

The Trinity

TWO BERKS CATHOLIC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI TO BE HONORED AT EXTRAVAGANZA 2014

Sophie McDevitt (St. Peter Reading Catholic 1951) Named Berks Catholic Distinguished Alumni of 2014

Sophie McDevitt (St. Peter Reading Catholic 1951) was honored as a Bishop's Distinguished Catholic Alumni.



Principal Tony Balistrere, Sophie McDevitt,
Bishop Barres and Sister Anna Musi

For the past 15 years, Sophie McDevitt has totally invested herself in faithfully giving her time, talent and treasure to Saint Peter School. Sophie not only provides financial assistance, but inspiringly gives service--wherever it may be needed--assisting the principal, secretary, teachers and tutoring students who love to practice their times

tables with her. Sophie's presence lends a quiet confidence to anyone around her, and she enables anyone she works with to achieve success.

Her significant financial contributions include extensive maintenance repairs, salaries for auxiliary personnel, providing resources for the numerous strategic and long-term improvements, and involving other investors to believe in the mission of Saint Peter School. As these students transition to Berks Catholic, Sophie's financial assistance follows them as she continues her mission of enabling students to receive a quality Catholic education. She truly believes in the mission of faith formation and growth in the spiritual life, hallmarks of Catholic education, as evidenced in her financing of the chapel at Berks Catholic. She and her late husband, Paul, have a plaque in their honor outside the chapel at Berks Catholic. What is so significant about Sophie, who graduated from Saint Peter's, is that she has never forgotten her roots and continues to wholeheartedly live her life to reflect her deep convictions in Catholic education.

John Post (Central Catholic 1956) Named Berks Catholic Distinguished Alumni of 2013

Berks Catholic High School recognized John R. Post, a 1956 graduate of Reading Central Catholic, as a Distinguished Catholic Alumnus.

John is a graduate of Sacred Heart Elementary School in West Reading and a 1956 graduate of Reading Central Catholic High School. After high school, he went on to St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. He has made significant contributions to all of his alma maters.

Driven by the desire to create a low-cost, customer focused commercial investment castings company, John founded Post Precision Castings, Inc. in 1964. Now the primary employer in Strausstown, Pennsylvania, Post Precision Castings has grown from a unique forerunner in commercial castings to a 150,000 square-foot facility with over 130 employees. In 2012, John was the recipient of the Medallion for Entrepreneurship from the International Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma.

John was also a strong supporter of Holy Name High School, where both of his children graduated. His support included the dedication of the Franco-Post Auditorium, which seats over 700.

Without the support of John Post Berks Catholic High School, Sacred Heart School, and St. Joseph University would not be what they are today.



Principal Tony Balistrere with John R. Post
and Maryanne Post

Year of the Saints



To nominate someone as a Distinguished Alumni,
please contact Betsy Woytovich at
bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org or 610.374.8361 ext 231.



Dear Alumni,

It has been another tremendous year at Berks Catholic. The Saints of 2014 will matriculate at some of the most selective schools in the country including the United States Naval Academy, Brown University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Notre Dame, Syracuse University Newhouse School of Communications, Virginia Tech, St. Joseph's University, Lehigh, Lafayette, University of Rochester, Penn State University,

Catholic University, Georgia, Villanova and Wake Forest, as well as our great local colleges and universities, just to name a few. They have been invited to and will attend Honors colleges at places like Boston College, St. Joe's, IUP, Philadelphia University and Temple, as well as being admitted early to Medical School and an O.T. Masters program at Thomas Jefferson University. Eleven student athletes will continue their basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, soccer and track careers at NCAA Division 1, 2, and 3 institutions.

Students are also discerning the Priesthood and religious life. They will serve our country in the United States Marine Corps and United States Navy. They will enter the workforce, pursue their passions by training in technical schools and prepare for careers such as cosmetologists and airplane pilots, and even pursue gap years of service.

So, yes, the Class of 2014, our newest alumni, have much to be proud of! 93% of the 2014 Saints will continue their education at 2- or 4-year Colleges & Universities and have earned over \$10.12 million in total scholarships. They have completed over 10,000 hours of service in soup kitchens, food banks, tutoring and mentoring Olivet children, Habitat for Humanity outreach and dozens of other causes.

School wide we have completed our Middle States Accreditation, which has taken place over the past 18 months, and we have been unanimously recommended for accreditation through 2021. The areas of focus will be increased interdisciplinary collaboration, increased critical reading of non-fiction across all disciplines, and continued emphasis on an already strong sense of family at Berks Catholic by increasing awareness and practice of personal responsibility by all students, faculty and administration.

And our Board has embarked on an aggressive strategic planning process that will encompass Academic Excellence, Catholic Identity, Development, Enrollment, Facilities and Finance to set our course into the Future.

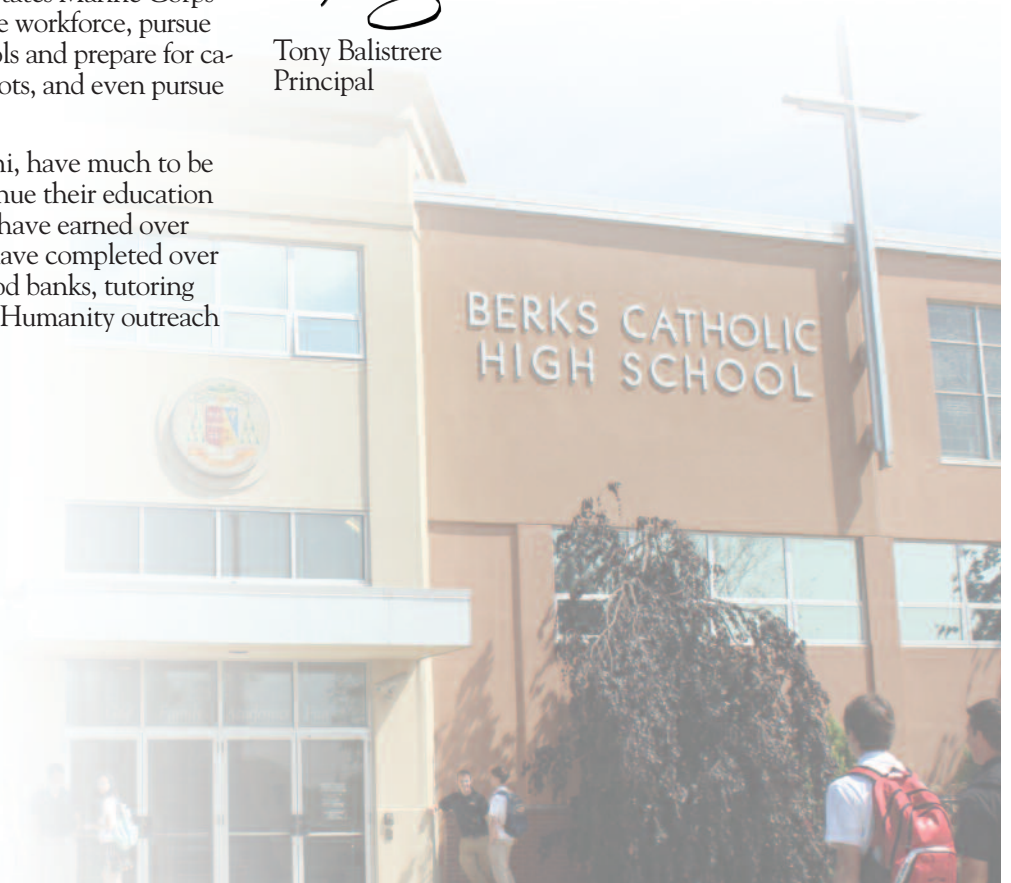
We ended the year with 718 Saints, and I fully expect to start the 2014-2015 school year with over 745 Saints. Our momentum continues to build as we enter our fourth year centered on our four pillars of God, Family, Academics and Fun. We are blessed to have such an extensive alumni family of Blue Jay Saints, Cardinal Saints and Saints. God bless you and your families.

Go Saints!

Sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature of Tony Balistrere.

Tony Balistrere
Principal



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Berks Catholic,

I am coming to the end of my first year as Development Director at Berks Catholic. It has been a whirlwind of a year. In my job, I am amazed at how often I see and work with my own Holy Name classmates and those of my siblings and even my parents' classmates from Central Catholic and St. Peter's Reading Catholic. Most



often I see them in the capacity of giving, attending, volunteering and cheering. I see parents and grandparents at events and activities like football and basketball games, the golf outing, Extravaganza and Career Day. I continue to be

amazed at how people have come together to support our Saints and to make Berks Catholic the best that it can be.

Recently, I organized and attended Grandparent's Day, a tradition at Berks Catholic to bring our students' grandparents to the school for mass and breakfast. It was a wonderful morning, and the presence of grandparents who were also alumni was very apparent and, for me, a testament to the value of a Berks Catholic education, as it is passed down from generation to generation. My own mother enjoyed catching up with her classmates from Central Catholic, seeing parents of my Holy Name classmates and those of my siblings, and meeting grandparents of current Berks Catholic Saints. It was touching to hear stories of how Catholic Education in Berks County has evolved and grown over the years.

As we enter our fourth year of Berks Catholic High School, it is a wonderful opportunity to look back and see how far we have come. Our students are achieving great things both academically and athletically. Our Cardinal Saints and Blue Jay Saints have come together for the sake of our students. And from where I am sitting, I believe that catholic education in Berks County has found its home in the halls and classrooms, and on the fields and courts of Berks Catholic High School.

Betsy

Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Class of 2014



Graduates of the Class of 2014 have much to be proud of. They will matriculate at some of the most selective schools in the country including the United States Naval Academy, Brown University, University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame and Syracuse's Newhouse School of Communications.

They will continue their education in Pennsylvania and 15 other states including Florida, Georgia, New York, California, Arizona and Michigan, as well as in the countries of Ecuador and the Dominican Republic.

They will serve the country in the **United States Marine Corps and Navy**. They will enter the workforce, pursue their passions by training for careers as cosmetologists and airplane pilots, and even spend a year competing in professional skateboarding competitions before entering college.

93% of the Berks Catholic Class of 2014 will continue their education at 4- or 2-year Colleges & Universities (**86.3%** at 4-year institutions).

\$10.12 million in scholarships was earned by the Class of 2014.

Members of the Berks Catholic Class of 2014 will attend **73 different Colleges in 16 different states and 2 foreign countries**.

11 members of the Class of 2014 will continue their athletic careers in the following sports and at the following insitutions (NCAA Division):

Men's basketball - Bucknell Univ. (I)
Field hockey - Monmouth Univ. (I)
and Univ. of Richmond (I)
Football - Franklin & Marshall (III),
Lebanon Valley Coll. (III) and
Millersville Univ. (II)
Women's soccer - Bryant Univ. (I)
Track & field - Mount St. Mary's Univ. (I)

The Class of 2014 received a total of **508 offers of admission to 157 different colleges in 29 different states** and students from the Class of 2014 were offered admission to honors programs at various institutions, including **Boston College, Indiana University of PA, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia University, Temple University, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and University of Pittsburgh**, as well as many others.

Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Class of 2014, cont'd.

Varun Singh, Valedictorian



Varun is the son of Drs. Vijay and Vyjayanthi Singh. Varun founded Project Impact and the Spanish Club, debated with the Berks Catholic Forensics team for the Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas events, hosted the Ritmo y Cultura television show, was a finalist for Berks Best in Science, won two 1st Prizes in the Reading Berks Science and Engineering Fair, played the piano for 13 years, and was published by the Akshaya Patra Foundation in India. Varun is attending the

Penn State/Jefferson Medical College 6-year accelerated medical program. At Penn State, he plans to major in interdisciplinary science with a minor in comparative literature. After Jefferson, he plans to pursue a residency in interventional radiology.

"We are at our best when we love. We were designed to love and to love the beauty hidden in the seats of everyone's hearts. Our lives are not measured by the numbers in our bank accounts, but the lives we are able to touch and the people we are able to help."



Danielle Moore, Salutatorian

Danielle Moore has been involved in leadership, the arts, and athletics during her time at Berks Catholic. She has been an active member of the theater department, playing the roles of Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast* and Tzeitel in *Fiddler on the Roof*. Additionally, she has been active in student government, and this past year served as the executive council secretary. Danielle has also been a HOPE Peer Listener, a Student Ambassador, and the President of the Forensics Team. She served as Berks Catholic's 2013 representative to the Berks Outstanding Young Woman Scholarship Competition, where she was named

1st Runner-Up, and she was also named the 2014 Berks' Best Scholarship Winner in Foreign Language. In the fall, Danielle will attend the University of Pennsylvania, where she intends to major in Communication and minor in Consumer Psychology. Danielle is thankful for the academic and personal support with which the Berks Catholic community has provided her.

"My time at Berks Catholic has taught me that forging connections is essential. I could not have achieved my dream of attending Penn without the support of this family."



Alumni Spotlight



Juan Cajigas

Juan Cajigas is a 2006 Holy Name graduate who is currently living in St. Louis, MO, working as an **Aerospace Engineer for Boeing**. His current position is a Propulsion Engineer in Boeing Phantom Works. Juan talks about his career path as well as his time at Holy Name and how it helped pave the way to a successful engineering career.

Career Path

“After graduating from Holy Name High School in 2006, I completed my Bachelor’s degree in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology in 2010. In addition to course work, I performed research for the Air Force Research Lab, DARPA, and Boeing. I also completed an internship at NASA Ames in Mountain View, CA in 2008.

“After graduating with my Bachelor’s, I interned in Boeing Research and Technology (BR&T) in Seattle, WA, before pursuing my Master’s in Aerospace Engineering at Georgia Tech. During my internship, I decided to pursue a career with Boeing and returned to BR&T after completing my Master’s degree. At BR&T, I worked for three years on a variety of commercial, defense, and government projects including 737 Max, Phantom Eye, and NASA N+2 Low Boom Supersonic.

“I recently relocated to St. Louis, MO, to accept a new position in Boeing Phantom Works. In my new role, I am a propulsion designer for advanced military air vehicles.”

Holy Name Education

“My Holy Name education was a critical part of the path to where I am today. At Holy Name, I was able to build the work ethic and discipline required for the rigors of my degrees in Engineering. I also entered Georgia Tech with an excellent foundation in Math and Science, thanks to the stellar faculty at Holy Name including, but not limited to, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Einolf, Miss Murphy, and Mrs. Moulton.

“Recently, I have begun to appreciate other parts of my Holy Name education. I held leadership positions in extracurricular activities at Holy Name, which helped me to develop leadership skills that I have built on both at Georgia Tech and at Boeing. I was also able to develop strong interpersonal skills, which are key differentiators in my field.”

Advice to Current Berks Catholic Students

“Work hard in all your classes; you will be surprised how valuable that knowledge becomes later on in your career and life. Make sure to find things you are passionate about and develop those interests with others who share the same energy.”

Outside of Work

Juan has been married since Aug 2012. His hobbies are single engine flying, mountaineering, and hiking. Juan also enjoys volunteering in STEM outreach organizations in schools and communities.



Alumni Updates

Craig Turnbull (CC 1958) retired as an Emeritus Professor of Biostatistics at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (UNCCH). Craig received his Master's in 1965 and PhD in 1971 and served as a professor from 1971-2006 at UNCCH.

Jim Bernardo (HN 1971), Chief Operation Officer of Presbyterian Senior Living, Dillsburg, received the Paul Haas Lifetime Achievement Award at the LeadingAge PA conference in Hershey in June. He has been working with the nonprofit since 1985.

Bernardo started an adult day care program in the Lehigh Valley and developed a housing and services model for lower- and middle-income people, which led to a collaboration with an acute-care provider that has drawn widespread attention as a model. The LeadingAge PA Distinguished Service Awards recognize members who excel in their daily work.

David Wiechecki (CC 1972) started his 7th year of teaching chemistry at Pittsfield High School in Pittsfield, MA. This new career comes after spending 30 years in the plastics and chemical industries in various technical and management positions. David received his M.Educ. (HS Chemistry) degree in 2012 from American International College in Springfield, MA. He recently attended the College Board AP Summer 2013 Institute in St. Johnsbury, VT, in order to be able to teach AP Chemistry during the 2013-2014 school year.



Headmaster Rick Hilton



Hilton Hall named for Rick Hilton

Lyndon Institute, a private secondary school in Lyndon Center, VT, has named its newest dormitory in honor of **Rick Hilton (HN 1974)**, who will retire this summer after fifteen years as headmaster. Lyndon Institute currently enrolls 600 students from New England, other United States, and 15 foreign countries. It also operates three campuses in China. In 2003, Hilton revived a dormitory program that had closed in 1987, bringing cultural diversity to the school's village campus in rural VT, where 16% of students are now international.

Donna Hess (HN 1979) launched her own business, Recovery Coaching and Life Empowerment Services, which offers recovery coaching for individuals and families, ARISE intervention, pre-treatment and aftercare codependency counseling, and bullying prevention.

Lisa Rado (HN 1984) created her own brand of weight-loss products. Her story was featured in the Reading Eagle's "Money" section on February 26, 2014.



Father James Harper

Shaun Einolf (HN 1996) was a contributing author of an article entitled "Use of the National Cancer Institute Community Cancer Centers Program Screening and Accrual Log to Address Cancer Clinical Trial Accrual" in the *Journal of Oncology Practice* May 2014 issue.

Mary Anne (Post) Bell (HN 2002) and her husband, Drew, had a baby girl, Amelia, on September 23, 2013.

Chris Napolitano (HN 2004) will be spending 2 years doing post-doctoral work at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Chris received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and his PhD at Tuft's University.

John Buckley (HN 2005) is an associate with Norris McLaughlin & Narucus, P.A. Attorneys at Law in Allentown, PA.

Father James Harper (CC 2005) was ordained by Bishop Barres on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. He celebrated his "First Mass" of Thanksgiving on Pentecost (Sunday, June 8) at Holy Guardian Angels Church in Reading.



Basketball Alumni Saints Turkey Shoot

BC invited former players from Berks Catholic, Central Catholic and Holy Name to join our current BC team Thanksgiving morning for a friendly game of basketball. We had over 50 former players and coaches running up and down the court reminiscing and meeting the current team. Our current team was introduced to this fun Berks Catholic tradition.

If you would like a chance to shoot hoops on Thanksgiving morning with your teammates or old rivals, or if you know someone who would, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

"It's become a great tradition on Thanksgiving morning to come to Berks Catholic and compete on the court with and against fellow alumni from Holy Name, Central Catholic and Berks Catholic. The camaraderie is like no other as we all share a brotherhood of playing hoops for our respective high schools. Additionally, it's a great way to start the winter basketball season and for all alumni to support Berks Catholic's current team. I hope to see many of you this Thanksgiving. Go Berks Catholic!"

~ Mike Kuhn, HN 87



"It's become my new favorite part of Thanksgiving. It's always fun to play with the guys we used to play with, and against, under one roof. It strengthens old bonds and creates new ones every year. It's definitely something I look forward to."

~ Jared Mills, CC 99

SWING FOR the SAINTS... 4th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 12, 2014

Golden Oaks Golf Club

8:00 am & 1:00 pm shotgun starts / 4-person scramble

\$100 per golfer incl. greens fees, cart, prizes, scoring & buffet dinner.

Join alumni, parents and friends of Berks Catholic for this fun event.

Pre-registration is required. Payment must be received by Friday, September 5.
All proceeds benefit Berks Catholic High School.

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

CLASS REUNIONS

We do not have contact information for the following people from the Central Catholic Class of 1965. Please notify Mary Anne (Fleckenstein) Gilbert at mgil712076@aol.com if you have any information on any of them. She would like to find them in time for the 50th Class Reunion on September 19, 2015.

Craig R. Anderson
 Roberta L. Bellis Botana
 Richard S. Carl
 Paul F. Christ
 Susan M. Clemmens Kerns
 Geraldine M. Clinton Weinhold
 Gloria R. Colon
 Anthony T. Corvaia
 James S. Dewar
 Terrence D. Duddy
 Patricia L. Freymoyer Loeper
 Christine S. Galdun Demaria
 Carla A. Gehris
 Suzanne M. Hiester Palmer
 Joan Kruszewski
 Timothy P. Mchale
 Thomas J. Mauger
 Earl W. Noll
 Anthony P. Pastor
 Donna M. Rudzinski Wmgest
 Joan A. Peterson Stewart
 Victoria D. Salz
 Anne E. Sautel
 Rosemary Tomcics
 Christine R. Williams
 Mary Ellen Witkowski
 Shirley A. Witman Marshall
 Patricia A. Zimmerman Decamillo



Members of the Central Catholic Class of 1947 enjoy each other's company so much that they now get together for a reunion every year. Here they are pictured at Wyomissing Family Restaurant in June after celebrating mass together at St. Paul's in Reading. Miss Virginia Illuzzi (shown here in the front row, center), their beloved gym teacher, often joins them at these reunions.

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

Holy Name Class of 1984

- 30th Reunion

Saturday, August 9, 2014

Reading Fightin' Phils 3rd Base '67 Club Picnic Area

Game Time: 6:35

Gates Open: 4:35

For more information, please contact Maureen Gallagher Fey at 3msketeers@com-cast.net.

Central Catholic Class of 1964

- 50th Reunion

Saturday, September 13, 2014

Inn at Reading

For more information, please contact Carol White at 610-582-1437.

Central Catholic Class of 1965

- 50th Reunion

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1741 Papermill Rd., Wyomissing, PA 19610

For more information, please contact Mary Anne (Gilbert) Fleckenstein at mgil712076@aol.com.

Central Catholic Class of 1989

- 25th Reunion

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Location TBD

6-9 PM

For more information, please call Joey Paradiso Druecker at 610.329.9160 or email druecker@gmail.com.

Central Catholic Class of 1979

- 35th Reunion

Friday, November 28, 2014

Canal Street Restaurant & Pub
 6 PM

For more information, please call Geoff Ermentrout at 610-763-5486 or Annmarie Sullivan Dallao at 610-916-3077.

The HN Class of 1970 didn't think getting together once a year was often enough so they started meeting for breakfast once a month. Here they are pictured at Goose's Cigar Lounge at a special celebration to honor one of their own, Terry Brennan, pictured in front row in a Holy Name #14 basketball jersey, a special gift to him from his former classmates and teammates and former coach Lloyd Wolf (seated to his right).



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

IN MEMORIAM

Jonathan Bradshaw (HN 2007)
Daniel Stasek (HN 1988)
Denise (Gnau) Jalbert (HN 1986)
James Ryan (HN 1978)
Donna Wrobel (CC 1977)
James Crosby (CC 1974)
Michael Ashcroft (CC 1973)
Carol (Yoder) Heitzenrater (HN 1971)
Robert Didyoung (CC 1970)
Joseph Capellupo (HN 1968)
Francis Drexler (CC 1968)
Timothy Lee Gipprih (HN 1968)
Rev. Larry Hess (CC 1968)
Elizabeth (Rys) Wentzel (CC 1967)
Nancy McDevitt (CC 1966)
Joseph Rodolff (CC 1966)
James Weitzel (CC 1966)
George Goerner (CC 1964)

Andrew Kersikoski (CC 1963)
Victor Lysczek (CC 1963)
Jack Weglinski (CC 1963)
Theodore Golowski (CC 1962)
John Gilbert (CC 1960)
Kathleen Liptak (CC 1960)
Ronald Ney (CC 1958)
Ann (LaManna) Twardowski (CC 1958)
John Fritz III (CC 1957)
Mary (Cleary) Moore (CC 1956)
Gerald Glaser (CC 1954)
Joseph Kruszewski (CC 1954)
Leslie Spencer (HN 1954)
Dorothy (Marinitz) Wentzel (Reading Catholic 1954)
Richard Heins (CC 1953)
Edward Swierczewski (CC 1953)
F. Charles McKenna (CC 1952)
Eugene Wierzbicki (CC 1951)

Grace Hassenbein (CC 1950)
Suzanna Strickland (CC 1950)
Robert Turner (CC 1949)
Claire (Vogel) Maniaci (CC 1948)
Elizabeth (Albrecht) Mason (HN 1948)
James Roland (CC 1948)
Leo Shannon (CC 1948)
David Spaeth (CC 1948)
Charles (Babe) Tulley (CC 1948)
Ann (Kazmierzak) Cauffman (CC 1947)
Dolores (Piotrowicz) Larkin (CC 1947)
Ann (Patrick) Lesko (CC 1947)
Kenneth Wysopal (CC 1947)
Raymond Dmochowski (CC 1946)
Jeannette (Pennypacker) Yeager (CC 1945)
George Auchter (CC 1944)
Miriam (Wolff) Sonsini (CC 1944)

If you would like to make a gift in memory of a deceased classmate, please send to Betsy Woytovich at Berks Catholic, 955 East Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611.

*"Trust that whatever happens, **it will be ok.** Your kid is strong, brave, resilient, prepared, **faithful** and, most of all, ready for the **next chapter.** No matter where they go, they will **thrive and succeed.** That's the beauty of the **Berks Catholic** education."*

— Berks Catholic parent offering insight into the college process

Jim Born (CC 1943) spent some time with Bishop John Barres at the Legacy Society Dinner at the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Sienna in Allentown. The dinner was held to honor those who have made planned gifts to churches and institutions within the Allentown Diocese. Mr. Born is a member



of the Legacy Society and of Berks Catholic's St. Nicholas Society because he has included Berks Catholic in his estate plans.

If you have made a planned gift or have left Berks Catholic in your will or are interested in doing so, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext. 231.

MIDDLE STATES

On March 22, 2014, after 18 months of self evaluation and introspection, the visiting Middle States evaluation and accreditation team unanimously recommended that Berks Catholic receive accreditation. Special thanks to our internal coordinators:

Sue Kase, Bill Davis,
Deb Hannahoe and Georjean Jones.

Thanks for being great every day and helping our Saints get to Heaven.



*Year of
the Saints*

2014 Homecoming and Hall of Fame Induction: Friday, September 26, 2014 at Berks Catholic Stadium



2013 Homecoming Court Shania Thorpe, Alex Ronky, Matt Kase, Hailey Pfeifferberger, Pietro Gaspari, Thomas Buerkert, Maria Ciabattini, Danielle Moore, Eric Fellin and Sarah Blaise



2013 Homecoming King & Queen Thomas Buerkert and Hailey Pfeifferberger



2013 Hall of Fame Inductees: Mark Landau (HN 1973), Michael Murphy (CC 1988), John Marabella (HN 1975), Annmarie Sullivan Dallao (CC 1979), Robert Didyoung (CC 1947) (deceased, award accepted by Robert's wife, Irene, shown in photo), and Virginia Illuzzi Belson (CC Gym Teacher for 20 years) Not pictured: Dennis Blessing (HN 1970) and Richard Marburger (HN 1981)

Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

NOMINEE	I would like to nominate this person because:
CLASS YEAR	
ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE ZIP
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Email this completed form to Bill Hess, Athletic Director, at bhess@berkscatholic.org or mail to Bill Hess at Berks Catholic High School, 955 East Wyomissing Blvd., Reading, PA 19611.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Football team as they celebrated a County Championship, District Championship and a 14-1 Season!

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Girls' Volleyball team who won the County Championship and District Championship with a perfect 12-0 record!

ICE HOCKEY

Congratulations to our Ice Hockey team who won the County Championship!

BASEBALL

Congratulations to the Baseball team on their District 3-AA Championship!

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Basketball team on their Division 2 Championship!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Ross Pilliod: All-County in Golf

Matt Kase: All-County and All-State Honors in Football, Defensive Back of the Year for Section 2 of the BCIAA Football League

Drew Stanko: All-County Honors at Goal Keeper in Soccer

Meghan Donahue: All-County and All-State Honors in Field Hockey

Maria Ciabattoni: All-County and All-State Team in Field Hockey, school record in the Long Jump with a jump of 17'.75" and in the 100m dash with a time of 12.28 seconds

Katrina Balatgek: All-County and All-State in Field Hockey and All-County in Basketball

Pietro Gaspari: All-County and All-State in Football, Berks County Defensive Lineman of the Year for Section 2 of the BCIAA Football League and First Team TE and DE

Elizabeth Gaspari: Berks Best 400 Freestyle Relay team for Swimming

Ellen Moser: Berks Best 400 Freestyle Relay team for Swimming and named All-League

Olivia Iswalt: Berks Best 400 Freestyle Relay team for Swimming

Tomas Aguilar: All-State in Football

Cooper Kutz: All-State in Football

Nana Foulland: All-County, All-District, All-State and Berks County Player of the Year in Basketball

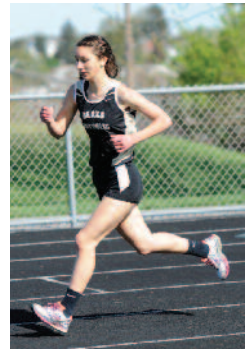
Lin Robertson: All-County in Tennis

Devon Merritt: All-County, All-District and All-State Honors in Volleyball and All-County in Basketball

Matt Reinhart: All-County, All-District, and State Champion (Gold Medal) in Javelin, All-County in Wrestling

Gage Griffin: All-County in Wrestling

Blake Lutz: District 3 Champion in the 110 Hurdles and broke the school record in 110 Hurdles with a time of 15.56 seconds



Julia Dimmerling: All-County in Lacrosse

Andrea Eways: All-County in Lacrosse

Katherine Finneran: All-County in Lacrosse

Reed Herneisen: All-County in Ice Hockey

Eric Kantner: All-County in Ice Hockey

Patrick Causa: All-County in Baseball

Cole McGrath: All-Central Penn League

COACH'S AWARDS

Rick Lanciano: Berks County Ice Hockey Coach of the Year

Rick Keeley: Berks County Football Coach of the Year

Congratulations to the Boys' and Girls' Soccer Teams for being awarded the 2013 soccer Berks County Soccer Officials Sportsmanship Award. Under the leadership of Coach Waldron and Coach Fenstermacher, our teams represented Berks Catholic Athletics with class, honor and respect. This is what Saints Athletics is all about!

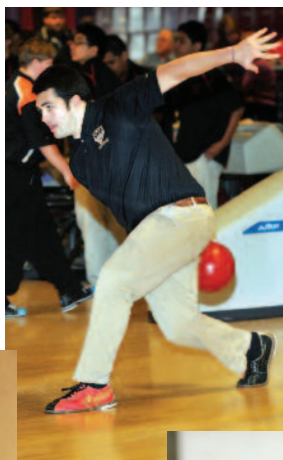
Spirit of a Saint Award

During a Volleyball match last April, a player went down with an injury and Pietro Gaspari jumped in to help him off of the court. It was that evening that the Spirit of a Saint award was born. We have many athletes who go above and beyond to make their team and school a better place for everyone, always ready and willing to lend a hand to an injured teammate, help a coach clean up after practice, or lend support to anyone who needs it. These athletes embrace our four pillars: God, Family, Academics, and Fun. The following athletes have stood out as role models for our current and future Saints. One athlete is chosen for each of our varsity teams:

Summer Rose Biros
Thomas Buerkert
McCale Butto
Bobby Cressman
William D'Andrea
Amanda Fellin
Katherine Finneran
Amanda Fowler
Elizabeth Gaspari
Pietro Gaspari
Joseph Gaul

Gage Griffin
Samantha Hagelbarger
Grace Hannum
Gage Henry
Mason Hiester
Kelly Hogan
Mark Kochen
Cooper Kutz
Emmanuel "Pop" Lacey
Meg Lilley
Patrick Maher

Nicole Marabella
Morgan Miller
Danielle Moore
Che Murray
Noelle Parisi
Alex Premici
Reba Towles
Nicholas Waligurski
Emily Walker



Most Outstanding and Ideal Athletes

THE 2013-2014 MOST OUTSTANDING FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Maria Ciabattoni

THE 2013-2014 MOST OUTSTANDING MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Cooper Kutz

THE 2013-2014 MOST IDEAL FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Katrina Balatgek

THE 2013-2014 MOST IDEAL MALE ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Matthew Kase & Pietro Gaspari



Congratulations to the following students for Outstanding Achievements on the National French Exam.

The following students received a
Certificate of Merit:

Laura Covely

Eva Hendrickson

Olivia Reiver

Jisu Lee

Maria Salguero

The following students received a
Certificate of Reussite. These students
ranked 23rd or higher in the Nation:

Elizabeth Buerke

Christina Mitchell

Gabriella Ferreira

Aidan Giles

Linh Vuong

Sharon McCauley

Marissa Avadanian

Rachel Chlebowski

Maray Fares

Samantha Doyen

Danielle Moore

Special Congratulations to **Taylor Hirneisen** and **Lia Cubilete** for receiving a Certificate of Honor. Taylor ranked 13th in the Nation and 5th in the Lehigh Valley, and Lia ranked 5th in the Nation and First in the Lehigh Valley!

2014 Berks County Secondary Art Exhibit

The following students received awards at the Berks County Secondary Art Exhibit:

Renee Ahn - 3rd Place for her beautiful charcoal portrait

Laura Reibe - Honorable Mention for her coiled basket

In true BC style, our students swept the Tempera Painting category:

Noah Gutherman - 1st Place

Charlotte Ren - 2nd Place

Rachel Williams - 3rd Place

Brandon Medina - Honorable Mention

Congratulations to all of our talented Artist Saints!



Noah Gutherman



Rachel Williams



Laura Reibe



Brandon Medina





2014 Reading/Berks Science & Engineering Fair

Berks Catholic students performed very well in this year's science fair.

The following students were recognized for all their hard work:

Erin Apsokardu - Grade 9

Senior Division-Earth/Space Science
4th Place

Marissa Avadanian - Grade 9

Senior Division-Medicine/Health
4th Place
\$100, Berks County Pharmacists Assoc.

Anne Baney - Grade 9

Senior Division-Zoology
1st Place
\$30, Diocese of Allentown

Jeremy Earnest - Grade 9

Senior Division-Physics
3rd Place

Michael Gambone - Grade 9

Senior Division-Mathematics/Computers
2nd Place
Computers and Cyber Security Camp

Ian Hayes - Grade 9

Senior Division-Physics
4th Place

Elizabeth Lavanga - Grade 9

Senior Division-Physics
Honorable Mention
\$50 Gift Certificate, Office of Naval Research

John Metz - Grade 9

Senior Division-Engineering
Honorable Mention

Christina Mitchell - Grade 9

Senior Division-Chemistry
Honorable Mention

Boatram Nguyen - Grade 9

Senior Division-Chemistry
1st Place
Pennsylvania BioGENEius Challenge
BioGENEius Competition

Elizabeth Tarquinio - Grade 9

Senior Division-Chemistry
\$50, Gift Certificate, Office of Naval Research

Ross Aguilar - Grade 10

Senior Division-Physics
Honorable Mention

Christa Albert - Grade 10

Senior Division-Chemistry
3rd Place

Eva Hendrickson - Grade 10

Senior Division-Earth/Space Science
Honorable Mention

Timothy Rosenhoover - Grade 10

Senior Division-Medicine/Health
\$100, Berks County Dental Society

Allison Sichler - Grade 10

Senior Division-Botany
Honorable Mention

Owen Smith - Grade 10

Senior Division-Zoology
Honorable Mention

Olivia Zdradzinski - Grade 10

Senior Division-Medicine/Health
\$75, Alliance to the Berks County Dental Society

Catharine Scoboria - Grade 12

Senior Division-Physics
Reserve Champion
1st Place
\$50 Gift Certificate, Office of Naval Research
\$100, American Society of Civil Engineers
\$100, American Assoc. of University Women

Congratulations to the following 2014 Young Poet Winners

Rosa Esposito - Grade 10

1st place
"Words"

Summer Rose Biros - Grade 10

Honorable Mention
"Ohh Millie B"

Drew Stanko - Grade 12

1st place
"College Talk"

Anisa Jackson - Grade 12

3rd place
"Wanderlust"

Danielle Moore - Grade 12

Honorable Mention
"The Letter"

Serena Barrett - Grade 12

Honorable Mention
"Lucifer's Fall"

Emily Walker - Grade 12

Honorable Mention
"Love Me"

Congratulations to our Super Saints

Danielle Moore (2014) was first runner-up in the 2013 Berks Outstanding Young Woman Program, which annually recognizes outstanding high school senior girl representatives. These young women represent a high level of excellence among their peers and are given the opportunity to compete for cash scholarships and various college and university scholarships. Danielle won a \$2,000 cash scholarship.

Sarah Blaise (2014) and **Derek Burton (2014)** were recipients of the Bishop's Catholic Scholars Award and each received a \$500 scholarship for their post-secondary education. Students are chosen based on their academics, school involvement, Catholic faith and community.

Greg Forkin (2014) finished 3rd in the 2013 Berks County Math Championship!

Danielle Moore (2014) was the winner of Berks Best in Foreign Language. This is an incredible accomplishment as there are only two winners in each subject in the entire county.

Greg Forkin (2014) was a finalist in Berks Best in Math (also a huge accomplishment).

Katie Scoboria (2014) and **Sarah Blaise (2014)** were semi-finalists in the Stand Up for Life Essay Contest, a joint effort by the Knight of Columbus and the Office of Pro-Life and Special Concerns.

Max Santoro (2015) won the top prize in the annual Berks Kids Got Talent Competition. Max is a self-taught drummer who started playing drums at age 12 and is now endorsed by Truth Custom Drums. Max plans to attend The Musician Institute in Los Angeles, where he has taken summer courses.

Jordan Penn (2016) received a full scholarship to attend the seven-day Sea Grant Program at the University of Southern California Phillip K. Wrigley Science

Center on Catalina Island in June 2014. Twenty high school students were selected (only six from out of state) from over 100 applicants for the program. Students spent the week exploring ocean environments while investigating the technology that scientists use to learn about the ocean's health and future.

Erin Apsokardu (2017), **Robert Mangan (2014)**, **Danielle Moore (2014)** and **Maddie Woytovich (2016)** represented Berks Catholic and the Diocese of Allentown at the Grand National Forensics Tournament in Chicago.

Jeremy Earnest (2017) participated in the Reading Musical Foundation Annual Scholarship Auditions. Jeremy took first place in piano and was awarded the Bruce B. Bengston Keyboard and Organ Scholarship, as well as the Katherine N. Quartner-Rita Quartner Heiman String Scholarship for first place in the violin.

Kudos to Saints in Service

10 seniors cooked and served breakfast at Opportunity House in March.

NHS Students collected food, drinks and paper products and then prepared, cooked and served over 150 people at the Kennedy House in March.

Over 40 of BC's faculty and staff participated in a day of service at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore in Muhlenburg for Martin Luther King Day.

In December, members of Berks Catholic's Pro-Life Club sponsored a Blood Drive, and, as a school, saved 99 lives!

In January, BC Boy's and Girl's Basketball Programs hosted the annual Coaches vs. Cancer event. Ms. Stephanie Marmarou initiated the event, which in the past several years has raised over \$40,000.



Year of the Saints

SAINTS IN SERVICE

JOHN PAUL II FIELD AND FUN DAY

As part of our ongoing partnership with John Paul II Special Learning Center, on Tuesday, May 20th, several seniors and juniors hosted a Field and Fun Day for the students of John Paul II Learning Center. JPII students arrived at Berks Catholic wearing their bright orange tee shirts that were designed by senior, Arelis Colon.



Kyle Eliff (left) and Chris Warren (right) hang out with their buddy Damian between activities.

The event began with an Olympic march around the track, which led to a day of field and fun events. The students competed in relay races, ran an obstacle course, played parachute games and made picture frames to hold their photos that were taken with their BC senior/junior buddies. When asked what was the most fun event of the day several students replied, "The dunk tank!" The John Paul II students loved taking turns dunking the senior boys who volunteered to sit in the tank. After the outdoor events, the students ate lunch with their high school buddies and then proceeded to the auditorium for some karaoke singing and dancing. All enjoyed this beautiful sunny day!



Berks Catholic and John Paul II students enjoyed a great day together at Field and Fun Day in May.

"It was a heartwarming day, lots of fun with lots of love! The BC students look forward to this day every year."

~ Mrs. Suzanne Kase (HN 1971), BC Director of Campus Ministry

Second Annual Habitat



Goshen Baptist Church welcomes Berks Catholic Saints

For the second consecutive year, Miss Julie Gulling, World Languages Dept. Chair, assisted by Mr. Josh Ditsky (HN 86), Dir. of College Counseling, led an intrepid group of BC Seniors to West Virginia to serve as part of Habitat For Humanity's Collegiate Challenge. The group packed up the newly acquired Saints van and hit the road immediately following Palm Sunday Mass to spend a week of service and fun in Morgantown, WV.



Group shot of Saints from Cooper's Rock

for Humanity Service Trip to West Virginia

The folks of Morgantown warmly welcomed our group with open arms, and many new friends were made including several WVU students; Morgantown residents; and Gary, Lynn and Hans who led the construction efforts. Pastor Dan and the good people of Goshen Baptist Church provided wonderful accommodations, and the group had a chance encounter with a former Blue Jay, and Morgantown resident Larry Bolman HN '67!



BC Saints meet Larry Boland (HN 1967)
BC Saints meet Larry Bolman HN '67!

The week was dedicated to new home construction, installing hardwood flooring, insulation, electrical work, framing, siding, painting and even constructing a drainage system. In addition to the hard work, many great memories were made including an impromptu "meet n greet" tour of downtown Morgantown and WVU's campus, a reported unicorn sighting, pierogi supper at St. Mary's Catholic Church, sharing a meal with the families for whom we were building, the tasty and delicious "Hillbilly Mess" ice cream treat, discovering the Don Knott's memorial in Morgantown,



Holy Thursday at St. Frances DeSales Church

Holy Thursday Mass at the stunning St. Frances DeSales Church, hiking, caving and lunch on scenic Cooper's Rock.

The tired, yet exhilarated group of seniors: Tomas Aguilar, Sarah Blaise, Patrick Maher, Gabbi Marrero, Alex Ronky, Ellie Surhoff, Emily Walker and Juliana Wright returned home on Good Friday

evening and concluded the trip in traditional fashion by belting out John Denver's "Take Me Home Country Roads" for all to hear, the last mile of the journey!

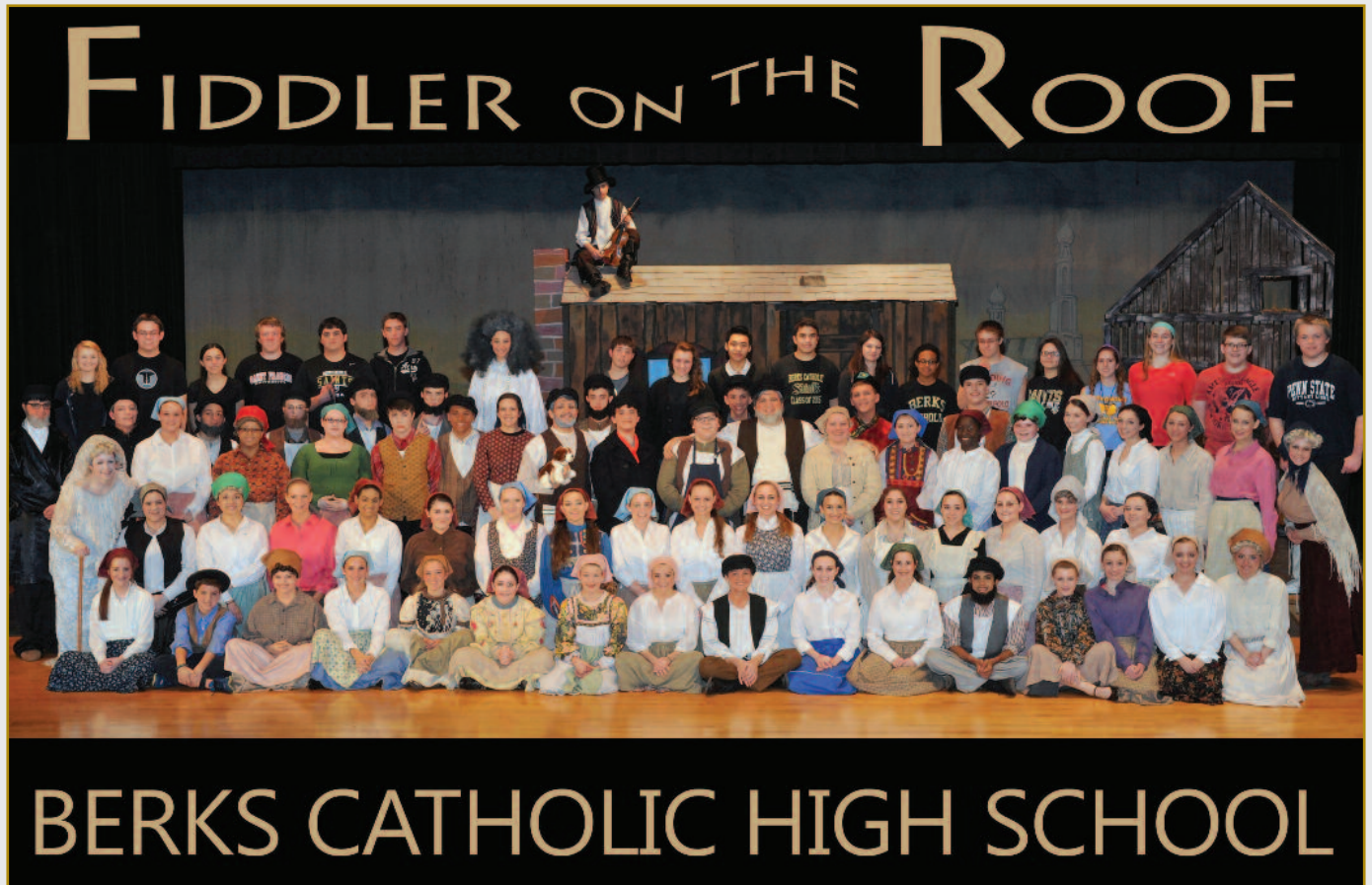
Miss Gulling and Mr. Ditsky feel very blessed to have shared this wonderful experience with a great group of Saints!



Smitty's - Home of the Hillbilly Mess sundae



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW OF FIDDLER ON THE



ROOF FOR TWO SOLD-OUT AND EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES!

*Congratulations to RJ Mangan and Cole Werley
for their YNOT Awards!*



Most memorable lead actor and most memorable male solo vocal: R.J. Mangan, Tevye singing "If I Were a Rich Man."

Special recognition to Cole Werley for his role as the Fiddler and for his fiddling.



Extravaganza 2013 | Journey to the Emerald Isle



Lloyd Wolf, Betsy Woytovich (Dir of Development), Nina and Tony Balistrere (Principal), Bishop John Barres, Kevin and Susan Moore (co-chairs Extravaganza 2013), Mark and Amy Gaspari (co-chairs Extravaganza 2013)

What is Extravaganza? Extravaganza is the annual major fundraiser for Berks Catholic, worked on year round and on average raising \$150,000 to \$200,000. On the night before the Auction, a Wine and Cheese Preview night is held. All donors and parents are invited to be guests of the school for refreshments and the opportunity to bid on all Silent Auction items, plus a special "Preview Night" booth of items and homeroom baskets for that night only. On Extravaganza night, Cocktail hour is followed by a gourmet dinner in our gym, which has been transformed into a spectacular venue, according to the year's theme. During dinner, a Live Auction is held with over 50 major items, ranging from jewelry to furniture to vacation trips and more.

Meanwhile, six Silent Auction booths, filled with almost 700 smaller items in categories covering everything imaginable, are open for bidding. Over the past 30+ years, Extravaganza has raised over \$4 million for our catholic high school. The key to Extravaganza's success is through the co-operation and generosity of parents, alumni and Berks County's business community. And with this success comes the continued commitment to high-quality, faith-based education for all our students.



Thank you Emotional Appeal Donors! We love the new BC van!

A special thank you to all who contributed, volunteered and attended Extravaganza 2013. It was a great success and raised over \$171,000 net. An additional \$46,000 was donated to the Emotional Appeal, and was used to upgrade a science lab and security cameras and to purchase a nine-passenger van. All funds raised at Extravaganza go directly back into the school.



SAVE THE DATE EXTRAVAGANZA 2014

**"GREAT GATSBY
ERA OF EXTRAVAGANCE"**

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2014
BERKS CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL
6-12PM

Event Tickets: \$150.00/Person
\$10,000 Cash Raffle Tickets: \$100/Ticket



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DANIELLE FOWLER @ 610-374-1695 OR EXTRAVAGANZA@BERKSCATHOLIC.ORG



Vince Naso (CC 1957 and member of BC Board of Directors) with John Eilertson and Peter Dolan (CC 1981)

Ways to Give

There are several different ways to support Berks Catholic High School. Below are the different methods you can use to make a donation to Berks Catholic, and any of these gifts can be designated for the Annual Fund, Angel Scholarships, Extravaganza, Scholarship Endowment Fund, or the program of your choice.

Check

Make checks payable to Berks Catholic High School, indicate where you would like your donation to go, and mail to:

Berks Catholic High School, Attn: Office of Development,
955 E. Wyomissing Boulevard, Reading, PA 19611

Credit Card

Credit card payments can be made at www.BerksCatholic.org/annualfund or by phone at 610.374.8361 with Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

Gifts of Stock

If you have owned a stock for more than 12 months and it has appreciated in value during that time, you would incur a capital gains tax by selling it. However, if you give that stock to Berks Catholic as a gift, you avoid the capital gains tax and can also claim an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the gift up to an amount equal to 30% of your adjusted gross income. Any unused deduction may be carried forward for up to five years. Electronic transfers of shares of publicly traded stock and mutual funds shares of publicly traded companies and mutual funds may be transferred electronically to Berks Catholic.

St. Nicolas Society Planned Gifts

Leave your mark on Berks Catholic! A planned gift is a "forever gift," one that will live on for generations. It doesn't affect your current cash flow of assets and it is easy to change if your circumstances change. Plus, it may save you estate taxes later. Best of all, you have the satisfaction of leaving a legacy that will last forever at Berks Catholic.

You can make a planned gift in a number of ways:

- Bequest
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust
- Life Estate Reserve
- Insurance Policy Beneficiary

If you have already included Berks Catholic in your estate plans, please let us know.

Matching Gifts

Thousands of companies and corporate foundations match gifts to non-profit institutions such as Berks Catholic. Also, matching gifts are a great way to increase support of Berks Catholic without additional out-of-pocket expense.

Matching gifts are a very important source of support. You can double or even triple the value of your donation and enhance your total for giving society membership by simply notifying your employer of your gift to Berks Catholic. You may be eligible to submit matching gift claims from both your own and your spouse's employer for the same gift. Contact the human resources office at your employer, your spouse's employer, or even your former employer if you are retired to inquire about their matching gift program.

EITC/OSTC

Did you know that your company can reallocate PA state tax dollars to help provide scholarships and financial aid to Berks Catholic students? The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs allow businesses to receive a 90% tax credit (if donating for two consecutive years), for a donation that provides tuition assistance for families at Berks Catholic.

For more information on these programs, please contact Betsy Woytovich, Director of Development, at 610-374-8361 ext. 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org. You can also view information online at www.newpa.com/eitc or www.newpa.com/ostc.

Thank you for Supporting the Saints!

If you have any questions about any of these Ways to Give to Berks Catholic, please contact Betsy Woytovich, 610.374.8361, ext 231 or bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.



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