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The Trinity

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

Winter 2025 Edition

❄ Christmas Blessings from Berks Catholic ❄

As winter settles in and Christmas draws near, we're grateful for the light and warmth our Berks Catholic family brings to us. This season invites us to slow down, reflect, and celebrate the many blessings God continues to place in our lives.

May peace and joy fill your homes and hearts during this holy season. We pray that the coming months bring you comfort, hope, and time spent with the people you love.

From all of us at Berks Catholic, thank you, alumni of Reading Catholic, Central Catholic, Holy Name and Berks Catholic, for the spirit, support, and example you continue to share with our students and community.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year!

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What's New!

2025-26 Annual Fund



The 2025-26 Annual Fund kicked off on November 1st with our "Give Like A Saint Day" and runs to June 30, 2026. If you still need to make your donation, look for a letter in your mailbox or donate online by clicking the logo below.

Give to Berks Catholic

There is still time to give for the 2025 Tax Year!

Watch the Berks Catholic EITC/OSTC Program Video



Businesses and individuals who pay PA state tax dollars can direct them to help provide scholarships and financial aid to Berks Catholic students through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) Programs.

for more information, contact Bob Birmingham at rbirmingham@berkscatholic.org

Alumni Spotlight

Matthew Nein BC ‘14

Financial Advisor with Wells Fargo Advisors, Wyomissing, PA



Tell us about your career path.

As a financial advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors in Wyomissing I work to help clients set financial goals and then put together plans to help them accomplish those goals. It's an incredible feeling to help make a difference in what someone else is trying to accomplish in life.

How do you feel your education from BC helped you get where you are today? Do you credit any teachers/peers/classes who helped you get where you are today?

I attribute a ton of my success to my time at BC. The faculty and staff put together and taught a curriculum built on accountability and getting out what you put in that prepared me for college and beyond.

What advice would you give to current Berks Catholic students?

It's never too early to start saving for retirement. But on a serious note, to the current student body, my advice would be to appreciate and take advantage of the incredible community BC has to offer you. Form strong bonds with the people within the school community because they will be something that you can carry forward as you progress beyond BC and something you can lean on in times of need in the future.

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

I like to lean on my career as a financial advisor to give back where I can. This year I've spent time as a guest teacher in Mr. Stover's Intro to Business class at BC where I've helped the current study body learn the basics of the stock market and investing. Before getting started in the financial services industry I spent a few years in creative industries where I worked on ad campaigns for brands like Foot Locker & Volvo and did design work for clients like Nike, Umbro, and ASAP Rocky. When time permits, I still like to pick up these kinds of projects to keep my creative muscles strong. I'm also a huge basketball fan and spend a lot of my time staying close to the game in a variety of different ways including as a referee within the PIAA System and at multiple other leagues around the Berks County Area.

Alumni Highlights

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

Gardlyne Deshommes
BC 2025



was featured in an article from FaithCare about their mission trips to Nigeria.

Read More Here



Andrea (Killian) Sarko
CC 1989

was recently named Assistant Dean at Douglass Residential College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick. She runs the BOLD Center for personal, professional, and leadership development for undergraduate students.

Ann Marie (Cucinotta) Botch
HN 1987
Veronica Botch BC 2020



CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Berks County named Juvenile Court Hearing Officer Ann Marie Cucinotta, Esquire, the 2025 "Champion for Children." Veronica Botch (BC 2020) received the award in 2020 for her volunteer work with LIFE House. Veronica is an Assurance Associate at BDO Philadelphia.



Sr. Mary Joseph Schultz Teacher at CC

The Sisters of Christian Charity (SCC) have announced the election of Sister Mary Joseph Schultz, SCC, as the Congregations's 13th Superior General.

Matthew Stitzel HN 1988

Congratulations to Matt on being elected as Berks County Coroner and will be sworn into office on Tuesday, December 3oth!





Josiah "JayJay" Jordan BC 2023

Congratulations to JayJay on being named the PSAC West Offensive Player of the Year.

Additional Alumni Highlights:



Engagements:

Jaclyn Belew to Patrick Maher (BC 2014)
Allison Hand to Pietro Gaspari (BC 2014)(see photo)
Bella Livolsi to Owen Dubble (BC 2017)
Essence Moffatt (HN 2005) to Monte Anderson
Hayley Kanach to Nicholas Dinnocenti (BC 2016)
Megan Fitzpatrick to Stephen Brennan (BC 2020)
Samantha Kauffman to Jacob Arquisola (BC 2018)
Gia Marrollo to Robert Cressman (BC 2016)
Yunelsie Garcia (BC 2013) to Anthony Capellan
Kira Wiggins to Joseph Setley (BC 2013)





Marriages:

Diana Tran (BC 2017) to Zack Fick
Molly Gaffney (BC 2018) to Ty Robinson
Sarah Janiszewski (CC 2011) to Owen Jones
Danielle Moore (BC 2014) to Nicholas Primiano
Gabrielle Geltz (BC 2015) to Bo Candelaria
Sawyer Butto (BC 2012) to Gregory Rouse
Mariselle Parisi (BC 2013) to Timothy Kiedeisch (see left photo)
Sarah Clarke to Alexander Ronky (BC 2014) (see right photo)
Sofia Auza to Tristan Szymborski-Pratt (BC 2017)
Jacqueline Coccia BC '14 to Timothy Cronan BC '16
Sienna Boyer to Dante Fuchs (BC 2016)
Joslyn Miller to Jack Anton (BC 2016)
Maranda Riccione (BC 2012) to Ryan Kozak
Anette Lopez to Tyler Reddy (HN 2008)
Sadie Mangan (BC 2018) to Josh Beck

Births:

A son, Leo Anthony, to Biancalin (Angstadt) (BC 2012) and Anthony Meridionale (BC 2012)
A son, Callan Patrick, to Kati and Tyler Hafer (BC 2012)
A son, Tate Walter, to Gabriella (Russo) (HN 2008) and Tyler St. Clair (see photo)
A daughter, Stella June, to Katie (Burg) (HN 2001) and Dustin Knight
A son, Lucas, to Carissa (Mahon) (HN 2007) and Chris Mills
A daughter, Ruth Abigail, to Lauren (Voorhies) (HN 2007) and William Trimble
A son, Owen William, to Rachel Cox and Myles Zdradzinski (HN 2010)
A daughter, Avery Lynne, to Christine (Marabella) (HN 2008) and Ali Marco
A daughter, Remy Magnolia, to Marissa (Natole) (HN 2009) and Brad Williams
A daughter, Luciana Maria, to Natalye and Tomas Aguilar (BC 2014)
A son, Vincent Michael, to Erin (Bigos) (HN 2006) and Shawn Latta
A daughter, Payton Louise, to Brooke (Eveland) (BC 2017) and Hunter Beane
A daughter, Capri Rose, to Gabriella (Meridionale) (BC 2016) and Steven Connolly
A daughter, Elsie Iris, to Jamie and Jon Angstadt (HN 2011)
A son, Hugh Michael, to Meghan (Donahue) (BC 2014) and Nick Wilker



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.

Annual Turkey Shoot

Many current and former boys basketball players from Berks Catholic and alumni from Central Catholic and Holy Name attended the Annual Turkey Shoot on Thanksgiving Day.



Holy Name Class of 1980

45th Reunion at Uncorked



Central Catholic Class of 1985

40th Reunion at PJ Whelihan's



Holy Name Class of 1985

40th Reunion at the McGlinn Commons of the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic.





Holy Name Class of 1995

35th Reunion at PJ Whelihan's

Holy Name Class of 2000

25th Reunion at Liberty Tap Room





Central Catholic Class of 2005

20th Reunion at Bertie's Inn



Holy Name Class of 2005

20th Reunion at Schaylor Brewing Company

Berks Catholic Class of 2020

5th Reunion at the McGlinn Commons of the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic.



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.

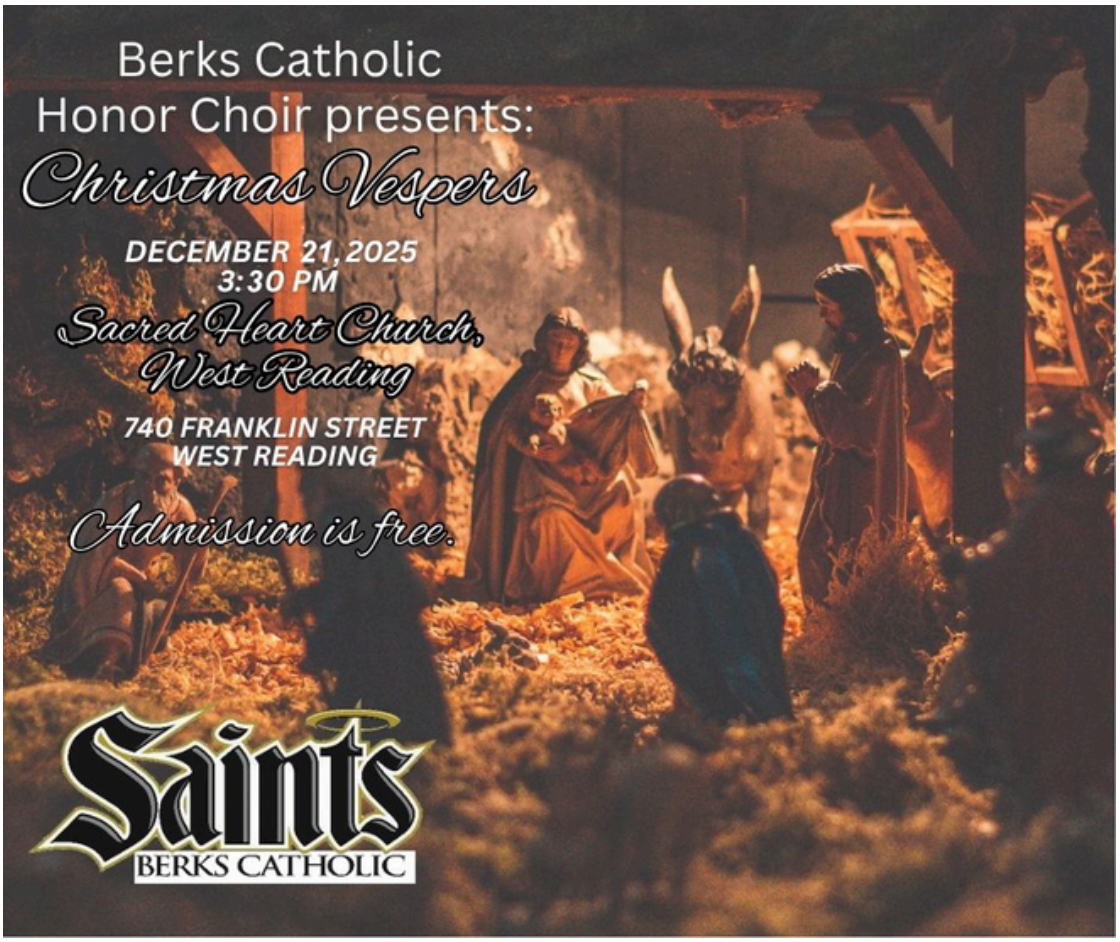
Central Catholic Class of 1961 - 65th Reunion - SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, April 18, 2026 at Wyomissing Family Restaurant from 12noon to 3 pm. $22 per person for buffet. Official invitation to follow. Contact Sandy Post at 610.796.0694 or postsandra43@gmail.com

Holy Name Class of 2006 - 20th Reunion - Planning for the 20 year class reunion is underway! Please check out the facebook page “Holy Name High School 20 Year Reunion - Class of 2006” to take a poll to help narrow down a date. Feel free to reach out to Megan Migliore at meganmigliore@gmail.com.

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.

EVENTS



Save the Date!

Friday, March 6 & Saturday, March 7 - Berks Catholic Musical
Friday, April 10 - Night at the Races
Friday, April 17 - Alumni Networking Event at Mimmo's

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