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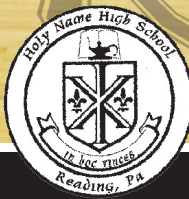
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CONGRATULATIONS



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tony Balistrere, Principal

The inaugural year of Berks Catholic is in the books. We will send the Saints of 2012 off into the world to accomplish great things. Amongst the class of 2012; we have students discerning the priesthood and religious life, 96% of them will continue their education in college and collectively they were

awarded over \$10 million dollars in academic scholarships. We also have students entering the military, technical schools, and exploring gap years involving service.

This class has blazed the trail for many future saints to follow. They have grown spiritually by attending Mass as a community, performing thousands of hours of service, attending retreats and discerning what vocation the Lord is calling them toward. They have grown closer as a Berks Catholic Family by enthusiastically supporting each other at sporting events, music, art and various other competitions.

The entire Berks Catholic community came together for our spring production of "The Sound of Music". Recently over one hundred and fifty Grandparents joined us for Mass, breakfast, and a tour with their grandchildren. Our students have grown academically by competing and

winning competitions in math, science and writing. Our students have competed nationally in forensics. Through God, Family and Academics we have had a great deal of Fun doing it all. Our students have encountered Jesus in fun and unique ways through retreats, dress down days, ski trips, clubs, spirit week, and Catholic schools week which culminated in Saints day.

Late in April over 330 students enjoyed a beautiful prom at Stokesay Castle, our sports teams have won division, county, and district titles, and made runs toward state championships. We have had nine athletes sign Division I and II national letters in Basketball, Diving, Lacrosse, Tennis and Volleyball. It has been an amazing year of growth for all involved in the Berks Catholic family.

St. Therese of Lisieux, from her autobiography "The Story of the Soul" states, "For me, prayer is the heart's impulse, a simple gaze toward heaven. It is a cry of gratitude and love, from the depths of trial as well as the heights of joy. Finally it is something great, supernatural, that expands my soul and unites me to Jesus." I would equate this whole year to one long prayer that has been great, supernatural, and has expanded all of our souls in order to bring us all closer to Jesus.

I wish you and your family a safe and blessed summer and I am looking forward to my continued life with the Saints.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

The "Trinity" is now officially the alumni newsletter for the trio of Catholic high schools that it serves. Before June 6, 2012, there wasn't one graduate from Berks Catholic, the offspring of the Central Catholic-Holy Name merger. Now there are 175 who can call themselves BC Alums.

As we completed our inaugural year as Berks Catholic, I must say that it was an honor and blessing for me to be associated with an amazing group: the fine young men and women who comprised the BC Senior Class of 2012! Last August they opened the doors to a high school with a new identity, and they naturally still carried with them the emotions that filled their hearts when it was announced that their respective schools would be closing.

With anger, fear, sadness, and disappointment, these resilient seniors ventured into their homerooms not knowing their classmates sitting right next to them. Yet despite being thrust from their comfort zones, they persevered and made the most of their situation.

Courageously, these seniors demonstrated to the entire BC community their dynamic character and resolve and that they were ready to overcome any adversity. It takes good, mature people with leadership skills and a spirit of

determination to endure the challenges and make their diversity their strength. And the first graduating class at Berks Catholic did just that!

Our seniors' faith was tested as well as their strength. But they believed that our God is faithful and does not let us be tried beyond our strength. And they triumphed! They should be very proud of themselves for their amazing accomplishments which includes setting high standards for future senior classes. I hope they realize what a blessing that they were to Berks Catholic and that they will follow your example and continue to make incredible contributions to the communities in which they will live.

To the Berks Catholic Class of 2012, we welcome you and now officially count you among the numbers of the Trinity Alumni!



Fr. Tom Bortz, Chaplain

Welcome to The Trinity

We have had quite an exciting year here at Berks Catholic and it's hard to believe it's already over. The support that alumni, former parents and friends have shown for Berks Catholic truly shows the enthusiasm people have for Catholic education in Berks County.

This year the Institutional Advancement Office assisted with class reunions by providing class lists, raffle items, and tours of Berks Catholic. This year we are planning some great activities for alumni including geographic alumni receptions, our first to be held in Reading at 3rd and Spruce Café on November 3. Some other ideas include a night at the Reading Phillies and Iron Pigs in Allentown, and potential trip to Atlantic City. Please see our alumni events listing for more events and we will be sure to update you with more information as it becomes available.

Have a safe and happy summer and may God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,,

Nicole Gingrich,

Director of Institutional Advancement

Are you planning a reunion?
Do you have an update you would like to
share in the Alumni Newsletter?
Have you moved recently?

The Office of Institutional Advancement is here for all alumni! On the Berks Catholic website, you can access the latest in alumni news and updates, reunion information and much more! If you have any updates, have, moved recently or would like us to assist with your reunion, please contact us!

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SOUND OF MUSIC

Berks Catholic's first musical was on April 12 and 13. Students performed to a sold out crowd on Friday evening and a close to sell out crowd on Saturday.

YNOT Award winners from BC were Katie Ott for the Most Memorable Female Solo Vocal as the Mother Abbess in "The Sound of Music", Gabrielle Parisi was awarded the Michael O'Pake Service Award and RJ Mangan was nominated for Best Supporting Actor as Max Detweiler.

Congratulations to all involved, it was a wonderful show!!



ATHLETICS

Boys basketball put on a great show here in Berks County. They won County and District 3 Championships. Unfortunately, they lost to Abington Heights in the 2nd round of the PIAA State Championships. We are proud of all the coaches and players for a successful first season!

Congratulations to all of the now Berks Catholic alumni who signed letters of intent this year to play Division I sports:

Bianca Lyn Agnstadt – Lacrosse at St. Joseph University

Sawyer Butto – Lacrosse at Sacred Heart University

Donovan Jack – Basketball at Penn State University

Marquis Marshall – Basketball at Towson University

Maria Mastromarino – Tennis at Duquesne University

Sarah Moulton – Volleyball at Lafayette College
Courtney Shepler – Diving at Clemson



SCIENCE FAIR

On Tuesday, March 13, 2012 Berks Catholic students entered the Reading-Berks Science & Engineering Fair hosted by Albright College. Four Berks Catholic students received 1st place awards.

Students pictured at right with Varun Singh's entry: L-R Varun Singh, Kyle Vu, Victoria Daly, and James Orlando.



ART SHOW

Four Berks Catholic students placed in the Berks County Secondary Art Show at GoggleWorks.

1st Place - Tempera Paint

Maria Barreras - senior (Maria also received honorable mention in Print Making)

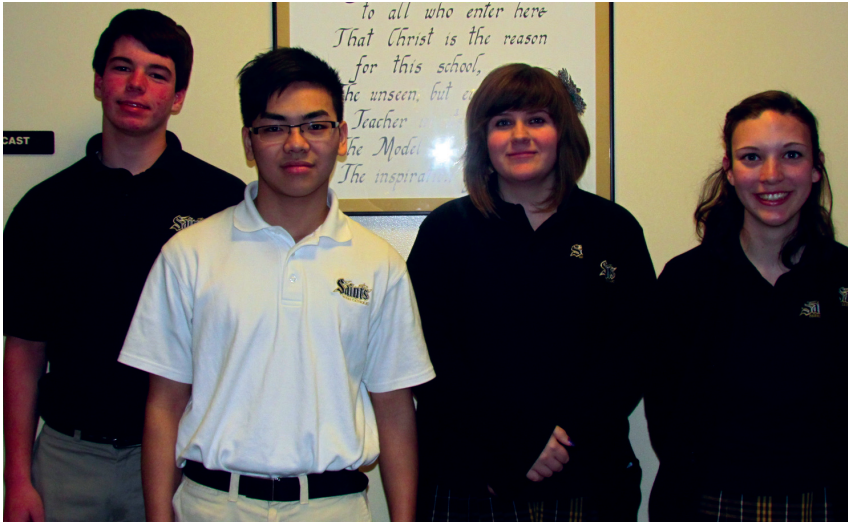
3rd place - Sculpture

Gabby Parisi - senior and Melisa Keinard - senior

3rd Place - Illustration

Mary Reilly - senior





POETRY CONTEST

Congratulations to the Berks Catholic Young Poets 2012 winners!! Young Poets 2012, is a poetry contest sponsored by the Reading Public Library.

Grade Nine winners:

1st place - Thinh Nguyen - "From..."

2nd place - Gillian Weidman - "The Plade I Come From"

3rd place - Thomas Ferguson - "Confusion"

Grade Ten:

Honorable Mention - Katie Scoboria - "Made to Make Mistakes"



FORENSICS

Several members of the Speech and Debate Team qualified to be among those students who will represent the Allentown Diocese at the Grand National Forensics Tournament in Baltimore on Memorial Day Weekend. They have worked hard and have advanced through several levels of competition to win this opportunity. They competed with students from all over the United States to be the National Champion in each of the categories.

Congratulations and Good Luck to:

Domenico DeMarco, Jason Lee, Joseph Majesky

Danielle Moore, Amy Shao, Connie Shao

Sarah Vrabic, Brian Wachowicz



COUNTY & DISTRICT 3 CHAMPIONS

Berks Catholic congratulates the Boys Basketball Team on their first County and District titles. The Saints were victorious over the Schuylkill Valley Panthers, with a final score of 48-28 for the County Title and claimed the District Title with a win over the Trinity Shamrocks 56-49.

The Trinity Reunions

Are you a member of one of the following classes and holding a reunion this year?
We can help you gather your class list and contact your fellow classmates.
Call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 610-374-8361 ext. 231

1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007



Central Catholic Class of 1947 – 65th Reunion
*June 8, 2012 at St. Paul's Church. 10 am Mass followed by
brunch in the social hall.*



CLASS of 1951

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Holy Name: Class of 1982 • 30th Reunion

Date: Friday, November 23, 2012

Time: 6:00-9:00pm

Location: 3rd and Spruce Café

Light fare and cash bar – more details to follow

Central Catholic: Class of 1962 • 50th Reunion

October 20, 2012 at Riveredge

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin at
6:00 pm with dinner and dancing to follow

Cost is \$50/pp

Central Catholic Class of 1951 celebrated their 60th reunion on September 17, 2011.

Front row: Miriam (Prentice) Muldrow,
Gerry (Smith) Didyoung, Jackie (Guthier) Kopicki, Maryilyn Katrinak,
Mary Ann (Horyczko) Banco, Pat (Frank) Fessler, Mary (Richards)
East-Burn. Row 2: Anna (Steidle) DeVelin, June (Bukowski) Stoebenan,
Mary (Borzacchini) Mathews, Gertrude (Gross) Bellanca, Peg (Mulligan)
Evans, Mary Lou (Martino) Pichinni, Loyola (Schnable) Biehl, Rita
(Giamotti) Gaspari, Ms. Virginia Illuzzi-Belson (Former Teacher). Row 3:
Mike DePaul, Bob Drexler, Dan Sweeney, Steve Banco, Jack Walter, Tony
Carabello, Paul Essig

Alumni Updates

1968 Ronald C. Stanko was recently appointed by Governor Tom Corbett as Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

1950 William Vorsteg passed away on January 3, 2011. Bill and his wife Cecilia were married for 28 years and had twin sons, now 24 years old. He was a kind, compassionate human being and Cecilia says he was true blessing in their lives.

1974 Sandy Lubas Hummel recently retired as Human Resources Manager for the City of Reading. Sandy looks forward to babysitting her grandchildren Tretyon 4 and Summer 9 months, opening a craft business and continued fundraising for the Animal Rescue League of Berks.

1974 Samuel Krick, Jr. passed away on January 12, 2012. He and his wife Georgette ('73) were married for 32 years.

1975 Sharon A Zebertavage passed away on February 9, 2011.

1983 Danielle Pariseau Moore, married Richard Moore and they have two sons, Dante age 20 and Nic age 17. She has a step-son, Elijah age 5. Danielle works for Rothschild LLP in Exton, PA.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ALEXA DERR

At the age of 7 Alexa Derr started riding horses and now 10 years later she spends much of her time volunteering by mentoring to younger equestrians. Alexa is a junior at Berks Catholic High School and is a Local Honoree for The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, which honors outstanding community service by young Americans.

Just this year, she was named the president of the Berks Pony Club and teaches at the bi-monthly winter meetings, and the monthly summer, fall and spring meetings. She educates the younger members on all aspects of riding, from horse management to veterinary knowledge to riding techniques. She does this by creating lessons that are enhanced through worksheets, handouts and posters, as well as hands-on (mounted) lessons where the students can apply what Alexa has just taught them. The younger equestrians range from 7 to 13 years-old and are of all different skill levels. Each lesson plan usually takes between 1-3 hours to prepare. At the end of the year the members compete at a Regional Quiz Rally and use the knowledge Alexa has taught them. The first year, she says she was nervous for them as they competed, but it was a happy nervous. After the Quiz Rally, the members she mentored gave her and the Vice President of the Berks Pony Club hugs and smiles and she said "I feel blessed to be a part of that".

Not only does Alexa teach the young equestrians, but she also shows and competes on her own. She placed 11th and 6th at the Dressage at Devon horse show this past year in the three-year-old Suitability and Materiale divisions and last summer she traveled to New York for the Youth Dressage Festival and placed 11th in her age group and division. As a member of the Berks Pony Club, Alexa was named the highest scoring Senior D at the Eastern PA Region Quiz Rally which qualified her for the National Championships in Lexington, KY, and was named highest scoring C rider

at Eastern PA Region Dressage Rally. At the United States Pony Club National Championships her and her team placed 11th. She also received the Spirit of Pony Club and the Mentoring awards from Berks Pony Club. Alexa obtained grand champion in Year-End Standings in Dressage for the Oley Valley Combined Training Association and the Susquehanna Valley Horse Show Association on her three-year-old, off-the-track Thoroughbred. This spring Alexa plans to debut her leased FEI Warmblood, Ocarina. In her future, she would like to continue competing and training to advance her skills and hopefully compete on the North American Junior or Young Rider Championship Team.



At Berks Catholic, Alexa is a member of the National Honor Society, has received distinguished honors and first honors, tutors middle school children in math and is a member of the varsity tennis team. This year, she also received a varsity letter in equestrian riding through the USEF High School Athletic Program. She also founded Derriffic Designs, where she hand-stamps and sells various designs of coasters.

Alexa says, "There are three things in my life that bring me endless joy and countless life lessons: training horses, teaching young equestrians and being a mentor."

Alumni Updates

1994 Jennifer Mizak Bechtel and husband, Marc are the proud parents of Elliott William Bechtel born on December 18, 2011 at 2:14 am. Elliott weighed 7lbs 14 oz. They are very blessed to have their first child and are loving every minute of parenthood.

1995 Tara Dubble Kutzer married Chris on April 29, 2011. They welcomed their first daughter, Zoey Rita on January 28, 2012.

1995 Kristen Voelker Overley is now a proud partner and designer at Peacock Design & Paperie, LLC, a couture invitations and event stationary design studio based in Berks County. Peacock is the result of a merger between Kristen's previous company, Party Girl invitations LLC and Stellar Art and Design LLC. Kristen is also married to Shawn Overley (Gov. Mifflin '94 grad) and they have two children, Dylan and Jaxon.

1997 Jessica Stout is engaged to Christopher Schmidt. Christopher, a graduate of Garnet Valley High School, received his bachelor's degree in exercise sports science and history from Ursinus College. He earned a master's degree in physical therapy from MCP Hahnemann University. He works for Jack Frost Big Boulder Ski Areas. Jessica earned her bachelor's degree in biology from East Stroudsburg University. She received a master's degree in recreation therapy from University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. She is employed by The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: JAMES HAMMER



James Hammer is a 2004 graduate of Holy Name High School and is in his third year of Graduate school at Auburn University in Alabama studying Combinatorics, which is a branch of Mathematics that students finite or countable discrete structures. Currently James is in the process of being published with a few colleagues and professors in Edge Regular Graphs, and at

the same time in the middle of three other research projects. In his spare time (which I'm sure there isn't much of) James is also teaching college level classes at Auburn such as Calculus and Math for Elementary Education.

James found joy in teaching while he was still at Holy Name and a part of the tutoring homerooms. He said being a part of that is "probably one of the things that sparked me to want to be an educator." After Holy Name, he went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Kutztown University. He switched his major three times while at Kutztown. James started out as a Computer Science major, but soon realized that he enjoyed the math courses he was taking, so he switched to Secondary Education in Mathematics. He was a supplemental instructor for an algebra class at Kutztown, and began thinking that he would like to be a college professor instead. So after some encouragement from two professors, he settled on a major in Mathematics and a minor in Philosophy, and graduated from Kutztown University in 2008.

When asked about his favorite memories from Holy Name, James couldn't think of just one, but said "the friends that I met while I was at Holy Name changed my life and continue

to influence my life to this day." He remembered the first time he performed on stage with some of his classmates playing Stairway to Heaven by Led Zeppelin at the musical revue, and says without the encouragement of his friends both on stage and off he may not have had the courage to get up there.

One very special experience he said was Kairos, and even though he couldn't say too much, he encourages all students to go on Kairos because it is such a worthwhile experience. The other memories James mentioned are the simple every day events, such as lunch time, hanging out with friends before school, and taking a field trip to New York after AP exams. "There are so many things that you'd think you'd forget over time, but it turns out they make all the difference" James stated. While at Holy Name, James was a member of National Honor Society, yearbook, editor of the literary newsletter, played guitar in the choir and intramural bowling.

James noted that he certainly felt prepared for college after Holy Name. "There isn't enough praise I can give to the faculty of Holy Name, as well as Berks Catholic. I know a number of teachers at Berks Catholic, and they are there because they truly believe in Catholic education as well as all of their students as individuals. There are several teachers there that changed my life. I am eternally grateful to all of my teachers from every level of my education."

Advice that he would give to the first graduating class of Berks Catholic is this: "Never lose touch with the friends you've made in high school."

James thank you for being a part of or Alumni Spotlight and we hope you'll visit again when you are in the area! Good luck to you as you complete your graduate work at Auburn University.

Alumni Updates

1998 Rebecca Stanko received her Doctorate in Education from Columbia University Teachers College in May 2012. She also holds a B.A. from Wellesley College and a Masters Degree from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

1998 Julie Ortiz and her husband welcomed a baby girl named Julianna in February 2012.

1999 Jasen Esposito and Susan Pollack plan to be married. Susan is a graduate of Wyomissing High School. Her bachelor's degree is in

marketing and management. She earned this from the University of Delaware. She received a masters's degree in business administration from Alvernia University. She is employed by Pollack Fashion Outerwear. Jason earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Kutztown University. He is employed by Go Big Recruiting.

1999 Kevin Wright is engaged to Rachel Kurtz. Rachel, a Wilson High School graduate, received a bachelor's degree in English from Shippensburg University. Kevin received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering

from Pennsylvania State University.

2000 Noelle Einolf was married to Daniel Vilardo on May 26, 2012. Bridesmaids included Rebecca Boylan '00, Erica Kase Natasi '00, and Rebecca Griesemer Mills '00. Shaun Einolf '96 and Jeremy (Bubba) Mills '01 were groomsmen.

2001 Erin Causa Morrissey and husband Tim ('00) had a daughter on May 21, 2011, her name is Theresa Rose.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: DR. RICHARD P. FLANNERY

Dr. Richard P. Flannery, a Central Catholic grad, might well be labeled a “man for all seasons”, as in a time span covering over six decades.

In his 14th year as Executive Director of the Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association (BCIAA) – guiding athletic the athletic programs of Berks County’s 18 high schools, Flannery is also president of the PA Sports Hall of Fame (Berks Chapter), in which he was inducted in 1982.

Dr. Flannery is in his third year as president of the Reading-Berks County Regional Holy Society. He serves on the Gethsemane Cemetery Advisory Board (since 1988) and athletically, is a member of the District III Advisory Committee.

Flannery is credited with arranging the high school basketball playoffs to be held Sovereign Center. At that site the BCIAA finals attracted over seven thousand fans in the 2010-11 finals, the highest total in the state. To hold the baseball playoffs at First Energy Stadium was his idea, along with the Reading Phillies director, Chuck Domino. This past season the Berks County vs Montgomery County All-stars competed in the 8th annual inter-county baseball classic, another Flannery creation. During the winter season he initiated the BCIAA individual wrestling tournament involving upwards of 350 athletes.

Dr. Flannery has served as a teacher, coach and principal. He became principal at Boyertown High School when he was named acting-principal in 1972. Two years later he became the principal at Reading High School and was there until 1988. He went on to serve a 5-year stint as principal at Sacred Heart Elementary School and then went on to be Alvernia University’s first full-time athletic director and later Dean of Students.

During his athletic career, Flannery won the first Veuzke Relays mile to be named Berks County Champion. For Central Catholic he won 38 mile races in three years for his coach, the late Dr. Ralph M. Mulligan. The highlight of his high school career occurred at Fagan Field in Harrisburg,

when he ran a 4:28.7 mile to defeat the New Jersey State Champion.

Dr. Flannery had a 4-year U.S. Navy career and became a 1st Class Petty Officer serving on four different ships. He ran for Oklahoma State and was Missouri Valley Conference runner up in the two-mile (9:28). He later earned administrative credits at Kutztown University, Temple University and the University of Florida.

In amateur basketball he played for 9 teams in 27 years, the highlight being a 92-point single game performance on March 3, 1966. He won 17 scoring titles in Berks and Montgomery Counties over the years.

The 1971 Educator of the Year – so named by the Valley Forge Freedom’s Foundation, once scored 45 points against the Philadelphia Eagles football team as a member of Boyertown High School’s faculty in 1968. That same year Boyertown’s teachers hosted the Philadelphia Whiz Kids (Robin Roberts, Bobby Schantz, Curt Simmons and ‘ringer’ Paul Arizin-the 2-time NBA scoring champ). During that game Arizin had 33 points, while Flannery scored 34.

He coached Boyertown’s track and cross country teams for over a decade compiling a combined 132-22 record, including five Ches-Mont titles in cross country. He led the Bears to 53 straight dual meet victories in cross country in the five years – a record that still stands.

Dr. Flannery is the father of five children, four are in education, one is a principal. His wife Lois serves as treasurer for the BCIAA. We all look forward to the days when Dr. Flannery stops by to visit Berks Catholic High School!



Alumni Updates

2001 Patrick Nelis is engaged to marry Jessica Lynne Wolf. Jessica is a graduate of Wilson High School. She received a bachelor’s degree in interior design from Philadelphia University. She is employed by Watkins Architect in Fleetwood. Patrick works for the United Parcel Service.

2001 Robert E. Stanko graduated from Villanova University in 2005 and from The Penn State/Dickinson School of Law in 2008. He is a litigation associate with the law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin in Philadelphia.

2002 Cochil Baker received her MBA in Marketing from Seton Hall in December 2011. She is currently working in Philadelphia for a wealth advisory firm, and is engaged to Jon Sands. They will be married New Year’s Eve 2012 in Reading.

2002 Carolyn Brandi and William Burns Driscoll were married on September 4, 2011 in Skytop Lodge in Monroe County. William is a graduate of Cazenovia High School in Cazenovia, New York. He received his bachelor’s degree in history from Loyola University. He is employed as a concessions manager by Aramark Corporation at Coors Field in Denver. Carolyn also received her bachelor’s degree from Loyola University. Her degree is in science and psychology. She is an independent research consultant. William and Carolyn visited Thailand for their wedding trip, and they reside in Denver.

Alumni Updates

2002 Colleen Ciabattini and Christian Reinecker were married June 18, 2011 in St. Isadore's Church in Quakertown, Bucks County. Christian is an Exeter High School graduate. He received a doctor of dental medicine from the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. He is employed as a dental resident by Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Denver. Colleen received her master's degree in special education from St. Joseph's University. She is a special education teacher. Colleen and Christian live in Denver.

2002 Adam P. Krick is engaged to Teresa Rampulla. They will be married at St. John Baptist de la Salle Church in July 2012.

2002 Jillian Stout Maxey and husband Colin welcomed daughter Lilly Bridget Maxey on August 26, 2011. Jillian and Colin live in Weymouth, MA. Jillian is earning her Ph.D. in Comparative Theology at Boston College.

2003 Danielle "Hope" Hertzler and Frank Thomas Perry, both of Novi, Michigan, plan to be married. Frank is a graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School and Penn State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He works for WABCO Reman Solutions in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Hope received an associate's degree in culinary arts and a bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. She works for Evangelical Homes of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

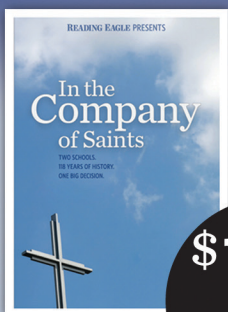
2003 Stephanie Lynn Samsel is engaged to Matthew Scott Cohen. Stephanie and Matt met in downtown Manhattan in 2003. She is a graduate of Philadelphia University and received a B.S. in Fashion Merchandising and has worked in the NYC fashion industry for Macy's Merchandising Group, Fownes Brothers, Tommy Hilfiger and currently is employed by Saks Fifth Avenue. Matthew is a graduate of Villanova University and received a B.S. in Business Administration with a major in

Finance. Matthew is currently employed by Magnitude Capital. Stephanie and Matt reside in Hoboken, New Jersey and a June 2013 wedding is planned at Liberty House in Jersey City, NJ.

2004 Alexa Bordner studied international affairs at American University and graduated in 2008. During that time she spent some time in Cairo. After graduation, she worked two years as a paralegal in a Washington law firm. Alexa joined the Peace Corps in 2010. She primarily teaches English to school-age girls in El Mafraq, Jordan. After teaching for a year, she recognized a need for developing leadership skills. As a result she began working with GLOW (Girls Leading Our World), which is a weeklong camp program.

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Nestled less than five miles apart in Reading, Pennsylvania, Central Catholic and Holy Name high schools spent the last half-century as friendly but passionate rivals.

The relationship's roots go back even further: The two student bodies originally were one when Central Catholic opened in 1940 in a converted, allegedly haunted, mansion formerly owned by the inventor of Luken's cough drops.

When the student body was split in 1964 to create Holy Name, the schools began to carve distinct identities, their students cultivating traditions that have been passed through generations. Then, in early 2011, everything changed.

The diocese announced that both schools would close, and the two student bodies again would become one.

In the Company of Saints details the schools' histories, the decision to close them, the painful end to two sets of traditions and the first steps toward establishing new ones.

This is the story of Berks Catholic High School.

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Alumni Updates

2004 Timothy Carroll plans to marry Fiona Rose Whiter. Fiona is from Halverton, Devon in the United Kingdom. She graduated from St. Peter's Church of England School and the University of Westminster, London. Her bachelor's degree is in fashion merchandising management. She is employed by Anthropologie (Europe), London. Tim received a bachelor's degree in finance and international relations from Philadelphia University. He is attending Beasley School of Law at Temple University, and he is employed by White and Williams LLP, Philadelphia.

2004 Andrea Lis is engaged to Kyle Uniacke. Kyle is a graduate of Fairfield Prep in Fairfield, Connecticut. He received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from St. Joseph's University. He is employed by Target Corporation. Andrea is also an alumna of St. Joe's. She earned her bachelor's degree in food marketing, and she is employed by ConAgra Foods Inc.

2004 Sarah Scaffidi and Justin Michael Clark were married on November 5, 2011. Justin received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Penn State Abington. He is employed by Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia. Sarah earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Temple University. She works for firstPRO Inc. in Philadelphia.

2005 Katie Elizabeth Poore received an M.S. in Applied Mathematics and Statistics from Georgetown University in May 2011. She has been working in McLean, VA for Freddie Mac's Internal Audit – Model Risk and Data Analytics group since June 2011.

2006 John Buckley graduated from George Mason University Law School in May, 2012. He will take the Virginia bar exam at the end of July, and then clerk for a federal judge in Wilkes-Barre. In the fall, he plans to return to the Washington, DC or northern Virginia area.

2006 CJ Mellon and Jennifer Trap were married July 16, 2011 in Sacred Heart Church during a Mass celebrated by Rev. Robert Finlan.

2007 Evan A. Casner, an Army Pfc., has graduated from the Fire Support Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

2007 Jamie Ford graduated from West Chester University with honors and plans to attend Villanova University to study Law in the fall.

2007 Peter Secor received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with Distinction from Kutztown University. He will be attending General Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Arts in Ascetical Theology beginning in the fall.

2007 Amelia Serine was awarded a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from West Chester University on May 14, 2012. She graduated summa cum laude in 2012 from Washington & Jefferson College with a double major in Psychology and Spanish. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Amelia is enrolled in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine for the fall, where she will pursue a Doctorate of Psychology in Clinical Psychology.

2007 Nathan Sutherland, a 2011 graduate of Miami (Ohio) University is competing in the PGA Tour qualifying school. He has successfully completed the first round, and is on track to make it to the final stage at LaQuinta, California.

2009 Allison Hurley, a junior psychology / French major at Lycoming College, received a \$1000 scholarship from St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Reading.

2009 Joseph Koch and Timothy Lawlor, juniors at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, will be participating in the Sigmund Weis School of Business London Program during the spring semester. Joe is a business/global management major and Tim is a business administration/marketing major.

2010 Victoria Foanio, a sophomore at Albright College, is the first women's tennis player from Albright to win the Middle Atlantic Conference flight one singles title. She also teamed with freshman Alyssa Sell, to win the flight one doubles title.

2010 Jarred Stratton received research fellow funding from the American Psychological Society for his work at Duquesne University. He will spend the summer researching painful bladder syndrome, and will present his research at the Experimental Biology 2013 meeting in Boston. Jarred will be entering his junior year in the fall.

2011 Ryan Kroekel, has earned a \$5000 scholarship from the Arrow International Scholarship Fund.

2011 Jenna Snyder participated in the annual Run/Walk for Hunger Month at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Donations from the month's fund and food drives were distributed to Dutchess Outreach, Bread for the World, and Share Our Strength. Jenna is majoring in business administration.

2011 Fr. Paul Masiar, a former teacher at Central Catholic, passed away on July 3, 2011.

2011 On Saturday April 7, 2012 alumni participated in the annual High School bowling tournament held at Berks Lane. The team consisted of Vince Biancone ('90 HN), Chris Buser ('88 HN), Ryan May ('96 HN), Chuck Williams ('62 CC) and Mark Williams ('88 HN).

Alumni Events

- ➔ **Friday, October 26, 2012**
Homecoming and Hall of Fame Night.
- ➔ **Saturday, November 3, 2012**
All alumni reception at 3rd and Spruce Café,
more information to follow.
- ➔ **Thursday, December 20, 2012**
Young alumni Mass and reception -
more information to follow.
- ➔ **Spring and Summer 2013**
Look for all alumni receptions in
Philadelphia and Pittsburgh
and alumni nights at the Reading Phillies
and Iron Pigs.

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