Julie '90	Nicholas '00
Alwyn "Al" '30	Dina '89	Karen '68	Patricia '71
Anne '67	Elaine '58	Kathryn '62	Patrick '09
Bonnie '75	Emily '94	Lisa '85	Peter '97
Brad '92	Emily '13	Lori '96	Rosemary '65
Brendan '18	Emma '22	Louise '69	Samantha '01
Brian '91	Eric '20	Lucy '31	Scott '84
Bridget '13	Francis '30	Lyle '06	Sean '17
Bryan '09	Gregory '74	Martha "Muffy" '71	Shannon '11
Carolyn '56	Helen '34	Jeannie '69	Sharon '81
Charles '37	Ian '97	Mary Margaret '29	Teresa '78
Christopher '01	Isabella '22	Melanie '80	Terri '80
Daniel '22	James '84	Michael '57	Victoria '97
Deborah '85	Jennifer '82	Michael '76	Zara '19

Join Us for the 2023 Golden Gala!

Saturday, March 25th at 6:00pm

The **Golden Gala** is the largest fundraiser of the year, benefitting all the students. Last year's **Golden Gala** raised \$110,000 and went towards improving our technology network.

This virtual event will have many opportunities for you to give to Beca and bid on something special. For more information, contact Sarah Lumi at 610 866-0791, Ext. 323, or slumi@becahi.org

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

January 20th – **Class of 2007's 15-Year Reunion**, Adagio Restaurant

February 1st – E.I.T.C. Wine and Cheese Event, Stone Farm Cellars & Vineyards

March 25th – Becahi's **Golden Gala**

April 27th – Distinguished Graduate Induction Ceremony

August 4th – **Class of '73's** Reunion Golf Outing and Musikfest Meet and Greet

August 5th – **Class of '73's 50th Reunion**, The Club at Twin Lakes

September 8th – Golden Hawk Golf Classic

September 16th – **Class of '61's** 80th Birthday Party Reunion, TBD

September 30th – **Class of '78's** 45th Reunion, Steel Club

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Reunion News...

➤ **Class of 1961's 80th Birthday Party Bash Reunion**

Saturday, September 16. More information to follow.

Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61 is the Point of Contact.

➤ **Class of 1973's 50th Reunion**

Arrangements are progressing, and here's the schedule as it stands now,

- Friday morning, Aug. 4, 2023, Golf outing (details TBA)
 - **Bill Ripper '73** is the Point of Contact... wjripper@gmail.com
- Friday night, Aug. 4, 2023, Informal gathering at Musikfest (details TBA)
- Saturday night, Aug. 5, 2023, Reunion dinner (with cash bar) at The Club At Twin Lakes. 6:00-11:00pm

They also have a Facebook page called BeCaHi Class of 1973, for which **John Fiorentino '73** is the administrator. He can be reached at johnfiorentino55@gmail.com.

➤ **Class of 1978's 45th Reunion**

Arrangements are underway for the Class of 1978's 45th Reunion. The date is September 30th... 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

➤ **Class of 2007's 15-Year Reunion**

Kyle John '07 writes that... *"We will be meeting in the bar area of Adagio Restaurant at 530 Pembroke Rd. Bethlehem on Friday January 20th at 7PM. All classmates and their spouse/significant other are welcome. I created a Facebook event and invited 109 (all of the ones I am connected with) of the approximately 190 classmates."* Kyle's email address is kylejohn88@gmail.com

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Alumni in the Performing Arts

Profile: Merle Louise Letowt '51, Becahi Distinguished Graduate (2000)

Merle Louise was best known for appearing in four Stephen Sondheim musicals, most famously as "The Beggar Woman" in *Sweeney Todd*. Early in her career, (when she was still known as Merle Letowt), she played "Thelma" in the original cast of *Gypsy* (1959). Eventually, she moved up to the lead role of "Dainty June", playing it for much of the Broadway run and on the first national tour.

She returned to Broadway in *Company* (1970) as "Susan". Her biggest success was as "the Beggar Woman" in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* (1979), for which she won the Drama Desk Award as Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical.

In *Into the Woods* (1987), she played a trio of roles: the ethereal "Cinderella's Mother", the practical "Granny" (of "Little Red Riding Hood" fame), and the unseen vengeful "Giantess".

Louise has originated roles with other Broadway composers as well. She played "Mme. Dindon" in Jerry Herman's *La Cage aux Folles* (1983) and "Molina's Mother" in Kander and Ebb's *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (1993), a role she also played on London's West End, in Toronto and on the national tour.

Off-Broadway, she created the role of Cecily MacIntosh in *Charlotte Sweet* (1982). Regionally, she is an acclaimed actress in classics by Shakespeare, Chekhov, Molière, Pinter, Ibsen, and Shaw.

The cast of the Broadway show, title of show (along with some of their theatrical friends), created a game based around Merle Louise, entitled "Six Degrees of Merle Louise", which is based on Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon except that it generally uses Broadway musicals in place of movies to link two performers.

Louise's on-camera work has been limited, most notably appearing in the televised production of *Into the Woods* and a documentary about the recording of the Original Cast Album of *Company*. She has had some guest appearances on shows such as *Law & Order*.

Her most recent performances include "Frau Schneider" in *Cabaret*, "Mme. Armfeldt" in *A Little Night Music*, Lady Henslowe in *Elizabeth Rex* with Nicu's Spoon Theater Company and "Jeanette" in *The Full Monty* in Massachusetts, and in New York she appeared in Luke Yankee's award-winning show, *The Jesus Hickey* in July 2007.

Broadway credits:

Billy Elliot: The Musical (Grandma understudy/Ensemble) 2008

Into the Woods (Cinderella's Mother/Granny/Giant) 1997, 1987

Kiss of the Spider Woman (Molina's Mother) 1993

La Cage aux Folles (Mme. Dindon) 1983

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street (Beggar Woman) 1979

Company (Susan) 1970

Gypsy (Thelma; later Dainty June) 1959

- Wikipedia

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Rose Marie Korpics Shiner	1950	12/04/2022	90
Donald Keretz	1954	12/06/2022	86
Lucille Demyan Rich (Corrected)	1955	11/11/2022	85
Joan Libricz Wickes	1957	11/08/2022	83
Harry Kirk	1962	12/05/2022	77

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Joseph Balogh, father of **Maria '75**, on 12/18
- † Joseph Bednar, father of Laraine and father-in-law of **Tom Demshock '70**, on 12/17
- † Kathleen Woytusik Borlodan, sister-in-law of **Eleanor Carpency Woytusik '55**, on 12/04
- † **Lucille "KiKi" Demyan Rich '55**, mother of **Karen '78**, **Lisa '79**, and **Rocco '85**, on 11/11 (Correction from last month's post. I apologize for the error. – JOB)
- † William Gadbois, father of **Christopher '87**, **Laura '90** and David, on 12/09
- † Mildred Gavura, mother of **David '75** and **Mark '79**, on 12/17
- † **Donald Keretz '54**, husband of the late **Priscilla Lorah '53** and brother of **Elaine Keretz Talian '60**, on 12/06
- † **Rose Marie Korpics Shiner '50**, sister of the late Charles, Francis, Joseph, Mary, Teresa, Anna, Julie and **Helen '48**, on 12/04.
- † **Joan Libricz Wickes '57**, sister of **Joe '69** and the late **Maryann '60**, on 11/08
- † Shirley Sutton, mother of **Andrew '89**, on 12/02
- † Libby O'Boyle Franko, sister of **John '70**, Judy and Kate, on 12/24
- † Robert Sterner, father of **Coleen '78**, **Brian '79**, Patrick, Maureen, Kathleen and Shawn, on 12/28
- † Antoinette Tallarico, mother of **Vince '72**, **Joseph '75**, Joanne, Rose and Christopher, on 12/20
- † Charles Zavec, brother of the late **William '41**, on 12/06

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our classmates...

Roseann Pammer Szvetcz and **Bill Szulborski** who passed away during the month of January. (1/26/96) (1/22/11)

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100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

As part of the upcoming centennial celebration, I am attempting to recognize past achievements and milestones in Becahi team sport history. For example, the boys and the girls basketball teams, and the baseball team began with the 1926/27 school year. Other team sports, for the most part, were inaugurated after 1964 with the opening of the Dewberry and Madison Ave. school.

I need your help!

If you or your parents, or your grandparents have any scrapbook information that you'd like to share and memorialize, please let me know. If you send me any "hard-copy" record, I will handle it as if it were my own treasure, and return it as quickly as I can.

Each month I'll share with you some information I have. You'll see that it's an incomplete story. That's okay (for now). My goal is to "fill in the missing pieces" of this puzzle by 2026.

Boys Basketball - The Coaches...

	Coach	Years	Seasons	Won	Lost	Total	PCT
1	Thomas Wills	1926 - 1928; 1929/30	3	24	20	44	0.545
2	George Jacobs	1928/1929	1	13	3	16	0.813
3	John Conti	1930/31...	1	22	1	23	0.957
4	Harry T. Tachovsky	1933/1934; -> 1946/47	15			0	
5	Frank Majczan	1947/48 - 1948/49	2	45	6	51	0.882
6	John Howard	1949/1950 - 1953/1954	5	115	32	147	0.782
7	Paul Calvo	1954/55 - 1968/69	15	260	155	415	0.627
8	Bob Bukvics	1969/70 - 1980/81	12	102	178	280	0.364
9	John Melham	1981/82 - 1987	6	36	105	141	0.255
10	Tim McGorry	1987/88 - 1990	3	25	47	72	0.347
11	Dick Tracy	1990/91	1	11	12	23	0.478
12	Dan Kemeter	1991/92 - 1992/93	2	13	32	45	0.289
13	Jim Hutnik	1993/94 - 2004/2005	12	222	111	333	0.667
14	Kevin Lloyd	2005/2006 -> 2008	3	34	41	75	0.453
15	Al Blount	2008/2009 -> 2011	3	24	42	66	0.364
16	Mike Frew	2011/2012 -> 2015	4	33	62	95	0.347
17	Ray Barbosa	2015/2016 -> 2018	3	36	18	54	0.667
18	Scott McClary	2018-2019 -> 2022	4	73	29	102	0.716
	18	Coaches	95	1,088	894	1,982	0.549
		No (Missing) records >	15				

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Alumni Sports Notables

Angelo Amato '88, was named Head Coach of the Northampton Community College Women's Soccer team on December 1st. Amato served as the Head Coach of Bethlehem Catholic High School from 2019-2021 where he was successful at bringing talented players together to create a winning culture fueled by year-round training.

Mikey Labriola '17, has had a standout career for the University of Nebraska wrestling team, and has eyes on the upcoming Big Ten Championship and the NCAA Division I Championships in March. – Morning Call 12/31

Tessa Zamolyi '17, leads the Moravian University Women's Basketball team in scoring (14.6 ppg) and rebounding (11.1 rpg) as of 12/16. – Morning Call 12/16

Elizabeth Lieb '19, a senior at Dickinson University, captured the triple jump and finished third in the long jump at the Bow Tie Invitational on December 9 in Collegeville, PA. – Morning Call, 12/31

Justin Paz '19, Becahi's all-time leading scorer in boys' basketball, is averaging more than 22.5 minutes per game and is the East Stroudsburg University's men's basketball point guard, averaging 3.6 assists per game and is shooting 40% from 3-point range. – Morning call 12/16

Winter Sports Highlights

Boys Basketball

96th Season in School History

Scott McClary, Head Coach (Fifth Season, 73-29)

Team Record as of 12/22: Won 6 Lost 2

Outscoring Opponents by 99 points, or 12 pts/game

Girls Basketball

96th Season in School History

Jose Medina, Head Coach (Ninth Season, 185-39)

Team Record as of 12/22: Won 5 Lost 3

Outscoring Opponents by 72 points, or 9 pts/game

Wrestling

58th Season in School History

Jeff Karam, Head Coach (Fifteenth Season, 205-23)

Team Record as of 12/22: Won 3 Lost 0

Outscoring Opponents by 116 points, or 39 pts/match

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

**A Christmas Video Greeting from Principal Luke Wilde and
Our President of Catholic Mission and Identity, Fr. Bernard Ezaki.**

"On Noon on Friday, December 23rd, we emailed a special Christmas video greeting to all alumni from Mr. Luke Wilde and Father Bernard Ezaki.

If you missed it, could you check your inbox or spam/junk folder for 12/23 since the Christmas Season lasts until Sunday, January 8th? We care for you and pray for your intentions at Bethlehem Catholic daily, even over Christmas vacation."

**Join the 60+ Becahi Alumni/Parents from All Income Levels
Who Became E.I.T.C. Donors in 2022.**

"As the New Year begins, please consider becoming an E.I.T.C. Donor. In 2021-2022 Bethlehem Catholic received \$452,301 from this savvy tax program. Currently, for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, we are on pace to raise over \$800,000 for Becahi, thanks to the 26 people from all income levels who became new E.I.T.C. participants and those who generously renewed their E.I.T.C. donations this fall."

**Are You Interested in Participating In The E.I.T.C. Program?
Join Us As We Celebrate Our Fall E.I.T.C. Donors On Wed., February 1st.**



**Becahi E.I.T.C. Night
with John Spagnola**

Wednesday, February 1st from 6 PM until 8 PM
at Stone Farm Cellars & Vineyards
Email Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org to register.

"Redirecting the tax dollars you already pay, to Bethlehem Catholic instead of Harrisburg, for little to no out-of-pocket cost, is terrific. The State of Pennsylvania is giving a 10-to-1 Match. No matter your income level, you can help us raise over \$1,000,000 for Bethlehem Catholic this year and every year hereafter. However, we can only do it with your help!

Are you considering becoming a Becahi E.I.T.C. donor? In that case, you are welcome to join us at Stone Farm Cellars and Vineyards, be sure to contact Sarah

Lumi at slumi@becahi.org. by Friday, January 27th, just before Catholic Schools Week."

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“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... 56 graduates from 53 classes are profiled in this *Tidings* edition.

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 found for this month...

Joseph Horvath '73, who received a BS in Commerce from Duquesne University, is Business Development Manager for Spartronics, “*Your Partner for Life-Sustaining and Mission-Critical Contract Manufacturing*” in Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

Michael Brady '73, who received a BS in Environmental Engineering from Penn State University, is Chief Engineer, Environmental Compliance & Remediation Gannett Fleming, global infrastructure firm that provides planning, design, technology, and construction management services, in Camp Hill, PA.

Frank Capuano '74, who received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University, is Supervisor, Industrial Engineering, for Defense Logistics Agency in Harrisburg.

John Kardos '75, who received a BS in Finance from Lehigh University, is Chief Executive Officer at JAK Enterprises, assisting clients with contract compliance within the regulatory environment of governmental agencies, in San Diego.

Peter Guidon '76, who studied Microbiology at the University of Notre Dame and a PhD in Microbiology from the University of Connecticut, is Director R&D Head of Validation at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics in Tarrytown, NY.

Robert Mitchell '77, who received a BS in Business Administration from Oregon State University, is Supply Chain Program Specialist at Washington State Department of Social and Health Services in Roy, WA.

John Sweetz '78, who received an AA in Business Administration from Northampton Community College and a BS in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is a Real Estate Broker at Liferstyle Properties in Lake Lure, NC.

Marek Szkudlanski '78, a graduate of Bloomsburg University, is now Retired after Serving as Associate Director, Decision Support Center at Bristol-Myers Squibb, in Trenton. – Enjoy every minute, young man! JOB

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Laura Ocampo Wisser '79, who studied and practiced at Empire Beauty School – Lehigh Valley, is Protégé level Stylist at TOPIX Salon, LLC in Panama City, FL.

Paula Susa Guidon '80, who received an AAS in Data Processing from Northampton Community College and a BA in Communications from Muhlenberg College, is a Technical Writer, IMS Analyst at Guardian Life Insurance Co of America, in Bethlehem.

Craig Corrow '81, is Warehouse Manager at Optimas OE Solutions, the leading global distributor and service provider of fastening and supply chain solutions for manufactures seeking to improve their efficiency and profitability, in Dallas, GA.

Christopher Shelbo '82, is the Owner of Saucon Collision on Old Philadelphia Pike in Bethlehem.

Odete Sousa '83, who received a BS in Microbiology from Penn State University and a BPharm in Pharmacy from the University of Connecticut, is Pharmacy Operations Manager at Nemours Children's in Orlando, FL.

Stacy Smolko '83, who received a BA in Sociology from East Stroudsburg University, was the Owner/Franchisee of General Nutrition Center (GNC) in Sterling VA, and is now in Accounts Payable at Government Scientific Source, based in Reston, Virginia. –
Zoominfo.com

Kristine Tantsits McGinty '84, a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, who received a BS in Mathematics from the University of Tampa and an MS in Strategic Intelligence from the National Intelligence University, is Operations Security (OPSEC) Program Manager for the US Space Command in Colorado Springs, CO.

David Tanczos '85, a Becahi Fides et Scientia Award recipient, who received a BA in Economics from the University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, is National Director of Key Accounts, Implementation & Operations, at Crown Castle, building and maintaining the infrastructure behind the world's most revolutionary technologies, in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Tony Vanic '86, who received a BAsC in Business Administration from Lehigh University and studied Fire Science and Firefighting at Northampton Community College, is Project Manager, Designer, Surveyor at Hometown Developers in Lafayette TN.

Scott Scherbak '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Graphic design and Communications from Kutztown University, is National Sales Manager @ Madix Inc., creating store fixtures for the innovative store designer, in Woodbury, NY

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Ryan Schimmel '88, who received a BS in Health policy & Administration from Penn State University and an MBA from Temple University's Fox School of Business, is Senior Enterprise Account Executive at Demandbase, the Smarter GTM™ company for B2B brands, in Kansas City, MO.

Brendan Teles '88, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received a BA in History from Pacific Lutheran University, an MA and PhD in Mythology/Depth Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute, is Enterprise Crisis Manager at Microsoft in the greater Philadelphia area.

Kathleen Philipp Griffin '89, who studied at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is a Substitute teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Raleigh, NC.

Erin Zebertavage '90, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from DeSales University, is Downtown Manager of the SouthSide Arts District for the Bethlehem Economic Development Commission.

Matthew Ludivico '91, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received an AS in Computer Science from Northampton Community College, a BS in Molecular Biology from Lehigh University, and an MS in Biotechnology from Penn State University, is a Research Associate seeking a new opportunity in the Lincoln, NE area.

Allyson Wilkin Sisson '92, who studied Travel & Tourism at Northampton Community College, is the Owner, Manager at Dice Productionz, a fully insured, family owned, professional disc jockey company located in the Lehigh Valley.

Tim Norejko '93, who received a BS in Computer Science from Alvernia University, is Application Developer at Shipley Energy, in York, PA.

Alia Moze Brantley '93, who studied Business Management at West Chester University, is Program Manager at GXO Logistics, Inc. in Charlotte, NC.

Jason Mazzarella '94, who received a BS in Communications for Kutztown University, is Engagement Manager at IQVIA, a leading global provider of advanced analytics, technology solutions, and clinical research services to the life sciences industry, in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Melissa Sterner '95, who studied Business at Penn State University, is Botanical Artist and Owner of Sterner's Stems in Allentown.

Jon Seaman '96, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Moravian University, is Operations Manager/Industrial Sales at G&S Fastening Systems, Inc. in Whitehall.

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Christina Fattore '97, who received a BA in Political Science from Gettysburg College and an MS and PhD in Political Science from Florida State University, is Associate Professor, Political Science, at West Virginia University.

Christopher Mitchell '98, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Fairfield University, is Senior Financial Advisor at The Vanguard Group in Newtown Square, PA.

Lisa Vuchak, '98's Salutatorian, who received a BS in Biology from Bucknell University and a PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, is Medical Affairs Strategy Lead at Mirati Therapeutics, a clinical-stage biotechnology company, in San Diego, CA.

Michael Zile '99, a BecaHi Athletic Wall of Fame Member and former Head Volleyball Coach at Beca, who received a BA in Business Administration from Moravian University and an MBA from DeSales University, is a Commercial Senior Relationship Manager for the Middle Market at M&T Bank within the Lehigh Valley.

Julie Trudeau Sabler '00, is Assistant Manager of Group Home at Center for Humanistic Change of New Jersey in Allentown.

Timothy Zackey '01, is a Stone Mason at Bluestone Gardens in Riegelsville.

Justina Blasko '02, is Special Event Coordinator at Riverview Golf & Country Club in Bethlehem.

Julie Pagano '03, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Software Engineer, Member of Technical Staff at Chronosphere, the only observability platform that puts you back in control by taming rampant data growth and cloud-native complexity, in Portland, OR.

Tiffany Walters '03, who received a BBA in Business Management from West Virginia University, is General Manager at Heirloom, a leading provider of large-format, luxury short-term rentals on the national level, in New Orleans.

Anthony Collura '04, who received a BAsC in Health Care Policy from Penn State University, and an MBA in Health Care Administration from DeSales University, is Director, Research Business Office, Network Office of Research and Innovation at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Zachary Demchyk '05, who received a BA in Political Science from Villanova University, is Foodservice Equipment Manufacturer Sales Representative at Schmid Dewland Associates, a 60-year-old small business, humbled to represent the finest independently-owned foodservice equipment lines in the industry, in Marlton, NJ.

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Mark Reda '06, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Film from Seton Hall University, is Creative Director at Lou Reda Productions Inc., in Easton.

Krishna Giammarco '07, who received a BA in Elementary Education from Hofstra University, and an MEd in Secondary Education from Relay Graduate School of Education, is a Mathematics Teacher at Newark Public Schools in NJ.

Joseph Leeson '08, who received a BAsC in Accounting and an MBA from DeSales University and studied at Indiana University's Maurer School of Law, is an Attorney with Leeson & Leeson Attorneys at Law in Bethlehem.

Kyle Longernecker '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Moravian University, is Account Executive at CyberArk, the global leader in Identity Security, in the New York City Metropolitan area.

Rosemary Raposa Solewin '09, who received a BA in Sociology and Social Psychology from Lehigh University and a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Immaculata University, is Senior Assistant Director of Admission at Villanova University.

Chelsea Molion '10, who received a BS in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Wesley College and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University, is an Elementary Teacher in Warren, NJ.

Taylor Overby '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and an MBA from Penn State University, is a Director at EY-Parthenon, one of the largest global strategy consulting organizations, in Charlotte, NC.

Samantha Figler '12, who received an AA in Communication and Media Studies from Warren County Community College and continued studies in Communication and Media Studies at Centenary University, is a Social Media Manager at Evans Alliance, advertising service in Sparta, NJ.

Eva Rodic '13, who received a BS in Accounting from Kutztown University, is a Financial Analyst at Bosch Rexroth in Bethlehem.

Joseph Ruggiero '13, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University, is Project Manager at Ruggiero Companies in Bethlehem.

Kyle Smichowski '14, who studied at Coastal Carolina University and received an Associate's Degree in Computer Networking from York Technical College, is a Systems Service Representative at IBM in Charlotte, NC.

Margaret Dwyre '15, who received a BS in Behavioral Health from Penn State University and an MS in Physician Assistant from DeSales University, was a Home Health Aide for Bayada Home Health care in Bethlehem.

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Jonathan Young '17, who received a BS in Hospitality Management from Penn State University, is Event Manager at the Great American Restaurants in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Garrett Farrell '18, who received a BS in Mathematics from Catholic University, is a Math Teacher at Kolbe Academy and Assistant Theatre Director at Bechai.

Sydney Mason '18, who received a BA Developmental Psychology at George Mason University, is a Peer Mentor for the Mason Autism Support Initiative, and was the 2022 OSCAR Student Excellence Award Winner at GMU.

Reflection

Candlelight Carol

- from the John Rutter Christmas Album, featuring The Cambridge Singers, directed by John Rutter

- ♪ How do you capture the wind on the water?
- ♪ How do you count all the stars in the sky?
- ♪ How do you measure the love of a mother?
- ♪ Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

- ♪ Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
- ♪ Shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn
- ♪ Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo
- ♪ Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

- ♪ Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him.
- ♪ Seraphim round Him their vigil will keep.
- ♪ Nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior.
- ♪ But Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep.

- ♪ Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
- ♪ Shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn
- ♪ Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo
- ♪ Angels are singing; the Christ child is born

- ♪ Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger.
- ♪ Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
- ♪ Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation
- ♪ A child with his mother that first Christmas Day

- ♪ Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
- ♪ Shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn.
- ♪ Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo
- ♪ Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

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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.

Previous Issues of the *Tidings* can be found on the school's website by copying the following link and pasting it to your browser... <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

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