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Upcoming Events

Monday, January 6, 2014
Careers 4 Crusaders
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
7:00 P.M. at Bergen Catholic.

Wednesday, January 15, 2014
Class Chair Planning Party
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
6:00 P.M. at Seasons, Washington Township, NJ.

Sunday, March 30, 2014
17th Hall of Fame Dinner Reception
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, NJ.
Cocktail hour: 5:00 P.M.; Dinner: 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014
Estate Planning Seminar
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
Presenter: Sal Salvo, co-founder of the Institute for Family Wealth Counseling
6:00 P.M. at Bacari Grill, Washington Township, NJ.

Monday, June 2, 2014
43rd Annual Brother Martin P. Burns, C.F.C.
Golf Classic
Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly, NJ.
Buffet lunch, golf with cart, dinner, and prizes.
10:00 A.M.

Thursday, June 12, 2014
B.C. Hoboken on Tap
(Courtesy of the Alumni Association)
Venue to be announced.
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

17TH
Hall of Fame
DINNER RECEPTION
Sunday, March 30, 2014

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HONORING

Jim Burt ’99
Mark Fabish ’93
Dan Haemmerle ’91
Brian McAuliffe ’70

Charlie Melli ’60 (RIP)
Br. Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C.
Ken Sinkovitz ’03
Bill Tierney ’94 (RIP)

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Dear Reader,

Greetings at this holiday time when we celebrate the fundamental belief of our Christian Faith: Jesus Christ was born in time in order to give us new life by the remission of sin.

As you read this issue of CRUSADER MAGAZINE, you will see the interplay between what has been and what will be. While we promote change, we do not promote a movement from our fundamental beliefs.

To this point, I would like to provide with you the words Terry McGovern shared on November 21st at the Crusader Gala as she received the school’s Founder’s Medal. Terry is an alumni parent of the classes of 1974, 1976, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1988, and 1990. She is a past Business Manager of the school and presently is the afternoon school receptionist.

“Thank you. I am honored and more than a little overwhelmed to receive the Bergen Catholic Founder’s Medal tonight. And I want to start by saying that formal speeches are not my forte, so please bear with me...(I’m much better at giving my unsolicited opinions on things, or, for that matter manning the cash box at Bergen home games, or keeping the Crusader Crazies in line)….but tonight, I’m told it’s a speech I need to give…so here goes!

When Howard and I moved from River Vale to Oradell 43 years ago, with at that time, our seven children, our oldest, Mary Beth, was I believe a sophomore at Holy Angels and we were beginning our “search” for a high school for what would end up being for seven sons. But I use the word “search” loosely…it wasn’t the complicated process that today’s parents engage in. And the decision was pretty easy for us: Bergen was close and while it was only 15 years old at the time, we had heard good things about it, and we could afford the $450 tuition!

We then did what many of you do: namely we got involved—with the Touchdown Club, the Parents’ Club, the teachers, the Administration and the Board of Directors, to name a few.

Each affiliation was more rewarding than the last, and our children, the boys and the girls, as well as Howard and I, made what would become lifelong friendships and connections to Bergen.
But certainly, the McGoverns have done no more for Bergen Catholic High School than any of you here have and will do...It's just that Howard and I had so many kids that we ended up hanging around a lot longer than most!

The reality is that Bergen Catholic has, is, and will continue to do more for the McGovern family than we could ever do for Bergen Catholic!

This school equipped our sons, and now our grandsons, with the structure, discipline, and faith-based education to successfully navigate the challenges of life post-high school. Bergen became their second home during those formative years, and Howard and I felt truly blessed. They entered B.C. as young 13-year-old boys, and emerged wonderful, contributing, and caring men – destined to become the productive businessmen and humble leaders, as well as the wonderful husbands and loving fathers they are today.

What more could a parent ask for??? So thank you—Bergen Catholic!”

As you read the articles, many of which speak to what is new at Bergen, please remember the words of Terry above: “This school equipped our sons, and now our grandsons...to successfully navigate the challenges of life.”

Sincerely,

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President

Members of the McGovern family joined Crusader Gala honoree Therese (“Terry”) McGovern (seated, center) to celebrate the special evening: (standing, L to R) Robert ’85, William ’81, Jack ’76, Michael ’88, Thomas ’74, and James ’83; and (seated, L to R) Mrs. MaryBeth Budra and Mrs. Patti Hill.
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ummertime is generally a period of peace and tranquility in most school buildings in the USA, although the halls and field at Bergen Catholic High School are never truly dormant, regardless of the season.

This past summer, however, saw the B.C. school building abuzz with activity as the school embarked on “Phase I” of an ambitious and insightful two-year plan to expand and upgrade the campus. As school President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. proclaimed when he took office in July, 2009—“Good enough is never good enough!”—that mantra continues to ring true to this day as the school forges ahead into the future.

The improvements, scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, cover a myriad of categories, including physical upgrades, expansion, additions of cutting-edge equipment, and technological upgrades. Truly, “Good enough is never good enough!”

The upgrades come at a time when the school is enjoying an upswing in enrollment—there were approximately 70 more students in the building at the beginning of the current school year than one year prior, and a total increase of 13% over the last three years—and continuing to expand its curriculum.

“The addition of three classrooms, in conjunction with the new bell schedule, has provided us with the ability to schedule the school in a very efficient and productive manner,” states B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney. “Most prominently, we have been able to add sections to core subject areas due to the increase in instructional spaces.”

The new generator is delivered (top) and then inspected by Maintenance Department members (L to R) Sean Gismond ’07, Dan Kurpick, and Larry Fierra (bottom).

Science teacher Michael Travaline (foreground) observes as his students make a presentation in spacious Room 40.

“Phase I” Completed

The completion of “Phase I” occurred during the unusually hectic 2013 summer months. Already a series of daunting tasks to begin with, the various projects had to overcome several unexpected road blocks, but “forward progress” went unimpeded due to the extraordinary work and patience of Director of Facilities Management Dan Kurpick and his hard-working crew.

It would be impractical to recount all of the stumbling blocks that had to be overcome (expected and unexpected), as the whole process—even when things run smoothly—is filled with detours and potholes. The cumbersome permit-seeking process often takes months to complete, and then each individual project must undergo a series of seven inspections over the life of the project. There are series of electrical, plumbing, and building inspections that have to be passed during each of two phases—during a “rough” inspection and during a final one—in addition to a fire inspection at the completion. Needless to say, a site manager is at the mercy of each individual inspector, and work cannot progress without “stamps of approval” at each and every step along the way.

The physical improvement and expansion could not have taken place without the gracious cooperation of the resident Brothers, who gave up occupation of the first-floor space of their residence (including the kitchen, dining room, and three bedrooms) to “condense” into the second-story living area. Without this extraordinary amount of kindness and sacrifice, most of the expansion project would have been impossible to complete.

The former Brother’s dining room is now the site of a new
classroom (called Room 40), and will be the site of a second classroom when the second phase takes place next summer. While it might seem at first glance to be an “easy” conversion, it was anything but as ceiling beams had to be replaced, a suspended ceiling installed, and various “typical” upgrades had to be completed, such as the installation of upgraded, classroom-worthy lighting, access to the public address system, smoke detectors, new desks, and a new 75-inch TV.

The well-lit and airy room now holds 40 desks comfortably—with room for several more—making it an ideal facility for holding large-scale meetings and thereby providing some relief for the overused library.

One of the longest “moves” came with the transfer of the one-room nurse’s office from the east wing of the school to a two-room suite in the heart of Monastery Hall (on the former site of the Resource Room and the bedroom of Br. Kevin Kiernan, C.F.C.). In addition to becoming a two-room facility that now offers more privacy, the “new” nurse’s office has a private bathroom and a large storage closet. Installation of a new rug and application of a new coat of paint has made a trip to the nurse’s office a much more comforting experience than in the past.

So, what became of the “old” nurse’s office? That space was converted into a new classroom that is known as the “new” Room 31 (with similar upgrades to those that took place in Room 40), with adjacent rooms on that side of the hallway (formerly known as Rooms 31 and 33) being re-numbered as Rooms 33 and 35, for those of you “keeping score” at home.

Two additional offices were converted from a pair of guest bedrooms in Monastery Hall, providing new quarters for School Chaplain Rev. Antonio Ricarte and Ann McGovern, the new coordinator of The Office for Boards, Committees, and Partnerships. Although the individual rooms had to be upgraded with phone and data connections and modern lighting, the conversion process was a relatively seamless one and resulted in the addition of much-needed work space.

The one major improvement project that took place within its own “footprint” was the conversion of Room 9 (the largest classroom in the school) into a pair of smaller spaces, now known as Rooms 9A and 9B. Despite the appearance of an “easy” conversion, it was a bit more complicated than expected, as a new firewall had to be installed, the wiring had to be reconfigured, and a modern rooftop heating and

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PHASE I

• Room 9 divided into two separate classrooms (Rooms 9A and 9B).
• New classroom (the “new” Room 31) converted from the previous nurse’s office.
• “Old” Rooms 31 and 33 re-numbered as Rooms 33 and 35, respectively.
• New two-room nurse’s office constructed on the former site of the Resource Room and Br. Kiernan’s bedroom.
• New classroom (the “new” Room 40) converted from the previous Brother’s dining room.
• Two new offices (Office of the chaplain and the Office for Boards, Committees, and Partnerships) constructed on the former site of the Brother’s guest bedrooms.
• Transfer of the Brother’s kitchen from the first floor to the second floor, and construction of a new dining room on the second floor.
• Addition of a new back-up generator in the Monastery Hall courtyard.

PHASE II

• Conversion of the Art Studio into an additional classroom.
• Construction of a new Art Studio on the site of the previous Brother’s kitchen (and adjacent storage rooms).
• Room 40 to be divided into two separate classrooms (Rooms 40 and 41), with additional space acquired from the previous Brother’s laundry room.
• Reconfiguration of restrooms in Monastery Hall.

PHASE II A

• Installation of central air conditioning and a new sprinkler system in Monastery Hall (including the chapel).

PHASE III

The site of future additions:
• New Science laboratories.
• A small theatre.
• Offices and practice rooms for the Performing Arts.
• Modular learning space to enhance teacher-student interaction.
air-conditioning unit had to be added to the mix. A total of 52 new desks were added to the two rooms, as well as new 75-inch TV.

One of the most important additions—one that took place on the outside of the building but greatly impacts what happens on the inside—was the acquisition and installation of a generator, which will hopefully eliminate the crippling effects of the erratic electrical service imported from the Paramus side of the campus (especially during severe weather).

The school receives feeds from two different grids, and failure of service on the Paramus side—power that affects the school’s telephone, internet, and heating systems—brings the school to a halt, even when the Oradell feed successfully fuels the lighting in the main part of the school. The Brother’s residence is also “darkened” when a power failure exists on the Paramus line, often forcing them to find other living arrangements during long-term outages.

Those problems are now a thing of the past after the installation of a huge generator in the Monastery Hall courtyard. That project did not go smoothly, either, as both the town of Oradell and PSE&G required some major upgrades prior to the installation, including the addition of a new circuit transfer cabinet to replace the original one (which was severely rusted).

“Phase II” – Things To Come

The excitement of the new additions and upgrades whet the appetites of the school community as it looks forward to the summer of 2014, when other significant changes will take place. The buzz of activity will loudly fill the air as additional improvements are slated for the first floor of Monastery Hall.

The aforementioned Room 40 will see its brief life as a “large” classroom come to an end, as the current hallway will be lengthened and will pass through the inner edge of that room. With the demolition of some walls and the addition of space that is the present first-floor laundry room, the new area will be cut in half to form two smaller classrooms (to be called Rooms 40 and 41).

The louder “buzz” will occur right next door, however, with the construction of a new Art Studio on the site of the previous Brother’s kitchen (and adjacent storage rooms). The removal of two inner walls (currently separating the kitchen from a pair of pantries) will create a large open room measuring almost 750 square feet, with another adjoining room of approximately 270 square feet to be used for storage. B.C.’s growing Art program will benefit greatly as it moves from an area that is equivalent to a normal-sized classroom to what will become a studio of more than 1,000 square feet of space!

The former Art room (known to many old-timers as “Room 16”) will be converted back into a much-needed classroom.

Yet another major upgrade will take place in Monastery Hall as the men’s and woman’s rest rooms will be modernized and expanded, with old shower stalls to be removed and replaced with individual stalls.

“Phase II A” – Monastery Hall Gets Even More Attention

If Monastery Hall isn’t “roaring” with activity because of “Phase II,” then the simultaneous implementation of “Phase II A” will ensure that it does. This phase involves both floors of Monastery Hall as central air conditioning and a new

Visual Arts Department Chair Kimanne Smith has to currently deal with tight quarters in the Art room (left), but next year, she and her students will enjoy more desirable conditions when the previous Brother’s kitchen (right) is converted into a 1,000 square-foot studio.
Sprinkler system will be installed through the entire wing (including the chapel).

This phase is expected to be the most complicated project, as duct work (to connect to the roof-mounted AC unit), pipework (for the sprinklers), and drop ceilings have to be strategically installed in what is one of the busiest sections of the school during that time of year. Although the mechanical drawings have yet to be completed, it is expected to be an invasive and tricky (albeit worthwhile) process to bring the project to fruition, according to Kurpick.

“We’re hoping to start work literally the day after graduation, if not sooner,” states Kurpick, adding that it may be necessary for some of the “prep work” to take place on weekends prior to the school year end. “Our biggest problem will be to create temporary work space for the personnel who work in Monastery Hall while demolition for the sprinkler system and central air takes place.”

“Phase III” – Looking To The Future

“Phase III” is still in the planning stages, but an expansion project on the west side of the campus would yield new Science laboratories, a small theatre, offices and practice rooms for the Performing Arts, and a modular learning space to enhance teacher-student interaction.

Technology Marches On

Despite the enormous attention that was (and will be) spent on physical and structural upgrades around the building, you can bet that technology wasn’t left behind.

Information Systems Engineer Cory DeRobertis spent a good portion of the summer working to upgrade the school’s technological infrastructure, while Assistant Principal of Technology and Student Affairs Joseph Haemmerle ‘86 worked extensively with Lightpath to upgrade the bandwidth.

The school replaced its seven-year-old technological system with a Cisco Aironet Solution, and all switches and routers in the school were replaced, as well.

“We increased our bandwidth from 50 megabits per second to one Gig or 1000 megabits per second,” noted Haemmerle. “During the early part of the school year, we were using 100 megabits per second and as soon as we made the move to one Gig, we tripled our usage. As the school moves forward, we will be evaluating the amount of bandwidth we are using to plan for our needs.”

“To put in the new infrastructure that provides for the use of our present laptops, as well as for iMacs, iPads, iPhones, and other devices, without increasing the bandwidth is to make the improvements mute,” added Br. Walsh. “We will...
Expansion & Growth continued

be increasing our bandwidth this year to 1G, 20 times what it has been. We may have to increase it again next year.”

Haemmerle promptly mentioned that each of the “upgraded” classrooms (Rooms 9A, 9B, 31, and 40) were the first rooms to receive an installation of 75-inch TVs, in advance of future upgrades in other rooms. “We have four new classrooms and are utilizing a 75-inch television in each. It is a terrific model for the classrooms we have chosen and we expect to upgrade the A/V systems in all of the rooms over the next three years.”

Haemmerle went on to praise the new TVs. “They enable teachers to ‘mirror’ or share the display from their MacBook Air, iPad, or iPhone with what is on the A/V system, be it a television or a projector and sound system,” he said, adding that each faculty member has been issued an iPad.

“The use of iPads by teachers during the 2013-14 school year is designed to provide teachers with the opportunity to gain a sense of comfort with the operating system of the device, as well as certain instructional applications,” added McElhinney. “The work the teachers will engage in during the upcoming months will hopefully lead to a smooth transition in terms of technology at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.”

McElhinney also noted that next year’s freshman class will be using iPads and MacBook Airs, and that the school is currently analyzing how to infuse iPads into the upper grade levels.

Please read future editions of CRUSADER MAGAZINE for further updates as B.C. continues to look to the future.
Alumni Golf Outing: October 4, 2013

We closed the golf course again this year! Great day of golf with 80 fellow Bergen alumni! It was a great turnout and Emerson Golf Club was in good shape. There was plenty of adult libations throughout the day and a great all-you-can-eat beefsteak dinner by Nightingale’s! It was fun to see Classes of 1963, ’73, ’78, and 2003 celebrate their reunions by kicking the weekend off with a fun day of golf.

2013 ALUMNI GOLF OUTING RESULTS

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Class of 1963 Celebrates 50-Year Reunion

On October 4 and 5, 2013, almost 40 members of the Class of 1963 gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from Bergen Catholic. Weekend events included the Annual Alumni Golf Outing at Emerson Golf Club on Friday, followed by an informal dinner reception at Bibi’z Restaurant in Westwood.

The Saturday events picked up at noon with a trip down memory lane as current members of the student body presented a slide show with music to help the Class of 1963 remember how they used to look. Tailgating and football occupied the afternoon. Although B.C. lost, it was evident that the caliber of play has stepped up several notches over 50 years. The day’s events culminated in a moving service in the McKenna-Lawrence Chapel, where attendees at Mass remembered and prayed for their classmates who had passed on.

The evening was marked by a superb dinner reception at Bacari Grill in Washington Township. By all accounts, the evening dinner went by in a flash, with everyone agreeing to rendezvous for a repeat in five years.

To put things in perspective, these grads entered B.C. just after the Class of ’59, the school’s first class, graduated. There was a real sense of an enduring connection that permeated through the group as it reminisced about those early days, and the memories of the Brothers and lay teachers who had such a profound influence on their individual lives. These classmates knew the founding Brothers who came to Oradell in 1955 to begin a tradition that continues today.

These graduates repeatedly credited the experience at B.C. as a vital element in guiding their journey through life. The manner in which they have conducted their lives, the values they have demonstrated, and their achievements – both public and private – serve as an inspiration to current graduates as they begin their own journey knowing that there is a support group that covers generations that those early classes did not have.

The 50th reunion was something to remember. A common notion expressed over the weekend was how the comfortable relationship among classmates, who in most cases had not seen each other in a half-century, seemed to seamlessly reappear as though no time had elapsed since their last encounter. Several alum were overheard stating, “It (the reunion) certainly reinforced the sense that B.C. was, and continues to be, a special place for each of us.” There is clearly an enduring spiritual bond that ties us together.

—John Tuohy ’63
My wife and I attended Saturday’s dinner. It was terrific. The three-or-four hours went by more like three-or-four minutes. I can’t think of one thing that would have made it any better. There aren’t enough kudos to offer that would come close to recognizing the hard work and effort put into the little details that made the event a night to remember.

John Lama ’63
The Class of 1978’s 35th Reunion kicked off on Friday with several foursomes hitting the links at the Alumni Golf Outing and Beefsteak Dinner at Emerson Golf Club. The “’78ers” represented themselves well on the links, with Mike Tessalone and Joe Conway representing two-thirds of a three-way tie for low net (shooting a 72), and Alex Zito in a three-way tie for first low gross (with a 71). The festivities continued on Saturday with a pre-game get-together hosted by the Advancement and Alumni Office, and ended with a great dinner at The Brick House in Wyckoff. It was great to see guys reconnect, laugh, relive some great times, embellish a few others, make some new memories, and laugh until our sides ached!
A great time was had for those who attended the 30th Reunion of the Class of 1983. The event was held October 19 at the Bacari Grill in Washington Township, NJ, with 35 alumni in attendance. The highlight of the night was the “open mic” segment in which each alum was able to share a few of his own unique experiences at B.C. Everyone was in superb form, and the laughter could be heard throughout the entire restaurant as each alum’s talk seemed to get better and better. In fact, by the end of the evening, Br. Walsh was wishing that he had Tom Irwin for Drivers Ed! It was clear to all in attendance that the spirit and brotherhood of Bergen Catholic was alive and well!

Special thanks goes out to Fred Zigrest and Brian Esler, who flew in from California and Seattle, respectively, to attend the event. It was great to see their dedication! The reunion efforts were led by Tom Arcieri, Larry Carpentier, Chris Heyer, Brian Langan, Chris Lota, Dave O’Shea, and Mike Quinn.
The Class of 1988 celebrated its 25th Reunion at the Bacari Grill on November 9, 2013. In attendance were 30 alumni, wives, and good friends from the B.C. administration. After recognizing and honoring a number of former classmates who have passed away since graduation, members of the Class of ‘88 shared stories about their families, careers and, of course, the special times they enjoyed together as Crusaders. Not surprisingly, despite a smaller turnout than at previous class reunions, school spirit was in evidence throughout the evening as memories were recounted about days spent in Bergen Catholic classrooms and on the school’s athletic fields. The evening culminated in the class purchasing a leaf on the Tree of Life to commemorate its 25th reunion.

—Greg Tramontozzi ’88
Class of 2003 10th Reunion: October 5, 2013

The Class of 2003 thoroughly enjoyed its 10-year reunion with a large turnout at Hotel Victor Bar & Grill in Hoboken. Over 50 alumni were in attendance, along with some guests and surprise appearances by some of their favorite faculty members. Clearly, this class established a strong bond as Crusaders and its brotherhood has survived. The reunion efforts were led by Conor McManus, Nick Benvenuto, Steve Nolan, Ken Sinkovitz, Tim Tedino, and the voice of B.C. sports, Dan Long.

—Conor McManus ’03

Cigar Night: September 26, 2013

The crowd was a little light, but we made up for it with great food and friendship. The rejuvenated Cigar Night is a welcome addition to the activities of the Alumni Association. Thank you to Bob Fortsch ’73 for his determination to revive this event and to Mike Panos ’72 for his expertise and enthusiasm.
The NOLA Chapter of the B.C. Alumni Association has been formed! All future meetings will be held at the home of Katy and Tom Roberts ’79. They sure know how to open their home to the Bergen Catholic family!

Tom and Katy welcomed not only the B.C. alumni living in the New Orleans area into their home, but extended the invitation to all the Touchdown Club parents who were in New Orleans to support their sons when the Crusaders’ football team took on John Curtis, as well. Thank you, Tom and Katy!

“It truly was our pleasure to have had everyone to the house, and we were very pleased that everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We feel very privileged that you and the B.C. community let us share in this experience, and thank you for that. Fondly, Katy and Tom Roberts ’79.”

Thank you for coming to Arizona to see us and to provide us the opportunity to host the Phoenix Alumni Reception. It was nice to meet everyone and to hear everyone’s stories. They brought back some nice memories! Having the opportunity to get together with alumni of different years and easily reminisce about Bergen shows the impact that B.C. has had on our lives. Jacque’ and I are glad to have hosted the reception. Let’s make a plan to have more events in the future. Other ideas: an Arizona Alumni Golf Outing–Wine Tasting event, gathering to watch some sporting event (World Series, Cardinals Football game, Spring training baseball game). I’d be happy to discuss further.

Bob Micera ’80
Salt Lake City: September 11, 2013

The number of alumni in Utah may be small, but the gathering was big beyond our wildest dreams! Thank you to John Herman ’61 for being our private tour guide. Tomoko Schlag was our biggest cheerleader and it was great to have Alex Butwinski ’66 cheer us on to victory against Jordan H.S.

“I just wanted to drop you a note to say how much I enjoyed the weekend. I had a great time showing you a little bit of Utah on Friday. Temple Square was amazing, lunch at Kneaders was fun, and dinner at Aerie was excellent. The game was icing on the cake. Thanks for the invite to the suite – we all had a great time.”

John Herman ’61
Class of 1960

Roger Steffens spent the first two months of 2013 as the opening act for the Wailers, Bob Marley’s band, on its international “Survival Revival” tour. In May, Roger played Mark Twain in Tesla (portrayed by French Stewart) at the Pasadena Playhouse. He is currently finishing his seventh book, an Oral History of Bob Marley, based on 40 years of interviews with the reggae singer and of those closest to him. His renowned Reggae Archives were exhibited at the Queen Mary for eight months, and were filmed by Keith Richards recently. The Jamaica Observer has declared him “One of the Top Ten Most Influential People in Reggae.” Roger has lived in California since 1972. He and his wife celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary with their two children.

Class of 1967

Rev. Robert Stagg received the “Community Service Award” at Don Bosco Prep’s President’s Gala on October 17. Rev. Stagg is the Pastor of the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, NJ.

Class of 1968

Richard Collier received the Diocese of Metuchen’s 2013 St. Thomas More Award. The award is given to a Catholic attorney or judge who exemplifies a commitment to moral conscience and an intense concern for others in the pursuit of justice. A staunch pro-life advocate for the past 24 years, Rich has served as President of the legal center for the Defense of Life. The center is dedicated to providing pro-bono legal services in support of the pro-life cause in New Jersey. Rich and many other volunteer attorneys have stood up to the culture of death in New Jersey and elsewhere, and have provided tens of thousands of hours of free legal representation to peaceful pro-lifers. For the past 36 years, Rich has been specializing in litigating sophisticated corporate and commercial disputes. Since 2011, he has worked as principal of Collier Law Firm, P.C.

Class of 1972

Dr. Mike Caserta was honored by the Utah Aging Alliance as the 2013 recipient of the Pioneer Award in recognition of his work in the field of aging. Dr. Caserta is a professor in the Gerontology Interdisciplinary Program at the University of Utah, where he holds the Robert L. and Joyce T. Rice Presidential Endowed Chair in Healthy Aging.

Class of 1975

Ernest Caponegro was the recipient of the 2013 PAL of the Year Award from the Brick Township (NJ) Police Athlete League. Ernie was honored for his outstanding community service and sponsorship.

Class of 1977

Brian Gilligan (second from left) is a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, with over 22 years of service. He is assigned to the International Joint Commission, which is headquartered in Kabul, Afghanistan. Brian was responsible for coordinating the visits of dignitaries to the area.

Class of 1980

Joe Azelby co-authored a book with his brother, Bob, called Kiss Your BUT Good-Bye, a simple and often humorous 10-step guide to overcoming your weaknesses—your “BUTS”—to achieve the career and personal relationships you want. The book will help all professionals find their individual “BUT,” whether it’s a lack of skills, a distracting behavior, or a personality quirk that interferes with achieving success. Joe is the Managing Director and CEO of JP Morgan Asset Management’s Global Real Asset Group, leading a global team of over 400 investment professionals. A graduate of Harvard University, he earned an M.B.A. in Finance from NYU’s Stern School of Business. While at Harvard, he was the captain of the football team and then went on to play professionally with the NFL’s Buffalo Bills.

Daniel Markham joined Gibbons P.C. as a Director in the Business and Commercial Litigation Department. Previously, Dan was with Coughlin Duffy LLP, where he represented a vast array of corporations and high net worth individuals in transactions and litigations in various fields such as banking, fashion, intellectual property, and restrictive covenants. In 2000, Dan won a landmark corporate director indemnification case, and the New York Law Journal named this decision one of the “20th Century’s 10 Most Influential Co-op Law Decisions.”
Class of **1981**

Several members of the Class of 1981 gathered to celebrate their 50th birthdays, with help from some close friends! (L to R) Rich Giannone ’81, Bob George ’81, Louis George AP, Craig George ’72, Dennis Potter ’81, Jim Manning ’81, and Henry ’81 and Daniel ’12 Gomez.

**Class of 1985**

William Speciale received the Accredited Estate Planner designation from the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils. Bill joined Daintree Advisors, a family office and wealth advisory firm located in Boston, in 2012 and became a partner in 2013.

**Class of 1986**

Bill Boland was named the Commanding Officer of the JAG Corps. He served three tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. General David Patreca nominated him for the JAG of the Year award, which he earned after his second tour in Iraq.

**Class of 1988**

Greg Tramontozi and his wife, Tierney, welcomed their sixth child (and first girl) on September 30, 2013. Grace Scout is healthy and happy to join big brothers Michael (12), Joseph (6), Charlie (4), William (3), and Tim (2).

**Class of 1990**

Brendan Lahiff was recently appointed Director of Investor Relations at SanDisk Corp. in the Silicon Valley. He lives with his wife, Lorinda, and five-year-old daughter, Keira in Cupertino, CA.

**Class of 1991**

Julenir Marchisio recently published a children’s book through Authorhouse, called “Dan’s Dumb Decision.” The creation of the book was a true family effort. “The original inspiration was from my mom. The current inspiration is from my wife and children, with wonderful illustrations from my father-in-law, Pedro Añas.” The best way to purchase the book is as an E-book through www.authorhouse.com or www.amazon.com.

**Class of 1994**

Robert Moore and his wife, Erin, are proud to announce the birth of their third child, Lilian Kathleen on August 12, 2013, joining Charlie and Ava.

**Class of 1995**


Matthew Moroney and his wife, Kristin, welcomed future Crusader, Benjamin Walter, on October 3, 2012.

**Class of 1996**

Conor Lahiff is a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Burlington, VT. He lives with his wife, Mary, and two sons, Aidan and Owen, in Jericho, VT.

**Class of 1998**

Kazbek Said became engaged to Courtney Quinn on September 3, 2013, with the wedding date to be determined.

**Class of 1999**


**Class of 2000**

Kevin Kasak was promoted to police sergeant in Wyckoff in June. The Penn State University graduate joined the department as a dispatcher in 2004, was appointed a probationary officer in 2005, and graduated from the Bergen County Police Academy in 2006.

**Class of 2004**

Mike McQueeney has joined the Newark law firm of Genova Burns GianTomasi Burns as an associate. He recently completed a one-year term as clerk to Judge Patricia Costello.

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It was another night to remember as Crusaders past and present combined to make the Sixth Annual Crusader Gala a rousing success! A record crowd of 650 attendees gathered at the Venetian in Garfield, NJ to salute two outstanding members of the Bergen Catholic community and to show support for the school’s Tuition Assistance Program.

The honorees, who received Founder’s Medals presented by Bergen Catholic President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., were Jack Howley ’79 and longtime contributor and employee Therese (“Terry”) McGovern.

Former two-sport superstar Mark DeRosa ’93, who recently retired from Major League Baseball after an outstanding 16-year career, manned the microphone as the Master of Ceremonies, while Broadway star Constantine Rousouli ’06, who has performed in Ghost The Musical, Hairspray, and Wicked, put his wondrous singing skills on display for the enormous audience. Prominent attorney James LaRocca ’00 and current Crusader Richard Ruiz ’14 delivered passionate addresses about the importance and worth of the Tuition Assistance Program.
Broadway star Constantine Rousouli '06 performs.

Jazz Ensemble Director Peter Furlan and his students kept the crowd entertained.

President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. presents honorary diplomas to the first three female recipients in school history, (from left) Mrs. MaryBeth McGovern Budra, Gala honoree Therese (“Terry”) McGovern, and Mrs. Patti McGovern Hill.

(L to R) Director of Alumni Relations Marge Millus, Director of Institutional Advancement Joseph Branciforte ’64, and B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. get ready to draw one of the two winning tickets in the 50-50 raffle.

The stars were out on this special night, including professional ones! Bill McGovern ’81 (left), who joined the Philadelphia Eagles this year as a Linebacker Coach after 27 years of coaching on the collegiate level, greets Master of Ceremonies Mark DeRosa ’93, who recently retired from Major League Baseball after an outstanding 16-year career.
Jack Howley ’79, the youngest of five children and the family’s third Bergen Catholic graduate, was raised in Teaneck. His passion, excitement, and love for Bergen Catholic has spanned multiple decades. From his humble beginnings, Jack has lived a life of giving, mentorship, and appreciation for his family, professional, physical, and spiritual life as a result of the values and lessons learned at B.C.

Jack began his professional career in 1983 with The Guardian Life Insurance Company, and was quickly recognized for his hard work with a prestigious national award as The Guardian’s “Rookie of the Year”. He continued on with the drive, ambition, and work ethic that earned him numerous annual awards along the way.

Jack has served on countless committees and clubs. He is a member of the Newark Chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the Monmouth County, New Jersey Society of Financial Service Professionals, has been a 25-time member of The Guardian’s “Executive Committee”, and is currently serving as the Metropolitan Vice President of the 2013-14 Executive Committee. In 1995, Jack was elected by his peers as President of the 1995-96 Executive Committee of The Guardian’s Leaders Club, the highest honor bestowed upon a field force member.

His Hall of Fame career has resulted in him being the all-time leading advisor in The Guardian’s 153-year history. He has helped secure over $1 billion of security for thousands of businesses and individuals, and has been featured in various publications nationwide. Since 1987, Jack’s firm, Howley Financial Group of Rumson, NJ has specialized in life insurance, wealth creation, and retirement planning. His devotion to the industry has enabled him to develop over 3,000 clients during his career.

Jack resides in Rumson, NJ with his wife, Iwona, and their three daughters: Alexandria, Brielle, and Courtney. In addition to his professional associations, he contributes most of his “free” time to worthy causes. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the Monmouth Medical Center Foundation, The Rumson-Fair Haven Run, the legendary Rumson St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee, The Jay Dooley Foundation, The Randy Foye Foundation, and Lunch Break. He is the President of the Courtside Club at Rumson-Fair Haven High School, and is also involved in various other non-profit organizations in the community. Jack is an avid runner and a long-time fan of “The Fighting Irish” of Notre Dame.
Therese (“Terry”) McGovern

is an ambassador and role model for Bergen Catholic and everything B.C. strives to instill in its young men as Christians and leaders. Synonymous with the name “Bergen Catholic,” she and her husband, Howard, raised nine children—seven boys and two girls—with all seven boys attending Bergen Catholic between 1970 and 1990: Thomas ’74, Jack ’76, William ’81, James ’83, Robert ’85, Michael ’88, and David ’90.

Four of those seven men are or have been affiliated with professional sports (Rob as a former NFL linebacker with the Chiefs, Steelers, and Patriots, Jim as a victor on the PGA Tour, Dave as current Assistant Pro at Echo Lake Golf Club, and Bill as the new Linebacker Coach with the Philadelphia Eagles). The other three men are also representing B.C. with distinction, with Tom serving as President of the New Jersey PGA, Jack serving as the Athletic Director at B.C., and Mike enjoying a very successful Wall Street career. The girls, MaryBeth and Patti, also had distinguished academic careers, first at the Academy of the Holy Angels and then at Boston College and Holy Cross, respectively.

Terry is a product of St. Joseph’s High School in West New York, NJ and Ladycliff College, where she earned a B.S. in Math and Science and was a multi-sport athlete. Following graduation, Terry was invited to play semi-pro softball, an opportunity she declined in order to wed her service-bound high school sweetheart, Howard. Before starting her family, Terry worked as a sixth-grade Math teacher at Norfolk Catholic in Norfolk, VA.

The McGovern family has supported B.C. for more than 40 years (since Tom entered the school as a freshman in the fall of 1970). Howard served as the President of Bergen Catholic’s first Board of Directors. Similarly, Terry served on the then-fledgling B.C. Parents Club, and rose to become its President by 1976.

After devoting nearly the next decade in various aspects of volunteerism for B.C., Terry returned to the front office in 1983 and worked her way up to the position of Business Manager, which she held until 1994. Through the years, she has worked under several Presidents and Principals, including Brothers James R. Kelly, Gerard M. Gaffney, James E. Roepke, Lawrence A. Killelea, Brian M. Walsh, J. Gennaro Sullo, and Lawrence T. Murphy, as well as Dr. Joseph Fusco and Tim McElhinney.

Terry and Howard were inducted into the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame in 1994, and Terry was also honored with the Pro Operis Award for 20 years of service to the school.

Ever active to this day, Terry can still be found working part-time in the Bergen Catholic front office and volunteering at B.C. football, basketball and wrestling matches. She continues to maintain her spirit of service and volunteerism by assisting her son, Jim, in the Pro Shop at White Beeches Golf Club.

Terry is the proud grandmother of 28 grandchildren (and counting), including three Crusaders to date: Brendan McGovern ’10, Kevin Hill ’11, and Colin McGovern ’14.
One of the most storied careers in Bergen Catholic High School’s rich history came to an end at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year when popular teacher, Guidance Counselor, innovator, and all-around “good guy” Charles B. Flynn announced his retirement.

Despite the presence of excitement and energy that always accompanies the beginning of another school year, the unmistakable feeling of emptiness at the school existed back in September, because life at B.C. will never be the same without one of most popular faculty members. As longtime New York Yankees’ fans will find out next spring, when they realize what life is like without the great Mariano Rivera, the B.C. community is still coping with the absence of one of its all-time “greats,” as well!

“Charlie Flynn was a master teacher who, in addition to using fine instructional strategies, brought enthusiasm and humor to each of his lessons,” praises B.C. Principal Tim McElhinney. “Charlie enjoyed his interactions with the students and cared deeply about their learning.”

The 40-year veteran was honored for his four decades of outstanding service and professionalism at a retirement dinner in June, a couple of weeks after being recognized at the graduation Baccalaureate Mass when he was presented with the Pro Multis Anniis Award (joining Br. Edward T. Beyer, C.F.C., John Direnzo, Christopher Donfield, Thomas Fuchs, Scott Gismondo, and Donald Viggiano as recipients of an award that honors forty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School).

Charlie’s “path” to Bergen Catholic High School started in the town of Oradell, where he lived for 13 years while growing up, but took an unlikely turn that passed through St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale! When Charlie was a sixth-grader at St. Joseph School in Oradell, the Xaverian Brothers (who founded St. Joseph Regional in 1962) arrived to serve at his school, and provided the influence that led Charlie to enter St. Joseph Seraphic Seminary in Callicoon, NY.

Charlie returned home after two-and-a-half years at the junior seminary, but despite living in Oradell, he bypassed B.C. when the time came to choose a local high school and decided to attend S.J.R. instead, entering the Montvale school midway through his sophomore year during the 1964-65 winter.

He was a student at S.J.R. when the Crusaders posted their 76-0 football win over the Green Knights in the fall of 1965, but his time at St. Joe’s was generally a happy one, and was the place where his penchant for writing and teaching others emerged.

“With a vague sense of pursuing Business in college, I entered the field but found it unrewarding,” he recalls about his high school days. “In the meantime, two of my classmates at St. Joe’s encouraged me to work with ‘special needs’ students at St. Mary’s in Dumont on Saturdays and then teach CCD on Sundays at St. Joe’s in Oradell. The seeds of teaching were planted!”

Charlie’s active schedule continued during his college days, where he earned a degree and his teaching certification while also holding down a full-time job. He earned his B.A. in English Education from Newark State College (now known as Kean University) in 1972.

After his graduation from Newark State, he began his professional career by holding two positions in neighboring Hudson County. He honed his teaching skills as a substitute teacher in the Jersey City Public School System (teaching primarily at Dickinson, Ferris, and Snyder High Schools in the fall of 1972 and the winter of 1972-73), then sharpened his “people skills” by working for the Hudson County Welfare Department as a case worker.

One day in August, 1973, Charlie received a phone call from the Jersey City Board of Education regarding an offer for a full-time teaching position, but on that very same day, another call came in from B.C.’s legendary English Department chairman Donfield, who also had an opening to fill. One interview led to an immediate job offer, and the rest, as they say, is history!

So, in the fall of 1973, Charles Flynn would begin a 40-year tenure of excellence at Bergen Catholic as a freshman.
English teacher. After several years in that position, Charlie broadened his repertoire, teaching sophomores, juniors, and seniors—from college preparatory courses to honors level and independent electives, such as Seton Hall University’s sponsored Project Acceleration (which offered college credit for off-campus English courses).

Charlie was eventually promoted to the post of Department Chairman of the English Department (a title he held from 1994 to 2007), during which time he headed the Middle State Committee for “Writing Across the Curriculum” (which is now a graduation requirement). He also took on the duties of Chairman of the Fine Arts Department for two years, and has also taught an SAT preparation course since 1980. During this period, Charlie’s contributions to B.C. were recognized (in 1999) when he was honored as the school’s “Teacher of the Year.”

Never one to pass on the opportunity for self-improvement, Charlie furthered his education when he earned his M.A. from William Paterson University in 1993, with a concentration in Writing/Literature, and then served as an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University and William Paterson from 1993 to 1999 (teaching courses such as Basic Writing and Introduction to Literature). He also served as the coordinator of the “English As A Second Language” course at Ridgewood Community School which earning his M.A. at W.P.U.

In 2007, Charlie’s career took another path when he was hired by Director of Guidance Peter Ulrich to join the Guidance Department (working specifically with freshmen and sophomores), while continuing to teach English. He remained in the Guidance Department until his retirement in June.

“Charlie Flynn brought tremendous energy and creativity to the Guidance Department,” recalls Ulrich proudly. “He brought the perspective of history, having taught many of the dads, uncles, and older brothers of many of his advisees. Whatever the task, Charlie approached his work with alacrity and determination.”

His enormous contributions to Bergen Catholic High School went well beyond the classroom and Guidance Office. Charlie is the creator (and Moderator) of highly-popular activities such as BCTV and “Battle of the Bands,” and was the co-founder of the Walden Pond Arts and Music Festival. Charlie also served the Athletic Department for four years as the J.V. baseball coach.

When he co-founded the Walden Pond Arts and Music Festival in 1990, it was an “offshoot” of the “Battle of the Bands” and eventually grew into a three-times-per-year event. The visual arts and music festival was held in the B.C. cafeteria on Saturday nights and drew scores of talented artists and musicians (not to mention a hefty following from interested fans). It is said that the roots of the current Jazz Ensemble (along with the renewed interest in Fine Arts) sprouted from the popular Walden Pond events.

Feeding off the popularity of the Walden Pond venture, Charlie’s foresight and ingenuity came into play when he created and became the Moderator of BCTV of 1998. He purchased a camcorder and brought in an unused television from home—and brought together a group of students with noteworthy technological skills. So, it can be
said that Charlie had a direct hand in B.C.’s push to become a technologically-advanced school!

“When I set out to create BCTV, I hoped to create a platform to push the boundaries of both technology and creative input at the time, and on a daily basis, to engage the student body at B.C.,” he recalls. “We hit stride and never looked back. Each day was a new page of creation, and that feeling and energy never dissipated.”

Charlie tried his hand at coaching, as well, accepting the position of J.V. baseball coach in 1974 when it was offered to him by former Athletic Director Br. Peter Krebbs, C.F.C. and holding that position for four years. The experience taught him to persevere through the “hardships” that the baseball program faced (and still faces, to some degree).

“When I got the official nod that the JV baseball coaching job was mine, I gulped. Now, what have I gotten myself into? I was following in the footsteps of legendary coaching at B.C.!” he recalls with a hearty laugh, reciting all of the “home fields” that his teams played and practiced on, including the Ridgewood Avenue field, the school parking lot, and rocky Parkway School Field in Paramus.

The Ridgewood resident has many fine memories to fall back upon, including a signed baseball from one of his J.V. teams that he cherishes to this day. He still recalls with a chuckle the epic 10-day trip to England, Ireland, and Wales that he took with his wife, two fellow B.C. teachers, and about 25 students in February, 1996—a venture that began during a crippling blizzard that left the party grounded on the airport runway for eight hours!

Charlie’s value goes beyond what he passed on to his students – some of whom have returned to teach at B.C., and to therefore pass on that knowledge to present and future Crusaders, as pointed out by McElhinney. “Charlie served as mentor to many on the Bergen Catholic staff, and we are all better teachers as a result of the time he spent with us.”

“It’s because of teachers like Charlie Flynn that I came back and STAYED at B.C.,” echoes Joe Charles ’02, B.C.’s Director of Admissions & Enrollment Management. “In his 40 years of service, he dabbled in every element of B.C., from classroom teacher to guidance to the ‘groovy master of ceremonies for Battle of the Bands.’ He did his job for the love of us, the students.”

First and foremost in importance in Charlie’s life is his family. He has been married to his lovely wife, Maura, for over 40 years and is the proud father of...
Charlie, Sean, Terence, and Maura Ann and grandfather of eight children (Dylan, Brandon, Ronan, John, Connor, Emma, Megan, and Grace).

Needless to say, his daily schedule is almost as busy as it was when he was working full time! He spends countless hours weekly with five of the grandchildren who live locally, including daily duties with three of them. His lovely grandchildren also inspired him to write a book, which he titled “The Bumble’s Family Reunion.” The book is geared toward six-to-eight-year-old children and humorously tells the story of the trials and tribulations of a fictitious family whose plans always seem to go wrong.

A writer to the end, Charlie also created a blog called “A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF YOUR MIND,” which can be found at “theroadlesstraveled429.blogspot.com”. It’s another way to check in on and keep in touch with one of the finest gentlemen to ever walk the halls of Bergen Catholic High School!
Bergen Catholic’s fifty-fifth Commencement Exercises took place on June 2 at the Felician College auditorium in Lodi, NJ. Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C., President of Bergen Catholic, and Mr. Tim McElhinney, Principal of B.C., presided over the ceremony, which was attended by more than 1,200 people. Two members of the Class of 2013, Deek Stanley Medzadourian and Timothy Paul Elhamy Shaker, spoke during the ceremony.

The Class of 2013 consisted of 143 students from 59 towns in six counties, bringing B.C.’s all-time total of graduates to more than 11,500 students. Sixty-two percent of last year’s senior class (90 students) earned a total of more than $16.0 million in scholarships and grants (the sixth-highest total ever at the school).
### TOP 30 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING

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### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Adam Francis Degand**
- **Deek Stanley Medzadourian**

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Deek Stanley Medzadourian delivers the “Welcome” address.

TimothyPaul Elhamy Shaker, Class of 2013 Speaker.

The Class of 2013 enters the Felician College auditorium.

The procession preceding the Baccalaureate Mass.
### GRADUATING CLASS COMPARISONS

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# As of 2010-11, now known as “Nj Stars” (includes Bloustein and Garden State Scholars).

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The Class of 2013’s top two students: Timothy Paul Elhamy Shaker (“First in Merit,” top) and Kevin Flavio Labagnara (“Second in Merit,” bottom).
FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS

2013 Pro Multis Annis Award
(Forty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Mr. Charles Flynn

2013 Bene Merenti Award
(Thirty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)
Mr. John Pawlyk

B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C. (left in each photo) presents the 2013 Pro Multis Annis Award (signifying forty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School) to Charles Flynn (top) and the 2013 Bene Merenti Award (representing thirty years of service) to John Pawlyk (below).

Newly-graduated Crusaders are congratulated by administrators and teachers as they leave the auditorium.

B.C. Principal Mr. Tim McElhinney (left) presents an honorary diploma to Joseph Monaghan ’75 during the ceremony, allowing him to officially “graduate” with his son, Class of 2013 member Patrick Monaghan. Joseph Monaghan never “officially” received a diploma from B.C. because he left school after his junior year to attend Fordham University as part of an early acceptance program.

12 GRADUATES ARE SONS OF B.C. ALUMNI

The Bergen Catholic Class of 2013 contained 12 graduates whose fathers are also alumni of B.C., bringing the school’s father/son grand total to 312 pairs.

Here are the father/son pairings, with the 2013 graduates standing in the middle row (listed first) and their respective fathers standing one row above each of them: (top and middle rows, L to R) Thomas and Thomas ’79 Zitelli, Tucker and Gregory ’78 James, Michael and Michael ’78 Guerra, Christopher and Matthew ’85 McBride, Michael and Michael ’86 Carolan, Brendan and Thomas ’79 Devine, and Anthony and James ’80 Gallagher. Father/son pairings in the front row are (L to R) Kenneth ’75 and Matthew O’Donnell, Joseph ’75 and Patrick Monaghan, B.C. Principal Mr. Tim McElhinney, Brett and Anthony ’79 Arndt, and John and John ’79 Feaster. (Not pictured): Theodore and Ted ’72 D’Amico.
The 42nd Brother Burns Annual Golf Classic took place at Knickerbocker Country Club in Tenafly, NJ. It turned out to be one of our best-attended golf outings in a few years. A total of 124 golfers registered to play and support our honorees, John Daniello ’91 and Dan Kelly ’86. Then the rain came… Despite the weather, a good time was had by all! We ended up with 108 rain-soaked golfers who managed to enjoy themselves and play for the cause to support Bergen Catholic High.

(L to R) Dan Pace ’93, Chris Barry ’93, Bill Slayne ’84, and Scott Vandersnow ’93.

Honoree Dan Kelly ’86.

Honoree John Daniello ’91 (second from right) is congratulated by Joe ’77 and Joe Jr. Colletta, and Phil Reicherz ’91.

(L to R) Bob Curry AP, Dick Keating, Al Hayward AP, and Jack Ahern.

2013 Committee Members
Chris Barry ’93
Chris Fontanetta ’96
Al Hayward AP
Jim Jacobsen ’66
Joe Maurice ’87
Gerard Quinn ’76, CP, AP
Mike Quinn ’83, CP
Phil Reicherz ’91

Honorees
(Recipients of the Brother Martin P. Burns Award)
John Daniello ’91
Dan Kelly ’86

Knickerbocker Country Club
Tenafly, NJ
First Place
(6 under par)
Tim Heaney, Jim Jacobsen ’66, Matt Love ’13, Ryan Rose ’13

Second Place
(5 under par)
Bruce Bohuny, Brian Celiberti, Matt Headington, Kevin Keyes

Third Place
(4 under par)
Chris Barry ’93, Dan Pace ’93, Bill Slayne ’84, Scott Vandersnow ’93

Fourth Place
(4 under par)
Joe Colletta Sr., Joe Colletta ’77, John Daniello ’91, Phil Reicherz ’91

Fifth Place
(3 under par)
David Monahan Sr., David Monahan ’80, Matt Monahan ’86, Greg Schwake ’86

Long Drive
Ryan Rose ’13

Closest to the Pin 4
Mike Gallagher (3’1”)

Closest to the Pin 11
Brian Celiberti (22’7”)

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Five senior students at Bergen Catholic High School have been honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program. The students took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (“PSAT/NMSQT”) during their junior year.

John Adams, Nicholas Barile, Ryan DeLoughry, Ryan O’Connor, and Keith Spaar were announced as National Merit Commended Students. These students were named as five of approximately 34,000 honorees (out of more than 1.5 million students who took the battery of tests). They recently received a Letter of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise based on their test scores.

All five gentlemen are excellent students who participate in several school activities.

Mr. Adams was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society, was named as an AP Scholar, and received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. He is also involved in many extracurricular activities at the school, serving as the Vice President of the Model United Nations Club and as an Extraordinary Minister and peer counselor. He is also a member of the school’s lacrosse team and Ski Club.

Mr. Barile was inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, the National Social Studies Honor Society, and the French Honor Society, and was named as an AP Scholar. He serves as the Editor-In-Chief of The Herald (the school newspaper), as the captain of the Mock Trial Team, as a member of Junior Statesmen of America, and as an Eagle Scout. He is also a member of the school’s crew team.

Mr. DeLoughry was inducted into the National Honor Society, the National Mathematics Honor Society, the National Social Studies Honor Society, and the Latin Honor Society, was named as an AP Scholar, and received The Clarkson University Leadership Award. He serves as an English and Science peer counselor, and is also a member of the Chess Club and the school’s cross country and tennis teams.

The PSAT/NMSQT is a series of tests that measures verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills. The most common reasons for a student to take the tests are to receive feedback on the student’s abilities in these particular areas, to compare individual performances relative to the student’s peers, and to compete for scholarships that are awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (“NMSC”).

The NMSC is an independent not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. NMSC conducts numerous privately-financed annual competitions for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships (one of which is the National Merit Scholarship Program).
Bergen Catholic High School Appoints 31 Extraordinary Ministers

Reverend Antonio Ricarte (bottom row, center), the school’s Chaplain, welcomes B.C.’s 31 newly-appointed Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (top row, L to R) Gerard Quinn, Ethan Adams, Michael McPherson, Matthew Ascolese, Daniel Buckmaster, Simon Lezaja, Owen Devine, Aidan Finnegan, Craig Scheuring, Henry Rice, and Ryan O’Connor; (middle row, L to R) Geovanny Lara, Kyle Lally, Brendan Sweeney, Robert Farrell, Matthew Iobst, Nicholas Bushman, Vincent Dimaya, Timothy Harwick, Michael Finocchiaro, and Liam Kelly; and (bottom row, L to R) Anthony Zampolin, Sean Fernandez, Richard Finizio, Viviano Cantu, Michael Setteducati, Dahhoon Jeong, Connor Heaney, Gennaro Anzevino, Patrick Estanbouli, and Craig Bender.

Bergen Catholic Introduces New Faculty Members

New additions to the Bergen Catholic High School faculty include (L to R) Religion teacher Matthew Rosa ’08, Guidance Counselor Gabrielle Brown, and Religion teacher Charles Costello.
Justin Yacovino ’14 has been recognized by the National Hispanic Recognition Program (‘NHRP’).

Mr. Yacovino, who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (‘PSAT/NMSQT’) during his junior year, was named as one of approximately 5,000 of the highest-scoring students from over 250,000 Hispanic/Latino junior students who took the battery of tests.

The program recognizes academically-outstanding seniors of Hispanic/Latino heritage. To be eligible to be recognized by the NHRP, a student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, must be of at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino descent, must achieve the minimum required PSAT/NMSQT cutoff score, and must achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher by the end of his/her junior year.

Mr. Yacovino is a fine student, having been inducted into the National Mathematics Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society, and also recently received The Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology. He is the President of the B.C. Alive Club (the school’s “Pro Life” group) and is the captain of the varsity soccer team.

Four B.C. Students Participate In Princeton Moot Court Competition

Four members of the Bergen Catholic Mock Trial Team competed successfully in the Princeton Moot Court Competition, hosted by the Princeton University Mock Trial team.

Moot Court is a form of mock trial where attorneys argue a constitutional issue before a mock Supreme Court. Participants spent two days on the scenic campus of Princeton University and competed in five preliminary rounds in two-person teams. Afterward, the top sixteen teams moved on to the playoff rounds, and the tournament culminated in a final round of competition with a full panel of nine judges. In addition to a challenging level of competition against other high-school students, participants enjoyed the opportunity to meet Princeton University students involved in similar organizations at the college level.

‘Two “teams” of B.C. mock attorneys faced off against other schools from the Tri-State area. The tandem of Nicholas Barile ’14 and James Lowell ’15 defeated the three-time defending champions from Nyack (NY) in one of the qualifying rounds and advanced to the semi-final round, where it settled for a third-place finish. Lowell won an individual attorney award for his performance.

The team of Ryan O’Connor ’14 and Thomas Harte ’15 competed for four rounds in the competition and performed admirably, with O’Connor earning an individual attorney award.

The four B.C. students, along with other members of the Bergen Catholic Mock Trial Team, are preparing to compete in the Vincent J. Apuzzese Mock Trial Competition, which begins at the County level in January.

Bergen Catholic has won the Bergen County Mock Trial championship nine times overall, won the New Jersey State championship four times, and was crowned national champion in 1991.
Many Familiar Names Populate the Class of 2017

Bergen Catholic’s current freshman class (the Class of 2017) contains several students who are sons of B.C. alumni, continuing an encouraging recent trend that underscores the value of a B.C. education. No fewer than 19 freshman students are on their way to accomplishing something their fathers did — to become an alumnus of Bergen Catholic High School!

Bergen Catholic has 81 current students (including 15 seniors, 21 juniors, and 26 sophomores) who have a father or grandfather who is an alumnus, and who will hopefully join the 317 graduated alumni who can make the same claim.

Each of the last nine classes (Classes of 2009-17) and 11 of the last 12 have at least 12 father (grandfather)-son combinations in them — an ongoing testament to the quality of a B.C. education.

Here’s a list of those 19 freshman students, with their fathers’ names and graduation years in parentheses:

- Joseph Barile ’17 (Gaetano ’83)
- Robert Cappadona ’17 (Robert ’78)
- John Di Spirito ’17 (Peter ’80)
- Conor Donnelly ’17 (Kevin ’78)
- Thomas Gallagher ’17 (Thomas ’80)
- Eric Hund ’17 (John ’79)
- Joseph Kelly ’17 (Brian ’84)
- Andrew Kitz ’17 (Thomas ’86)
- Owen La Pira ’17 (Vittorio ’91)
- Jorge Mascaro ’17 (Jorge ’84)
- Keith Orenchuk ’17 (Stephen ’78)
- Steven Pappas ’17 (Jeffrey ’84)
- Christopher Rooney ’17 (Thomas ’84)
- Anthony Scozzafava ’17 (Anthony ’86)
- Thomas Shanahan ’17 (Brian ’86)
- James Sullivan ’17 (Sean P. ’84)
- Sean Ulshoefler ’17 (Michael ’90)
- Jack Vinci ’17 (John ’83)
- Jordan Westdyk ’17 (George ’83)

B.C. Students Attend ACTION Student Leadership Workshop

Bergen Catholic High School students (L to R) Mark Cristaldi ’14, Anthony Persico ’15, and Michael Setteducati ’14 traveled to Jacksonville, FL in late September to take part in the annual ACTION Student Leadership Workshop, along with students from 18 Edmund Rice Christian Brother schools – including South American schools from Buenos Aires (Argentina), Lima (Peru), and Montevideo (Uruguay). Participants spent four eventful days attending leadership- and community-building exercises, and sharing stories about how each school incorporated the teachings of Blessed Edmund Rice into their respective schools.
B.C. Students Host “Pumpkins For Peru” Drive

Members of Bergen Catholic High School’s Crusader Mission Club meet at the conclusion of the “Pumpkins For Peru” pumpkin sale drive that raised $1,500 for needy residents of that country. Members of the club included (top row, L to R) Erik Massey ’17, Thomas Gallagher ’17, Sean Findlay ’15, and Daniel De Lorenzi ’16; (middle row, L to R) Dominic Fano ’17, Kyle Hayes ’17, Patrick Cody ’17, Jonathan Kim ’17, Conor Donnelly ’17, and John Maher ’15; and (bottom row, L to R) Crusader Mission Club and Religion teacher Jasmine Travaline, Christopher Rodriguez ’17, Gianni Paul Callegari ’17, and Christian Gonzalez ’14.

Academic Awards Day a Huge Success

This year, the Bergen Catholic High School community celebrated the accomplishments of its students with a two-part Academic Awards Ceremony (as opposed to the one-part evening event that occurred in the past).

During an in-school assembly, scores of students were recognized for individual academic awards and scholarship received. During the evening portion, inductions for the National Honor Society and Academic Honor Societies took place in front of the students’ parents and families.

“We split the evening ceremony to give students more recognition for their achievement, to encourage others to strive to be recognized, and to make the evening crisper,” stated B.C. President Br. Brian M. Walsh, C.F.C.
So much has happened since the last issue of Crusader Magazine and so much more is on the horizon. Cigar Nights made a comeback! Record participation at the Alumni Golf Outing. A moving tribute to alumni who have passed at the Memorial Mass. Record attendance at the Crusader Gala. A hugely-successful Reunion Weekend. The Brotherhood lives and is stronger than ever.

And there are so many good things on the horizon: Careers 4 Crusaders networking event for recent graduates. The Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. It’s an exciting time to be a Crusader! (Please see Page 2 for a few of the great events coming up).

To plagiarize Yankee great Joe DiMaggio, “I’d like to thank the good Lord for making me a Crusader.”

To keep up with all that is going on in the Alumni Association, please visit www.bergencatholic.org, and register and join the official Bergen Catholic High School Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Bergen-Catholic.

On behalf of the Bergen Catholic High School Association, “Best wishes for a Christmas Season and New Year filled with peace, love, and joy!”

Michael JD Haviland ’78
President
Bergen Catholic Alumni Association

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assignment judge of Essex County. Mike is a graduate of Villanova Law School.

Class of 2005
Ryan Corcoran and Kristen Allen married on August 31, 2013 at Lake Winnipesaukee, NH. Tim Corcoran ’12, Ryan’s brother, was the best man. Joining the festivities were his father, John ’75, uncles Kevin ’77, Gerard ’79, Dennis ’82, and Joseph ’84 Corcoran, and classmates David Brizzolara ’05, Dan Gallagher ’05, Ryan Keane ’05, and Clayton Patton ’05. Ryan and Kristen honeymooned on the Amalfi Coast of Italy and currently reside in Westford, MA. Ryan is an account manager at Sunteck Transportation in Acton, MA.

Class of 2009
Vincent Abramo was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Abramo is pursuing a degree in Computer Science at DePaul University.

Class of 2006
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that Vincent Abramo was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Abramo is pursuing a degree in Computer Science at DePaul University.

Class of 2009
Daniel Ottaunick now belongs to a prestigious group that includes dozens of Nobel and Pulitzer prize winners after receiving a Fulbright-Nehru English Teaching Assistantship grant that he will use to teach in India. The highly-competitive Fulbright Program is the U.S. government’s flagship international educational exchange program that awards merit-based grants for students, scholars, teachers, and various professionals to exchange knowledge and skills with people in other countries. Established in 1946 to foster understanding between Americans and people all over the globe, the Fulbright Scholar Program includes several noteworthy people among its alumni. More than 40 Fulbright alumni have won a Nobel Prize, and more than 75 have won a Pulitzer Prize.
Have You Named Bergen Catholic In Your Will?

Bergen Catholic’s Crusader Legacy Society formally recognizes investors who have chosen to leave a legacy to the school through a variety of planned giving techniques, such as will bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, retained life estates or the gift of a life insurance policy, et al.

If you have been so thoughtful, we thank you for your forward thinking and your generosity. Just let us know of your intentions and we will add you as a member of our growing list of those who have chosen to leave some of their legacy to Bergen Catholic High School. A simple e-mail to jbranciforte@bergencatholic.org, describing your intentions, will add your name to our list of those who want to make a difference to future generations of Bergen Catholic students. Deus Vult!

For Estate Planning/Planned Giving Opportunities, visit our website at: www.bergencatholic.org. → Giving → Estate Planning and Planned Giving.

Crusader Legacy Society Membership Roll*

Thomas J. A lurutz ’61
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Michael J. Haviland ’78, Parent
Jack C. Howley ’79
Michael James Jordan ’61
Mr. (RIP) & Mrs. John Lowe, Parents
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mady, Parents
Peter Manzetti, Jr. ’78
Mr. & Mrs. Gerard J. Maughan, Parents
Mr. & Mrs. James W. O’Brien ’62, Parents
The Honorable John B. Paolella ’67
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Frank J. Sposato ’69
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Joseph A. Zodl ’66
Anthony M. Zupcic ’66

*Represents all self-reported planned gifts through publication date.
Would you like to honor or memorialize a loved one or friend? Or, a special occasion? If so, a brick in Crusader Promenade, located at field level just outside the Nicholas G. Saingas Training Center, may be just for you!

Or, perhaps you would prefer a leaf or a stone on our Tree of Life, located at the entranceway to Hoehl Gymnasium and Hoehl Hall.

Either option will offer you the opportunity to create a perpetual remembrance or recognition for that special loved one, friend, or occasion. Whether you choose a brick under the sun and the stars, or a leaf on our cozy, indoor Tree of Life, is up to you.

For further information, please call or e-mail Joe Branciforte ’64, Director of Advancement at: 201.634.4140, or: JBRANCIFORTE@BERGENCATHOLIC.ORG

Crusader Promenade Brick-by-Brick Pricing Chart
“Crusader Promenade” is located on the outside eastern edge of the Saingas Training Center, at field level.

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Tree of Life

Leaf Cost: $1,000

Stone Cost: $5,000

In Memory Of
Paul P. Jasko
From Gerald Jasko ’69

In Loving Memory Of
Frank J. Keegan, Sr.
By Robert J. Keegan ’63

Dad, Husband, Friend
John S. Kearney From All Those Who Miss You

In Loving Memory Of
Bob & Arlene Hitchenschirch
Matt, Kyle, Stephanie
Class of 1976

The DeFelice Family

In Memory Of
Paul P. Jasko
From Gerald Jasko ’69
Here is a brief recap for Bergen Catholic Crusaders’ fall sports teams:

FALL 2013

Cross Country (3-1)

The Crusaders captured their first team championship since 2005 when they won the Regis Invitational at prestigious Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, NY. Joey Ludwig ’14, Tom Selvaggi ’15, and Mike Sondej ’15 each were named First-Team All-United Division for their standout seasons. The B.C. freshman team also enjoyed a banner year, winning several competitions, including the 2013 Bergen County Freshman Championship.

Football (2-7)

Kurt Holuba ‘14 (#54) enjoyed a tremendous season as a two-way starter for the Crusaders.

With a schedule rated as one of the toughest in the entire nation, the Crusaders could not get the ball to bounce their way this season, as B.C. failed to qualify for the state playoffs for the first time since 1988. B.C. was led by the solid efforts of senior leaders J.P. Garcia ’14, Kurt Holuba ’14, and Garrett Dickerson ’14. Garcia led the team with 86 tackles, Holuba set a single-game record for sacks (5) when B.C. played in Utah, and Dickerson claimed the all-time records for receptions (52) and touchdowns (9) by a tight end in B.C. history.

Soccer (14-4-1)

B.C. finished one of its most successful seasons in program history this fall, winning a share of the first league title since 2009, and advancing to the North Non-Public “A” State semifinals. The Crusaders set a new school record for least amount of goals surrendered in a season with 13, as B.C. posted 10 shutouts during the season. Erick Alonso ’14 finished once again as the team’s leading goal scorer (10), while Justin Yacovino ’14 proved to be an effective playmaker in the midfield with a team-high eight assists. B.C. was able to win the league title and advance in the state playoffs thanks to back-to-back 1-0 shutout victories against Don Bosco Prep.

MARK DEROSA ’93 RETIRES FROM MLB

Mark DeRosa ’93 recently retired from Major League Baseball after an outstanding 16-year career to accept a position as an analyst at the MLB Network in Secaucus, NJ. DeRosa developed into one of the most versatile players in the Majors during a career that saw him perform with eight different teams (Atlanta, Texas, Chicago [Cubs], Cleveland, St. Louis, San Francisco, Washington, and Toronto).

He finished his career with a .268 batting average, 975 hits, 100 home runs, and 494 RBI, and played seven different defensive positions (all except pitcher and catcher).

During his playing days at B.C., he was an All-County performer in baseball (shortstop) and football (quarterback, leading the 1992 Crusaders to an 11-0 record and a final national ranking) before moving on to star in both sports at the University of Pennsylvania.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dan Long ’03 is B.C.’s Communications and Sports Information Director, and is also the “Voice of the Crusaders” on the B.C. Radio Network, which produces live and archived broadcasts, interviews, and coverage for several of the school’s athletic teams. He is also the founder of DL Sports Media (www.dlsportsmedia.com).
In Memoriam

Brother John (James) Adams ’59
Former B.C. faculty member

Nancy Adams
Sister-in-law of John Dowdell ’67
and aunt of Brent Sopko ’00

Filippa Bonica
Mother of Robert ’64, grandmother of Alec ’16 and Kyle ’16 Garno

Gladys Bower
Mother of James ’74 and mother-in-law of Thomas Quinn ’67

Anne “Nancy” Cannon
Mother of Anthony ’87 and Patrick ’87

Frank Chamberlin
Former NFL player and son-in-law of Donald Viggiano, former B.C. faculty member and coach

Maryann Collins
Mother of Gerry ’80

Joan Marie Cox
Mother of Douglas ’76

Hermine Daleo
Mother of Robert ’79

Stefana D’Anna
Grandmother of Christopher ’97

Pascal V. Dirringer
Father of Sebastian ’07

James Donaghy
Father of Brian ’07

William M. Doyle
Father of William ’66

Charles “Ted” Farinella ’60
Father of William ’83, Charles ’85, and Andrew ’90

Mildred A. Fay
Mother of Martin ’66

Dawn Finn
Wife of Robert ’72, and sister-in-law of John Finn ’73 and James Finn ’82

Rose Fiordalisi
Mother-in-law of Thomas Dames ’59

Fred Fischer
Father of Rick ’69 and Kenneth ’70

Irene Flaim
Mother of Edward ’67 and Anthony ’73, and grandmother of Anthony ’10

Keith Flood ’79
Brother of Kevin ’77 and Joseph ’81

Joseph Fusco
Father of Dr. Joseph S. Fusco, former B.C. Principal

Edna Garofalow
Grandmother of Mark ’93, Matthew ’97, and David ’99

Thomas A. Genovese
Father of Sean ’76

Thomas R. Hoehl
Nephew of Robert ’59 (RIP)

Martin J. Hornig, Sr.
Father of Martin ’86

Kevin Howley ’75
Brother of Frank ’74 and Jack ’79

Frank Hubert ’67
Brother of Joseph ’64

Mary Imhoff
Mother of Michael ’81

Kenneth J. Jagiello
Former B.C. football coach, father of Kenneth ’80, and uncle of Raymond ’70

Arthur R. Kennedy, Jr.
Father of Arthur ’81

John F. Kober
Father of Jack ’87 and father-in-law of Ted Volmar ’81

Stephen Kopp ’59

John F. Koruda
Father of Mark ’73

Virginia Lasprogato
Mother of Michael ’70

Joseph LaVista ’69

Gail Lee
Sister of George ’62

Delia Maurice
Mother of Joseph ’87

Catherine McCarthy
Mother of Edward ’66, James ’69, John ’70, Thomas ’72, Timothy ’74, and Joseph ’77, and grandmother of Joseph ’98

Patricia McLaughlin
Mother of Kevin ’88

John Mugan
Father of Walter ’00

Jean M. Mulligan
Mother of Dennis ’77

Vladimir J. Nemoff
Father of Jordan ’85

Richard Obrota ’61
Brother of Thomas ’64 and James ’67

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Father of Stephen ’87 and Thomas ’88

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Father of Raymond ’72 and Robert ’80

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Mother of William ’80 and Robert ’82

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Joseph Smith
Father of Brian ’87

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Father of Robert ’71

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Father of Dennis ’81, Patrick ’82, James ’84, and Mark ’87

Theodore Sutter
Father of Brian ’77 (RIP)

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John Tria ’75

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Bergen Catholic will host its fourth Estate Planning Seminar in April 2014! Come and meet our presenter, noted author, TV personality, and co-founder of the Institute for Family Wealth Counseling, Sal Salvo, and our President, Br. Brian Walsh, while enjoying the camaraderie of other Bergen Catholic family members on this important evening at Bacari Grill, Washington Twp., NJ.

The evening includes a cocktail hour, followed by Sal’s presentation, followed by a buffet dinner. Open to singles and couples, age 50 and older.

The seminar is free, but it is also priceless! Learn all that you can to take back to your financial planner and your wills, estates, and trust attorney, so that you can be better informed about this important, yet complex, topic. Since it is often true that the wife will outlive the husband, bringing your wife with you will spur you on to take action in developing or updating your estate plan. Do it for her—do it for your children, too.

There is an old saying in the estate planning world that every family should consider—failing to plan is like planning to fail. The Bergen Catholic family is an educated group and knows that it must take the time to plan. You can take the first step by learning the basics at our seminar.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE BY TAKING ACTION NOW. The evening will be limited to the first 50 families that register. Simply call or e-mail Joe Branciforte at 201.634.4140 or JBRANCIFORTE@BERGENCATHOLIC.ORG. Remember—if never begun, never achieved! Begin with us on April 15, 2014!