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The class of 2016 upholds the long-standing history of excellence in the classroom, on the field and in service.
SEPTEMBER 2016
Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24

CLASS OF 1966
50-YEAR REUNION WEEKEND
Friday, September 23
Luncheon, Golf & Dinner at White Beeches Country Club, Haworth, NJ

Saturday, September 24
11:00 a.m. Tours (No cost)
Meet in the BC Library – Welcome Tours by Current Crusaders
1:00 p.m. BC vs. Paramus Catholic Crusader Stadium
5:00 pm 50-Year Reunion Celebration Mass, McKenna-Lawrence Chapel, Bergen Catholic High School
6:30 pm Dinner Reception – $110.00 per person Bacari Grill, 800 Ridgewood Rd., Washington Twp., NJ 07676

HOMECOMING/REUNION
Weekend/Reunions 1’s & 6’s
Friday, September 23
Impromptu Golf @ Emerson GC

Friday Evening
Crusader Day & BBQ – Come back and bring your kids to meet the teams and the coaches

Saturday, September 24
School Tours, Homecoming Game vs. PC, Mass, Reunion and Homecoming Receptions

OCTOBER 2016
Monday, October 3
Hall of Fame Nominations Due

Thursday, October 13
Careers 4 Crusaders: Maximizing the Internet to Advance Your Career
Guest Presenters: Steve Estrellado ’96 & Chris Estrellado ’00
Bergen Catholic Library – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 24
Wine Tasting
Bacari Grill

NOVEMBER 2016
Saturday, November 5
Memorial Mass
BC Chapel & Bacari Grill

Friday, November 18
Crusader Gala
The Venetian – 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour

JANUARY 2017
Thursday, January 5
Careers 4 Crusaders
Young Alumni Career Development – BC Gym

Tuesday, January 10
Class Chair Letter Signing Event
Bacari Grill

MARCH 2017
Sunday, March 26
Hall of Fame
August 5, 2016

Dear Friend of Bergen Catholic High School,

After 60 Bergen Catholic years (1955–2015), this Jubilee year has provided us the opportunity to look back and reflect in order to judge better the road ahead.

Several times we returned to the final paragraph of a monograph written by our founder and first principal, Brother Eugene D. McKenna:

*The pioneering stage is rapidly drawing to a close. There were hard times and good times. Times of deep sorrow and times of great joy. But on every occasion of joy or sorrow we were confident of the great blessings Almighty God was showering on us.*

(A Brief History of Bergen Catholic)

As was Brother McKenna, we are very conscious of the presence of God in the daily life of our school. God alive in each student, each teacher and their families. The blessings that flow to us each day as we deepen our faith, develop academic excellence and strengthen our social consciousness and responsibility.

This Jubilee celebration has shown us the blessing we have in our 12,000 graduates who make an impact in everyday ways to make the lives of others better. Graduates who share their time, talent and treasure with us to help improve the infrastructure, expand course offerings and provide scholarships and financial aid.

We move from this Jubilee year knowing that we have to:

- match our advances in technology infrastructure with courses in coding and STEM education
- redesign our classrooms to provide for more collaborative work space
- implement the plan to return the SERVICE PROGRAM during the 2016–17 academic year
- rehabilitate CRUSADER STADIUM and acquire land for baseball

Our 60th Jubilee celebrations end on Saturday, September 10, 2016, with a football game against Tampa Catholic High School at 2 p.m. and a dinner at White Beeches at 7 p.m.

May God and His Blessed Mother ever guard and guide Bergen Catholic High.

Sincerely,

Br. Brian M. Walsh
President
Introduced by Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America in the fall of last year, Mission Frère – Advocacy is an effort to promote calls to service and advocacy initiatives within the Christian Brothers network of schools. Working to help the poor and needy, the Mission, under the coordination of Iona Prep teacher and campus minister Sean D’Alfonso, will assist in promoting advocacy projects and the formation of advocacy clubs or organizations in schools.

Many schools are already beginning their advocacy projects and have seen success in their efforts. Among them are Catholic Memorial School in West Roxbury, MA, where senior Wesley Woodson, after returning home from an immersion trip in Lima, was inspired to found Feet2Feet, a nonprofit organization that works with Boston area shelters to provide shoes to homeless children who live there.

All Hallows High School in Bronx, NY, hosted a walk for Alzheimer’s awareness in March. Over 50 students, faculty and family members gathered to raise awareness and money for research. This was their third awareness walk this year (past walks include breast cancer awareness and prostate cancer awareness).

Students from Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI, were greatly affected by the poor treatment they saw of immigrants crossing the U.S. – Mexico border while on an immersion trip to Brownsville, TX. Upon returning home, led by senior Lorenzo Spagnuolo, they composed a letter to advocate for fairer treatment and changes in immigration policies, which they sent to ICE and Texas lawmakers.

Back in Brownsville, TX, Guadalupe Regional Middle School students have created a Bible advocacy group to serve and care for others. What began as a Bible study group soon turned into advocacy and discussions of social justice issues. Last November they promoted Adoption Awareness Month, making signs to post around the school as well as writing letters to a local orphanage. They also raise funds to support single mothers unable to afford basic items for their infants. Some of the students serve meals a few times a month in conjunction with the meal program at the Good Neighbor Settlement House, an agency serving needy men, women and children. They hope to continue working to advocate for change in Brownsville.
With his sophomore year wrapped up, Carlos Tejada ’18 has big plans for the second half of his academic career at Bergen Catholic, and beyond that as well. “Being here is really motivating,” he says. “My goal is to continue to keep my environment a positive one and change the world one step at a time.” An honor roll student, member of the track team and a musician, Carlos has far-reaching interests, and that’s just the way he wants it. With an eye on a career in law, Carlos has set his sights on making his mark and giving back to others.

As an incoming freshman, Carlos thought science would be his academic concentration—but his focus has switched in a big way. “It was a really cool transition, actually,” he says. “Mr. Tedesci and Ms. Holt, who taught me AP European History and English Honors are both amazing in what they teach and how they teach it, and actually inspired me to become a lawyer,” he says. His mom, attorney Anna Maria Tejada, past president of the Hispanic Bar Association, has had a great impact on his decision as well.

One important step he’s taking is as a volunteer through school for Operation Smile, an international medical charity that provides free surgeries for children born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. “It’s a great program that I love being a part of,” he says. “We’ve raised a lot of money through the school selling cookies and T-shirts. I like that our school is big on helping others.”

As a member of the winter and spring track teams, Carlos likes both the camaraderie of being on a team and the mental benefits of exercise: “At school we’re encouraged to be physically active. When I have a test to study for, I’ll run a mile or two the night before to free my mind and be better prepared, and it works.”

Plans for the near future include traveling to West Virginia for a week in July to help build homes for the needy, possibly volunteering at Hackensack University Medical Center and trying out for the school’s jazz band, playing piano in the fall.

Carlos has many goals he’s working hard to reach, and he knows he’s at the best place to get to them: “My parents have always encouraged me to be the best that I can be, and Bergen Catholic is helping me reach the full potential that they have always wished for me.”
“Rob Neuner completed the second longest touchdown pass in Bergen Catholic history when he hooked up with Mike Minogue for a 90-yard play in the second quarter during a 21–0 victory over St. Joseph in Montvale. Minogue caught the ball at midfield and raced down the right sideline.”

(The New York Times, October 21, 1984)
Fast-forward 20-plus years over a steak dinner in Manhattan. Rob Neuner ’85 had just recently sold his beer importing business and was looking for a new venture. His dinner companion, former teammate and still close friend Mike Minogue ’85, asked him a question that changed his career path: “What about oxygen?” Oxygen canisters, used by athletes and those feeling the effects of altitude sickness, were common in Europe but not as available here in the U.S. as commercial-grade products. After doing extensive product research, and with some guidance from Mike’s father, who was in the aerosol business, Rob introduced Boost Oxygen—portable, lightweight oxygen canisters—in 2007. The business soon became a BC family affair when Mike’s wife, Renee, came on board as a company partner. And business is good. Just this year Boost was spotted on the set of “American Idol” as well as in use by players at the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Sports were central to Rob’s life at Bergen Catholic. In addition to football, he was a doubles specialist in tennis, making first team All-State his junior and senior years. Still counting tennis coach John Puzio as a big influence on his life, he attended a Founders’ Medal ceremony in Puzio’s honor on campus five years ago. Rob connected with both his football and tennis teammates in meaningful ways. “Both teams were a very tight knit group of guys, I got along well with all of them and am close to many of them still today,” he says.

Rob lives in Darien with his wife, Lynn, and their three children, including two teenagers who play tennis. An opportunity came up in 2013 for him to coach the varsity boys’ team at Darien High School. “I had such fond memories of playing tennis for Mr. Puzio that I wanted to pay it forward a little bit,” he says. Although the experience was rewarding, after three years he stepped down as coach to spend more time as a parent watching from the sidelines.

In business and in his personal life, Rob continues to carry the lessons he learned and connections made at Bergen Catholic. “One of the most important things I learned at Bergen and still use today is the idea of promoting others to do their best and to do so with honor and integrity,” he says. “That has really guided me throughout my life. A number of the Brothers, Brother Lawrence for example, genuinely wanted all of the boys to do well and selflessly donated their lives to that cause, and that really stuck with me.” It’s a very simple principle, he says, and it’s how he tries to live his life today.
PAUL NEWMAN’S LEGACY LIVES ON
In the early 1980s, not even yet enrolled at Bergen Catholic, middle school student Jimmy Canton ’85 attended a BC football game. Sitting in the stands, he felt a tremendous sense of pride and common spirit among the young fans. “It was so exciting, and I felt swept up in it. I knew then that I wanted to be a part of this incredible community,” he says.

Now the chief executive officer at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford, CT, founded by Paul Newman for children with cancer and other serious illnesses, Jimmy felt throughout his years at Bergen an experience of being a part of something much bigger than himself, for which he credits the Brothers and his teachers. “There were so many of them who were such characters—they had high expectations for us, but they were so rich in personality,” he remembers. One teacher in particular has made a lasting impact: Br. Peter Zawot ’75, his sophomore New Testament and biology teacher. “The connection and friendship that began in those classes have stayed with me my whole life,” he says. “He is one of the most dear and inspiring people I know, and we still speak frequently. If I was asked to name my heroes, he would be one of them.”

As challenging as his work with critically ill children can be, Jimmy, who has been with the camp since 1988 when he started as a counselor, wouldn’t trade his life there with anyone. “It’s a place for them to just be kids, where they can be reminded of life’s simple pleasures and joys,” he says, “and to experience friendship and love in a safe environment.” It would seem he gains as much as he gives: “It’s incredibly rich and rewarding and such a privilege to create these experiences and these friendships with these children and their families.”

Jimmy, who lives in New Haven with his husband of 12 years, David, and their two-year old son, Jude, reflects fondly on his high school days and sees clear connections to his life’s work. “I think what I’m doing now is certainly related to my own faith and my sense of responsibility and purpose, and I think that was strengthened at Bergen Catholic—and it was challenged,” he says. “We were challenged about what kind of person we were going to be and what our character was and what a faithful Christian would do. I think there is a connection there with what I do now—it’s certainly helped me along my path in life.”
Michael Isnardi ’78 remembers everything about the computer lab at Bergen Catholic when he entered in the mid-’70s. It was an exciting moment in history; computers were just bursting on the scene, and Bergen Catholic’s lab was state of the art for its time, impressing young Michael. “We all knew computers helped put a man on the moon in 1969,” he says, “and with my love of math and logic I knew they would be a good fit for me.”

What made the experience even more special was the enthusiasm of his teachers for the STEM (science/technology/engineering/math) classes that he loved: “Just listening to the instructors and feeling their love for what they were teaching and how they infused you with that same excitement was so impressive.” His teachers also left a lasting impression for another very important reason: “They encouraged the type of individualized thinking that all good researchers need to have. And they made learning fun.”

This passion for science and technology nurtured at Bergen has continued throughout Michael’s career. After graduating from MIT with a combined BS/MS and then a Ph.D., he began his career at RCA Labs (now SRI International) in Princeton in 1986. Michael’s contributions have included helping develop DIRECTV and contributing to the development and standardization of the digital TV systems that are in use today. Michael has also received a Technical Emmy for his work. “The building I first worked in, where I still work today, is where color television was invented,” he says. “Being here makes me appreciate the legacy in which this building contributed to the modern technology we use today.” Michael lives with his wife, Catherine, and their four daughters in nearby Plainsboro, NJ.

Even with the time that has passed and the successes he has had, Michael often looks back fondly at his high school days: “Numbers may have placed me at the top of my class, but no matter our academic class ranking, my fellow classmates were all driven to excellence, and we supported each other during our memorable years at BC. What the numbers do not reveal are the talents, leadership skills and Christian fellowship that were nurtured at BC that have contributed to our success in our careers, our communities and our families.”

His advice for students interested in the future of technology? “It’s easy to be successful in high-tech fields, but in order to be truly happy, you need to know that through your work you’re actually improving lives in some way.”
173 Join the Brotherhood

On Sunday, June 5, Bergen Catholic welcomed 173 new members to the Crusader Alumni Brotherhood, as the Class of 2016 participated in the 58th commencement ceremony in school history, held once again at Felician University in Lodi.

The Class of 2016 earned over $25 million in scholarships and grants, and this year accounted for 17 athletic championships, a state title for the Mock Trial program and a first-place finish for the Men’s Vocal Ensemble.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016, and we look forward to seeing you all back in Crusader Country!
## GRADUATING CLASS COMPARISONS

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

## AWARDS & HONORS

- **Blessed Edmund Rice Medal – “First in Merit”**: Anthony Alfred Finocchiaro
- **Br. Alfred X. Keane Medal – “Second in Merit”**: Nikolas Paladino
- **Br. James B. Walsh Medal – Religious Education**: James Scott Trilling
- **Br. James H. Vaughan Medal – English**: Nikolas Paladino
- **Br. Edward T. Beyer Medal – History**: William Lee Haracz
- **Medal for Physics**: Anthony Brian Freay
- **Medal for Chemistry**: Stephen John Pirro
- **Br. Edward Roepke Medal – Biology**: Stephen Gordon Dunbar
- **Medal for Calculus**: Kyle Robert Warnock
- **Thomas Fuchs Medal – Mathematics**: Hyungjun Yoon
- **Richard D’Orazio Medal – Italian**: Zachary William Pokorny
- **Medal for Spanish**: John Patrick Meloro
- **Br. Thomas J. Jensen Medal – Latin**: Brendan Donal Duff
- **Medal for Mandarin**: Seongho Lee
- **Medal for Art**: Kyeuyeol Kim
- **James J. Obrotka Medal – Music**: Kyle Thomas Garino
- **Medal for Technology**: Anthony Alfred Finocchiaro
- **John Courtney Medal – Christian Service**: Robert Anthony Finstra
- **Victor Liggio Medal – Outstanding Scholar/Athlete**: Jeremy Joseph Magno

Over $25 Million awarded to the Class of 2016 in college scholarships

2016 Men’s Choral Champions
TOP 10 PERCENT OF THE CLASS OF 2016

Anthony Alfred Finocchiaro
Nikolas Paladino
Erikson Tyler Nichols
John Patrick Meloro
Hyungjun Yoon
Stephen John Pirro
Thomas Brendan O’Boyle
Anthony Brian Freay
Joseph Gennaro Ragucci
Kyle Robert Warnock

Brian Thomas Masur
Brendan Donal Duff
Alec Reid Garino
Stephen Gordon Dunbar
Robert Anthony Finstra
Seongho Lee
Ryan Thomas Gallahue
Kyuyeol Kim
Jeremy Joseph Magno

THE CLASS OF 2016 WILL BE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

American University, Amherst College, Bentley University, Bergen Community College, Boston College, Boston University, Bryant University, Bucknell University, Campbell University, Chapman University, Clemson University, Columbia University, Connecticut College, Drew University, Drexel University, Duke University, Fairfield University, Flagler College, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida State University, Fordham University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Indiana University, Iona College, Jacksonville University, Johnson & Wales University, Loyola University Maryland, Manhattan College, Marist University, Marquette University, Merrimack College, Miami University, Michigan State University, Muhlenberg College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New York University, Northwestern University, Penn State Altoona, Penn State University, Princeton University, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Roger Williams University, Rutgers University, Sacred Heart University, Saint Michael’s College, Salve Regina University, Santa Clara University, Seton Hall University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Stonehill College, SUNY-Binghamton University, Syracuse University, Texas A&M University, The Catholic University of America, The Citadel, The College of the Holy Cross, Towson University, Tulane University, Union College NY, United States Naval Academy, University of Alabama, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Connecticut, University of Delaware, University of Maryland, University of Massachusetts, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Notre Dame, University of Rhode Island, University of Scranton, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, University of Washington, Villanova University, Wagner College, Washington College, Wesleyan University, Williams College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Stephen G. Dunbar
Nikolas Paladino

FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS

2016 Pro Operis Award
(Twenty years of service to Bergen Catholic High School)

Mr. Peter Furlan  Ms. Marge M. Quinn
Mock Trial Team WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Counties. Regionals. States. Nationals. The mock trial team of Bergen Catholic High School not only reached these impressive heights, but excelled in every single round. Captains Niko Paladino and Jack Meloro assembled the team members each weekday to dissect the intricacies of the case. A team was picked, composed of lawyers Niko Paladino, Jack Meloro and Hanlon Lowell, along with witnesses Shay Dineen, Will Haracz, Joe Barile, Dan Ramge and Jack Calderwood.

The competition began with Bergen Catholic defeating Dwight Morrow Academies and New Milford High School. Bergen Catholic advanced to the quarterfinals, beating Ramapo High School. The team then beat Immaculate Heart Academy in the semifinals. Finally, the team defeated Torah Academy in the finals. In the span of a few weeks, Bergen Catholic became the two-time Bergen County Mock Trial Champion.

On the regional level, Bergen Catholic faced off against Newark Academy, which proved to be the closest trial yet, with the Crusaders coming out on top again. Bergen Catholic then moved onto the final regional round against High Point Academy. Another win landed the Crusaders in the state playoff.

Three teams appeared in the state championship: Bergen Catholic, Cherry Hill High School West and Oratory Preparatory School. Bergen Catholic defeated Oratory Prep in the state semifinals, but due to the odd number of teams in the state bracket, Oratory Prep was able to return to the finals after defeating Cherry Hill West. But just as they were defeated before, Bergen Catholic struck Oratory Prep down again. In doing so, the Crusader mock trial team became the undefeated state champions of New Jersey, which is home to more than 200 competing mock trial teams.

The mock trial team then flew to Boise, Idaho, which hosted the National Mock Trial Championship for the 2015–16 season. The Crusaders fought against four other states over the course of two days: Alabama, Colorado, Wisconsin and California. They won against Alabama and lost by a very close margin to Colorado, but each trial allowed the Crusaders to better themselves. The Wisconsin state champions were the greatest team Bergen Catholic faced this season, but Bergen Catholic came out on top, only to face a mock trial powerhouse: California, where over 600 teams compete and one team is left standing. Bergen Catholic utilized the skill of pinpointing errors in its opposition’s presentation, and capitalizing on it through powerful delivery of witness and lawyer’s statements. Ultimately, the Jersey boys triumphed, which landed them in 13th place out of the entire nation. The success was largely due to the dedication of the team members, Mr. Peter Coleman (moderator), Mr. Kevin Long (attorney-coach) and the group of Crusader teachers, administrators and parents who rooted for the team throughout their entire journey.

Before this year’s season, the Crusaders were a force to be reckoned with in the mock trial scene. Now, they are the force to be reckoned with, and plan to continue their excellence in the coming years.
Dear alumni, parents and friends,

Every seven years, Bergen Catholic High School engages in an accreditation process with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools – Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools. Middle States is an accreditation body, which verifies and stipulates that a school is providing a scholastic program that is consistent with its own mission as well as the standards of the Middle States Association.

During the 2016–17 school year, Bergen Catholic will engage in what is known as a “self-study year.” During this time, the school community will review and affirm its foundational documents:

- Mission statement
- Belief statements
- Profile of a graduate

Additionally, the school community will assess Bergen Catholic in 12 critical standard areas of scholastic life. Evaluations of the standards are conducted by teams consisting of staff members, students, parents and board members, who will gather pertinent information through surveys as well as conversations.

The 12 standards of school life, which will be evaluated, are:

- Mission
- Governance and leadership
- School improvement planning
- Finances
- Facilities
- School organization and staff
- Health and safety
- Educational program
- Assessment and evidence of student learning
- Student services
- Student life and student activities
- Information resources

During the self-study year, Bergen Catholic will also be tasked with developing three to five objectives, which are designed to improve the school over the course of the accreditation term. Each objective will have an action Plan with appropriate action steps to be implemented over the course of seven school years.

The self-study document will be completed by May 2017. A site visit of Bergen Catholic High School will occur in fall 2017 by a visiting team of educators. The mission of the visiting team is to evaluate whether the self-study document accurately reflects what consistently occurs at Bergen Catholic.

The self-study process is involved and detailed, but it is also exciting and rewarding.

Thank you,

Timothy J. McElhinney
Principal
Lead On!

Founded on the seven Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Education, Bergen Catholic challenges students to pursue excellence in all endeavors—intellectual, physical and spiritual. We challenge students in all they undertake and provide them with the tools they need to succeed so they fulfill their potential as leaders—in the classroom, on the field and in service to others.

To learn more about how a Bergen Catholic education develops leaders, call the Admissions Department at 201.261.1844.

Developing leaders in mind, body and spirit.

If your son is considering Bergen Catholic, please join us at one of these events. If not, please continue to spread the good news about Bergen Catholic and how it impacted you or someone in your life. You can help make a difference.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

The BC Admissions Team
Inside the Halls

Jim Jacobsen ’66 Earns 1,000th Career Win

Legendary Bergen Catholic varsity golf coach Jim Jacobsen ’66 became the first golf coach in state history to amass 1,000 wins in a career on April 22 after BC defeated St. Joseph Regional and Paramus Catholic. Jacobsen added 22 more wins on the season, as the Crusaders went on to win their third consecutive Tournament of Champions title. Coach Jake now has a mind-boggling all-time record of 1,023-33-1 since taking over his alma mater in 1983.

BC Helps Connect St. Francis Xavier School to the Digital Age

As part of the ongoing celebration of the 60th Bergen Catholic Jubilee Year, members of the BC school community donated their time, talent and treasure during and after the Christmas break toward installing and setting up an Internet Wi-Fi network at the St. Francis Xavier grammar school in Newark, N.J. Prior to BC’s involvement, the school operated with little to no Internet capability or connection throughout the entire physical building.

Twenty-nine Senior Student-Athletes Honored on BC Commitment Day

Twenty-nine BC senior student-athletes were honored on February 3 in the fifth annual Bergen Catholic Commitment Day. The event annually honors BC’s student-athletes who have committed to play a sport at the collegiate level. The 29 student-athletes represented 25 different colleges or universities across five different sports.
BC Garners Over 11,000 Viewers on the Bleachers Network

In the first year of a streaming broadcast partnership between Bergen Catholic and GoBleachers.com, BC became the most-watched school in the Bleachers national broadcast network, garnering over 11,000 viewers for all school events during the 2015–16 academic year.

BC Student Takes Part in “It’s My Park” Event

Damian A. Perez, II (Class of 2019) completed his community service hours, for confirmation, by working with New York City Bronx Community Board 6, El Grupo Unidos (a nonprofit organization), and the New York City Parks Department in organizing an “It’s My Park” event. The event was held on May 14, 2016, at D’Auria-Murphy Triangle, in the Belmont section of The Bronx. Damian was joined by several volunteers to beautify a park recently vandalized and neglected.
The Performing Arts department at Bergen Catholic High School has had an exceptional 2015–16 season. While continuing to give the young men of Bergen numerous performing opportunities, we have also been active in wonderful collaboration projects with other Catholic high schools to showcase and emphasize the importance of music and the arts in the development of our talented students.

One of the highlights of this year’s celebration of Bergen Catholic’s 60th anniversary was the All Male Choral Festival presented at the Doris M. Byrne Performing Arts Center this past January. Participating schools included St. Peter’s Prep, Seton Hall Prep, Don Bosco Prep, Delbarton School and the outstanding Rutgers University Male Glee Club. As hosts, the Bergen Catholic Men’s Vocal Ensemble kicked off the evening with a spectacular presentation that set the highest of standards for all performances that followed.

In March, Bergen Catholic presented its annual Coffee House Cabaret, a much-anticipated event that highlighted the individual vocal and instrumental talents of our young men. From classical to pop, from ballads to rock, the evening offered something for everyone and the audience response was highly enthusiastic.
Bergen’s Jazz Ensemble presented outstanding performances at both Trumpets Jazz Club in Montclair, NJ, and the Josie Robinson Plaza at Lincoln Center. Their Winter and Spring Concerts delighted audiences and afforded the opportunity for the boys to perform with professional guest artists. The Jazz Band also collaborated with the Bergen Community College Jazz Band and performed with them in December.

Bergen’s Vocal Ensemble participated in the Eastern Regional Catholic High School Choral Festival, Pueri Cantores, at Saint Malachy’s Church in New York City, where clinician Dr. Harold Robbins had only accolades for their presentation. Both Winter and Spring Concerts at Saint Joseph’s Church in Oradell were wonderful evenings of choral and solo music. A moving rendition of Mozart’s “Ave Verum Corpus” was performed with the Women’s Choir from Mary Help of Christians Academy, and we look forward to additional collaborative projects with them next season.

Parents, faculty and students traveled to NYC to see On Your Feet, Fiddler on the Roof and Shuffle Along as part of our Bergen Goes to Broadway series. All are enthusiastically waiting to purchase their tickets for the 2016–17 season which will include the revival of Hello Dolly, starring Bette Midler and the anticipated opening of Gotta Dance!

This year, Bergen Catholic graduates included 20 members of the Performing Arts Department. These young men excelled both on and off the stage, and it is our commitment to continue the tradition of excellence in the performing arts as we look forward to welcoming the new faces, new voices and new talents of Bergen’s future Crusaders.

Barbara Peraino
Performing Arts Department Chair
VOcal Ensemble and Jazz Band

Williamsburg Competition/Adjudication Trip

On May 19–21, the Bergen Catholic Men’s Vocal Ensemble and Jazz Band participated in the Festivals of Music/Music in the Parks Competition in Williamsburg, Virginia—one of the largest competitions in the country. Bergen Catholic was one of 28 schools from across the Eastern Seaboard to compete in this event. Approximately 4,500 young musicians, conductors and educators from Rhode Island, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Georgia shared their musical talents and enthusiasm with adjudicators who have spent their careers as performers and clinicians. It was an awesome experience for the Bergen Catholic performing arts students to be involved in this high-energy and extremely competitive event.

Prior to their arrival in Virginia, both performing groups had the opportunity to participate in master classes at the University of Delaware. Both ensembles were mentored and coached by three outstanding professors who fine-tuned each group’s selections for competition. Dr. Paul Head is a renowned choral conductor and clinician and is also the chairman of choral music at the University. Harvey Price and Tom Palmer are not only jazz educators but well-known performers of jazz as well. These master classes proved to be a highlight of the trip!

The Jazz Band Competition took place at Yorktown High School in Yorktown, Virginia, and the Vocal Ensemble was adjudicated at Passage School in Newport News, Virginia. Each ensemble performed with the highest level of musicianship and professionalism and did very well in their respective categories. Awards were presented the following day at the Royal Palace Theater in Busch Gardens. The Bergen Catholic Jazz Band took a third place trophy with an excellent rating. The Men’s Vocal Ensemble took a first place trophy, also with an excellent rating. The success of our ensembles at this highly competitive festival was highlighted by the positive feedback by the panel of judges as well as the numerous compliments the boys received by festival personnel, both on and off the stage. Lead on, Bergen Catholic High!
The art department at Bergen continues to grow and strive for excellence, remaining on the cutting edge of technology in order to keep its students competitive among their peers. The end of the year marked the yearly submission of the AP Studio Art classes’ portfolio to the College Board for review. Students digitally submit 12 pieces for their “Breadth” section, including a wide variety of techniques, media and subject matter. Accompanying that are another 12 pieces in a “Concentration” section, in which students perform an in-depth exploration of a central idea or artistic process. Finally, students select five artworks to physically send to the College Board as their “Quality” section. Because of the advanced technology and art-making software provided to the students of Bergen Catholic, two seniors opted to submit entirely computer-based work for their concentrations. Seniors will receive their scores mid-summer, and based on those scores, they have the potential to receive college credit for their work.

Beyond that, two of Bergen Catholic’s students received prestigious awards in national competitions. Peter Yoon ’16 received two Scholastic Art and Writing awards for photographs that he submitted. He received a gold medal for an exuberant photo of one Bergen Catholic’s beloved “Crusader Crazies.” He also received an America Visions Award for a photograph of a young boy he took while on a trip this summer. Nicholas LaScala ’17 was one of the top 24 finalists in the National Geographic photo contest for high school students for his photo of a man bursting through a snow bank on a snowmobile.

Congratulations to these talented students on their hard work and commitment to the arts while here at Bergen Catholic. We are very proud of them and cannot wait to see what the future has in store for them.
2015–16 WINTER AND SPRING

Sports in Review

For updated information on each team, please check out the Athletics pages at www.bergencatholic.org

WINTER 2015

Basketball

BC finished 20-7 on the season and advanced to the semifinals of the Non-Public North A state tournament. The Crusaders were led by Taj Benning ’17 and Gabriele Stefanini ’17, who each earned All-County honors for their seasons. For the second straight year the freshman team won the freshman county championship, finishing a perfect 22-0 on the season.

Bowling

The Crusaders 15-5 won their first league title since 2013 and finished 10th overall at the Tournament of Champions. BC was led by All-County bowler Kyle Laube ’17.

Hockey

BC (3-15-3) was a young, inexperienced team that played a gauntlet of a national schedule, in addition to being a part of the highly competitive Gordon Conference. The Crusaders were backstopped by senior Sal Farruggia ’17 and standout defenseman Diarmad DiMurro ’17.

Indoor Track

Under new head coach Joe Charles ’02, the Crusaders repeated as Bergen County champions. Jahmel Johnson ’17 and Kevin DeLoughry ’17 each were named All-County in the winter.

Skiing

The Crusaders finished their third varsity season and were led by senior Jack Welsh ’16.

Swimming

BC (6-4) captured their fourth consecutive Bergen County title, in addition to once again winning the Big North United Division. Austin Lee ’18, Tommy Scrivanich ’18, Gordon Steward ’19 and Kevin Cortright ’17 were leaders on the team for Jason Schlereth ’98, who stepped down from his head coaching position after a brilliant career in charge of the Crusaders.

Wrestling

BC (15-2) capped off arguably the finest season in program history with their fifth consecutive Non-Public A state championship, and finished as the No. 1 team in NJ for the third straight season. The Crusaders once again had a state-record four wrestlers crowned as state champions in Atlantic City, as Shane Griffith ’18, Joe Grello ’16, Kevin Mulligan ’16, and Nick Suriano ’16 won state titles again. Suriano became only the second wrestler in state history to finish undefeated (159-0) and a four-time state champion.

SPRING

Baseball

The Crusaders (25-5) enjoyed one of the best seasons in decades, as they advanced to the finals of the Bergen County Tournament as well as the semifinal round of the sectional state playoffs. BC was led by the combined efforts of such standouts as Nick Esposito ’16, John Mead ’16, Andrew DeRubertis ’17 and Vinnie Martin ’17.
Crew

The young BC program took giant strides in their third varsity season, winning the first races and medals in program history courtesy of juniors Tommy Murray ’17, Steven Dellapi ’17, Gary Rodriguez ’17 and Alex Nargizian ’17.

Golf

In yet another historic season in the incredible tradition that is the Crusader golf program, BC (39-0) became the first school since 1951 to win three consecutive Tournament of Champions team titles and even set a new state scoring record in the process, shooting a 4-count-4 score of 284! In addition to winning state, sectional, conference and league titles, the Crusaders also celebrated legendary coach Jim Jacobsen’s 1,000th career victory during the midst of the season. Chris Lee ’18, George Cultraro ’16, Jimmy Criscione ’17, Dan Yam ’18, James Pak ’18 and Alex Lamarca ’19 led the Crusaders to yet another No. 1 ranking in NJ.

Lacrosse

BC (15-7) rebounded from a 1-5 start to their season, and advanced all the way to the Non-Public A state final for the third consecutive season. Jeremy Magno ’16 produced an All-American season to lead the way for the Scarlet & Gold, while Trevor Weingarten ’16 and Matt DiScola ’16 also helped the Crusaders win 14 of their last 16 games on the season.

Outdoor Track

The Crusaders (4-0) won all of their dual meets in the spring, and won a share of the Big North United division crown in the process. BC was led by the efforts of Jahmel Johnson ’17, Kevin DeLoughry ’17, Vincent Karabatos ’16, Connor Secora ’17, Caleb Shaia ’17 and Jorge Mascaro ’17.

Tennis

A youthful BC (12-7) squad finished the spring second overall in the Big North United Division and were led by senior Will Felix ’16.

Volleyball

The Crusaders (15-9) once again produced a strong season, finishing second in their division and advancing to the Bergen County semifinals and state quarterfinals. BC was led by all-league players Kyle Warnock ’16 and Michael Babikian ’16.
Advancement

The preliminary results are in for the 2015–16 annual appeal.

Thanks to our generous donors, this was the BEST YEAR EVER!

The top five funds from this year’s appeal are as follows:
Annual Fund: $374,878.11
Student Tuition Assistance: $350,042.68
Learning Center: $100,000.00
Class of 1965 Reunion Fund: $36,659.50
Crusader Crew Club: $25,390.00

Thank you to all the alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, foundations and companies that supported Bergen Catholic this year. Your generosity made an impact on the daily lives of our students.

The impact of your gifts will also be felt next year in the following ways:
• Security and technology will be upgraded in the school
• Many more students than last year will receive financial aid
• The Learning Center will be expanded and personnel will be added to assist our students
• The crew team will replace old boats with some of the best boats available

Thank you again to all our donors. You are making a difference!

Sincerely,
Zeke Rodgers ’92
Vice President for Advancement

Announcement:

Over the past year, Br. Brian Walsh and I have discussed my inevitable future retirement and resultant “management succession.” At the year-end faculty and staff meeting in June, Br. Walsh announced that, effective July 1, 2016, I would resign my position as Vice President for Advancement and that Zeke Rodgers would assume that post. Zeke has been with the Advancement team for just over three years and has become uniquely positioned for this next step in his varied BC career. I wish him every success in his new role and remain committed to supporting him in every possible way. I am confident that the BC community will do likewise. Zeke is the young blood that will carry on the mission of Advancement into the great future that lies ahead!

As for me, effective July 1, 2016, I will assume the title of Director of Strategic Gift Planning, which will allow me to focus into the near future on our major gift initiative, The Crusade to the Summit (now in “quiet” phase) and planned giving (wills, bequests, trusts, retirement and life insurance beneficiary designations, et al.). As such, I will have personal interactions with those among us who are committed to ensuring the progression of a great school into the future in meaningful, supportive ways. I look forward to furthering our overall relationship with the generous community that has always been, and will always be, so necessary in building the future of Bergen Catholic.

At the BC Golf Classic in June, I asked those assembled to think about what Bergen Catholic might look like (a short) 14 years from now, when we reach our 75th Diamond Jubilee year and resultant celebration on September 11, 2030. What we look like then will, in large part, be determined by the success of The Crusade to the Summit and our collective response to what this major gift initiative inspires us to achieve. We ask for your prayers during this quiet phase and for the ultimate success of this initiative. By then, from my retirement perch, I know that I will look back with great pride, especially based upon the generous hearts that will make all plans and dreams possible via their investment commitments over the next 18 to 36 months. All will be possible because our school’s motto (chosen so wisely by the first graduating class as freshmen in 1955 and graduates in 1959), inspires us to believe that it is possible: Deus Vult! God Wills It! Happy summer months to all!

Joe Branciforte ’64, P ’03
Director of Strategic Gift Planning
Thank you again to all of the donors listed here for donating to the 2015–16 Annual Appeal. These are preliminary results through July 13, 2016.

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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 email Regina Radoslovich at 201.634.4146 or rradoslovich@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

Justin D. Mahon, ‘68

In Appreciation
The Class of 1964’s 35-Year Reunion

In Loving Memory of My Cousin, Br. Eugene D. McKenna Robert D. Farrell, ’61

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Ronald E. Capstack, M.D.
Class of 1966

ONLY 94 LEAVES STILL AVAILABLE!

Summer/Fall 2016
I would like to thank the great members of the board who have served with me as my term ends in December as president of the Alumni Association. Your dedication to advancing the mission of Bergen Catholic is truly inspiring. I cannot thank you enough for your tireless work engaging, re-engaging and embracing the people who comprise the Bergen Catholic Family, including alumni, alumni parents, students, current parents, staff and friends and fans of Bergen Catholic. It has been a privilege and honor to serve with you all.

The Alumni Association is here to support the mission of Bergen Catholic High School, foster the Brotherhood that is so unique to Bergen Catholic and provide opportunities for the entire Bergen Catholic family to continue their lifelong relationship with this great institution and each other. We have tried to create a wide variety of events so that all may have an opportunity to participate.

I strongly encourage each and every person to attend at least one event this year; volunteer to serve on a committee for one of the events or present ideas for a new event. This is your Alumni Association.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.
Michael Haviland ’78
President, Bergen Catholic High School Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 2016
Friday and Saturday, September 23 & 24
Class of 1966 50-Year Reunion Weekend
(see page 2, or visit our website for details)

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend/Reunions 1’s & 6’s
(see page 2, or visit our website for details)

OCTOBER 2016
Monday, October 3
Hall of Fame Nominations Due

Thursday, October 13
Careers 4 Crusaders: Maximizing the Internet to Advance Your Career
Guest Presenters: Steve Estrellado ’96 & Chris Estrellado ’00
Bergen Catholic Library – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 24
Wine Tasting
Bacari Grill

NOVEMBER 2016
Saturday, November 5
Memorial Mass
BC Chapel & Bacari Grill

Friday, November 18
Crusader Gala
The Venetian – 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour

JANUARY 2017
Thursday, January 5
Careers 4 Crusaders
Young Alumni Career Development – BC Gym

Tuesday, January 10
Class Chair Letter Signing Event
Bacari Grill

MARCH 2017
Sunday, March 26
Hall of Fame
We are happy to announce a new and improved alumni online directory, available only for alumni. Each alumnus has been pre-assigned a username and password, which can be obtained as part of your initial sign-up process on our website at www.bergencatholic.org.

When you arrive at the website’s main page, click on the word “ALUMNI” near the top right corner of the site. Click on the navigation bar link titled “Alumni Online Directory Login.”

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- Enter “New Password” of your choosing and enter it again in the “Re-Enter New Password” box. (Make a note of the password you have selected for future use.)
- Then click on the “Set Password” button.
- You will be taken directly to a screen that will allow you to have access to the Alumni Directory. Note: If you encounter a Welcome screen, simply “x” out of it.
- Click on the drop-down in the “Directories” area (the fourth navigation bar item) and select “Alumni.” Note: The first three items on the navigation bar are not operational at this time.
- You will be sent to the NEW ALUMNI ONLINE DIRECTORY.
- Navigation items to be aware of:
  1) Depending on the speed of your computer/browser, it may take a few moments for the first 200 alumni to appear. It will happen in a few moments!
  2) At the current time, no matter what search you perform, the output will be limited to the first 200 alumni in any search. We are working with the vendor to expand that to 300 or 400.
  3) You can look up any alumnus on an “individual” basis by typing his name in the area provided and then clicking on the magnifying glass.
  4) You can refine your search by making choices along the right side of the directory, e.g., refine your search by class year. Note: The screen will not refresh unless you remember to click again on the magnifying glass after you make refinement selections along the right side. Again, the results will (currently) display only the first 200 names, alphabetically, at the present time. You can still search for individual classmates by name, however.

Alumni Online Directory Returns!

We wish you fun in your searches and success in reconnecting with your classmates and friends!

Important: The accuracy of the directory is totally dependent on each alumnus, so please keep your information current at all times. For example, e-mail addresses change frequently, so it is likely that many addresses in the directory may no longer be valid. We are committed to maintaining and providing accurate information, but need your help in that effort. Deus Vult!
Christopher Lowther went to Scotland in October 2015. While there, he passed the English (United Kingdom) Dermatology Boards, earning a Specialty Certificate in Dermatology. In November 2015, he took a competitive examination where candidates come from all over the world. He earned the Glasgow Diploma in Dermatology. He took the written exam in Glasgow and the clinical exam at the National Health Service Hospital in Edinburgh. Chris lives in Cody, WY.

Joe Maurice is a partner with Cohn Lifland Pearlman Herrmann & Knopf LLP in Saddle Brook, NJ. Joe received the designation of Certified Civil Trial Attorney from the Supreme Court of NJ Board of Attorney Certification. Such designation is granted to those who are able to demonstrate a high level of experience and skill at trial and are proficient at pursuing litigation through trial. Joe practices primarily in the areas of commercial and criminal litigation. He serves as secretary for the Bergen County Bar Association and is a trustee of the Bergen County Bar Foundation. Joe just completed his third and final term on the Bergen Catholic Board of Directors.

Sean O’Brien is a Chattanooga, TN police officer. Sean was recently honored in Washington, D.C., as a Top Cop, along with five of his co-workers, for being the first responders who rushed to stop the July 16, 2015 terrorist attack at the Naval Reserve center in Chattanooga. Sean and his colleagues recounted moments they can’t wipe from their memory—moments when time slowed to a crawl and they thought they might not make it out alive as they tried to stop the 24-year-old shooter’s rampage. To read more: https://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2015/dec/22/officers-recall-deadly-july-16-attack/341515/

Martin van Koolbergen is a partner in a 30-person architectural lighting design firm with offices in New York, Los Angeles and Shanghai. Over the years Martin has designed the lighting for projects such as The Palazzo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and the Four Seasons Resort in Oahu. His current project is as the lead designer for all the VIP lounges, clubs and restaurants for the new NFL stadium for the LA Rams.

Billy Armstrong and his wife, Lauren, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, April Poppy Armstrong. Poppy was born on April 11, 2016. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. She’ll be dribbling a basketball before you know it.

Noel Naughton and his wife, Kelly, are the proud parents of Bromley Patrick Naughton, who was born on January 27, 2016 weighing in at 7 pounds 10 ounces. A future Crusader Basketball star!

Craig Arkenau has been promoted to vice president of on-air engineering at NBC Universal.

Matthew Bott has been appointed an assistant attending surgeon on the Thoracic Service in the Department of Surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He will focus his clinical practice on the surgical treatment of patients with intrathoracic malignancies, particularly lung and esophageal cancer. Dr. Bott will continue his research exploring the genetic underpinnings of these tumors. Matt is a 2001 graduate of Duke University. He
received his medical degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA. Matt completed his internship and residency in general surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. During his time in New York, he completed a three-year research fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, focusing his efforts on genomic research in mesothelioma and lung cancer. In June 2015, Matt completed his thoracic surgery fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

Daniel Edwards was married to Jessica Green on September 18, 2015.

Dave Caminiti married Kim Wyckoff at Washington Square Park in New York City on December 31, 2015.

Tom Polifroni, Diana and Dexter are over the moon with the birth of Duncan Thomas Polifroni. Duncan was born on February 23, 2016. He weighed in at 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Dexter is ready to show Duncan the ropes.

Robb Egan has rebranded his Fairfield, NJ firm from Tobia & Hillyer Financial Services, LLC to EP Wealth Management LLC. The firm’s philosophy is to have both a financial planning team and a tax planning team working closely together to achieve the client’s goals and objectives.

James LaRocca is engaged to Diana Marie Becker. Wedding bells will ring on December 29, 2016. James works at Gibbons, P.C. in Newark as a labor and employment attorney.

Dom Santoli and his wife, Christie, along with Nico and Giana, are overjoyed to share the news of the birth of Santina Lee on June 1, 2016, at 1:19 a.m. Santina weighed in at 9 pounds 9 ounces and she was 22.25 inches long.

Brent Sopko and his wife, Kat, are thrilled to welcome their first child, Braden Patrick, who was born on April 28, 2016. The future Crusader hockey player weighed in at 5 pounds 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Bob Olson and family, his wife, Melanie, and 2-year-old son Tripp, enthusiastically welcomed Hunter Daniel on Friday, May 20, 2016.

Rob Holuba e-mailed us that his and his wife, Kristen’s hearts doubled in size on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, with the arrival of their son, Robert Tripp Holuba. Their daughter, Haven, has assumed the role of big sister.

Anthony Lembo and his wife, Leigh Ann, fell instantly in love with Francesca Leigh Lembo, born on June 21, 2016 at 10:53 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 19.75 inches long.

Joe Charles and his wife, Tina, welcomed their first child, Joseph Thomas, on April 25, 2016. He weighed in at 9 pounds 2 ounces. Hopefully, we will see him sprinting around the BC track or jumping hurdles in a few years.
Mike Marino and his wife, Stacey, are owners of CrossFit 201 gym in Franklin Lakes, NJ. CrossFit 201 claims to be the best-equipped facility in the tri-state area. The facility is over 7,000 square feet of professionally designed space with room to run, jump, swing, climb, row, crawl, lift and flip. You won’t find a single row of treadmills, floors overcrowded with bulky machines or full-length mirrors covering the wall. In their place you’ll find 1,000-lb tires, 15-foot climbing ropes, gymnastics rings, Olympic barbells and an extensive collection of kettle bells.

Sean Moroney and his wife, Kristin, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Willa, who was born on March 24, 2016. She weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Welcoming Willa is her big brother, Kellen, and proud uncles, Matthew ’95 and Tim ’98.

Philip Ilg recently wrote to us about his experience during the Pope’s visit last fall: “The whole visit of the Holy Father was a great experience. When I was sitting in the classrooms of BC I never thought such a grace would come my way, but that just shows the faithfulness of the Lord in this great journey he invited me on, which so far has been better than I expected it to be. I was the deacon of the gospel at the Mass for the canonization of Junipero Serra, so I received the gospel blessing from the Holy Father himself. The liturgy was all in Spanish, so I had to sing the gospel in Spanish. The best moment of the liturgy, I would say, was when the Holy Father gave me the sign of peace, and it truly felt like a transmission of the peace that he had inside of himself.” Philip was ordained a priest on June 25, 2016, in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., by Cardinal Donald Wuerl. Congratulations, Fr. Ilg!

Dave Savino earned his professional status from the International Federation of Bodybuilding (IFBB) after competing in the National Bodybuilding Championships in Miami, FL in November 2015. Dave took second place in the Bantamweight class at this prestigious event, thus earning his IFBB Professional card. Under the supervision of his coach, IFBB Professional Vinny Galanti, Dave has four first-place titles under his belt. He successfully won his weight class at the NPC East Coast Championships in 2014, and defended his title again in 2015. Dave commented, “It’s truly an amazing feeling to finally accomplish something that I’ve dreamed of since I was only 10 years old. I am honored to be an IFBB Pro and I can’t wait to see what the future holds.” His plans are to compete in the 212 division of bodybuilding. Dave lives in River Vale and works as a communication specialist at David & Company in Glen Rock.

Patrick Rigby is engaged to Allison Singleton since December 2015. Pat left his job on Capitol Hill with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) to accept a position that brought him back to New Jersey. He has been sworn in as the acting chief, Public Affairs Bureau at the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) in Newark. Pat will be directly supporting the director in advising the governor on all national security matters, which includes everything from natural disasters to terrorist threats. As the liaison to the NJ Governor’s Office, Pat is charged with advising on how best to deploy the 130,000 police officers, NJ National Guard, 200,000 emergency responders (fire and EMT), SWAT and cyber-security operations in the state.

Anthony Zampolin went to NJIT, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in architecture. He has been working professionally for a little over four years in NJ and NY. He has been accepted at Columbia, where he will pursue an M.S. in advanced architectural design. Anthony writes, “Bergen Catholic played such a huge part in my early life as a student, giving me a solid foundation to begin my career on. Without all of the teachers and administration at the school I wouldn’t have had this opportunity in front of me today. I just want to send out a big thank you and to let everyone know I wouldn’t have been able to do it without all of you. Go Bergen.”
Bergen Catholic alumni gather with Jack Howley ’79 at his investiture as grand marshal of the 2016 Rumson St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Celebrating with Jack are (l to r): Zeke Rodgers ’92, Steve Brennan ’83, Jack and Joe Branciforte ’64.

Class of 1965

Some of the committee members of the Class of 1965 50-Year Reunion Committee gathered with Br. Brian Walsh for a photo op and to view the plaque that was included on our donor wall of recognition. Thank you to the Class of 1965 for working together and generously contributing $36,660 to our Student Tuition Assistant Fund in recognition of their 50th Reunion celebration. After this photo was taken, the committee members were treated to a delicious thank-you dinner at President’s Hall, hosted by Br. Walsh, and prepared by our very own personal chef, Br. Chris Hall.
Nine new members were inducted into the Bergen Catholic High School Hall of Fame when the Alumni Association presented its Nineteenth Hall of Fame Dinner on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge (owned by our very own Matt Landy ’77). The new inductees, who joined the 179 people already in the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame, are Martin Catalioto ’01 (Athlete) Michael Ference ’87 (Contributor), Gary Grant ’03 (Athlete), Michael Haviland ’78 (Special), Robin James ’91 (Athlete), Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger ’84 (Special), Jon Piela ’96 (Athlete), Steve Warwick ’60 (Contributor). BC Principal Tim McElhinney presented plaques to the honorees, while Master of Ceremonies Ben Tonon ’93 distributed the medals.

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One of the greatest golfers in Bergen Catholic history, Martin earned First Team All-State, All-County and All-League honors during his career. He holds or shares 13 school records; won the prestigious Dan Luciano County Tournament; and claimed Parochial A North Tournament and MGA Junior championships twice during his time at BC. His biggest high school accomplishment was winning The Insurance Classic National Finals in 2000, breaking Tiger Woods’ record in the process by shooting 15 under par. Martin received a full scholarship to Clemson University, where he was on the 2003 national championship team and later played professionally on several different tours.

Michael Ference ‘87
Michael played on the first Crusader soccer team to win a county championship and a Parochial A North sectional championship, and be named Bergen County Team of the Year. As a senior, Michael captained the soccer team and was named All-State, All-County, All-League and All-Suburban. He was also a member of the 1986 County championship indoor track team and the 1987 Parochial A North sectional championship tennis team. Michael was also a member of the first Bergen Catholic Mock Trial team to win a County championship and reach the State finals. In 2006, Michael and his father, Tom, created the Ference Family Financial Aid Fund for endowed financial aid. By continuing to fund it each year, he helps future Crusaders experience a BC education.

Gary Grant ‘03
Gary was an All-American swimmer during his time at BC, losing only two individual races in his illustrious career. He helped BC reach the tournament final for the first time in school history. He was named First Team All-State his last three years at BC, and he broke, and still holds, two school records, added five state titles and was selected as Swimmer of the Decade in New Jersey. In 2003, his senior year, Speedo and the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America selected him as Swimmer of the Year. Grant later competed at The Ohio State University on a full scholarship.
Michael Haviland ‘78
Do Good Marketing LLC, the company Michael founded, has done much to further the branding and market share of Bergen Catholic. President of the Bergen Catholic Alumni Association since 2012, Haviland has instituted the open election process, the decade representative program, the Careers 4 Crusaders nights and other programs to engage the greater Bergen Catholic family. Michael motivated the BC Alumni Association to commit to a five-year pledge of $100,000 in support of the Crusade to the Summit initiative.

Robin James ’91
Regarded as one of the best shooters in school history, Robin was a two-time All-County basketball player during his time at BC. During his senior year, BC went 23-6 overall and Robin helped lead the team to a County championship—one of two County crowns won by the Crusaders during his time in Oradell. In four County tournament games, James scored 107 points to tie for second place all-time on the Jamboree scoring list. Later he became only the fifth player at the time to top 1,000 career points in BC history. Robin earned a scholarship to play for Rutgers University.

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger, Ed.D. ’84
Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger, Ed.D., was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1992. His first assignment was Immaculate Conception Church, Secaucus. He then served in a variety of Archdiocesan assignments as secretary to the archbishop, director of vocations and then vice chancellor/assistant to the vicar general and moderator of the curia. He was then appointed vice rector/business manager and director of formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he served for 10 years, after which he served as associate vice president for student services at Seton Hall University. In April 2005, His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, named him a chaplain to His Holiness with the title Reverend Monsignor. After serving as pastor of Saint Philomena Church, Livingston, he was appointed to his current position as vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Archdiocese of Newark in September 2014.

Jon Piela ’96
Jon earned a total of nine varsity letters in four different sports: football, wrestling, baseball and track. He eventually served as captain for the wrestling team during his junior and senior seasons and was captain of the football
team his senior season as well. He was a two-way, two-year varsity starter for the football team, and was part of two state championship teams, earning All-League, All-Suburban, All-County and All-State honors. He was a four-year starter for the wrestling team, compiling over 90 wins, and was named All-County, while helping lead BC to two state championships. He later served as a team captain on the Fordham University football team.

**Steve Warwick ’60**

Steve attended Villanova University, where he graduated with a degree in civil engineering. After college, he entered the Navy Civil Engineer Corps and served with the Navy Construction Battalions (Seabees) in Antarctica and two tours in Vietnam. After his Navy experience, he joined Kennecott Copper Corporation in New York for five years and then joined M&M Mars, Inc. During his working career he managed to earn an MBA, and since he retired in 1998, he continues to serve on various boards and on the Investment Committee of Mars, Inc. that manages the U.S. retirement trust fund for the company. Steve and his wife Kathy, have supported Bergen Catholic continuously for decades, providing top-tier, lifetime leadership investments to fuel BC’s future.

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**BC Alumni Association Board in Attendance at the 2016 Hall of Fame**

L-R: Back: Brian Langan ’83, Ken Sullivan ’91, Jim Jacobsen ’66, Bill Westdyk ’78, John Amoratis ’77, Mike Panos ’72, Joe Charles ’02, Front: Mike Haviland ’78 and Marge Quinn

**Angie DeToro (“Mrs. D”), Francesca Tambone Puzio and Marge Quinn strike a pose at the 2016 Hall of Fame.**

**Class of ’91 rallies to support Robin James’ induction. L-R: P.J. McGrory, Robin James, Joe Mindak, Glen McGorty, J.R. Meloro, Orlando Fontanez and Ken Sullivan**
We would like to thank all of our golfers, sponsors, volunteers and our loyal honorees who helped make our 45th Annual Golf Classic a fantastic success. We couldn’t continue our mission without the support of our generous community.

Congratulations & Thank You To Our Honorees:
Joe Branciforte ’64  Scott Robinson ’92

2016 Committee Members:
John Amoratis ’77, P ’14  Mike Janson ’65
Joe Anderson P ’17, ’18  Dan Kelly ’86, P ’19
Chris Barry ’93  Neil O’Halloran ’90
Al Hayward P ’97, ’02  Gerard Quinn ’76, P ’10, ’14
Jim Jacobsen ’66  Ken White P ’19

We cordially invite you to attend next year.
If you would like to join the 2017 Golf Classic Committee, please call or email Marge: 201-634-4142, mquinn@bergencatholic.org.

Thank you to our student volunteers: Alec Anderson ’18, Owen Anderson ’17, Tom Federer ’18, Griffen White ’19 and D.J. Kelly ’19
Thank You to Our 2016 Sponsors!

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City as a Classroom

Bergen Catholic is 15 miles from the center of the culturally sophisticated and diverse city of New York and we get too caught up in our lives to appreciate the opportunities afforded to us by having the cultural hub of the world as our neighbor. The City as a Classroom program will provide every Bergen Catholic Student several experiences of New York City’s cultural attractions during the course of his four years.

Beginning in the second semester of the 2016–17 school year, grade levels will start to spend days in New York City: Museums, Broadway Productions, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Houses of Worship (Catholic, Protestant, Jewish).

We ask your help in providing transportation, entrance fees and the stipend for substitute teachers.

Our goal is $150 for each of the 700 students.
Alumni Events

Careers4Crusaders

The Alumni Association Careers4Crusaders committee once again held its annual January open house for young Crusader Alums. Many recent graduates from the classes of 2008 through last year’s graduating class of 2015 came back to the Bergen Catholic Gym to meet over three dozen older alums covering a large variety of different careers and disciplines. Highlights included three roundtable sessions consisting of alums in the fields of education, law and finance. Younger Crusaders interested in these fields got to hear from industry insiders about the important trends and opportunities for people considering these careers. Chris Heyer ’83, a successful local attorney, explained, “I think these young guys considering a career in law really got a lot out of hearing from those of us who went through the process of law school and what it takes these days to be successful. The business has changed over the years since we graduated from BC, and the kids got invaluable advice from us.”

More than a few attendees nabbed summer jobs and internships for 2016 with Bergen Catholic alums. Two recent graduates, Rob Williams ’14 and J.P. Maher ’15, are both mechanical engineering majors at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. They both secured summer employment internships with a company owned by Brian Hughes ’86. Once again, the Brotherhood At Work! Young alums from the classes of 2009–16 should save the date of January 7, 2017, for this important event.

The Careers4Crusaders effort by the Alumni Association held its second successful event of 2016 on Monday, May 16, in the Bergen Catholic Library. The evening of networking, titled “Current Employment Trends and Job Market Outlook,” was headlined by guest speakers Dan Curtin ’94, Sean McCooe ’80 and John Fugazzie ’73. All three are recognized experts in the fields of employment, staffing and job placement, and gave candid explanations of what is happening in the current job market, opinions on where the best opportunities are for the future and how millennials are changing the rules of today’s workforce. A spirited discussion ensued, with some great questions and answers between alums of many different classes. The next Careers4Crusaders networking event will be on Thursday, October 13. Check your alumni association calendar for details!
Alumni Events

Class Chair Event at Bacari Grill – Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Thank you to all our class chairs who came to Bacari Grill for an evening filled with friends, delicious food (thank you John Amoratis ’77 and Bacari Grill) and dedication. The class chairs worked together to plan the best strategies to keep in touch with their classmates, and wrote notes of thanks to some for contributions made, reminded others of contributions not yet made and invited all to our Reunion/Homecoming Weekend September 23 and 24.

Thank you to the BC Alumni Association and all our dedicated class chairs.

Hoboken on Tap – Biggies – June 9

Another great BC Alumni Association Event! Fifty young alumni attended and had a great time. Most were post-2000 graduates, but there were a few from the ’80s and ’90s who sneaked in there too.

BC beer mugs and school updates were given to those in attendance, as well as an invite to Homecoming on September 23–24.

Please plan to join us next year on June 8.
Annual Cigar Night at River Vale Country Club – Thursday, May 26, 2016

A fantastic evening of great food, many laughs and friendship was had by all at the Annual Cigar Night. Thank you to our Committee:

**Chairmen:**
Bob Fortsch ’73  
Mike Panos ’72

**Committee:**
Larry Carpentier ’83  
Brian Langan ’83  
Conor McManus ’02  
Gerard Quinn ’76  
Gerard Rizzo ’07  
Frank Rizzo ’79  
Ed Wallace ’73

We had a wide assortment of prizes and a spirited auction, which contributed to a very enjoyable evening. Special thanks to Brendan Scott ’87, current parent ’20, and Nat Sherman Cigars for their continued support of this annual event. Mark your calendar next year (and every year) for the Thursday before Memorial Day. Cigar Night is the kickoff to summer—plan to join us next year!

Bill Westdyk ’78 and friends

Mike Panos ’72, gets the night started!

Rizzo Gang: Gerard Rizzo ’07, Joe Castellano, Frank Rizzo ’79, Frank D. Rizzo ’06 and Tom Roberts ’79

’83 Gang, Back Row: Chris Heyer, Larry Carpentier, Steve Brennan, Gerry Searfoss, Kevin O’Halloran, John Vinci  
Front Row: Anthony Scozzafava ’86, Tom DeSimone
Alumni Events

Memorial Day Run

On Memorial Day, May 30, the Alumni Association represented Bergen Catholic High School at the Ridgewood Run 5K & 10K road race. This event has been held for 30 years and attracts over 3,000 participants each year. It was the first year of the Alumni Association being an official sponsor of the event, and the Bergen Catholic scarlet-and-gold tent attracted alums from all years who came to say hello. Stopping by were Larry Mahmarian ’85, Mike Connolly ’70, Dave Morano ’86 and his son Matt Morano ’15, Dave O’Shea ’83 and a slew of alumni parents and prospective students still in grade school. One of the volunteers on site that morning, John Malone ’78, remarked, “What a great event! We gave out every BC T-shirt, backpack bag, and doughnut we came with! It was a big way to promote all things Bergen Catholic.” We look forward to returning as a sponsor again in 2017.
2016 Alumni Lacrosse Game

Back row (l – r): Sean Lackey ’02, Bobby Jones ’02, Glenn Carluca (Asst Varsity Coach, ’98–’04 & ’05–’09), Ryan Gibbons ’95, Peter Farrell (Guest Goalie), Bob Jaffee ’87, Jerry Rella ’73, Tim McGee ’84, Andrew McDonald ’06, Matt Radaslovich ’01, Chris McGee ’88, Greg Miller ’69.


2016 Alumni Hockey Game

Back row (l – r): Sean Lackey ’02, Bobby Jones ’02, Glenn Carluca (Asst Varsity Coach, ’98–’04 & ’05–’09), Ryan Gibbons ’95, Peter Farrell (Guest Goalie), Bob Jaffee ’87, Jerry Rella ’73, Tim McGee ’84, Andrew McDonald ’06, Matt Radaslovich ’01, Chris McGee ’88, Greg Miller ’69.


Alumni Father and Son Photo 2016


Middle row (l – r): John Alicandri ’84, John Alicandri ’16, Tom Arcieri ’82, Tom Arcieri ’16, Brendan Daly ’84, Tim Daly ’16, Michael Quinn ’16, Michael Quinn ’83, Evan Quinn ’16 (behind the Michael Quinns), Ed Quinn ’83 (to Evan’s left), Erikson Nichols ’16, George Nichols ’78, Angelo Costa ’16 (behind the Nicholses), Angelo Costa ’72 (behind his son), Chris Hartigan ’86, Jack Hartigan ’16, Mike Gambert ’79, Kyle Gambert ’16

Front row (l – r): Joe Ragucci ’16 (second from left), Enzo Ragucci ’89, R. Peter Berkanish ’76, Peter Berkanish ’16, Tom O’Boyle ’16, James O’Boyle ’82.

Missing from photo: Michael Morrissey ’16 and Michael Morrissey ’82.
BC Goes on the Road

Bergen Catholic Crusaders on the Road to San Diego
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 – The Marriott Marquis, San Diego, CA

Br. Walsh, Br. Hall, Marge and Mr. McElhinney joined some of our San Diego area alumni for dinner while in San Diego for the NCEA Convention.

It was a most pleasant dinner with great company! The evening provided a great, relaxed opportunity for all of us to reflect on a variety of values and memories of our Bergen Catholic experiences. It is always good to visit with our alumni where they live and catch up on what is happening in their lives. Thank you to Br. Walsh for making this all possible.

BERGEN CATHOLIC GOES
On the Road

Bergen Catholic Crusaders on the Road to Florida


Some former Crusader football players also met in San Diego in March. From left to right: Chuck Lester ’80, Remo Biagioni ’77, Joe Azelby ’80, Steven Santora ’79, Pierre McGuire ’79, John Rice ’79, Joe Bossolina ’80.

February 2016: Winter Park visiting Doug Sealy ’65.

March 2016: Tampa Group at Rusty Pelican.
Bergen Catholic Crusaders on the Road to Florida

Thursday, February 25 – March 2, 2016
The Rusty Pelican – Tampa

Saturday, February 27, 2016
Lunch and Tour of Winter Park, Florida
with Doug Sealy ’65 and Kelly Price

Sunday, February 28 – Tuesday, March 1
Partners in Mission Conference

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Seasons 52 – Naples

Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Dinner with Donna & Bob Orf ’71
Eddie V’s – Tampa

“I’m eternally grateful to Marge and the rest of the alumni department for starting their Crusaders on the Road events. Previously, I thought I was out of sight, mind and touch down here in Southwest Florida. Thankfully, each year brings more and more faces, allowing us to set up our own little chapter of BC alums. If it hadn’t been for these trips, who knows if I ever would have met the Crusaders that have retired or moved down here. I can only hope that, like Bergen, these events continue to grow. Deus Vult!”

— Michael D. Cook, PA-C ’99

“Thanks, Marge, to you, Br. Walsh and Regina for visiting with the alumni from Southwest Florida. Though we are physically quite distant from Oradell, we have kept our friendships intact through our relationship with Bergen Catholic. The reception was very much appreciated and reinforced those bonds. It was great to get an update from Br. Walsh on how well the school is doing. The visit brought back many memories which were shared throughout the evening. We had a strong contingent from the class of ’60, but it was great to also meet several alumni from other classes who live in the area. Thanks for the visit! Hope we can get back up to see the school soon.”

— Tom Von Ohlen ’60

Jim Robinson, Dave Minor, Marge, Bob Farrell, Bill Keegan, and Tom Von Ohlen

“It’s just unbelievable to me to sit across the table from guys I sat with in Oradell 56 years ago! The class of 1960 still gets together (nine of us) every winter in Naples, Florida! By now we all scored more touchdowns, more baskets, ran faster and hit more home runs than we actually did!”

— Tom Godfrey ’60

60 Years of Friendship: The tradition and friendship continue as these guys got together in Naples, FL, in March. L to R: Bob Van Horn ’61, Joe Mele ’61, Pete Feniello ’60, Tom Sheridan ’61, Dave Belli ’61, Jim Lucie ’61, Bill Keegan ’60, Tom Von Ohlen ’60, Ted Noble ’61, Jerry Quartarolo ’60, Bob Murray ’59 and Jim Sheehan ’59.

“Whenever BC alumni get together, it is always so much fun to think back to our days as students. I also feel honored that we have had a dinner together in Naples the last two years.

It has been 54 years since I graduated, and many times over my life I thank God and my mother and father that I had the opportunity to attend Bergen Catholic. I extend my very best to the Class of 2016. Deus Vult.

— Jim Petrolino ’62

Br. Walsh, Marge, Regina, Donna and Bob Orf ’71

“Thanks, Marge, to you, Br. Walsh and Regina for visiting with the alumni from Southwest Florida. Though we are physically quite distant from Oradell, we have kept our friendships intact through our relationship with Bergen Catholic. The reception was very much appreciated and reinforced those bonds. It was great to get an update from Br. Walsh on how well the school is doing. The visit brought back many memories which were shared throughout the evening. We had a strong contingent from the class of ’60, but it was great to also meet several alumni from other classes who live in the area. Thanks for the visit! Hope we can get back up to see the school soon.”

— Tom Von Ohlen ’60
In Memoriam NEVER FORGOTTEN

Bergen Catholic wishes to extend its prayers and condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away.

Deceased Alumni

Howard K. Hansen ’63
Brother of Bill ’70
Thomas A. Oddo ’63
Brother of John ’68
Robert F. Facciolla ’64
Michael Unger, Sr. ’64
Anthony Amoruso ’65
Brother of Paul ’70
F. Ronald Biggs ’65
William Hyslop ’65
Charles Dombeck ’67
Kurt Zecchin ’68
Brother-in-law of Bob Meisch ’65
Bernie Healy ’69
Brother of Kevin ’76, Uncle of Brian Witney ’10
Mark Melli ’71
Brother of Charlie ’60 (RIP), Patrick ’62 (RIP), Francis ’66 (RIP), uncle of Andrew Melli ’89 (RIP), Cousin of Pat Finnegan ’65, Ed Hart ’71, Tom Hart ’72 & Patrick Finnegan ’92
Thomas Eberhardt ’75
Brother of Gary ’70 (RIP), Michael ’73, Paul ’78 (RIP) & Chris ’79
Joseph Slavin ’76
Anthony Marmole ’84
Brother of Michael ’85, Uncle of Cody Ordukhanyan ’12 & Hunter Ordukhanyan ’15
Joseph Crowley ’88
Brother of John ’85 & Step-brother of Jason Baptiste ’03
John Norton ’99
Christopher Salmon ’01
Vinod K. James ’02

Deceased Family and Friends

Mildred Amoruso
Mother of Anthony ’65 (RIP) & Paul ’70
Alphonse Barbire
Father of Michael ’03 (RIP)
William H. Blanchard
Father of Bill ’68
Donald Bromm, Sr.
Father of Kevin ’82 & Donald ’87, Brother-in-law of Ray Turci ’60
Rodney Brown
Father of Mark ’71 & Shawn ’76
Charlotte Butkera
Grandmother of Hunter ’18 and Tyler ’20
Margaret J. Campora
Grandmother of Henry ’06
Donald T. Casey
Father of Paul ’77 & Mark ’86, Grandfather of Ryan ’06
Gabriel Chester
Grandson of Dave Rabadan ’60
Wally “EJ” Collins
Father of Wally ’73, Kevin ’75 and Paul ’81 (RIP)
Mickey Corcoran
Grandfather of Michael Kehoe ’02
Margarita Gomez de Molina
Mother of Al de Molina ’75
John J. Dickdan
Grandfather of Sean ’08 & Ryan ’11
Petrina Di Cosmo
Grandmother of Aeneas ’19
Francesca Di Piazza
Grandmother of Christopher ’10
Carol Dolce
Mother-in-law of Paul Bonistalli ’69
Margaret Dorney
Mother of Bill ’68 & Kevin ’81, Grandmother of John ’98
Earl Dow
Former Faculty Member
Mary Durante
Mother of Michael ’72 & Mark ’74, Grandmother of Chris ’99
Irene Esposito
Grandmother of Joseph ’13 & Nicholas ’16, Mother-in-law of Brenda Esposito, BC Staff
Robert W. Feeney
Father of Bob ’71
Glenn Fernandez
Father of Steven ’08
Evelyn Fortsch
Mother of Bob ’73
Joan Gallagher
Mother of John ’76 & Billy ’78
Fred Galea
Father of James ’71
John Geelan
Brother of Bill ’62
Theodore Haggis
Father of Louis ’64, Alexander ’72 & William ’77
Eileen Hall
Mother of Stephen ’64, Victor ’65, Michael ’67 & James ’70
Gregg R. Hauser
Father of Kieran ’94
Francis L. Higgins
Grandfather of Ryan Babikian ’10 & Michael Babikian ’16
Cynthia Hoehl
Wife of Bob ’59 (RIP)
Patricia F. Holt
Mother of Eileen Holt, BC Faculty
Susan M. Hurley
Mother of Dan ’13
Dolores Keeland
Grandmother of Timothy Bishop ’06 & Taylor Bishop ’11
Ann Marie Kraemer
Grandmother of Charles’16
Helen Lahey
Grandmother of Thomas Lahey ’12
Ruth Long
Mother of Stephen ’69
Michael Lota
Brother of Chris ’83
Gertrude Mahon
Mother of Dave ’68 & Bill ’71
Joan McBride-Omsberg
Mother of Jamie ’86
Thomas J. McElhinney
Father of Tim, BC Principal
Helen McGrath
Mother-in-Law of Tom Finnegan ’74, Grandmother of Conor ’10, Riley ’12, Aidan ’14 & Miles ’16 Finnegan
Martin Molyan
Father of Chris ’85
Mary Mulhauser
Father of Dan ’69, Paul ’70 & George ’76
Marco J. Nicolin
Father of Mark ’79, Steven ’81 & Robert ’87
Dr. Jozef Niznik
Father of Mark ’93 & Ron ’99
AnnMarie O’Brien-Saati
Mother of John ’08, Aunt of Matt O’Brien ’09
Dennis O’Connor
Father of Brian ’86 & Dennis ’93
William O’Hara
Father of Michael ’81 & Tim ’92
Alfred H. O’Toole
Father of Matthew ’81, Dan ’85, James ’86 & grandfather of Aidan ’19
Maureen Page
Mother of Kevin ’74 & Thomas ’78, Mother-in-Law of Michael Kemezis ’75 & Grandmother of Michael Kemezis ’06
William Petrie
Father of William ’85, Dean ’87 and Scott ’94
Joseph Pizzurro
Father of Andrew ’88 & Mark ’92, Grandmother of James ’18
Edward Powell
Father-in-law of Bill Haggis ’77
Marie Quirk
Mother of Daniel ’71 & Dennis ’73
Edward A. Rychlicki
Father of Andrea Barone, BC Faculty
John G. Scarpa
Emma Schatz
Grandmother of Thomas Lahey ’12
Eugene J. Sidor
Grandfather of Nicholas ’15
Jacqueline K. Stuerzel
Grandmother of Andrew ’01 & Keith ’04
Joan Testa
Mother of Michael ’79, Grandmother of Aidan Coniff ’17
Audrey Thresh
Grandmother of Mark ’93, Matt ’97 & Dave ’99 Garofalow
Adam K. Tobia
Father of Parker ’13
Hermine Vatter
Aunt of Thomas Lahey ’12
Patricia Verbist
Grandmother of Brett ’03 & Sean ’07
Michelle Wall
Sister of Leo ’81 & Steven ’82
Leyva, Aunt of Cole ’19 Leyva
Carol Weigand
Husband of Harold, Former Faculty
Mary Witterschein
Mother-in-Law of Peter Berkaniash ’76, Grandmother of Peter ’16
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I Choose Bergen Catholic!

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Designate Bergen Catholic as the beneficiary of all, or part of, your retirement accounts (IRAs, 401(k)s, 403Bs—even life insurance policies) and the proceeds will come to us tax-free! Then, make sure your after-tax assets, like bank accounts, stock or real estate, pass to your heirs through your will or trust.

Your loved ones may receive more from your non-retirement estate assets, and Bergen Catholic will benefit, too! And it’s easy to do. Simply complete a “beneficiary designation” form with your retirement account administrator or life insurance agent.

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