



A Newsletter for Alumni, Parents and Friends of Berks Catholic,
Central Catholic, Holy Name, and Reading Catholic High Schools

Visit our Website

Alumni in the News:

Congratulations to **Jim Cinelli (CC 1986)**, Founder and Board President of the Reading Science Center, which opened its doors to the public in October.

[Read Jim's story here on page 2.](#)



James Thomas (HN 1990) (pictured back row, center) among police officers to take part in Road to Hope.

[Read the story here.](#)



Congratulations to elite skateboarder **Maurio McCoy (BC 2014)**, Tokyo Olympic Hopeful featured on Good Morning America.

[Listen to his story here.](#)



Congratulations to **Kaylin Wittmeyer (BC 2017)**, who was one of six finalists from New Jersey Institute of Technology in pursuit of a Fulbright scholarship, and who (since this article was published) has been offered a fellowship from The Fulbright Program if accepted to her first choice college in Canada!

[Read Kaylin's story here.](#)



Congratulations to **Ryan Emkey (BC 2015)**, Deputy Sheriff in Manatee County, who received a Life Saving Award for his work with 5 fellow deputies to locate a man who was heard calling out for help after being trapped in a ravine filled with water for two days. They were able to find him, pull him up out of the ravine, and carry him 250 yards to EMS. Their efforts to find him and get him out of the water and up the ravine to safety saved his life.



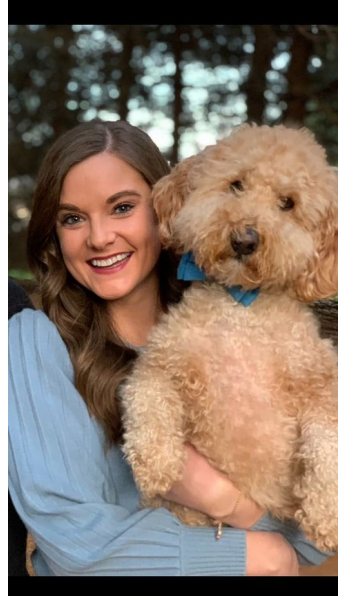
Congratulations to **Michelle (Geddio) Anton (HN 1990)** (pictured back row, center), who is the new owner of the Sinking Spring Lords & Ladies Salon and to BC Parents Terry and Lori Derr (far left), who franchised their 7 Lords & Ladies Salon locations.

[Read their story here](#)



Jessica Griesemer (HN 2005) works with 3- to 5-year-olds as a Speech Language Pathologist with the BCIU's Early Intervention Program.

[Read Jessica's story here.](#)



Other Alumni News

Elizabeth Gaspari (BC 2017) Penn State swimmer, received the 2021 Ernest B. McCoy Award, which is presented to one male and one female senior on the swim team who shows excellence in the pool and in academics.

Gehrig Vogel (BC 2017) is the new Grounds Director for the Trenton Thunder Baseball Club, Home of the 2021 AAA Toronto Blue Jays.

Vanessa Ioannidi (BC 2016) has been admitted to the 2021 session of the Columbia Publishing Course at Columbia Journalism School in New York.

Isaac Lutz (BC 2015), Penn State football player, was named to the 2021 National Football Foundation (NFF) Hampshire Honor Society. In order to be considered for membership in the Hampshire Honor Society, a player must be a starter or significant contributor in his last year of eligibility and maintain a cumulative 3.2 grade point average or higher throughout the course of his undergraduate study at an accredited NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, Football Championship Subdivision, Division II, Division III, or an NAIA college or university.

1st Lt. Juliana (Wright) Coleman (BC 2014) is an Air Force Pilot.

Alex Ronky (BC 2014) currently works for GSK as a Pediatric Vaccine Specialist in Chicago, servicing hospitals and independent providers in their infant and adolescent vaccine protocols and championing the Meningitis immunization effort for his team in Chicago.

Amanda Fellin (BC 2014) is currently working in the Pittsburgh area as a strategy consultant for Highmark Health. Her life and career goals include becoming a leader in healthcare innovation and living closer to the beach.

Amanda Fowler (BC 2014) is the Divisional HR Manager at Pratt Industries.

Maria Mastromarino (BC 2012), MSN, CRNP-PC, earned her Master's Degree in Nursing at Villanova University and her Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care License. She is currently working at CHOP and will begin a new position as Nurse Practitioner at Reading Pediatrics in May.

Matt Napolitano (BC 2012) started a new position as Director of HR Delivery Operations at Nike in Beaverton, OR. He returns to Nike, where he was formerly an HR Specialist, before taking a position as Director of HR Delivery Operations & HRBP Marketing at Converse in Boston.

Marcus Dawkins (CC 2011) has officially signed with the Midtown Prestige. Marcus played college Basketball at Frederick Maryland, Virginia Lynchburg and Holland College.

Nick Nawa (HN 2011) is an Industrial Designer for Timberland where he designs work boots for tradesmen and women and hiking boots for the US and Canadian markets with a growing focus on sustainability and closing the growing skills gap in both regions.

Emiley Witman (HN 2010) is a scheduling representative for Tower Health Medical Group.

Dr. Matthew Bigos (HN 2005) is an OBGYN physician/partner at OBGYN West.

Michael Knoll (HN 2005) is a Lighting and Compositing Artist for a 2D Animated Show at Nickelodeon.

Dr. Mary (Lynch) Barbera (CC 1982) has released her latest book, "Turn Autism Around: An Action Guide for Parents of Young Children with Early Signs of Autism," in which she explains why parents can't afford to worry and wait in long lines for evaluations and treatment while not knowing how to help their children. She empowers parents, caregivers, and early intervention professionals to regain hope and take back control with simple strategies to dramatically improve outcomes for their children. Dr. Barbera has created a new approach to teaching kids with developmental delays that uses the science of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) married with a positive, child-friendly methodology that any parent can use—whether or not their child has delays—to learn to teach communication skills, socialization strategies, as well as tackle sleep, eating, potty training, and behavior challenges in a positive, effective, and lasting way.

Kevin Visbisky (HN 1978) is an Advisor Engineer for Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc.

John Giese (HN 1970) is the owner of Goose's Montecristo Cigar Lounge in Limerick, PA and is celebrating 29 years of marriage to his wife Joanne.

Barry Garhammer (CC 1961) retired from the Air Force (Msgt. Security Forces) in 2004. He is a medical courier and Vice President and Auditor for the Youngstown Saxon Club.

Engagements:

Brian Kominick (BC 2016) to Keri Degan
Melissa Miller (BC 2015) to Peter Conley
Helena Woytovich (BC 2015) to Philip Bennethum (BC 2015)
Molly Ouchis (HN 2011) to Joel Kankiewicz
Maria Kreider (CC 2010) to Jordan Fischer
Joe Lanciano (HN 2009) to Allison Sain

Weddings:

Olivia Pienta (BC 2015) to Nathan Aultice

New babies:

Baby Boy (Hampton Reece) to Eyimofe and Mariah (Wardius) Edukugho (BC 2013)
Baby Boy (Nolan Barry) to Jonathan and Jamie Angstadt (HN 2011)
Baby Girl (Charlotte) to Jordan and Megan (Kozlowski) Clark (CC 2010)
Baby Boy (Domenico) to Vinny and Taylor (McKee) Brutto (HN 2010/CC 2010)
Baby Girl (Myla) to Devon and Ashley Armstrong (HN 2009)
Baby Girl (Caroline) to Vinny and Emily (Ermentrout) Corpora (CC 2007)

Help brighten a BC Class of 2021 Senior's day with a card or note of support and encouragement.

Berks Catholic is working hard to keep things as normal as possible for our seniors and to recognize our Class of 2021; however, the pandemic is still causing cancellations and disappointments that can not be avoided.

The future is bright for this graduating class in many ways,
but the more we can remind them of that, the better.

If you would like to send a note of congratulations or well wishes to a senior
please click this link and fill out the form,
and we will send you the name and address of one of our seniors.

<https://form.jotform.com/BetsyWoytovich/cardsnotes-for-the-bc-class-of-2021>

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Upcoming Dates to Save

Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing

Date To Be Announced Soon

Berkshire Country Club

For more information or for sponsorship details, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Berks Catholic Homecoming

Friday, September 17

For more information, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

Berks Catholic Extravaganza

Saturday, October 9 (Extravaganza Eve - October 7)

For more information or to donate, please contact Danielle Fowler at 610-374-1695 or extravaganza@berkscatholic.org.

Bill Faller Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 16

Manor Golf Club

For more information or for sponsorship details, please contact Nicky Smith at nsmith@berkscatholic.org.

Upcoming Class Reunions

Holy Name Class of 1970 - 50th Reunion (Rescheduled from 2020)

Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 5:00-9:30

Moselem Springs Golf Club

More information to follow.

Marianne (Pantano) Rutter will compile a book of memories for our class. Please send any personal/family information, accomplishments, memories, photos, etc. to mariannerutter@yahoo.com.

Central Catholic Class of 1971 - 50th Reunion

Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 5:30-11

Marriott Courtyard Marriott

For more information please contact Tim Keltz at 610-301-8779 or tpj627491778@gmail.com.

If you are planning a Berks Catholic, Central Catholic or Holy Name reunion and would like to list more information about the reunion here for your classmates to find, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

***Did you graduate in a year ending in '00 or '05
and miss a reunion due to the COVID-19 pandemic?***

***Or did you graduate in a year ending in '01 or '06
and this is your year for a reunion?***

*In either case, if you are interested in helping to plan your next reunion,
please see letter and checklist below.*



Dear Fellow Alum:

As fellow legacy alumni of Berks Catholic High School and members of the Berks Catholic Board of Directors, we wanted to reach out to you regarding your upcoming Class Reunion. We work closely with Bob Birmingham, the Director of Institutional Advancement, and Betsy Woytovich, the Director of Alumni Relations, and wanted to offer you the following opportunities for your class reunion:

Class List. Betsy would be happy to print out the latest class list to help you reach your former classmates. Updating the alumni database is a constant work in progress so we only ask in return that you also share any new contact information for classmates that you discover during the planning of your reunion.

Mass in the chapel at Berks Catholic. Celebrating Mass together as a class and school was one of many mores that made our Catholic education so unique and special. Doing so in the Mary Queen of All Saints Chapel at Berks Catholic, with either Father Stephan Isaac, BC Chaplain, or perhaps a priest who was a teacher

or administrator during your time at Holy Name or Central Catholic, can be a wonderful shared tradition prior to your class reunion. Remembering deceased members of your class with a candle ceremony during Mass would also be a beautiful tribute to classmates who have passed away.

Tour of Berks Catholic. Whether you walked down the marble staircase as a senior at Central Catholic or walked the halls of Holy Name, Catholic education has come a long way in Berks County, and a tour with your classmates is a fun way to see all of the new additions at Berks Catholic while reminiscing about the way things used to be. Come and see the state-of-the-art auditorium where the entire student body celebrates Mass twice a month and the Performing Arts Department holds two different shows each year, as well as the library; the updated art room; and of course the brand new John R. Post Learning Center, a 25,000 square foot addition that was completed in 2018 and contains six classrooms, the McGlinn Commons, a Career and College Suite, a STEM lab and an expanded cafeteria space.



Reunion in McGlinn Commons or at Shemanski Stadium.

Whether you would like an indoor venue in our new space with plenty of seating and a view of Berks Catholic's new turf field and track, or an outdoor nostalgic venue at the stadium which once was home field to both Central Catholic and Holy Name football as well as, more recently, to Berks Catholic lacrosse and soccer, we would be happy to host your class reunion at one of our spaces.

Class News. Do you know someone in your class who would be interested in being a Class News Agent for our alumni department? This person would simply be a gatherer of facts and news about your classmates: new jobs, marriages, children, grandchildren and other exciting things they would like to share in the Trinity, Berks Catholic's alumni newsletter.

Class Gift. Lastly, please consider a class gift to Berks Catholic. Catholic education cannot exist without the support of our benefactors, and tuition alone does not fully fund the cost to educate each student. The future of Berks Catholic is dependent in part upon its legacy schools and their alumni. Our reunions are a great opportunity to come together and choose a project to fund at Berks Catholic. Please feel free to contact one of us listed below to discuss the many ways you and your classmates can make a significant impact for Berks Catholic as you honor the legacy of Catholic Education in Berks County.

Thank you for your consideration; enjoy your upcoming reunion; and please feel free to call one of us.

Sincerely,



Fred Clabatttoni
BC Board of Directors
HN 1978
610-670-9747
jawman5@aol.com



Bob Birmingham
Director of Institutional Advancement
HN 1983
610-374-8361 ext. 224
rbirmingham@berkscatholic.org



Dave Weber
BC Board of Directors
CC 1970
610-334-8555
davidaweber3@gmail.com



Betsy Woytovich
Director of Alumni Relations
HN 1988
610-374-8361 ext. 231
bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org



955 East Wyomissing Boulevard | Reading, PA 19611-1799 | 610.374.8361 | FAX 610.374.4309 | www.berkscatholic.org

GOD | FAMILY | ACADEMICS | FUN



ATTENTION ALL BERKS CATHOLIC, CENTRAL CATHOLIC, AND HOLY NAME GRADS FOR YEARS ENDING IN 00 AND 05. LET BERKS CATHOLIC HELP YOU PLAN YOUR UPCOMING REUNION.

CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Form a class reunion committee and solicit volunteers to help.
- ☐ Request class list from Berks Catholic.
- ☐ Create a Facebook page for your class to help spread the word and locate lost class members.
- ☐ Create a class reunion budget. Decide how much you want each attendee to pay and whether or not drinks will be included.
- ☐ Choose a venue that meets your budget and pay deposit.
- ☐ Set up a pay site such as WePay or PayPal so that people can pay online.
- ☐ Share reunion information with Berks Catholic, and we will post on our website.
- ☐ Send "Save The Date" postcards or emails at least 6 months prior.
- ☐ Print and mail formal invitations or flyers.
- ☐ Collect any class reunion memorabilia and yearbooks for display.
- ☐ Research and develop deceased classmate tribute.
- ☐ Create nametags (Yearbook pictures are a fun addition to nametags).
- ☐ Decide on decorations/flowers.
- ☐ Create photo slideshow.
- ☐ Finalize agenda with a set schedule (when food will be served/when bar will be open/will anyone speak?).
- ☐ Finalize headcount and report to venue or caterer.
- ☐ Collect contact information from attendees as well as classmates that can't attend.
- ☐ Designate someone to take photographs and please share with Berks Catholic for newsletter and website.
- ☐ Finalize class reunion budget/consider a class gift with any surplus.
- ☐ Update alumni office on any new contact information for your classmates and return any memorabilia.

WHAT BERKS CATHOLIC CAN PROVIDE FOR YOU:

- Class list
- Plastic BC, CC, or HN cups and notepads for your attendees
- Memorabilia or yearbooks for display
- Suggestions for venues and printer for your invitations
- Print flyers, Class Surveys, and/or yearbook photos for nametags

GOD | FAMILY | ACADEMICS | FUN

Did we miss you or someone you know?

Stories about alumni as well as reunion announcements and pictures for The Trinity come from alumni like you. If you would like to include any information in the next newsletter or share a contact for a friend or family member, please click here and tell us about it:

[Alumni News Submission](#)

Are you or an alumni you know making a difference in your community?

If you would like to be featured in our Alumni Saint Spotlight, please click here:

[Alumni Saint Spotlight Form](#)

Regarding any of the above, please also feel free to contact
Betsy Woytovich, Director of Alumni Relations,
bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org or 610-374.8361, ext. 231,
or Bob Birmingham, Director of Institutional Advancement,
rbirmingham@berkscatholic.org or 610-374-8361 ext. 224.

Please consider a donation to the 2020/2021 Saints Annual Fund.

Donate Now!

GOD | FAMILY | ACADEMICS | FUN

STAY CONNECTED

