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Creating the Vision for the 100th Anniversary of Bethlehem Catholic 1926 – 2026

Here are a few ideas that were floated for our 100th Anniversary celebration year... (and I suggest that, in addition to the ideas, please include *HOW* the event(s) can be accomplished... we need volunteers!) Whaddya think of these? Let me know and I'll pass your comments and ideas along...

- Mass for all Becahi alums who graduated from the Fourth and Webster Street location at Holy Infancy Church (their original site for Baccalaureate mass) followed by a reception of some sort, at some location, on some designated Saturday or Sunday in 2026. Coming back to where it all began. The mass could be concelebrated by Becahi alumni clergy.
- Mass at the parish churches that the alums attended as elementary school children, followed by a reception of some sort, at some location, on some designated Saturday or Sunday in 2026. For example, a mass at St. Ursula's Church for the close to 900 students who belonged to this parish. Mass could be over two or three weekends. The mass could be concelebrated by Becahi alumni clergy.
- A mass for all those who graduated from the Dewberry and Madison Ave location in the auditorium followed by a reception of some sort, at some location, on some designated Saturdays or Sundays in 2025/26. The mass could be concelebrated by Becahi alumni clergy and those priests who taught at the school.
- Mass of appreciation for the Sisters of St. Joseph who served the school from the outset, and shaped the lives of thousands of students. Invite current and living sisters who served, alumnae who serve, along with those representatives from the motherhouse. The mass could be celebrated by the bishop and concelebrated by Becahi alumni clergy.
- One representative from each class to attend the class of 2026 graduation as part of the procession. The representative could be "voted" on by classmates, for example.
- Wall of Fame Induction for all undefeated and/or state championship teams in school history in 2025 and 2026. The ceremony could include all Wall of Fame members as well as general Becahi family. Football teams could be honored at a football game...basketball teams at basketball games, for example. Invite as many current and former coaches as possible.
- All-Alumni Reunions at the school...could be dances, sock hops, happy hours, guests at spring musicals, by decade, school location, etc.
 - Invite former cast members and crew from past musicals
- Mass at the school to invite and honor Becahi Veterans in November 2025 or 2026, concelebrated by Becahi alumni clergy.
- Collaborate with activities in Bethlehem/Lehigh Valley to tie to USA's 250th celebration

Keep the ideas coming! (More ideas (like Musikfest) coming next month)

Thanks to all who have suggested these, and remember, any and all of these events will need the help from each of you. It could be something special, as our four years were.

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Some Alums who checked in last month...

(Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Joanne Polaha Siegfeldt '57, **George Hazler '58, Shirley Zampar Labert '58, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Betty Ann Gombocz Polaha '63, Jeanette Michael Brodt '64, Yogi Eddinger '67, Jean Terry '67, Mary Lou Andris Seigfried '68, Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68, Ellie Fenner Horvath '68, Dan Husser '68, Cathy Swiderski Csencsitz '68, John Andris '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Bruce Edelman '72, Amey Mesko Upchurch '72, Barbara Brugger Carrington '73, Bill and Patti (Cunningham) Ebling '73, Stephen Daday '73, Mike Godbolt '73, Kate Kostelnick '73, Karen Stoll Assetto '73, Susan Kravatz Barone '74, Sally Kammetler '78, Adrienne Krosecz Schultz '98, Barbara Weed Kozo '00, **Mary Lucente '03, Isabella Allena '19****

...and from my Class...

BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Dolores Alves Johns, Jackie Angelucci Ortwein, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Mary Jane Bartos, Tony Bauer, Rosina, Dave Cech, Jim Connell, GI Jerry Evans, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, J. Michael Lynch, Pat Lynch, Greg Ortwein, Susan Peters Crawford, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tim Sabota, Tom Sculley, Sue Sikora O'Hare, Carl, and Joe Zylwitis

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

Alums and Classes Mentioned in October Issue

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending											
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4	2	3	1		13	1	1	3	1		
5	1	7			9	3	1	1	2		
6	2	4		1	18	2	1	4	1		
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											546

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“The 80th Birthday Party of the Class of 1961 held on September 16th was great!!!”

Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61 wrote... *“We began the night with a surprise member of our class joining us - **Father Michael Chaback**. Father Mike composed a special prayer which he recited and dedicated to our class. The class then sang "America the Beautiful". It was led by another class member **Lt. Col. John McGeehan**. We also played a game called "A Walk Down Memory Lane". The questions all pertained to our class from Freshman year through Senior year. Anyone remember the Personality Club? It was lots of fun.*

*Party attendees traveled from the states of California, South Carolina, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We had not seen **Frank Kenter** of California for 62 years, since our graduation in 1961! What a wonderful time everyone had recalling our Becahi years! Just to be reunited again was heartwarming.*

The evening ended with an 80th Birthday cake and singing the "Happy Birthday" song.

Next get-together will be in 3 years when we celebrate our 65th Class Reunion!”

The Class of 1961 party attendees below: *“We’re 80 on the outside... 20 on the inside.”*



Front Row (L to R):

John McGeehan, Father Mike Chaback, Marie Vogel Adamcik, Judi Yurkanin Boyer, Mick Moroney, Ann Marie Lapausky Gonsalves, Marge Pinter McCarthy

Back Row (L to R):

Ed Bucko, Stan Duro, George Sefranek, Frank Kenter, Sandy Majczan Silvoy, Joann Mahoney White, Nancy Jean DiConcetto Kanuck, Holly Alcorn Hnat, Geri Jancosko Morykan, Sandy Miller Henn, Pat Kovacs Dwyer, Ed Angerman, Jere Casey

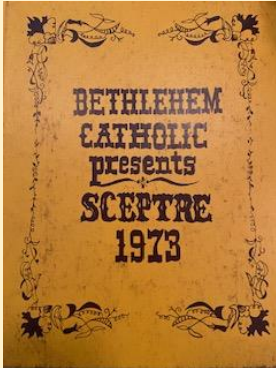
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Celebrating the Class of 1973 on their 50th Reunion Year



This was the Forty-Seventh Graduating Class from Becahi.

William Check was Valedictorian and received a BS in Electrical Engineering from Lehigh University

Bryan Murphy was Salutatorian and received a BS in Mathematics from Lehigh University

The 231 graduates is the seventh largest class in school history, and they represented 17 parishes in the diocese.

Assumption B.V.M. (2)

James Couglin

Margaret Friend Heiczinger

Holy Ghost (20)

Catherine Bauer Hageman

Irene Beier

Mary Margaret Bierbaum

Patricia Cunningham Ebling

Lois Brugger Brensinger

Daniel Damhosl

Gary Eharth

Michael Gaydos

Janet Hoch

Joseph Horvath

Kate Kostelnick Stoliker

Susan Krafty Stofanek

Barry Martin

Rosie Maurer Ross

David Ortwein

Debbie Ortwein Marinelli

Jane Repasch Kavcac

Ed Reybitz

Sandra Stern Domitrecz

Karen Stoll Assetto

Holy Infancy (7)

Stephen Gower

Debbie Karaffa Stebelski

Colleen Kranyecz Moyer

Hilda Marrero

Lilian Montalvo Ramos

Patrick O'Donnell

Elvio Teles

Holy Rosary (8)

Beverly Brady Quigney

Josephine Campanella

Catherine Cruciani Anderson

Antonietta DiPaolo Kram

Donnamarie Gentilcore Benner

Mary Jo Guerrieri McGettigan

Christina Martucci Fidmik

Lorraine Minarik Kusiak

Our Lady Help of Christians (1)

Debbie Heimsoth Field

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (9)

Alice Horninger Yatsko

Michael Kuruc

John Loosbrock

Jane Mesko Rushe

Deborah Novak Birkas

Rober Reese

Thomas Unger

Kathy Wieland Stebelski

Maribeth Yatsko Watkins-Scanlon

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Notre Dame (43)

Ann Marie Andris McIntyre
Joseph Boyle
Rich Butkowski
Ken Coyle
Marianne Derr Grumbine
Ann Eckenrode Bova
Bill Fink
Bobby Gallagher
Thomas Hickey
George Koma*
Diane McLaughlin Neis
Janice Sabie Johnson
Robert Swift
Ann Turzanski Souzer
Leonard Waldman

Anita Antolick Bender
Mark Breiner
William Check
Dorothy Curatola Grant
Catherine Donaghue Reifsnyder
Jeffrey Emerick*
Marikay Foley Wrabel
Mary Green Loch
Kathy Kelly Hamer
Karen Kozo Sparks
Ray Miller
Larry Spagnola
Fran Taglang
Cecile Voros
Andrew Watsula*
Kathleen Bernier Sikorsky
Kim Bubba Demyan
Christopher Connors
Susan Farris Fink
Mark Fondl
Michele Heimbach Hoyson
Ronald Kitzhoffer
Rob Maio
Ed Redding*
Gale Sugalski
Frank Tantsits
Nonna Wagner Baksa
Janice Yanushka Bunn

Sacred Heart (2)

Michael Hartigan

Regina Liberto Gower

SS. Cyril and Methodius (14)

John Balog
Sharon Duh Fritz
Mike Harvilla*
Louis Phillip
Dave Tachovsky

Jane Borso Fisk
Mark Gumulak
John Leary
Marianne Sabolick Lamb
Patricia Ulincy Bonsignore
Ron Davco
Cynthia Harvilla Fink
John Noctor
Michael Shannon

SS. Simon and Jude (32)

Barbara Bauer Bruni
Mary Lou Downing
Rosemary Fahy Alexander
Ann Marie Gallagher Boncodo*
Vincent Hlavinka
Tom Lawler*
Christina Loturco Finn*
Jeffrey Phillips*
Vickie Roberts Brind'Amour
MaryEllen Steltz Schubert
John Wright

Mary Cahill Kinsella
Billy Ebling
Gioia Fox Alexander
Carl Grube
Marybeth Keating
Joanne Little Mackaravitz
Michael McCafferty
Tom Rheiner
Billy "Buzz" Sawyer*
Susan Vetrosky
George Yasko
Paul Domyan
Mike Godbolt
Debbie Gaughan Shea
Scott Higgins
Michael Kelly
Eileen McNamara Lash
Bob Roebuck
Pat Sculley
Larry Wasko
Stanley Zapotocki

St. John Capistrano (5)

Mike Baksa
Carol Ann Killo Cox

William Berke
Dave Klucsik

Mary Csorba Whitesell

St. John the Baptist (1)

Patricia Jamann*

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St. Joseph (7)

Stephen Daday

Margaret Lynn Dewalt

Judith Silvoy Meyers

Marylou Estojak Millward

Maryann Gombosi Hartzell

Charles Kuhns

Stephen Makos

St. Josephat (1)

Mary Walchonski Darby

St. Anne (40)

James Balshi

Sharon Bellizzi Friedman

Barbara Brugger Carrington

Karen Campbell Fitz-Maurice

Maureen Cosgrove Sawyer-Brown

Mary Dey McGarvey

Lisa Ferrigan

Robert Friedman

Kathleen Kammetler Britton

Maryanne Krenicky Willmore

Mike Pirpavel

Anne Rostkowski Weaver

Karen Selthoffer Knipe

Maria Spagnola

Nancy Bartos*

Michael Brady

Tina Calvo Danko

Heidi Chiles Wheeler

Debbie DiDonato Cordes

Russell Fink

Andrew Gerra*

Joseph Kostelnick

Patricia O'Keefe Tallarico

Joanne Reiman Dutt

Deborah Scrak Simoes

Rita Shuck Sarno

Stephen Szvetcz

Brian Bellew

Anne Buck*

Susan Carisio Glaser

Michael Coulter

Paul Coulter

Lou Fantasia*

Kevin Finn

James Kirk

Thomas Ortwein

Greg Sfredda

Joseph Slivko

Dan Sinnott

Joe Zelko

St. Theresa (3)

John Fiorentino

Ellen O'Hare Litsch

Bryan Murphy

St. Ursula (35)

John Basista

Robert Chrismer*

Jim Fink*

Tim Hogan

Jean Jancsarics Barthold

Kathleen Kilgour Gorman

Kevin Lynch

Jane Mulhearn Tafaro

Terence Petfield

Joanne Reing Gimpert

Jean Rentzheimer Crenko

Charles Zellner

Stephen Begany

Bobby Downing

Rich Gorski

Bob Holahan

Diane Kessler Sanders

Ann Knipe MacLaughlin

Mary Beth Makoski

David Ney

Tim Quigney*

Jeffrey Renninger

Joe Shea*

John Zovko

Bob Cassidy

John Ferry

Tom Hetzel

Patrick Hutchinson

Karen Kilgour Cauley

John Langton

Dennis Marshall

Mary Oswald Meyer*

Joan Redding Glagola*

Bill Ripper

John Shields*

Not Listed (1)

Betty Ann Wiley Avila

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Fifty-three (23%) class members had at least one parent (63) who graduated from Becahi!!!

Nancy Bartos > **Ethel Daday '42**
Beverly Brady > **Victoria Gonzalez '48**
Susan Carisio > **Generose Dwyer '46**
Bob Chrismer > **Anne Glagola '32, Tom '32**
Paul Domyan > **Leonard '36**
Bobby Downing > **Jean Gregor '51, Charlie '51**
John Ferry > **Mary Ortwein '52, Jack '52**
Mark Fondl > **Lorraine McFadden '48**
Ann Marie Gallagher > **Rosemary '37, James '37**
Rich Gorski > **Helen Miklos '43, Frank '44**
Mary Green > **Joan Culligan '49**
Tom Hetzel > **Gertrude Connors '36, George '34**
Deborah Karaffa > **Joan Fecko '51, Matthew '51**
Marybeth Keating > **Frances Dugas '45, James '42**
Karen and Kathleen Kilgour > **Ann Murphy '47**
Ann Knipe > **Caroline Ortwein '43, Edward '44**
Kate Kostelnick > **Dan '49, Jacqueline Tocci '49**
Jane Mesko > **Eleanor Blonar '49**
Tom Ortwein > **Thomas '48**
Jeffrey Phillips > **Mary Dugan '50**
Ed Redding > **Edward '33**
Ed Reybitz > **Clair Baur '40**
William "Buzz" Sawyer > **Margaret Ortwein '43**
Michael Shannon > **Mary Posivak '44**
Joseph Slivko > **Joan Reybitz '50, Joseph '51**
Dave Tachovsky > **Thomas '54**
George Yasko > **Anne Minarik '38, George '39**

Irene Beier > **Margaret Schnalzer '46**
Tina Calvo > **Agnes Slaninka '46**
Heidi Chiles > **Anne Concilio '43**
Catherine Cruciani > **Catherine Maurer '45**
Gary Eharth > **Margaret Brunner '41**
Susan Farris > **Elaine Kisslan '48**
Marikay Foley > **Joan Mangan '42**
Robert Friedman > **Joan Dickert '49**
Stephen Gower > **Mary Tachovsky '38**
Janet Hoch > **Marie Fink '41**
Michael Hartigan > **Virginia Slafkosky '45**
Michael Kelly > **Edward '35**
Colleen Kranyeczc > **Patricia Hanley '53**
John Leary > **Irene Baron '41, Joseph '39**
Christina Loturco > **Dottie DiStalio '45**
Kevin Lynch > **Bernie '41**
Lorraine Minarik > **Louise Buttillo '49**
Mary Oswald > **Ursula Miller '45**
John Noctor > **Robert '52**
Joanne Reing > **Marie O'Donnell '30**
William Ripper > **Dorothy Brugger '45**
James "Pat" Sculley > **Thomas '34**
Joe Shea > **Lawrence '47**
Karen Stoll > **Jean Cope '51**
Cecile Voros > **Theresa Miklos '45**

The 1972/73 Golden Hawk Marching Band

Dennis Sharman, Director

(from the yearbook)

Tom Bortolotto '76, Judy Stangl '74, Rosemary Bortolotto '74, Diane Yurko '74, Ellen Gilmartin '75, Susan Dredge '74, John Minarik '75, Paul Domyan '73, Karen Selthoffer '73, Ginny Braman '74, Brian Dredge '76, Patricia Green '75, Janet Silbermann '76, Margie Grube '74, Kathleen Stofanak '76, Dolores Righi '75, Steve Reisteter '75, Valerie Kvederis '76, Sharon Burns, '74, Ray Stofanak '75, Joe Lazorik '74, Maryanne Krenicky '73, Ed Niechwiadowicz '75, S. Gemberling, Helen Sinnott '75, Mary Kathryn Labdik '76, Julie Pastelyak '75, Maryellen Roseman '75, Rich Gomboz '76, Mike Dominguez '74, Michael Trapp '76, James Wagner '76, Dave Mitchell '75, Mike Schadle '75, T. Cunningham, Ed Salaski '74, Dave Klucsik '73, Jack Kristofik '75, Stephanie Bubenko '74, Pete Wilner '75, G. Gemberling, N. Sanchez, Bob Swift '73, Marybeth Keating '73, Marty Sabol '75, Mary Green '73, Rosemary Redding '74, Regina Farrel '76, Susanne Brenner '76, Mark Domyan '76, Martha Litsch '76, and Mary Beth Makoski '73

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About the Class...

- The Rev. Msgr. John Rusek was the principal during the class's sophomore, junior and senior years.
 - (Br. Frederick McAuley, C.S.C. was the principal during their freshmen year.)
- Sister Eugene Joseph, S.S.J. was the Vice Principal
- The school transitioned from a co-institutional class configuration ("boys on one side, girls on the other") back to coeducation.
- The Barnabite Fathers joined the ranks of teachers as the Brothers of the Holy Cross exited.
- The Sisters of St. Joseph continued their commitment to serve the students.
- There were over 875 students at Beca during the class's senior year (231, 199, 236, 212)
 - There were 940 scholars at Becahi when they were freshmen
- Classes included business (typing, shorthand, etc.), home economics, fine arts, vo-tech
- Driver Education was taught by Mr. Lapp. I'm not kidding. Mr. David Lapp
- Student Council members included familiar-sounding Becahi names like **Kathy Kelly, Larry Spagnola, Ed Redding and Patti O'Keefe**
- Co-editors of the **Tidings** were **Dave Klucsik** and **Mike Coulter**
- **Patti O'Keefe** and **Chris Connors** were Co-editors of the Sceptre
- Band Officers were **Mary Green**, Rosemary Bortolotto '74, **Paul Domyan**, Patricia Green '75, **Dave Klucsik** and **Maryanne Krenicky**
- The Performing Arts in senior year included:
 - The play *Our Girls*, a farce-comedy in three acts;
 - Christmas Vespers
 - *Fiorello!* a 1960 Tony Award winner for best play, is a musical about New York City mayor Fiorello La Guardia, and tells the story of how La Guardia took on the Tammany Hall political machine.
 - ...completes the four years of musicals including *My Fair Lady*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Hello Dolly*, all under the direction of the late Sr. Catharine Immaculate, S.S.J. ❤
- The National Honor Society's officers were **Karen Kozo, Bobby Gallagher, Ellen O'Hare** and **Billy Sawyer**
- There was even a Library! ...
 - Sr. Donatus, S.S.J. was the Librarian and the Library Aides were:
 - **Susan Lilly '75, Susan McGouldrick '75, Susan Kammetler '76,** M. Eckenrode, D. Lipp and **Renee Illyes '74**
- Commencement was Sunday, June 3rd (1973)

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Here's what I could find about some of their post Becahi pursuits...

Class members attended (at least) 58 institutions of higher education immediately after graduation, including...

Abington Memorial Hospital School of Nursing U.S. Coast Guard
St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing U.S. Navy
St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing

Bethlehem Business School	Kaplan University	University of Notre Dame
Bloomsburg University	King's College	University of Phoenix
Boston College	Kutztown University	University of Scranton
Brown University	LaSalle University	Villanova University
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	West Chester University
California University of Pennsylvania		West Virginia University
Catawba College	Lock Haven University	Western Washington Univ.
College of Mount St. Joseph	Mount St. Mary's University	
DeSales University	Northampton Community College	
Duquesne University	Penn State University	
East Stroudsburg University	Ryder Technical Institute	Westminster College
Eastern College	Shippensburg University	Williams College
Elizabeth Seton College	St. Joseph's University	Williamsport Community College
Emerson College	State University of NY- Buffalo	
Fork Union Military Academy	Temple University	Xavier University
Harvard University	Thomas Moore College	York College of Pennsylvania
Hixon's School of Floral Design	University of California - Berkely	
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	University of Connecticut	

Thirteen members became Healthcare Professionals...

James Balshi, Physician	Sharon Bellizzi Friedman, Nursing
Jane Borso Fisk, Nursing	Barbara Brugger Carrington, Speech Pathology
Michael Coulter, Dentist	Marylou Estojak Millward, Nursing
Rich Gorski, Pharmacy	Karen Kilgour Cauley, Nursing
Mary Beth Makoski, Nursing	Rosie Maurer Ross, Nursing
Ellen O'Hare Litsch, Nursing	Karen Selthoffer Knipe, Medical Assistant
Mary Ellen Steltz Schubert, Nursing	

Four members were/are Lawyers...

Mary Margaret Bierbaum	Paul Coulter
Steve Daday	Ed Redding

The Class of '73's scholars who once all walked the halls of Becahi now live in 23 States including 125 in PA and 60 in Bethlehem and Fountain Hill. They live in...

California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia

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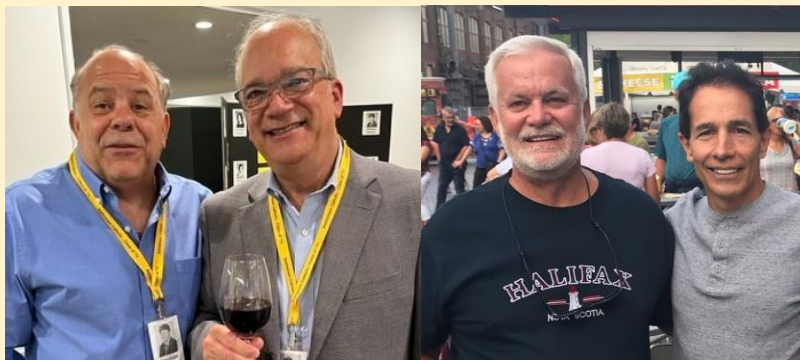
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Twelve grads had 23 children who graduated from Beca...

Tim and Beverly (Brady) Quigney > Allison '99 Tim Hogan > Patrick '07
Catherine Donaghue Reifsnnyder > Roberta '06, Sean '08, Adam '10
Lou Fantasia > Amy '00, Dan '02, Andrew '06, Brittany '10
Deborah Karaffa Stebelski > Colin '08, Dana '15 Regina Liberto > Angelina '01
Susan Krafty Stofanek > David '07 Steve Szvetcz > Jennifer '97, Douglas '99
Mary Beth Makoski > Beth Ann (Scharle) '00, Tim (Scharle) '04
Joan Redding Glagola > Kate '02, Zach '09, Kristen '12
Jean Rentzheimer Crenko > Gail '00, Elizabeth '02, Wayne '06

More Pics for the Class of '73's 50th Keeping it Special



Stevie Svetecz and Dave Klucsik Bill Ripper and John Fiorentino



Gary, Debbie DiDonato, Bobby Gallagher, Nancy Horvath, MaryAnn Gombosi
Mike Kelly is behind Debbie ... Ron Davco is behind Nancy

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**More pics... after all, you don't reach a 50th Anniversary often!
(Just ask every class before '73)**

SS. Simon and Jude Scholars ...



Left > Right:

Mike McCafferty, George Yasko, Debbie Gaughan, Gioia Fox, Mike Kelly, Bill Ebling, Mike Godbolt, Eileen McNamara

A Fun(ny) Bunch:



Left > Right:

Mary Dey, Janice Sabie Larry Spagnola, Ann Eckenrode, Nancy Horvath, Bobby Gallagher, Lois Brugger, Mark Fondl, Fran Taglang

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About last month's Class of '68 writeup...

Mary Magyar Gross is still alive! 😊 (I inadvertently had an asterisk next to her name... I'm a kidder.) **Sue Sikora O'Hare '70** identified the faux pax.

There are a few players' names (inadvertently) omitted from the undefeated 1967 Football Team Thanks to **Greg Ortwein '70** who reminded me.
(See the Sports Section)

Some Reactions from the Class of '68

Mary Lou Andris Seigfried wrote... *"Wow, what a great trip down memory lane!!"*

*Jerry Moore, a Notre Dame grade school alum wrote... "How satisfying it was to see so many classmates from BECAHI (1968) in your newsletter. My wife, **Michele Ruggeri Moore (1969)** shared her email with me, and I am hooked. I spent eight years at Notre Dame before joining the unique class of '68 — those who started at old Beca and moved to the new school in December— before moving to North Carolina in March of 1965. Although I'm listed on class rosters as Gerard Moore, most will remember me, if at all, as Jerry. I'd like it if you could add me to your subscriber list. And I'd welcome hearing from anyone who remembers."*

Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy wrote... *"Thanks for a great trip down memory lane. I really enjoyed reading about my class of '68. Brought back many memories."*

Cathy Swiderski Csencsitz wrote... *"I'm enjoying your September edition of Tidings featuring my class of '68."*

Betty Ann Gomboz Polaha '63 wrote... *"I don't read cover to cover but you are doing a great job coming up with interesting articles. Today I was browsing the names of the graduates of the spotlighted year and was surprised and pleased to see my brother's name [**John Gomboz**] included even though he died in a car crash at 16."*

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Rosina Bierbaum '70 Joins Prestigious National Society Founded by Benjamin Franklin!



For 280 years, the American Philosophical Society has recognized scholars across the world for “promoting useful knowledge.” Founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743, it’s the oldest scholarly organization in the United States.

For nearly three centuries, less than 6,000 people have been appointed into the society, including Charles Darwin, Robert Frost, Louis Pasteur and Founding Fathers, such as Franklin, George

Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

Rosina, the dean emerita in the University of Michigan School of Environmental Studies and Sustainability, joined the society’s elite ranks this summer. She has been a science adviser to Presidents Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and briefly for George W. Bush.

After graduating from Boston College, Rosina earned her doctorate in evolutionary ecology in marine systems at Stony Brook University in New York. She found a fellowship in the early 1980s that brought her to Washington, D.C. working with the U.S. Congress on the issue of the day -- acid rain. More on her achievement can be found at <https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2023/07/2-michigan-professors-join-prestigious-national-society-founded-by-benjamin-franklin.html>

BTW,

Rosina surrounded herself with some of the greatest minds (in their minds) in high school physics class. Not only did Sr. Anita David have patience, but she also understood we would be on our best behavior in class.

“Back in the old days”, classes were either all girls or all boys, so this was their idea of a coed class.



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

Trish Holly Zechman '70 wrote... *"Lots of memories from the class of '68. We were no longer low man on the totem pole."*

Class of '70 Wine-Tasting Committee



(You know, scouting out places for our next get-together.)

Sitting, Left > Right: Ann Conahan, Lisa DeAngelis, and Diane Donches

(Still) Standing L>R: Sue Sikora, Karen Raykos, Betsy Horvath, Anne Gerber, Corkey Kuzmin, and Kathy Shanahan



Class of '70 in the café on Friday of Homecoming weekend

L>R: Betsy (Horvath) and George Kane, Jackie Angelucci, Jamie Angelucci, Mary Jane Bartos, JOB, Kathy Ripper Grasso, and Jim Connell

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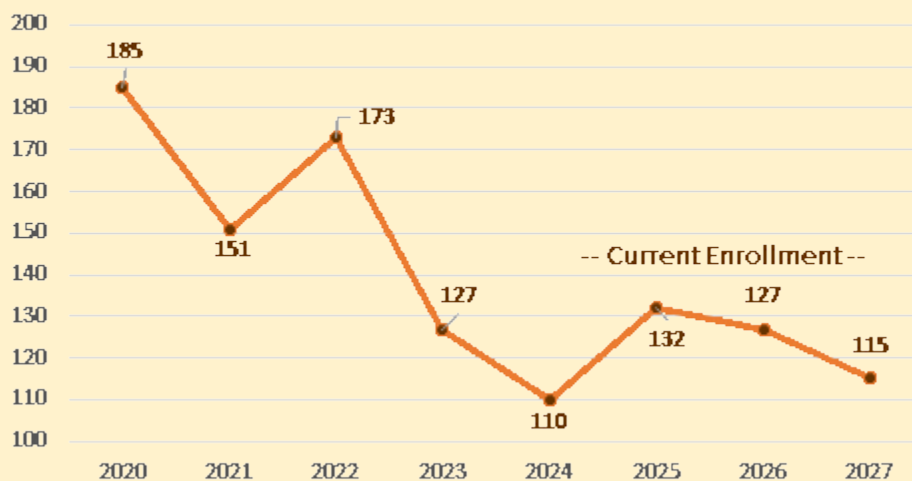
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Creating the Vision for the NEXT 100 years of Bethlehem Catholic “Embrace the Challenge Together.” – Dean Donaher, BCHS Principal

Strategically, what can be done to continue the 100-year-old Becahi legacy of excellence into the next 100 years?

Here is a snapshot of graduates from 2020 through 2023 and then the class sizes of those in school today (2024 through 2027). (**38% decline** in enrollment since 2020)

Annual Class Size



NOW is the time for action. When we can affect a positive outcome for the legacy of Becahi to continue to thrive. **You can help Shape the Future of Becahi!**

Last month we asked some initial questions to help assess our current state. i.e., Something(s) that are unique to Beca... For example, **Tina Hudak '70 (TH)**, and **Isabella Allena '19 (IA)** responded:

1. If you were to describe Becahi in one sentence or one word, what would it be?
*A competitive high school rooted in the Catholic religion and tradition of its founders. TH
Family/home IA*
2. What is Becahi doing that you like?
*In recent years, it has reached out to alumni more than ever and this is what will help
build a financial future for students. TH
I think Beca has strong ties to the community and having students involved with different
projects around the Lehigh Valley is so great. And I think the networking can only get
better. IA*

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3. What are areas that Becahi could improve?

a. Following up with substantive donations could be helpful and encourage those to continue to donate. For example, The Class of 1970 contributed \$10,000 for the Francine Ferreira Scholarship, and those recipients send "thank yous" directly to donors, but the school office never gave an accounting of how the money might have been invested to yield continued income.

b. I suggest there be at least one or two members of the Board who are educated in finance and can assist with sound advice and follow-up.

c. Having worked at a Tier One, religious college preparatory school - St. Albans School for Boys - I can attest to the fact that alumni are the backbone of continued success of a school financially. TH

I think Beca should create an alumni/student networking system. This can connect alumni with students to look at schools and careers. When I went to college, I was always pushed something regarding my major from my professors, when I wanted to explore different options without being pressured into anything. Like talking to people in the actual field and what it's like for them without trying to constantly sell things to me. IA

4. Is/are there any things that Becahi is not currently providing that you believe you need or would like to see?

a. I would encourage Becahi to hire the absolute highest caliber of teacher with advanced degrees regardless of religious background. Competitive academics is the path to attracting the brightest students in addition to the athletes that are often touted, too. This includes hiring college counselors with vast experience with colleges, scholarships, and the use of social media. Success breeds success on all fronts.

b. I would encourage a course in resume building even if it is an "after-school" or virtual program. TH

Again, an Alumni/ student networking system. I know there is something similar Beca does have but it's lacking. IA

5. When people are looking for a recommendation for a quality high school education, do you refer them to Becahi? Why or why not?

I would suggest working toward receiving the National Blue Ribbon

https://www.ncea.org/NCEA/How_We_Serve/National_Blue_Ribbon_Schools/NCEA/How_We_Serve/Resources/National_Blue_Ribbon_Schools.aspx?hkey=3aa5a659-bf62-4e0b-a452-39131d2eb6c2

Regardless of travel and cost, parents want their children to succeed and have the absolute best opportunities for the future. This means college. This award would carry weight in their eyes. TH

When I was in HS, we had college prep as our base, but we have added a basic curriculum which kind of diminishes the college prep school title. We put so much emphasis on sports and I think putting more emphasis on the arts too can help as well. Which I think Beca has been succeeding as well. IA

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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 additional thoughts from a recent graduate, Isabella Allena '19...

I always love seeing how things can be improved and coming up with different ideas.

▪ **Alumni/Student App**

So, I came up with an idea about creating an app to connect the students with alumni. In HS, I went through a million different career paths, and I think it would have helped to be connected with an alumnus.

So, here's my thought: you create an app like Facebook or LinkedIn. (I know there's a BLinkedIn, but I do not understand that lol) students are able to create a student account and alumni are able to make an alumni account.

Students can reach out to willing alumni who would love to share their careers with these students. This opens opportunities for students to network with potential employers or mentors and for alumni to connect with other alumni.

This can be implemented into the freshman seminar class that all freshmen need to take.

This takes me to my next thought...

So, you implement a job seminar into the freshman seminar class. These showing students how to get their first job, what paperwork they're signing (like an I-9, W-2, NDA, etc.), this helps local businesses find employees and students find a job. This can help with networking again.

Centennial yearbook

I thought it would be a cool idea to create a centennial yearbook for the 100-year celebration. So, each class gets a page in the book up until the 2025/26ish so then literally everyone can see how other people went to school with each class.

Another Idea (JOB)...

If many of the school classrooms are available/not used for most of June, July, and August then **What about Summer School** (just like athletic and band camps)

Classes **for elementary and secondary school children?**

What about a summer "bible camp" **for elementary and secondary school children?**

There could be a 6-week session or maybe two 4-week sessions (or both).

- Separate wings for elementary and secondary students
- Remedial, Regular, Advanced Placement coursework; Performing Arts
- Open to students from *all* schools across the Lehigh Valley

Build the pipeline, spread the word, shape the future!

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

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

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

January 12th – 14th, 2024 – Becahi performance of Neil Simon's *God's Favorite*

April 5th – 7th – Becahi performance of Rogers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*

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

Reunion News...

- **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 '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**; Time: 6:00 to 10:30pm
 - Sewyco Social Hall, 1 Kenny Headman Lane
 - Casual cocktail style party, come and go as you please!
 - DJ and photo booth - Bring pictures and yearbooks!
 - \$50 per person/\$100 per couple
 - Payments: Venmo **Hallie Roxandich** - @Hallie-Roxandich or get ahold of **Mary Lucente** for alternate payment 610-217-9372
 - Rsvp - either **Kim Sterner** 484 357 9284 or use google doc https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfbtWPJHHjdlwSy42J1ai_ZbotTXj93hZ2DUN3rQ9stZjt08A/viewform?mibextid=Zxz2cZ

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Genevieve Martucci Hanchick	1960	09/20/2023	81
Bruce Mayer	1967	08/13/2023	74
Paula Calvo Wilson	1969	09/14/2023	72
Mary Beth Hudak Whitehead	1982	09/05/2023	59

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Agnes Blasko, mother of **Michael '79, Joseph '81, and Antoinette '85**, on 09/25
- † Joseph Bodor, father of **Jane '85**, on 09/24
- † **Paula Calvo Wilson '69**, wife of **Hugh '69**, mother of **Hugh '99, Jeffrey '01, Andrew '04** and **Jennifer '13**, daughter of Paul and **Agnes (Slaninka '46)** Calvo, and sister of **Jane '71, Tina '73** and **Lisa '79**, on 09/23
- † **Mary Beth Hudak Whitehead '82**, sister of **Ed '79, Shane '80, Kevin '86** and **Melissa '87**, on 09/05
- † Ada San Miguel, sister of **Juan '78**, on 09/10
- † Bob Stem, head football coach at Beca between 1983-2001, and a Becahi Wall-of-Fame member, on 09/29
- † Curtis Thieme, father of **Robert '75, Brian '78** and **Susan '79**, on 09/11
- † Anne Marie Petrilla, daughter of **Anna Oravec Petrilla '33**, and sister of **Thomas '66** and the late **David '71**, on 09/15

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

Jimmy Bellizzi (10/23/07)

Roxanne Hoffman (10/15/08)

Bernie Fota (10/27/08)

Rick Kearney (10/12/97)

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

It's been six months since I joined the gym, and still no progress. I'm going over there in person tomorrow to see what's going on!

100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

Football – 1972 Season

Bethlehem Catholic High School Football

1972

Coach, Jim Mazza

6 Wins - 5 Losses

Individual Notes and Statistics:

Pat Haney, 11 TD Passes

Mike Godbolt, 56 Receptions, 10 TDs

Mike Godbolt, "Ripper" Rich Award

Bill Ebling, James P. McConlogue Award (Leadership)

Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	Margin	Player	TDs	PATs	FG	S	Totals
W	20	12 Liberty	8	Mike Godbolt	10	15	2		81
W	15	14 Easton	1	Rob Maio	5				30
W	14	0 Woodrow Wilson	14	Joe Butryn	2	2			14
L	8	20 Freedom	(12)	Chris Karabin	3	2			20
L	0	6 Saucon Valley	(6)	Frank Tantsits	1	2			8
W	30	6 Notre Dame	24	Bill Ebling	1	2			8
L	10	28 Central Dauphin	(18)	Pat Haney	1				6
W	20	6 Cardinal Dougherty	14	Bob Holahan	1				6
W	30	0 Reading	30	Mark Fondl				1	2
L	14	15 Allentown Central Catholic	(1)						
L	14	21 Pius X	(7)						
Total Points:	175	128 Opponents	47						
Pts/Game:	15.9	11.6 Opponents	4	Totals	24	23	2	1	175

Cheerleaders

They were our most vocal supporters...

Donna Gentilcore '73, Karen Kozo '73, Kathy Martin '74, Lorraine Minarik '73, Rosie Maurer '73, Donna Terefinko '74, Geradette Yasko '74, Stephanie Donchetz '74, Debbie Horvath '74, Janice Yanushka '73, Sharon Bellizzi '73, R. Shanahan

Golf – Bob Bukvics '60, Coach

There was no information on the season's results in the yearbook, but the team aces consisted of...

Mark Breiner '73, Mike Dalton '75, Bruce Brugger '75, Dennis Marshall '73, Ed Reybitz '73, Terence Petfield '73

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Boys Basketball

Coach, Robert "Bob" Bukvics '60 (Fourth Season)

1972 - 1973 Season

East Penn League

10 Wins - 12 Losses

(from Yearbook)

(Source: Yearbook)

Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	Point Margin	Players:
10	12			
W	46	40 Palmerton	6	Jim Bellew '74
W	54	46 Whitehall	8	Bob Nuno '74
L	55	73 Allentown Central Catholic	(18)	John Leary '73
L	39	57 Dieruff	(18)	Gary Falkenbach '74
W	61	57 Allen	4	Dan Sinnott '73
L	43	52 Liberty	(9)	Mike Harvilla '73
L	42	62 Easton	(20)	Gus Concilio '74
W	65	62 Phillipsburg	3	Bucky Godbolt '73
L	58	70 Hazleton	(12)	Bob Gallagher '73
L	64	66 Pottsville	(2)	Pat McGinley '74
W	56	47 Freedom	9	Joe Zubia '75
L	61	64 "Eye Glass"	(3)	
L	53	66 Allentown Central Catholic	(13)	
L	49	81 Dieruff	(32)	
L	72	85 Allen	(13)	
W	67	60 Liberty	7	
L	54	69 Easton	(15)	
W	83	53 Phillipsburg	30	
L	63	67 Hazleton	(4)	
W	50	42 Pottsville	8	
W	68	52 Freedom	16	
W	52	50 Notre Dame	2	
Totals	1,255	1,321	Point Differential	(66)
Avg/Game	57	60	Average Point Differential	(3)

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Girls Basketball

Coach, Paulette "Heidi" Hydusik (Fifth Season)

1972 - 1973 Season

East Penn League

(Source: Yearbook)

(Source: Yearbook)

Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	Point Margin	Players:
4	11			
W	62	12 Pius X	50	Patti Cunningham '73
L	43	55 Allentown Central Catholic	(12)	Kathy Kelly '73
W	48	31 Freedom	17	Ann Bold '74
L	28	43 St. Francis Academy	(15)	Karen Campbell '74, (Manager)
L	36	45 Notre Dame	(9)	Nancy Campbell '74
L	41	68 Allen	(27)	Eleanor Gates '74
L	41	44 Phillipsburg	(3)	Margie Grube '74
L	33	42 Dieruff	(9)	Regina Metzger '74
L	33	40 Easton	(7)	Patricia Quarato '74
L	25	38 Notre Dame	(13)	Patty Wagner '74
L	55	83 Allen	(28)	Donna Guman '75
W	53	38 Liberty	15	Jayne Lawrence '75
L	26	41 Dieruff	(15)	Joanne Posivak '75
L	31	55 Easton	(24)	Cheryl Rich '75
W	50	26 Pius X	24	Kathleen Simons '75
				Jo Anne Slivko '75
				Kim Adams
				Janet Tallarico
Totals	605	661	Point Differential	(56)
Avg/Game	40	44	Average Point Differential	(4)

Cross Country – Rev. Peter Bonardi C.R.S.P, Coach

There was no information on the season's results in the yearbook, (does anyone want to share them?) but the team consisted of...

Vince Hlavinka '73, Chuck Kovacs '74, Pete Guiden '76, Dave Mitchell '75, Larry Harris '75, Mike Buchold '74, John Talian '74, Joe Tallarico '75, Tom Jebran '74, Tom Donaghue '75, Brian Bellew '73, P. Nowakowski, Mike Turzanski '74, Mike Gorski '74, Joe Ruggieri '74, Chris Schmidt '75

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Wrestling 1972-1973

Coach, Tony Iasiello

First Year in PIAA

1972 - 1973 Season

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Outcome	Becahi	Opponent	Point Margin
W	36	14 Allentown Central Catholic	22
W	34	22 Northampton	12
W	48	2 Lancaster Catholic	46
L	18	27 Phillipsburg	(9)
W	35	15 Allen	20
W	40	12 Pennsbury	28
L	15	29 Easton	(14)
L	16	31 Freedom	(15)
W	27	14 Saucon Valley	13
W	32	14 Dieruff	18
W	26	22 Liberty	4
W	40	6 Whitehall	34
W	35	3 Notre Dame	32
W	42	9 Neshaminy	33
Totals:	444	220	Point Differential 224
Avg/Match:	32	16	Average Point Differential 16

Pat Sculley '73 becomes the first Becahi grappler to win a PIAA crown. His four individual state championships (PCIAA in '70, '71, '72 and PIAA '73) are unsurpassed in school history. He was inducted into the Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame in 1996.

Members of the first Becahi wrestling team to compete in the PIAA...

Scott McCoach '76, Scott Schnalzer '76, Steve Wilson '75, George Macasevich '75, Bill McCoach '74, Bob Cassidy '73, Mike Dominguez '74, Stan Majewski '74, Tom Ortwein '73, Chris Karabin '74, Jim Fink '73, Pat Sculley '73, Carl Grube '73, John Noctor '73, Dan Curatola '74, Bob Holahan '73, Tom Lawler '73, Dave Tachovsky '73, Brian Duh '75, Luke Cunningham '75

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Update: 1967 Undefeated Football Team Members...

I missed some members who were missing from pictures... Here's the latest list of the team and coaches...

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 Blanar '69 (manager), Bill Baur '69 (manager), Mike Copek '68 (manager), Mike Barbour '72 (manager)**

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),

Alumni Sports Notables

Bob Stem, Becahi's head football coach, and Wall of Fame member, passed away on September 29th. Coach Stem led his teams to eight District 11 titles, six East Penn Conference championships, an Eastern Conference crown and two PIAA state golds.

Bucky Godbolt '73 writes that he coached at the University of Illinois, Boston College, and The University of Texas. He coached some great players like Ricky Williams, Priest Holmes, and Howard Griffith. *"They don't care how much you know, until they know how much care!"*

Lauren Bunke '18, a graduate student at Lebanon Valley College, opened the collegiate Cross Country season by finishing first out of 113 runners at the Misericordia Invitational on September 1st in Dallas, PA. She was named Middle Atlantic Conference Woman Runner of the Week for her performance. – Morning Call 9/15/23

Matt Stianche '20, a "redshirt" junior at Marist College has caught 13 passes for 281 yards in three games, a couple of touchdowns, and is averaging 21.6 yards per catch. – Morning Call 9/30/23

Clay Basile '22, has been selected as co-captain of Moravian University's football team for the 2023 season. Clay, a linebacker, recorder 59 tackles with three for a loss and a pass break-up in his debut season 2022. – Bethlehem Press 8/24/23

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2023 Fall Sports Season

Varsity Sports

Football

Tyler Ward, Head Coach, First Season!

Through 09/30: Won 5 – Lost 1, Outscoring their opponents by 17 points/game

Becahi Football Trivia...

Becahi's game against Easton on September 23rd was the 700th in school history, in its 64th season. The data:

1926 – 1930 5 Seasons Games Played: 39; Won 18, Lost 18, Tied 3

1965 – 2023 59 Seasons Games Played: 661; Won 416, Lost 237, Tied 8

Field Hockey

Sarah Lumi, Coach, 3rd Season

Through 09/28: 1 Win – 12 Losses

Golf

Mark Csencsits, Coach, 3rd Season

Season Complete: 5 Wins – 10 Losses

Boys Soccer

John Huhn, Coach, 3rd Season

Through 09/27: Won 2 – 12 Losses

Girls Soccer

Brad Kratzer, 3rd Season

Through 09/25: 7 Wins – 6 Losses

Girls Tennis

Dan Arkans, Coach, 1st Season

Season Complete: 6 Wins – 9 Losses

Girls Volleyball

Gabriella Mineo, Coach, 1st Season

Through 09/26: 6 Wins – 4 Losses

Cross Country

Krystyn Fenon, Coach, 1st Season

I'll try to get information for next month's *Tidings*.

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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... 584 graduates from 47 classes have been recognized so far this year in *Tidings* (see chart below), including 55 graduates from 46 classes in this *Tidings* edition alone. Find their stories at <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

Tidings Alumni Newsletter Statistics

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BLinkedIn Names/Profiles and Classes Mentioned

Decades >	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	
Year Ending						
0		10	10	10	10	
1		10	10	11	10	
2		11	10	10	10	
3	18	20	20	20	21	
4	10	10	10	10	11	
5	10	10	10	10	11	
6	10	10	10	10	12	
7	11	12	11	10	13	Classes
8	20	20	21	20	27	47
9	10	10	10	10	4	Grads
	89	123	122	121	129	584

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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Ginny Braman '74, who studied at Northeastern University, is a Self-Employed Clinical Consultant in the greater Boston area.

Christine Baran Antoccia '75, who received a BS in Behavioral Science/Psychology from Utah Valley University, is Case manager at Salt Lake County Division Of Youth Services, in Salt Lake City.

Gina Dye Dugan '76, is the Owner/Operator of Dugan's Heat Pump & Air Conditioning, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Michael Shupp '77, a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, Retired Colonel, and Bechai and Virginia Military Institute Distinguished Graduate, is a Registered Lobbyist and Vice President of Van Scoyoc Associates, developing and executing tailored government affairs strategies for its clients, in Annapolis.

Mary Minarik Weaver '78, who received a BS in Accounting from Mount St. Mary's University, is Controller at SkillSurvey, the leader in online reference checking, in Wayne, PA.

Steve Petrohoy '78, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from East Stroudsburg University, is Account Representative for Lewis Paper International in Colorado Springs.

Pete Falco '79, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Moravian University, is Senior Account Executive at Levi, Ray & Shup, Inc. in San Juan Capistrano, CA.

Terry Buragino Ganse '80, who studied at Kutztown University, is a Senior Systems Analyst at the Hershey Medical Center.

Chris Kita '81, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Elmira College and a Master's Degree in Biology Teacher education from Kutztown University, is a Lean Coach at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

John Kravatz '82, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Pittsburgh, is an IT Professional for AT&T in Ashburn VA.

John Eder '83, who received a BS in Finance and a BA in Psychology from LaSalle University, is Industry Sales Executive for Oracle in Dallas, TX.

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Hallie Roxandich '03, is the Operations Manager at Edge Restaurant in Allentown, and now supports Nick's BBQ from Lower Saucon, PA.

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Mackenzie Barth '08, who studied International Relations and Journalism at Lehigh University, is a Designer + Creative Strategist at Ralph Lauren in New York, NY

Steven Ferry '08, who received a BS in Finance and Economics from Fordham University and an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Business, is Vice President at New Mountain Capital in the New York City metropolitan area.

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Ronald Armstead III '11, a U.S. Navy Veteran, and former football Defensive Coordinator at Beca, who received a BASc in Biology from Ursinus College, is a Field Service Technician at Ingersoll Rand in Allentown.

Elizabeth Zurek '12, who received a BS in International Business from American university's Kogod School of Business, is Vice President – Professional Services at GLC, the world's largest insight network, in Austin, TX.

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Natasha Tax '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Temple University and a Master's Degree in European Politics and Society from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, is Program Director of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students in Spain.

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Abby McCool '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an RN from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, is a Registered Nurse at St. Luke's University Health Network.

Alexis Bauman '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the University of Alabama, is a Global Enterprise Business Development Representative for Salesforce in Austin, TX.

Brandon Bartholomew '18, who received a BS in Sports Medicine from Millersville University, is a licensed Pennsylvania Realtor, Licensed Home Improvement Contractor, and a Coach. He is a Realtor for eXp Realty, Owner and Operator of Bart's General Contracting, and Co-Founder of New Leaf Coaching: a premier coaching community for real estate agent growth, in Easton.

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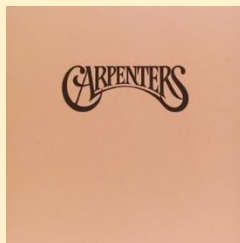
Rebecca Amrick '19, who received a BA in English Language from Seton Hall University is a graduate student at Villanova University, studying English Language and Literature.

Reflection

For our teachers...

Sometimes

Sung by Karen Carpenter



Sometimes, not often enough
We reflect upon the good things,
And those thoughts always center around those we love.
And I think about those people,
Who mean so much to me.
And for so many years have made me so very happy.
And I count the times I have forgotten to say,
“Thank you” and just how much I love them.

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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.

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