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Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni & Class of '70 Newsletter

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Creating the Vision for the 100th Anniversary of Bethlehem Catholic

Focusing on What We Do Best: For the next generation...to continue the legacy.

Enrollment has been declining over the past decade (see page 14), so we should be strategizing about the future now. Right?

Let's start by asking and answering, "What is our competitive advantage"? i.e., Something(s) that are unique to Beca... Like what? Let us know. For example:

1. If you were to describe BecaHi in one sentence or one word, what would it be?
2. What is BecaHi doing that you like?
3. What are areas that BecaHi could improve?
4. Is/are there any things that BecaHi is not currently providing that you believe you need or would like to see?
5. When people are looking for a recommendation for a quality high school education, do you refer them to BecaHi? Why or why not?

Please take a few minutes to think about these questions and send me your thoughts, insights, and ideas. jobisob1@yahoo.com. This is a chance to have your voice heard! I will collect them and report them to the school and in future *Tidings* newsletters.

Some Alums who checked in last month...

...(Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Mary Jane Dugan Figuli '57, Bill Egan '58, George Hazler '58, Peggy Napravnik Derhammer '58, Ed Benavage '68, Rich Bulcavage '68, Greg Falkenbach '68, Linda Kuruc Nagy '68, Andrea Sobieski Barch '68, Bob Tarola '68, Matt Tevald '68, Anita Bianco Rothrock '59, Frances Koprivsek Lamb '59, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Joe Kundek '63, Yogi Eddinger '67, Bob Halbreiner '71, Rocky Krokus '71, Patti Cunningham Ebling '73, Billy Ebling '73, John Fiorentino '73, Michael Kelly '73, Kate Kostelnick '73, Bill Ripper '73, Larry Spagnola '73, Karen Stoll '73, Alan Mangan '78, Tom Vresics '81, Missy DaRe '85, Erin Foley '86, Michele McCracken Stites '92, Jason Bellew '94

...and from my Class...

BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Tony Bauer, Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Paul Grube, Trish Holly Zechman, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Pat Lynch, Pat O'Connor Altier, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Carl David James Strobl 13th, Sue Willey

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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 **502 grads from 81 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".

Alums and Classes Mentioned in September Issue

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending											
0		2		3	25	1	2	1	1		
1	1	4		3	4	2	3	1	1		
2	3	4				1	1	2	2		
3	1	3	1	1	10	2	4	3	2	1	
4	1	1			1	1	6	1	1		
5	3	4		2	1	5	1	1	1		
6	2	2	1	2	1	2	4	1	1		
7	5	3	2	4	1	1	1	2	3		Classes
8	5		4	270	4	3	3	2	3		81
9	2	1	3	31	1	2	2	1	2		Grads
	23	24	11	316	48	20	27	15	17	1	502

This year the following reunion-year classes **were/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

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This is the second largest class to graduate from Becahi (behind the Class of '69), and the 42nd graduating class in the school's history. The school's student population at that time was 1,031... ('68, 270; '69, 276; '70, 263, '71, 222) ...the largest number of scholars under one roof in school history. The class spent half of their freshman year at the venerable school on Fourth and Webster streets.

The new school was "co-institutional" at that time; "boys on one side" (gym wing), "girls on the other" (auditorium wing).

Brother Etienne Cooper, C.S.C. was the Principal.
Mother Michael Bernard, S.S.J. was the Vice-Principal.

Ada Hess was the school nurse.
Gloria Johnson and Susan Karlyn ran the main office.
Bill Haake kept the school's infrastructure running smoothly.

Our 57 teachers were...

Sisters of Saint Joseph (17):

Sr. William Teresa taught math	Sr. Irma Loreto taught math
Sr. Mary Luke taught English	Sr. Cordata taught U.S. History
Sr. Madeline Marie taught religion	Sr. Donatus was the librarian
Sr. Blanche taught political science	Sr. Andrew Joseph taught English
Sr. Ann Maurice taught math	Sr. Marie Jerome taught office skills
Sr. Catharine Immaculate♥taught music appreciation and was the play director	Sr. Alma Patricia taught religion
Sr. Marie Brigid was the prefect of discipline	Sr. Agnes Josephine taught science
Sr. Mary Nicholas taught Latin and English	Sr. Helen Anita taught English
Sr. Rose Clare taught religion and Spanish	

Brothers of the Holy Cross (12):

Br. Michael DiFiore taught Spanish	Br. Robert D'Amato taught chemistry
Br. Ellis Greene taught Latin and and was AD	Br. Richard Johnson taught religion
Br. Lucs Ritter taught English and religion	Br. James Roth taught math
Br. Matthew Gara taught English	Br. Austin Byrnes taught English
Br. Carl Sisk was school treasurer	Br. John Joseph Donnelly, guidance
Br. Robert Andreasen taught religion and history	
Br. Raymond Grant taught English and was dean of discipline	

Priests (3):

Fr. John Basinski taught religion	Fr. Joseph Smith taught religion
Fr. James Stillwell was the guidance director	

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Lay Faculty (25):

Tony Iasiello taught business

Anissa Nassry taught biology

Carol Kopf taught art

Bob Bukvics '60 taught world cultures

Maureen Cashman taught Spanish

Rita Schueller taught German

Cecilia van Eeden taught Spanish

Adam Schaible taught science

Kathleen Wagner taught world cultures and was a guidance counselor

Joan Zaun taught world culture and history

Dick Butler taught physical education

Kathleen Lazun taught home economics

Joseph Kohutka taught religion

Richard Culver taught math

Ed Murray taught English

Patricia Murphy taught English

Carmela Gotthardt taught business

William Fonzone taught sciences

Peter DiFilippis taught French

Henry Nehilla taught political science

Anthony Penn taught math

Herma Rij taught math

Walt King taught math

Robert Hinkle was band director

Cormac Courtney taught political science

Jay Kardos, Irma Fertal, Mary Lawrence, Mary Keretz, **Peggy Hildenberger Terry '34**, and Ann Hamrick were the Betty Crockers of the cafeteria.

The school was new (including the floors) so, students were required to wear “hush puppies” or saddle shoes, (but no sneakers) so they wouldn't get scuff marks on the floors. Most shoes at that time had leather soles and/or rubber heels. Wearing (and getting caught) wearing these types of shoes got you detention.

There were classes in art, home economics, typing, adding machines, even Latin. There was a library!

We had to cover all our textbooks.

In 1978, Mr. “D” smiled when he showed me a French textbook he still used that had the same cover since 1968. The cover read “I love (to) French”.

It belonged to **Lenny Righi**. – Student Government President, and Valedictorian

Anne McCafferty and **Steve Kraft** were the Co-editors of *Tidings*.

Jim McGovern and **Kathy Carlin** were Co-editors of *Sceptre*.

- There were over 100 members of the Glee Club, under the direction of Sr. Catharine.
- Music Man was the Spring musical in 1968, starring **Larry Melley** as Professor Hill and **Diane Donches '70** as Marian, the librarian.
- The Sno-Ball dance was themed as an old-fashioned Christmas.
- The annual Christmas Assembly was a moving event before winter break.
- There was a Junior-Senior Ball held in the auditorium, transformed into a *Hawaiian Holiday*.

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- Close to 100 students were members of the Marching Band and Majorettes under the direction of “Mr. Hinkle.”
- There were over 15 different clubs for after-school activities. Clubs like
 - Future Teachers, Future Nurses, Great decisions, Forensics, Girls’ Business Club, Boys’ Business Club, Teens for Christian Action, Chess Club, Math Club, Model UN, Key Club, Varsity Club, Science Club, Folk Club, French Club, Golf Club (just kidding)
- Sports Activities included an undefeated football season, an East Penn League Championship for the girls’ basketball team, and a state championship for the wrestling team. Check out the Sports Section of this newsletter for more in sports.

Len Righi was the Valedictorian.

Kathleen Doria Conroy was the Salutatorian.

Thirty-four members (13%) had parents who graduated from Beca...

David Bender > **Frances Conahan '37**

Mark Cacciatore > **Margaret Baca '47**

Karen Chiles Maurer > **Anne Concilio '43**

Joan Chrismer > **Tom '32, Anne Glagola '32**

Kathleen Doria Conroy > **Theresa Adamcik '46**

Patricia Downing Rasich > **James Downing '42**

Tom “Cat” Gallagher > **Rosemary '37, James '37**

Deborah Hinnerschietz Reiman > **Pauline Laky '46**

Frances Keating Coulter > **James '42, Frances Dugas '45**

Ursula King Davis > **Richard '31, Amelia Moravek '35**

Mike Lawler > **Regina Morrison '43**

Peggy Loturco Tegyi > **Dorothy DiStalio '45**

Michael Lynch > **Harry '41, Lucy Hildenberger '40**

Tim McGlade > **Harry '39, Mary Doyle '38**

Richard Metzger > **Joseph '38, Grace McNally '38**

Bonnie Niechwiadowicz Getz > **Mary McCarthy '45**

Judy Palenchar Kelleman > **Shirley Motiska '47**

Bill Seidenberger > **Mary Dugan '41**

Jody Smith Davis > **Helen Sullivan '38**

Susan Urello > **Genevieve Taglang '42**

Cecelia Bragg > **June Rodgers '44**

Ann Dalton Kirsch > **Michael Dalton '47**

Sheila Dugan Clark > **Edward '36**

Mike Fenton > **Charlie '42, Rita Dugan '43**

Gerry Gerber > **Gerald '40**

Michael Kalman > **Martina Buck '37**

Joanne Labdik Csernak > **Joseph '49**

Tom Leary > **Irene Baron '41, Joseph '39**

Bernie Lynch > **Bernie '41**

Richard Sefranek > **Andrew '38**

Anne Schweder Berg > **Mary Lyons '45**

Eileen Skomitz Thomas > **Clare Bellew '37**

Jack Trimble > **Russ '36, Marie Curry '35**

Eleanor Zarinsky Albright > **Ann Sweetz '33**

The **269 members of the class** came from seventeen parishes and several other communities.

Assumption B.V.M.

Dave Elchin*

Christine Repsher Carbonara

Helen Sefranek Valla

Sacred Heart

Mary Louise Meyers Wagner

Donna Ressler Tylanda

Roy Repsher

Glenn Temos

Paul Weber

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Holy Ghost

Helen Fox Vohar
Monica Gallo Treuil
Gerald Gerber*
Daniel Husser
Leo Kehs*
Diane Knoblick Snyder

Joseph Krafty
Lois Levering Zigmund
Joanne Mies Sarnes
David Robinson
Roseann Rutz Coleman
Marybeth Salabsky Paradowski

Joseph Schnalzer
Edward Spadt
Carol Stern Mann
John Stoll, III
Patricia Traybar Tompkins
Mary Veanus O'Reilly

Holy Infancy

Joanne Bartha Mosko
Eileen Casey Brown
Virginia Gonzalez Belles
Joseph Kelleher*

Tom Leary
Eugene Mish
Maria Ocampo DelGrosso
Elza Oliveira August

Marie Ruiz
Eileen Skomitz Thomas
Lucille Willey Werner
James Zondlo

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Maryellen Ahern Dodson
Joanne Byczynski Emge*
Mary Alice Contente Kendy*
Ann Dalton Kirsch
Diane Dolan
Tim Dolan
Diane Dutko

Patricia Garbaczewski Taylor
Diane Guastella
Harry Haller
Dennis Hartzell*
Michael LaComare*
Barbara Mainka
John Mainka

James Manzak
Kathleen McCarthy Kelshaw
Bonnie Niechwiadowicz Getz
Edward Perkins
Brenda Silfies Roland*

* Deceased

Notre Dame

Mary Lou Andris Seigfried
Bonnie Artinger Christein-Preisler
Ed Benavage
Harry Bensinger
Robert Buckanin
William Bugger
Rich Bulcavage
Kathleen Carlin Weiss
Carmella Castellucci Kitzhoffer
Anne Marie Czar
Edward Davis
Catherine Dougherty Baer
Michele Eckenrode Lawler
Kathleen Edwards

Peter Faleski*
Edward Fink
Mary Gambill
John Haggerty
Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy
Carol Huber Hudak
Judy Hudak Tupper
Big John Kearney
Chris Keating*
Jerry Kitzhoffer
Beverly Krokus Hughes*
Karen Kuchera Collins
Beverly Lewis Kincaid
Richard Lopez*

Richard May
Louis Nagy
Veronica O'Leary
Richard Podlesny
Rebecca Roberts
Jim Roethke
Jody Smith Davis
Catherine Swiderski Csencsitz
Rich Taglang
John Weinhofer
Frank Weiskopf*
Thomas Winkler
Louis Wrabel

Our Lady of Pompeii

Nicholas Capuano
Sharon Chicchi Mancuso
Bob Curzi*

Frances Fatebene Emig
Dolores Iasiello Scanlon
Amelia "Nam" Keeler*

Len Righi*
Andrea Sobieski Barch
Bob Tarola

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SS. Cyril and Methodius

Barbara Anthony Wolfe*
Bernard Anthony
Patricia Check Feeley
Margaret Donches
Christina Gasdaska Richie
John Gasdaska*

Maryann Harvilla Hacker
Elaine Ivanitch Shook*
Ray LaBuda
John Maco, Jr.*
Stephanie Olexa

Jonathan Oravec
Eugene Schramko
Stephanie Svirzovsky Styes
Steven Turek
Jean Votral Schmalzer

St. John Capistrano

Glenn Aranyos
Judy Borso Thorn
Elvira Horvath Fenner

Elizabethann Huffsmith Yelinko
Frank Petko
Stephen Roseman

Dolores Ulrich Strouse

St. John the Baptist

Diane Reszetar Sedgwick

* Deceased

St. Stanislaus

Richard Baran

Joseph Dias

Bernie Igusky

SS. Simon and Jude

Ann Marie Adamchak Behers
Mary Ann Adamchak Capuano
Michael Arendas
Richard Bailey*
Janice Belzner Radle
Kathy Bringenberg Misunas
Mary Rose Burkit Boehler*
Maryellen Bush
Jude Carpeny
Robert Clark
Jane Cunningham Volkert
Joseph Degan
Sheila Dugan Clark
Michael Duro

Patricia Ebling Miller
Tom "Cat" Gallagher
Dave Griffith*
Ruthann Grube Toma
Frances Keating Coulter
Michael Koch
Linda Kuruc Nagy
Mike Lawler
Peggy Loturco Tegyi*
Jack Lund
Judy Lund Pobuda*
Mary Magyar Gross
Anne McCafferty Kenstowicz*
Judy Palenchar Kelleman

Joyce Polak Brauchle
Patricia Potak Mitchell
Daniel Rice*
Anne Schweder Berg
Billy Seidenberger
Karen Smith Angelino
Christine Stephan Mellor
Joseph Sweeney
Francine Torok Williams
Connie Ulans
Mary Susan Urello
Tim Vohar

St. Joseph

James Albert
Thomas Anderko
Steven Domitrecz
Patricia Donchez Watt*
Barry Gerlecz*

Emery Herczeg*
Theresa Leashefski Lotti
Mary Martin Weaver
Dennis Repyneck
William Rogan

Mary Schweitzer Haldaman*
Charles Stofko
Stephen Vidonya
Eleanor Zarinsky Albright

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St. Anne

Barbara Albright
Cecelia Bragg Kilian
Charles Carroll
Karen Chiles Maurer
Michael Copek
Nancy Crouthamel
Frank Dolegiewicz
Kathleen Doria Conroy
Steve Dugas
Margaret Edwards
Greg Falkenbach
Mike Fenton
Michele Fleischmann Hettinger
Mark Ford
Susa Gorzelic Griffith
Kathleen Guzzo Kromer

Mary Hafeli
Jane Hahn
Del Hinkle*
Debra Hinnerschietz Reiman
Linda Hirschbeck Stocklas
Carol Infurna Husser
Michael Kalman*
Jack Kirk
Steven Kraft
Sarah Lang
Francis Lazorik*
Timothy Mahoney
Toni Martucci Tarola
Jim McGovern*
Larry Melley

John Mish
Janis Murcic
Barbara Pramick Schleppey
Richard Sefranek
Karen Shamenek Metzger
Thomas Shamenek
Jane Siegfried Pothier
Connie Spagnola Weiskopf
Matthew Tevald
Michael Trescak
Jim Venninger
Diane Yuhás Deutsch
Gloria Mease Moyer

St. Josaphat

Charles Walchonski-Stevens

* Deceased

St. Theresa

George Danko

Michael Kirsch

Christopher Yuhás

St. Ursula

Bill Antalics
Dorothy Anthony Knecht
Thomas Beier
David Bender
Mark Cacciatore
Joan Chrismer Ritter*
Billy DeAngelis
Patricia Downing Rasich
John Gomboz*
Russell Haney
Michael Kessler*

Ursula King Davis
Mike Klinger
Joanne Labdik Csernak
Bernadette Lichtenwalner Bonilla
Bernie Lynch
Michael Lynch
JoAnne Makoski Emerson
Timothy McGlade
Richard Metzger
Christine Molnar Kehn
Sarah Moyer Veanus

Dennis Murphy
Gail Rentzheimer Benincasa
Bob Ringhoffer
Nancy Schoenen Falkenbach
Fred Sztetecz
Jack Trimble
Sally Walsh Roberts
Anne Marie Yasso Crown
Michael Zovko

Cathedral Church of the Nativity

Charlie Parker

Parish Not Listed

Tom O'Leary

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Andrea Sobieski Barch wrote... *"Classes at Holy Ghost were unique. We all stayed in our classroom. So going over to the new high school was interesting. Getting from one class to another was a different experience."*

Here's what I found about their post Beca pursuits...

Sixteen members served in the military...

William Bugger > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Robert Clark > U.S. Navy (Retired Rear Admiral)

Michael Fenton > U.S. Navy Reserves (Vietnam)

David Griffith > U.S. Army (West Point)

Michael Kalman > U.S. Marines (Vietnam)

John Maco, Jr. > U.S. Air Force (Vietnam)

Timothy McGlade > U.S. Naval Reserves

John Stoll, III > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Robert Curzi > U.S. Marines

Joseph Dias > U.S. Air Force

Peter Faleski > U.S. Coast Guard

Eugene Schramko > U.S. Air Force

Daniel Rice > U.S. Army (Vietnam)

Joseph Sweeney > U.S. Navy

Matthew Tevald > U.S. Army

Timothy Vohar > U.S. Navy

Twelve members became Healthcare professionals...

Maryellen Ahern Dodson > MD, Nursing, Anesthesiology

Patricia Check Feeley > Nursing

Beverly Krokus Hughes > X-Ray Technologist

Francis Lazorik > MD, Physician

Marybeth Salabsky Paradowski > Nursing

Karen Shamenek Metzger > Nursing

Constance Spagnola Weiskopf > PhD, Nursing

Nancy Crouthamel > Nursing

Elvira Horvath Fenner > Nursing

Joyce Polak > Nursing

Gail Rentzheimer > Nursing

Andrea Sobieski Barch > Nursing

There were several campus couples who tied the knot...

Bonnie Artinger and **John Christein '67**

Carmella Castellucci and Jerry Kitzhoffer

Ann Dalton and Michael Kirsch

Michele Eckenrode and Mike Lawler

Helen Fox and Tim Vohar

Sue Gorzelic and Dave Griffith

Judy Lund and **Bob Pobuda '67**

Richard Metzger and Karen Shamenek

Fred Szvetecz and **Roseann Pammer '70**

Harry Bensinger and **Susan Almer '69**

Bob Curzi and **Kathleen Kondash '69**

Patty Ebling and Danny Rice

Greg Falkenbach and Nancy Schoenen

Gerry Gerber and Anne Ortwein

Dan Husser and Carol Infurna

Toni Martucci and Bob Tarola

John Stoll and **Gerianne Derwinski '69**

Carmella Castellucci Kitzhoffer writes... *"Jerry & I...were high school sweethearts at Beca and started "going steady" at one of Beca's Friday night dances. It was Friday, November 13, 1964! Yes, we were the ripe old age of 14 😊 We married 6 years later when Jerry was still in undergrad, and I was working as a secretary. We ended up living in Michigan (Jerry got his MA from Western Michigan Univ); moved on to Pittsburgh; Connecticut; back to Pittsburgh; and then to Colorado before coming back to the East Coast...New Jersey in 1982 where we've been ever since. Sooooo, we always say Friday the 13th is very lucky for the Kitzhoffers! God has given us 2 wonderful daughters and sons-in-law and 5 (soon to be 6) grandchildren 🍀"*

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Linda Kuruc Nagy wrote... “Our senior class trip in June to NYC—we did a lot—saw *The Man of LaMancha* on Broadway, the “new” *Odd Couple* movie at Radio City, dinners & look what I remember... So—my fondest memory: sneaking out of our hotel—the Edison ?? past the nuns at midnight & going bowling someplace near Times Square with you-know-who-you-are!!! Some role models 😊 we were.”

Ten members had 14 children who graduated from Beca...

Harry and **Susan (Almer '69) Bensinger** > **Lindsay '98**

Bob Curzi and **Kathleen (Kondash '69) Curzi** > **Anjanette '91, Robert '94**

Gerry and Anne Ortwein Gerber > **Jenn Kish '93**

John Maco > **Lauren '99, John '02**

Richard and Karen Shamenek Metzger > **Mike '94**

Bonnie Niechwiadowicz Getz > **Jeremy '96**

Judy Palenchar Kelleman > **Amy '90, James '94, Kate '96**

Jody Smith Davis > **Kelly (Kramer) '91, Mike (Kramer) '93, Katie (Kramer) '96**

First Chairperson, Becahi Board of Directors – **Dave Griffith**

Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame Members – **Mike Fenton, Bob Tarola**

Becahi Distinguished Graduates – **Mike Fenton, Dave Griffith, Bob Tarola**

Becahi Coaches – **Carol Huber**, Girls Basketball, 6 seasons, 1981/82 > 86/87

Jody Smith Davis, Girls Volleyball, 9 seasons, 1992 > 00

Boys Volleyball, 3 seasons, 1999 > 01

Other '68 Notables:

Musselman's Jewelers – Tom Anderko

A business for 90 years in Historic Bethlehem, Musselman Jewelers' secret to longevity is the superior quality of product and customer service!

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La Petite Provence – Pat Potak Mitchell

“This is a lovely store full of beautiful European tableware and linens and even perfume - a gem tucked away on the main drag. Lots of great exploring among all the items they sell...”

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Rich Bulcavage, 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 Sun City Center, FL.

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Some more Alumni I read about or heard from recently...

Rocky Krokus '71, wrote... *"Just wanted to mention I visited Bethlehem last week when I was in town for a family reunion in Chalfont. Met with **Jimmy Fink '70** and my brother **Bernie '67**, Beca alumni, for some late summer fun. Along for the ride were my 4 grandsons, wife, daughter, and her husband. Drove through Musikfest and showed them BECAHI of course. We even had a family gathering before the reunion at Monocacy Park. Things sure have changed in 15 years, but it seems for the better. Our family will remain in Oregon as our 4 grandsons continue their growth. Their dad, my son, Alex, passed away on Feb. 12, 2021 from Advanced Leukemia. He would have enjoyed the ride. Celebrated being 70 this year. Woo Hoo!" Peace, Rocky"*

Frances Koprivsek Lamb '59 wrote... *"I graduated from St. Agnes School of Nursing in 1962. I then attended Moravian College and graduated in 1965. And taught at St Luke's Hospital School of Nursing from 1965-1975. I then became a school nurse in New Jersey and retired in 2013."*

Fifty years later...



< **Some Hillers from '73** at their 50th Reunion on August 6th ...

Left to right: **Dave Ney, Jane Mulhearn Tafaro, Bill Ripper, Mary Beth Makoski, and Ann Knipe MacLaughlin**

...just like their yearbook photos.

Alan Mangan '78, U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1983, Colonel U.S. Marines (Retired), on August 23rd, 2023, embarked on an epic cross-country journey to bicycle 3,423 miles in 44 days from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Washington to Annapolis, Maryland for the USNA Class of 83's 40th reunion.

Over the past five years, Alan and a small group of classmates have ridden one-week segments of the ride - in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. This year it all comes together. 12 classmates and three very dedicated wives will make the whole journey, alternately riding and driving the support vehicles. The team will average 80 miles/day for 44 days.

While 15 people are on the entire ride, the group flows and ebbs along the route. On the final day, from Arlington National Cemetery to the USNA Cemetery, there will be 50+ participants.

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The ride will serve as a platform to increase awareness of the challenges faced by veterans and to inspire and encourage people along the way to show their gratitude to those who have dedicated their lives to safeguarding our freedoms. Alan is supporting the Travis Manion Foundation* and his link to that cause is at <http://www.navy-cycling.com>.

** The Travis Manion Foundation is a national veteran service organization that empowers Veterans and Families of Fallen Heroes to develop character in future generations. In 2007, 1st Lt. Travis Manion, USMC was killed in Iraq while saving his wounded teammates. Today, Travis' legacy lives on in the words he spoke before leaving for his final deployment, "If Not Me, Then Who..."*

The Next Generation...

Kevin Frederick '94's son Evan is now a freshman, Class of '27

Adrienne Krosecz Schultz '98's son Evan is now a freshman, Class of '27

Alithia Klados Tsamoutalidis '03's son Vasilios is now a freshman, Class of '27

Andrew Trainatafelo '07's son Zackary is now a freshman, Class of '27

Becahi Grad Portrayed by William Macey in Hulu TV Mini-series.

Tom Vresics '81 writes ... *"If you haven't already seen "The Dropout" on Hulu, you should check it out.*

*The mini-series tells the story behind how the Theranos Scandal was uncovered by a few critical thinkers with street smarts who saw beyond the lure of just agreeing with influential people. One of those who helped reveal the shortcomings of Elizabeth Holmes' medical business venture was Bethlehem Catholic's own **Richard Fuisz '57**, played by William H. Macey. The varied accomplishments of our graduates are amazing.*

If you become aware of a something noteworthy about a Becahi Grad contact Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org."

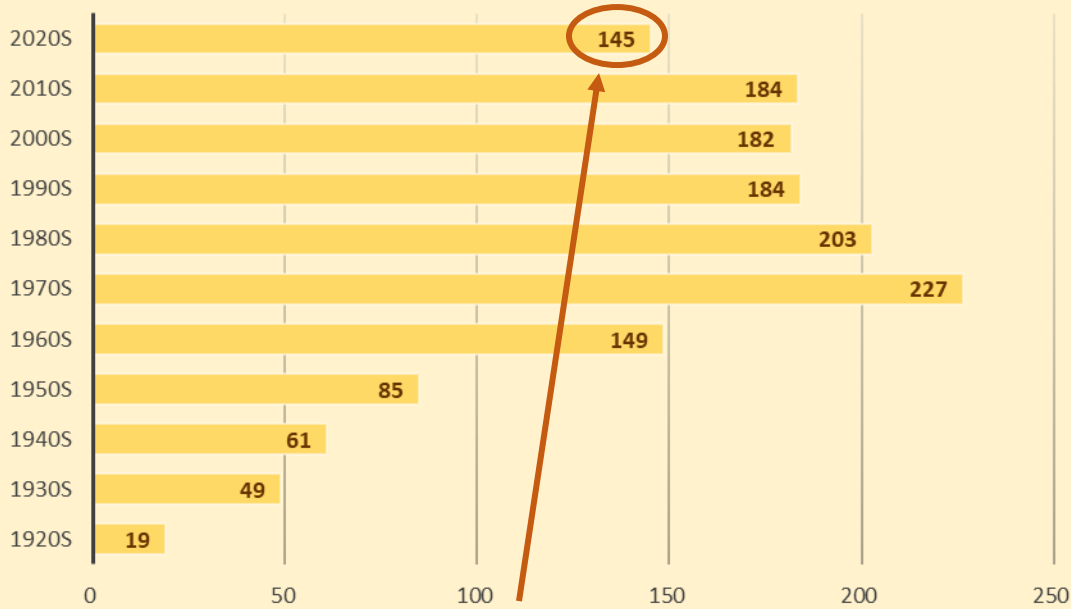
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The Class of 2023 graduated 128 scholars
Becahi Alumni Community is enriched.

A look back at class size over the decades...

Average Class Size



Take Notice... !!!

Year-Seniors-% change...

- 2020 185 grads, 4% increase from previous year;
- 2021 151 grads, 23% decrease;
- 2022 173 grads, 13% increase;
- 2023 128 grads, 35% decrease;
- 2024-27 Estimated 525 students, i.e., "only" 131 grads/year

21% Less seniors than the 2010 decade

2023 Graduates, smallest Class size since Class of 1966 (111)

Now is the time for positive action.

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

September 8th – Golden Hawk Golf Classic at Whitetail Golf

September 16th – **Class of '61's 80th Birthday Party**, John's House (see below)

September 22nd and 23rd – Becahi Homecoming Weekend **See Page 19**

September 22nd – Pig 'N Swig 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Becahi Cafeteria

September 23rd – Homecoming Game vs Easton, 7:00pm BASD Stadium

September 27th – **Class of '57's 66th reunion**, Copperfield Restaurant

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

October 6th – **Class of 2003's 20th Reunion**, Sewyco Social Hall

October 14th – **Class of '83's 40th Reunion**, DeSales University

September 13th, 2025!!!! – **Class of '85's 40th Reunion**, TBD

Reunion News...

- **Class of 1957...** will hold their 66th re-union on Wednesday September 27th at Copperfield Restaurant on Route 378 in Center Valley from 12 to 4PM. Contact **Marie Purcell Carroll '57**, 484-343-4929 if interested in attending.
- **Classmates of '58** meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at various restaurants in the Lehigh Valley. **Marie Posipanko Spisak '58** sends e-mail reminders the Sunday prior to the luncheon to let classmates know when and where they will be gathering. Usually, the "where" is decided during the previous luncheon. Any of their classmates who are not on the e-mail list and would like to join them please contact Marie. Her address is mso462@rcn.com

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

Saturday, September 16. The place for this celebration will be **John McGeehan's '61** house. All members are invited to attend the event. Please contact **Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61** for a reservation and additional information. Go to: sandysilvoy@gmail.com

➤ **Class of 1978's 45th Reunion**

Friday evening September 29th, 7:30pm, Pre-Reunion Soiree at The Flying Pig on 1313 Center Street

Saturday afternoon September 30th, Mass in the Becahi Chapel

Saturday evening September 30th | 7:00 – 11:00pm | Steel Club | Casual Dress

Tickets are \$55 per person and include appetizers all night, and a cash bar. There will be a Basket Raffle and a 50/50 Raffle!

The class has a Facebook page titled – Becahi Class of '78, on which **Sally Kammetler '78** is the administrator... sallykamm@gmail.com or 610-217-5115

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➤ Class of '83 – 40th Reunion

- Date: Saturday, October 14th
- Time: 6:00 – 10:00pm
- Location: DeSales University
- Price: \$60 per person (That's only \$1.50 per year)
- We are looking for a verbal commitment as soon as possible. Money is not due until it is closer to the event, but a head count is helpful as we continue to make plans.
 - Class members can respond by sending an email to BC1983Reunion@gmail.com OR on Facebook in the group 'BECA Class of '83 - 40th Reunion'.
- **Stephanie Schweder-Kratzer, Kate Santoro Kepenis and Karen Butryn** are contacts for the Reunion.

➤ Class of '85's 40th Reunion

- Save the date: Saturday, **9/13/2025** More information to follow!
- Please reach out to Becahi Advancement Office and make sure that they have your current mailing address and email address. Thank you, **Sherri Hines '85, Dave Feist '85 and Missy DaRe '85**

➤ Class of 2003's 20th Reunion

- Friday, October 6th, Sewyco Social Hall, 1 Kenny Headman Lane, Bethlehem
- 6:00pm – 10:30pm
- Hors d'oeuvres all night!!
- Cash bar
- Questions and contact **Mary Lucente '03** at mary.lucente@gmail.com



GOLDEN HAWK GOLF CLASSIC



Friday, September 8, 2023

7:00am Sign-In
8:00am Shotgun
Start

To register your sponsorship and foursome, go to BecahiGolf23.givesmart.com or any questions contact Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org
Registration \$150.

Funds raised support equipment and transportation for all Beca Athletic teams.

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Class of 1973's 50th Graduation Anniversary Reunion ...a resounding success.

Holy Ghost!

Another pic of the kids from '73...

...from their 50th reunion in August (Holy Ghost Grade School alums)



Left to Right: Front row: **Lois Brugger, Maggie Lynn, Patti Cunningham, Janet Hoch**
Back Row: **Ed Reybitz, Debbie Ortwein, Cathy Bauer, Karen Stoll, Joe Horvath**

Class of '73 Reunion Planning Committee – Thank You!

Rosie Maurer Ross, John Fiorentino, Charlie Kuhns, Bob & Sharon (Bellizzi) Friedman, Maria Spagnola, Larry Spagnola, Mark Breiner, Dave Ney, Ron Davco, Bill & Maxine Ripper and Barb Brugger Carrington.

Bill Ripper wrote... *“Our 50th Reunion was fantastic. Friday morning golf was very enjoyable. Friday night at Musikfest saw many of our classmates exchanging high school stories and what they’ve been doing and where they reside now.*

Saturday night continued the fun catching up with those we haven’t seen for 50 years. The food at The Club at Twin Lakes couldn’t have been better. Through the cocktail hour, dinner and dessert all the talking drowned out the background music. Many of the attendees at all three events expressed their happiness with the weekend either via texts or emails. I just wish I had taken more photos.

Many photos have been posted on our class Facebook page, BeCaHi Class 73.”

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The “Angels” of St. Anne’s...



Front row; Left to right;

Stevie Szvetecz, Mary Dey, Debbie DiDonato, Sharon Bellizzi, Maria Spagnola

Back row; Left to right;

Paul Coulter, Mike Coulter, Barbara Brugger, Bob Friedman, Danny Sinnott, Mike Brady

John Fiorentino wrote... “Here’s a little roundup the Class of 73’s 50th Reunion.

The reunion was held at The Club at Twin Lakes on Saturday, August 5th. The preceding day included a golf outing and an informal gathering at Musikfest. I believe we had 16 golfers and at least 30 at Musikfest.

The main event drew 55 classmates; 83 total, including spouses.

People traveled from all around the country to attend, coming from Washington, California, Hawaii, Texas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Florida and the Carolinas. Some people even made the trip all the way from Bethlehem. :-)

Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time reconnecting with old friends. Many followup emails ensued, with people sharing their gratitude and joy for having the chance to relive memories and rekindle friendships.”

JOB Comments:

These kids were all freshmen when I was a senior. Now we’re *all* seniors.

More photos to follow next month when we recognize the Class of 1973 with a Virtual 50th reunion in **Tidings**!

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Friday, September 22nd

We hope all Becahi Alumni, Current Families*, Faculty & Staff join us for the:

Football Walkthrough 4:15pm - 5:00pm, Turf Field

Meet the Football Coaches & Team 5:00pm - 5:30pm, Turf Field

Pig 'N Swig 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Becahi Cafeteria

Enjoy a delicious pulled pork dinner provided by Point Phillips Hotel

& beverages provided by Tanczos Beverages.

** All current students must be accompanied by at least one of their parents to attend Pig 'N Swig.*



Saturday, September 23rd

Homecoming Game vs. Easton

7:00 pm, BASD Stadium

Come celebrate your school spirit with the Becahi community!

Please use the form below to RSVP to the Pig 'N Swig by Thursday, September 14th or go to

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/PigNSwig23>. For further information or questions,

please contact Sarah Lumi at slumi@becahi.org or call 610-866-0791, ext 323.

Pig 'N Swig

Name: _____

Year of Graduation: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Tickets: \$10 per person - *Pig 'N Swig admission includes a Becahi Mug and Pulled Pork Dinner*

Number of People Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

RSVP by Thursday, September 14th. Please make checks payable to Bethlehem Catholic High School and send to:
Bethlehem Catholic High School Advancement Office - 2133 Madison Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017

All Classes are most welcome!

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Georgine Geary Case	1940	07/12/2023	101
Louis Casamassa*	1958	02/20/2023	81
Gus Garcsar	1959	08/19/2023	82
Harry Rodgers	1965	08/12/2023	76
Edward Fertal*	1966	05/26/2023	75

* I was recently notified of Lou's and Ed's passing

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Graciela Amato, mother of **Angelo '88, Julia '89**, Claudia, and Leon, and grandmother to the late **Gabrielle '23**, on 07/31
- † **Ed Fertal '66**, husband of **Carol Cook '66**, and brother of the late **Mary Jane '56**, on 05/26
- † Alex Krokus, son of **Rocky '71** and Roe, nephew of **Bernie '67** and the late **Beverly '68**, on 02/12/21.
- † **Harry Rodgers '65**, son of **Harry '32** and **Ida Lucas '35**, brother of **Jack '60, Jean '61, and Ida '65**, on 08/12
- † Rose Ummarino Merlo, sister of the late **Andrew Ummarino '60**, on 08/13

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

Patty Coyle Metzger (09/18/13)
Leigh Doling Leming (09/20/06)
Rosemary Medve Vassa (09/29/11)

Steff Long (09/16/18)
Mike Tocci (09/24/19)

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

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Sports Section

100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

1967/1968 Sports Scene

1967 Undefeated Football Team

Walt King, Head Coach

50th Year Reunion Picture (2017)

Back row: L>R: Tom "Cat" Gallagher '68, Bob Bukvics '60 (coach), Jack Kirk '68, Dick Metzger '68, Rich Taglang '68, Bob Brown '69, Bill Farrell '69, Jerry Kresge '69, Tom Maio '70, Lenny Blanar '69



Kneeling: L>R: Dave Griffith '68, Chuck Ortwein '69, Bob Tarola '68, Mike Lawler '68, Bernie Gillen '70, Hugh Wilson '69, Herman Rij (coach)

Whaddya think? Becahi Wall-of Fame Potential as a team?

See the next page for some season statistics...

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1967 Football Team – Undefeated

Walt King, Head Coach

Bethlehem Catholic High School Football
1967

Coach, Walt King
Undefeated
10 Wins
Bethlehem City Champions

Individual Notes and Statistics:

Bob Tarola, 1,261 yards Rushing, 22 TDs
Mark Cacciatore, 871 yards Rushing
Rich Taglang, 9 TD Passes
Bernie Lynch, 5 TD passes 15 players scored

Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	Margin	Player	TDs	PATs	FG	S	Totals
W	25	12 Hazleton	13						
W	27	19 Pius X	8	Bob Tarola '68	22	1			133
W	26	13 Liberty	13	Mark Cacciatore '68	9	3			57
W	29	7 Salisbury	22	Bernie Lynch '68		25			25
W	43	0 Marian Catholic	43	Rich Taglang '68	4				24
W	42	20 Freedom	22	Chris Keating '68	3				18
W	13	6 Allentown Central Catholic	7	Jim Venninger '68	3				18
W	71	6 Pottsville Nativity	65	George Yasso '69	2	1			13
W	47	4 Northwestern	43	Tom Beier '68	2				12
11/13/67 W	34	6 Notre Dame	28	Mike Klinger '68	2				12
				Charlie Stofko '68	2				12
				Bill Seidenberger '68	2				12
				Mike Lawler '68	1	1			7
				Dave Griffith '68	1				6
				Greg Semanick '71	1				6
				Charlie Parker '68				1	2
				Totals	54	31	0	1	357

Total Points: **357** 93 Opponents
Pts/Game: 35.7 9.3 Opponents

Becahi Wall-of-Fame as a team in the future? Why not? The major stats are above.
Time to nominate...send your recommendations to Beca's AD, **Chris Domyan '94** at cdomyan@becahi.org

Members of the team included: **Charlie Parker '68, Jack Kirk '68, Mike Klinger '68, Jim Venninger '68, Bob Tarola '68, Tom Beier '68, Bill Seidenberger '68, Chris Keating '68, Gene Mish '68, Larry Melley '68, Charles Stofko '68, Dave Griffith '68, Mark Cacciatore '68, Tom "Cat" Gallagher '68, Bernie Lynch '68, Mike Lawler '68, Dick Metzger '68, George Danko '68, Frank Weiskopf '68, T. McCreary, Billy Farrell '69, Rich Taglang '68, Jerry Evrard '69, Joe Pearl '69, Bob Brown '69, Mike Antalics '69, George Yasso '69, Tom Zambo '69, Joe Gonzales '69, Gus Neimeister '70, Tom Maio '70, Bernie Gillen '70, Paul Grube '70, Greg Ortwein '70, Hugh Wilson '69, Mick Halbreiner '70, Dave Hartzell '70, Scott Stephens '69, Gary Tarola '69, Jerry Kresge '69, Gary Cacciatore '71, Greg Semanick '71, Dan Rice '68 (Hawk), Frank Petko '68 (manager), Bob Ringhoffer '68 (senior manager), Len Blinar '69 (manager), Bill Baur '69 (manager), Mike Copek '68 (manager), Mike Barbour '72 (manager) (names from the 1968 yearbook and memory...anyone missed? Let me know.)**

Coaches included...Henry Nehilla, **Bob Bukvics '60**, George Laughlin, Tom Jordan, Dick Butler, Herman Rij, Dick Culver, Head Coach Walt King, and Adam Schaible (equipment manager) Tony Iasiello, Joseph E. Bartos (team physician), Rudy Keretz (trainer),

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Boys Basketball

Coach, Paul Calvo

1967 - 1968 Season

7 Wins - 15 Losses

East Penn League (1st Season)

Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	Point Margin	Players:
7	15	(from Yearbook)		(from Yearbook)
W	62	45 Hellertown	17	
W	49	51 Whitehall	(2)	Mark Cacciatore '68
L	50	76 Dieruff	(26)	Joe Degnan '68
L	74	88 Hazleton	(14)	Greg Falkenbach '68
W	80	56 Tamaqua	24	Dave Griffith '68
L	42	64 Allentown Central Catholic	(22)	John Kearney '68
W	63	61 Easton	2	Tom Leary '68
W	77	63 Phillipsburg	14	Dick Metzger '68
L	30	74 Liberty	(44)	Bob Ringhoffer '68, Manager
L	36	72 Pottsville	(36)	Geoff Borda '69
L	54	69 Allen	(15)	Jim Chassar '69
L	50	51 St. Francis Prep	(1)	Ed Chladny '69
L	38	67 Dieruff	(29)	Tom Christ '69
L	52	63 Hazleton	(11)	George Yasso '69
W	44	42 Tamaqua	2	Al Calvo '70
L	48	60 Allentown Central Catholic	(12)	
L	48	51 Easton	(3)	Rudy Keretz, Trainer
L	49	57 Phillipsburg	(8)	
L	35	50 Liberty	(15)	
L	48	58 Pottsville	(10)	
L	56	58 Allen	(2)	
W	48	35 Notre Dame	13	
7	15			
Totals	1,133	1,311	Point Differential	(178)
Avg/Game	76	87	Average Point Differential	(12)

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Girls Basketball

Coach, Heidi Hydusik

1967 - 1968 Season
14 Wins - 1 Loss

East Penn League Champions

Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	Point Margin	Players:
14	1	(from Yearbook)		(from Yearbook)
W	68	21 Pius X	47	Maryellen Ahern '68, Manager Janice Brugger '69
W	30	16 St. Francis Academy	14	Judy Borso '68 Barbara Fejes '69, Manager
W	46	30 Liberty	16	Nancy Crouthamel '68 LaMae Iasiello '69
W	29	19 Freedom	10	Patti Ebling '68 Joan Kirk '69
W	38	27 Allentown Central Catholic	11	Carol Huber '68 Susan Laughlin '69
W	53	23 Notre Dame	30	Judy Hudak '68 Margaret Terry '69, Manager
W	39	32 Easton	7	Nam Keeler '68 Maki Brugger '70
W	64	32 Allen	32	Barbara Lang '68 Lisa DeAngelis '70
W	31	26 Liberty	5	Toni Martucci '68 Diane Donches '70
W	62	37 Freedom	25	Pat Potak '68 Judy McCoach '70
L	30	32 Allentown Central Catholic	(2)	Becky Roberts '68 Patty Hesener '71
W	65	50 Notre Dame	15	Mary Schweitzer '68, Manager
W	49	12 Dieruff	37	Helen Sefranek '68
W	32	24 Phillipsburg	8	Jody Smith '68
W	43	40 Easton*	3	

* East Penn Playoff

Won Lost

14 1

Totals	679	421	Point Differential	258
Avg/Game	45	28	Average Point Differential	17

Wrestling 1967/68

Tony Iasiello – Head Coach

Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association (PCIAA) Champions Initial State Team Championship

Individual PCIAA Champions in 1968: **Tom Sculley '70, George Fidmik '70, Chris Keating '68, Greg Karabin '69, Billy Farrell '69**

Other members of the state championship team included: **Pat Fenton '69, Mike Fenton '68** (PCIAA '66, '67 Champion), **Mike Foley '69, Billy Kametz '71, Larry Gasda '69, Tom Beier '68, Mike Lawler '68, John Gasdaska '68, and Scott Hesener '70** (manager)

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Baseball 1968

Dick Butler, Manager

(I don't have the results of this year's season as the yearbook's publishing deadline precludes those outcomes, but, **does anyone have the season statistics** that they'd like shared with the class? If so, send them to me and I'll pass along the news.)

According to the yearbook, members of the team included... **Bob Andrews '69, Rich Taglang '68, Bob Tarola '68, Charlie Parker '68, Frank Zellner '70, Mark Cacciatore '68, Joe Gonzales '69, Mike Connors '69**, Glenn Hennings, **Dick Metzger '68**, Paul Weber, **Bernie Lynch '68, Jim McGovern '68 and Mike Fenton '68**. (I also think there may have been more than the 14 members from the yearbook.)

Golf 1968

Bob Bukvics '60, Coach

Once again, no results listed for this spring sport in the Sceptre. **Anyone?**)

Members of this "senior" tour were... **John Mainka '68, Big John Kearney '68, Greg Falkenbach '68, Joe Schnalzer '68 and Dave Elchin '68**

Cheerleaders

Kathy Lazun, Moderator

Jean Smith '69, Georgine Fidmik '69, Mary Ann May '69, Judy Borso '68, Jody Smith '68, Paula Calvo '69, Patty Alpago '69 ♥, Maryann Harvilla '68, Mary Lou Hepp '68, Connie Spagnola '68, Diane Dolan '68, Mary Beth Lynn '69

...and...

Larry Gasda '69, Geoff Borda '69, Greg Karabin '69, Jack Lund '68, Tim Brady '69, Paul Bartos '69, Mike Lynch '68, Billy DeAngelis '68, Tim Dolan '68, Bob Clark '68, Mike Foley '69, Tim Galle '69,

Alumni Sports Notables

Bucky Godbolt '73, an Austin, Texas sports talk-show host, said farewell to listeners on Friday, July 28. Bucky joined KTXF-FM in 2013 after previously hosting mornings at iHeartMedia's "1300 The Zone" KVET. [Bucky is a Becahi Wall-of-Fame member.]

"The End of an Era in Austin Sports Talk. Bucky Godbolt of Bucky & Erin said his goodbye today. An Austin sports talk show host, a Coach to many, a mentor to those lucky enough to have him, a philanthropist to the community, and most importantly, a friend to all."

<https://radioinsight.com/headlines/256411/bucky-godbolt-mike-hardge-depart-austins-horn-ahead-of-104-9-flip/>

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Larry Spagnola '73, a Harvard University grad, wrote that he met up with someone at the class reunion on August 4th for the... *"first time I saw **Michael Godbolt** since we played against each other under the lights at Boston College stadium our freshman year of college, 50 years ago!"*

Joe Kovacs '07 posted another world-class performance at the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Joe made the podium in the shot put with a third-place finish on Saturday, the 19th.

- Joe is a two-time world champion (2015 and 2019) and a two-time Olympic Silver medalist (2016 and 2021). He was the world runner-up in 2017 and 2022, and the Diamond League champion in 2022. – lehighvalleylive.com

Randy Cruz, Jr. '12 and **Mikey Labriola '17** have joined Becahi's coaching staff, as announced by Becahi's Head Wrestling Coach, Mike Cole.

Randy was a four-time PIAA medalist and 2012 champion. He was a four-time NCAA qualifier NS All-American at Lehigh.

Mikey, a two-time PIAA Class 3A champion and Beca's career wins leader, was a five-time All-American at the University of Nebraska. – Tom Housenick, Morning Call, 8/8/23

Coming Up...

2023 Fall Sports Season

9 Varsity Sports

(Remember when there was only 1, (Football 1926 – 1930), then none until 1965?

Help! Send me what you have....

Boys Cross Country 59th Season? Help!

Girls Cross Country Season??? Help!

Field Hockey 26th Season (est. 1998 ... I think)

Football 59th Season (in the "modern" age, 1965) ...411 Wins 237 Losses 8 Ties

Golf 59th Season? Help!

Boys Soccer 50th Season? (est. 1974 ... I think ... Tony Iasiello, coach)

Girls Soccer 44th Season? (est. 1980 ... I think) Help!

Girls Tennis 49th Season (est. 1975) ... 525 Wins 232 Losses

Girls Volleyball 48th Season (est. 1976... I think)

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Bethlehem Catholic High School Is Now on LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/school/bethlehem-catholic-high-school/>

Once a week, Bethlehem Catholic will share a noteworthy event or compelling article about what is happening at our alma mater, "enthroned mid-Bethlehem's verdant hills." To gain access, type "Bethlehem Catholic LinkedIn" on your phone or computer search bar to follow us online. We will limit ourselves to one post a week. – Tom Vresics '81

**Get (re)connected.
Take advantage of the Becahi Alumni network!**

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Get Connected to your Classmates... 529 graduates from 47 classes have been recognized so far this year in *Tidings* (see chart below), including 60 graduates from 47 classes in this *Tidings* edition. Find their stories at <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

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BLinkedIn Names/Profiles and Classes Mentioned

Decades >	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	
Year Ending						
0		9	9	9	9	
1		9	9	10	9	
2		10	9	9	9	
3	18	18	18	18	19	
4	9	9	9	9	10	
5	9	9	9	9	10	
6	9	9	9	9	11	
7	10	11	10	9	12	Classes
8	18	18	19	18	25	47
9	9	9	9	9	3	Grads
	82	111	110	109	117	529

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 I found this month...

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Fran Taglang '73 is Prep Cook for Sodexo, the global leader in sustainable food and valued experiences at every moment in life: learn, work, heal and play, in Ewa Beach, HI.

John Zovko '73 is Principal at Z2 Management LLC in Bethlehem.

Bob LaBuda '74, who received a BS in Business Finance from Lehigh University, is the Owner of Bottom Line Impact Consulting in New Hope, PA.

Diane Konya Mireles '75, who received an AS in Business Administration from Strayer University, is a Real Estate Broker/Owner/Instructor at Visions & Tradition Realty/Real Estate School of Texas in Friendswood, TX.

Jeff Sawyer '76, a U.S. Navy Veteran, a Navy War College and Kings College scholar, is Chief of Security and Counterintelligence at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in the Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL area.

Lisa Mingora Lewis '77, is an Experienced Transcriptionist/Transcriber with over 25 years of experience in the Lehigh Valley.

Juan San Miguel '78, a U.S. Army Veteran, is Care Coordination Supervisor at Southcentral Foundation in Anchorage, Alaska.

Stephen Uliana '78, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Penn State University, is Senior Project Manager at Mitsubishi Chemical Advanced Material in Scranton, PA.

Pattie Kaercher Grunwald '79, who received a BSN from Widener University, is Clinical Director of Perinatal Services at Inova Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg, VA.

Anthony Wittic '80, who received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Weber State University, is Electrical Group Manager at DRS Training and Control Systems in Fort Walton Beach, FL

Sharon Smith '81, who received a BS in Microbiology from Penn State University, is Sr. Manager, Clinical Biomarkers and Companion Diagnostics at Eisai US in Downingtown, PA.

Kevin Moroney '82, a U.S. Marine Veteran, who received a BS in Mathematics from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering from Penn State University, is Senior Procurement Engineer - Cooper Lighting Solutions in Senoia, GA.

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Anne Nesfeder Feist '83, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from DeSales University, is Controller at Orange Products, Inc., producing precision plastic balls for over 70 years, in Allentown.

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Tim Schoenen '85 is Manager/Owner of A1 Pump, LLC in Allentown.

Chris Witmer '86, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Duke University, is an Advisor at MSA Business Technology + Klaatch in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Peter Gillen '87, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Villanova University and a Master's Degree in Philosophy from Colorado State University, is Social Studies Curriculum Supervisor at Taunton High School in Fairhaven, MA.

Eileen Dreibelbis Soisson '88, who received a BS in Recreation, Park and Tourism Management from Penn State University and an MBA from Coastal Carolina University, is President at The Meeting Institute, LLC, business and consulting services in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Bethanne Pardo Doyle '88, who received a BS in Hospitality Administration from Purdue University, is Director of Business Operations at Scecina Memorial high School in Indianapolis, IN.

Vicki Pavlinsky Kocsi '89, who received a BS in Information Systems from Albright College and an MS in Information Systems from DeSales University, is Senior Advanced Meter Operations Coordinator at PPL Electric Utilities in Allentown.

Christian Szautner '90, who received a BA in International Politics from Penn State University and a JD from the University of Pennsylvania's Carey School of Law, is Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Legal Officer at TIFF Investment Management, a leading asset management firm in Radnor, PA.

Erik Marsh '91, a Becahi Wall of Fame member, who studied Economics at Lafayette College, is Vice President of Business Development at LifeAire Systems in Allentown.

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Michele McCracken Stites '92, who received a BS in Elementary Education and an MEd in Special Education from the University of Maryland, and an EdD in Curriculum and Instruction from George Washington University, is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Heather Collins '93, who received a BA in Political Science from Elon University, is Senior Underwriter at Atlantic Home Loans in Bethlehem.

Brian Moser '93's Salutatorian, is Staff Reliability Engineer - Member of Technical Staff at Qorvo, Inc., supplying innovative semiconductor solutions that make a better world possible, in Jamestown, NC

Mark Schoenen '94, who received a BA in Economics from Franklin & Marshall College and an MBA from Harvard Business School, is Director of Compensation at General Motors in Palo Alto, CA.

Tom Harper '95, who received a BS in Advertising & Public Relations from Ithaca College and an MA in Integrated Marketing Communications from the University of Colorado at Boulder, is a data-driven, Lifecycle and Growth Marketer at "Formerly Known As", in New York City.

Bridget Shea Fry '96, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences and a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy, is an Occupational Therapist for the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Autumn Zander '97, who received a BS in Environmental Science from Moravian University, is Environment, Health and Safety Manager at Fres-co Systems USA, Inc. in Telford, PA.

Jeremy Merwarth '98 is a Lehigh Valley Real Estate Agent 2.0 for Long & Foster Real estate, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Matt Ostrelich '98, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Elizabethtown College and a Master's Degree in Taxation from the University of Hartford, is a client-focused Tax and Wealth Advisor at PWC in Boston.

Colin Anderson '99, who received a BA in Business Administration from Colby-Sawyer College, is Principal, Financial Advisor | Qualified Retirement Plan Consultant at Vantage Financial group in Bethlehem.

Colin is also Co-Owner of Christmas City Spirits, LLC!!!

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Christine Reichard '00, who received an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Kutztown University, is payroll Administrator/HR Assistant at Adept Group, Packaging and Containers Manufacturing, in Allentown.

Brian Fallock '01, a U.S. Army Veteran, is a Parole Agent for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole, in Bethlehem.

Aaron Zovko '02, who received a BA in Physics from Gettysburg College, is a Hydronic Sales Representative for PACE Supply Corporation in Oakland, CA.

John Santanasto '03, who received a BS in Accounting from Fordham University, is Finance Manager at Prudential Financial in Roseland, NJ.

Meredith Spirk '03, who received a BBA in Marketing from Temple University, is Senior Account Executive for iHeartMedia in the Lehigh Valley.

Kevin Reed '04, who received a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) from Wilkes University is a Staff Pharmacist at Giant Pharmacy in Kennett Square, PA.

Jamie Rankis Kheir '05, who received a BA in Communications from DeSales University, an MS in Human Resources Management from the University of Scranton, and a PhD in International Business from Walden University, is Global Divisional Human Resources Director at ITW Dynatec, a global supplier of adhesive coating equipment and solutions, in Hendersonville, TN.

Christopher Lushis '06, who received a BA in Psychology from the University of Notre Dame and an MA in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, IN.

Jordan Salabsky '07, is a Certified Nursing Assistant at HCR ManorCare in Williamsport, PA

Karissa Basile Murray '08, who received a BA in Communications Arts from Marymount Manhattan College, is General Manager, Service at Schindler Elevator Corporation (U.S.), in the New York City metropolitan area.

Kadee Schwalm '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Cabrini University and an MBA from Moravian University, is Senior Manager, Product Management for Comcast, Xfinity Mobile in the greater Philadelphia area.

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Eric Altpeter '09, who received a BS in Accounting from DeSales University and a JD from the Thomas R. Kline School of Law at Duquesne University, is Associate Attorney at Flaherty & O'Hara PC in the greater Pittsburgh area.

Jillian Turnbach '10, who received a BA in English and Secondary Education from Chestnut Hill College and a Master's Degree in Urban Education from the University of Pennsylvania, is an English Teacher at Boys' Latin Charter School of Philadelphia.

Nicole Sabo '11, who received a BSBA in Marketing from Bloomsburg University, is Marketing Director at Shift4, the leader in commerce-enabling technology, in Allentown.

Elizabeth Waldt '12, who received a BE in Civil Engineering from the University of South Carolina, is a Project Manager at The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company in Towson, MD.

Samantha Sarli '13, who received a BS in Behavioral Neuroscience from Lehigh University, is a PhD Candidate at the Chan Medical School of the University of Massachusetts.

Ryan Todaro '13, who studied Business Administration and Management at the University of Buffalo, is a Benefits Disbursement Professional at BNY Mellon in Pittsburgh.

Michael Mintzer '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Bloomsburg University and a Master's Degree in Accounting from Temple University, is Senior Associate, Resource Management at Baker Tilly US, a leading advisory CPA firm, in Philadelphia.

Dante Lonardo '15, who received a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government from Muhlenberg College, is a Passenger Service Agent at the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority.

Alexandra Smyth '16, who received a BA in Psychology from Moravian University, is Intake Coordinator at Walden Behavioral Care, mental health care, in Bethlehem.

AJ Abate '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of South Carolina, is a Partnerships and Activation Coordinator at Steinbrenner Racing | 2022 Rod Campbell Award Winner | JD Candidate at Catholic University's Columbus School of Law.

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Oleksandr Kolesnikov '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Behavioral Neuroscience at DeSales University, is a Senior Clinical Research Coordinator at Jefferson Health and Incoming MPH Candidate at Dornsife School of Public Health in Philadelphia

Jessica Indelicato '18, who received an RN, BSN from the University of Scranton, is a Registered Nurse in the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Francesca Malozi '18, who received a BA in Communications from Duquesne University, had been a Social Media Marketing Intern at ArtsQuest, and is now a Masters Degree Student in Communications at Duquesne University.

Patrick Mattes '18, who received a BS in Business Administration at Misericordia University, is a Financial Advisor at Equitable Advisors in Bethlehem.

Morgan Altemose '19, who received a Diploma as a Medical/Clinical Assistant from Lincoln Tech, is a Registered Medical Assistant for Dr. Pamela Meyer, DO, PC & Shine DermaSpa in Hellertown.

Victoria Camacho '19, who studied Health Science, Nursing Track, at Cabrini College, is a Nurse Technician at ChildWay Pediatric Services in Lansdale.

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Becahi's '2022-'2023 Report of Giving Will Arrive by Mail and Emails in September!

"Be on the lookout for the expanded 2022-2023 Bethlehem Catholic Report of Giving to arrive by mail or email mid to late September. We had a record year in charitable giving to Becahi during the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Look to see who our top givers were, why they gave, tax-savvy ways to donate, and news about the great things happening at Bethlehem Catholic. One of the major themes of this year's Report of Giving is honoring the dedicated teachers who served us so well throughout Bethlehem Catholic's nearly 100-year history."

Looking for Bethlehem Catholic Distinguished Graduate Nominations

Please think of a classmate or friend who graduated from Bethlehem Catholic and has been successful in their career. They have given much to others and display what a "Golden Hawk" is. We are looking for Becahi Graduates who are ✓ Dedicated and successful in their career path ✓ Serve and get involved in the community ✓ Demonstrate values of Catholic education in their achievements. We are honored to have recognized such incredible individuals over the years.

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Who will be next? Over the years, we have been fortunate to have some extraordinary Becahi graduates speak to our student body during their induction ceremony. If you think of a great candidate, please nominate them using this link:

<https://becahi.org/alumni/distinguishedgraduates/distinguished-graduate-nomination-form/>

Look on Becahi Social Media for Alumni Testimonies about Becahi Teachers Who Helped Our Graduates Achieve Personal and Professional Success Starting in November.

If you want to honor an exceptional Becahi Teacher, email tvresics@becahi.org by October 1.

1) A two to three-sentence testimony about how your favorite teacher made you better because of their pedagogical approach and personal interaction with their students.

2) A recent headshot of yourself in professional attire

3) The exact way you want your name, chief professional title, or accomplishment listed on Becahi's social media. (e.g., CEO of Said Company or Pulitzer Prize Recipient)

4) A short list of other teachers, Becahi coaches, and staff vital to your professional and personal successes. While our primary focus is on teachers, here is your chance to list other teachers, coaches, and staff, from principals to cafeteria workers, who made Bethlehem Catholic memorable for you.

As for me, "I remember Mr. Boris' humorous historical approach in his manner of sharing witty

examples from Church History, like the story of Saint Lawrence, a 3rd Century Deacon and Martyr. Saint Lawrence lampooned the fear of death by cracking the one-liner while roasting on a spit, 'I think I am done on this side.' the saint said. There is a classic syllogism: not all intelligent people are funny, but all funny people are intelligent. Mr. Boris's phenomenal intellect greatly influenced why and how I taught and wrote about the Scriptures. Who knew humor and history would change my life."

Other teachers who had the most positive influence on my life were Coach Tony Iasiello, Mr. Bob Bukvics, Mr. George Harmanos, Mrs. Patricia Murphy Friel, Miss Anissa Nassry, Sr. Patricia Ash, SSJ, and Father Richard Kammerer, CRSP."

BECAHI Made Me Better
Because of **MR. BORIS**

ALUMNI
TOM VRESICS '81
THEOLOGY TEACHER
AND PUBLISHED AUTHOR

TEACHER
MR. RAYMOND BORIS
THEOLOGY & LATIN

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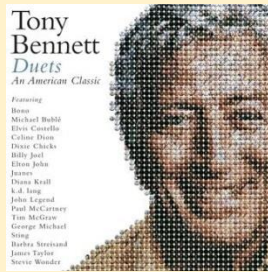
On August 5th, Pope Francis blasted the “backwardness” of some conservatives in the U.S. Catholic Church who, he said, have replaced faith with ideology and that “there is a correct evolution in the understanding of faith and morals,” that allows for Catholic doctrine to progress over time.

So,

If I Ruled the World

Vocals: Tony Bennett and Céline Dion

Songwriters: Leslie Bricusse, Cyril Ornadel



“If I ruled the world,
Every day would be the first day of spring.
Every heart would have a new song to sing.
And we'd sing of the joy every morning would bring.

If I ruled the world
Every man would be as free as a bird.
Every voice would be a voice to be heard.
Take my word, we would treasure each day that occurred.

My world be a beautiful place.
Where we would weave such wonderful dreams
My world would wear a smile on his face.
Like the man in the moon has when the moonbeams

If I ruled the world
Every man would say the world was his friend.
There'd be happiness that no man could end.
No, my friend, not if I ruled the world.

Every head would be held up high.
There'd be sunshine in everyone's sky.
If the day ever dawned when I ruled the world.”

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...

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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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