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This month may be 31 days long, but, in 12 days, Daylight Savings begins; in 17 days we “celebrate” St. Patrick’s Day; in 18 days we can attend the last mass at St. Joseph’s church in Bethlehem, in 19 days we mark St. Joseph’s Day; in 20 days Spring begins; and in 25 days, **The 2023 Golden Gala** gets underway! Go to **GoldenGala23.givesmart.com** to register today and see more information later in this newsletter.

Golden Hawk Seniors in the Waters of Marathon (FL) (Sharks, beware!)



... where some of our senior athletes “exercise” in the winter...

Micky Halbreiner '70, Tommy Sculley '70, Bobby Alpage '70, Bobby Halbreiner '71 and Paul Grube '70

Some Alums who wrote in last month like...

... (Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Bill Egan '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Al Ortwein '61, John Bauer '67, Yogi Eddinger '67, Jody Smith Davis '68, John Stoll '68, Ellie Zarinsky Albright '68, Mary Donchez Wilson '71, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Phil Demyan '72, Sally Morrison '72, John Fiorentino '73, Bill Ripper '73, Janet Perez Fetherolf '75, Sally Kammetler '78, and Kathy Bolcar Laird '86

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...and from my Class...

BobbyA, Tony Bauer, Dave Cech, Paul Grube, Micky Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, Sue Kerecz, Susan Peters Crawford, Tommy Sculley, Carl David James the 13th, Linda Talbot Keefe, and Debbie Weiss Perrett

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our classmates who passed away during the month of March.

Barry Astel (3/04/07), **Larry Bragg** (3/22/22), and **Walt Dozer** (3/04/11)

The Class of '33 Postscripts...

"Keep those cards and letters coming." Your messages help me to tell a better, more complete story each month. Here are some stories I failed to mention about last month's honored **Class of '33**.

Michael Demyan was left off the class list (I had Michael listed as a '34 grad), and he had five children who graduated from Beca... **Michael '56, Frances '66, Kathy '70, Phil '72** and the late **Gino '62**

Robert Morrison was the Class Valedictorian, but more important, was the father of **Joan '58** and **Sally '72**

Ann Sweetz Zarinsky had two daughters who graduated from Beca... **Marie '64's Salutatorian, and Ellie '68**

From the Advancement Office...

Tom Vresics '81, Director



The **Golden Gala** on March 25th has several virtual ticket options, plus our NEW Viewing Party at Blue ticket.

All Tickets Include:

- Viewing the Virtual **Golden Gala** Program
- Bidding on Auction Items & Raffles
- Donating to the Emotional Appeal

All the proceeds from every **Golden Gala** go towards improving our campus and capabilities to enhance the experiences of every current student and the future generation of Golden Hawks.

If you're interested in sponsoring, go to <https://becahi.org/advancement/the-golden-gala/sponsorship-opportunities/> for sponsorship details.

For more information and to donate, contact Mrs. Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791, ext. 323.

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Alumni Cited in this Month's Tidings

If your class is low on information in this month's newsletter, let me know what to include, and I'll gladly share the news. Meanwhile, here's a matrix of **313 grads from 92 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 March Tidings

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
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1	4	2	1	6	6	3	2	2	1	1		
2		2	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	1		
3	5	2	2	1	9	2	2	4	5			
4		1	1	2	6	2	2	4	3			
5	2	2	2	2	6	2	1	1	2			
6	1	8	4	2	2	3	2	2	3			
7	1	2	2	3	5	5	2	3	4	3		Classes
8	1	46	2	4	6	5	2	2	3	6		<u>92</u>
9	1	3	1	3	4	2	3	4	2	1		Grads
	3	63	23	23	34	68	22	21	26	27	3	<u>313</u>

This year the following reunion-year classes will be featured...

- ✓ 1928 – January, 95 years
- ✓ 1933 – February, 90 years
- ✓ 1938 – March, 85 years
- 1943 – April, 80 years
- 1948 – May, 75 years
- 1953 – June, 70 years
- 1958 – July, 65 years
- 1963 – August, 60 years
- 1968 – September, 55 years
- 1973 – October, 50 years

Alumni Brief:

Last month, I read about:

Janelle Dornblaser Massey '97 is the co-founder of the Sassy Massey Smiles Foundation and mother to three wonderful children including the foundation's CEO, Jillian "Sassy" Massey. Janelle graduated from Saint Joseph's University in 2001 and pursued a career with Ryan Homes as a sales and marketing representative upon graduation. After spending 7 months at CHOP for inpatient treatment, Janelle discovered that the child life department was a beacon of happiness that delivered daily smiles to Jillian. With a toy in her hand and a room of arts and crafts, Jillian triumphed



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through 7 months of painful and intense treatment for brain cancer. Janelle wanted to carry on Jillian's legacy and everything that CHOP meant to her.

The vision being to fill hallways of hospitals with smiles and laughter through tears and pain. After learning that local and regional child life programs survive and thrive off donations, Janelle decided to make Jillian's legacy centered on what she enjoyed most about CHOP- toys! The foundation was created one month after Jillian's passing in January 2018. To learn more about Sassy Massey and how you can support their mission is to visit: <https://sassymassey.org/>

Another means to make a donation to this worthwhile cause is to make your checks payable to Bethlehem Catholic High School with "The Movement" in the memo section, or contact Tom Vresics '81, Becahi's Advancement Director.

It's March



Has Anyone Here Seen Kelly?

There are almost 70 Grads with the last name of Kelly, so chances are *someone* has seen one.

Anne '35
Barbara '59
Brandon '17
Brian '82
Brian '01
Brittany '08
Case '22
Charles '59
Colleen '10
Connor '18
Deirdre '20
Dolores "Dee" '47
Edward '35
Eileen '63
Elizabeth '33
Elizabeth "Betty" '42
Elizabeth '49
Hugh '55
James '99
Jeanne '57
Jenna '03
John '60
Jon '09

Joseph '28
Joseph '31
Joseph '36
Josiah '19
Julia '40
Kathleen '58
Kathleen "Kathy" '73
Kathryn '37
Kevin '07
Kimberly '96
Lauren '03
Lisa M. '89
Margaret '37
Marguerite '56
Martha '99
Mary Veronica '31
Maryanne '67
Michael P. '73
Michael '75
Michael '02
Michael '04
Nicole '06
Patricia '43

Patricia '45
Patricia '51
Patricia "Pat" '60
Patricia '77
Paul '77
Richard '58
Richard '14
Rose Mary '42
Ryan '04
Ryan '13
Sara Rose '29
Sara '07
Sean '92
Sharyn '65
Susanne '94
Trey '21
Vincent '32
Virginia '41
William Patrick '27
...and then there's
Helen Kelley '33
Thomas A. Kelley '31
Thomas Kelley '85



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Ever wonder how and who came up with the name “Becahi”? (I thought so.)

I was reading the **Class History of the graduating class of 1938**.

During their freshman year (1934-1935),... *“The first important news that greeted us that our school publication “Becahi”, would make its initial bow, and we are proud to say that **Joan Sorrentino**, a member of our class, won the award for naming it “Becahi.””*

Celebrating the Class of 1938’s Virtual 85th Reunion

I couldn’t locate a yearbook, and I do know that one was gifted to the school by **Patricia D’Orsi Casciano ’38**, but I did some searching and found 46 names of the graduates. Here’s what I found...

Edward Andrejeski (Andrews)
Mary Bender Kohl
Richard Case (Kehs)
Frances Casey Kincaid
Margaret Coachys Savage
Mary Connor Fox
Mary Cullen Gibbons
Helen Daday Sipes
Patricia D’Orsi Casciano
Mary Doyle McGlade
John Evrard
George Falatek
Joan Gillen Dougherty
Anne Hartigan Detweiler
Joan Hartzell Murto
Rita Kearney
Margaret Kovatch Benzak

Catherine Laux
Paul Maco
Mary McBride Baker
Mary McLaughlin
Grace McNally Csordas-Metzger
Joseph Metzger
Edward Miller
Anne Minarik Yasko
Wallace Narlesky
Frances O’Donnell Skinner
Jere O’Keefe
Ursula O’Reilly Kennedy
Rita Reilly Gimse
Kathryn A. Repsher Klinger
Patricia Roche Weston
Mary Ryan Cruche

John Santa Maria
Louis A. Sefranek
Anthony Sersen
Joseph Silvoy
Joan Sorrentino Malozi
Helen P. Sullivan Smith
Ethel Sweetz Lonchier
Mary Tachovsky Gower
Anne Marie Toggart -
Cunningham-Zadzora
Marguerite Willey Schwartz
Marie Willner Kohl
Mary Windish -
Eberhardt-Krafty
Joseph Yurkanin

I couldn’t locate Rita’s, Catherine’s info, but the last I have on Mary’s is she lived in Hanover, PA as of 2004. All other classmates are “watching from above.”

Helen Daday wrote the Valedictory address and John Evrard delivered the address. Kathryn Repsher wrote the Salutatory address and Helen Sullivan delivered it.

The information is still being developed for the class’s post-graduation pursuits, but here’s what I could find...

There were three “campus couples” who married...

Mary Doyle and **Harry McGlade ’39**
Anne Minarik and **George Yasko ’39**

Grace McNally and Joseph Metzger

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There were four Nurses...

Helen Daday Sipes

Grace McNally Csordas-Metzger

Mary McBride Baker

Rita Reilly Gimse

There were four Veterans...

Joseph Metzger > U.S. Army (WW II)

John Santa Maria > U.S. Army Air Corps (WW II)

Louis Sefranek > U.S. Army

Joseph Yurkanin > U.S. Army

Ten members had 21 children who graduated from Beca...

Patricia D'Orsi Casciano > **Celeste '70**

Grace McNally Csordas-Metzger and Joseph Metzger > **Joe (Csordas) '59,**

Mary Metzger '67, Dick '68, Tom '70, Ann '71, Arlene '71, Regina '74, and Jane '77

Ann Minarik and **George Yasko '39 > Annette '69, Geradette '74**

Wallace Narlesky > **Wallace '61, Edward '64, James '67**

Louis Sefranek > **Louis '61**

Joseph Silvoy > **Tom '70**

Mary Tachovsky Gower > **Michael '71, Stephen '73 and Tim '74**

Ann Marie Toggart Cunningham-Zadzora > **Jane '68**

In 1988, the class celebrated its 50th Reunion, and made the following observations.

*"When **we** were in high school...*

*Time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers; a chip was a piece of wood; hardware was hardware and software was not a word; pizza, Cheerios, frozen food, instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of... **We thought fast food was what you ate during lent...**there were 5 & 10 cent stores where you could actually buy things for five and ten cents. For just one nickel, you could ride the subway or ferry, or make a phone call, or buy a Coke, or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two post cards. You could buy a Chevy coupe for \$659, but who could afford that in 1938? Nobody. A pity, too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon..."*

If you are aware of any graduate who may have been missed, or if you have a relative who was a member of this class, and would like to share a story, let me know and we can celebrate their life in a future **Tidings**.

100 Years of Beca*hi* (in 2026)

Some Updates

Some of you have graciously provided me with updates to previous postings...

Valedictorian

1933 **Robert P. Morrison**
Bethlehem Steel

Salutatorian

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Valedictorian

1937 **Bernard Briody**
Delivered the Valedictory Address
Cornelius McGeehan
Wrote Valedictory Address

1946 **Rita Burke**
Employment

Salutatorian

Lucille Reilly
Delivered the Salutatory Address
Madeline King
Wrote Salutatory Address

Richard Brady
U.S. Air Force, Temple University,
Philadelphia College of Art

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

I need your help! 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.

Yearbooks Gifted and/or “Found” and Borrowed...

1931 – **Frances Sweeney Gillen '31**, mother of **Bernie '70** and **Jim '72**

1938 – **Patricia D'Orsi Casciano '38**, mother of **Celeste '70**

1946 – **Len and Rita (Burke '46) Donchez '46**, parents of **Mary '71** and **Alexandra '75**

1947 – **Gus and Mary (Anderson '46) Concilio '47**, parents of **Gus '74**, **John '77**,
Ian '79 and **Maria '84**

1948 – **Victoria Gonzalez Brady '48**, mother of **Dan '70** and **Beverly '73**

100 Years of Becahi (in 2026)

More Veterans Found

I was reading the Class History section of the 1946 Yearbook that of the **Mary Donchez '71** lent to me, and discovered, among other things, that several class members left school early to serve in the military. If you remember, World War II was still being fought at that time. **Erastus Palos** left to serve in the Navy during his sophomore year, and **Charlie Fox**, **Tom Hagerty** and **Joseph Huerta** left in their junior year to serve in the Navy. I will add their names to the Becahi Military Veterans Honor Roll under the class of 1946.

Phil McGlade '66 wrote about his dad, the late **Harry '39**, husband of the late **Mary Doyle '38**, ... *“During WW II, my Father was a Staff Sergeant with the Army's Seventh Armored Division, 17th Tank Battalion, and fought in the heavy fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He was incredibly proud of his service. My brother **Tim, '68**, was in the US Naval Reserves and served aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Lexington. I was a member of the US Marine Reserves.”* I added their names to the Becahi Military Veterans Honor Roll.

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Meet Bethlehem Catholic's Class of 2023 Distinguished Graduates - by Tom Vresics '81



Greg Benz '71



John Feehan '82



Elise Esposito '09

“Greg Benz '71, John Feehan '82, and Elise Esposito '09 are Becahi's newest Distinguished Graduates. They join a prominent list of our graduates who have continued to build upon the strong moral foundation by demonstrating the values of Catholic education in their achievements in a vast array of professional fields.

If you are already a Distinguished Grad, a member of their graduating class, or if you know Greg, John, and Elise, reach out to them, and thank them for representing what being a Golden Hawk is all about in today's world. While we have many impressive potential Distinguished Graduate candidates in the pool, we can always accept more. As we approach Bethlehem Catholic's 100th Year, we want to highlight the contributions of as many of our graduates as possible.”

Former St. Joseph's Parish Church Building to Be Closed, Offered for Sale... (Final mass on March 18th)

(A.D. Times: Jan. 30, 2023) -- A former parish church building in Bethlehem, used only occasionally for the past 12 years, will be closed and offered for sale, the Diocese of Allentown has announced.

The St. Joseph church building on East Fifth Street hosts only one regular Mass per year – on the Feast Day of St. Joseph -- and is available for funerals for former parishioners.

The St. Joseph Parish was closed in 2008 because of a merger of several local parishes. A nearby parish, Incarnation of Our Lord Parish on Pierce Street, was given custody of the St. Joseph building.

The St. Joseph building has had scaffolding around it for many years because of structural issues and deterioration of the stone on the exterior. Paying for the maintenance of the building has become a significant financial hardship for Incarnation parish, and the parish sought permission from the Diocese to close and sell the St. Joseph building.

The closing of the St. Joseph church building will be delayed so that those interested may attend **one final Mass, March 18**, to mark the Feast Day of St. Joseph.

Read a history of Saint Joseph's parish at <https://stjosephbethlehempa.com/home/about/>

BTW: Some 300 graduates were members of St. Joseph's Parish over the years.

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

March 25th – Becahi's **Golden Gala**

April 14th and 15th – Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, 7:00pm

April 16th – Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, 3:00pm

April 21st and 22nd – Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, 3:00pm, 7:00pm

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

Reunion News...

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

Saturday, September 16. The place for this bash-party will be at **John McGeehan's '61** house. More information to follow once some on the party planning committee members return from their self-imposed winter exile in the sunny south.

Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61 is the Point of Contact go to: sandysilvoy@gmail.com

➤ **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 still TBA)
 - You don't have to go to the dinner on Saturday to golf, and spouses are welcome to tee it up, too.
 - **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

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
John "Jack" Ferry	1952	02/10/2023	88
Kathleen "Kitty" O'Donnell	1957	02/25/2023	87
Loretta Rose Csordas Oyer	1958	02/15/2023	82
Frank Wehinger	1960	01/28/2023	80
Regina "Jean" Reilly Angerman	1962	02/20/2023	79
Jeannie Ramirez Hull*	1978	05/01/2021	61
Sarah Lindsay Dudzic	2002	12/21/2022	38

* I just read of her passing

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Herb Diamond, grandfather of Greg Gullo (my son-in-law), who is the husband of my daughter Katie O'Boyle, on 02/26
- † Jack Ferry '52, husband of the late Mary Ortwein '52, and father of Jack '73, Kathleen '74, Karen '75, Maggie '78, Jeffrey, and Patrick, on 02/10
- † John Michalgyk, husband of Danette Martin '69, and father of Andrea '97 and Michael '00, on 01/31
- † Kitty O'Donnell '57, sister of Theresa '60 and the late Jack '41, Marcella '43, Margaret '44, William '45, Francis '46, Patricia '52, Lucy '53, Michael '55, Mary '56, Thomas '56, Anthony, James, Urban, Joseph, on 02/25
- † Anna Reczek, mother of Susan '69, James '71, Paul '75, Margaret '78, Mary '81, and Michelle '86, on 02/25
- † Jean Reilly Angerman '62, wife of Eddie '61, on 02/20
- † John Shaton, father of Katie '04, on 02/01
- † Eugene Stellato, brother of Louise '54 and the late Betty '60, on 02/20
- † Gregory Tax, father of Clayton '13 and Natasha '13, on 02/20
- † Lillie Urogi, mother of Rita '89 and John, on 02/15
- † John Vidumsky, husband of the late Mary Ann Dalton '48, and father of Carol '69 and Cecilia '76, and on 02/07

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Amen

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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's 1956/57 Season PostScript

Billy Packer, a Liberty High School graduate, and longtime college basketball announcer who covered the NCAA tournament for decades, passed away this past January 26th. **Harry Mitchell '57** wrote to say that "it was Bill's set shot with 30 seconds left that beat the '57 team by one point." (The '57 team only lost 3 games).

Calling All Becahi Baseball Alumni

"We're excited about our upcoming season with a Spring Break trip to Myrtle Beach, at least one game at Coke-a-Cola Park, a challenging season, and a deep run in the E.P.C. and District Playoffs leading to States. With so many great things happening on and off the field, we would love to share updates about our season to allow you to join us as much as you can. Please email baseball@becahi.org with your email and mailing address to subscribe to our mailing list."

*Yours in baseball, Coach **Matt Corsi '99***

Alumni Sports Notables

Volleyball

Phil Autrey '91, after 10 seasons leading the York Catholic girls' volleyball team, has decided to resign to focus on his professional career. This past fall, he led the Irish to the most successful season in program history — a 24-3 record, District 3 Class 2A title and its first appearance in the state final. York Catholic lost the PIAA title match to District 7 champion Freeport. While the Irish went 4-12 his first season in 2013, Autrey led York Catholic to nine straight winning seasons that included a District 3 Class 1A title in 2015 and a second district crown this past seasons. Autrey also started a boys' volleyball program at York Catholic in 2021 and plans to coach that team this spring before also stepping down from that role. – York Daily Record 5 January, 2023

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DeSales University Athletic Hall of Fame

Jack Sobota '65 – DeSales Class of 1969

Basketball – Inducted 2016

“**Jack Sobota** was a member of the very first varsity basketball team in 1967-68 and was a part of the first class to play in Billera Hall his senior year in 1968-69. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in economics in 1969 after being part of the first-ever class at Allentown College of St. Francis DeSales in 1965.

Following his graduation Sobota became the freshman/assistant varsity coach for the 1969-70 season and was named the head coach of the varsity team in 1971 coaching for three years and accumulating a record of 22-31, while leading DSU to its first-ever .500 season in 1971-72 with an 8-8 record.

Following graduation, Sobota started his career with Westinghouse Electric Corporation in August of 1969 and was with Westinghouse/ABB for 46 years before retiring in June of 2015. He also coached CYO basketball for 16 years at Sacred Heart Grade School in Bethlehem Township.”

Field Hockey

As a high school junior in 2005, former Bethlehem (Pa.) Catholic goalie **Krishia Giammarco '07** set seven of the nation's top-10 performances for saves in a single game, including the top five. Naturally, her 513 saves that season still stand as a record.

She deserves an award just for facing all those shots behind an extremely young 1-19 team, and she actually got one in the form of the Warren News Player of the Year honor. When she set the national single-game mark of 65 saves against an Emmaus squad (Emmaus) that finished 28-0 and captured an unofficial national title that season, Giammarco faced 82 shots in a 17-0 loss. That's a lot of shots for a 70-minute game, from a team that set a national single-season record for goals scored that year as well.

Giammarco also had games with 42, 36, 33 and 31 saves that season. No other goaltender in prep history has recorded more than 30 saves in a single contest, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations. Giammarco's 33 saves against Easton (Pa.) came in a 1-0 defeat. Just imagine if Bethlehem Catholic didn't have her. "She knows she has to do what she has to do in our games," her coach, Lou Csongeto, told The Morning Call in 2005. " - <https://sports.yahoo.com/blogs/highschool-prep-rally/unbroken-records-pennsylvania-field-hockey-saving-grace-> November, 2013

Golf

Nicholas Maff '16, 2014's East Penn League Golf Champion, who received a BBA in Marketing from Southeastern University, is a Licensed Insurance Agent in Property & Casualty for RogersGray | A Baldwin Risk Partner, the ultimate advocate and advisor, going well beyond a typical insurance agency in the greater Boston agency.

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Winter Sports Highlights

Boys Basketball

97th Season in School History

Scott McClary, Head Coach (Fifth Season, 90-36)

Team Record as of 2/28: Won 17 Lost 7, after a District XI semifinal win over Blue Mountain

Outscoring Opponents by 145 points, or 6 pts/game

Up Next: District XI Final, March 3rd

Girls Basketball

97th Season in School History

Jose Medina, Head Coach (Ninth Season, 200-48)

Team Record as of 2/28: Won 15 Lost 9 after an EPC semifinal loss to Easton.

Outscoring Opponents by 129 points, or 6 pts/game

Up next: District XI semifinal, March 1st.

Top Scorers in Becahi Basketball History

Top Scorers	Points	Class of...	Top Scorers	Points	Class of...
1 Kalista Walters	2,273	2015	15 Jim Chassar	1,181	1969 *
2 Justin Paz	1,903	2019	16 Dan Dougherty	1,180	1966 *
3 Tiffany Bedics	1,804	1995	17 Al Blount Jr.	1,165	2010
4 Bob Bukvics	1,485	1960 *	18 Taliya Medina	1,168	2020
5 Kyle Newell	1,420	2005	19 Jack Egan	1,140	1957 *
6 Joe Sterlein	1,392	1955 *	20 Terri Guman	1,111	1979 *
7 Mike Guman	1,374	1976 *	21 Christy Cochran	1,092	1995
8 Jim Moroney	1,344	1953 *	22 Adam Bednarik	1,090	2003
9 Francis Fenerty	1,266	1962 *	23 Jean Bayak	1,061	1960 #
10 Hope Brown	1,256	2018	24 Pedro Perez	1,034	2009
11 Tom Coyle	1,242	1967 *	25 Freddie Simmons	1,029	2015
12 Andrea Veres	1,238	2010	26 Cheryl Morykan	1,022	1983 *
13 Jake Hungarter	1,236	2011	27 Alyssa Antolick	1,005	2001
14 Jen Kish	1,186	1993	28 Annette Sullivan	1,000	1955 #

Wall of Fame Member

* Pre 3-point era

6 on 6 play era

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Swimming

Anna Petke won the District XI Class 2A Diving Championship!

Wow! Nicely done, Anna! - JOB

Wrestling

58th Season in School History

Jeff Karam, Head Coach (Fifteenth Season, 223-24)

PIAA 3A State Champion

- 👉 They've won two consecutive 3A titles, five of the last eight, and have won nine team titles overall.

- 1977, 1979, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2022, 2023

District XI 3A Champion

- 👉 They've won 3 consecutive 3A titles.

Team Record as of 2/11: Won 18 Lost 0

Outscoring Opponents by 757 points, or 42 pts/match

District XI Individual Competition

13 Individual Medalists:

107 Keanu Dillard, 1st

114 Nathan Desmond, 1st

121 Ryder Campbell, 3rd

127 Shane McFillin, 2nd

133 Cael McIntyre, 1st

139 Kollin Rath, 1st

145 Charlie Scanlan, 1st

152 Jake Dailey, 2nd

160 Andrew Harmon, 1st

172 Luke Thomas, 2nd

189 James Deluise, 5th

215 Augustus Warke, 2nd

285 Elijah Thompson, 2nd

Up next: They all advance to the Northeast Regionals, March 3rd and 4th.

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20th Century Individual State Wrestling Champions

Bethlehem Catholic High School Wrestling History

PCIAA - Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association

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State Champion

First	Last	Class of...	Crown(s)	Year(s)	
Harry	Tachovsky	1966	1	1966	PCIAA
Mike	Fenton	1968	2	1966, 1967	PCIAA
Chris	Keating	1968	1	1968	PCIAA
* Tim	Cassidy	1969	1	1969	PCIAA
Bill	Farrell	1969	1	1969	PCIAA
Greg	Karabin	1969	3	1967, 1968, 1969	PCIAA
Donal	Lonergan	1969	1	1969	PCIAA
George	Fidmik	1970	3	1967, 1968, 1970	PCIAA
Tom	Sculley	1970	3	1968, 1969, 1970	PCIAA
* Jim	Gaydos	1971	1	1971	PCIAA
Bill	Kametz	1971	2	1970, 1971	PCIAA
* Mike	Kozo	1971	1	1970	PCIAA
Marty	Lynn	1971	1	1971	PCIAA
Steve	Cichelli	1972	1	1972	PCIAA
Dennis	Fenton	1972	2	1971, 1972	PCIAA
Jack	Sculley	1972	1	1971	PCIAA
Pat	Sculley	1973	4	1970, 1971, 1972, 1973	PCIAA (3) / PIAA (1)
George	Macasevich	1975	1	1972	PCIAA
Mike	Brown	1976	1	1976	PIAA
Tom	Bold	1979	1	1979	PIAA
Rich	Santoro	1979	2	1978, 1979	PIAA
Bernie	Brown	1981	2	1980, 1981	PIAA
* John	Likins	1987	1	1986	PIAA
Blaine	Diacont	1989	1	1989	PIAA
Tony	Iasiello	1989	1	1989	PIAA

* Deceased

Coming soon... 21st Century Champions

I'm waiting for the results from this year's state competition.

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“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... 64 graduates from 46 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 this month...

David Ney '73, a graduate of Bloomsburg University (BS, Accounting), is now “Relaxing in Retirement” in Bethlehem after a successful 40-year career in business.

Dan Sinnott '73, a graduate of Mount St. Mary's University (BA in Sociology) and Temple University's Fox School of Business (MBA), is now President of Sinnott Executive Consulting, and works with 1st time CEOs that are tasked to do a turnaround.

Mary Knipe-Sedor '74, who received a Certification in Dental Assisting from Northampton Community College, is the Office Manager at Family Dental Service in Allentown.

Martha Litsch Schumacher '75, who received a BS in Microbiology from Penn State University and an MBA in Marketing from the University of California - Berkley's Walter A. Hass School of Business, is a Market Research Professional and Self-Employed Consultant in Bethlehem.

Pat Lawler '76, who received a BS, MS and PhD in Food Science from Penn State University, is Senior Principal Scientist at McCormick & Co., a global leader in flavor and one of the most respected and familiar names in the industry, in Hunt Valley, MD.

Mary McCafferty '77, who studied Medical Office management at Northampton Community College, is a Medical Records office professional with experience in medical transcription at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Susan Minarik '78, is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) at Opis Management Resources in Largo, FL.

Mary Tanzosh '78, who received a BS from DeSales University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix, is Director Fresh Flow Supply Chain at Walmart in Bentonville, AK.

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Louis Gombocz '79, who received a BA in Communication from Lehigh University, is a Web Reporter/Journalist at WFMZ-TV.

Linda Montalvo MacGill '80, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from East Stroudsburg University and a Master's Degree in Secondary School Counseling from Lehigh University, is a School Counselor at Whitehall High School.

Steve Shive '81, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate and a graduate of the University of Scranton, is a Professor at East Stroudsburg University.

William Bittenmaster '82, who received a BSBA from Kutztown University and an MBA for LaSalle University, is Vice President Finance - US Field at Access Information Management, the fastest growing information management provider, globally, in Allentown.

Jeff Raykos '83, who received a BS in Structural Design and Construction Engineering Technology from Penn State University, is a Project Engineer at DMK Associates, Inc, a multi-discipline engineering and land surveying firm with two offices in the heart of the Florida Gulf Coast.

Steve Witmer '83, a retired U.S. Army Captain, who received a BS in Finance from Lehigh University and an MBA in Marketing from Georgia State University's J. Mack Robinson College of Business, is National Account Manager at MCC (Multi Color Corporation) Label, one of the largest label companies in the world, in Charlotte, NC.

Matt Bilicic '84, who received a BA in Political Science from DeSales University and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is Global AML/KYC Risk and Analytics Manager - Asset Wealth Management at JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Phil Thoden '85, who received a BS in Georgetown University, is President of the Austin (TX) Chapter of AGC (Associated General Contractors of America).

Susan Gross DeBorde '86's Co-Salutatorian, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is "Top Dog" at Boodapug, founded by a pair of pug-lovin' individuals, in Tualatin, OR.

David Capuano '87, who received a BS in Biology from Muhlenberg College and an MBA from DeSales University, is in IT Business Management; Customer Service at St. Luke's University Health Network.

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Deanna Begovich Krausse '87, who received a BS and MS in Microbiology and an MBA from Colorado State University, is Founder/CEO, Soul Agency, LLC, selling curated care packages and experiences for Cancer patients and caregivers, in Fort Collins, CO.

John Paolino '88, who received an AB in Mechanical Engineering from Lafayette College and a JD from the University of New Hampshire, is Partner and Counsel at Archer & Greiner, P.C. in the New York City metropolitan area.

John Shivok '88, is a Purchasing Professional at A.D. Moyer Lumber & Hardware, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Tim Grbavac '89, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Kettering University and an MS in Manufacturing Management from Lehigh University, is General Manager of Gerbco, LLC, with a strong track record of creating and improving process, from electronics to heavy industry to green technology, in Worcester, MA.

Laura Gadbois Berger '90, who received a BA in Foreign Languages from the University of Delaware and an MBA in the University of Arkansas, is Senior Manager, Omnichannel Marketing for the Neuroscience team at Takeda Pharmaceuticals, in the greater Boston area.

Melissa Wimer '91, who received an Associate's degree in health information, Medical Records from Lincoln Tech, is an ROI Specialist at MRO, empowering healthcare organizations with proven, enterprise-wide solutions for the secure, compliant and efficient exchange of Protected Health Information, in Bethlehem.

Lawrence Beer '92, who received a BA in Economics from the University of Colorado, Denver, is "Saving the world from a shortage of high-speed broadband and amazing telecom infrastructure" at Montview Broadband, in Las Vegas.

Karen DeKeukelaere Tefteau '93, who received a BS in Finance from Lehigh University, is the Chief Operating Officer at the Brokerage LLC, Real Estate and Business Brokerage, in Charleston, SC.

Kara Skulteti Laubach '93, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Delaware and a Master's Degree in Quality Assurance from Temple University, is Senior Quality Specialist at Merck.

Gina Sebastianelli Dedyo '94, who received a BA in Political Science and Government from Moravian University, is a Yoga Instructor in New Orleans, LA.

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Michele Anfuso '95, who studied at Northampton Community College, received a Bachelor's Degree in English from DeSales University and a Master's Degree in Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, is Student Services Secretary with the Allentown School District.

Stacey Roberts '96, is a Contracts & Event Coordinator at Digestive Care, Inc. in Stevensville, MD.

Ian Twaddle '97, is Senior Mortgage Originator at UMortgage Financial Services, a close-knit, collaborative team of mortgage experts, in Macungie.

Kristine Novotny Osmun '98, who received a BS in Chemistry and English from Lebanon Valley College, is an EPC Solutions Analyst at Air Products.

Alexandria San Miguel '98, who received a BS in Computer and Information Science from Temple University, is Head of Information Security at Chanel, a private company and a world leader in creating, developing, manufacturing and distributing luxury products, in the greater metropolitan New York area.

William McPartland '99, who studied Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management at Penn State University, is the General Manager of The Clubhouse Grille in Bethlehem.

Andrew Lewis '00, who received a BS in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College, is an Implementation Specialist at FIS, lifting economies and communities by advancing the way the world pays, banks, and invests, in Collegeville, PA.

Amy Alpago '01, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Fashion Merchandising from the University of Delaware, is a Residential Realtor for Weichert, Realtors in Bethlehem.

Margaret Nickles '02, who received a BA from Albright College, is a Library Technician at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Peter Fazio '03, who received a BS in Marketing and Finance from King's College, is SE National Account Manager at CANarchy Craft Brewery Collective in Tampa.

Cherie Kolleygy Labar '03, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmaceutical Marketing from DeSales University, is Product Manager at HoverTech International, the world leader in air-assisted patient handling technologies, in Allentown.

Katelyn Kostolanci '04, who received a BBA in Accounting and an MBA from the University of Connecticut, is an Operations and Finance Consultant at Steward Health Care in Easton.

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Josef Heimerl '05, who received a Bachelor's Degree in History from DeSales University, is General Manager of Weed Man, a network of locally owned and operated lawn care professionals, in Birmingham, AL

James Presto '06, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Widener University, is a Director at Substation Engineering Company in Reading, PA.

Dana Poloni '07, a U.S. Army Veteran, who received an MA in Biochemistry from the University of Scranton, was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2019, and is a resident physician in Philadelphia.

Michelle Khawam '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Theology from DeSales University and a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Dayton, is Assistant Director of Ministry and Service for Retreats at Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School in Dayton, OH.

John Turnbach '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Engineering from Drexel University, is Director of Electric Operations – Northeast, at InfraSource, A Quanta Services Company, one of the nation's largest underground specialty contractors, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Marc Baumann '09, who studied Geology and Environmental Geo-Science at Dickinson College, and received a Graduate certificate in Real Estate Development from Fordham university, is Vice President of Development & Construction at Claremont Development, in the Morristown, NJ.

Sara Napierkowski '10, who received a BA in Global Studies & Italian from Saint Mary's College, is Principal, Growth & Operations, at Innovatemap, a digital product agency, in Indianapolis.

Matthew Mayrosh '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Test Supervisor for the Curtis-Wright Corporation in Bethlehem.

Gabrielle Lacherza '12, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Strategic Communications from Temple University and will receive an MBA from St. Joseph's University in May, is Communications Manager at Main Line Health in the Philadelphia area.

Roosevelt Remimbis '13, who received an AAS in Construction Management from Northampton Community College, is Project Manager at Reivax Contracting Corporation and a Business owner of RBR Contracting, LLC, in the Lehigh Valley area.

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Maria Spirk, '13's Salutatorian, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from St. Joseph's University, is an Advertising Compliance Analyst, Data Specialist at Vanguard in the greater Philadelphia area.

Raquel Jouvin '14, who studied at Northampton Community College and received a BS in Business and Economics from Lehigh University, is Customer Insights Coordinator at Clove in the greater Philadelphia area.

Dominic Santanasto '14, who received a BS in Finance & Risk Management from St. Joseph's University and is studying for his MBA at Lehigh University, is an Underwriter, Treaty Casualty at Everest Reinsurance Company in Warren, NJ.

Luke Mesko '15, who studied Chemical Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, is a Project Engineer at Medtronic, a global healthcare technology leader, in New Haven, CT.

Margaret Zemanek '15, who received a BS in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences from Penn State University, is a Veterinary Medical Doctor (VMD) Candidate at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, Class of 2023.

Grace Hudock '16, who received a BA in Women's Studies from the University of Scranton, is Department Secretary at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Grant Kawecki '16, who received a BS in Biochemistry from Virginia Tech, is a Bioanalytical Chemist for Code Biotherapeutics, founded on the belief that more can be done for people living with debilitating genetic diseases, in Hatfield, PA.

Ivan Korpics '17, who received a BS in Sports Management from Mount St. Mary's University and is a graduate student at Temple University's School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management, working towards an MS this May.

Julia Laudone '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics from West Chester University, is a newly Certified Registered Dietitian at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Gabrielle Acampora '18, and a 2017 Freddy Award Winner, who received a BS in Environmental Science from the University of Notre Dame, is a Natural Resources Technician at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Lauren Achey '18, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health from Temple University, is an MPH Candidate at the George Washington University Milken Institute of Public Health in Washington, DC.

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Jianna Alcantara '18, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Sports and Exercise Physiology from DeSales University, is pursuing a Master's Degree for Occupational Therapy at Thomas Jefferson University, Center City Campus in Philadelphia.

Justin Fret '18, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from LaSalle University, is a Local City Unload Assistant Manager at FedEx in Catasauqua.

Samantha Gaydos '18, who received a BS in Health Policy and Management from Providence College, is Sales Training Representative, Surgical at Johnson & Johnson Vision, in Irvine, CA.

From the Advancement Office...

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Once Again: The 2023 Golden Gala

You're invited to The **Golden Gala!**

Go to **GoldenGala23.givesmart.com** to register today.



The **Golden Gala** has several virtual ticket options, plus our NEW Viewing Party at Blue ticket.

All Tickets Include:

- Viewing the Virtual **Golden Gala** Program
- Bidding on Auction Items & Raffles
- Donating to the Emotional Appeal

All the proceeds from every **Golden Gala** go towards improving our campus and capabilities to enhance the experiences of every current student and the future generation of Golden Hawks.

If you're interested in sponsoring, go to <https://becahi.org/advancement/the-golden-gala/sponsorship-opportunities/> for sponsorship details. For more information and to donate, contact Mrs. Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org or (610) 866-0791, ext. 323.

Golden Gala Participation Among Our Distinguished Graduates and Athletic Wall of Famers.

As Bethlehem Catholic's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Golden Gala is the opportunity to come together to support our current generation of Golden Hawks. If you are a Distinguished Grad or an Athletic Wall of Famer, please get involved online, organize your classmates and friends at your house, or join an existing Golden Gala Viewing Party. Better yet, join us at the Golden Gala Viewing Party at the Blue Event Center on Saturday, March 25th, from 5 PM until 9 PM. To participate in our 4th Annual Golden Gala, use this link: GoldenGala23.givesmart.com.

Everyone, please help Bethlehem Catholic take advantage of John '82 and Kathy Feehan's generous \$150,000 Three-to-One Dollar Match Up To \$50,000 for Our Golden Gala Emotional Appeal.

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More From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics'81, Director

*We Are More Than Half-Way to Raising \$ 1 Million For Becahi Via the **EITC Tax Credit Program** This Year. Contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org if you would like to redirect your PA State Income Tax to Bethlehem Catholic instead of Harrisburg at no cost to you by March 15th.*

Reflection

Each month, as I put this newsletter together, I think back to my early days, my days of growing up in Bethlehem, and think of those I met and observed along the way. I was lucky, and I know it. This is for all of you who are a part of who I am today...

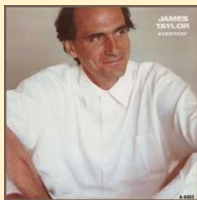
Writer: James Taylor

Album: "That's Why I'm Here" (1985)

Put the "record" on and listen along to these liner notes...

"Song For You Far Away"

- ♪ People around me are at it again. God only knows how they do it.
- ♪ One to another then back again, something keeps putting them through it.
- ♪ Me, I've been watching more than 60 years and it hasn't changed a bit.
- ♪ People keep talking about a different line, but it never seems to fit.



♪ This is a song for you far away, far away. This is a song for you far away from me.

♪ This is a song for you far away, so far away. This is a song for you far away from me.

- ♪ Sitting here all alone is bringing it on again, I'm gone again.
- ♪ Sitting here thinking of you is driving it home again.
- ♪ This is a song for you far away, so far away. This is a song for you far away from me.
- ♪ Open the door it takes me back; oh, it takes me back.
- ♪ Mention your name and I'm gone again; oh, I'm gone again.
- ♪ This is a song for you far away from me, far away from me.

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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/>

Sincerely,
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