

# Tidings

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As I wrote last year at this time, *“All year long we reflected on our school’s history and celebrated the “good news” of her graduates in the Tidings. Christmas is a time of spiritual reflection, a season of expectation, and a time to celebrate God’s love for the world through the birth of the Christ Child.”*

As we move through the season, let’s spend a few minutes each day remembering and reflecting on the gifts we have been given. One way to help in this reflection is to light the Advent Candles.

### The Advent Candles

The advent candles correspond to the themes of each week of advent. We begin lighting a candle on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and we light another candle each subsequent Sunday.

- 🕯 The first candle symbolizes hope and is called the **"Prophet's Candle."** The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.
- 🕯 The second candle represents faith and is called **"Bethlehem's Candle."** Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David...and most of Beca's graduates.
- 🕯 The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the **"Shepherd's Candle."** To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color **rose** signifies joy. Remember? Gaudete Sunday?
- 🕯 The fourth candle represents peace and is called the **"Angel's Candle."** The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

### An Advent Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and cheerful as we await the coming of your Son, Christ our Lord, that when he comes and knocks, he will find us not sleeping in sins but awake and rejoicing in his praises, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Creating the Excitement for the 100th Anniversary of Becahi



Plans are underway and ongoing. To date, thirty-nine people have joined in the planning process. There are no limits to the number of people supporting this once-in-a-lifetime event. We need ideas and volunteers. This is what we have so far:

Bethlehem Catholic's Centennial Celebration will begin on one of the last two Saturdays in July 2025 and end just after our 100th Class graduation with a Grand Finale on one of the last two Saturdays in June 2026.

### Honor Our Teachers

- “Becahi Made Me Better Thanks to (Sr., Fr., Br., Ms., Mrs., Mr.....)” (Ongoing)
- Teacher Appreciation Gatherings at Clubhouse Grille (2024 >)
- Teacher Reward Program for #BECABI100 Grand Finale

### Centennial Yearbook

- One page per Class planned with pictures, activities, beginning with Class of 1927

### Kickoff of 100 Year Celebration

(Date TBD... one of last two Saturdays in July 2025)

- Activities TBD, and include 1) honoring Distinguished Grads, Athletic Wall of Famers, Fides Award Recipients at various times 2) Viewing the Drafts of the Centennial Yearbook. 3) Doing Advance Sales for the Centennial Yearbook. 3) Publicizing events for affinity groups by sport or activity or professional career.

### Grand Finale of 100 Year Celebration

(Date TBD... one of the last two Saturdays in June 2026.)

- Activities TBD, but multiple venues have been approved.
  - Bethlehem Catholic's Gym for current Becahi families and those under 21
    - Families are free to go where they want if they have alumni spread across the years.
  - Bethlehem Municipal Club House Grill for graduates ages 21 through 29
  - Adagio for graduates ages 30 through 39
  - Zest for graduates ages 40 through 49
  - Hotel Bethlehem for graduates ages 50 through 65
  - The Event Center at Blue for graduates ages 65+

**What are your ideas and how can you help?**

Contact Tom Vresics '81, Director of Advancement at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org)

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## Current Members of the #BECAHI100 Committee:

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“Boots” O’Connell Horwath ’47, P ’81

Tom Tachovsky ’54, P ’66, ’73, 87, ’91

Maureen Dressen ’65

Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec ’66

Loretta Ulincy ’69

Hugh Wilson ’69, P ’99, ’01, ’04, ’13

George Kane ’70

John O’Boyle ’70

Larry Spagnola ’73

Emil Giordano ’77, P ’14, ’19

Kevin Culligan ’78

Steve Shive ’81, P ’25

Tom Vresics ’81

Mike Solomon ’82

Joe Uliana ’83

Patrick ’85 and Kristy Dundon P ’15, ’16

Christine Culver Calantoni ’87, P ’20, ’23

Kris Iasiello Boyle ’89, P ’22, ’24, ’27

Dean Donaher, Principal

Melissa Zeller Kiebort ’90

Kelley Comber ’99

Stephen Keppel ’99

Barbara Weed Kozo ’00

Gerry Broniec ’05

Kyle John ’07

Bill Rowe ’11

Maddie Dundon ’16, P ’85

Isabella Allena ’19

Marco Calantoni ’20, P ’87

Marissa Calantoni ’23, P ’87

Karen Fitzpatrick, Teacher

Robert Whirl, Teacher

Jennifer Kirk P ’26

Jeff Fegley P ’27

Dave Muething P ’97, ’00, ’03, ’09

Frank Castellano, Friend of Beca

Joe DeAcetis, Friend of Beca

Debra Walters, Friend of Beca

**We encourage you to reach out to a member and ask how you can help make this milestone a celebration for the ages.**

Contact me (John O’Boyle ’70) or Tom Vresics ’81 at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org)



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## Some Alums who checked in last month...

**(Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Tom Tachovsky '54, Harry Mitchell '57, Heinz Huhn '59, David Ernhofer '60, Helen Zajacek Trinkle '60, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Betty Ann Gomboz Polaha '63, Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec '66, John Bauer '67, Yogi Eddinger '67, Terence Ford '67, Patrick Urello '67, Jerry Kitzhoffer '68, Richard and Karen (Shamenek) Metzger '68, Cathy Swiderski Csencsitz '68, John Andris '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Bob Coulter '72, Vince Tallarico '72, Steve Begany '73, Ann Eckenrode Bova '73, Elizabeth Wiley Avila '73, Teri Kamenar Nemeth '81, Tom Vresics '81, Christopher Lang '00, Justine Curcio '18**

## ...and from my Class...

**BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Dolores Alves Johns, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Marlene Anthony Howard, Mike Audet, Tony Bauer, Mary Bosha Blamar, Rick Cassidy, Dave and Jean (Bringenberg) Cech, Jessie Daniels Greenawald, Bill Doncsecz, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Mayra Godin Focht, Joannie Greenfield, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, JoAnne Lesko, J. Michael Lynch, Pat Lynch, Phil Meguire, Susan Peters Crawford, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tim Sabota, Tommy Sculley, Sue Sikora O'Hare, Josephine, Carl, and Rose Szczepanski**

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**Please remember Pat Lynch's brother in your prayers this month.**

**Martin Lynch '66, son of Harry and Lucy Hildenberger Lynch '41 passed away on 11/23. Please also say some prayers for Pat's siblings Michael '68, Mary '81, Phil, and the late Ann '71 and Joseph.**

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## Reserve a Memorial Candle for Your Loved Ones at Our Annual Candle Mass December 19<sup>th</sup>

Prayerfully honor your loved ones who have passed by using this link:  
<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BECAHI23CandleMass> at our Candle Mass on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The suggested offering is \$10. We will send a link to everyone who orders a candle so they can watch the Candle Mass liturgy from home at their convenience.

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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 **425 grads from 77 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 December Issue

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
0		1		10	59	3	3	4	2	1		
1		1	1	14	13	10	1	1	2			
2	1		3	9	14	5	3	2	2	1		
3				9	23	6	2	6	3			
4			2	6	5	1	3	3	4			
5			1	5	6	9	3	3	2			
6	1		1	6	4	4	1	1	2			
7			2	5	10	3	4	2	3	2		Classes
8		1		11	26	6	3	5	4	6		<u>77</u>
9	1			7	19	6	3	4	2	4		Grads
	1	3	4	31	114	139	48	27	29	29		<u>425</u>

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## Next Year...

The 2024 Golden Gala to Honor Mike and Kathy (Ripper '70) Grasso  
 Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
 5:00pm



**Mike & Kathy '70 Grasso**  
 Beloved Teacher, Coach, and Example of Christian Faith  
 Dedication and Generosity to Her Alma Mater

*2024 Gala Honorees* 

Join us from near or far by virtually bidding on auction items & by donating to the Emotional Appeal.

For more information, contact **Regan Downey '17** at 610 866-0791, ext. 323 or [rdowney@becahi.org](mailto:rdowney@becahi.org)



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## The Beauties of Seventy



Members from the Class of '70 "taste testing committee" at Fiamma Italian Restaurant...  
Front row, L>R: **Ann Conahan, Jamie Angelucci, Jackie Angelucci**  
Second row, L>R: **Bernie Guerra, Mary Jane Bartos, Kathy Gaydos, Corliss Kuzmin**  
Third row, L>R: **Sue Sikora, Betsy Vreeland, Lisa DeAngelis, Kathy Shanahan, Karen Raykos, Anne Gerber, Susan Sharkan**

Next month's target: Prime Restaurant, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm

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### I heard from, saw, or read about...

**Pat Potak Mitchell '68** is waiting to see you all at her store "La Petite Provence" at 519 Main Street in Bethlehem. Great Christmas gift ideas (and merchandise). Tell her, "John O'Boyle sent you in."

**Karen Raykos Fatzinger '70** wrote... *"I thought the "history lesson" on my parish Sts. Cyril & Methodius, now Incarnation Our Lord Church, was the highlight for me in the November issue. Even though I didn't attend school there, (I went to St. Ursula's...), my father & his 8 brothers & sisters as well as my mom did. I even have their 8th grade graduation picture. I also remember going through the old school on Sundays when my dad paid his church dues & watching the new school being built when I went to Mass on Sundays. I am so thankful that we were able to continue worshipping in my church when the other parishes were combined. I still call the church Sts. Cyril's when I refer to it. It's hard to break a habit..."*

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**Ann Eckenrode Bova '73** wrote... "Thanks for the nice October dedication to the class of 73! What a good time we all had... (BTW) I had 3 daughters who graduated from Beca, **Emily '02, Maria '04, and Theresa '05**. Also, I was a health care professional (Medical Technology) graduating from Gwynedd Mercy College.

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## From the 2023- 2024 Becahi Business Directory



### Olive to Be Social...

is a fun way to enjoy charcuterie, where every cup is packed with a unique, customer-chosen combination of anything found on a charcuterie board. Customers in the Lehigh Valley can order through Instagram or Facebook and get your cups delivered to you!

<https://www.facebook.com/olivetobesocial/>

### Musselman's Jewelers



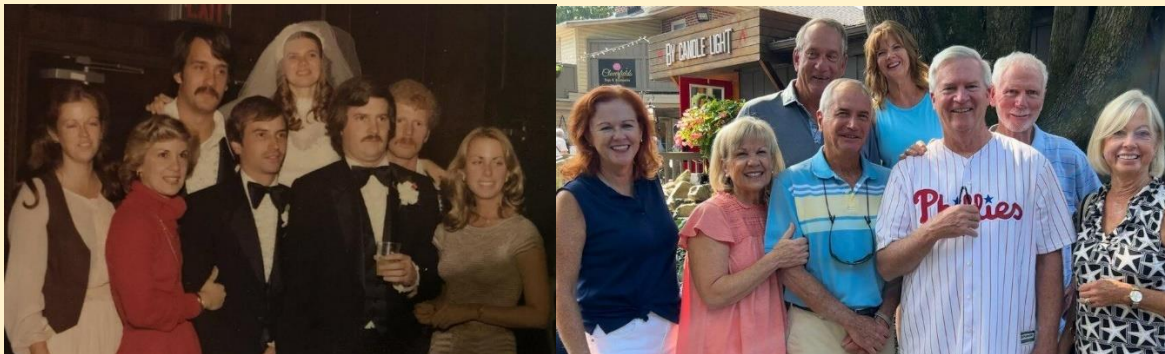
420 Main Street  
Bethlehem, PA

A business for 90 years in Historic Bethlehem, Musselman Jewelers' secret to longevity is the superior quality of product and customer service. Ask about Becahi's 20% off discount.

**Tom Anderko '68**, Member, The Downtown Bethlehem Association Council, Chamber of Commerce

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## 183 Years of Wedded Bliss



Then

Now

Front row, L>R:

Maureen "Lucy" O'Boyle, **Colleen Quarry Jennings, Bobby Alpago, JohnnieO, Jeff Jennings**, Bonnie Halbreiner Top row, **Bobby Halbreiner '71** and Nancy Alpago

Anniversaries:

Jeff and Col, 48 years; BobbyA and Nancy, 45 years; JohnnieO and Lucy, 45 yrs.;

Bob and Bonnie, 45 years

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I can't send a card to each of you but thank you for reaching out with an email this year. – JOB

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Gus Concilio '47

Kathleen "Boots" O'Connell Horwath '47

Mary Moroney Marzec '51

(Sr.) Regina Kropp '52

Bob Tallarico '52

(Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53

Frank Posivak '54

Tom Tachovsky '54

Patricia Takacs Kauffman '56

John Dobrota '57

Mary Jane Dugan Figuli '57

Joan Kulanko Yasenchok '57

Harry Mitchell '57

Joanne Polaha Siegfeldt '57

Patricia Burkhardt '58

Dorothy Keating Steltzer '60

Elaine Keretz Talian '60

Helen Zajacek Trinkle '60

Geri Jancosko Morykan '61

Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61

John McGeehan '61

Mary Nolan Sek '61

Al Ortwein '61

Betty Ann Gomboz Polaha '63

Bob Klinger '63

Joe Kundek '63

Mike Kramer '63

Mike Mish '63

Liz Schoenen Casella '63

Ann Marie Bruno Anderko '64

Dolores Durako Gecsek '64

Tim Gifford '64

Anita Gonzales Harrison '64

Jeanette Michael Brodt '64

Paula Ripper Olexa '65

Carol Cooke Fertal '66

Bonnie Grycko Zsilavec '66

Joseph Huber '66

Phil McGlade '66

Tom Seidenberger '66

Tom Anthony '67

John Bauer '67

Jacqueline Tocci Kostelnick '49

Bill Egan '58

George Hazler '58

Russ "Skip" Kembel '58

Jean Korpics Lasover '58

Joan Marie Morrison Sobota '58

Peggy Napravnik Derhammer '58

Steve Talian '58

Shirley Zampar Labert '58

Anita Bianco Rothrock '59

Jean Fenerty Escott '59

Frances Koprivsek Lamb '59

Carol Rau Doll '59

Charlie Wightman '59

Yogi Eddinger '67

Terence Ford '67

Kathryn Salos '67

Jean Terry '67

Patrick Urello '67

Trish Whitacre Huff '67

Mary Lou Andris Seigfried '68

Ed Benavage '68

Richard Bulcavage '68

Carmella Castellucci Kitzhoffer '68

Michele Eckenrode Lawler '68

Greg Falkenbach '68

Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68

Ellie Fenner Horvath '68

Carol Huber Hudak '68

Dan Husser '68

Jack Kirk '68

Linda Kuruc Nagy '68

Mike Lawler '68

Jody Smith Davis '68

Andrea Sobieski Barch '68

John Stoll '68

Cathy Swiderski Csencsitz '68

Bob Tarola '68

Matt Tevald '68

Susan Urello '68

Ellie Zarinsky Albright '68



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George Agentis '69  
John Andris '69  
Bob Baur '69  
Patricia Bellew Kottke '69  
Mary Campbell Kovacs '69  
Mary Dorsam Stoudt '69  
Sharon Edelman Vincovich '69  
Larry Gasda '69

Andy Kametz '69  
Marybeth Keating Pavlo '69  
Linda Kuruc Nagy '69  
Fran McGouldrick '69  
Gary Palenchar '69  
Susan Reczek Verbalis '69  
Barbara Sekerak McOster '69  
Mary Silvoy Ryan '69  
Donna Soltysiak Kramer '69

## Emails from my '70 classmates:

Bobby Alpago  
Tommy Altimare  
Dolores Alves Johns  
Denny Andrew Karp  
Jackie Angelucci Ortwein  
Jamie Angelucci Kyle  
Tom Ardizzone  
Mike Audet  
Tony Bauer  
Jeannine Becker McGrane  
Rosina Bierbaum  
Mary Bosha Blonar  
Jean Bringenberg Cech  
Maki Brugger Polefka  
Celeste Casciano Silvonek  
Dave Cech  
Jay Chanitz  
Jessie Daniels Greenawald  
Lisa DeAngelis  
Ed Delluva  
Bill Doncsecz  
GI Jerry Evans  
Kathy Gaydos Bickert  
Anne Gerber  
Mayra Godin Focht  
Joannie Greenfield  
Paul Grube  
Mick Halbreiner  
Trish Holly Zechman  
Betsy Horvath Kane  
  
Mark Bacak '71  
Greg Benz '71  
Mary Donchez Wilson '71  
Bobby Halbreiner '71  
Rocky Krokus '71  
Mary Tee Lisowski Miller '71

Tina Hudak  
Jeff Jennings  
George Kane  
Susan Kerecz  
Corliss Kuzmin Reed  
J. Michael Lynch  
Pat Lynch  
Phil Meguire  
Patricia O'Connor Altier  
Greg Ortwein  
Jim Perkins  
Dan Perrett  
Susan Peters Crawford  
Colleen Quarry Jennings  
Karen Raykos Fatzinger  
Kathy Ripper Grasso  
Bob Roethke  
Tim Sabota  
Tommy Sculley  
Sue Sikora O'Hare  
Josephine Spagnola Ciocco  
Bob Spirk  
Carl Strobl  
Rose Szczepanski  
Linda Talbot Keefe  
Debbie Weiss Perrett  
Sue Willey  
Georgene Yanochko Bellizzi  
Joe Zylwitis  
  
Maureen Long '71  
Mike Ruggeri '71  
Elizabeth Talian '71  
Stephanie Voros Sellers '71  
Karen Walls White '71

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Cindy Bleier Guffy '72

Bob Coulter '72

Phil Demyan '72

Bruce Edelman '72

Richard Goch '72

Mary Beth Hahn Heller '72

Jim Knipe '72

Kathleen Lynch Carcione '72

Eileen Malloy Desormeaux '72

Dave Marzec '72

Amey Mesko Upchurch '72

Sally Morrison '72

Judith Takacs Airgood '72

Vince Tallarico '72

Steve Begany '73

Sharon Bellizzi Friedman '73

Mark Breiner '73

Barbara Brugger Carrington '73

Patti Cunningham Ebling '73

Stephen Daday '73

Ron Davco '73

Marianne Derr '73

Bill Ebling '73

Ann Eckenrode Bova '73

John Fiorentino '73

Mike Godbolt '73

Richard Gorski '73

Scott Higgins '73

Michael Kelly '73

Ann Knipe MacLaughlin '73

Kate Kostelnick '73

Mary Beth Makoski '73

Bill Ripper '73

Victoria Roberts Brind'Amour '73

Karen Selthoffer Knipe '73

Larry Spagnola '73

Karen Stoll Assetto '73

Agnes Hudak George '74

Susan Kravatz Barone '74

Bill McCoach '74

Betsy Cichelli '75

Donna Emerick Vidumsky '75

Susan Oravec Polak '75

Janet Perez Fetherolf '75

Mary Beth Grimmer Linsenmann '76

Susan Rehrig '76

John Concilio '77

Sally Kammetler '78

Alan Mangan '78

Kathy Connell Willner '79

Drew Karabin '79

Dave Uliana '79

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Toni Campanella Erceg '80

Joe Vargo '80

Tom Calvo '81

Nancy Friend Schrader '81

Teri Kamenar Nemeth '81

Tom Vresics '81

Mary Beth Hudak Whitehead '82

Karen Butryn '83

Jim Kostelnick '83

Steve Witmer '83

Donna Banko Katechis '85

Missy DaRe '85

Sherri Hines '85

Kathy Bolcar Laird '86

Erin Foley '86

Tricia Lynn McColl '87

Catherine Toczek '88

Janine Rivera Templeton '89

Mary Chaffier Banonis '90

Michele McCracken Stites '92

David Weisman '92

Jason Bellew '94

Janel Norris '95

Vanessa Kelchner '97

Adrienne Krosecz Schultz '98

Kirstin Thode '98

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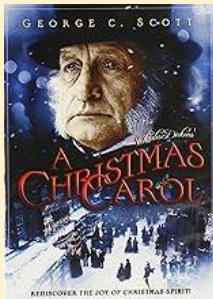
Christopher Lang '00  
Dawn Parker '00  
Barbara Weed Kozo '00  
Michael Blonar '03  
Mary Lucente '03  
Amy Markovic Solano '03  
Dana Cantelmi '04  
Kyle John '07

Heather Yost Klein '08  
Brenna Lash '10  
Lauren Spence '12  
Leah John '13  
Vanessa Campbell '14  
Anderson Bento '18  
Justine Curcio '18  
Gabrielle Soares '18  
Isabella Allena '19

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## A Christmas Carol



If you're looking for a well-done, traditional holiday movie, look no further than the 1984 British American made-for-television film adaptation of Charles Dickens' famous 1843 novella.

The film stars George C. Scott as Scrooge, and the Executive Producer of the movie was the late **Robert Fuisz '52** who received an Emmy Award for this production.

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## Nomination Deadline of December 6<sup>th</sup> is Quickly Approaching... Looking for Bethlehem Catholic Distinguished Graduate Nominations

So far, we have eight nominations for our 2024 Class of Bethlehem Catholic Distinguished Graduates. To give people adequate time to complete these nominations after reading the December *Tidings*, we extended the deadline until Wednesday, December 6.

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
- ✓ Serving and getting involved in the community
- ✓ Demonstrating values of Catholic education in their achievements

Please nominate them using link: <https://becahi.org/alumni/distinguishedgraduates/distinguished-graduate-nomination-form/>

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## About the 2023 Veterans Honor Roll...

More graduates added... (and some revisions)

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**Louis Lasco '32**, U.S. Army (WW II)

**Heinz Huhn '59**, U.S. Navy (Vietnam)

**Joseph Kundek '63**, U.S. Air Force

**Richard Silvoy '65**, U.S. Army

**Robert Michael Sopko '65**, U.S. Army – Killed in Action (KIA) in Vietnam, 05/28/1968.

He is honored on Panel 64W, Line 16 of the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall.

**Terence G. Ford '67**, Army National Guard

**James Hughes '67**, U.S. Marines

**Gerald "Jerry" Kitzhoffer '68**, Army National Guard

**Patrick Lyons '70**, U.S. Air Force

**Elizabeth Wiley Avila '73**, U.S. Coast Guard

**Susan Minarik '78**, U.S. Army

**Vincent Tallarico '99**, U.S. Air Force

**Katherine O'Hare Conklin '03**, U.S. Army

**Claire Marie Egan '07**, U.S. Army

**Justine Curcio '18**, U.S. Army

**Natalie Rhine '18**, U.S. Army

**Sr. Regina Chassar, S.S.J. '53** wrote... *"Thank you for this listing of veterans. Prayed for all. Saw so many familiar names. Some distant relatives. My brother Bob was a veteran but didn't attend Beca."*

**Dave Ernhofter '60** wrote... *"I went to St. Ursula school and graduated from Beca in 1960. I joined the Marines for 4 years, a very exciting time in my young life. After discharge I got a job at Western Electric (AT&T, Lucent and Agere) and worked there for 38 years until the plant shut down in 2003. I met my wife Linda in the cafeteria and have been married 43 years. We were blessed with 2 kids, Michelle and Ryan, and am proud they both graduated from college, Michelle from DeSales and Ryan from Lehigh. ... We have 11 grandchildren, 6 boys and 5 girls. The oldest 2 girls are DeSales students." After being retired 21 years I'm slowing down a bit but am still able to ride my bike and do a little hiking, recently at Acadia National Park in Maine."*

**Phil McGlade '66** wrote... *"BCHS alumni have an incredible legacy of dedicated and selfless service to our beloved nation."*

**Yogi Eddinger '67** wrote... *"My gracious how many vets from the school is remarkable. My father-in-law served for 34 years in the submarine force. He was active in WW II, Korea, and Vietnam. That's some serious service! He is how I met my wife, Cathy."*

**Richard and Karen (Shamenek) Metzger '68** wrote... *"We wanted to thank you for acknowledging our fathers in your Veterans Day Honor roll. My father **Lewis Shamenek class of '29** and Richard's father **Joseph class of '38**. What a wonderful way to honor our dads."*

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**Jean Bringenberg Cech '70**, (Dave's better half) wrote... "I'm proud to say that all 4 of our sons have served. 2 in the Navy and 2 in the Army. Our 1 son is still in the Army Reserve. He's a Warrant Office and the CO of the 191st Army Reserve Band in CA... Just wanted to share another reason to be proud. Our Daniel and his quartet from the Army Band sang the National Anthem on Veterans Day at the Cavs/Warriors game. It was amazing. 😊🎵"

**Susan Sikora O'Hare '70** wrote to add her daughter **Katherine's '03** service to the Honor Roll. Sue wrote that she was "very proud of her!! It was also distressing at times, especially when she was stationed in Baghdad for a year. A lot of prayers were said during that time and I'm sure God was watching over her... We all have much to be thankful for!

Karen Fitzpatrick, Retired Teacher, Becahi Webmaster wrote... "I have added a page for the Becahi Veteran's Honor Roll and have also put a veteran's salute in the carousel.

My husband is a West Point Grad, and currently works as an Army Civilian at Tobyhanna. My son is activity duty Army Reserves. John's grandfather, father, and uncle were retired Army Vets. My dad and his brother were in the Navy. John had two uncles die in service during WWII.

Tomorrow, we will be doing clean up at Resurrection Cemetery replacing any of the torn flags. On December 16, we will be participating in Wreaths Across America at Resurrection Cemetery. My husband has been on the committee since 2015. We are hoping to get enough wreaths this year. There are over 1,200 veterans in Resurrection Cemetery. Thank you for the list."

Go to:

<https://becahi.org/alumni/becahi-veterans-honor-roll/>

(Copy and paste to your browser)

The latest Veterans matrix...

## Military Veterans' Honor Roll

November, 2023

### Veterans by Class/Decade

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s
Year Ending											
0		3	5	8	14	20	6	1	6	3	
1		4	16	6	25	11	7	6	2	11	4
2		5	9	10	14	11	8	5	4	2	
3		1	13	11	14	7	5	3	2	3	
4		5	9	12	10	5	9	3	2	2	
5		7	11	11	14	12	13	7	5		
6		7	6	17	9	10	10	5	1	4	
7		12	15	15	27	17	7	6	6	5	
8		4	9	15	18	19	12	7	5	8	
9	2	8	10	11	11	11	2	9	6		
	2	56	103	116	156	123	79	52	39	38	4

Classes

90

Grads

768



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## Saint Nick of Bethlehem

**Dan Roebuck '81** was in town recently to begin filming a movie that is scheduled to be out by Christmas 2024. Dan will be making this holiday movie about Bethlehem!



“Saint Nick of Bethlehem” is a collaboration between Roebuck and Pennsylvania filmmaker Spencer Folmar, who was inspired by the works of Allen Smith, a Clearfield County man who started dressing up as Santa Claus to spread joy after losing family members, including his son, around the holidays.

“One of the things that we pride ourselves on here in the city of Bethlehem is this sense of community,” Bethlehem Mayor J. William Reynolds said, “and Danny is somebody born here in Bethlehem, grew up here in Bethlehem, but has never forgotten what our community is all about.” – Morning Call photo by April Gamiz, 11/14/23

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## Holiday Market at Holy Ghost Church! “Time to Make the Pierogies!!!”

The parishioners of the recently merged churches of Holy Ghost in Bethlehem and St. Stephen of Hungary in Allentown have joined together to prepare for the fifteenth annual German Holiday Market on December 9<sup>th</sup> in the Holy Ghost social hall in the basement at 417 Carlton Avenue in Bethlehem between 9:00am and 5:00pm.

The market gives residents a chance to buy a variety of homemade goods such as pierogies, rolls, cookies, cakes, jams, jellies, spaghetti sauce, and apple butter. It also gives people a chance to enter a raffle and potentially win prizes such as gift cards and tickets to local museums. **Maureen Dresen '65** is co-chair for the market. – Morning Call 11/27/23

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## Reunion Recaps – 1,014 Reunion Year Grads Recognized in 2023

This year the following **reunion-year** classes were featured in **Tidings**...

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

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

December 9<sup>th</sup> – German Holiday Market, Holy Ghost Church, 9:00am – 5:00pm

December 19<sup>th</sup> – The Candle Mass, Becahi Auditorium

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Young Alumni Day, Cafeteria, 3:00pm

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> – #BECAHI100 Team Meeting, ZOOM and Time TBD

January 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Becahi performance of Neil Simon's *God's Favorite*

January 16<sup>th</sup> – #BECAHI100 Teacher Celebration, Clubhouse Grill, Time TBA

January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup> - #BECAHI100 Distinguished Graduates and Fides et Scientia Awards announced.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – **The Golden Gala**, live events at Becahi and The Event Center at Blue, 6-8pm

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

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Distinguished Graduates Induction Ceremony

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

## Reunion News...

Many of us survived the 60s... twice.

- **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 '85's 40<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Speaking of Spotlight...



**Pablo Batista '81**, a Becahi Distinguished Graduate, received the 2023 Linny Award's Performing Artist of the Year honor earlier in November at the Musikfest Café.

A drummer of unusually diverse talents, he is highly regarded for his professionalism, tireless work ethic and ability to listen and integrate his playing into almost any style at the highest level of musicianship. He holds the rare distinction of having performed on Grammy-winning releases in jazz, R & B and gospel, but he has also been a guest with the Philadelphia Orchestra Percussion Ensemble. – pablobatista.net

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## A City of Bethlehem History Lesson...

...thanks to **Ronald J. Koach, Jr. '79**, Director of Ecclesiastical & Temporal Affairs, Pastoral Collaborator and Coordinator, Catholic Campus Ministry, Lehigh University.

### St. Stanislaus Parish

“Niech Bedzie Pochwalony Jezus Chrystus (Praise be to Jesus Christ)”

At the turn of the twentieth century, Pennsylvania welcomed more Polish immigrants than any other state. American industry was booming, and jobs in the steel mills and factories were plentiful. Many Polish immigrants settled in the city of Bethlehem. Small, ethnically diverse communities struggled to find ways to maintain their native dialects and traditions, while also participating in the process of assimilating into American society. One way they accomplished a balance between the two was through the institution of the church. With little money for a church of their own, the Poles in south Bethlehem held their first worship services in the previously established Hungarian and Italian parishes. As the population grew, the St. Stanislaus and St. Michael Societies were created in 1903. These social clubs provided a firm foundation for the organization of the Polish Catholic Church in Bethlehem. In 1905, Father Francis Wieszok—a priest of the Allentown Catholic Diocese and fellow Pole—was granted funds to purchase land on the corner of Hayes and Fifth Street for St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church. The parish was named for the Polish saint. The parish opened its doors in 1906.

The church enjoyed both prosperity and hardship. In a testament to its affluence, emblems of national and religious iconography adorned the building. The statues of St. Stanislaus and the Immaculate Conception align the history of the Polish tradition with the biblical narrative.

St. Stanislaus was also a place where food was made, picnics were hosted, polka was danced, halupkies were cooked, and cabbage and noodles were consumed during parish festivals. In leaner times, the church experienced a split that caused families to leave and finances to dwindle. Following the 100th anniversary in 2006, declining membership and a shortage of priests caused the Catholic Diocese of Allentown to close St. Stanislaus in 2008. This was a difficult time for parishioners, like Alfreda Wesolowski, who said, “You can’t go to a church all of your life and not miss that church.”

While the original church building is now home to South Side Lofts, St. Stanislaus Church leaves a legacy of strong faith and love for the Church and lives on in memory as a significant center of the Polish traditions in South Bethlehem.

**Over the years, close to 60 students from St. Stanislaus graduated from Beca.**

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

*“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” – Alan Kay, former chief scientist of Atari.*

Possible strategies to potentially increase enrollment by shoring up and expanding the entry level “pipeline”:

- Review the trend, number and % of students from catholic grade schools who matriculate to BCHS from the local area. For example,
  - How many graduates were there in the eighth grade of each catholic grade school, and
  - How many and (%) moved along to Becahi.
  - Any information on reason(s) those NOT matriculating to Becahi?
  - What is the trend over the past three years?
  - How many eight graders are expected in 2024?
  - Trend?
  - Reach out to catholic grade school administrators/parishes to reconnect and build relationships.
  - Explore reasons for not attending BCHS, and alternatives.
- Review the trend, number and % of students from *public* schools who matriculate to BCHS from the local area.
  - Review and investigate the profile of those who do matriculate to identify reasons for BCHS.
  - Explore opportunities to expand enrollment prospects.
  - Incorporate school information and admissions process in the CCD programs.
- Data mine the applications over the past few years, to look for trends, anomalies, opportunities, etc.
- Identify and discuss potential opportunities for improvement.

Review 2016 Strategic Plan and Outcomes

Publish the results to Alumni, Parents, Faculty, Staff, other Key Stakeholders

Embracing the Challenge Together...Responsible Team (Notional)

- Board of Directors Representative(s)
- Principal
- Admissions Office
- Guidance Office
- Advancement Office
- Alumni Representation
- Parish Representation
- Parent Representation

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## A Potential Strategy for Insuring Future Outcomes

Establish, embed, and staff (full-time) an Office of Alumni Relations within the school organization and strategic plan. The increased investment expense will be more than covered by the investment outcome.

Why?

To keep the 11,000+ living graduates connected on a regular basis and “spread the good news.”

To encourage mentorships, networking opportunities and *resources* across the school’s population.

## A snapshot of Alumni Donor Giving Demographics over the past 5 years:

(Unofficial JOB compilation from Annual Reports 2019-2023)

Bethlehem Catholic High School  
 Annual Giving Alumni Donors  
 FY 2019 > 23 (5 Years)

### Donors by Class/Decade

Decades >	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending											
0			6	16	56	13	9	8		1	
1			5	12	27	19	2	2	1	1	
2			9	2	21	28	5	4			
3		1	5	8	16	12	7	6	5		
4		1	14	8	13	14	6	3	4	1	
5		3	7	11	22	12	3	4	2		
6	1		6	10	24	12	4	5	4		
7		5	12	19	25	4	4	4			Classes
8	1	2	15	34	19	7	2	5	1		78
9		4	13	24	14	7	4	3	1		Grads
	2	16	92	144	237	128	46	44	18	3	730
% Total	0.3%	2.2%	12.6%	19.7%	32.5%	17.5%	6.3%	6.0%	2.5%	0.4%	100%
CUM %	0%	2%	15%	35%	67%	85%	91%	97%	99.6%	100%	

- ✓ The top five Classes of Donors: 1970 (56), 1968 (34), 1982 (28), 1971 (27) and 1977 (25) account for 23% of the total number of donors.
- ✓ The 730 donors account for ~6.3% of all living alumni.
- ✓ Last year, 61 alums contributed for the first time!

**Based on the Historical Data...  
 There is opportunity for improvement...across all the years.**



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## Strategic Planning Sources for Potential Collaborators/Partners

(Notional)

### ArtsQuest

ArtsQuest is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing access to art, culture and educational programs for the diverse residents of the Lehigh Valley and others who seek access to our community.

Selena Lavonier, Sr. Director of Advancement and Executive Director of the ArtsQuest Foundation

### Lehigh Valley 250 1776-2026 <https://lehighvalley250.org/>

America's 250th Anniversary in 2026 will be commemorated in the Lehigh Valley through a series of insightful and thought-provoking exhibitions, walking tours, digital offerings, and performances through a collaborative effort among regional historical, cultural, and educational institutions.

### Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce

Tony Iannelli, President & CEO, father of Megan '08, Marissa '14 and Sean '14  
Ernie Steigler, Board Member and Becahi Board Member  
Fred Fenselau, Board Member, President of Working Dog Press, husband of Nanci Jeanne Lewis '70, and father of Matthew '95 and Megan '98

### Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation

Don Cunningham, President and CEO

### Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

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### Becahi Young Alumni Day

Friday, January 5, at 3 PM in Our Cafeteria

*If you or someone you know graduated from Becahi in the last ten years, tell them about our young Alumni Day, the first Friday after Christmas Break, before everyone returns to college. We will serve Pizza and soft drinks. Alumni who attend will receive a #BECAHI100 Mug. We will also begin recruiting professional mentors for the careers our recent alumni are interested in pursuing. If you want to be a mentor, email Tom Vresics at [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org). If you are a young alumnus/ae who wants to attend this Young Alumni Day, please email Regan Downey at [rdowney@becahi.org](mailto:rdowney@becahi.org).*

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## Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Rev. Daniel Bastianelli, SSJ	1951	10/23/2023	
Shirley Donnelly Geleta	1954	11/20/2023	88
Michael Kissel, Jr.	1958	11/16/2023	83
Joseph Adamcik	1965	11/02/2023	76
Martin Lynch	1966	11/23/2023	75
Robert Clark*	1968	02/15/2023	72
Mark Ferencin	1986	11/24/2023	56
Susan Raring	1987	11/24/2023	55

\* I just received the news of his passing

## Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Joseph Adamcik '65, brother of Rose Marie '61 and Frank, on 11/02
- † Bobby Clark '68, brother of Jack, Tom, and the late Gene '67 and Peggy '72, on 02/15
- † Martin Di Maria, brother of Nicholas '76, Patricia, and Pasquale, on 10/31
- † Michael Kissel, Jr. '58, son of Irene Kilgour Kissel '36, father of Michael III '82, Lisa '85, Colleen and the late Kimberly, and brother of Elizabeth '59, on 11/23
- † Martin Lynch '66, son of Harry '41 and Lucy Hildenberger '40, and brother of Michael '68, Pat '70, Mary '81, Phil, the late Ann '71 and Joseph, on 11/23
- † Anna Merwarth, mother of Suzy '74, and the late Nancy '71 and Tim '79, on 11/20
- † Joe Polaha, husband of Betty Ann Gomboz '63, on 10/06
- † Susan Raring '87, sister of Elissa '82 and Carolyn '84, on 11/24
- † Dennis Silfies, father of Jeffrey '86 and Sheryl '87, on 11/04
- † Katherine Spagnola, mother of Larry '73 and John '75, on 11/09
- † Cory Yandrisevitz, son of Gina Steltz Yandrisevitz '82, on 11/01
- † Anna Ezar Zaun, mother of John '81 and sister of Margaret Ezar '55, on 11/21

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

Francine Ferreira (12/19/69)

Robin Fraser (12/08/74)

Susan Nickel Santley-Lazaro (12/10/13)

...and for my sister ❤️ Libby O'Boyle Franko '69 SFA (12/24/22) SFA > St. Francis Academy

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## Sports Section

### Fall Varsity Sports Wrap-Up and Summary

#### Football

64<sup>th</sup> Season all-time, complete...

✓ 436 Wins – 261 Losses – 11 Ties

Tyler Ward, First Year as Head Coach

**District XI 4A Champions**

2023 Season Record: 7 Wins – 6 Losses after PIAA Tournament defeat  
Scored 259 points (20 points/game) – Allowed 193 points (15 p/g)

#### Girls Volleyball

Gabriella Mineo, First Year as Head Coach

Record: 11 Wins – 8 Losses

The team won 34 Sets and lost 25 Sets.

**The season ends as District XI Finals Runner-up.**

#### Fall Summary

2023 Fall Sports:	Won	Lost	Games	Pctg.
Boys Cross Country	5	6	11	0.455
Girls Cross Country	1	10	11	0.091
Field Hockey	2	15	17	0.118
District XI Champion > Football	7	6	13	0.538
Golf	5	10	15	0.333
Boys Soccer	3	15	18	0.167
District XI Quarterfinalist > Girls Soccer	11	8	19	0.579
Girls Tennis	6	9	15	0.400
District XI Runner-Up > Girls Volleyball	11	8	19	0.579
9 Fall Sports	51	87	138	0.370

Special Appreciation to **Chris Domyan '94**, Becahi's Athletic Director,  
who masterminded this season's ambitious schedule.

**138 Varsity Games!**  
**PLUS JV and Freshmen Programs**  
**Wow!**

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## 100 Years of Becahi Sports in 2026

### Alumni Sports Notables

**Jason Roeder '93**, was named the Morning Call's EPC Head Football Coach of the Year in 2021. He led his team to an 11-3 record and a District XI 6A title that year – Morning Call 12/31/21.

**Pedro Perez '09**, who scored 1,054 points in basketball at Beca (15<sup>th</sup> all-time), and who received a BS in Marketing from Albright College and an MBA in Strategic Management from Villanova University, is Director of Sales Training and Operations at CertainTeed in Malvern, PA. – LinkedIn

### Wall of Fame Consideration

#### 1959/60 Boys Basketball Team

Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association (PCIAA) Champions

PCIAA Eastern Champions

Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League (PSCL) Champions

- 👉 25 Wins – 7 Losses
  - Championship Game... Becahi 54 St. Adalbert's 50
- 👉 Averaged 67 Points/Game; Allowed 57 P/PG
- 👉 Outscored Opponents by 335 points (10 Points/Game)
- 👉 Paul Calvo, Head Coach - Becahi Wall of Fame Member
- 👉 Members included:
  - **Bob Molitorisz '60, John Moroney '61, Bob Bukvics '60, Dennis Votral '61, Jim Monek '61, Al Mucksavage '60, Jim Posipanko '60, John McGeehan '61, Ed Angerman '61, Fran Fenerty '62, Andy Kalata '60, George Yellak '61, William Gresho '60, Manager, John Shupp '61, Assistant Manager, Charles Terry '61, Scorekeeper**
- 👉 Notable:
  - **Bob Bukvics '60**, Becahi Wall of Fame Member, 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time scoring at Beca
  - **John McGeehan '61**, Becahi Distinguished Graduate
  - **Charles Terry '61**, First Becahi Marching Band Director
  - **Fran Fenerty '62**, 7<sup>th</sup> all-time scoring at Beca...also member of the **1962 Becahi State Championship Team**

Which leads me to...

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## Another Wall of Fame Consideration 1961/62 Boys Basketball Team

Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Association (PCIAA) Champions  
PCIAA Eastern Champions  
Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League (PSCL) Champions (Undefeated)

- 👉 28 Wins – 4 Losses
  - Championship Game... Becahi 40 St. Michael's 29
- 👉 Averaged 61 Points/Game; Allowed 48 P/PG
- 👉 Outscored Opponents by 424 points (13 Points/Game)
- 👉 Paul Calvo, Head Coach - Becahi Wall of Fame Member
- 👉 Members included:
  - **Francis "Fran" Fenerty '62** (Co-Captain), **John "Jack" Vass '62**, **William "Fred" Alexander '62**, **James Jancosko '62**, **Louis Gerenser '62**, **Ronald Silvoy '62**, **Joseph Talian '62**, **Joseph E. Martin '62** (Co-Captain), **Steve Donches '63**, **Tom Cope '63**, Charles "Whitey" Anderko, **Phil Panarelli '64**, **Bob "Skip" Hughes '62**, Manager, **Ron Herczeg '63**, Manager
- 👉 Notable:
  - **Fran Fenerty '62**, 7<sup>th</sup> all-time scoring at Beca with 1,266 points including 537 in his senior year... **also member of the 1960 Becahi State Championship Team**

Send your "seconds" and/or other nominations to **Chris Domyan '94**, Becahi Athletic Director at [cdomyan@becahi.org](mailto:cdomyan@becahi.org)

## Girls Basketball Coach Named

Arnold Alleyne, a long-time Assistant under coaches Bill Lancsek and Jose Medina, takes over the helm as Head Coach of the Girls Basketball Team. "Arnold has been a good part of our program for more than a decade", Becahi's AD **Chris Domyan '94** said. "He knows the culture. He knows the families.:"

Congratulations, Arnold!

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## From the Bethlehem Catholic Business Directory:



### The Clubhouse Grille

400 Illicks Mill Road ("Bethlehem Muni")

Bethlehem

610 625-0060 [theclubhousegrille.com](http://theclubhousegrille.com)

**Bill McPartland '99**, General Manager ([LinkedIn](#))



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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

### Potential Mentors and Colleagues...

**Get Connected to your Classmates...** 700 graduates from 47 classes have been recognized this year in *Tidings* (see chart below), including 58 graduates from 46 classes in this *Tidings* edition alone! 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	20s	
Year Ending							
0		12	12	12	12		
1		12	12	13	12		
2		13	12	12	12		
3	18	24	24	24	25		
4	12	12	12	12	13		
5	12	12	12	12	13		
6	12	12	12	12	14		
7	13	14	13	12	15		Classes
8	24	24	25	24	33		<u>47</u>
9	12	12	12	13	9		Grads
	103	147	146	146	158	0	<u>700</u>

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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**Bernard Minarik '74**, who received a BA in English from Moravian University, is Vice-President at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch in Quakertown.

**Drew Kuruc '75**, who received a BS in Accounting from Penn State University, is CFO at Alicart Restaurant Group in New York City.

**Pamela Begovich '76**, who received an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Northampton Community College and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Cedar Crest College, is a Lehigh Valley Area Services (LVAS) Business Associate, for the Salvation Army in Allentown.

**Louis Batista '77**, who received a BS in Biology from Moravian University, was Area Sales Manager for TouchPoint Medical, and is now looking for a new role in the Lehigh Valley.

**Mike Agentis '78**, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, is Chief Operating officer for Revolution MD Inc and a Proposal Manager for pmXperts, Inc. in Knoxville, TN.

**Joe Long '78**, a Computer Science scholar from Shippensburg University, was CIO and Vice President of Affinity Gaming in Las Vegas, NV.

**Marie Beier Roof '79**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Kutztown University and an MBA from Penn State University, was Chief information Officer (CIO) for Southwell Hospitals, in Mechanicsburg.

**Mary Perun Stangl '80**, is the Retired Studio Manager at Miss Jeanne's School of Dance Arts in Bethlehem.

**Philip Zdanowicz '81**, who studied at Penn State University, is responsible for Financial Reporting at Independence Blue Cross in the metropolitan Philadelphia area.

**Lisa Bold Schmey '82**, who received a BS in Marketing from Penn State University, is Real Estate Salesperson at Brown Harris Stevens in Central New Jersey.

**Suzanne Bulcavage Surovy '83**, is Senior Claim Solution Consultant Guardian Life Insurance Company in Bethlehem.

**Christopher Dale '83**, who received a BA in Political Science from Villanova University, is Account Advisor at bet365 in Marlton, NJ.

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**Stephen Andrews '84**, who received a BA in Journalism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Senior Network Director / Editorial Services at St. Luke's University Health Network.

**John Bloys '85**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Lafayette College, is VP Client Engagement, RelationalAI, Inc. and Board Member @ Lehigh Valley Economic Investment Corporation in Bethlehem.

**Eric Zinczenko '86**, who received a BA in Economics from Penn State University, is President and Chief Operating Officer at Galvanized Media in New Canaan, CT.

**Jill Anderson '87**, who received a BA in English and a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from Lehigh University, is Vice President for Development & Alumni Engagement for Moravian University.

**Ann Marie Falcone '88**, who received a Bachelor of Music from the University of Arizona, a Master's of Music from Northwestern University and a MFA in Creative Writing from Chatham university, is Performing Composer, Teacher, Writer, Librettist, Manager in Cleveland, OH.

**Donna Gaugler Roman '88**, who received a BA in Science, Technology and Society and an MA in Secondary Education from Lehigh University, is Social Studies Department Chair in the Bethlehem Area School District (Freedom High School).

**Michele Gray '89**, who received a BA in International Affairs, French from the University of Colorado, Boulder, is Principal at Gray Communications, LLC, which specializes in communications and marketing for ophthalmic pharmaceutical companies, in the greater New York City area.

**Amy Lichty Koorie '90**, who received a Bachelor of Education from Bloomsburg University, was a Corporate Trainer for T-Mobile in the Lehigh Valley.

**Michael Agger '91's Valedictorian**, who graduated from Yale University, is the Culture Editor of [www.newyorker.com](http://www.newyorker.com) for The New Yorker.

**Natalie McIlwain '92**, who received a BS in Supply Chain Management from Penn State University, is Supply Chain Manager for Proctor & Gamble in Cincinnati.

**Jason Roeder '93**, who received a BA in Social Science Education from Moravian University and an MS in Education from Wilkes University, is Teacher and Head Football Coach at Freedom High School.

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**Aarin Rumsey '93**, a Psychology Scholar at Marywood University, is Global Brand Director for Te Lo Juro Collective, comprised of a diverse group of artists who stand united in celebrating our culture through fashion and art.

**Celina Fernandes Mount '94**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Bloomsburg University and an MBA from the University of North Carolina's Flagler Business School, is Director, Program Management at Fidelity Investments in Durham, NC.

**Shawn Boyle '95**, who received a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of the Sciences, is a Pharmacist and Executive Vice President, Clinical Strategy and innovation at Symbiotix, LLC.

**Brendt Stier '96**, who received a BS in Biology from Penn State University, an MS in Pharmacology from Jefferson Health, and an MBA from Loyola University, Maryland, is Executive Director, Biotech Portfolio Lead, at Thermo Fisher Scientific.

**Wilson Idefonzo '97**, who received a BS in Business Administration from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is Gaming/Asset Management Marketing Manager at KPMG US in Las Vegas.

**Ernest Amouzou '98**, who received a BS in Astrophysics and Chemistry from Lehigh University, is a Physics Grad Student at Montana State University-Bozeman.

**Felix Galvan '98**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Moravian University, is Dispatcher for the Lehigh University Police Department.

**Nina LaTassa '99**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in English from Bloomsburg University and a Master's Degree in Speech Communication from Hofstra University, is an Academic Advisor for Temple University and Northampton Community College.

**Richard Houck '00**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Lycoming College and a Master's Degree in Taxation from Villanova University, is Head of Global Tax at MISTRAS Group, Inc. a leading "one source" global provider of technology-enabled asset protection solutions used to evaluate the structural integrity of critical energy, industrial and public infrastructure, in Princeton Junction.

**Kate Shankweiler Fantasia '01**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management from Shippensburg University, is Manager, Employee Relations at St. Luke's University Health Network.

**Michele Bilsak '02**, who received a BS in Marketing from Lehigh University, is a Buyer at Phillips Pet Food & Supplies I Allentown.

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**Daniel Andrews '03**, who received a BA in Actuarial Science from the Fox School of Business at Temple University, is Leader | Complex Claims & Offset Management for Guardian Life.

**Lauren Brantingson Matz '03**, who received a BS in Marketing from West Virginia University, is an Experienced Sales Professional who is now a **Mom**, taking a Career Break.

**Zach Santiago '04**, who received a BA in Sociology from Moravian University, is a Transportation Analyst for EnerSys, the global leader in stored energy solutions for industrial applications, in Bradenton, FL.

**Amanda Bono '05**, who received a BA in Psychology from St. Joseph's University, a Master of Music from Rowan University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the Catholic University of America, is a Music Composer and a Copyright Registration Specialist, Library of Congress, in the metropolitan DC area.

**Graeme Hogan '06**, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Millersville University and graduated from Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law, is an Attorney at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck, LLP, in Philadelphia.

**Kurt Avard '07**, whose undergraduate work was in Political Science at Rutgers University and received an MA in International Relations from Webster University, is Director of Diagnostics and Development at First Choice Prep, offering private and comprehensive tutoring services throughout New Jersey.

**Kelli Fusinetti Foster '08**, who received a BS in Biology from Temple University, is Supervisor, Upstream Operations at GSK, uniting science, technology and talent to get ahead of disease together, in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Christina Meissner '08**, who received a BS in Communications for San Diego State University, is a Model at Sports + Lifestyle Unlimited in Whitefish Montana.

**Pedro Perez '09**, who received a BS in Marketing from Albright College and an MBA in Strategic Management from Villanova University, is Director of Sales Training and Operations at CertainTeed in Malvern, PA

**Gabriel Rodriguez '09**, who received an Associates Degree in Sports Management from Northampton Community College and a BS in Sport Management from Kutztown University, is Business Development Manager at Masis Staffing Solutions in Bethlehem.

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**Nickie Mosco '10**, who received a BS in Marketing from the University of Pittsburgh, is Director of Marketing for ModernHaus SoHo, a place where art, community, and innovation come together, in the New York City metropolitan area.

**Christopher Van Natta '11**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Alvernia University, is Business Development Manager at AmerisourceBergen, Cencora, a leading global pharmaceutical solutions organization, across the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

**Mary Capilitan-Pulanco '12**, who received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania, is an Instrumental Music Instructor at Northeastern Music Programs and Manager, Human Resources at New England Industries based in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

**Paul Karoly '13**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmaceutical Marketing from St. Joseph's University, is Senior Manager, Sales Operations and Analytics at G1 Therapeutics Inc., a commercial-stage oncology company, in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Priscilla Liguori '13**, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast Journalism from Emerson College, is a Reporter, Fill-in Anchor at WFMZ-TV in the Lehigh Valley.

**Julia Madison '14**, who received a BS in Interdisciplinary Health Studies from St. Joseph's University and a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Thomas Jefferson University, is a Physical Therapist at Good Shepherd Penn Partners in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Kaitlyn Weiss '15**, who received an RN at Fairleigh Dickinson University, is a Pediatric Rehabilitation Volunteer at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

**Grant Hicks '16**, who received a BS in Financial Management from Clemson University, is Financial Business Manager - State of South Carolina, in the Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC area.

**Ryan Hanlon '17**, who received a BBA in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Accounting from Temple University is Audit Associate at Grant Thornton LLP, in the greater Philadelphia area.

**Natasha Miner '18**, who received a BS in Biochemistry from Lafayette College, is now a Medical School Student at Temple University's Lewis Katz School of Medicine.



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**Alexa Panuccio '18**, who received a BS in Computer Engineering from Villanova University is a Software Engineer at Lockheed Martin in King of Prussia, is pursuing a Master's in Engineering Management at Penn State.

**Madeline Comp '19**, who received a BS in Public Health from East Stroudsburg University, is a Residency Program Specialist at St. Luke's University Health Network.

**Joseph Cowell '19**, who received an AS in Information Technology and BS in Network Administration from the Pennsylvania College of Technology, is an Information Technology Consultant for Mack Trucks in Macungie.

**Madylin Zegalia '19**, whose undergraduate work was in Psychology at Kutztown University, is a Behavioral Health Technician for Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, in Macungie.

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## From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

### ***“Welcome Regan Downey '17 to Bethlehem Catholic's Advancement Team!***

*In November, **Regan Downey '17** began her role as Becahi's Event Coordinator. Regan is already excitedly working on our upcoming Candle Mass on Tuesday, December 19, and our 5th Golden Gala honoring Coach Mike Grasso and **Kathy (Ripper '70) Grasso** in March.*


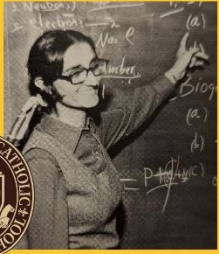
*Regan is from a loyal and dedicated Becahi family, including her grandfather, **Dr. Tom Tachovsky '54**, aunts **Barbara Tachovsky Francis '82**, **Deborah Tachovsky Grant '87**, the late **Laura Tachovsky Pollitt '91**, mother, **Virginia Tachovsky Downey '85**, and siblings **Kayleigh '13**, **James '14**, and **Grace '20**.”*

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### **Send In a “Becahi Made Me Better” Teacher Testimony Like Many Others Have.**

*If you want to honor an exceptional Becahi Teacher or Counselor, email [tvresics@becahi.org](mailto:tvresics@becahi.org) by as soon as possible. Please email 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.*

*Use this as a model for your Becahi Made Me Better Thanks to .... Testimony.*

<b>BECAHI</b>		<b>Made Me Better</b>
Thanks to <b>MS. ANISSA NASSRY</b>		
		
<b>ALUMNI</b>	<b>TEACHER</b>	
<b>DR. SUSAN DOMCHEK '86</b> PROFESSOR/RESEARCHER OF ONCOLOGY AT UPENN	<b>MS. ANISSA NASSRY</b> SCIENCE TEACHER & MEDICAL CAREERS CLUB MODERATOR	
<i>I was incredibly well prepared and have used the skills I learned in her class to this day as a professor.</i>		

"After graduating from Bethlehem Catholic, I went to Dartmouth where I majored in engineering and then proceeded to Harvard medical school. I could not have done this without the foundation in science that I received from Ms. Anissa Nassry and all my math teachers at Becahi. I was incredibly well prepared and have used the skills I learned in her class to this day as a professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

I would also like to give a shout out to Mr. George Harmanos, who gave me a thorough understanding of higher math and Mrs. Carolyn Peoples, who would be pleased to hear that I can still recite the Hail Mary in Spanish and still have a decent facility “en Español.”

**Dr. Susan Domchek '86** (Becahi Distinguished Graduate)

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## Reflection

### "It's Christmas"

Lyrics by Jamie Cullum

From *The Pianoman at Christmas*

- ♪ First of December and here come the songs.
- ♪ I look at you, and think, "What could go wrong?"
- ♪ 'Cause it's Christmas.
- ♪ **So why can't we all just get along?**
- ♪ Let's make it happen, let's make amends.
- ♪ He won't fill your stocking if we can't be friends.
- ♪ 'Cause it's Christmas.
- ♪ **So why can't we all just get along?**
  
- ♪ Everybody's crowded round the Christmas tree.
- ♪ Digging out the best to themselves.
- ♪ So, shove your petty differences right up the chimney, please.
- ♪ At least until the drums of the twelfth.
  
- ♪ D'you hear the choir singing?
- ♪ Those sleigh bells don't stop ringing.
- ♪ You can stop your crying, come on.
- ♪ Let's make some new memories.
  
- ♪ Well, of course, there'll be laughter and tears.
- ♪ Bring me all of the colors and leave them right here.
- ♪ 'Cause it's Christmas.
- ♪ Yeah, it's Christmas.
- ♪ **Why can't we all just get along?**
  
- ♪ D'you hear the choir singing?
- ♪ Those sleigh bells don't stop ringing.
- ♪ And though this ship is sinking, come on.
- ♪ Let's make some new memories.
  
- ♪ Well, of course, there'll be laughter and tears.
- ♪ Bring me all of the colors and leave them right here.
- ♪ 'Cause it's Christmas.
- ♪ Yeah, it's Christmas.
- ♪ **Why can't we all just get along?**
- ♪ **Why can't we all just get along?**

**Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!** - JOB

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## And now...

Despite every effort to prevent errors, sometimes they occur. If I inadvertently misinterpreted a story or fact, or if your name has been omitted or misspelled, please notify me and/or the Advancement Office and accept my sincerest apologies. And...

If you have any stories, comments, concerns, opinions, etc., that you'd like to share, please let us know.

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

Sincerely,  
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