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The Trinity

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

Summer 2026 Edition

☀ Summer Refresh! ☀

Summer is a season of new beginnings, fresh opportunities, and renewed connections. We look ahead, we celebrate the memories that unite us and the future we continue to build together.

This week, we were honored to welcome the Class of 2026, who graduated on Wednesday and now join the proud tradition of Berks Catholic, Central Catholic, and Holy Name alumni. We are excited to see the impact they will make as the newest members of our alumni family.

This year's theme, "A Time To Be Bold," challenged each of us to reconnect, give back, and lead with purpose. Whether that means returning to campus for an upcoming event, sharing your personal story and accomplishments, mentoring the next generation, or making a gift in support of our students, your involvement strengthens our entire community.

Every graduate has a story worth telling, and every act of generosity helps ensure that future Saints have the same opportunities that shaped us all.
As you enjoy the summer months, we hope you'll find a way to reconnect with your alma mater and continue the legacy that makes our Trinity Alumni community so special.

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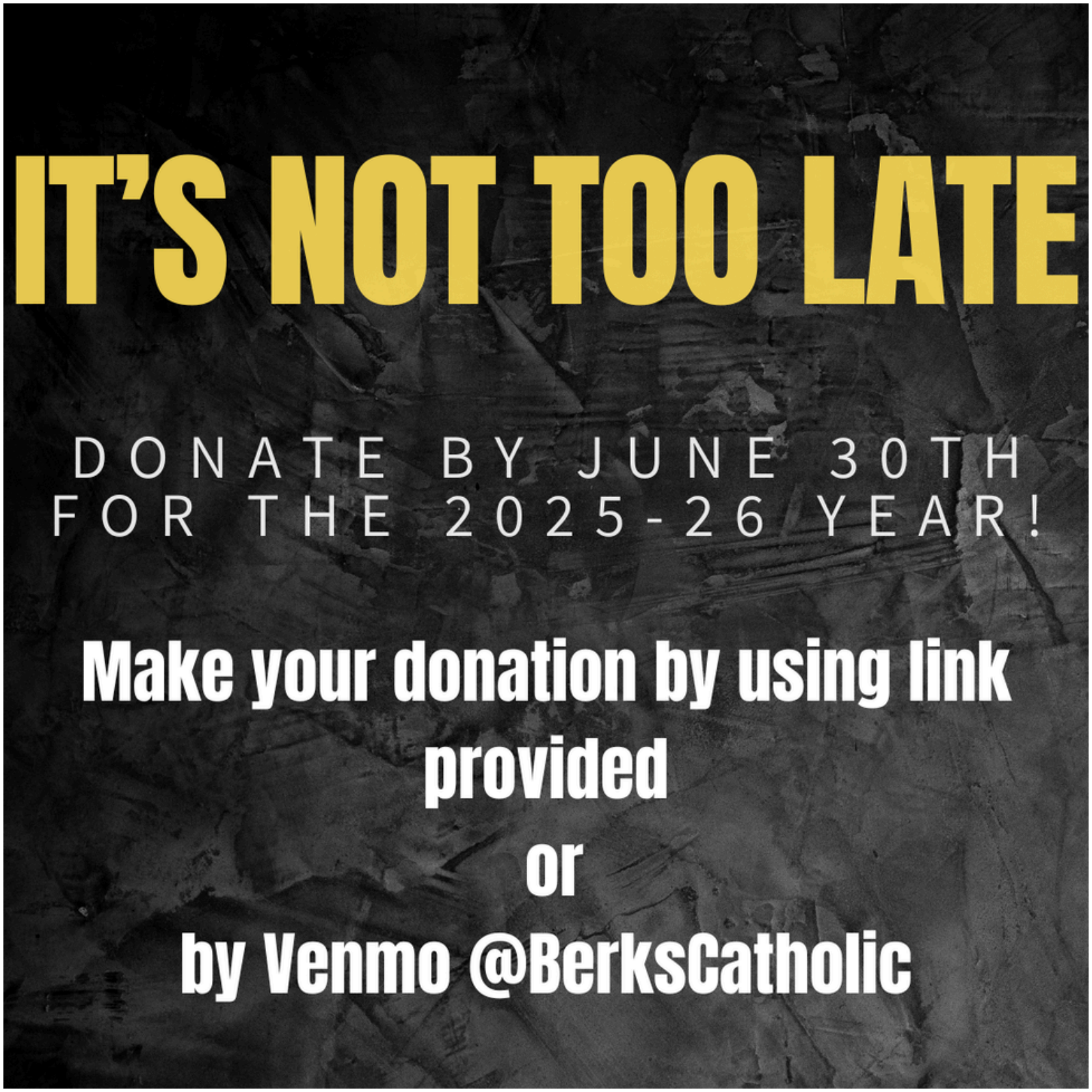
What's New!



Send us your Summer Selfies!

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 your Summer Selfies Here!


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DONATE BY JUNE 30TH
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Save the Date!

Extravaganza is October 9, 2026!



[Purchase Entry Ticket Here]

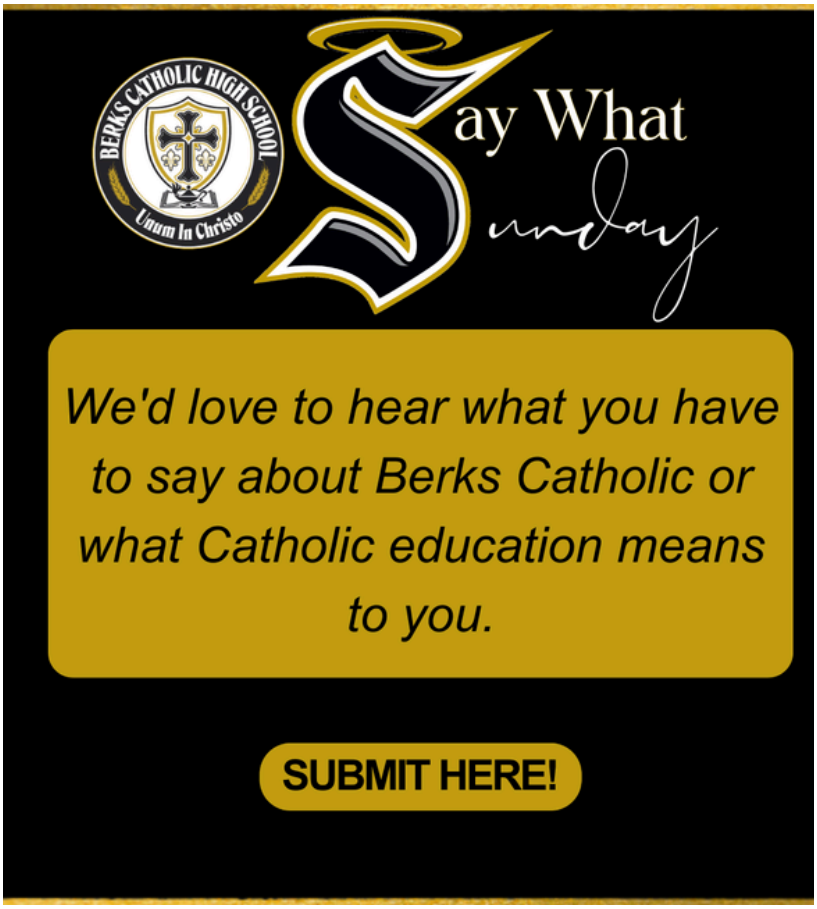


The Extravaganza committee will have complimentary drinks available. You are welcome to pick up and go or come in and sit in the air-conditioned cafeteria and socialize.

Buy Ticket Here

Donations are needed for the following:

Gift Certificates & Bottles of Wine or Liquor with values of $20 or more.
Live Auction Items*---(*These are usually one-of-a-kind items, experiences, sporting event tickets, vacations, or items with values ranging above $300)
Monetary donations are always welcome.



Please share a positive experience about your time in catholic school either at BC, Central Catholic or Holy Name, why you chose BC and catholic education or something you love about BC that we can share.

Alumni Spotlight

Joseph Gaul BC '14

Travel Interventional Radiologic Technologist





What is your current occupation?

I am currently a traveling Interventional Radiologic Technologist. My job is to assist IR doctors in a multitude of surgical procedures ranging from Thrombectomies to Port-a-cath insertions. This is a fast-paced high-stress work environment that helps treat the sickest of patients for a better quality of life.

Tell us about your career path following graduation from high school.

My career path had its ups and downs. I started with the desire to be a Physical Therapist, and worked my way through Saint Joseph's University with that goal in mind. I didn't have the grades to be competitive with other applicants, so I shifted to Occupational Therapy as a goal. After graduating from SJU, I took a gap year to obtain more shadow/volunteer hours for OT, while also working at a doctor's office. I was waitlisted for OT and wasn't accepted. My coworkers at the doctor's office were X-ray techs, and they said that I should apply for X-ray Tech school, as I had a love for photography and helping people. It seemed to be the best of both worlds. Through X-ray tech school, I came across Interventional Radiology and the rest was history. I obtained a job there straight out of school, spent 3 years with Tower Health, obtained my Vascular Interventional Boards certification and became a travel tech so that I could travel the United States. I'm able to do what I love, while also exploring the vastness of the U.S. with my camera in-hand. This was my dream ever since I was in X-ray tech school, during Covid. A dream I made a reality through hard work and dedication.

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

Senior year at BC I took Latin with Mr. Davis. His class helped pave the way for me to learn Medical Terminology at SJU and X-ray tech school. Miss Murphy and Mrs. Moult were instrumental in my ability to learn Math and to always strive for something greater. Mr. Ditsky has always been the beacon for growth at BC, pushing all of us to attain our dreams and aspirations. I'm incredibly grateful for his help with my college applications through BC and onward. Deacon Lanciano and Mr. Sparks inspired me to become more thoughtful with situations and see the beauty in the world, whether in people or in nature, which also helped lead to my discovery of photography.

What advice would you give to current Berks Catholic students?

My advice would be to not worry so much. Everything happens for a reason, and although plans don't always go as planned, you get to where you need to be eventually. It's best to take the hardships in stride and "keep moving forward" (Meet the Robinsons). And as Ferris Bueller says, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

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

I'm a hobby photographer and a traveler. It's taken many destinations/vacations for me to love my surroundings and to keep exploring new places, while also searching for new angles with my camera. I enjoy taking portraits of people, specifically black & white portraits, as they show more emotion than color images. I enjoy watching movies and finally discovered the art of cooking, which I attempt to do each week.

Alumni Highlights

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

Abigail Wolfe BC 2016
Katrina Mulherin BC 2018



were honored on Thursday, April 30 at Penn State Great Valley as part of the 2026 class of VISTA NextGen Superstars, known for recognizing the region's emerging leaders who are shaping Chester County's future through leadership, creativity and service.

Read About Abby

Read About Katrina



Chris Lea
HN 1988

Congratulations to Chris Lea HN '88 on his induction into the Berks County Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame.

Sean Tanski
BC 2018

(far right)



won his first Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Excellence award! Sean, along with play-by-play man Bob McCool, color analyst Rich Scarcella won the award in the Outstanding Radio Coverage of a Local Sporting Event category. He was the producer for the broadcast. The award was for the live broadcast of the 2025 PIAA Class 4A boys basketball championship game between Berks Catholic and Devon Prep.



Dennys Rodriguez-Rivera
BC 2025

was signed to the Highland Hooligans collegiate summer baseball team based in Laurinburg, NC and compete in the Coastal Division of the Old North State League.

Cole Werley
BC 2015

was featured in an article about his important contributions to NASA's Artemis II launch.

Read More Here



Cynthia (Deren) Williamson
CC 1984

was named the Principal of Saint Catharine of Seina School. (Reading, PA)





Josh McKoy
BC 2024

named to the 2025-26 College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team. This distinction is given to those student-athletes who carry a 3.5 GPA or higher and be at least a sophomore.

Dr. Christopher Napolitano
HN 2004

who named the Hardie Distinguished Scholar award from the University of Illinois.





Dr. Patrick Suglia
HN 1981

now a retired chiropractor, has been busy the past few years publishing two books and contributing to a third about living with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Dr. Suglia was himself diagnosed in 2008. Since then he has been traveling to give lectures and continuing education classes on the topic. His two books "The Doctor Is In" and "Autism, Spirituality, & Medical Mayhem" and the book he contributed to, "Been There. Done That. Try This!" (published by Jessica Kingley Publishers) are all available on Amazon and through other booksellers.

Additional Alumni Highlights:

Jessica (Bean) Emkey (BC 2015) was awarded Nurse Preceptor of the year 2026 for her unit at Tampa General Hospital.

Adam Krick (HN 2002) was promoted to Senior Vice President, Deputy Chief Risk Officer - Risk Governance for Tompkins Financial.

Alan Apt (CC 1966) returned to Fort Collins after 16 years in the Colorado Mountains.

Chloe Palm-Rittle (BC 2018) committed to a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and AmeriCorps in Anchorage, Alaska. Starting in August, she will spend the next year working on community prevention efforts to address the substance use and mental health crisis in Alaska while living in a Jesuit community with other volunteers.



Engagements:

Elena Ziehmer to Mark Neidert (BC 2017)
Vanessa Castillo (BC 2015) to Connor Bear
Mackenzie Partsch (BC 2021) to Nate Levicki
Hannah Burson to Peter Rowan (HN 2010)
Gabriella Kurtas (BC 2021) to Nick Lottchea
Rebekah Schantz (BC 2021) to Gage Braun

Marriages:

Essence Moffatt (HN 2005) to Monte Anderson
Marissa Gotschall to Luke Miller (BC 2016)
(see photo)
Mya Dubbs (BC 2022) to Clayton Redmon
Brittany Dale (HN 2009) to David Jones



Births:

A daughter, Harper Ashley, to Jessica (Bean) (BC 2015) and Ryan Emkey (BC 2015)
A daughter, Hayden Louie, to Olivia and Eric Balash (BC 2012)
A daughter, Elowynn May, to Annalise (McDowell) (BC 2015) and Ryan Morris.
A son, Carter, to Rose Santana and Andrew Torres (HN 2002)
A son, Thoran Hassan, to Nadia and Jose Colon (HN 2002)
A son, Nicholas John, to Ashley and Nick Coccia (BC 2012)
A son, Sonny James, to McCalee and Marcus Leaf (BC 2012)
A daughter, Goldie Alexandra, to Maggie (Terefenko) (BC 2013) and Alex Pereira.
Twin sons, Carter Gene and Vincent Lee, to Jaqueline (Coccia) (BC 2014) and Timothy Cronan (BC 2016)
A son, Rocco Jack, to Cianna (Corbacio) (BC 2013) and Marcus Celiano
A son, Nikolai Edward, to Danielle Covely (HN 2007) and Adam Waszkiewicz (HN 2007)
A daughter to Amanda and Christian Stubenrauch (HN 2008)



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.

Central Catholic Class of 1961 - 65th Reunion at Wyomissing Family Restuarant





Holy Name Class of 2006 20th Reunion at Schaylor Brewing Co.

Catching up with Classmates

A group from HN 1970 remain best of friends. L to R: John Giese, Dennis Blessing, Kevin Calabria, Mike Lamparella





Joseph Schodowski HN '77 on a trip to France (Paris & Annecy) with his nephew Moses. While there they went to Geneva, Switzerland and met Natalie Domeisen (Scibilia) HN '77 who lives there with her family. Here is a picture of Natalie (directly in front) with her sister Lu, Moses and Joseph.

Attention Central Catholic Class of 1976

The 26th annual mass for the deceased members of the CCHS Class of 1976 will be held at 8 am on Saturday, July 4 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in West Lawn.

All classmates and friends are invited.

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/Holy Name Class of 1966 - 60th Reunion - SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the McGlinn Commons in the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic from 5-9pm. More information to follow.

Holy Name Class of 1976 - 50th Reunion - Saturday, September 19, 2026 at the McGlinn Commons in the John R. Post Learning Center at Berks Catholic from 5-10pm. Invitations have been emailed. Contact Kim Wagner at kimwags@aol.com or Dee Laub at deelaub@gmail.com for more information.

Central Catholic Class of 1981 - 45th Reunion - Planning is underway

Central Catholic Class of 1996 - 30th Reunion - Planning is underway

Central Catholic Class of 2006 - 20th Reunion - SAVE THE DATE - Friday, November 27, 2026 at West Reading Motor Club from 6-10pm. Contact Brian Henion at bkh7525@comcast.net for more information to follow.

Save the Date!

Friday, September 11 - Berks Catholic Hall of Fame Induction
Monday, September 21 - Swing Fore the Saints Golf Outing
Friday, October 9 - Extravaganza
Friday, October 23 - Berks Catholic Homecoming & Tailgate

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.