



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

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Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign Update

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to update you on the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign. The construction of the John R. Post Learning Center is well under way, on budget and on schedule to be completed for the opening of school in Fall 2018. We recently received news that we will be receiving an additional \$1 million from Mr. and Mrs. Terry McGlinn, bringing our pledges and gifts received to \$6,800,322.65. The John R. Post Learning Center is fully funded, and this additional gift puts us in striking distance of also fully funding the turf/track project. Our goal is to raise an additional \$300,000 to \$500,000 to fully fund the track/turf project and crest the \$7 million dollar mark in our campaign.



The new turf and track are vital to our continued growth and success. Twenty programs currently utilize the main stadium space. Placing artificial turf on the main stadium field and replacing the track (which is at the end of its current usable life) will allow for year-round practice and competition play at the Varsity, Junior High, Youth, and CYO levels in the following sports: cheerleading, field hockey, football, lacrosse, marching band, soccer, and track & field. Because of the wear and tear on our current stadium field it can only be used for football games. Artificially turfing the main stadium field will also result in significantly reducing field maintenance costs by over \$30,000 a year.

Thank you for your commitment to the Excellence Faith Future Capital Campaign. If you would like to personally help us to fully fund the turf/track project and crest the \$7 million mark in our campaign, please contact me directly.

God Bless you and your family, and Go Saints!

Sincerely,

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SAVE THE DATE

Berks Catholic's Golf Outing is moving to a new day and location.



Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Berkshire Country Club

Swing Fore the  Golf Outing

Upcoming Reunion

Holy Name Class of 1968 50th Reunion

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Victor Emmanuel's from 5-9 pm

Tour of Berks Catholic at 3 pm

\$25 per person includes buffet. Cash bar.

Mail payment to Barbara (Hess) Hagan at 317 Bartlett St, Reading, PA 19611

or email for her at tugymmom@aol.com for more information.

Central Catholic Class of 1952 - 65th Class Reunion

Front Row, L. to R. : Dick Thren, Fr. Mike Camilli, Jim Waldman, Paul Geiger, Paul Gibilisco and Len Pietruszynski

Second Row, L. to R. : Bob Donohue, Sylvia (Zielinski) Zogas, Jean (Henry) Loeper, John Loeper, Dolly (Kruszewski) Kugler, Claire Flemming, Justine (Spangler) Coleman, Jean (Waninger) Walter, Ray Noll

Third Row, L. to R. : Bernie Hofmann, Pat (Fordyce) Hofmann, Mark Caufmann, Jay Mullen, Thelma (Schwegmann) Elder, Peggy (Glaser) Heckman



Holy Name Class of 1992 - 25th Class Reunion



Holy Name Class of 1997 - 20th Class Reunion



Alumni in the Spotlight:

Santo Marabella (CC 1978), Reading Eagle Entertainment Newsmaker of the Year Award Winner!

[Read Santo's story here](#)



Judge Tom Parisi (HN 1976) named Berks County's President Judge

[Read Tom's story here](#)



Dolan Construction (Pat Dolan, CC 1992, and Maureen Dolan, CC 1985) marks 40 years in the construction business

[Read Dolan Construction story here](#)



Mary (Lynch) Barbera (CC 1982), owner of Barbera Behavior Consulting LLC and author of "The Verbal Approach: How to Teach Children with Autism and Related Disorders."

[Read Mary's story here](#)



Bob Bickford (HN 1967) featured in Irish Legal 100

[Read Bob's story here](#)



Alex Fowler (HN 2010), Learning Support Teacher at Northwest Elementary, featured in Reading Eagle

[Read Alex's story here](#)



Dan Henne (HN 1989), Master Mechanic for 23 years

[Read Dan's story here](#)



Kuhn Funeral Home (Mike Kuhn, HN 1986) marks 80th Anniversary

[Read Kuhn Funeral Home story here](#)



Dr. Natalie Parisi (HN 1985) featured in Business Weekly

[Read Natalie's story here](#)



James Aloye (CC 1996) creating perfect role-playing game

[Read James' story here](#)



Roberto Campitelli (CC 1992) Berks County's Face of Medical Equipment

[Read Rob's story \(p 21\)](#)



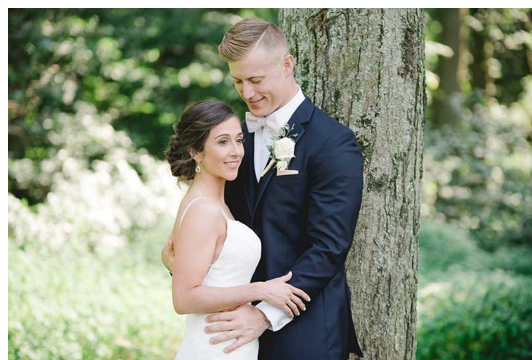
Roberto Scoboria (CC 1988) named Superintendent of Wyomissing Area School District

[Read Rob's story here](#)



Lauren Mastromarino (HN 2009) recently married Patrick Zerbe, and their story was featured in Berks County Living Magazine

[Read Lauren and Patrick's story here](#)



Other Alumni News

Joanne Cassidy La Grange Loeper (CC 1963) began her youth ministry in 1978 as a Brownie Girl Scout leader. Over the years, Mrs. Loeper has served in a variety of roles advocating for girls. She is the Pagoda Service Unit religious coordinator and holds positions on the Catholic Committee of Girl Scout, Campfire Girl and American Heritage Girls Region 3 and the Allentown Diocese Catholic Committee for Scouting. This prestigious recognition, "The For God and Youth Award," is given by the National

Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry to adults who have made a significant impact on youth ministry within their organization, parish, diocese and Regional level. Mrs. Loeper has received the St. Anne medal and the Regional Glass Cross of services in recognition of actively serving young people for almost 40 years. Mrs. Loeper is a member of St. Catharine of Siena Roman Catholic Church, Reading, PA, where she is also a Eucharistic Minister. Mrs. Loeper and her husband, Leo, have 5 children and their spouses, and 11 grandchildren with one on the way! Mrs. Loeper is still active in Girl Scouting as a Daisy Girl Scout Leader.

Kristin (Weber) Jimison (CC 1997) is Director of Engagement for the Virginia Nurses Association where she oversees the organization's membership, healthcare advocacy, marketing/communications, and volunteer management activities and staff.

George Ortiz (HN 2003) was one of 15 business owners to make the 2017 Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry list, which honors excellence in Berks regional entrepreneurs. entrepreneurs.

Mark Stahler (HN 2003), Behavioral Support Specialist, was named 2017 Employee of the Year of Pressley Ridge, a nonprofit autism support school.

Clare Pressimone (HN 2009) graduated from Cabrini College with a Bachelor's of Social Work in 2014.

From November 2014 to July 2016, she served as a Salesian Lay Missioner in Phnom Penh, Cambodia where she was an English teacher at a school for the poor. She taught elementary and secondary level classes as well as taught some teachers, staff and women in religious formation interested in improving or learning English. From December 2016 to July 2017, Clare was employed at Catholic Relief Services in the Advocacy Department as the Advisor of Grassroots Advocacy. In August 2017, she began a Master's in International Political Economy and Development at Fordham University, with an anticipated graduation date is February 2019.

Dan Neubert (HN 2011) hosts Good Afternoon Berks Country from 3-5 weekday afternoons

Bobby Noga (BC 2015) was named lieutenant of La Salle's men's rowing team.

Gabriela Marrero (BC 2014) is a student at Susquehanna University where she serves as the Community Partnerships Service Scholar with the Johnson Center for Civic Engagement. In this role she works as a part of the student team to promote community engagement at Susquehanna through various outlets. She has played an integral part in organizing and leading Susquehanna's capstone service events, SU GiVE (Get Into Volunteer Experience) and SERVE (SU Engaging in Regional Volunteer Experiences). In addition to her work with the Johnson Center, Gabriela leads Susquehanna's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, coordinating and leading students on numerous service trips throughout the Eastern U.S, serves as a resident assistant, and was recently selected to be a Senior Community Assistant for First Year students.

Nana Foulland (BC 2014), Center and Team Captain on Bucknell's Men's Basketball team, leads all active Division I centers in career points.

Julia Dimmerling (BC 2015) was named a Forbes Scholar at Villanova University.

Please forward to fellow alumni who may not be receiving and please contact Betsy at bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org to update your email address or home address.

Please send alumni updates and news as well as reunion announcements and photos to Betsy at bwoytovich@berkscatholic.org.

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