From the Office of Alumni Relations

The Trinity

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

Summer 2025 Edition



Summer is here!

As the summer sun shines in, we're sending warm wishes to all our Trinity alumni near and far. Whether you graduated decades ago or just turned your tassel, we encourage you to stay connected, through upcoming events, mentorship opportunities, and alumni stories - we love hearing from you! A special welcome to the Class of 2025! They join a prestigious network of changemakers, leaders and lifelong supporters of Berks Catholic through our legacy schools of Central Catholic and Holy Name, all who are incredibly proud of their education, accomplishments and excited for what lies ahead. Here's to a summer filled with rest, reflection, and inspiration.

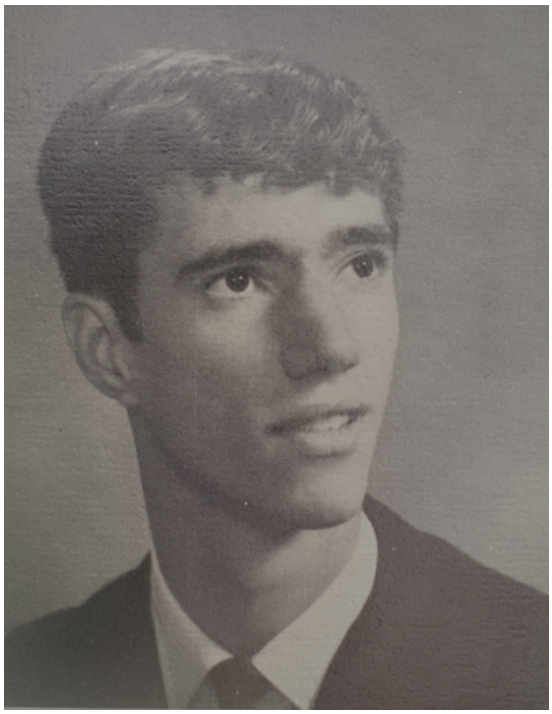
The Power of WE!

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Alumni Spotlight

John Giese Sr. HN 1970

Owner of Goose Enterprises LLC in Limerick, PA





Tell us about your career path.

The Giese Family owns and operates Goose's Montecristo Lounge & CBD Hemp Shop in Limerick, PA.

Do you credit any teachers/peers/classes who helped you get where you are today?

My Catholic based education at Holy Name (class of 1970) gave me the faith and strength to be strong in life and overcome its challenges.

What advice would you give to current Berks Catholic students?

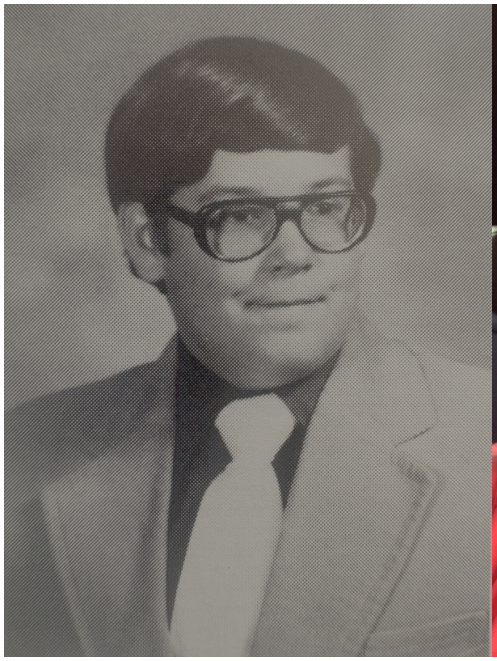
Find mentors in your life that are shining examples of people who live Catholic lives in the service of Jesus.

Tell us a little bit about yourself and what you like to do in your spare time.

We love our children and grandchildren and enjoy our time with them.

Michael J. Nally CC 1979

9th Superintendent of the Charles Evans Cemetery





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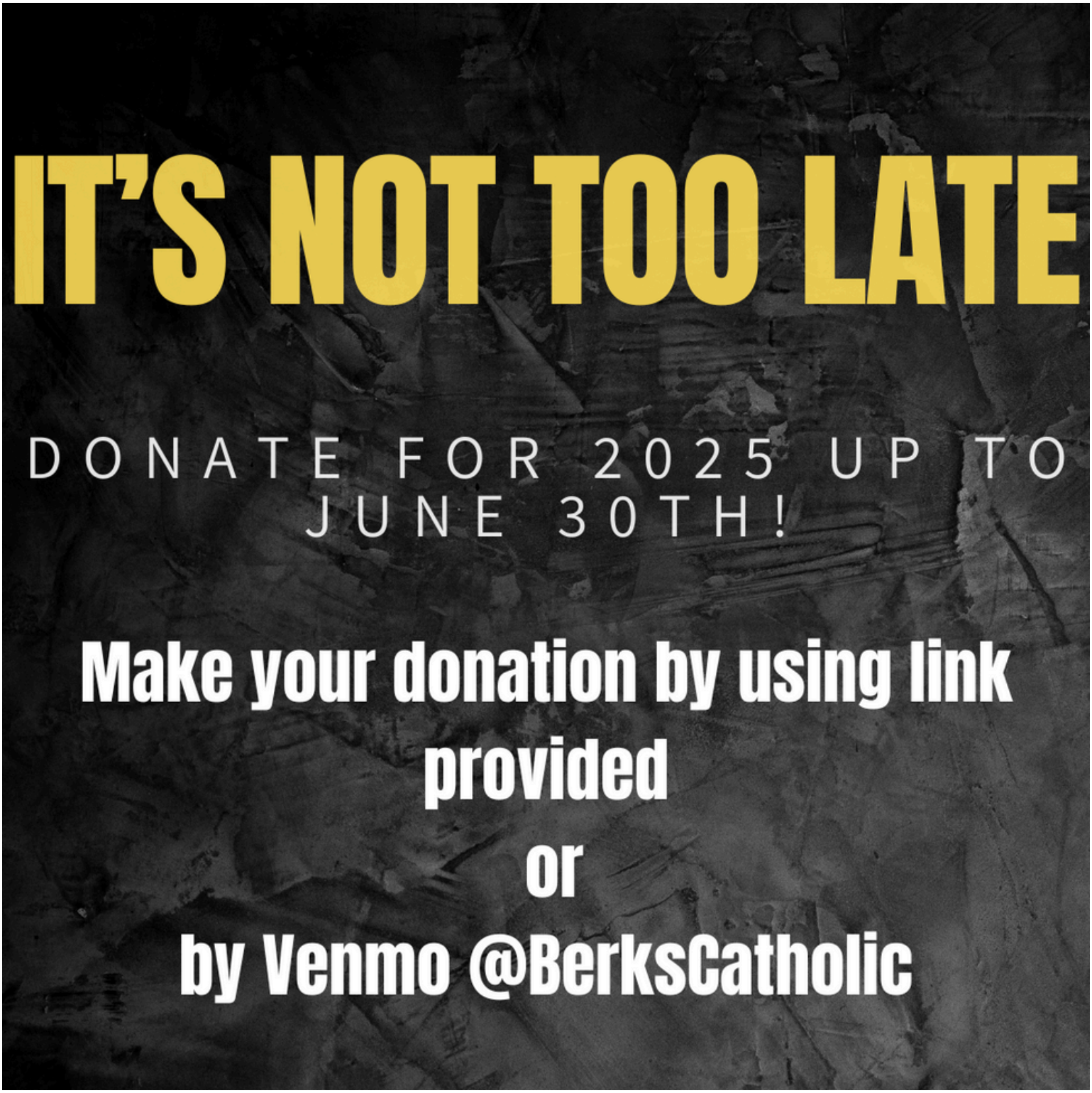
There was a sense of friendship in Catholic school many do not get to experience in public schools. There were so many great teachers, it is difficult to single out just one.

What advice would you give to current Berks Catholic students?

In a world of AI and social media, learn to communicate, engage, and connect with people outside of text and emails. Communication and connection are the lifeblood of success. Also, when life knocks you down, get up, dust yourself off and get back in the game.

Tell us a little bit about yourself and what you like to do in your spare time.

Michael is a true BC football and basketball fan and looks forward to attending every game possible.


IT'S NOT TOO LATE
DONATE FOR 2025 UP TO JUNE 30TH!
Make your donation by using link provided
or
by Venmo @BerksCatholic

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What's New



We are looking for your summer photos - at the beach, at a summer barbecue or out and about! Whatever brings our Saints and alumni back together for a memorable selfie, please share with us! We love hearing from you and sharing in your fun!

Submit Here

Class Agents

Working closely with the Director of Alumni Relations, an Alumni Class Agent typically serves as a liaison between their alumni class and their alma mater, building excitement and providing outreach for Berks Catholic Alumni efforts. For more information or to sign up to be a Class Agent, click the button below.

More Information



Submit Here

EVENTS

Deacon William Kase CC '55 Pavilion Dedication

On April 27, 2025 at Berks Catholic, family, friends, and former students gathered for mass and dedication of the Deacon William Kase pavilion. As a 1955 Central Catholic grad, teacher at both Central Catholic and Holy Name, principal, vice principal, coach, and deacon, Mr. Kase's commitment to his faith and catholic education has had an impact on many lives.

A scholarship fund has been setup by the family of Deacon Kase for tuition assistance at Berks Catholic. To contribute, please use the link below.

Donate to the Deacon Kase Memorial Scholarship





Top Left: Kr. Kuna blessing
Top Right: Plaque reveal by Mr. Kase's grandchildren
Bottom Left: Mrs. Mary Ann Kase CC '59 with Kathleen (Kase) McConnell HN '83, Michael Kase HN '93, William Kase HN '86
Bottom Right: Mrs. Kase with grandchildren, Marcelo, Andrew and Adam.





Attention Central Catholic Class of 1976

The annual mass for the deceased members of the CCHS Class of 1976 will be held at 8 am on Saturday, July 5 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in West Lawn.

All classmates and friends are invited.

REUNION NEWS

Class Reunions and Gatherings

From casual meet-ups to elaborate events, class reunions provide a unique opportunity to see how everyone has been doing and to rekindle old friendships, all while sharing laughter and stories from the past. Below are a few reunions that have occurred recently.



Alumni Networking Event

at Mimmo's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria.



Berks Catholic - Class of 2015

10th reunion in the McGlinn Commons of the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic.



Holy Name Class of 2004

20th Reunion at Schaylor Brewing Company

Upcoming Reunions

*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 Sarah Hess at 610-374-8361 ext 231 or shess@berkscatholic.org.



Holy Name Class of 1970 - 55th Reunion - Friday, September 12, 2025 at Goose's Montecristo Lounge from 5-9pm. Saturday, September 13, 2025 at the McGlinn Commons in the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic from 1-5pm. For more information, contact Lisa Gault at lisagault@ymail.com.

Central Catholic Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion - Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Beverly Hills Tavern. Cocktail hour 5-6pm (cash bar), buffet dinner from 6-8:30pm. To RSVP (by August 15th) and send payment, contact Christine Schifalaqua at cvistpro@aol.com.

Holy Name Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion - Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the McGlinn Commons in the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic from 5-10pm. For more information, contact Marybeth (Tyl) McQuiston at mmcquist@columbus.rr.com.

Holy Name Class of 1980 - 45th Reunion - Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Uncorked from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. $40 per person. For more information, contact Aldo Ciotti at aciotti@mtb.com or Virgina (Din Cullen) Rush at dinrush@me.com.

Holy Name Class of 1985 - 40th Reunion - Saturday, September 27, 2025 at the McGlinn Commons in the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic. For more information, visit the Holy Name Class of '85 Facebook page or contact Kevin Moore at kmoore@barley.com

Holy Name Class of 1990 - 35th Reunion - Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Beverly Hills Tavern from 4 - 7pm. for more information, contact Rich Hafer at haferr@me.com.

Holy Name Class of 1995 - 30th Reunion - Planning is underway. Reach out to Bree Koumparakis for more information.

Central Catholic Class of 2000 - 25th Reunion - Planning is underway.

Holy Name Class of 2000 - 25th Reunion - Planning is underway. Reach out to Steve Merkel for more information.

Central Catholic Class of 2005 - 20th Reunion - Planning is underway. Please join to Facebook group, Reading Central Catholic High School Class of 2005.

Holy Name Class of 2005 - 20th Reunion - Planning is underway.

Berks Catholic Class of 2020 - 5th Reunion - Saturday, November 29, 2025 at the McGlinn Commons in the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic. Planning is underway. Contact Sarah Hess at shess@berkscatholic.org for more information.

Save the Date!

Friday, September 5 -	Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Induction
Monday, September 22 -	Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing
Friday, October 3 -	Extravaganza
Friday, October 24 -	Berks Catholic Homecoming & Tailgate

Alumni Highlights

To submit an alumni highlight, click here for our form.



Kyle Rozycki
BC 2013

Congratulations to Kyle and his family on the feature of Kyle's Cakes N'at in the Pittburgh Magazine.

Read Article

Dr. Benjamin Lloyd
CC 1979

Congratulations to Dr. Lloyd on receiving Reading Hopital's Nirav Patel Memorial Award for Excellence in Professionalism and Humanism.





Megan (Keeley) Kane
HN 2002

Congratulations to Megan on completing the Boston Marathon in 3 hrs 27 mins and 30 secs!

Alli (Huddleson) Purvis BC 2017

Congratulations to Alli who started her role as Senior Associate Director of Athletics at Austin Peay State University.







Brian Menet CC 1985 & Central Catholic Boys' Basketball '84-'85 State Championship Team

Congratulations to Brian and the '84-'85 CCHS Boys' Basketball State Championship Team on their induction into the Berks County Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame!

Ryan McFarland HN 2008

Thank you to Ryan for being the keynote speaker to the Berks Catholic seniors and juniors at Career Day 2025.



Additional Alumni Highlights:

Brandon George (BC 2019) signed with the Kansas City Chiefs following the NFL draft.

Jason Shellenhammer (HN 1997) has been hired as the Chief of Cultural Resources for the Anne Arundel County Government.

Gigi Ditsky (BC 2022) was selected to the All-MAC Freedom First Team as goalie for Women's Lacrosse. She attends Lebanon Valley College.

A.J. Dominguez (BC 2021) was named MAC Freedom Specialist of the Year for Men's Lacrosse. He recently graduated from Arcadia University.



Engagements:

Emma Wright (BC 2018) to Nathan Kraus

Addison Wright (BC 2016) to Aidan Baxter

Rachel To to Alexander Premici (BC 2014)

Anna Reedy (BC 2019) to Joseph Whitcomb

Xiomara Toledo (BC 2015) to Alexander Gooden

Sierra Freytiz (BC 2019) to Kevin Cisneros

Hayley Roedder to Nicholas Kuzma (BC 2016) *(see photo)*

Angelee Miranda-Ganas (BC 2019) to Kyle Reinkemeyer

Samantha Hagelbarger (BC 2015) to Ryan Okuniewski

Marisa Gottschall to Luke Miller (BC 2016)

Marriages:

Katie de Haan (HN 2009) to Brian Levering (HN 2004)

Lily Guthrie to Luke Ott (BC 2016) (see photo)

Nancy DeJesus (HN 1994) to Stephen Greismer (HN 1993)

Molly Janiszewski (BC 2013) to Bryce Betz





Birth Announcements::

A daughter, Emilia, to Meghan (Hudson) (HN 2008) and Tyler Gogluizza

A daughter, Josephine Dolores, to Rachel (Mastromarino) (HN 2006) and Alex Patterson

A daughter, Gabriella Maria, to Marissa (Lodato) (HN 2007) and Tyler Smith

A son, Oliver, to Kaitlyn (Kozlowski) (HN 2008) and Brandon Schmidt

A daughter, Allie Louise, to Andrea and Zachary Rodgers (HN 2007)

A son, Lincoln Christopher, to Nicole (Marabella) (BC 2014) and Christopher Talbot

A daughter, Brielle Maeve, to Samantha (Vega) (BC 2012) and Adam Salafia

A son, Francis, to Bernadette (Wood) (BC 2014) and John Levitt

A daughter, Halo Sarai, to Nicole (Johnson) (BC 2012) and Adonis Fleming (CC 2011) *(see photo)*

A daughter to Orla (Moloney) (HN 2010) and Ryan Pickett

A daughter, Josephine Morgan, to Heather and Colin Presby (HN 2002)

A daughter, Kelly Anne, to Morgan (DeAntonio) (BC 2014) and Ryan Gutshall

A daughter, Lucy Mae, to Alexa (DiCerchio) (BC 2012) and Peter Budock (BC 2012)

A son, Mack Mitchell, to Lauren (Kriebel) (CC 2010) and Joseph DiCerchio (CC 2010)

A son, Wyatt Ross, to Jourdan (Rentschler) (HN 2008) and Alexander Howe

Did we miss you or someone you know?

Stories about alumni as well as reunion announcements and pictures for the Trinity come from alumni and friends 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.