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Happy New Year 2025!
Year number 99 in Becahi history

Morning Call News clipping, May, 1926...

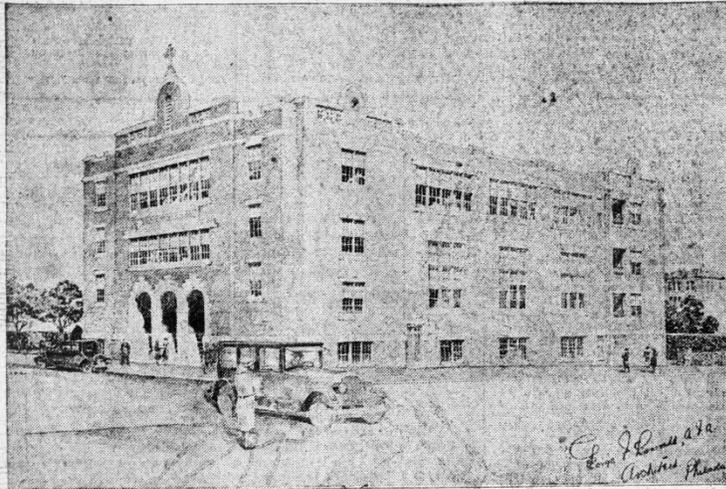


LARGE CROWD AT CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONIES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Cardinal Dougherty to Attend Formal Dedicatory Exercise in Fall – Event Marks Important Epoch in Parish History

“A splendid gathering including many non-Catholics and visitors from other parishes, were in

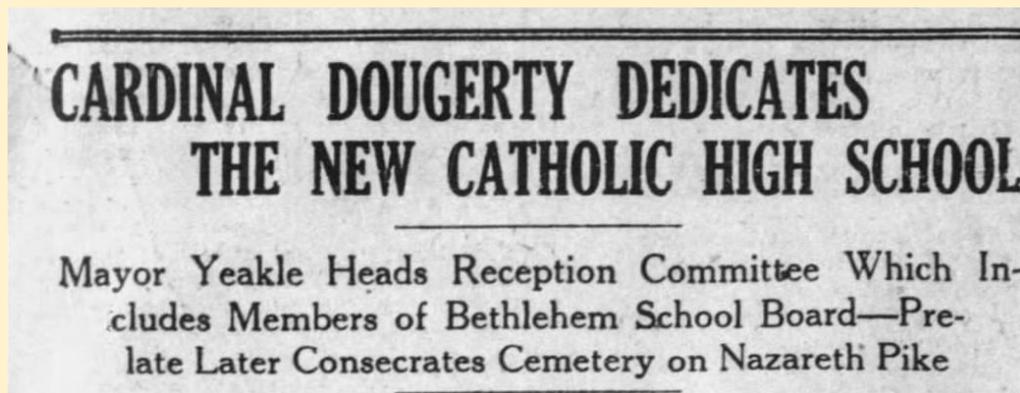
NEW CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AT BETHLEHEM



attendance at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Bethlehem Catholic High School, located at the northwest corner of Fourth and Webster streets, formerly the site of the Temperance Hall, on Sunday afternoon. The event marked an important epoch in the history of the old Holy Infancy parish, whose origin dates back to 1868, the oldest of the nine Catholic parishes in the City of Bethlehem. The cornerstone ceremonies, very brief, were in charge of the parish clergy of Holy Infancy, Rev. Charles E. Bowles, rector, and Rev. Joseph P. Duross and Rev. John T. Morton,

and were held following the annual May Day celebration of the children of Holy Infancy parochial school.” Bethlehem Catholic High School Depiction At Cornerstone Ceremony, May 10, 1926 - Morning Call Clipping

From the Morning Call... 8/30/1926



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First Day of School September 7, 1926

< Morning Call News clipping

A Bright and Sunny Day!

13,000 HAPPY CHILDREN WEND WAY TO SCHOOLS

Bright Sunny Day Marks Open- ing of the 1926-27 Term

Approximately 13,000 children of school age in Bethlehem, Tuesday morning assembled at their respective school buildings, to receive promotions and resume their studies for the new term. The bright, sunny morning added much to the delight of the children of the public and parochial schools as they hurried on their way to be on time at the call of the final bell.

The resumption of school activities in the city was marked by the opening of the new Bethlehem Catholic High School, erected the past summer at Fourth and Webster streets, on the former site of the Holy Infancy Temperance Society. The enrollment for the first day was much gratifying to the director, Rev. Joseph P. Duross, assistant rector of the Church of the Holy Infancy, which is under the supervision of the Rev. John J. Bonner, D. D., superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

One hundred and twenty-two students enrolled the opening day and this number will be somewhat increased in the next few days. The opening was featured with addresses by Rev. Charles E. Bowles, pastor of the Church of the Holy Infancy and Father Duross.

The Holy Infancy Parochial school resumed activities following the celebration of a solemn high mass in the Church of the Holy Infancy at 8 o'clock by Rev. Joseph P. Duross. The number of children present on the opening day was 405.

The Saints Cyrillus and Methodius Parochial school opened with an attendance of 700 pupils; St. John's, 350; Holy Ghost, 619; St. Ursula, Fountain Hill, 230; Saint Simon and Jude, 225; St. John's Lutheran, 240.

Between 500 and 600 children resumed their studies on Tuesday morning at the Fountain Hill Borough schools. The Junior High school is well filled with students.

...the opening of the new Bethlehem Catholic High School...

... one hundred twenty-two students enrolled with more to be added ...

... the Catholic grade school students will eventually become the graduates of the Catholic High School...

< Holy Infancy, SS Cyril and Methodius, St. John's, SS Simon and Jude, Holy Ghost, and St. Ursula's

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Last Year's Numbers for Tidings

One of my objectives is to reach out to as many Becahi grads as I can, to spread "tidings" of good news of our alma mater. Here are some numbers and information from last year.

58,709 emails were sent to an average of

3,923 Graduates each month and for the Catholic Sisters, Ancestry, and Veterans Honor Rolls editions, across

80 Class years

4,072 Graduate names from

97 Classes were mentioned throughout the year.

Here is the snapshot of the how many grads from each class were mentioned last year...e.g. In the chart below, 200 grads from the Class of 1974 were named in 2024.

Names and Classes Mentioned in 2024 Issues

Decades >	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending												
0	8	4	12	22	84	37	23	44	25	67		
1	17	20	13	34	35	32	26	45	32	6		
2	13	13	14	20	31	31	22	46	24	4		
3	9	19	14	19	32	40	20	36	24			
4	14	11	19	90	200	212	188	193	38	2		
5	15	14	21	21	42	38	25	42	18			
6	13	10	22	22	38	32	25	25	22			
7	2	15	24	36	34	46	29	24	30	24		Classes
8	2	7	12	26	38	49	34	25	26	24		97
9	8	10	17	111	276	238	191	210	39	36		Grads
	12	121	144	288	576	795	676	588	526	267	79	4,072

For example, the names included were,

2,102 Graduates who have 2, 3, and 4 generation Becahi Ancestry

1,909 Graduates from **10** Classes were given a "virtual" reunion in *Tidings*

794 Veterans from **92** Classes were honored in November

777 Graduates from **47** Classes had their career Bios featured in "BLinkedIn"

314 Graduates from

54 Classes sent at least one "letter to the editor" (Thank you!)

8.0% Response rate (314/3,923)

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On July 19, 2025, kick off the Centennial at DeSales University



Enjoy light bites, preview the Centennial Yearbook, and hear about all the exciting events at Bethlehem Catholic throughout the year. Many are looking for the opportunity to return to their fondest high school memories. Whether it is a curtain call during our spring musical, an Alumni game with many of our sports teams, or to cheer on the Hawks, there is a chance for you to reconnect with Becahi. Be on the lookout for clubs/activities you were involved in and their "Welcome Back to the Hawk's Nest" events, occurring throughout the year.

If you are a Distinguished Graduate, Athletic Wall-of-Famer, or Golden Gala Honoree...



... email **Tom Vresics '81** at alumnievents@becahi.org to arrange a time to sign our Centennial Banner.

Join **Tom Tachovsky '54, Bob Bukvics '60, Tom Sculley '70, John Spagnola '75, Mike Guman '76, Terri Guman Wignot '79, Dan Tanczos '83, Joe Uliana '83, Sean McIntyre '84, Pat Santoro '84, John Pavis '86, and Darian Cruz '13** who have already signed the Centennial Banner.

< **Mike Guman '76** puts his *John Hancock* signature on the Centennial Banner.

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

“Ancestry.Beca” (Part 1 of 2 for January 2025)
1950 - 1953



1950

Brown Font – Two Generations; Blue Font – Three Generations

- Rich '50 and Jean (Pursell '52) Boligitz are the parents of Barbara '72 and Rich '76
- Patrick '50 and Theresa (Fox '50) Byrnes are the parents of Tara '78, Michael '79 and Martin '80
- Mary Dugan Phillips '50 is the parent of Karen '72, Jeff '73, Mark '74, Joan '77, Susan '80 and Brian '81
- Gloria Kagel Scheidler '50 is the parent of William '72, Edward '74 and Carol '76
- Margaret Kauffman Sewald '50 is the parent of Richard '72 and Diane '74
- John Long '50 is the parent of John '78
- Elizabeth “Betty” Lynn Nehilla '50 is the parent of Lynn '72, David '75, Susan '77 and Anne '79
- Dorothy Maloney Roseman '50 is the parent of Maryellen '75, Bob '76 and Mike '77
- Ann Marie Marcin Nonnemaker '50 is the parent of Bob '75 and Tom '81
- William McCoach '50 is the parent of Bill '74, Scott '76
- **Mary Ann Perkins Lynch '50 is the parent of Tim '79 and the grandparent of Katherine '09**
- Joan Reybitz Slivko '50 and Joseph Slivko '51 are the parents of Joseph '73 and Joanne '75
- Mary Ruth Kozul '50 is the parent of Joanne '83 and John '85
- Elizabeth Sopko Fody '50 is the child of Isabel Reagan '31

1951

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- Jean Cope Stoll '51 is the parent of Karen '73 and Lori '77
- **Germaine Dick Brown '51 is the parent of Anthony '74, Mike '76, Patrick '77, Mary '79, Bernie '81, John '83, Ann Marie '84, Christopher '86 and Jayne '90; and the grandparent of Amanda '04, Bernie '07, Kelly '10, Bryan '13, Alyssa '15, Brent '20 and Kyleigh '21**
- **Charles Downing '51 is the child of Mary Kinney, Class of 1915, and, with Jean (Gregor '51) Downing, parents of Bob '73 and William '75**
- **Joan Fecko Karaffa '51 and Matthew '51 are the parents of Deborah '73 and Susan '75; and the grandparents of Colin Stebelski '08 and Dana Stebelski '15**

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- Elsa Hafner Salay '51 is the parent of Lisa '74
- Patricia Kelly Girke '51 is the parent of Kelly '81
- Mary Maroney Marzec '51 is the parent of David '72 and James '78
- Helen McShane Madnerbach '51 is the child of Helen Powell '28
- Margaret Ortwein Gasdaska '51 is the parent of Robert '64
- Jacqueline Robell Zaun '51 is the parent of Joseph '78 and James '84
- Joseph '51 and Joan (Reybitz '50) Slivko are the parents of Joseph '73 and Joanne '75
- Theresa Wills McClarin '51 is the parent of Kathleen '76, Carol '78 and Bob '80

1952

- Eleanor Antolic Braxmeier '52 is the parent of Eleanor '76, Philip '79, Cathy '83 and Karen '89, and the grandparent of Matthew Neveling '01, Lauren Neveling '03, Alexandra Madison '14, Eric Madison '14, Julia Madison '14, and Victoria Madison '14
- Carl '52 and Lucille (Ortwein '55) Bringenberg are the parents of Lawrence '84, John '85, Mark '87 and Catherine '89
- Charles Chubbuck '52 is the parent of Michelle '86
- William '52 and Mary (Silvoy '52) Connell are the parents of Kathleen '79, William '81 and Sharon '85, and the grandparents of Kate Willner '08 and Anne Willner '15
- Leo Culligan '52 is the parent of Kevin '78, Rich '78, Karen '79, Brian '85 and Susan '85
- Jack '52 and Mary (Ortwein '52) Ferry are the parents of Jack '73, Kathleen '74, Karen '75 and Maggie '78
- Anna Mae Hollendersky Kita '52 and Bernard '52 are the parents of Tim '78 and Christopher '81, and the grandparents of Natalie '17
- Mary Catherine (Sr. Regina) Kropp, S.S.J. '52 is the child of Eileen Hoffert '31
- William McDonald '52 is the parent of Katie '79, Patty '80 and Joe '88
- William Molitorisz '52 is the parent of Michael '86 and Jeff '87
- Robert Noctor '52 is the parent of John '73 and Dan '76
- Sylvia Orta Nuno '52 is the parent of Robert '74 and Carlos '76
- Jean Pursell Boligitz-Belinski '52 and Rich Boligitz '50 are the parents of Barbara '72 and Richard '76
- Grace Scheller Jani '52 is the parent of Donna '81 and Larry '84

1953

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- Eugene Barron '53 is the parent of Eugene '75, Kathy '79 and Michael '86
- Maryanne Bilsak '53 and Don Ronca '53 are the parents of Joan '77, Maryanne '78, Donna '80, Suzanne '82, Dorothy '84 and Kathryn '87

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- Stephanie Donchez Salaski '53 is the parent of Edward '74
- Patricia Hanley Kranyecz '53 is the parent of Colleen '73, Kathy '77 and James '81
- Gervase '53 and Jane (Ryan '53) Johnson are the parents of Patricia '74, Gerald '75 and Loretta '78
- Rosemarie Kozo Schadle '53 is the parent of Michael '75 and Kathy '76
- Jimmy Moroney '53 is the parent of Kevin '82, Tim '85 and Kelli '88
- Mary Jane Napravnik Kemmerer '53 is the child of Mary Reagan '28
- Mary Ann Nemchick Kametz '53 is the parent of Paul '81
- Barbara Ortwein Gallucci '53 is the parent of Karen Sergi '75 and Rick Sergi '77
- Rosalie Pursell Zsilavetz '53 is the parent of Ann '78 and Regina '81
- Donald Sucansky '53 is the child of Margaret Marcincin '32



Next month: Ancestry 1954 - 1956

Spread the word...send me corrections and updates...I want to include as many ancestors and descendants as possible to support the Centennial Celebration. - JOB

Photo: Paige Miller

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*.

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

Here are some of those who checked in...

... Gus Concilio '47, Sr. Regina Chassar '53, Harry Mitchell '57, Shirley Zampar Labert '58, Mary Ann Borlolan Petrohoy '59, Sandy Majczan Silvoy '61, Jack Vass '62, Phil McGlade '66, Yogi Eddinger '67, John Nolan '67, Mary Lou Hepp Scharkozy '68, Richard Metzger '68, John Andris '69, Doug Gifford '69, Tricia Kovacs Lansek '69, Jerry Kresge '69, Bobby Halbreiner '71, Billy Kametz '71, MaryTee Lisowski Miller '71, Dan Roth '71, Stephanie Voros Sellers '71, Susan Bartos '72, Dennis Fenton '72, Kathy Lynch Carcione '72, Bobby Downing '73, John Fiorentino '73, Ann Knipe MacLaughlin '73, **Fran Lawrence '75, Janet Perez Fetherolf '75, Sally Kammetler '78, Kelly Gallagher Boudreau '84, Sherri Hines '85, Jim Deegan '87, Janice Klenovich Santee '87, Jason Bell '94, Regan Downey '17**

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Here are some from my Class (1970) who checked in...

... BobbyA, Tommy Altimare, Dolores Alves Johns, Jamie Angelucci Kyle, Marlene Anthony Howard, Joe Armatruda, Mike Audet, Tony Bauer, Mary Jane Bartos Sickonic, Dave Cech, Jessie Daniels Greenawald, Bill Doncsecz, GI Jerry, Kathy Gaydos Bickert, Joannie Greenfield, Paul Grube, Bernie Guerra Misero, Mick Halbreiner, Mike Herczeg, Trish Holly Zechman, Tina Hudak, Jeff and Col, George and Betsy, Michael Lynch, Susan Peters Crawford, Karen Raykos Fatzinger, Kathy Ripper Grasso, Tim Sabota, Tommy Sculley, Josephine, Rose Szczepanski, Carl, Sue Willey

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 **618 grads from 89 classes** for this edition, and those graduates whose names are highlighted in **Gold** are members of a reunion year class of "5" and/or "0".

Alums and Classes Mentioned in January Issue

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Year Ending	20th Century >					538					21st Century >		80
0		1	3	24	4	38	35	3	2	7	5		
1		2	4	19	3	7	49	1	2	3	2		
2		1	3	26	1	11	30	1	2	2			
3		1	4	23		12	31	1	2	6			
4			1	3	1	10	8	2	3	11	1		
5		1	4	11		16	12	2	3	6			
6			1	5	1	12	5	1	2	2			
7		1	7	10	2	9	6	1	3	4		Classes:	
8	2	1	4	6	2	15	3	1	4	2		<u>89</u>	
9			7	7	4	11	4	1	2	4		Grads:	
	2	8	38	134	18	141	183	14	25	47	8	<u>618</u>	
	191 from Fourth and Webster					427 from Dewberry and Madison							

Tidings Virtual Class Reunions Planned for 2025

This year Tidings plans to feature the following **reunion-year** classes...

1975 – February, 50 years

1980 – March, 45 years

1985 – April, 40 years

1990 – May, 35 years

1995 – June, 30 years

2000 – July, 25 years

2005 – August, 20 years

2010 – September, 15 years

2015 – October, 10 years

2020 – November, 5 years

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

January 21st – 1960 and 1962 Boys Basketball State Champions Honored

Ceremony begins at 6:30 in gym, prior to 7:00pm boys game vs. Liberty

January 26th – February 1st – Becahi Distinguished Graduates and

Fides et Scientia Awards announced

March 22nd – 6th Annual Golden Gala, Blue Event Center, 5:00-9:00pm

Dick and Anna Marie Culver to be recognized

July 19th – Centennial Celebration Kickoff Event, at DeSales University

Reunion News...

- **Class of 1984's 41st Reunion** at the Wanderlust Beer Garden in the Barn, reserved section (1600 Sullivan Trail, Forks Township, Pennsylvania 18040) on Saturday, April 26th, 2025, from 6PM - 9PM. See: Bethlehem Catholic Class of 84 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/30467242097/about>
- **Class of '85's 40th Reunion**
 - Saturday, 9/13/2025
 - Sunset river cruise - hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dessert, drinks included, 5-10 PM aboard the River Queen. Private event.
 - Manasquan/Brielle NJ. \$190.00 PP.
 - Contacts: **Missy (Michelle) DaRe**. Beca40reunion@icloud.com, phone number (484) 358-4338, or **Sherri Hines** at arteacherscsp@gmail.com.

Centennial Kick-Off – July 19, 2025

All Alumni Most Welcome!



The #Becahi100 Team is already working on the Centennial Year Celebrations! As we enter a new and exciting phase of the planning, we are looking for more help! Be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration and etch your name into the Bethlehem Catholic history books. If you are interested in joining our team, please email Regan Downey at rdowney@becahi.org.

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The Golden Carousers Carolers of the Seventies



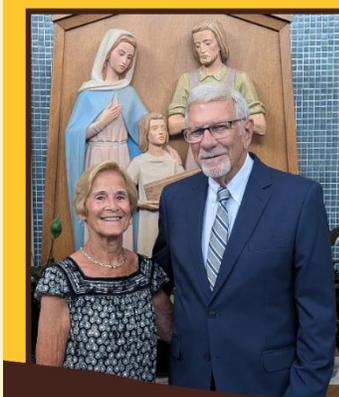
Several members from the heydays of the early seventies reconnected at Adagio's just before the holidays to imbibe and enjoy one another's company. "What happens at Adagio stays at Adagio."

Happy New Year everyone!

Up front, Left > right: **Tommy Scully '70, Betsy Horvath Kane '70, Tommy Altimare '70, Mary Jane Bartos '70, Billy Kametz '71, George Kane '70, and Sue Bartos '72**
In the background, left > right: **Carl Strobl '70, Bobby Halbreiner '71, and JOB**

The 6th Annual Golden Gala Honoring Dick and Anna Marie Culver

Join us at The 6th Annual Golden Gala on Saturday, March 22, 2025! The Golden Gala is Bethlehem Catholic High School's most important single fundraiser that benefits



Dick & Anna Marie Culver

Bethlehem Catholic
Principal from 1974 to 2007

◆
Bethlehem Catholic
Advancement Director &
Board Member from 1983 to 2023

◆
Parents of Christine '87 & Danielle '90
Grandparents of Marco '20, Marissa '23,
Matthew '24, Benjamin '28 & Ava '28

2025 Gala Honorees



Bethlehem Catholic students. As we prepare to celebrate our Centennial Year in 2025 through 2026, we will honor Dick and Anna Marie Culver, who continue to give so much to the Golden Hawk family.

Attendees will mingle and dine at The Event Center at Blue. We invite our Becahi community to gather, view The Golden Gala program, bid virtually on the exceptional prizes, and contribute to our Give from the

Heart to Becahi. Each year, this essential appeal to help our students selects items that will benefit every student at Bethlehem Catholic.

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1980

- Jeffrey Bartos '80 is the child of Ethel Daday '42
- Martin Byrnes '80 is the child of Patrick '50 and Theresa (Fox '50) Byrnes
- Francesca Callisto Ohl '80 is the parent of Zachary '04 and Alexander '07
- Vincent Chiles '80 is the child of Ann Concilio '43
- Matthew Egan '80 is the child of Jack '57 and Susan Molitorisz Egan '56
- Jane Fenton Hulse '80 is the child of Charlie '42 and Rita (Dugan '43) Fenton
- Christine Fondl Serman '80 is the child of Lorraine McFadden '48
- Judith Grimmer Casso '80 is the child of Herman '47 and Rosalie (Shamenek '47) Grimmer
- Scott Haskell '80 is the child of Roberta Schultz '57
- Joanne Hoch Burger '80 is the child of Marie Fink '41
- Judith Holzer Huber '80 is the child of Dorothy Kalman '55
- Christine Horvath Deuel '80 is the child of Dolores Evrard '45
- Elizabeth Kaercher Eichler '80 is the child of Jacob '47 and Rosemarie (Hartigan '48) Kaercher
- Richard Kolesky '80 is the child of Richard '58 and Barbara (Kanuck '58) Kolesky
- John Long '80 is the child of John '50
- Thomas Macasevich '80 is the child of Florence DeBellis '54
- Robert McClarin '80 is the child of Theresa Wills '51
- Patricia McDonald Connors '80 is the child of William '52
- Eileen Mesko Scott '80 is the child of Eleanor Blanar '49
- Scott Miller '80 is the child of William '37
- Daniel Mumbauer '80 is the child of Dolores Kerecz '59 and the grandchild of Dorothy Long '40
- Steven Ornosky '80 is the child of Ethel Fecko '49
- Susan Phillips Boyd '80 is the child of Mary Dugan '50
- Donna Jo Ronca '80 is the child of Don '53 and Maryanne (Bilsak '53) Ronca
- Robert Sawyer '80 is the child of Margaret Ortwein '43
- John Sell '80 is the child of Seline Anthony '57
- Julie Torok Chambers '80 is the child of Julia Horvath '58
- Joseph Vargo '80 is the child of Helen Korpics '48

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- Jeffrey Baba '81 is the child of George '56
- Denise Bellew '81 is the child of Joseph '35
- Joseph Blasko '81 is the parent of Justina '02, Eric '06 and Marc '10
- Mark Brandstetter '81 is the child of Mary Nemetz '47
- Bernie Brown '81 is the child of Germaine Dick '51 and the parent of Amanda '04, Bernie '07, Bryan '13, Kelly '10, Alyssa '15, Brent '20, and Kyleigh '21
- Thomas Calvo '81 is the child of Anne Baca '44
- Maria Carisio Russoli is the child of Generose Dwyer '46
- Patrick Chiles '81 is the child of Anne Concilio '43
- William Connell '81 is the child of William '52 and Mary (Silvoy '52) Connell
- Jean Foley '81 is the child of Joan Mangan '42
- Joan Foley '81 is the child of Joan Mangan '42
- Kelly Girke Medina '81 is child of Patricia Kelly '51
- Daniel Green '81 is the child of Joan Culligan '49
- Jeffrey Haas '81 is the child of Charles '41 and Virginia (Kelly '41) Haas
- Sarah Harris Ofalt '81 is the child of Mary Concilio '40
- Robert Hercik '81 is the child of Robert '60 and the parent of Robert '05
- James Horwath '81 is the child of Kathleen O'Connell '47 and the parent of Sarah '14
- Donna Jani Fetchko '81 is the child of Grace Scheller '52
- Paul Kametz '81 is the child of Mary Ann Nemchick '53
- Christopher Kita '81 is the child of Bernie '52 and Anna Mae (Hollendersky '52) Kita
- Kathleen Koons Dugan '81 is the child of Mary Louise Repsher '57 and the parent of Kyle '19
- Diane Kospiah Kiefer '81 is the child of MaryAnn Valentin '54
- James Kranyecz '81 is the child of Patricia Hanley '53
- Mary Lynch '81 is the child of Harry '41 and Lucy '40 (Hildenberger '40) Lynch
- James McCauley '81 is the parent of Ashley '12
- Miriam Mello '81 is the child of Phillip '55
- Laurie Mingora West '81 is the child of Elizabeth Polak '57
- Thomas Nonnemaker '81 is the child of Ann Marie Marcin '50
- Brian Phillips '81 is the child of Mary Dugan '50
- Theresa Strunk Valentin '81 is the child of Mary Lyons '60
- Hugh Tobin '81 is the parent of Christopher '11
- John Turnbach '81 is the child of Mary Boyle '49
- Philip Turnbach '81 is the child of Mary Boyle '49
- Donald Vargo '81 is the child of Helen Korpics '48
- Joseph Zongora '81 is the child of Jeanne Zelko '60 and the parent of Gianna '19

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- Regina Zsilavetz Turnbach '81 is the child of Rosalie Pursell '53

1982

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- JoAnn Bishop Bedell '82 is the child of Mary Kost '60
- Anthony "Buddy" Cacciatore '82 is the child of Margaret Baca '47
- Michael Carrodo '82 is the child of Agnes Reilly '43
- Robert Culligan '82 is the child of Leo '52 and Loretta (Lucas '55) Culligan
- Thomas Demyan '82 is the child of Michael '56 and Dolores (Dougherty '59) Demyan and the grandchild of Micky '33
- Michael Daniel Gallagher '82 is the child of Angelina Albarelli Dorshimer '61
- David Hartigan '82 is the child of Virginia Slafkosky '45
- John Horvath is the child of Dolores Evrard '45
- Chris Kacsur '82 is the child of Mary Jane Lucas '56
- Michael Kissel '82 is the child of Michael '58
- Scott Koach '82 is the child of Ronald '55 and Mary (Fagan '55) Koach
- William Koons '82 is the child of Mary Louise Repsher '57
- Mark Kovacs '82 is the child of Rosemarie Philippi '49
- Stacey Lasover Smith '82 is the child of Jean Korpics '58
- Thomas Maloney '82 is the child of Thomas '57 and Ann (Kervin '57) Maloney
- Michael Maurer '82 is the child of Fritz '49 and Jeanne (Ryan '49) Maurer
- Richie McGarr '82 is the parent of Jenna '13 and Ava Costa '20
- Paul Mesko '82 is the child of Eleanor Blamar '49
- Kevin Moroney '82 is the child of Jimmy '53
- Sally Mumbauer Marks '82 is the child of Dolores Kerecz '59 and the grandchild of Dorothy Long '40
- John Ornosky '82 is the child of Ethel Fecko '49
- William O'Toole '82 is the parent of Julianne '08
- Suzanne Ronca '82 is the child of Don '53 and Maryanne (Bilsak '53) Ronca
- Joan Stangl McGaughy '82 is the child of Margaret Spevak '48
- Barbara Tachovsky Francis '82 is the child of Thomas '54
- Thomas Uhl '82 is the child of Mary Keating '60
- John Verbos '82 is the parent of John '13

1983

- Jamie Bicking Youngerman '83 is the child of Annette Sullivan '55
- Tina Bishop Citro '83 is the child of Mary Kost '60
- Francis Boyle III '83 is the child of Francis '56
- Cathy Braxmeier Madison '83 is the child of Eleanor Antolic '52, and with Ronald Madison '83, the parents of Alexandra '14, Eric '14, Julia '14 and Victoria '14

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- John Brown '83 is the child of Germaine Dick '51
- Joseph Cunningham '83 is the child of Ann Marie Toggart '38
- Suzanne Ellwanger Adam '83 is the child of Thomas '55
- Michele Horwath Schoenen '83 is the child of Susan Peters '59 and the grandchild of John Peters '30
- Fitzgerald Jaeger '83 is the child of Helen Greenstein '55
- Karyn Koons '83 is the child of Mary Louise Repsher '57
- James Kostelnick '83 is the child of Dan '49 and Jacqueline (Tocci '49) Kostelnick
- Joanne Kozul Olney '83 is the child of Mary Ruth '50
- Scott Matuczinski '83 is the parent of Ryan '11, Jason '13 and Faith '24
- Jeff Mergel '83 is the parent of Andrew '10 and Patrick '14
- Cheryl Morykan Hancock '83 is the child of Geri Jancosko '61
- Christopher Moughan is the child of Mercedes Machain '55
- John Niechwiadowicz '83 is the child of Mary McCarthy '45
- Tracey Rothrock Campbell '83 is the child of Anita Bianco '59
- Marybeth Sawyer Romberger '83 is the child of Margaret Ortwein '43
- Stephanie Schweder Kratzer '83 is the child of Mary Lyons '45
- Brian Slusaw '83 is the parent of Madylin Zegalia '19 and Carly Zegalia '25
- Diane Smith Briones '83 is the child of Theresa Dominko '55
- Kathleen Snyder Adolt-Silva '83 is the child of Lorraine Willey '59
- Daniel Tanczos '83 is the parent of Hannah '16 and Rachel '17
- Elizabeth Turnbach '83 is the child of Mary Boyle '49
- Susan Uhl '83 is the child of Mary Keating '60
- Patricia Verbos Horn '83 is the parent of Alyssa '10 and Christopher '14

Brown Font – Two Generations; Blue Font – Three Generations

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*.



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Thank You! ❤️

Once again, the alumni continue to significantly and generously support their alma mater each year. I looked at the 2024 Report of Giving, and for the first time in school history, the Advancement Office drove the total annual fund results to over one million dollars! Special thanks to Becahi's Advancement Director, **Tom Vresics '81**, for his stewardship, and to his staff, **Regan Downey '17** and Tina Giordano for their tireless efforts to help shape the future of Becahi students.

From the report, I did my best to identify those alums who were able to contribute this year. Here is what I ascertained...

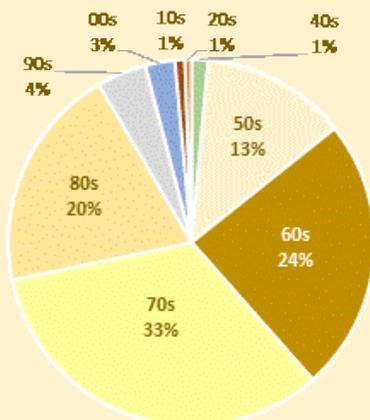
Bethlehem Catholic High School 2023 / 2024 Annual Fund - Alumni Participation

from Annual Report 2024

Donors by Class and Decade...

Decades >	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	00s	10s	20s	
Year Ending										
0		3	7	26	5	4	1			
1		2	6	15	11			1		
2		5	2	7	26	1	1			
3			3	8	6	1	2	1		
4		8	3	9	4	2			2	
5	1	4	5	11	4	1	1			
6		3	8	9	3	1	2	1		
7	2	5	11	17	2	2	1			Classes
8	1	8	24	7	4	1	1			<u>63</u>
9	1	6	14	5	3	2				Grads
	5	44	83	114	68	15	9	3	2	<u>343</u>

Donor % by Decade



As we move into our 99th year as *the* Catholic High School in Bethlehem, let's join in the preparation and celebration by continuing to serve and support the place that got us all started on our lifelong journey.

We are most fortunate.

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Shaping the Future

In Principal Dean Donaher's message to the Friends of Bethlehem Catholic in the 2024 Report of Giving, he wrote *"Over the past year, members of our faculty, administrative team and board members have been working on a new strategic plan intended to advance our Catholic mission, better serve our students, and strengthen our school community."*

The over eleven thousand alumni members of the school community are most interested in the strategy that addresses shaping the future of the enrollment numbers.

The 2 charts below track the class sizes of graduates

- 1) Over the past 10 years and the current 4 classes at the school.
- 2) The average class size by decade from 1927 onward

Class Sizes 2015 > 2028



Average Class Size over the Decades



What is included in our strategic plan to move onward and upward? ...and how can we help achieve those goals?

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Recent Passings

Alumni	Class	Passed Away	Age
Janet Hoffman	1982	11/19/2024	60

Our Family and Friends Passings

- † Joan Dugan, mother of **Regina '79**, **Lianne '85**, **Kevin '89**, Marikay and Larry on 12/07
- † Elizabeth Gillespie, mother of **Kelly '78** and **Bridget '84**, on 11/17
- † **Janet Hoffman '82**, sister of **Rachel '85** and Elizabeth, on 11/19

... and please remember to say a special prayer for our '70 classmates who passed away in the month of January.

Roseanne Pammer Szvetcz (01/26/96) and **Bill Szulborski (01/22/11)**

In All That We Do, We Remember Them

- From Gates of Prayer, published by Central Conference of American Rabbis.

*In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
we remember them.*

*In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
we remember them.*

*In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
we remember them.*

*In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
we remember them.*

*In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
we remember them.*

*In the beginning of the year and when it end,
we remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength,
we remember them.*

*When we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.*

*When we have joys we yearn to share,
we remember them.*

*So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us,
as we remember them.*

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Sports

Alumni Notables

Becahi to Honor the 1960 and 1962 Basketball State Champions

Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend a pre-centennial Event when Bethlehem



Catholic honors the 1960 and 1962 PCIAA State Championship Teams on **Tuesday, January 21st**, when the Golden Hawks host Liberty at 7 PM.

The Ceremony to honor the 1960 & 1962 Teams begins **at 6:30 PM**.

Your presence will add to the excitement and significance of the event.

Football History

The 2024 season was completed last November in the District XI Semifinals.

Here are some interesting overall observations...

There have been 65 seasons of Becahi football... 1926 – 1930 (5) and 1965 – 2024 (60)

There have been 109 Opponents over the years in 723 games played.

The teams' record is 442 wins, 270 losses and 11 ties.

The top five opponents are...

	Games	Won	Lost	Tied
Allentown Central Catholic	62	34	28	0
Liberty	54	35	19	0
Easton	52	25	27	0
Freedom	51	27	23	1
Dieruff	42	28	13	1

...thought you'd find it interesting.

Basketball Honors

Hope Brown '18, who is third on the girls basketball all-time scorers list, received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and is a Platoon Leader for the Army in Lawton, OK.

Cassidy Saylor '21, a senior Communications major on the East Stroudsburg University's women's basketball team, was named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team.

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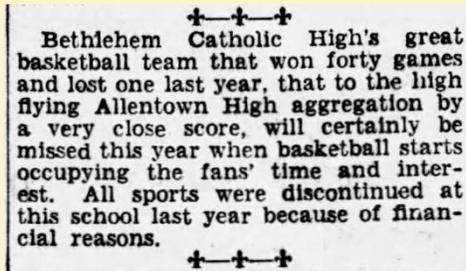
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Sports... continued

1931 – 1932 Season

According to an article in the Morning Call, dated 11-21-1931, page 9, all sports were discontinued at the school in June of '31 because of financial reasons. The baseball and track teams did not compete in the spring of '31. (MC 3/19/31, page 20)



(See also MC article 4/30/31, page 10)

Remember this was the time of the “Great Depression”, a severe global economic downturn from 1929 to 1939.

Bethlehem Catholic High School on LinkedIn

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

Get (re)connected.

Take advantage of the Becahi Alumni network!

Profiles of Becahi grads are posted each month in *Tidings* so we can continue to share our stories and connections with each other. It's a great way to market our school and alumni. (...and because they are Becahi Grads, I call it “BLinkedIn”).

“BLinkedIn” Profiles

Potential Mentors and Colleagues...

Get Connected to your Classmates... Last year, **777 graduates from 47 classes were recognized.** Check it out at <https://becahi.org/alumni/alumni-newsletter/>.

This edition of *Tidings* contains the names of 56 graduates from 46 classes.

Here are some graduates who deserve recognition this month...

Bob Lund '75, who received a BS in Television Production from Kutztown University, is a Freelance Videographer, Producer and Teacher after a service as General Manager for WMCN-TV Lenfest Broadcasting LLC, and Teacher of Television Production at Pleasantville (NJ) High School.

Anne McCandless Rampolla '75, who received a BA in Spanish from Moravian University and an MA in Spanish at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, was a Professor of Spanish Language and Literature at Lehigh and Moravian Universities, and is currently a Board Member of Historic Bethlehem Museum & Sites.

Diane Hollshwandner Erney '76 is Business Banking Administrative Manager at Wells Fargo in the Lehigh Valley.

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John Santanasto '77, who received a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University, is Retired Director - Information Systems at PPL Corporation.

John Campbell '78, who received a BS in Business and Finance from Mount St. Mary's University and a JD from Widener University School of Law, is Partner at the firm of Cipriani & Werner PC, in Blue Bell, PA.

Ron Koach '79 is Pastoral Assistant at Holy Ghost Church in Bethlehem and the Newman Center at Lehigh University.

Rich Korpics '80, who received a BS in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University, is Inside Sales Coordinator at Lehigh Heavy Forge Corporation.

Christine Molnar Figler '80, who received a BSN and RN from Temple University, is Physician Recruiter for St. Luke's University Health Network.

David Augello '81, who received a BS in Biology from Moravian University, is a Pharmaceutical supply chain professional, currently Serialization Logistics Architect & Integration Lead at Combined Computer Resources Inc. (CCR), a staffing solutions company in Matawan, NJ.

Todd Bennett '82, a U.S. Army veteran, who received a BS in Business Administration from McKendree University, is General Manager at Ferrous Metal Processing, the Midwest's leader in the toll processing of flat rolled steel, in Luka, MS.

Pat Murphy Shoop '83, who received an AAS in Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science from Northampton Community College, a BA in Spanish Language from Shippensburg University, and an MBA from Samford University, is Procurement Manager at Yates Construction in Birmingham, AL.

Carmine Venezia '84, who received a BS in Accounting from Lehigh University and a JD from Brooklyn Law School, is Managing Director, Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer at BNY, A global financial services company overseeing more than \$50T in assets, in the NYC metro area.

Chris Gillen '85, who received a BS in Biology from Lafayette College and a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Physiology from Yale University, is Professor of Biology at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH.

Ronald Hersh '85, who received a BS in Biology from Juniata College and a DMD from Temple University's Kornberg School of Dentistry, is the Owner of Advanced Prosthodontics in the Lehigh Valley.

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Erica Ziegenfuss Bortz '86, who received a BS in Accounting from Kutztown University, is Client Accounting and Advisory Services (CAAS) Principal at CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen) in Bethlehem.

Rene Godbolt '87, who studied at Boston College and Lehigh University, is a Special Education Teacher at the Bensalem (PA) Township School District.

Carol Mooney Domzalski '88, who received an RN from Northampton Community College, and both a BSN and MSN from Chamberlain University, is Director of Professional Excellence at the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network.

Roberta Bukvics Moir '89, who received a BS in Retail/Fashion Merchandising from Marywood University, is Store Manager at Dick's Sporting Goods in East Brunswick, NJ.

Eric August '90, who received a BA in Sociology from Moravian University, is Managing Director at Partner Title, LLC, in Raleigh, NC.

Maria Casteline-Krebs '90, who received a BS in Psychology from the University of Scranton and an MS in Counseling Psychology from Boston College, is School Counselor at Maugham Elementary School in Tenafly, NJ. <https://maugham.tenaflyschools.org/class-pages/casteline-krebs-maria>

Cory Charron '91, who studied at Lehigh Carbon Community College, is Sales Manager at Blaise Alexander of Greater Hazleton.

Jason Buck '92, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts from Marymount University, is Physician Services Director at Coordinated Health in the Lehigh Valley.

Chad Breidinger '93, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Moravian University, is a Senior Advertising Executive at John Patrick Publishing Co. in Ivyland, PA.

Michael Kephart '94, who received a BA in History from Lafayette College, was the Online Support and Contact Center Manager for World Wide Stereo in Montgomeryville, PA, and is **open for new opportunities.**

Elisa Ryback Coyle '95, who received a BAS in Environmental Engineering Technology from Temple University, is Senior Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst for the City of Allentown.

Bernie Spirk '95, who received a BS in Information Systems from St. Joseph's University, is the Senior Facilities Manager at Spirk Brothers, Inc. in the Lehigh Valley.

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Michael Brophy '96, who received a BS in Marketing from St. Bonaventure University, is Supervisor-Alternative Fund Services – Private Equity, at SS&C Technology/ALPS in Boston.

Michael Derr '97, who received a BS Business Management from Colby Sawyer College and a BS in Civil Engineering from Drexel University, is Vice President at Geo-Technology Associates, Inc. (GTA) in Quakertown.

Nicholas Cirignano '98, who studied at St. Joseph's University, and served as managing Director at Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, works with companies across the middle market landscape, with a focus on the healthcare industry, and has a track record of serving as a trusted advisor to his clients and other market participants.

Angela Alloggio '99, who received an AA in Social Work from Northampton Community College and a BS in Therapeutic Recreation from East Stroudsburg University, served as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist at Cedarbrook Nursing Home.

Thomas Donatelli '00, who received a Bachelor's Degree from Temple University and a Master's Degree from Stony Brook University, is Account Manager at ADP in New Port Richey, FL.

Kathryn McCauley '00, who received a BBA in Human Resources Management from Temple University's Fox School of Business, and an RN from St. Luke's School of Nursing, is the Regional Director of Nursing at Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services Inc. in Allentown.

Peter Bogunovich '01, who received a BS in Computer and Information Science from Temple University and an MS in Computer Science from Drexel University, is Director of Engineering at Vistar Media, the world's leading end-to-end programmatic ecosystem for digital out-of-home (OOH), in the greater Philadelphia area.

Kate Glagola '02, who received a BA in Business Administration from Moravian University and a Master's Degree in International Relations from Dublin City University, served as a Pharmacy Technician Supervisor at Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Adam Nystrom '03, who received a BA in Sociology, a BA in English and an MA in Professional and Digital Media Writing from East Stroudsburg University, is a language Specialist at Innodata, Inc, a global data engineering company, on a mission to help the world's leading technology companies and enterprises drive Generative and Traditional AI innovation.

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Christie Cech '04, who received an AS in Criminal Justice and Corrections from Northampton Community College and a BA in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University, is a Corrections Officer at the Lehigh County Prison, and **open to new opportunities.**

Carlee Bindics Deibert '05, who received an Associate's Degree in Marketing from Northampton Community College, is the Office Manager and Graphic Designer at Bindics Custom Screening Printing in Northampton.

Joseph Haymaker '05, who received a BA in Spanish and Economics from Lafayette College, an MA in Spanish Language and Literature from The University of Colorado, Boulder, and a Master's Degree in Computer and Information Technology from the University of Pennsylvania, is a Technical Writer at Google Cloud Platform (Cloud AI APIs), in Seattle, WA.

Anthony Vidal '06, who received a BS in Management from DeSales University, is Branch Manager at Premier Trailer Leasing in Dallas, TX.

Mitchel Dean '07, who received an AAS in Hotel Management from Northampton Community College and a BS in Hospitality & Tourism Management from Temple University, is Senior Digital Sales Representative for ADP Insurance Agency, Inc. in Allentown.

Eric Weiss '08, who received a BS in Clinical Laboratory Science at King's College, is a Clinical Application Analyst at Naples Community Hospital Inc, in the Charleston-Huntington, WV area.

Madison Burke '09, who received a BS in Kinesiology from Penn State University and a DPT in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, is a Small Business Owner of Elevated Physical Therapy in Pasadena, CA.

Eric Bender '10, who received a BBA in Management from Kutztown University, is Director - Client Services at WhiteCap Search, preparing job seekers for the next wave of their careers and employers for the projected growth of their business, in the metro New Jersey.

Alyssa Horn '10, who received a BFA in Interior Design from Savannah College of Art and Design, is Senior Interior Designer at Perkins Eastman, a global architecture and design firm, in Raleigh, NC.

Molly Brewer '11, who received a BA in Public Relations from Penn State University, is a Consultant at Unison, a software, data and insights company empowering federal agencies, program offices, and government contractors throughout their contracting and financial assistance processes in the Washington, DC area.

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Abigail Haas '12, who received an AAS in Communication Design from Northampton Community College, a BA in Fine and Studio Arts from East Stroudsburg University, and an MEd in Early Childhood Education from DeSales University, is a Kindergarten Teacher at Executive Education Academy Charter School in Allentown, and is **open to new opportunities.**

Matt Spengler '13, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Quinnipiac University and a Master's Degree in Government and Security Studies from Johns Hopkins University Advanced Academic Programs, is Conversation Designer at Mother Tongue in the Philadelphia area. Matt has a blend of experience in geopolitics, artificial intelligence (AI), and disinformation.

Marcin Boraganli '14, who received a BS in Financial Management and Economics from the University of Ottawa, and served as a Finance Intern at DAGMA, computer and network security, in Poland, is now **open to new opportunities.** He possesses In-depth knowledge related to Financial Econometrics and Statistical Analysis.

Zachary Blair '15, who received a BBA in Supply Chain Management from Temple University, is a Sales Associate at the GAP in the greater Philadelphia area.

Cassidy Flynn '15, who received an Associate's Degree in Psychology from Northampton Community College, a BS in Art Therapy from Lesley University and an MA in Art Therapy from Drexel university, is an Arts and Mental Health Professional at Resources for Human Development in Philadelphia.

Julie Glemser '16, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Immaculata University, is IT Support Specialist at IonX LLC, a company built to deliver technology solutions through our network of partners, peers, and providers, in Bethlehem.

Melissa Kacar '17, who AA in Journalism and an AAS in Communication Design from Northampton Community College, is a graphic designer, writer and photographer from Pennsylvania. She writes *"I have been posting regularly on my blog (melissakacar.com) since July of 2017 and have since written over 100 articles about music, beauty, fashion and more."*

Hope Brown '18, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the United States Military Academy at West Point, is a Platoon Leader for the Army in Lawton, OK.

Sofia Trujillo '19, who received a BA in Digital Arts from LaSalle University, is a Digital Designer and Cartographer at the Critical Response Group in Hamilton, NJ.

Ellie Freiss '20, who received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Wilkes University, is a Process Engineer at Proctor & Gambel in Mehoopany, PA.

Lily Grochowski '20, who received a BA in Psychology from Gettysburg College, is a Graduate Student in Clinical Counseling at Moravian University.

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From the Advancement Office
Tom Vresics '81, Director

Tom's Top 10 Suggestions to prepare for Bethlehem Catholic High School's Centennial

1- Save the Date of Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 7 PM until 10 PM for the Bethlehem Catholic Centennial Kickoff Celebration at DeSales University in the O'Connor Commons. As a token of our appreciation, the first 200 alumni attendees will receive an exclusive commemorative glass, a symbol of your special connection to Bethlehem Catholic.

2- Make a New Year's Resolution to become an EITC Donor—email Tom Vresics at eitc@becahi.org. Your contribution, no matter the amount, brings us closer to our 1 Million EITC goal. We have donors from all income levels who have donated from \$1000 to \$150,000 this year from the PA State income taxes they were already paying. Your support is crucial and makes a real difference.

3- Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend a pre-centennial Event like when Bethlehem Catholic honors the 1960 and 1962 PCIAA State Championship Teams when the Golden Hawks host Liberty on Tuesday, January 21 at 7 PM. The Ceremony to honor the 1960 & 1962 Teams begins at 6:30 PM. Your presence will add to the excitement and significance of the event.

4- Talk to your financial planner about leaving Bethlehem Catholic in your Will. I recently did it on the Free Will website using its easy will-making tool. In December, Bethlehem Catholic received \$50,000 from **Dr. Frank Zondlo '63** in his Will. To leave a donation in your Will, use the QR Code at left, or go to the Diocese of Allentown website to get the online link. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Tom Vresics at (302) 985-7648.



5- If you are a Distinguished Graduate, Athletic Wall of Famer, or Golden Gala Honoree, email Tom Vresics at alumnierevents@becahi.org to arrange a time to sign our Centennial Banner. Join **Tom Tachovsky '54, Bob Bukvics '60, Tom Sculley '70, John Spagnola '75, Mike Guman '76, Terri Guman Wignot '79, Dan Tanczos '83, Joe Uliana '83, Sean McIntyre '84, Pat Santoro '84, John Pavis '86, and Darian Cruz '13** who have already signed the Centennial Banner.

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6- **Join the #BECAHI100 Centennial Planning Team.** Our next meeting is via Zoom on Wednesday, January 8, or Thursday, January 9, at 7 PM, depending on which evening most people can attend. Email rdowney@becahi.org to join our group and get the Zoom meeting link. **Michael Solomon '82** has pledged \$15,000 to \$20,000 to help underwrite the total cost of the Centennial Celebration.

7- **Consider making a leadership donation in honor of Bethlehem Catholic's 100th year.** This past month, we received one leadership gift of \$100,000, another for \$50,000, one for \$25,000, and one for \$20,000. We also have a pledge for a major gift of \$75,000. We are very grateful to these loyal Golden Hawks, and we will announce their names and others at their discretion throughout our Centennial Year Celebration.

8- Get together with your classmates and **consider reserving a table at the Golden Gala.** We honor Dick and Anna Marie Culver on Saturday, March 22nd, from 5 PM to 9 PM at the Event Center at Blue.

9- **Help us find the missing yearbooks** from the years 1931-1947, and 1949. Talk to your family about who may have their parent's or grandparent's yearbook from these years. Also talk to your classmates about the people, stories, and events that need to be included in our Centennial Yearbook and email Tom Vresics at alumnierevents@becahi.org with your nominations.



10- **Save the date of Saturday, July 27, 2026,** from 5 PM until 10 PM for the Bethlehem Catholic Centennial Finale Celebration at the DeSales University Center.

Make A Joyful Noise

Are you ready for our encore? Make a Joyful Noise will go live on January 26, 2025, as a part of Catholic Schools Week- get ready to vote early and vote often for the Golden Hawks! Bethlehem Catholic High School students are back in another edition of Make a Joyful Noise Competition! Last year, the Golden Hawks raised over \$20,000 for our school and hope to exceed that this year. Becahi's Make a Joyful Noise video is entirely student-run. Our students plan, star in, film, and edit the entire video!

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 January 26th and run through February 23rd, so be on the lookout for Becahi's video!"

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Reflection

As we celebrate a new year... let's revisit a song from months past...
Find the song on-line and give a listen...

New Year, from "A Christmas Festival" with John Rutter, The Cambridge Singers, and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

♪ Turn your eyes to the light;
♪ Cast away the works of darkness, let them go:

♪ Turn your eyes to the light.
♪ Turn your face to the sun:
♪ Feel the warmth, the hope of new beginnings
♪ With each new year.

♪ The light was always there if we could but see it;
♪ And warmth was in the air if we'd known how to feel.

♪ Turn your eyes to the light,
♪ Turn your face to the sun:
♪ New light, new hope, new year.
♪ New light, new hope, new year.

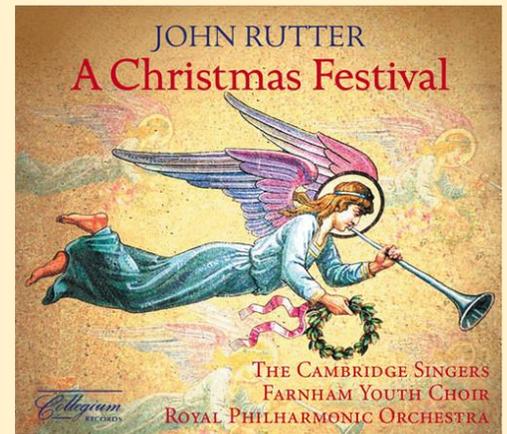
♪ Turn your ears to the sound;
♪ Somewhere near, a voice is calling:
♪ Hear the news,
♪ Turn your ears to the sound.

♪ Turn your heart to the love;
♪ Christ is come to bring the world new life
♪ To bring new life
♪ The voice is always there, if the world will hear it;
♪ And love is always there, if you search in your heart.

♪ Turn your ears to the sound,
♪ Turn your heart to the love:
♪ New life, new love, new year.

♪ **New life and love, and light and hope,**
♪ **This good New Year.**

And now...



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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 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,
JohnnieO (John O'Boyle '70)
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