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Central Catholic, Holy Name, and Reading Catholic High Schools

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**Congratulations Bill Hess (HN 1989),  
Berks Catholic's new Head of School!**



William H. Hess

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June 1, 2021

Dear Berks Catholic School Community,

As Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Berks Catholic High School, I am pleased to announce that Mr. William H. Hess has been appointed Head of School effective July 1, 2021. I would like to express my deep appreciation to all those who participated in the search process, in particular, the Search Committee, and the Berks Catholic Board of Directors for their dedicated efforts throughout the process. In addition, Bishop Schlert, for his approval of the Board's recommendation appointing Mr. Hess as Head of School.

A lifelong Catholic educator, Mr. Hess brings a wealth of experience with him to this new position. He currently serves as our Assistant Principal with primary responsibility as Dean of Students and Athletic Director, a position he has held since 2011. He served in a similar position as Director of Student Life at Holy Name High School from 2002-2011. Previously, he was a Social Studies teacher at Holy Name High School from 1998-2003, also serving as an Assistant Athletic director and coach. Mr. Hess began his career in the Diocese of Allentown at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School teaching Social Studies in Grades 5-6.

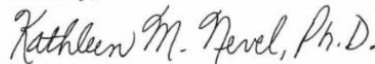
Mr. Hess has twenty-five years of experience in Catholic education, eighteen as an administrator. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies from Kutztown University and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Alvernia University. Mr. Hess possesses an Instructional II certification in Secondary Education – Social Studies and Principal's Certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

He and his family are members of Holy Rosary Parish in Reading. Mr. Hess is excited to continue to serve Berks Catholic High School in this new role. Please join me and the Berks Catholic Board of Directors in congratulating him as our new Head of School. We wish him all the best!

Also on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend our profound gratitude to Mrs. Alice Einolf as she retires after 34 years as a Catholic educator, the past two as principal of our school. Prior to her appointment as Principal of BC in 2019, she served as Assistant Principal of Berks Catholic from 2011-2019, and the Director of Studies and a mathematics teacher during her tenure at Holy Name High School from 1998-2011. Mrs. Einolf began her diocesan career as a junior high math teacher at St. Ignatius Loyola Regional School from 1987-1998. We are so grateful for her leadership in Catholic education in Berks County and wish her all the best in her retirement years.

Thank you for your support of Berks Catholic High School and as always, GO SAINTS!!!!

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Nevel, Ph.D.

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## Alumni in the News:

Congratulations to **Eric Turman (HN 1991)**, named superintendent of the Harrisburg School District

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



Congratulations to **Ifedapo Benjamin (BC 2013)**,

recognized with Garden State Bar Association's Top 25 Under 40 Award!

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



Congratulations to **Mary Banco (BC 2018)** whose second short film, “Convergence” will be premiering this summer on YouTube (Mary Bee Films) and social medias!



Congratulations to **Stacey (Gibson) O'Brien (HN 1985)** and her husband Michael who opened a new breakfast spot in Berks County!

[Read their story here.](#)

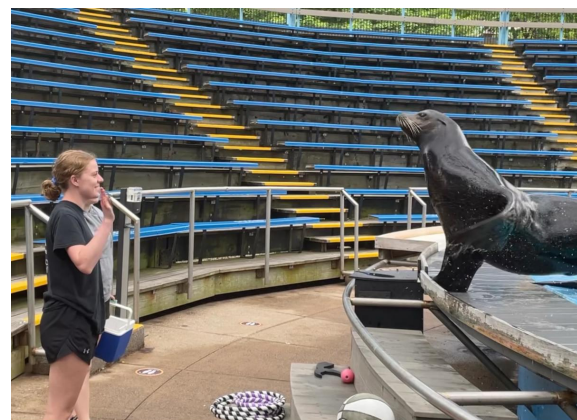


Congratulations to **Lauren (Mastromarino) Zerbe (HN 2009)**, Nurse Practitioner at Reading Pediatrics!

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



Congratulations to **Ann Birmingham (BC 2020)**, on her internship at the Aquarium at Hershey Park this summer.



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Gaspari (BC 2017)** on earning two prestigious awards to end her swimming career at Penn State!

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



### **Other Alumni News**

Congratulations to **Xiomaro Toledo (BC 2015)** on her new role as Assistant Director at the Clinton Street Olivet Boys and Girls Club.

Congratulations to **Drew Stanko (BC 2014)** who graduated from St. John University Law School.

Congratulations to **David Dautrich (BC 2014)** who passed the bar exam.

Congratulations to **John Foster (BC 2012)** who has been reassigned to Kigali, Rwanda in his position as a US Department of State Foreign Service Officer, also known as a diplomat.

Congratulations **Maria Mastromarino (BC 2012)** on graduating from Villanova with her Master's in Nursing, earning her Nurse Practitioners License, and beginning a career at Reading Pediatrics (with her sister Lauren mentioned above)!

Congratulations to **Adam Krick (HN 2002)**, Deputy Director of Enterprise Risk Management at Customers Bank, who was honored with the 2020 Chairman's Award given annually to a select group of Team Members who exhibit credibility, honesty, accountability, and integrity while being reliable, motivational, and attitude nurturing.

Congratulations to **Dave McMullen (HN 1989)** who in May celebrated 25 years of marriage to his wife Bridget.

Congratulations to **John Giese (HN 1970)** who in October will celebrate 29 years of marriage to his wife Joanne.

Welcome home **Ann Boulanger-Hertzog (HN 1966)** who in her retirement has moved back to the area to be closer to her roots and family members after living in Florida for 20 years.

### **Engagements**

Mikayla Stevens (BC 2014) to Josh Mendenhall (BC 2014)

Bernie Wood (BC 2014) to John Levitt Sarah Levan (BC 2013) to Colby Kutz (HN 2011)

Nicole Johnson (BC 2012) to Adonis Fleming (CC 2011)

Emily Mengle (HN 2010) to Frank Diaferio III

Marissa Natole (HN 2009) to Brad Williams

Amy Strunk (HN 2005) to Dwayne Miller

Katie Burg (HN 2001) to Dustin Knight

## **Weddings**

Meghan Donahue (BC 2014) to Nicholas Wilker  
Meghan Cardine (CC 2013) to Kevin Leshner  
Tyler Hafer (BC 2012) to Kati Ehrgott  
Thomas Natole (HN 2011) to Ericka  
Maria Kreider (CC 2010) to Jordan Fischer  
Samantha Hess (HN 2007) to Eric Mills  
Sarah Pietrowski (HN 2007) to Nathan Sutherland (HN 2007)  
Kevin Snyder (HN 2006) to Amanda Spector

## **Births**

Baby Girl Elena Christine to Aryn (Murga) and David Dautrich (BC 2012)  
Baby Girl Hazel Blake to Joey and Lauren (Kriebel) Dicerchio (CC 2010)  
Baby Boy Theodore James to Matt and Marissa Banta (HN 2009)  
Baby Boy Declan James to Kelly Magrann (HN 2006) and Keri Denaro  
Baby Girl Macy Josephine to Matt and Becca Ashcroft (CC 2006)  
Baby Girl Laney Grace to Stevie and Alexa Christian (HN 2006)  
Baby Girl Alivia to George and Vanessa Fields (HN 2003)  
Baby Boy Michael to Jillian (Stout) (HN 2002) and Colin Maxey

## **Upcoming Dates to Save**

### **Berks Catholic Homecoming**

Friday, September 17

*For more information, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or [bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org).*

### **Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing**

Monday, September 27, 2021

Berkshire Country Club

*For more information or for sponsorship details, please contact Betsy Woytovich at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or [bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org](mailto:bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org).*

### **Berks Catholic Extravaganza**

Saturday, October 9 (Donor and Family Night - October 7)

*For more information or to donate, please contact Danielle Fowler at 610-374-1695 or [extravaganza@berkscatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Central Catholic Class of 1991 - 30th Reunion**

Saturday, September 18, 2021

McGlinn Commons at Berks Catholic High School

For more information please contact Nina (D'Onofrio) Murphy at 610-698-5799 or nkmurphy@aol.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,



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**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

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***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  
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