

Tidings

Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni & Class of '70 Newsletter

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April 2024 – Springtime

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



“Ancestry.Beca”

As we move closer to our Centennial Celebration, over the upcoming months I will post some interesting observations I found about our Becahi “family” over the years.

Last month we recognized the Valedictorian “families”. I omitted one...

- ★ **Kaitlin “Katie” Foley '01** is the daughter of **Jim and Donna (Guman) Foley '75**

This month we recognize fifteen Salutatorians who were a child of, or a parent of, a Becahi alum.

- ★ **Lucy Castiello Conti '30**, had a daughter who graduated from Beca... **Marie '54**
- ★ **Kathryn Repsher Klinger '38** had three sons who graduated from Beca...
Bob '63, Michael '68 and Nevin '72
- ★ **Helen Sullivan Smith '38** had two daughters who graduated from Beca...
Jody '68 and Martha “Muffy” '71
- ★ **Charles Dick '39** had a son who graduated from Beca... **Charles '84**
- ★ **Rosalie Schamenek Grimmer '47** had four daughters who graduated from Beca...
Susan '74, Mary Beth '76, Judy '80 and Roseann '85
- ★ **Elaine Kisslan Farris '48** had three children who graduated from Beca...
Susan '73, Robert '75 and Richard '76
- ★ **Florence DeBellis Macasevich '54** had three children who graduated from Beca...
George '75, Jane '77 and Tom '80
- ★ **Jean Kelly Kittel '57** is the daughter of **Mary Schwartz '29**
- ★ **Marie Zarinsky Jordan '64** is the daughter of **Ann Sweetz '33**
- ★ **Joe Bacak '67** is the father of **Justin '99**
- ★ **Kathy Doria Conroy '68** is the daughter of **Theresa Adamcik '46**
- ★ **Robert Curzi '94** is the son of **Bob '68** and **Kathy (Kondash '69) Curzi**
- ★ **Megan Stull '96** is the daughter of **Robert '63**
- ★ **Meaghan Foley '04** is the daughter of **Jim and Donna (Guman) Foley '75**

These fifteen scholars include a veteran, a doctor, a lawyer, an educator, and a Becahi Distinguished Graduate.

Are you a parent and/or a child of a Becahi graduate?

Let me (JOB) know and I'll recognize your good fortune in a future special edition of *Tidings*.

For example, **Madeline Sell Gregoris '60** had a daughter, Karen, who married **Scott Matuczinski '83**, who had children **Ryan '11, Jason '13** and **Faith '24**.

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Priceless Memories

... Another Recent Passing 1/12/24



Terry Ford '67 wrote to inform that... "our beloved Beca on E. 4th Street, lately the home of Holy Infancy School, recently sold for \$1,025,000. to 127 E 4th Street LLC, who then sold it for \$1,335,000. to Raaxa Homes LLC."

The former Boys and Girls Club next to Beca also sold and has been razed."

The School on Fourth and Webster Streets' Legacy 1926 – 1964 (38 Years)

2,526 students graduated, including 874 (35%) boys and 1,652 (65%) girls.

- ★ 920 graduates (36%) (as of 3/31/24) are living ... estimated, as I could find.
- ★ 403 graduates (16%) were a parent of a future Becahi graduate.
- ★ 78 graduates were a child of a Becahi graduate.

- ★ 358 graduates served in the military.
- ★ 142 graduates served in the healthcare profession, including 118 nurses.
- ★ 75 graduates were education professionals.
- ★ 67 graduates pursued a religious vocation.
- ★ 8 graduates became lawyers.
- ★ 10 graduates were selected as Becahi Distinguished Graduates.
- ★ 5 graduates were inducted into the Becahi Athletic Hall of Fame.

- ★ 1 graduate received 6 Emmy Awards for his work.
- ★ 1 graduate became the Chief Scientist of the U.S. Marine Corps.
- ★ 1 graduate became a Becahi Principal
- ★ 1 graduate had a son who became a Becahi Principal
- ★ 1 graduate was the Chief of Police for the City of Bethlehem.
- ★ 1 graduate was a three-term Bethlehem City Councilman.
- ★ 2 State Championship Basketball Teams (1960, 1962)
- ★ 1 Undefeated Football Team (1927)



- Source: From one graduate's (JOB) homework

There may be a little more or less students that could have been included in the numbers above, but there were few yearbooks I could glean from the 30s and 40s. For example, sometimes people are not pictured in a yearbook, but graduated, nonetheless. Some students may have left the school early to join the military or a religious vocation. I used the 1991 and 2013 Bethlehem Catholic High School Alumni Directories in my project, as well as emails from graduates, their relatives, the internet, the Morning Call, Bethlehem Press, Express Times, and word of mouth stories. I welcome ANY revisions to this story. Enjoy the history and our heritage. – JOB

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Some Alums who checked in or who I saw last month...

Gus Concilio '47, (Sr.) Regina Chassar, SSJ '53, Harry Mitchell '57, Jean Korpics Lasover '58, David Ernhoffer '60, Ken Dick '61, Phil McGlade '66, Tom Seidenberger '66, Yogi Eddinger '67, Terence Ford '67, John Nolan '67, Kathryn Salos '67, Patrick Urello '67, Mary Lou Andris Seigfried '68, Matt Tevald '68, **Pat Bellew Kottke '69, Larry Gasda '69, Susan Weierbach Kelly '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Denise Bugger Elliott '72, Kate Kostelnick '73, Carol Schumaker Smith '74, Teri Kamenar Nemeth '81, John Blair '84, Kerry Foley Seeger '84**

...and from my Class...

...BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Jim Connell, Bill and Patty (McGouldrick) Doncsecz, Joannie Greenfield, Paul Grube, Mick Halbreiner, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Corliss Kuzmin Reed, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, and Carl

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 **561 grads from 82 classes** for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "4" and/or "9".

Names and Classes Mentioned in April's Tidings

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending	20th Century										21st Century	
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2	1	5			12	2	2	5	3			
3	1	2	1	4	2	2	2	6	4			
4	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	6	4	1		
5		7			5	6	5	2	3			
6	1	5	1	4	3	2	5	3	2			
7		3	3	1	7	2	2	6	3	3		Classes
8		4	7	2	9	1	1	4	2	3		82
9	3	3			276	2	2	8	3	4		Grads
	3	17	35	7	306	50	27	43	40	32	1	561
	72 from Fourth and Webster					489 from Dewberry and Madison						

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Planned/Actual Tidings Virtual Reunions for 2024

This year Tidings will feature classes ending in “4” and “9”, and the grads’ names will be highlighted in **Gold**.

I (thought) I featured the first 47 classes in Tidings over the years. I went through my files and found that I did not *exclusively* feature the classes of **1959**, **1964** and **1969**. So, I will recognize these classes in 2024. Meanwhile I try to keep all class history current.

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

1959 – February, 65 years

1964 – March, 60 years

1969 – April, 55 years

1974 – May, 50 years

1979 – June, 45 years

1984 – July, 40 years

1989 – August, 35 years

1994 – September, 30 years

1999 – October, 25 years

2004 – November, 20 years

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

April 5th – 7th, 12th – 13th – Becahi presents Rogers and Hammerstein’s *The Sound of Music*

April 18th – Distinguished Graduates Induction Ceremony

September 19th – Pig ‘n Swig, more to follow next month.

September 20th – 22nd - Homecoming Weekend...more to follow next month.

September 22nd – **Class of ‘69’s 55th Reunion**, Green Pond, 5:00-9:00pm

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 ‘59’s 65th Reunion?** You know you want one.
- **Class of ‘64’s 60th Reunion?** You have much to celebrate.... last graduating class at 4th & Webster! Your last class reunion was 40 years ago. It’s time.
- **Class of ‘69’s 55th Reunion** is coming in September. **Larry Gasda ‘69** writes... “it will be on Sunday Sept 22 at Green Pond from 5:00-9:00pm. If anyone has a question, they can send an email to becahi69reunion@gmail.com.”
- **Class of ‘74’s 50th Reunion?** You made it this far. So, Celebrate!
- **Class of ‘85’s 40th Reunion**
 - Save the date: Saturday, **9/13/2025** More information to follow!

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Thank You!

The Golden Gala Sets A New Giving Record!

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"We want to thank everyone for helping make the 5th Annual Golden Gala a success. Whether you joined the celebration at Blue, the first-ever Tailgate Watch Party, or bid and donated from the comfort of your home, you helped the Golden Hawk family soar! We are overwhelmed and blessed by the support

of a great community. It was an incredible night honoring Mike and Kathy Grasso. Contributions have continued to arrive this past week so we will announce our final total later this month. Go Hawks!" – Tom Vresics '81

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Golden Gala 2024 The Golden Grasso Family ❤️



Teresa '07 Maria '96 Kathy '70 Mike Katie '01 Michael '99

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The Golden Ripper Clan at the Gala



Surrounding Mike and Kathy '70... are

Tim '76 and Gayle, Robbie and Katie '01 (Grasso) Kelly, Eric Augello '77 and Marita '78 (Ripper) Augello, Brian and Marie '96 (Grasso) Wolfe, Bill '73 and Maxine, Paul and Rosemary (Ripper) '67 Zambo, Teresa (Grasso) Biggs '07, Michael '99 and Janine (Waas '98) Grasso.

Even Fountain Hill is Alive with The Sound of Music



We are just a few days away from opening night when the Becahi Auditorium will be filled with "The Sound of Music." Buy your tickets here bit.ly/becatheater and join us for an evening of sing-along fun!

April 5th – 6th 7:00pm

April 7th 3:00pm

April 12th – 13th 7:00PM

Attention all BECAHI theater alum! We would love to hear your voices along with the cast at the end of curtain call. Please join us at one of the performances, let us know you are present, and we will invite you to join us.

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“Becahi Made Me Better Thanks to...”

Mr. Bob Bukvics ‘60

“Mr. Bukvics first taught me the lifelong skill of critical thinking in his Foreign Policy class. He would lean over his podium, rocking back and forth, and educate us by telling the story of a historical event from various perspectives and then asking us what we thought. You stopped worrying about giving a right/wrong answer, and instead, he would guide you through a series of smaller questions to come to your conclusion and response with self-confidence. His exams weren't based on memorization of historical dates, people, and places but rather essays that made you develop an understanding of a conglomeration of events, personalities, and backstories, how it all came together, and how it could apply in the current day... Other amazing Becahi teachers were Fr. Philip Rodgers, CRSP, (Theology) Fr. Michael

BECAHI Made Me Better
Thanks to **MR. ROBERT BUKVICS '60**

ALUMNA
MELISSA ZELLER KIEBERT '90
CONTENT MARKETING &
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"He gave us understanding of a conglomeration of events, personalities, and backstories, and how it all applied in the current day."

TEACHER & ALUMNUS
MR. ROBERT BUKVICS '60
HISTORY TEACHER, COACH &
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mancusi, CRSP, (American Government) and Mrs. Joanne Cole (English).”
– **Melissa Zeller Kiebert ‘90**

More on Teacher Testimonials from those I heard from...

Phil McGlade '66 wrote... *“I remember the transition from the "old" Becahi on Fourth Street to the "new" school at Madison and Dewberry Aves. The Class of 1964 was a wonderful group and a great class, and I remember many so fondly.*

I also can't forget my mentors - Sister Irma Loretto, who helped me survive all my Math classes, and Sister Cordata, who nurtured my love of History and encouraged me to pursue the subject at Mount St. Mary's. God be good to them.



Sister Cordata, S.S.J.—U.S. History . . .

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Teacher and Staff Testimonials

Staff Testimonial – Guidance Counselor

Yogi Eddinger '67 wrote... *"You have challenged alums reading your Tidings to think about teachers who had influenced them at BECAHI. It caused me to reflect on my four years of school. For me, without hesitation, it was Brother John Joseph Donnelly, CSC.*

I limped through Becahi as a marginal student, only caring about basketball and not enough about academics. My grades accurately reflected my misplaced priorities. For some reason which, to this day, I know not why, Brother John Joseph took an interest in me and pushed me hard to study and try to succeed...

Brother John Joseph .. began to get me to think beyond playing hoops at the Boy's Club, to considering other options for my future, including college. I know he had to pray on that!

During my senior year at Becahi, he really pushed me hard. He went so far as to personally take me up to King's College in Wilkes-Barre to meet with the Dean of Admissions and spend the weekend with a freshman in Holy Cross Hall to experience college life. ..Come April, I received a letter from King's informing me of a complete miracle that I was accepted to enter the school in the Fall. Without Brother John's efforts, that never would have happened. I took courses at Lehigh during the Summer, which was a condition of my acceptance.

I'll tell you; college was exceedingly difficult for me, and I didn't perform well the first year. I struggled to keep up. But Brother John... followed until he saw a light go off in my head that maybe I could actually do this. Change was hard, but I began to do just fine and ultimately graduated with a degree in Sociology.

After four years in the Navy, I soon developed expertise in Governmental Affairs. I went on to a fulfilling thirty-five year lobbying career, working my final 25 years representing in Olympia, Washington the 11,000 physician members of the Washington State Medical Association. It was really demanding working for 11,000 docs before the Legislature and Agencies! But I continued to feel Brother John's presence pushing me.

Reading Professor O'Boyle's Tidings every month shows that I am just one of the hundreds of success stories coming out of Bethlehem Catholic High School year after year! The caring and dedicated teachers and staff deserve a great amount of thanks for their efforts. I know there are many more stories like mine."

Yogi's (Len's) email address is lceddinger@gmail.com - first letter is lowercase "L".



Brother John Joseph Donnelly—Guidance

A 1964 Postscript...

Ed Narlesky '64, a Pennsylvania National Guard Veteran who now lives in Santa Fe, NM, checked in to say he is now Retired after a career as a CPA in Pennsylvania and New Mexico, including serving as Team Leader at Los Alamos National Labs in New Mexico. - *Congratulations, Ed and thank you for your service.* - JOB

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The Halls (of Becahi) are Alive with the Sound of Music!

Maria Von Trapp (Kathy Salos '67) writes... *"Hurray, it's great to hear that the halls of Becahi will be alive with "The Sound of Music" once again!!*

It's difficult to believe that it was 59yrs ago that I had the awesome experience, as a sophomore, to play the part of Maria in the school's April 1965 production. What wonderful memories!! Several of us cast members were honored to have the privilege of meeting the "real life" Maria Von Trapp when she was visiting in Reading, PA.

To this year's cast & crew, I say: Good Luck, Enjoy, & "BREAK A LEG"!!!"

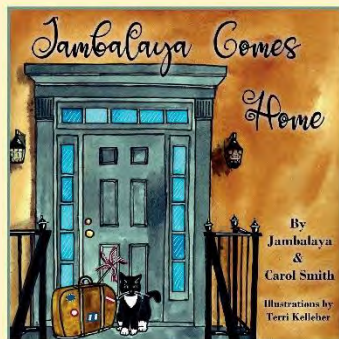
Irish Eyes are Smiling! ...at Prime



The Class of '70 Lassies, Left to right:

Kathy Ripper, Betsy Vreeland, Diane Donches, Diane Mroshinskie, Lisa DeAngelis, Karen Raykos, Ann Conahan, Trish Holly, Marianne Falatek, Kathy Gaydos, Susan Sikora, Mary Jane Bartos, Susan Sharkan, Kathy Shanahan

Carol Schumacher Smith '74 wrote... *"I taught high school earth science for a little while after attending the Career Switcher program at Old Dominion University. Before I worked in education, I worked in IT for about 10 years. I'm "officially" retired now and have been writing since 2014. I dabble in whatever genre strikes my fancy at the moment. Last year, I published my third children's book Jambalaya Comes Home, written with my cat Jambalaya :-> It's his story to the best of his recollection :-> I'm a reading tutor for the Read Center in Richmond too. This is my 10th year with them. They are a nonprofit adult literacy organization.*



Jambalaya Comes Home Paperback – March 31, 2023

by Carol Smith (Author), Jambalaya Smith (Author), Terri Kelleher (Illustrator). Jambalaya, a tuxedo cat, tells the story of his journey of living in an unhappy home, becoming a shelter kitty, and finally finding his way to his forever family. Co-written with his mom, Carol, and enriched with twenty-five colorful illustrations drawn by Terri Kelleher, Jambalaya Comes Home is a heartwarming tale sure to delight preschoolers, new readers, and animal lovers too.

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The Sisters of Becahi Postscripts...

- “Thanks for honoring the woman religious who served at Becahi.” – **Sr. Regina Chassar '53**
- “What a wonderful tribute to so many Sisters who dedicated their lives to the education of countless Becahi alumni. We were truly blessed by their tireless and selfless service.” – **Phil McGlade '66**
- “Beautiful tribute...” – **Pat Urello '67**
- “Thank you for this wonderful remembrance and recognition of the women, without whom, we alums, would be lacking in mind, spirit and body at Bethlehem Catholic. At Notre Dame [grade school], we were doubly fortunate to have the Sisters of St. Joseph be instrumental in the development of our young academic, spiritual and secular personalities. With much gratitude, respect and best wishes for continued successes to the sisters”. – **Mary Lou Andris Seigfried '68**
- “Thanks for the memories... Still remember my favorite SSJ nun Sister Robert Loretta at St Annes. Had her for 6th and 7th grades.” – **Matt Tevald '68**
- “What a great walk through memory lane.” – **Bill and Pat (McGouldrick) Doncsecz '70**
- “When we were in 8th grade, Sister grabbed **Jeff Jennings '70** by the tie and pulled it off. It was a clip-on... She was not happy.” – **Trish Holly '70** (that Jeffrey...)
- “...such a nice tribute ... to the Sisters who taught us during our years at Becahi. It was like taking a step back in time & remembering those who really had an impact on our daily life. I also had one Sister as a principal at Notre Dame & 2 who I taught at ND.
- Thank you for honoring them”. – **Karen Raykos Fatzinger '70**
- “Thank you...for a beautiful tribute to all the Sisters who served and those still serving God’s people. Their dedication and commitment to faith and love is inspiring. So many memories of their service and witness of Christ’s love!!” – **Kathy Ripper Grasso '70**
- “HOLY MOLY!!!! Phew!!!! What a delight I had going through that list.... So many memories came to my mind... thank you 😊. – **Josephine Spagnola Ciocco '70**
- “Wow! Thank you so much for taking the time and putting together this list of our sisters as students and teachers! Just reading through such a long list was a blessing in itself! Know you are remembered for all the good work you continue to do to create such a wonderful faith filled environment for the many students blessed to go there!” – **Sister Cecilia Cyford, SSJ**
- “...thank you for publishing the list of Sisters of St. Joseph who have served at Becahi. It brought tears to my eyes as I reflected on the life shared with so many of them.” – **Sister Margaret Edmund, SSJ**
- “Thank you for that wonderful list. So many of us have had the good fortune to minister at Becahi.” – **Sister Anita David, SSJ (Sr. Adele Scolari)**, taught us physics and chemistry

Check out the 100 Year Celebration website at <https://becahi.org/becahis-100th-celebration/>

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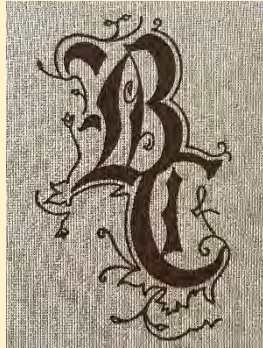
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Camelot

The Class of 1969 – Becahi's Largest

This is the era of school history when there were over 1,000 students wandering walking the halls. Almost every student was related to another student in one way or another as a sibling, a cousin, or a child of a Becahi graduate. Most students came from the Catholic elementary schools in Bethlehem, Fountain Hill and Hellertown. Everything seemed new.



The school was new, having been open for four years. This year's class was the first to spend all four years at Dewberry and Madison Avenues. The boys were on one side of the building and girls were on the other. They (we) found ways to travel across the complex to see our "friends on the other side" and get back within the few minutes allotted between classes. Ahhh...those were the days. We overcame so many obstacles...which probably lead to some of our

successes over the years.

It was the best of times...it was the ~~worst~~ best of times!

The high school musicals for the class of '69 included *The King and I*, *South Pacific*, *Music Man* and *Camelot*. The football, wrestling and basketball teams provided many of the male roles at the urging and pull of Sister Catharine Immaculate, SSJ. I remember Sister and Miss Jeanne, the choreographer, laughing at us, but at the same time turning our two left feet into coordinated left *AND* right steps.

World Cultures professor **Bob Bukvics '60** said... "*I'm from the old school. I still believe I'm right and you're wrong*" – *Tidings* Vol XVII, No.3, February 1969

It was the best of times...it was the best of times!

Anyway, I digress.

The class was comprised of angels from 21 different parishes in the area, with 5 of those parishes contributing 69% of the class members including...

St. Anne's (51 students)	Notre Dame (40)
St. Ursula's (32)	SS. Simon and Jude (28)
Holy Ghost and SS. Cyril and Methodius (19 each)	

There were 276 scholars in this class... 150 (54%) ladies and 126 boys. Twenty-two girls (15%) had the first name of Mary...

Check out the Sports Section of this edition of *Tidings* for more on that subject.

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Thirty-eight scholars were children of Bechahi graduates, like...

Carol Albertson's mom was **Rosemary Glancy '48**

Paul Bartos's mom was **Ethel Daday '42**

Bob Baur's mom was **Madeleine Ortwein '45**

Eston "Barney" Becker's mom was **Jean Harvey '46**

Mary Louise Bender's mom was **Frances Conahan '37**

Geoff Borda's mom was **Esther Dougherty '29**

Tim Brady's dad was **Joseph '43**

Paula Calvo's mom was **Agnes Slaninka '46**

Pat Carisio's mom was **Generose Dwyer '46**

Jerry Evrard's dad was **John '38**

Pat Fenton's parents were **Charlie '42** and **Rita Dugan '43**

Mike Foley's mom was **Joan Mangan '42**

Jim Harris's mom was **Mary Concilio '40**

Judy Hoch's mom was **Marie Fink '41**

Larry Hundersmarck's mom was **Katherine Litzenberger '36**

Bernie Kametz's mom was **Ann Bednarik '46**

Greg Karabin's parents were **George '41** and **Theresa Sabol '45**

Jimmy Keating's parents were **James '42** and **Frances Dugas '45**

Joanie Kirk's dad was **William '44**

Patti Kovacs's mom was **Marie Haggerty '45**

Susan Laughlin's parents were **George '45** and **Peggy George '47**

Gail Madden's dad was **Edward '41**

Nick Maioriello's mom was **Antoinette Castiello '31**

Fran McGouldrick's dad was **Francis '48**

Kathy Meder's mom was **Lucy Boyle '32**

Sally O'Donnell's mom was **Eileen Byrne '37**

Chuck Ortwein's mom was **Pauline Demyan '44**

Regina Oswald's mom was **Ursula Miller '45**

Gary Palenchar's mom was **Shirley Motiska '47**

Kathleen Racosky's mom was **Mary Toth '48**

Joan Schnalzer's mom was **Joan Ryan '48**

Chuck Sculley's dad was **Thomas '34**

Mary Ann Seaman's mom was **Margaret Ammend '39**

Jane Sinnott's mom was **Ann Adams '37**

Margaret Terry's mom was **Margaret Hildenberger '34**

Carol Vidumsky's mom was **Mary Ann Dalton '48**

Dave Voros's mom was **Theresa Miklos '45**

Annette Yasko's parents were **George '39** and **Ann Minarik '38**

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Graduation was held on June 8th.

Mary Ann Seaman Nickles was Valedictorian. **Tom Barnett** was Salutatorian.

Meet the members of the largest graduating class in Becahi history...

Joseph Abraham
George Agentis
John "Jack" Albenzi
Carol Albertson Herman
Susan Almer Bensinger
Dan Alonzo
Patty Alpago Mauser
Tina Altimare Frey
Robert "Bob" Andrews
John Andris
Mike Antalics
Sharon Baca
Maria Baran Hillman
Tom Barnett
Paul Bartos
William "Bill" Bauer*
William "Bill" Baur
Robert "Bob" Baur
Walter Beck
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John Bednarik
Patricia Bellew Kottke
Mary Louise Bender Guth
Lannette Benko Crownover
Stephanie Berden Husser
Linda Bilesky*
Leonard Blonar
Rita Bolecz
Geoffrey Borda
Timothy Brady
Anne Brennan
Rich Brenneman
Richard Brooks
Karen Brown Simpson
Robert "Bob" Brown
Donald Brugger
Janice Brugger
Sara Buchanan Schellase
Paula Calvo Wilson*
Mary Campbell Kovacs
Patricia Carisio Seidenberger
Tim Cassidy*
James "Jim" Chassar
Arlene Chesh Pylypiw*

Edward Chladny
Thomas "Tom" Christ
Barbara Cmorey Galler
George Cole
Mike Connors*
Carmen Cruz
Patricia Cunningham Eckman
Andrew Danko
Ernest "Ernie" DeAngelis
Edward Degnan
Jo Ann Del Re Vanic
Gerianne Derwinski Stoll
William "Bill" Deutsch
Joseph Dolak
Mary Domyan Linsenbigler*
Stephen Domyan
Joseph Donchetz*
Charlene Doncsecz Marinelli*
Rita Donegan Hicks*
Mary Clair Dorsam Stoudt
Mary C. "Colleen" Dougherty Santana
Thomas "Tom" Doyle
Kathleen Duff Drennan
Mary Duffy Hasenecz*
Sharon Edelman Vincovich
Francis "Fran" Ender
Jerome "Jerry" Evrard*
Henry Faleski
William "Bill" Farrell
Francis "Fran" Farris
Barbara Fejes Pavlo*
Patrick "Pat" Fenton*
Georgine Fidmik Klinger
Mary Ellen Finn*
Paul Fistner
Michael Foley*
Roberta Fondl Ortwein
John Ford
Mary Ann Fox Beaver
James Gabriel
Timothy Galle*
Robert "Bob" Gangewere
Larry Gasda
Gerard Gasper
Paulette Gates Eddinger*
Shirleyann Gebhardt Harper
Irene Gerenser Grow

Douglas Gifford
Rosemary Gombosi Tarola
Joseph Gonzalez*
Jeffrey Gottwald
Fay Guastella Roethke
Dolores "Dolly" Haldaman Moser
Susan Haley Koprivsek
James Harris
Judith Harris Gaumer
Maryann Haymaker Schwartz
Madonna Heimbach Harvest*
Judy Hoch Spott
Barbara Horwath
Thomas Horwath
Peter Howard
Robert "Bob" Hughes
Lawrence "Larry" Hundersmarck
Gail Husser Nakata
Anne Hutnick Sisle
LaMae Iasiello Neifert
Stephen Infurna
Mary Louise Jani
Joanne Jaxmeier Werkheiser
Nancy Kacar Young
Eileen Kacmar Strohl
James Kahl*
Andrew "Andy" Kametz
Bernard Kametz
Greg Karabin
Sonia Karpow
James "Jim" Keating
William "Bill" Keating
Mike Kidulic
Theodore Killo
Barbara King Dilliard*
Gary King
Michael Kipila
Joan "Joanie" Kirk Watson
Lawrence Kneiss
Kathleen Kondash Curzi-Kling
Dorene Kortvely Darabaris
Patricia "Patti" Kovacs Lansek
Mary Kovatch Brenneman
Tom Kozlowski
Brian Kraft
Edward Krebs

* Deceased

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Edward "Jerry" Kresge
Raymond "Ray" Kresge
Celeste Kreuzer
Paula Krick Heffner-Jebitch
Mary Jane Kucey Repyneck*
Linda Kurtz Wilk
Michael Kuzmick*
Stephen LaComare
Barbara Lang Yates
Karen Lanscek Ondrechen
William "Bill" Lansek*
Susan Laughlin Dekrane
Thomas "Tom" Lazorik
Joseph Libricz
Donal Lonergan
Mary Beth Lynn Tedesco
Cynthia "Cyndy" Macarro Ortwein
Gail Madden*
Nicholas Maioriello*
David Mallory*
Kevin Malloy
Lewis "Lou" Malpedo*
Maureen Mangan Brunetti
Rita Manone Frey
Kathleen Marcincin Lancsek
Danette Martin Michalgyk
Edward Martin
Nancy Martin Brodie
Rosemary "Roe" Martini Mast
Linda Matula Schwartz
Jane Maurer King
Mary Ann May Hart
Matilda McCafferty Kennon
Susan McCandless Pfeil
Peggy McCarthy Farkas
Francis "Fran" McGouldrick
Kathleen Meder Gifford
Sarah Medve Jaxheimer*
Diane Miller Mazurek
Joan Mitchell Fistner
Susan Monek Hancik
Rosemary Montanino Posavek*
William "Bill" Mosconi *
Suzanne "Soozie" Moser Connell
Ann Muller Godiksen
Mary Louise Murray DeAngelis
Michael Myirsk*
Cynthia "Cindi" Nelson-Christman
Sandra "Sandy" Nile*
Timothy "Tim" Noel
Sally O'Donnell Preston
Bernard "Bernie" O'Hare

James O'Leary
Charles "Chuck" Ortwein
Harry Ortwein
Sandra "Sandy" Ortwein Wetherhold
Regina Oswald Long
Gary Palenchar
Michael "Mike" Palos
Robert Palumbo
Joseph "Joe" Pearl
Victoria "Vicki" Peters Balog
Laurence "Larry" Petfield
Mary Kay Petfield Helms
Diane Petro
Robert Piltman
Barbara "Barb" Pinter*
Daniel Price*
Mary Ann Pullen Novatnack
Kathleen Racosky Cressman
Richard Racosky
David Radman
Allan Radtke
Edward Ramsberger
Susan Reczek Verbalis
Charlene Reese Young
Nanette Reno Di Domenico
Delia Rivera Diaz*
Radelle Roberts Kulp
Elizabeth Roethke
Michele Ruggeri Moore
Frances Rupnik Kopy
Iris Sanchez Cintron
Patricia Savitske Check
Connie Schaefer Noreen
Joan Schnalzer Szivos
Joanne Schroeder Diehl
Leonard Schumacher
Charles "Chuck" Sculley
Mary Ann Seaman Nickles
Katherine "Kathy" Sebastianelli
Barbara Sekerak McOscar
Phyllis Shiner Palos
Roy Siegfried*
Mary Silvoy Ryan
Jane Sinnott Klucsik
Louise Smith
Mary Jean "Jeannie" Smith Russo
Donna Soltysiak Kramer
Richard Stebelski
Mark Stefl*
Donald "Scott" Stephens*
Lawrence "Larry" Stofko
Elaine Stoll Bull*

MaryJane Sullivan Horwath*
Donna Szczepanski
Rita Szczepanski Kapun*
Karen Tachovsky Pavel
Gary Tarola
Margaret Terry Fry
Catherine Timko
Michael Todisco*
Tom Trbuza
Anne Marie Trella Smith
Ann Turek Pickell
Loretta Ulincy
Thomas Ulincy
Annette Vidonya Innes
Carol Vidumsky Memmott
David Voros
Lawrence "Larry" Wagner
Mary Wagner Stuenkel
Tim Dutcher Walls
Robert "Bob" Ward
Jennifer Watson Edwards
Susan Weierbach Kelly
Thomas Weinhofer*
Candace Whitesell Kubek
Francis "Frank" Wiedl
Cynthia Williams Bartosik
Hugh Wilson
Denise Yanushka Gibson
Annette Yasko Ruhe
George Yasso*
Mark Yatsko*
Tom Zambo*

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Their post-graduation pursuits included...

Thirty-four members became "Campus Couples" including...

Susan Almer married Harry Bensinger '68
Rich Brenneman married Mary Kovatch
Paula Calvo married Hugh Wilson
Pat Carisio married Tom Seidenberger '66
Ernie DeAngelis married Mary Louise Murray
Gerrienne Derwinski married John Stoll '68
Stephen Domyan married Nancy Cassano '70
Georgine Fidmik married Bob Klinger '63
Paul Fistner married Joan Mitchell
Doug Gifford married Kathy Meder
Rosemary Gombosi married Gary Tarola
Mike Kidulic married Donna Takach '71
Gary King married Jane Maurer
Kathy Kondash married Bob Curzi '68
Dorene Kortvely married Greg Darabaris '70
Patti Kovacs married Billy Lansek
Tom Lazorik married Mary Ann Schneider '71
Cyndy Macarro married Greg Ortwein '70
Soozie Moser married Jim Connell '70
Bernie O'Hare married Susan Sikora '70
Chuck Ortwein married Jackie Angelucci '70
Mike Palos married Phyllis Shiner
Rich Racosky married Janice Meterko '71
Jane Sinnott married Jack Klucsik '70
Donna Soltysiak married Mike Kramer '63
MaryJane Sullivan married Louis Horvath '66

Eleven members served in the military.

Len Blanar, U.S. Navy	Stephen Domyan, U.S. Marines
Joseph Donchetz, U.S. Navy	Tim Galle, U.S. Navy
Bob Gangewere, U.S. Navy	Kevin Malloy, U.S. Army (Vietnam)
Lou Malpedo, U.S. Army National Guard	
Gary Palenchar, U.S. Army	Michael Todisco, U.S. Army
Thomas Weinhofer, U.S. Navy	Thomas Zambo, U.S. Army

Seven members practiced at the Bar (i.e., Lawyers).

John Andris	Mike Antalics	James Gabriel	Doug Gifford
Barbara Lang Yates		Sandy Nile	Bob Ward

(BTW, countless members were *served* at the bar.)

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Fifteen members were Education Professionals.

Dan Alonzo
Paula Calvo Wilson
Patricia Carisio Seidenberger
Larry Gasda
Cynthia Macarro Ortwein
Fran McGouldrick
Sandra Ortwein Wetherhold
Mary Ann Seaman Nickles

Lucy Bednar Guaghan, PhD
Mary Campbell Kovacs
Bill Farrell
Larry Hundersmarck, PhD
Susan McCandless Pfeil
Ann Muller Godiksen
Michele Ruggeri Moore

Eighteen members were Healthcare Professionals.

Susan Almer Bensinger, Nursing
Paul Bartos, MD
Mary Clair Dorsam Stoudt, Nursing
Paulette Gates Eddinger, Nursing
Mary Lou Jani, Physical Therapy
Susan Monek Hancik, Nursing
Barbara Pinter, Physical Therapy
Elaine Stoll Bull, Nursing
Loretta Ulincy, Nursing

Sharon Baca, Nursing
Eston Becker, Pharmacy
Barbara Fejes Pavlo, Nursing
Fay Guastella Roethke, Nursing
Nicholas Maioriello, Nursing
Mary Louise Murray DeAngelis, Nursing
Jane Sinnott Klucsik, Nursing
Gary Tarola, Chiropractic Medicine
Candace Whitesell Kubek, Nursing

Twenty-three members had 42 children who graduated from Beca!

Jack Albenzi > **Amy '95**

Susan Almer and **Harry Bensinger '68** > **Lesley '97, Lindsay '98**

Patty Alpago Mauser > **Julie '03**

Tina Altimare Frey > **Ralph '00**

Len Blamar > **Kate '97, Adam '98**

Geoff Borda > **Amanda '99, Mark '02, Brett '06**

Paula Calvo and Hugh Wilson > **Hugh '99, Jeffrey '01, Andrew '04** and **Jennifer '13**

Ed Chladny > **Jessica '96**

Georgine Fidmik and **Bob Klinger '63** > **Andrew '95, Kyle '98** and **Marci '99**

Susan Haley Koprivsek > **Tom '00, John '02, and Haley '12**

Pete Howard > **Geoffrey '01**

Mike Kidulic and **Donna Takach '71** > **Mike '95, Brian '97, Rebecca '99** and **Jill '03**

Kathy Kondash and **Bob Curzi '68** > **Anjanette '91, Robert '94**

Jerry Kresge > **Cara '95**

Lou Malpedo > **Michael '97**

Danette Martin Michalgyk > **Andrea '97, Michael '00**

Soozie Moser and **Jim Connell '70** > **James '96, John '03** and **Joe '10**

Bernie O'Hare and **Susan Sikora '70** > **Bernard '99, Katherine '03**

Mike Palos and Phyllis Shiner > **Michael '96**

Larry Petfield > **Joe '02, Steve '04** and **Matt '07**

Delia Rivera Diaz > **Carlos '92, Javier '93**

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Three class members were inducted into the Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame:

Jim Chassar (2022) Greg Karabin (1995) Mike Palos (2002)

Mike Palos received the Becahi Fides et Scientia Honor in 2002.

The in-person reunion, celebrating 55 years of continued achievement is scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd 2024, at Green Pond from 5:00-9:00pm.

"If anyone has a question about the reunion, they can send an email to becahi69reunion@gmail.com."

The 1968 Homecoming Court



Georgine
Fidmik

Mary Ann
May

Barbara
Lang

Barbara
Cmorey

Barbara
Pinter

Janice
Brugger

Michelle
Ruggeri

Some of the classmates wrote...

Kathy Antoccia Baur, formerly in the class of 1970, wrote... *"I left Becahi in my sophomore year, however, I met my husband, **Bob Baur, class of 1969**, there at a school dance. We got married in 1973 while he was a senior at Lehigh. He graduated with a metallurgical engineering degree, and I went to Easton hospital and graduated with a Radiological Technologist degree. We've now been happily married for 51 years! We moved out here to the Cincinnati area for General Electric...and he's still there as a pensioner. Went through a scare last year, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Bob was my rock! Thanks to the prayers of many, many people, treatment is completed, I'm doing well and hopefully will be traveling soon! Not sure you wanted all of this update, but I figured you may need some minute info from previous alumni! I am sorry though, that we will miss the reunions, however, my sister-in-law, **Kathleen Shanahan '70 Baur** (yes, we have the same names! Must be those Baur boys were attractive!) can be there in our place. By the way, I love your frequent updates! I still remember a lot of my former classmates and always are happy to hear what they are doing in their lives."*

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A tale of the Sisterhood...

To paraphrase, someone from the Class of '69 wrote... *"One of Sister Agnes Josephine's famous saying to the boys was "I'm going to teach you a lesson." Little did we know the lesson was about flying, because the next thing we saw, John Szepanski '67 was flying through the air... in the hallway, only to crash land against the lockers. (That big football lineman, who received a scholarship to West Point, could really fly.)"* Ahhh, those were the days.

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

#BECAHI100 Centennial Meeting Is on Tuesday, April 30, and Wed., May 1 at 7 PM.

Topics for our next meeting in person at Becahi in Room 123 down Sophomore Hall down from the Gym or via Zoom using a link include the following: The Kickoff Celebration on Saturday, July 19, a new Golden Hawk Alumni Directory for the Centennial Year, progress on the Centennial Yearbook, the Challenge Coin Design Contest, the format for the Bethlehem Catholic Centennial Finale on Saturday, July 27
If you want to attend in person or via Zoom email Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org.

Getting to the next 100 Years: 2026 – 2126

What We Need

Clear Strategy

Strategic Plan

- Where are we going? How do we get there?
- How do we define success? What do we need to be successful?
- How do we measure our progress?
- How do we assign and measure accountability?
- How do we communicate our progress?

Effective Leadership

- Board of Governors
- School Administration, Staff

Strong Coalition

- Alumni
- Teachers / Staff
- Parents
- Parishes
- Students
- Government / Commercial Interests
- Higher Education
- Local School Districts

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Anna Marie Lucas Wolbach	1949	03/23/2024	92
Dolores Tocci Oberholzer	1952	03/21/2024	89
William Bugger	1968	03/15/2024	73
Patrick Fenton	1969	November '23	72

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † **Bill Bugger '68**, brother of **Denise '72** and **John Blair '84**, on 03/15
- † **Pat Fenton '69**, son of **Charlie '42** and **Rita (Dugan '43) Fenton**, and brother of **Mike '68**, **Dennis '72** and **Jane '82**, in November 2023
- † Ronald Hersh Sr., father of **Ron '85**, **Andrew '86** and **Melissa '91**, on 03/17
- † Maryann Kostenbader, mother of **Ted '91**, on 03/10
- † **Anna Marie Lucas Wolbach '49**, sister of **Mary Jane '56** and the late **Loretta '55**, on 03/24
- † Catherine Spevak Gerencser, sister of the late **Margaret Spevak Stangl '48**, on 02/29
- † **Dolores Tocci Oberholzer '52**, sister of **Jackie '49** and the late **Rosemarie '46**, on 03/21

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our '70 classmates...

Greg Darabaris (4/13/2011) **Claudia Derr Benner** (4/18/2014) **Jack Gallagher** (4/07/2009)

... who passed away during the month of April...

Heavenly Father

Throughout this Easter season,
we give thanks for the sacrificial love of Jesus,
and the redemption we find in His resurrection.

Thank you for the gift of salvation,
and the promise of eternal life.

May our hearts overflow with gratitude and praise.

Amen.

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Sports

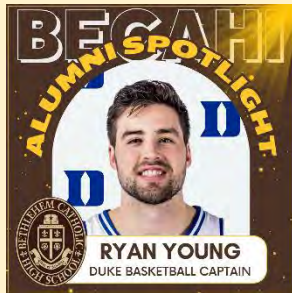
Alumni Notables

Kevin Reynolds '87, who received BS in Marketing from Bloomsburg University and an MA and MBA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is the Head Coach of the Point Park University's men's basketball team.

Tom Cochran '91, who held the East Penn Conference record for the longest field goals of 52 and 49 yards, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Duke University, is Account Executive at FUJIFILM Healthcare Americas Corporation in Pittsburgh. – LinkedIn

Andrew Dunn Jr. '15, a two-time Male Athlete of the Year and NCAA II National Wrestling Champion at Kutztown University, who received a BBA and a Master of Public Administration from Kutztown University, is Director of Operations - UNC Chapel Hill Wrestling. – LinkedIn

Ryan Young '18 and the Duke Blue Devils danced into the Elite Eight in the NAAs.



While at Bethlehem Catholic, Ryan led the team to its first district title and state semifinal appearance in school history. He was named the EPC Player of the Year and was a USA Today First-Team All-State selection.

Ryan holds his undergraduate degree from Northwestern University in Learning and Organizational Change and is enrolled in Duke's Fuqua School of Business to pursue an accelerated MBA.

A Rough Rider

Joe Henrich, who served as Head Coach of Becahi football for nine seasons, was recently named Head Coach for Catasauqua High School's football team.

Coach Henrich was 67-41 and won 4 District XI titles in his nine seasons with the Golden Hawks. Best wishes, Joe, and thank you, once again, "for instilling a culture grounded in accountability, discipline and teamwork." – Morning Call 3/15/24

BTW, Becahi's very first football team's victory came October 9, 1926...*against* Catasauqua High School, 12-0. **Rudy Preletz '29** scored both touchdowns.

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From 1968 – 1969 Sports Annals

Football

Dick Butler was Head Coach

5 wins - 4 losses - 1 Tie

Bethlehem City Champions (7-0 vs. Liberty; 12-7 vs. Freedom)

Highlights:

Al Calvo '70, 5 TDs, 934 rushing yards

George Yasso '69, 5 TDs

Mike Antalics '69, Billy Farrell '69, Gary Cacciatore '71, Rocky Krokus '71; 1 TD ea.

PATs... **Tim Cassidy '69** (5), **Al Calvo** (1), **Bobby Halbreiner '71** (1)

Paul Grube '70, 3 TDs

Gus Neimeister '70, 2 TDs

Boys Basketball

Future Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame Member, Head Coach Paul Calvo, retired after his magical 15-year run, with a record of 260 wins and 155 loses.

He coached the 1960 and 1962 teams to PCIAA State Championships and won multiple Philadelphia Suburban Catholic League Conference championships.

Future Becahi Athletic Wall of Fame Member **Jim Chassar '69** finished his stellar career as a 1st team All-State selection with 1,181 points and is ranked 10th in all-time scoring.

Jim's supporting cast that year included **Geoff Borda '69, Ed Chladny '69, Pete Howard '69, Bobby Alpago '70, Al Calvo '70, Jeff Jennings '70, Paul Grube '70, Micky Halbreiner '70, Dick Murray '70, John O'Boyle '70** and **Harry Hinnerschietz '70**, manager.

Girls Basketball

Ms. Heidi Hydusik was Head Coach.

This was the last year of six-on-six team competition in girls' basketball.

Janice Brugger '69 was the Captain, and her teammates included Row 1: **Patty Hesener '71, Jean Keeler '72, Lisa DeAngelis '70, Melanie Ulans '71**, 2nd Row: **Sue Laughlin '69, Janice, Anne Sinnott '72, Susie Bartos '72, Anita Budinetz '72, Debbie Torok '72**, 3rd Row: **Anne Rouse '71, Claire Brugger '71, Maki Brugger '70, D. Best, Mary Sinnott '72, Marianne Schnalzer '71, Barbara Fejes '69** (manager) and

Margaret Terry '69 (manager) Back row: Coach Hydusik and **Barbara Bednarik '71**.



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Wrestling

Tony Iasiello, Head Coach

1969 PCIAA Individual State Champions:



The ecstatic group above included (left to right)

Don Lonergan '69 **Tim Cassidy '69** **Coach Iasiello** **Greg Karabin '69** **Tommy Sculley '70**

National Champions!

... the team's grapplers included **Marty Lynn '71**, **Pat Fenton '69**, **Billy Farrell '69**, **Tim Cassidy '69**, **George Fidmik '70**, **Tommy Sculley '70**, **Mike Kozo '71** along with **Rick Ressler '70**, **Mike Foley '69**, **Don Lonergan '69**, **Billy Kametz '71**, **Greg Karabin '69**, **Larry Gasda '69**, **Joe Pearl '69**, **Fran Zellner '70** with **Mike Ruggeri '71** (manager)

Boys' Tennis Team Formed

Br. Richard Arnold C.S.C., was the first coach.

Members of the inaugural squad were... **Chris Wright '70**, **Pete Gerra '71**, **Tim Walls '69**, **Greg Benz '71**, **Tom Barnett '69**, **Bob Palumbo '69**, **Tom Kozlowski '69**, **Doug Bossert '72**, **Pat Donchez '71**, **Jim O'Leary '69**, **George Wieland '72**, **Dick Beier '72**, and Tom Hundersmarck. - Sceptre

Baseball

Once again, there's not much information on the team and its outcome in the yearbook probably because of the lateness in the season and the publication deadlines.

Golf

Once again, there's not much information on the team and its outcome in the yearbook probably because of the lateness in the season and the publication deadlines.

Yearbook pics included members **Tom Doyle '69**, **Tom Lazorik '69**, **Larry Hundersmarck '69**, **Jim Santo '70**, **Rick Kearney '70** **Jack Albenzi '69** and **Bill Mosconi '69**

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2024 Winter Sports Wrap Up

Girls Basketball – 98th Season

Arnold Alleyne, Head Coach, 1st Season



Season Result: Won 23 – Lost 6

Average Point Differential/game: 15

Scored 52 points/game – Allowed 37 ppg.

District XI 5A Champions

8th Consecutive District Title

15th District Title Overall

PIAA Tournament: Won 3 – Lost 1

Made it to the Final Four – 6th Appearance

Girls PIAA Tournament History:

19 Appearances - 36 Opponents

57 Games Played - 41 Wins

Congratulations, Coach Arnold and your team!

Congratulations to CiCi Hernandez '24, who moves into 7th place in girls' basketball scoring at Becahi with 1,129 points in 100 games over four years! – lehighvalleylive stat 3/20/24

Wow! What a way to begin and end a career!

Wrestling – 59th Season

Mike Cole, Head Coach, 1st Season

Season Team's Result: Won 16 – Lost 1

District XI 3A Team Champion – Fourth Consecutive Team Title

PIAA 3A Team Champions – Third Consecutive Team Title, 11th Overall PIAA

District XI 3A Individual Tournament – Nine Medalists ... 1st in Team Standings

Northeast Regionals Tournament ... Eight Medalists ... 1st in Team Standings

PIAA Tournament – Five Medalists ... 1st in Team Standings

Medalists included 2 State Champs, Keanu Dillard, 121 and Kollin Rath, 152

Also, Shane McFillin, 4th at 145, Marco Frinzi 6th at 139, and James DeLuise 7th at 189. Congratulations!

Morning Call 2024 All-Area Class 3A Wrestling Team of the Year

And *Congratulations, Coach Mike Cole!*

Wow! What a way to begin a career!

BTW, 43 Wrestlers have won 65 State Crowns over the Years!

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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... 301 graduates from 46 classes have been recognized so far in 2024. Check it out at <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>.

This edition of *Tidings* contains the names of 80 graduates from 46 classes (see chart below).

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BLinkedIn Profiles

	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
	1	1	2	2			
	1	2	2	2			
	1	1	2	2			
	1	1	2	2			
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1	1	1	2	2			Classes:
1	1	1	2	2			<u>46</u>
2	2	2	3	4			Grads:
8	12	13	22	25	0		<u>80</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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Gloria Shields Sprankle '74, who received a BS in Business Administration from King's College, is now Retired after serving in the Altoona (PA) Area School District for over 30 years. Congratulations, Gloria! - JOB

Peter Stebelski '74, who received a BA in Business Administration from Moravian University, is a Customer Service/Workforce Management Professional for ADP in Florham Park, NJ.

Lawrence Harris '75, a University of Houston graduate, is the Facilities Manager at Youth Education in the Arts, a non-profit organization that seeks to instill valuable life lessons in young people through music and dance, in Allentown.

Ellen Doherty '76 is a Revenue Protection Supervisor at UGI Utilities, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Ric Cengeri '77, who received a BS in Management from the University of Dayton and an MS in Sports Administration from St. Thomas University, is Manager at VT IMAGERIE CENTRE DE RADIOLOGIE in Burlington, VT.

David Green '78, who received a BS in Civil Engineering from Penn State University, is Senior Vice President at Boyle Construction Inc. in the Lehigh Valley.

Peter Gettings '79, who received a BS from Purdue University, is Senior Account Manager - Port Hawkesbury Paper in the greater Chicago area.

Tom Marchak '79, who received a BS in Marketing from the University of Scranton, is Global Vice President of Ryerson Carbon Sheet Solutions (RCSS), a services company that processes and distributes metals, with operations in the United States, Mexico, Canada, China and Brazil, in the Charleston, SC metropolitan area.

Jim Bartha '80, who received a BS in Economics and Public Administration and an MPA in Procurement and Grants Management from American University, is the US Government Contracting Chief, South Pacific Division, in San Francisco.

Nancy Friend Schrader '81, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Moravian University, is Loan Processing Manager at ESSA Bank & Trust in Stroudsburg.

Jonathan Mello '82, who received a BS in Computer Science from East Stroudsburg University, is a Senior Infrastructure Management Analyst at Merck & Co., Inc.

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Stephanie Bilsak Westington '83, a CPA who received a BS in Accounting and an MBA from the University of Scranton, is Senior VP and Controller FNCB Bank in Dunmore, PA.

Carol Menalis '84, who received a BSN from Penn State University is an RN, Certified Massage Therapist (CMT) and Certified Structural Integration Practitioner at Keystone Structural Integration in Midlothian VA.

Patrick Rethore '84, who studied at Mount Saint Mary's University, is a Race and Sportsbook Writer for Station Casinos, the leading provider of gaming and entertainment to the residents of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sharon Connell Hoole '85, is a Senior Appeal Nurse at Elevance Health, serving people across their entire health journey and address their full range of needs with an integrated whole-health approach in Massachusetts.

Samantha Angst '86, who received an Associate's Degree in Executive Assistant / Executive Secretary from Allentown Business School and a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Southern New Hampshire University, is a Payroll Specialist at SAIC.

Greg Saukulak '87, a U.S. Navy Veteran, who received a BS in Computer Science from Virginia Military Institute and an MBA in Business Analytics from Hofstra University, is Senior, Independent Workday Consultant – Functional / Project Management & Implementations at Sauk Associates, Inc, a trusted partner for expert Workday ERP consulting services in the greater NYC area.

Peter Ramos '88, who received a BS in Business Administration from Temple University, is an Agent/Builder for Century 21 Ramos Realty in Whitehall.

Karen Braxmeier Aulisio '89, who received a BS in Elementary Education from East Stroudsburg University, is an Elementary Principal in the Parkland School District.

Dan Chaffier '89, who received a BS in Business Administration from DeSales University, is Associate Director- Biosimilars, at Sandoz, the global leader in generic and biosimilar medicines, in the Lehigh Valley.

George Hahalis '90, who received a BA in Mass Communications from the University of the District of Columbia, is the Northeast Regional Sales Manager for Neutrik Americas, the leading supplier of robust and reliable professional connectivity solutions throughout the Americas, in Lititz, PA.

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Patti Cusimano Gomas '91, who received a BBA in Marketing from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and an MBA in Leadership and Marketing from NYU's Stern School of Business, is Senior Manager at Deloitte Digital in Orlando.

Tracey Shivok-Jefferson '92, who received a BS in Biology, a BSN, MSN in Family Nurse Practitioner, and DNP in Clinical Leadership from DeSales University, is a Nurse Practitioner at Affinity Hospice care, Inc. in Bethlehem.

Mark Brady '93, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Supply Chain Management from Penn State University and an MBA from Lehigh University, is Director Supply Chain Management, US & Canada, at Messer Americas, the world's largest privately held industrial gas company and an industrial and medical gas leader in the Americas.

Arash Aghevli '94, who received a BS in Computer Science from Penn State University, is a Software Engineer at Netflix in Berkely, CA.

Chris Burch '94, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science from Kutztown University, is Operations manager at Inweld Corporation, a North American based worldwide supplier to welding and industrial distributors in Bethlehem.

Dan Kendra '95, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Florida State University, is a Technology Associate at Novus Surgical Consultants, LLC, Central Pennsylvania's leading provider of the finest quality products and educational services to meet the needs of orthopedic surgeons, podiatric surgeons, and their patients, in Lancaster.

Alison Neimeister Hoffman '96, who received a BS in Marketing from the University of Scranton and an MBA from Moravian University, is Senior Account Specialist at Solta Medical, Inc., a global leader in the medical aesthetics industry, in the greater Philadelphia area.

Lisa Zelko '97, who received an Associate's Degree in Communication from Northampton Community College, is a Sales Representative for Casilio Concrete in Bethlehem.

Courtney Strohm Taggart '98, who studied Liberal Arts, Nutrition and Health Science at West Chester University, is an Independent Team Beachbody Coach in the greater Philadelphia area.

Chad Fontoura '99, who studied Psychology at PennWest Edinboro (nee Edinboro University) is Regional Director of Purchasing at AdaptHealth, a network of full-service medical equipment companies that use tailored products and services to empower patients to live their best lives – out of the hospital and in their homes, in the Lehigh Valley.

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Erica Gritz Mainardi '99, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from St. Joseph's University, is Vice-President, Financial Planning and Analysis, for Toll Brothers in Fort Washington, PA.

Mario D'Angelo '00, who received a BS in Business Management from LaSalle University, is Manager of D'Angelo Cleaning Services in the Lehigh Valley.

Ralph Frey '00, who studied at Moravian University, is Outside Sales Representative at Wrigleys Office Supply in Bethlehem.

Alyssa Antolick Holdorff '01, who received a BS in Marketing from DeSales University and an MS in Sport management from East Stroudsburg University, is Merchandising Team Manager at Cigars International in Bethlehem.

Gary Bauer '01, who received a Barber's License from the Barber and Styling Institute, Camphill, is the Owner of [Gary's Custom Cuts at 818 Main Street in Hellertown](#).

Jorge Otero '02, who received a BA in Film and Media Arts from Temple University, is Project Manager at Diversified, IT Services and Consulting, in Folcroft, PA.

Jason Saliba '02, who received a BS in Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics from the University of Maryland and a PhD in Molecular and Human Genetics from the Baylor College of Medicine, is an Instructor at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Paul Cosenza '03, who received a BA in Applied Psychology from Penn State University, is Associate Director Global Commercial Learning at PTC Therapeutics, Inc. in South Plainfield, NJ.

Jason Fallock '03, who studied at the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute, is Sous Chef at Sonoma Grille in Pittsburgh.

Tim Scharle '04, who received a BSBA in Marketing from Drexel University's LeBow College of Business, is Director of Operations at The Benefits Group, LLC in Clarks Summit.

Matthew Tannous '04, who received a BS in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College, is Operations Manager at Savant Beverages LLC in Easton.

Christina Troia '04, who received a BS in Fashion Merchandising Management from the Fashion Institute of Technology, is a Buyer at Ross Stores in the NYC metropolitan area.

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Matt Bishop '05, who received a BA in Communications from LaSalle University, is the Owner of Renegade, a full-service communications agency, in Bethlehem.

Carissa Hrichak '05, who received a BSN from DeSales University and an MBA in Health Care Administration from The Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School, is Administrator of Clinical Services at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Kelly Bender '06, who received a BA in English from Kutztown University, is Human Resources Manager at Kelly Auto Group in the Lehigh Valley.

Brandon Matyas '06, who studied Sport Management at Northampton Community College and DeSales University, is Senior Loan officer at CrossCountry Mortgage, LLC in Bethlehem.

Arianne Atiyeh '07, who received a BA from Saint Francis University, and is studying for her MBA at the University of San Diego, is a Military Officer for the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego.

Jennifer Brita '07, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education at Bloomsburg University, is Production Coordinator at Sharp Packaging Solutions in Bethlehem.

Sarah Kach Bridges '08, who received a BS in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management from Penn State University, is National Sales Manager at Conrad Nashville - The Finest Hotel in the Music City of Nashville.

John LaBarre '08, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Human Biology from Cornell University, a BSN from the University of Pennsylvania and an MSN in Nursing and Healthcare Administration from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, is a Supervisor at Dartmouth-Hitchcock medical center in Hanover, NH.

Jenna Blanchard Triplett '09, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Neuroscience from Lafayette College, is Individual Giving Chair, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (LA Chapter), in the greater LA area.

Sister Chiara Marie (Kathryn) Stimpfle '09, is a Teacher at St. Jude Elementary School in Hazleton.

Marc Torres '09, who received a BA in Philosophy and Biology from West Chester University, is a Data Analyst at Eurofins Lancaster Laboratories in West Point, PA.

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Michael Ebling '10, who studied Business Psychology at Kutztown University, is Inside Sales Representative at Kendall Electric, a full line electrical wholesale distributor, serving the Industrial, OEM, and Construction markets, in the Lehigh Valley.

Justin Tocci '10, who received a BS in Biology from West Virginia University, is Assistant Project Manager at The LiRo Group, an award-winning Integrated Construction, Design, and Technology Solutions' firm, in the NYC metro area.

Marirose Sartoretto '11, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from West Chester University, is a Communication Specialist at SME (the Society of Manufacturing Engineers), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of manufacturing, in Bethlehem.

Chris Terefinko '11, who received a BS in Computer Science from the University of Maryland, is Senior Software Engineer at Google in the greater NYC area.

Rachel DiBenedetto '12, who received a Bachelor of Communication and Information Sciences from the University of Alabama, is Senior Management Consultant at Sia Partners, a next-generation management consulting firm and pioneer of Consulting 4.0., in the Charlotte, NC metropolitan area.

Daniel TrempeL '12, who received an AA in Theater from Northampton Community College and a BS in Psychology from DeSales University, is Training Coordinator for Octapharma Plasma, Inc. in Whitehall.

Anna Borges '13, who received a BA in Psychology from The Catholic University of America and an MA in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is Director of Student Activities and Leadership at Walsh University in North Canton, OH.

Mark Kawecki '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Elmira College, is Credit Analyst - Specialty Finance at Customers Bank in Easton.

Nicole Overby Bohman '14, who received a BS in Accounting and a Master of professional Accounting from Penn State University, is Director, Strategy & Transactions at EY-Parthenon in Charlotte, NC.

Taylor Treadwell '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of South Carolina, is Associate Brand Manager at ROAR Organic, an electrolyte-infused hydration beverage, in Bethlehem.

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Ciara Walshe '14, who received a BS in Biology from Fordham University and a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) from Thomas Jefferson University, is a Solid Organ Transplant Pharmacy Resident at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Tara Wood '14, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Arcadia University, is an Elementary School Teacher at Lehigh Valley Academy Regional Charter School in Bethlehem.

Kyle Benbrook '15, who received a BS in Applied Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Law School Student at Drexel University's Thomas R. Kline School of Law.

Ryan Kuna '15, who received a BA in Film and Media Arts from Temple University and an MFA in Cinematography from the American Film Institute, is a Freelance Cinematographer in the Los Angeles.

Aaron Hooks '16, who received an AA in Sound Production from Lehigh Carbon Community College, is Operations Manager | Sustainability Ambassador at Balenciaga, offering women's and men's ready-to-wear, handbags, shoes, accessories, eyewear and a fragrance for women, in King of Prussia.

Matthew Mingora '16, who received a BS in Actuarial Science from St. Joseph's University, is an Actuarial Analyst at Admiral Insurance Group in the Lehigh Valley.

Blake McGill '17, who studied Government and Economics at Dartmouth College, is an Anchor Producer at CNN in the metropolitan Washington, DC area.

Donovan Stuard '17, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Widener University, is a Client Services Associate for Oak & Stone Capital Advisors in Newtown, PA.

Brendan Smith '18, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Math and Physics from Albright College, is a Laboratory Technician at Curia, a Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization, in Lebanon, PA,

Luke Talpas '18, who received a BSN, RN from DeSales University, is a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Department at the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Briana Barnard '19, who received a BS in Psychology from Mercy University, is a Medical Administrative Assistant at Point North Wellness Center in Bethlehem and is open to new professional opportunities.

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Caden Giordano '19, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Gettysburg College, is a Student at Florida State University College of Law.

Magnus Hanson '19, who studied Biology at Northampton Community College and Kinesiology at West Chester University, is a Physical Therapy Aide at Kinetic Physical Therapy and Wellness Inc. in West Chester.

Katherine Martinez '19, who received a BS in Biochemistry from Loyola University of Maryland, is in the Graduate Research Education Program, MD/PhD class, at the Mayo Clinic Laboratories in Rochester, MN.

From the Advancement Office

Tom Vresics '81, Director

Becahi can receive over \$1 Million for PA every year with your help!

EITC is still the Most Tax-Savvy Way to Contribute to Bethlehem Catholic. Please email Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org by April 30 to redirect the PA State Income Tax you are already paying to Bethlehem Catholic instead of Harrisburg. The State of PA is giving a 10-to-1 Match through the PA EITC Program. Let's get these tax credits ahead of other Catholic and Private schools while this year's tax credits last.

Lessen the Amount of Your Capital Gains Tax by Donating Appreciated Stocks.

Have your stocks greatly appreciated in value since you purchased them? Donating appreciated stocks to BECAHI is a tax-smart way to give to your Alma Mater! By donating stock that has appreciated for more than a year, BECAHI receives the full value of the stock and you avoid capital gains tax, PLUS, you are still able to deduct the full, fair-market value of the asset you donated to BECAHI from your income taxes (up to the overall amount allowed by the IRS).

Bethlehem Catholic has recently set up a brokerage account to accept gifts of appreciated stock. With the stock market at an all-time high, now might be the time to cash out and save on capital gains tax. Talk to your financial adviser, and then reach out to Tom Vresics at tvresics@becahi.org

Get Ready to Sing, Dance and Make a Joyful Noise!

Bethlehem Catholic is participating in the 2nd Annual *Make a Joyful Noise* competition. Help show the entire Diocese of Allentown that Becahi Golden Hawks soar above the rest!

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Make a Joyful Noise is an online competition to raise funds for Catholic Education. Schools throughout the Diocese will create lip dub/lip sync videos and compete to raise money for their schools. All proceeds made from Becahi's video will stay right in the school! Voting will open May 1st and run through May 31st, so be on the lookout for Becahi's video!

Reflection for the Easter Season

Love is patient.

Love is kind.

It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud.

It does not dishonor others. It is not self-seeking,

It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

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 clicking on the link below, or copying and pasting it into your **web browser**.

<https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>

Sincerely,
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