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Happy Hour  
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**OCTOBER 9-10**  
Class of 1976  
50-Year Reunion Weekend

**FRIDAY**  
Happy Hour  
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9:00 am Reflection & Memorial Video  
10:00 am Mass – BC Gym  
11:00 am Brunch – BC Cafeteria

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
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# WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

The 2025-2026 winter season proved to be an incredibly successful time for Bergen Catholic teams as the Scarlet & Gold routinely brought back trophies to Crusader Country.

The varsity basketball team repeated as Non-Public A state champions, capturing their 7th state title in program history, and hoisting their fourth state championship trophy since 2019.

Four BC teams were also named kings of Bergen County, as the Crusader Basketball, Wrestling, Indoor Track and Mock

Trial teams each claimed the honor of being Bergen's best. The Model United Nations team once again earned national distinction as the "Best Small Delegation" at the 2026 Global Citizens Model United Nations Conference held in New York.

We are incredibly proud of our Bergen Catholic students and their crusades for excellence inside and outside the classroom and congratulate them for their successful championship seasons. Deus Vult!



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Spring 2026

Dear Bergen Catholic Community,

Spring offers a natural moment to reflect on who we are and where we are headed. At Bergen Catholic High School, our mission comes alive every day through faith, brotherhood, scholarship, and service — values that define our students' experience and prepare them to lead with purpose in a changing world. Our Catholic identity remains our foundation. This issue of *Crusader Magazine* highlights our OCIA program. Led by Brother Gabriel Dunbar, our students take meaningful steps in their faith journey and prepare to receive the sacraments. These moments are powerful reminders that formation at Bergen Catholic is not only academic — it is deeply spiritual.

You will also see the strength of our Brotherhood in action as you read about our Leadership Symposium, led by Dylan Usatine '27 and Ryan Sarkar '26, where accomplished alumni returned to campus to mentor our students. Their presence reinforces a defining truth: the Bergen Catholic experience is not four years — it is a lifelong network rooted in shared values and mutual responsibility. Academically, we continue to advance with clarity and intention. The addition of AP African American History reflects our commitment to a rigorous, relevant curriculum that expands perspective and prepares students for thoughtful leadership in an increasingly complex society.

This year also brought great pride through our basketball program, whose success reflects the discipline, character, and competitive excellence that define Crusader athletics. Equally inspiring is the service of facilities team member, Luis Pena, whose work in Colombia exemplifies our mission in action — forming men who serve others with humility and purpose.

The momentum we are experiencing is not accidental — it is the result of a committed community. I am deeply grateful to our parents, alumni, and benefactors whose partnership allows us to strengthen programs, expand opportunities, and remain faithful to our mission. Bergen Catholic is strong, and our future is even stronger. May God bless you and may we live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

Deus Vult!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Mahoney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Brian Mahoney, Ed.D.**  
President  
Bergen Catholic High School





# A JOURNEY OF FAITH & BELONGING

## How BC's new OCIA program has helped Crusader students join the Catholic Church

A faith community, much like a school, is only as strong as its members, and the old adage of “strength in numbers” is a real, tangible thing. In this modern age where there has been a decrease in participation rates in the multitude of religious faiths around the world, the continued need for engagement and expansion has been stressed throughout all congregations. For the Catholic Church, under the recent leadership of Pope Francis, and now Pope Leo, an overall emphasis has been placed on making the Church a much more welcoming institution, rather than prohibitive, in order to grow its flock of Catholics throughout the world. In this age of heightened secularization, Bergen Catholic is also trying to do its part in this regard, by offering for the first-time ever, an Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program at the school. This has allowed Bergen Catholic's students an easier pathway towards membership in the Catholic Church, and heightened a religious renewal amongst a younger generation.

This idea of instituting an OCIA program at the high school level has been discussed for the last several years in New Jersey, based on the success rates in nearby New York State, as many Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of New York have offered an OCIA program in their school communities in order to drum up support for converts to the Catholic faith.

Upon the arrival of Brother Gabriel Dunbar this summer to the Bergen Catholic community, after having served for 17 years at All Hallows High School in New York, BC now had someone who had experience running an OCIA program in a high school setting. This allowed BC the opportunity to petition the Archdiocese of

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Newark for permission, which they eventually granted, making BC one of the pilot schools in New Jersey for the development and implementation of an OCIA program. In following the agreement, Bergen Catholic must work with a local parish, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Oradell, to help conduct the official sacraments for its students as well as the housing of official Church documents related to sacraments.

With the foundation of the new OCIA program laid, Br. Dunbar reached out to the BC school community at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year, curious to see if there might be a handful of interested students. Instead, he was pleasantly surprised to receive a groundswell of interest from over thirty interested Crusaders. This year, four students will receive the sacrament of Baptism, twelve will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, and thirty-five will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

“Our new OCIA program enriches the spiritual journey of students desiring full initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.”

“I have experienced tremendous support and approval of our new OCIA program,” states Br. Dunbar. “Our administrators, faculty, staff, and the enrolled students and their parents are pleased that this program is being offered. Bergen Catholic prepares young men to be Catholic leaders and gentlemen. All our academic, athletic, social, and religious programs contribute to this goal. Our new OCIA program enriches the spiritual journey of students desiring full initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation.”

The BC students met with Br. Dunbar each week during activity periods from 1:30pm-2pm on Tuesday and Thursdays in the school chapel in order to receive their preparation, education and training. The year-long spiritual journey

culminated with each Crusader either receiving their sacraments at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter season at St. Joseph's parish in Oradell.

One of the four BC students who became a convert to the Catholic faith by receiving three sacraments as a part of BC's OCIA program was senior Dylan Carrick '26. Carrick is an accomplished student-athlete at BC, excelling in the classroom as well as on the field as a member of the Crusader football and lacrosse programs. As one of the top academic students in the BC Class of 2026, Carrick earned himself a scholarship to attend MIT in the Fall, where he plans on playing football and lacrosse, participating in ROTC, all while studying as a nuclear engineer at one of the most demanding academic institutions in the country. But with all of his academic and athletic accolades, Carrick still felt like he was missing something at the center of his life, and was drawn to idea of developing his own faith as a new member of the Catholic Church, and use religion as a calming force in the midst of a busy and chaotic life.

“With all the sports and all the classes, it kind of got to the point where you get really stressed out, and you get in your own head,” reflected Carrick. “The Church has forgiveness, faith, hope and love. And those are the ideals that I was really connected with and what my grandmother and grandfather really taught me. It was a way to take a step back from all this stuff that's super stressful. Take a step back, take a deep breath, work the problem. I know I can wake up early, get to Mass, and then go for my day from there.”

Religion provides purpose, structure and meaning in peoples' lives, and there has been a shift among younger generations back to the Church, even when older generations might have drifted away. This generational shift can be seen in young student interest at Bergen Catholic and is not a surprise to Br. Dunbar or the Campus Ministry team at BC, based on the outpouring of involvement and participation in the off-campus retreats and liturgical events offered year-round during school.

“I see a resurgence in interest in faith in our society today,” says Br. Dunbar optimistically. “As society becomes more secular with an emphasis on material possessions, money, power, status, and pleasure; God has been pushed into the background in some people's lives. All of these things are good and are gifts from God, but they don't provide the same sense of fulfillment, peace, joy, and love that comes from a relationship with God; with loving God above all things, and our neighbors as ourselves. The Sacraments of Initiation are the foundation of a good relationship with God and the Church.”

Bergen Catholic's OCIA program had its immediate impact felt in the lives of over thirty Crusaders and their families in only its first year as a school-sponsored program. In the years to come, hopefully even more students will hear the call in their hearts to follow their faith and to join a Catholic community that welcomes all to the table of plenty.



# CRUSADERS ASSEMBLE AT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Dylan Usatine '27 & Ryan Sarkar '26 connected  
BC alumni with the current students

Leadership is at the heart of daily life at Bergen Catholic, as students are mentored throughout their careers in Crusader Country to comfortably take the lead in various career paths, and to operate with confidence, experience, knowledge and drive. Two BC student leaders, Dylan Usatine '27 and Ryan Sarkar '26, came together with a dream of hosting a Leadership Symposium during a school day, allowing alumni to come back to their alma mater in front of a schoolwide assembly, to tell their own unique BC stories, and how it might also relate to the current school community.

Usatine had brainstormed the initial idea of a Leadership Symposium in the winter of 2025, after successfully launching a new club at school in the Fall, "The Crusader CEO Club," which invited BC alumni in various financial fields to come back on campus to talk to assembled students during activity periods. This led to thinking about a similar networking event, but on a much larger scale and involving all other fellow students.

"I was thinking to myself, why shouldn't every Bergen Catholic student get to experience what they're experiencing in the Crusader CEO Club?" said Usatine. "And I think that's kind of where the idea of the leadership symposium came from. It's a full student body assembly where we had four panelists come in to speak to the student body about a series of questions on their experience in their careers and what leadership means to them."

In order to help turn this dream of a Leadership Symposium into a reality, Usatine turned to senior Ryan Sarkar, who had recently been voted BC Student Government President for the 2025-2026 school year. After initially arriving to BC as a transfer, Sarkar quickly emerged as a natural leader throughout the student body, first as a student-athlete and then as one of the visible leaders of the renown "Crusader Crazies" cheering section. Sarkar quickly established a good working rapport with the BC administration as the newly minted SGA president, and had shared the same thoughts as Usatine when it came to improving networking opportunities between current Crusader students and alumni.

"One of the things that I've actually been working on is establishing an alumni internship program for current Bergen Catholic students to either job shadow or intern with alumni whenever they're on breaks or just connect," said Sarkar. "One of the things that I've really liked to do as class president is bring the alumni into school more, more involvement, more of a connection with the current students. And that's kind of the long-lasting legacy that I would like to leave here at Bergen Catholic."

The two Crusaders proceeded to gain approval from the school administration to dedicate a school day in October to host the Leadership Symposium, with the focal point being an hour-long school wide assembly which would consist of a panel featuring four prominent Bergen Catholic alumni talking about their career paths since their graduations from BC, with the entire

question and answer portion moderated by Usatine and Sarkar. After getting the green light to host the event, Usatine and Sarkar began to work alongside Steve Estrellado '96, president of the Bergen Catholic Alumni Association, to get the word out to interested alumni who wanted to participate in both the panel discussion, as well as a separate break off networking session in the library after the assembly had concluded. Logistically, there was a lot of work to get done, but both BC student leaders embraced the grind, and knew that their hard work would pay off in hosting this first-of-its-kind Leadership Symposium.

"There was a lot that went into making sure that this event was as beneficial as it could be for the students," recalled Usatine. "And I think that we really accomplished that. And it's inspiring to me to see it have its intended effect, but also knowing that this could be a lasting tradition and something that we would love to see catch on and continue here at Bergen Catholic."

The special BC alumni guests who comprised the inaugural Leadership Symposium panel included Graeme Kavanagh '94 of Accelerate Investment Partners, Christopher DiPiazza '10, the mayor of Paramus, Robert DiPisa '02 of Cole Schotz P.C., and Mark Musella '80, the Bergen County Prosecutor. Each alumni peeled back the curtain on what their job responsibilities entailed, how they started their career journeys, and even shared anecdotal stories from their student days at BC and how the school shaped them into the men they are today.

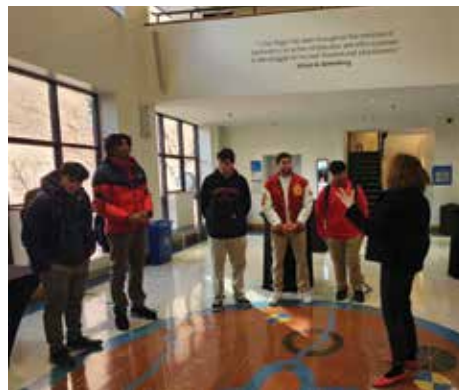
Thanks to the additional eight BC alumni who volunteered their time in networking sessions in the library following the assembly, current BC students were afforded the tremendous opportunity to hear various success stories from people in business, politics, finance and law, while eliciting advice on how they too could best start their career journeys in the near future, even before venturing off to college.

"We learned a lot, a lot of lessons about leadership, integrity and how to go about your life after Bergen Catholic," reflected Sarkar. "I feel like it was genuinely an amazing experience being honored to be there interviewing them, and I would just like to especially thank the alumni for making this happen."

This first-ever Bergen Catholic Leadership Symposium was made possible by the same sense of determination and hard work that fuels so many things to get done in Crusader Country. Dylan Usatine and Ryan Sarkar saw the big picture, and both understood that their dream, once realized, would benefit so many fellow classmates, and would connect fellow members of the Bergen Catholic Brotherhood together for years to come, as students and alumni work together as fellow leaders.

"As far as the Brotherhood goes, it was tangible throughout the whole morning," Usatine proudly recalled. "And with all the alumni who came in to help, I think there was one common theme. It was that these guys are going to be impactful in our lives in one way or another."





Education is an ever-changing field, and Bergen Catholic continuously looks to update its academic offerings and curriculum to best prepare its students for successful futures at college and beyond. In following with this commitment to academic excellence, Bergen Catholic debuted its twentieth year-long AP course offered to Crusader seniors: AP African American Studies. This course is being taught by Mr. Asiah Avent, and his students examine the diversity of African American experiences through direct encounters with rich and varied sources.

“I’ve been very, very honored to teach that class,” said Avent. “I’ve been teaching myself. The class is amongst eight other students where it’s just very engaging. We’re all learning all different things throughout the year.”

The AP African American Studies course is not only new at Bergen Catholic, but it has only been offered nationally by the College Board since the start of the 2022-2023 school year. It first began as a pilot program in only 60 schools across the country, and then launched nationally in August of 2024. The course covers history, literature and arts while featuring a 4-unit curriculum and final project for each student. BC’s eight students come from an array of ethnic backgrounds, but all share the common bond of wanting to learn and explore the various facets of the African American experience as told in various lived cultural experiences.

“Throughout the whole school year, we’re learning all different things. We’ve talked about first dispelling the misconceptions of African Americans and also the continent of Africa,” said Avent. “We’ve transitioned to the transatlantic slave trade, slavery, which lasted over 350 years. A lot of people don’t know how long it lasted. We’ve learned a lot about different people who we don’t really hear about in the textbooks or are also online.”

After introducing the initial expectations for the course, the eight students have participated in lectures, watched video documentaries, read personal historical accounts, completed class projects and even experienced a class trip in the Fall, when the group traveled to one of the cultural centers for African American history in Harlem, New York. The group visited the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, a research library in the New York Public Library which houses the most

prestigious collection of African American materials in the country ranging from art, artifacts, manuscripts, rare books, moving images, recorded sound, photographs and prints.

“All the pictures that the students were seeing, and all the artifacts, Langston Hughes, hearing about him, and actually how some of his ashes are actually buried underneath that facility and place, was very touching,” recounts Avent.

“They also had a map from where a lot of people from the continent of Africa were being transported to all different places throughout the world, not just the United States, or they would say the Americas. They were all different other areas where they had a map and they had a guideline of where people were transported.”

This field trip proved to be an incredibly valuable cultural experience for the entire Bergen Catholic contingent, who were also joined by Mr. Eric Crawford, BC’s Director of Guidance, who also happens to be a Harlem resident. In addition to visiting the Schomburg Center, Mr. Crawford made sure to bring the BC group to the famous “*Sylvia’s Queen of Soul Food Restaurant*,” a restaurant that has hosted several American presidents as well as many significant cultural icons in African American history since opening its doors in 1962.

This new AP African American Studies course allows Bergen Catholic students the opportunity to learn about the history and cultural contributions of African Americans in the United States, both inside and outside the classroom. It also gives an accelerated pathway for any BC students who might also be interested in pursuing African American Studies as a potential academic major at their future college or university, and based on their AP scores, allows for the opportunity for college credit to be earned.

“I think Black history is all history, and I think it’s something that should be taught throughout the whole year, not just one month,” said Avent.

In following its own history of academic success, Bergen Catholic continues to build out its curriculum in order to help spark interest and cultivate academic passions in its diverse student body.



# COOKING UP SOMETHING SPECIAL

## Jerry & Lori Morano's storied Hall of Fame legacy at Bergen Catholic

Ask any Bergen Catholic parent and guardian what it's like to keep up with the demand of feeding a growing teenage boy, and they'll tell you it's not an easy thing to do, whether from a cost or inventory point of view. So now picture for yourself what it would entail to feed over 700 teenage boys, several times a day, and you'll end up with the day-to-day challenge that presents itself to the dedicated Bergen Catholic food services team. This integral group at BC has been led for over 35 years by Jerry Morano, a man who has ingratiated himself into the fiber of BC as not only a chef but also as an acclaimed coach. And for the last 22 years, Jerry has had the honor of working alongside his wife Lori, who has been a mainstay in the Crusader cafeteria for her two decades of service. For these two, Bergen Catholic has been a home at the center of their lives, and feeding the Crusader students has felt more like cooking for family all these years.

Jerry Morano first arrived at Bergen Catholic in the summer of 1990, as he was hired to help provide food for BC football coach Fred Stengel's summer football camp. The job was a daunting task for the young chef and caterer, as he had to serve two meals a day for hundreds of middle-school aged boys by himself as he was thrown right into the proverbial fire. According to Morano, the campers, "ate me out of house and home" and he wound up losing money on his initial food foray at BC, but it did get his foot in the door and on the radar for the decision makers in Crusader Country. After impressing with his debut with the football camp, Morano was later asked to return

to BC to audition for a job in charge of the entire food services team. After gaining the approval of the students and faculty during this audition, Morano was hired to begin the next school year as the new leader in charge of the Crusader cafeteria, and asked to create an affordable and varied food menu for the entire BC community.

When Morano had first arrived to audition for the job, he was witness to a student protest of the cafeteria offerings, as BC students refused to buy food offered by the school, which then forced BC to have to provide portable refrigerators to accommodate all the students that were choosing to bring their lunches to school. When Morano began the following school year, he knew that it would not be the easiest thing to win over a frustrated student body. So, in order to help turn the skeptics into believers, Morano knew he couldn't just stay in the kitchen, but had to become an invested part of student life, and joined the BC football program as the head freshman football coach.

"I felt if I was going to make it at Bergen Catholic, I needed to associate myself with the students, it had to happen," recalls Morano. "I knew I had to become somewhat of the fabric because nothing survives at Bergen unless you ingratiate yourself to the students, you get into the Bergen way, and then you have a better chance of being successful. And it was difficult at first because they make fun of the food service, but I think for the next 16 years, it helped me develop an identity outside of just being the guy in the cafeteria."



Jerry Morano became an accomplished freshman football coach, the architect of a run of six consecutive undefeated seasons, and established himself as one of the first leaders that young Crusaders would interact with at the start of their high school careers. Students began to trust and invest in Jerry and his cooking, the same way he invested his tough-love style with all of them. BC students began to love the various meal offerings at “Jerry’s Diner,” especially his famous cookies, and the selection grew and adapted with the student body each year. The broadening of the menu necessitated an increase in staff for the BC food services team, and for Jerry, there was no better hire to make than having his wife Lori join the team at BC, and be able to operate in a demanding and fast-paced work environment.

Jerry and Lori commute each day from over an hour away down the Jersey Shore up to Oradell, and have proven to be a dynamic duo in the food services world. The two work alongside other members of their BC team to help prepare breakfast and lunch on most days throughout the school year, cater faculty in-service days, and also provide food for Open Houses, academic events, and even some athletic team dinners. For their incredible decades of service and loyalty to Bergen Catholic, both Jerry and Lori Morano were recently inducted into the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame on March 22nd at The Venetian in Garfield, and thankfully neither one had to cook any of the food that was served that special night.

“It does make me realize that people do appreciate what we do down here,” said Lori Morano regarding the BC Hall of

Fame honor. “And for me, it just makes me think, well, they do appreciate, because it is a beast down here [cafeteria] for what we try to get done. And we have great employees, they’re wonderful, and they’re really loyal and they’re loyal to the kids. I would just say thank you for the appreciation that everybody has shown.”

And despite cementing their shared legacy at BC over the past couple of decades, these two continue to find creative ways to spruce up the food menu and vary the offerings for new generations of hungry Crusaders. Whether it be introducing a sandwich station where students can custom-order sandwiches in advance of the start of their lunch period, or by preparing healthy homemade smoothies each day, Jerry and Lori adapt with the times alongside the diverse BC student body.

“Our menu is so huge every day, 10, 12, 13 items, it’s because there’s that much diversity in the population,” says Jerry. “I enjoy anything that they [students] challenge me with, so if the boys challenge me with something that I can do at a reasonable number that won’t send their mothers out for a hit man because of the cost after me, then I will do it, such as a beef stir fry.”

Jerry and Lori Morano are BC Hall of Famers, not just only because of the delicious and eclectic food choices they have offered for decades, but because of the amount of time and money they have personally invested into BC students, treating them like their own children, and for playing a central role in their Bergen Catholic experience.



# A HISTORIC CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON ON THE HARDWOOD

BC sets program record for wins and finish as NJ's top-ranked team



In the marathon that is a high school basketball season, there are bound to be some bumps in the road along the way, even for state championship-level teams. Whether it be as part of a rivalry game on the road, games on back-to-back days, or just an occasional off shooting night, teams are bound to be tripped up by the opponents that know them the best.

But that's not the case when you talk about legendary teams, and the 2025-2026 Bergen Catholic basketball team achieved that lofty, immortalized status. This was a squad that went unbeaten against New Jersey competition, going (23-0) this season, and dating back to last season, have won 28 straight games against fellow Garden State programs. This Crusader collective also holds the distinction of having set the program record for wins in a season with their 29 victories this winter, won every conceivable trophy they played for during the season, and garnered their first-ever number one overall finish in New Jersey boys' basketball in the sixty-nine-year history of BC basketball. This was the greatest season in Bergen Catholic basketball history.

The preseason expectations for this Crusader team were sky high, as fans, coaches, players, and members of the media knew the potential that this BC side had if they stayed healthy throughout a daunting schedule littered with state title contenders and national powerhouse programs. The Crusaders never shied away from the enormous pressure, and instead embraced having the target on their backs and used it as motivation. It also helps having one of the greatest coaches in the state running the show, keeping the team focused, prepared, but also able to still express their swagger and confidence as individuals and as a group.

Billy Armstrong had already established himself prior to this 2025-2026 campaign as one of the top coaches in New Jersey, with a gaudy resume that featured 3 state titles, 4 sectional crowns, and perennial top 10 finishes in the state. But after leading his program

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this year to the basketball mountaintop, Armstrong should be seriously discussed as being the best coach in all of NJ boys basketball. Since 2019, Armstrong has led his alma mater to 4 state titles, and could have had a 5th state championship if the 2020 final against St. Augustine Prep hadn't been canceled at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. His teams are undefeated in the state final, have captured 5 sectional championships, and lay claim to 5 Bergen Jamboree county titles during his tenure, including winning a county-record 13th Jambo title in program history this winter.

Armstrong accomplished a coaching milestone as well this season, winning his 300th career game while on the road in Ramsey in a tilt against the archrival Ironmen. Dating back to his playing career as a captain on the Crusader 1994 state championship team, Armstrong has had a part to play in 5 of the 7 state championships produced all-time in BC basketball history.

"This is such a special group. From the top down, we had tremendous leadership, drive and depth," said Armstrong. "Our returning players learned the year before what it really takes to win and to compete in every single game. Environment wins. And these guys have created an environment that allows the program to excel in practice, in preparation and in execution."

What made this BC team so special was their incredible depth, defense, and will to win. This Crusader team defined their successes as collective achievements, and celebrated personal accomplishments together as a team. There were two raucous water bucket celebrations in the home locker room in Hoehl Gym following 1,000-point career milestones being achieved, and plenty of group pictures of all BC players holding championship hardware starting in December in Florida, and all the way up to the state finals in March. This team embodied the hallmarks of "Trust, Care, Commitment," the ethos of the championship culture Armstrong instilled when named varsity head coach in 2011.

Led by two of the greatest scorers in program history, Julius Avent '26 and Jaden Brown '26, the Crusaders featured a deep and formidable lineup that was also selfless and could produce a

new leading scorer on any given night. The backcourt saw Sean Forbes '28 and Alex Mazzella '27 working in conjunction with Brown to form a triumvirate that would have made the ancient Romans proud. Brandon McMillan '28 was the ultimate hustle player, outworking his opponents all while flashing his signature smile. Off the bench came sixth man Jahlil Owusu, a high-flying athlete who could defend against any position on the floor and who created mismatches with his explosive first step. Owen Wucherpennig '28 provided intimidating rebounding and shot blocking, while Kieran Quinn '27 showcased his talented three-point shooting in reserve. Marcus Brown '27, and Shane Jacobs '28 were lockdown defenders who could also punish opponents from deep on offense, and Zack Behrens '26, Jake Behrens '26, Logan Sarza '26 and Tyler Schwartz '28 played with an energy and intensity that other starting lineups couldn't even match.

This BC team wasn't perfect, as they were bested by three nationally ranked opponents throughout the regular season, including dropping a hard-fought (69-59) contest against the nation's top-ranked program, Spire Academy of Ohio, which featured three players ranked in the top 50 for all high school prospects in the country. But that high-level performance in a loss galvanized the Crusaders, and BC didn't lose another game the rest of the season, winning their last 13 consecutive games on their way to a state title.

There are not enough superlatives to go around to summarize this season. BC engineered arguably the most dominant run in the storied history of the Bergen County Jamboree tournament, winning the county crown after defeating their four tournament opponents by an average of 33 points per game. The Crusaders repeated as basketball state champs for the first time ever, something that had been attempted on three prior occasions in BC basketball history, but never materialized. The scarlet & gold knocked off eleven Top 20 opponents in NJ throughout the winter, and finally finished with the elusive top overall ranking, after finishing as high as second twice before.

The crusade to basketball immortality is now complete, as we all had the honor of watching the greatest season in Bergen Catholic basketball history.



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# LEADING AND SERVING AROUND THE GLOBE

How BC's Luis Pena annually gives to those in need of help in Colombia

**W**hen you start a new job it's completely normal to feel like an outsider as you begin to work in a different environment alongside new co-workers. But as time passes, you hopefully begin to adapt and immerse yourself in your new community and begin to feel comfortable as part of the work collective. You may even begin to even take on characteristics and traits of those around you, and soon enough, you become part of a team, and with your unique talents working in conjunction alongside other like-minded individuals, you become a welcomed member.

This type of evolution and self-development can be seen in Bergen Catholic's very own Luis Pena, who entered Crusader Country as a soft-spoken member of the maintenance team over a decade ago, but has since emerged as a leader in the BC community, committed to helping those in need in any way possible.



Since arriving at Bergen Catholic in 2015, Pena has become an invaluable member of the BC maintenance team and a fixture in the Crusader community. In addition to his daily maintenance responsibilities that take him all over the campus in Oradell, Pena is also counted on as a school bus driver, and can be found helping to transport Crusader teams on afternoons and evenings, or stays late after winter sporting events to help clean up Hoehl Gymnasium and make everything spotless for the next day of school. These may be long work days, but for Pena, it's time well spent at a place he calls his second home.

"I spend more time here at the school than I do at my own house," Pena says jokingly. "They [BC maintenance team] are like brothers to me, this is like a family. This is a pleasure working here, and when you put a little bit of love into your work, everything becomes easy."

So, after becoming a mainstay in the school community, and finding a work balance with all of his various responsibilities at BC, Pena never forgot where he came from and chose to find a way to give back to those in need in his home country of Colombia. For Luis Pena, this is his way of giving thanks for everything that he is blessed to have in his life.

"I was trying to say thank you to the guy upstairs [God] and give something to someone who really need it," said Pena. "So, my sister and I collected some money and went and bought groceries for the poor. Every year when I go to Colombia, I try to purchase stuff that I can bring over to them and supply a good Christmas. I collect some money and make it as a good gift for the poor."

This past year, thanks to the generosity of fellow Bergen Catholic co-workers, as well as others in the BC Brotherhood,

Luis Pena was able to create 11 separate care packages that he brought with him on his travels to Colombia. Once he reached his homeland, he set up all his donations in his cousin's garage, and got word out to elderly citizens in the neighborhood. Before distributing the care packages, Pena proudly hung a Bergen Catholic flag on the wall, as he wanted to not only document this moment for his co-workers and friends who helped donate to his humanitarian cause, but as also as a way of showcasing to those lucky eleven the name of the school behind their gifts of charity in the Christmas season.

"I got a decent amount of money and changed it to pesos for a good number of supplies for the poor," stated Pena. "I'm glad that I'm doing it and increase every year more and more. I feel great doing it. Christmas is when you give to others, when you have enough, and you can help others, it's how you feel much better."

Luis Pena credits his acceptance into the Bergen Catholic Brotherhood as major turning point in his own self-discovery that has given him a pathway into becoming a leader. For Pena, BC's environment of excellence rubbed off on him in the best way possible, and cultivated a turning point in his life.

"I learned so much and consider myself a different person," states Pena. "I grew up mentally a lot, my perspective on life is different. The school means a lot to me right now because I learn a lot every day from the kids and from the teachers. I think I'm becoming a better dad, and I have a lot to teach my son after being in the school. I can't stop learning and Bergen Catholic has been great to me."



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# 2026 HALL OF FAME

**MARCH 22, 2026**



2026 Hall of Fame Honorees

The 2026 Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame Reception was held on March 22, 2026, at The Venetian in Garfield, NJ. This year's group of six distinguished inductees, along with the 1977 Varsity Basketball Team and the 1980 Varsity Golf Team were joined by close to 500 family members, fellow alumni, Hall of Famers, administration, faculty, staff and friends for an enjoyable evening of BC fellowship and remembrances.

Joining the 233 previous members of the Hall of Fame are:

- David S. Cavalluzzo '93 (Coach)
- Michael F. Cote '90 (Special)
- Lori & Gerard Morano (Contributors)
- Robert J. Murray '83 (Athlete)
- Neil J. O'Halloran (Contributor)
- 1977 Basketball Team
- 1980 Golf Team

*With Special Recognition of Coach Jim Jacobsen '66*

Many thanks are extended to our Hall of Fame Leadership Team: Greg Tramontozzi '88, Gerard Maron '87, and Mike Ference '87 and Marge Quinn. We thank Joe Azelby '80 for serving as the Master of Ceremonies and for keeping the evening well-paced.



Thank you to our generous 2026 Hall of Fame Sponsors:

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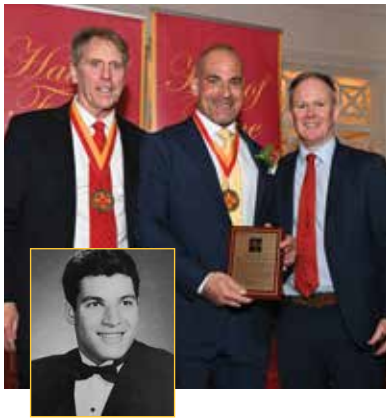
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Congratulations to our newest Hall of Fame members! Continue to represent your Bergen Catholic heritage proudly in all that you do.



**David S. Cavalluzzo '93**

David Cavalluzzo is a 1993 graduate of Bergen Catholic. From as early as the 2nd grade David always knew he wanted to go to Bergen Catholic and play football. This lifelong dream became possible in 1989.



**Michael F. Cote '90**

Mike F. Cote credits Bergen Catholic as the foundation of his successful 30-year military service career. Crusader football played a big role. A starter on the 1988 and 1989 varsity teams, he was honored with co-captaincy

David was a part of an undefeated sophomore team in 1990 and two undefeated varsity State Championship teams in 1991 and 1992, which culminated in a performance on par with some of the great ones in BC history in what the *Bergen Record* named the Game of the Century. David had three catches for 83 yards, a touchdown, a two point conversion and two outstanding catches in crucial situations on offense. Defensively he recorded 12 tackles, an interception, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries.

David began coaching at Bergen Catholic after graduating from TCNJ in 1998. In 28 years of coaching, David has coached on every level and every position on both sides of the ball. In 2003, he and Ben Tonon restructured the strength and conditioning program and David remains at the helm of that program. Since 2013, David has settled in as the freshman head coach with his teams compiling an 88-20-2 overall record, including four undefeated seasons and five one-loss seasons. Overall, as a player and coach he has been a part of 10 State Championships at Bergen Catholic.

After finishing a 20-year career in the athlete/gym training sector, he now works for Anthony DeBellis in the commercial trucking insurance business.

David is honored to receive this recognition from the school he loves and is indebted to his family, friends and the players he has coached.

in his senior year and the team's Athletic Leadership award.

Mike was a US Air Force ROTC distinguished graduate of William Paterson College. He served nine years as an Air Force Acquisition Officer and Security Forces Officer. Mike then entered active duty with the Rhode Island Army National Guard. He deployed to Iraq with the 43D Military Police Brigade, the first Reserve Component unit to lead detention operations following the infamous Abu Ghraib scandal. Among the 13,000 detainees were high value criminals and senior Hussein regime officials. Mike was also on the staff that planned and executed the successful closure of Abu Ghraib. It was in Iraq that Mike witnessed the spiritual, mental, and physical breakdown of many people, and realized just how essential a strong foundation — a BC foundation — was to success.

Mike relied heavily on the lessons learned on McGovern Field and in the Saingas Training Center. As a Battalion Commander, he applied the confident presence ingrained in so many Crusaders for life. In graduate school at George Mason University and advanced military studies at the US Naval War College and National Defense University, Mike realized the value of BC's academic rigor. Mike retired from military service as a Colonel. His awards include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. His honors include the Military Police Order of the Marchaussee, the Order of Saint George, and the Rhode Island Star. Mike then became the first civilian Director of Human Resources for the Rhode Island National Guard where he continues to serve his state and nation.



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# 2026 HALL OF FAME Continued



## Lori & Gerard Morano

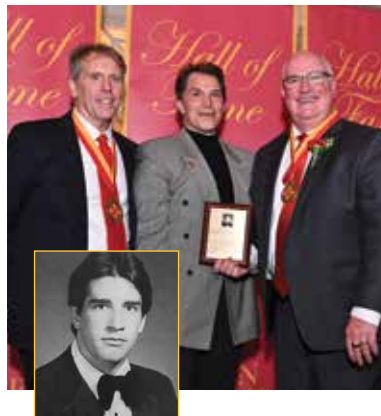
Lori and Gerard (Jerry) Morano exemplify a life of service, faith, and commitment to the Bergen Catholic community.

Jerry graduated from The Pennsylvania State University in 1985 with a BS in Business Management.

That same year, he purchased Samson Caterers, and in March 1990, his firm was selected to operate the Bergen Catholic Food Service program. Together with his wife Lori, Jerry transformed an outdated operation into a vital and mission-driven asset for the school. Their work has become a true ministry of service, providing tens of thousands of meals for school functions, events, and daily student lunches, along with countless free and reduced meals for students and organizations in need. To date, they have committed more than \$175,000 in direct financial support to Bergen Catholic causes.

Jerry also served Bergen Catholic on the field, coaching football under Fred Stengel from 1991–2006. As Head Freshman Coach for eight seasons, his teams compiled an extraordinary 68–4–1 record, including five consecutive undefeated seasons.

Lori graduated from Neptune High School in 1980 and Concord School of Hair Design. She opened Reflections Hair and Nail Salon in 1988 and joined the Bergen Catholic community full-time in 1995 as Jerry's primary assistant. For 30 years, Lori has been the backbone of the operation, bringing warmth, humanity, and Christian Brothers values to every interaction. Jerry credits Lori as the main steward of their giving program and the keeper of all that is good. Together, Lori and Jerry are the proud parents of three wonderful children, Alexandra, Christopher, and Michael. They remain deeply devoted to family, faith, and service.



## Robert J. Murray '83

Bob Murray '83 was the captain of Bergen Catholic's historic 1982 State Championship football team, which finished ranked No. 1 in the county, No. 1 in New Jersey, and No. 10 nationally by *USA Today*

— the first New Jersey team to earn national recognition.

As quarterback, Bob threw for more than 2,500 passing yards, completing 149 of 285 passes totaling 31 career touchdowns. He earned first team All-County, first team All-League, and second team Parochial All-State honors before continuing his football career at the University of New Hampshire.

Bob currently serves as Director of Annual Giving at Bergen Catholic High School, where he is passionate about advancing the mission of faith-based education and strengthening the Crusader Brotherhood through a lasting culture of philanthropy. He previously spent more than 36 years at TIAA, most recently as Managing Director of Higher Education Sales, providing strategic leadership to colleges and universities nationwide. Widely respected for his integrity, collaborative leadership, and commitment to mentorship, Bob remains deeply dedicated to service through his involvement with the Knights of Columbus, serving as a Mass lector, and accompanying special-needs children on an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, France.

The ninth of ten children, Bob credits his family and teammates for shaping his work ethic and leadership. He believes football is the ultimate team sport and views this Hall of Fame honor as a tribute to the collective success of his entire team.

Bob and his high school sweetheart, Elizabeth Waters '83 of Immaculate Heart Academy, are the proud parents of three children: Joseph '15 (Bergen Catholic), Margaret '17 and Maureen '21 (Academy of the Holy Angels).



### Neil J. O'Halloran '90

Neil O'Halloran, Class of 1990, was raised in Washington Township, the youngest of Barbara and Kevin O'Halloran's seven children. Neil's five sisters all attended IHA (Mary, Kathy, Sheila, Alice and Maura) and his

brother Kevin is a member of the legendary BC Class of 1983. While at Bergen, Neil found personal success mainly in the "intangible" categories that still flourish at the school: making lifelong friends; growing in faith; collecting countless memories that he cherishes today; and enjoying the support and encouragement of the selfless teachers and coaches who are too numerous to name, but include the late Br. Jensen, Mr. Irwin and Br. Ford. Neil enjoys staying involved in Bergen through his service as a class representative and as a member of the Golf Classic Committee in addition to being a fixture at most sporting events.

Neil earned his undergraduate degree with honors from Fairfield University and his JD from the Fordham University School of Law. He completed a judicial clerkship for the Honorable Gary S. Stein, former Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, before joining the law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren. In 2010, he co-founded O'Halloran Ryan PLLC, a law firm specializing in commercial real estate transactions.

Neil and his wife Erin live in Ridgewood and are the proud parents of four children: Will '29, Katie, Peter '31 and Jane. Neil and Erin are committed supporters of Catholic education, including their children's grammar school, Academy of Our Lady in Glen Rock, where Neil has played various roles, serving as past President of the Fathers' Guild, member of the School Advisory Board, director of the Academy of Our Lady Education Foundation and CYO basketball coach.



### Michael P. Pedone '89

Michael Pedone was a three-year varsity basketball player, a two-year starter, and a key member of multiple championship teams during his time at the school. The fourth player in school history to surpass 1,000 career points,

Michael graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer, a testament to his skill, leadership, and commitment on the court. During his junior year, Michael earned first team All-League honors and was named second team All-County. In his senior year, he achieved first team All-League, first team All-County, and first team Parochial All-State selections, reflecting his growth and consistent performance. Integral to the team's success, Michael played a pivotal role in guiding his squad to two Parochial A North Sectional Championships and was also a vital member of the 1989 County Championship team. Michael credits his teammates for his success at Bergen Catholic. Beyond athletics, Michael's experiences at Bergen Catholic instilled in him the values of persistence and teamwork, which have shaped his distinguished 25-year career in sales. The principles taught by the Irish Christian Brothers continue to influence his life today. Above all, Michael considers his two children, Michael and Allie Rose Pedone, to be his greatest achievements.



**SAVE THE DATE**

*28th  
Hall of Fame*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2027**  
THE VENETIAN, GARFIELD NJ

# 2026 HALL OF FAME Continued

## 1977 Basketball Team

The 1976-77 Basketball Team won the school's first Bergen County Jamboree. The team put Bergen Catholic Basketball on the map as a power in both the State and Bergen County, finishing with a record of 23-2. Coached by legendary Hall of Famer Chris Donfield, who later called the team the greatest he ever coached, the team laid the foundation for the tremendous success achieved by future Crusader basketball teams.



The team was comprised of four seniors (Joe Colletta, Joe Dionisio – the team captain and a future varsity basketball coach at the school, Tom Karole, and Ken Morrow), six juniors (Bob Brunton, Greg James, Joe Moye, John Picinich, Jim Ward and Bill Westdyk), and three sophomores (Jim Freeman, Paul Molter and John Westermann). The team was blessed to have several players who received All-County and other postseason honors, with Joe Colletta and Jim Ward later going on to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The 1976-1977 Basketball team was very united, showed class in both victory and the rare defeat (including a heartbreaking loss in the State tournament that the players still talk about almost 50 years later), and had many members who went on to play basketball in college.

The team is very proud to have represented Bergen Catholic and to have won their monumental County Championship in the early stages of the basketball program's ascension into the State and Bergen County basketball dynasty that it is today.

## 1980 Golf Team

The 1980 Golf Team made history as the first Bergen Catholic golf team to win a State Championship. After finishing as runner-up in 1979, the team entered the season with a clear goal — capturing the title — a goal it achieved in 1980. The team also won the District Championships at Alpine and the Bergen County Golf League Championship. The team was coached by Bergen Catholic Hall of Famer Tony Karcich, with assistance from



Ralph Calise. Leadership came from seniors Ralph Ruggero and Dave Monahan, junior Chris Paoella, and sophomore Eric McKenna. In addition to the State Championship, the 1980 squad was also named Bergen County Team of the Year.

Dave Monahan received first team All-League and first team All-County honors and finished 3rd individually in the District 1 Championship and 5th individually at the State Finals. Chris Paoella received first team All-League and first team All-County honors, tied for 1st in the District 1 Championship, and finished 7th individually at the State Finals. Ralph Ruggero finished in the top 15 in both the District 1 Championship and State Championships and received first team All-League and second team All-County honors. Eric McKenna, a sophomore, played an instrumental role on the team and later received first team All-League and All-County honors when he captained the 1982 State Championship Team.

This championship team laid the foundation for the program's sustained excellence, as Bergen Catholic golf has since gone on to win 13 State Championships.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

On the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice,  
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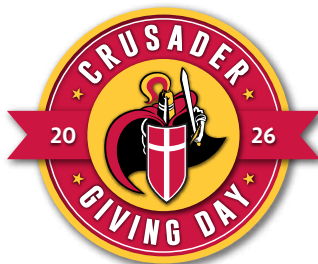
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# CRUSADER GALA

**NOVEMBER 20, 2025**

Bergen Catholic hosted the 2025 Crusader Gala on November 20th at The Venetian in Garfield, NJ, and this year's theme was "Be The Inspiration." That night, Bergen Catholic honored the rich history of amazing teachers who have been leaders and mentors in Crusader Country. Thank you to everyone who helped support the 2025 Crusader Gala and had a fun night celebrating Bergen Catholic!





# BE THE INSPIRATION



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2026 CRUSADER GALA!  
• FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026 •

# GRANDPARENTS MASS AND BRUNCH

**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

Thank you to all of our beloved Bergen Catholic grandparents who joined us for the fourth annual Grandparents Mass and Brunch reception at Hoehl Gymnasium. We were honored to once again be joined by Bishop Michael A. Saporito, DD who celebrated Mass with the BC community that came together to honor the leaders of their families.

The Bergen Catholic Brotherhood exists because of the love and support of our amazing families, past and present.



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Fellow Crusaders,

It is an honor to serve as President of the Bergen Catholic Alumni Association. Our brotherhood is strong — and growing stronger every day because of the men who continue to show up, give back, and lead.

This year, I want to recognize the driving force behind that momentum: our Class Chairs. Representing every decade, they are the engine of our alumni network — organizing, connecting, and pushing our mission forward. Because of their leadership, Bergen Catholic is not just maintaining tradition — we are building a powerhouse alumni community.

Now is the time to take it even further.

To our Class Chairs: stay engaged, bring your classes together, and continue leading from the front. Your role is critical in shaping the future of this organization.

To our younger alumni: this is your moment. Step in. Get involved. Build your network. Take advantage of the opportunities in front of you—from mentorship to career connections to business growth. The door is open, and we want you in the room.

At the core of everything we do is our 3-Point Plan:

1. Support the School's Mission — Ensuring future Crusaders receive the same faith-based, high-quality education that shaped us.
2. Strengthen Alumni Participation — Growing a connected, active network across all generations.
3. Develop Alumni Mentorship and Career Support — Creating real opportunities for our alumni to succeed and give back.

Through initiatives like the Bergen Catholic Business Network (BCBN), we are creating meaningful ways for Crusaders to connect, collaborate, and win together. This is more than networking — it's building lifelong value within our brotherhood.

We are Catholic. Gentlemen. Leaders. And together, we are building something powerful.

Let's show up. Let's lead. Let's continue to make Bergen Catholic a force for generations to come.

Deus Vult!

**R. Steve Estrellado '96**

*President, Bergen Catholic Alumni Association*



R. Steve Estrellado '96

# ALUMNI EVENTS

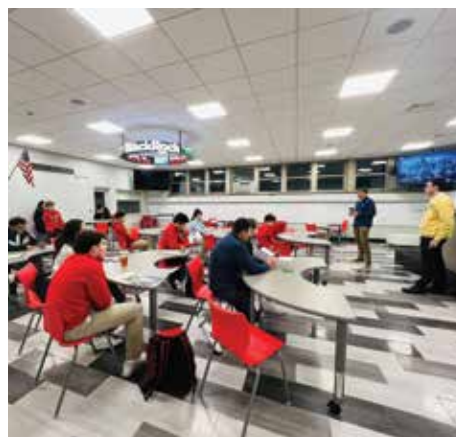
## CAREERS4CRUSADERS **JANUARY 8, 2026**

Bergen Catholic's annual alumni networking event, Careers4Crusaders was hosted inside Hoehl Gymnasium on January 8, 2026 as recent Crusader alums currently in college had the opportunity to network with fellow BC alumni in various career fields.



## ALUMNI COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT **JANUARY 8, 2026**

Recent Bergen Catholic alumni home on Christmas break came back to their alma mater to share their current college experiences and impart their advice in the college admission process with current Crusader families and students in the first annual Alumni College Information Night.



# ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

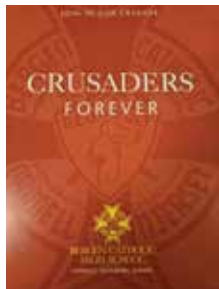
**60 Richard Wasko** is over the moon about the birth of his first great grandson, Kieran Louis, in January after 7 granddaughters. Rich says he's so old his kid's kids are having kids!

**65 Thomas W. Lee** just published his third book on the American Revolution. A trilogy-Historical fiction: *The Chatham Patriot*, *The Palmetto Patriot*, *The Black Patriot*. This project was inspired by his discovery in 2020 that his daughter's property in Chatham, NJ was once owned by a Revolutionary War soldier. The books are easy reads for all ages. Great read with the nation's 250th Celebration coming up.



Thomas W. Lee

**67 Owen Clarke** received a Bergen Catholic red folder while at an event several years ago. Owen states, "I have used a Bergen Catholic Red Folder for many years. I use the folder to put any contribution receipts that I may receive to save for tax filing. There is a certain magic about the folder. As I place the contribution acknowledgment in the folder, I hesitate and think about how grateful I am to be able to help others and I see the BC Crest and thank Bergen Catholic for helping me. If you would like to receive a Bergen Catholic Red Folder and enjoy the pleasure the folder gives when you use it, reach out to Regina at [radoslovich@bergencatholic.org](mailto:radoslovich@bergencatholic.org). Only a suggestion, but you might send a small donation once you feel the magic."



Leonard Scatterreggia

**67 Leonard Scatterreggia** can't believe that it is almost 60 years since BC Graduation. He recalls, "Just like me, BC was 'new' back then (actually they started on the top floor of my elementary school in 1955, OLV Paramus). I'm retired now and live in Florida...but I've started a new career of sorts, maybe it started while at BC. Back then we had a show called 'Bergen on Broadway' (actually did get into a real Broadway show once). I think the person who put the show together was Mr. Hayes. I participated. It was fun and one advantage is that there were girls invited to perform. Anyway, now that I have more free time, I've gotten back into performing. I've been getting roles in some movies and commercials. It's been fun and gives me something to do in my old age. It's mostly very minor stuff. I have been on Hallmark, Lifetime and Amazon Prime. I have had people come up to me who have seen me in a commercial. I suspect not one of my classmates would have ever thought this kid would be involved in Oscar worthy performances!!"

**69 Robert Nielsen** writes, "Since my retirement from the food manufacturing sales profession in 2017, I have been busy with several volunteer efforts in my community. I participate at two local food pantries dispensing food to needy families. I participate with the Agency on Aging helping seniors get to doctor appointments and grocery shopping. I serve on three different town commissions: Zoning Board of Appeals, Aging and Economic Development. I participate in

various other local fundraising events and I organized a walking group where we meet weekly and walk various trails for up to 8 miles! I live in North Haven, CT."

**74 John McDermott** is proud to announce the birth of his granddaughter, Teagan McDermott Lockwood on February 20, 2026. Teagan joins her brother, Liam McDermott Lockwood who is two and a half. John and his family are blessed, happy and healthy.



Albert St. Jacques and family

**74 Albert St. Jacques** is happy to announce that he is cancer free since his major surgery last June. "I'm very fortunate to have so many friends who offered to pray for me in my time of need. I'm enjoying retirement and living life to the fullest. The Buffalo sports teams are my biggest passion, aside from my two adorable grandsons. The Sabres are in the playoffs for the first time in 14 years. The Bills will be opening their new stadium this season and hopefully they make a trip to the Superbowl in February 2027."



Robert Nielsen

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# ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES Continued

**76 Rob Stigliano** wrote to let us know that he retired in December 2024. In October 2025, he went back on stage in a community theater production of *Guys and Dolls*. While he was at BC, he performed in *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Hello Dolly!*



Markiyan Tytla and family

**77 Gerry DiFiore** has retired from Reed Smith. After 41 years in law practice, starting with SEC service in the early years and nearly 30 years in “big law”, he’s decided there are other goals to pursue. Gerry would like to mentor entrepreneurs and emerging companies, do some strategic consulting as well as select advisory, investment and board activities.



Brian Gilligan

**77 Brian Gilligan** served 30 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve as an Intelligence Officer, advancing to senior leadership roles including Commanding Officer and Executive Officer of Intelligence units. He supported U.S. and coalition operations worldwide, including a 2013 deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan, where he served with the International Security Assistance Force. Brian’s distinguished career was recognized with multiple honors, including the Meritorious Service Medal and Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Brian was selected to the Veteran’s Honor Roll on November 24, 2025, in Elk Grove Village, IL.

**78 Markiyan Tytla** is a very proud father as his son, **Markiyan '26** will graduate from Bergen Catholic on May 30th. “Over the past 4 years, we’ve watched our son grow into an accomplished, yet humble young man. He has achieved academic success and has always been supported by loyal friends and an exceptional BC faculty and staff. Their impact has been immeasurable. As Ukrainians, our lives have been shaped by what’s happening in Ukraine, where we have lost family and friends. We have been blessed to bring Markiyan’s maternal grandmother here safely from Ukraine. She is blessed to have shared in her only grandson’s success as he graduate’s with honors and steps forward into his future. For our family, this is more than a milestone, it’s our greatest blessing.”

**78 Stephan Nebbia (aka Patrick Weber)** recently wrote a fiction thriller-suspense novel, called *Finding Eileen*, which is available (free with kindle unlimited) and available in print forms on Amazon, Ingram spark and soon B&N. The protagonist, now a neurosurgeon, went to Bergen Catholic. You will recognize many of the characters named after Brian Mikolajczyk, Doug Noble [Book dedicated to Mik, Doug and Eileen Markey], Brian Sherlock, Tim Malone, Jack Howley, Coach Karcich, (who Steve spoke to recently), others from the class of '79, and of course Marge in the alumni office. Alumni especially from 1978 might find it fun to read, or even current students. “I’m not trying to post it for profit, I’m trying to build readership for this,

and future books which I hope to write.” <https://a.co/d/06NqQg5G>

**82 Chuck Grande** recently retired from a career in fixed income. In December, he retired from UBS Asset Management where he was a Managing Director and Head of Municipal Bond Investments leading a fixed income team of 13 individuals managing over \$36 billion of assets. At the same time, Chuck and his wife Leslie, welcomed the birth of their first grandchild, a granddaughter, Mila Grande.



Pat English

**86 Pat English** was appointed Senior Vice President of Bloomin’ Brands and President of Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar in November 2025. He is responsible for leading the domestic operations and development of more than 65 restaurants nationwide. With Pat’s 35 years of experience in the restaurant industry, including two decades with Fleming’s, he began his company journey as an Operating Partner in Radnor, PA. He was promoted to Joint Venture Partner in 2013, then to Senior Director of Operations in 2018. In 2021, he was named Vice President of Operations and expanded his leadership role to operations for all Fleming’s restaurants. Prior to joining Bloomin’ Brands, Pat held multiple roles with the Smith & Wollensky Restaurant Group, beginning as an hourly team member and advancing through several

leadership positions within the company.

Pat's deep understanding of the brand's culture, people, and commitment to excellence has earned him multiple honors, including being named Partner of the Year several times, Joint Venture Partner of the Year in 2014, and recipient of the Fleming's Founders Award in 2024.



Todd Sawyer

**88 Todd Sawyer** and his wife, Alexandra, are proud to introduce their business, University Candle Co. Their hand-poured, natural wax-blend candles are officially licensed with over 50 universities and colleges nationwide. Inspired in part by the enduring legacy of Bergen Catholic, their unique offerings celebrate school pride and tradition. Bergen Catholic candles are available for purchase at [universitycandleco.com](http://universitycandleco.com), where a portion of each sale supports the tuition fund and the legacy of future Crusaders.

**90 Col. Michael Cote** bid farewell after three decades of unwavering service to the nation and state of Rhode Island. During his retirement ceremony at RI National Guard Headquarters, Col. Cote was awarded the Legion of Merit and the RI Star for his significant accomplishments. Col. Cote epitomizes the Army's core values and his career stands as a testament to a life dedicated to leadership and service. Michael was inducted to the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

**93 Class of 1993** Some members of this class have recently established an alumni app to help reconnect the 1993

classmates and make it easier for everyone to stay engaged. The app currently includes: a class chat room, event schedules for meet-ups, and a yearbook section available when members join. So far, there are about 40 members participating, and the response has been very positive. If you are interested in reconnecting and sharing memories, please reach out to Phil Direnzo at [pdirenzo@lsdirect.com](mailto:pdirenzo@lsdirect.com).

**95 Michael Zampieri** announces the opening of his second office, Zampieri Dental Care, 1 Demercurio Drive, Suite 4 Allendale, NJ. Mike's original office is at 1396 Palisade Avenue, Fort Lee, NJ.



Anthony Fiore and family

**96 Anthony Fiore** was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with the Ramsey Police Department. In this new role, Anthony has been assigned as the Patrol Commander for the department. "It's an exciting opportunity to lead our patrol division, support our officers in the field, and continue serving the community at a high level."



Artie Byrne and family

**97 Artie Byrne** serves as Chief Information Officer for Ashley Global Retail and lives in Rutherford, NJ, with his wife, Jen. They recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Their son,

Fynn, is a sophomore at Bergen Catholic, and their daughter, Addyson, is a freshman at IHA. Their younger son and daughter, Arty and Fyona, are in sixth grade and already looking forward to following in their siblings' footsteps as future Crusaders and Blue Eagles.



Salvatore LoCascio's family

**00 Salvatore LoCascio** and his wife are happy to announce the birth of Angelina Stacey LoCascio on January 5, 2026 at 9:27am weighing in at 6 pounds 2 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Angelina was welcomed by big sister Gabriella and brothers Lorenzo and Gino.



Mike Linn

**00 Mike Linn** is founder of Veramazo, an Elder Care Concierge platform that helps families navigate the challenging landscape of elder care. The company offers clinical advisory services as well as placement services when living at home is no longer an option. Mike explains, "Our clinical expertise is our biggest differentiator and our mission is to serve our elder population with the dignity and support they deserve." Before founding Veramazo, Mike was an executive

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# ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES Continued

at Stryker, the multinational medical technologies company. After many years at Stryker climbing the ladder and holding roles in sales, marketing, leadership, and strategy, Mike yearned for something different. “I knew I wanted to try my hand at entrepreneurship, but I didn’t know how or what,” he explains. “All I knew was that I wanted to start a business that made a meaningful impact for the better in the lives of others... that was literally my only requisite.” Veramazo opened its doors on May 1, 2023, and is located on Harristown Road in Glen Rock. Mike’s never looked back at the corporate job he left behind. “I’ve always been a lifelong learner, and leaving Stryker after 18 years to start a new business venture has been the single greatest learning experience of my entire life.” As with any new venture, there were many bumps in the road, especially in the beginning, Mike recalls, “The ups and downs were immeasurable, but so worth it.” Running his own business locally has also paid dividends on the home front with his 3rd grade and 7th grade daughters, as the constant travel in his former job also took a toll. “Beyond being a total leap of faith, it afforded me the opportunity to get off the road and spend more time with my daughters, which was super important to me. I always joke that I want to be ‘Dad’ while someone still wants me to be Dad. Now I get to control my own schedule and make sure I’m at every game or recital, and put my relationship with my daughters first.”

**03 Kenny Sinkovitz** and his son Nate (5) enjoyed rooting the Crusader Basketball team on during their thrilling overtime win against St. Peter’s Prep in March. Kenny, his wife Lauren, and their two boys Nate and Chace (2.5) recently moved to West Windsor, NJ.

**03 Reggie Thomas** recently left the New York City Mayor’s Office where he was serving as Chief Policy Advisor. He is now Head of Government Affairs for Google New York.



Mr. and Mrs. Matt Garville

**04 Matt Garville** married Aloria Rucker in December 2025. Brothers, **Greg '02** and **Andy '06** as well as **Joe Carnevale '04** and **Steve Marconi '04** were in attendance.

**04 Ashkan Hamzelou** is currently finishing his fellowship in critical care medicine in June at Rutgers — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.



Kenny Sinkovitz and son



Reggie Thomas



Jay Costa and family

**07 Jay Costa** credits BC with instilling strong values, work ethic, and a sense of community that continue to guide him. After earning a B.A. in Political Science from The College of New Jersey, he built a career in real estate, specializing in residential sales, investment properties, and development projects in Bergen County. Jay is a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, where the sense of camaraderie and patriotism with other Catholic Men reminds him of his days as a Crusader. After recently running for local office in Bergen County, he has a deepened

commitment to civic engagement and local politics. Jay and his wife Jill are raising their three daughters in Bergen County and remain dedicated to the area. He's always glad to connect with fellow Crusaders—for real estate or investment questions, or especially for advice and encouragement if you're interested in getting involved in local politics or civic leadership.

**07 Owen Mahoney** and his wife announce the birth of their first daughter, Victoria Rose Mahoney who was born on November 26, 2025.



Martin Scheuring's son, Jack

**11 Martin Scheuring** and his wife, Danielle are happy to announce the birth of their son Jack Patrick Scheuring on September 24, 2025. Proud grandfather is **Michael Scheuring '82** and proud Uncle is **Craig Scheuring '14**.

**12 Brian Hund** was married to Alexandria Russomanno on December 29, 2025. **Eric Hund '17**, brother of the groom, was the best man, and **Charles Long '12** was a groomsman. Brian's dad **John Hund '79** and his wife Rene are the proud parents. In attendance was **Peter Rice '88**, current BC Director of Admissions, **Sean Ulshoefer '17** and **Michael Ulshoefer '90**. The celebrant was **Father Anthony Lipari '79**.



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Adzima '15

**16 Frank Feaster** is starting a new position at Bergen Catholic. As of July 1st, Frank will serve as a Guidance Counselor.



James Rogers

**16 James Rogers** shares that he is starting a six-year general surgery residency program in June at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA, as a Captain in the U.S. Army.

**23 David Polli** is a junior at Clemson University and recently had the privilege and blessing of going to Pamplona Alta, a mountain community in Lima, Peru, on a mission trip with FOCUS over spring break. FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, is a national Catholic college organization that does incredible mission work. This was David's second year going on the trip. Mass was held every day, they prayed a holy hour in Eucharist adoration, shared testimonies, and built concrete structures for the natives up in the mountains while interacting with them in a Christlike loving way.



Jaehyeok Shin

**25 Jaehyeok Shin** is an international student from South Korea and currently attending UC Berkeley as a chemical biology major. He has been selected as the recipient of the "Presidential Science Scholarship" in South Korea which awards 20 Korean students attending colleges abroad. The scholarship includes \$50,000 per year until graduation. Jaehyeok was also invited to attend the event "Conversation with Future Scientists" at the Blue House, which President Lee Jae Myeong also attended.



David Polli

# ADVANCEMENT OFFICE

Dear Members of the Bergen Catholic Family,

As we move through the spring season, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for the strength and generosity of our Crusader family. In a very special way, I want to thank all those who supported this year's Crusader Gala. Honoring our faculty, those who have dedicated their lives to forming young men in faith, scholarship, and brotherhood, was both meaningful and inspiring. Your support made it a truly memorable evening and a powerful reminder of the impact our educators have on generations of Crusaders.

Over the past several months, I have had the privilege of spending time with members of our community across the East Coast. Whether reconnecting with alumni, meeting alumni parents, or engaging with friends of Bergen Catholic, I have been continually reminded that the brotherhood we speak about is not confined to Oradell. It is alive and thriving wherever Crusaders gather. I look forward to continuing these visits in new regions, strengthening existing relationships, and building new ones that will help carry Bergen Catholic forward in the years ahead.

As we approach the close of our fiscal year, we are excited for two hallmark events that embody both our mission and our momentum. First, on May 5th, we will celebrate Crusader Giving Day, a day that holds special significance as it coincides with the Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers. This is more than a day of giving. It is a moment for our entire community to come together in gratitude for the gift of a Bergen Catholic education and to ensure that future generations of young men have access to the same transformative experience. Rooted in Faith, Rising in Excellence, Bound by Brotherhood, Crusader Giving Day reflects who we are at our core.

We also look forward to the 55th Annual Bergen Catholic Golf Classic in honor of Br. Martin P. Burns, taking place on June 8th at Hackensack Golf Club. This cherished tradition brings together alumni, parents, and friends for a day of camaraderie and purpose, all in support of our mission. It is a testament to the enduring spirit of Bergen Catholic and the lasting bonds formed here.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to support Bergen Catholic, whether through your time, your presence, or your generosity. I am grateful for the opportunity to stay connected with so many of you and to share in the ongoing work of strengthening our community. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events this spring.

With gratitude,

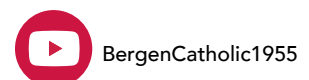
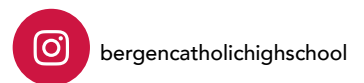
**Matthew Rosa '08**

Vice President of Advancement



Matthew Rosa '08

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## *How to leave your legacy...*

### **CRUSADER LEGACY SOCIETY**

It is never too early to think about estate planning. Providing for your family while supporting the work of charities and not-for-profits that you are passionate about are only a few reasons to plan your estate. Did you know that there are a lot of tax saving benefits as well?

At BC, you can use many tools to give while supporting an area that is meaningful to you at the same time. By leaving a set amount, a % of your residual estate after family support, making a gift of stock, utilizing a donor advised fund, or designating a portion of your IRA to Bergen Catholic, you can make a significant impact here. You can also fund something of interest to you:

- Student scholarships and tuition assistance ensure access to a BC education for those whose families may not be able to afford it.
- Upgrades in technology allow for cutting-edge ways in which our students learn.
- Modernization of our classrooms and campus effect the environment where our students learn.
- Investing in BC's endowment will provide for Bergen Catholic's strong future.

Many ways to give through estate planning can allow you to maximize your support while saving capital gains and other taxes. We would be happy to talk more with you about giving opportunities at Bergen Catholic and we hope you reach out to your financial advisor to ask for more information about what may work best for you and your future plans.

No matter the vehicle, your gift can make a lasting impression, leaving your legacy here at Bergen — one in which future Crusaders strive to emulate as they follow in your footsteps.

### **CRUSADER LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP ROLL\***

Thomas J. Alrutz '61	Mr.(RIP) & Mrs. Gerard Maughan P'07, '10
F. Ronald Biggs '65 (RIP)	Thomas M. McCarthy '72
Roger W. Breslin (RIP) P'89	H. Stephen Merry '68 (RIP)
John M. Brunner '65	Daniel Minogue (RIP) P' 81, '85
John G. Chambers (RIP) '61, P'94	William S. Molloy '74 (RIP)
Owen T. Clarke '67	David M. Monahan '80
Robert B. Conway '60 (RIP)	James W. O'Brien '62, P'87, '89
Francis X. Donlan '63	Robert G. O'Connor '92
James J. Dowling '64	Alex D. Orlando '09
Robert F. Fortsch '73	James C. Petrolino '62
Deirdre Fortune, Friend	Arthur F. Prior '59
Thomas J. Furlong '80 (RIP)	Susan & Richard Raich '65
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin T. Gaynor '65	Robert J. Rapport '69, P'06
Carl G. Haas P'87	Dennis M. Sigrist '82 (RIP)
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Russ M. Hartmann '60 (RIP)	Ralph Spohn '61, P' 88
Michael J. Haviland '78, P'06, '09	Frank J. Sposato '69 (RIP)
Gregory P. Heidelberger '81 (RIP)	Mr. & Mrs. Brian A. Tramontozzi '90
Jack C. Howley '79	Brendan P. Twomey '91, P'25, '28
Michael J. Jordan '61 (RIP)	John A. Uzzi '63
Stephen W. Koll '69	John A. Walsh '95
Jean & John Lowe, Jr. '69	Stephen E. Warwick '60
Mr. & Mrs. John Lowe (RIP) P'69	James M. Whelan (RIP) P'79, '83, '86
Douglas J. Lundell '64	Richard Wisch '62 (RIP)
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mady P'05	Kurt E. Zecchin '68 (RIP)
Peter Manzetti '78	Joseph A. Zodl '66
	Anthony M. Zupcic '66

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# IN MEMORIAM

## Deceased Alumni

Vincent M. Boles '60  
*Brother of Stephen '62 (RIP)*

Joseph B. Patterson '60

James Ball '61

John Chambers '61  
*Father of Christopher '94*

Bruce W. McKay '61

Dan Bolwell '62

John Hammel '62  
*Father of John '01 & Brother of Brian '62*

John M. DeSimone '65

Brian Enright '66  
*Brother of Kevin '62*

Vincent Perazzo '68

Thomas Keegan '69  
*Brother of Robert '63*

Ron Sinkovitz '72  
*Father of Ken '03 & Brother of Frank '77*

Steven Hague '75

Frank Cirillo '76  
*Uncle of Robert Burke '99 & Anthony Burke '03*

Paul Slavin '75

Brendan McPartland '78  
*Father of Francis '05, Peter '14, Brother of Joe '68, John '69, Brian '73, James '75, Liam '77, Denis '86, Uncle of Patrick '94, Michael '96 & Timothy '08*

Kevin Hamilton '92  
*Brother of Daniel '96*

*Never Forgotten*

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

## Deceased Family and Friends

**Alyssa Belisonzi**  
*Sister of Robert '96*

**Holly Broberg**  
*Wife of Rick '62*

**Tracy Broderick**  
*Wife of Joseph '85 & Sister-in-Law of Chris '82*

**Linda Costa**  
*Wife of Angelo '72 & Mother of Angelo '16*

**Barbara Crowley-Baptiste**  
*Mother of John Crowley '85, Joe Crowley '88 (RIP) & Jason Baptiste '03*

**Gerald Crum, Sr.**  
*Grandfather of Gerry '22 & Father of Gerry - BC Board of Directors*

**Rosemarie DePhillips**  
*Mother of Christopher '83, Stephen '84 & Grandmother of Timothy '16*

**John DiFilippo**  
*Father of Joe '15*

**Patrick Downes**  
*Father of Pat '89 & Mike '90*

**Robert Fenyo**  
*Father of Kenneth '84 & Jeffrey '87*

**Joseph Fichter**  
*Father of Fr. Stephen '85*

**John Foerch**  
*Father of John '95 & Chris '01*

**Kathleen Foley**  
*Mother of George '89*

**Sara Gatti**  
*Mother of Joseph '84 & Michael '85*

**Marion Grainger**  
*Mother-in-Law of John Hammel '62 (RIP) & Grandmother of JJ Hammel '01*

**Nancy Gundersdorff**  
*Mother of James '77*

**Patricia Halligan**  
*Mother of Mark '91 & Damian '92*

**John Hyland**  
*Father of Michael '18, Uncle of Brian Rendine '01, Andrew Rendine '07, Brother-in-Law of Ron Campbell '79, Gary Spath '79, Jim Campbell '83 & Great Uncle of Brady Rendine '29*

**Agnes King**  
*Mother of Ted '82 & Kevin '86*

**Lawrence J. McKearney**  
*Father of Thomas '77, Dennis '78, Kevin '83, Gerard '85, Vincent '87, Brian '90, Edward '92, Father-in-Law of Dave Mullen '72 & Uncle of Bob Reers '83*

**Corinna McPartland**  
*Wife of Denis '86, Sister-in-Law of Joseph '68, John '69, Brian '73, James '75, Liam '77, Brendan '78 (RIP), Aunt of Padraic '94, Michael '96, Francis '05, Timothy '08 & Peter '14*

**Gloria Monahan**  
*Mother of Jim '68, John '69, Richard '74 & Grandmother of James '01*

**Maureen Murphy**  
*Sister of Alan '95*

**James J. O'Keefe**  
*Father-in-law of Scott Hirschmugl-BC  
Director of Operations & Finance*

**Ellen Quinn**  
*Mother of Sean '92*

**Denise Rabadan**  
*Sister of Dave '60 & Bill '66*

**Hugh Rodgers, Jr.**  
*Father of Zeke '92*

**Maureen Salzmann**  
*Sister of Tom Hogan '75, Cousin of Richard Potter '74, Ed Potter '77, Tim Potter '79 & Denis Potter '81 (RIP)*

**Edward Sees**  
*Father of Christian '96 & Father-in-Law of Amy Sees - BC Director of Enrollment Management*

**Thomas Severini**  
*Father of Amy Sees - BC Director of Enrollment Management & Father-in-Law of Christian Sees '96*

**Helen Sieradzki**  
*Mother of Paul '74, Mark '76 & James '84*

**Maureen Ward**  
*Mother of Matthew '07, Mark '09, Jamie '11 & Brian '14*

**Barbara Wieghaus**  
*Mother of Eric '05, Sister of Peter Hitscherich '73 (RIP), Bob Hitscherich '76, Michael Hitscherich '78, Aunt of Matthew Hitscherich '06 & Kyle Hitscherich '09*

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Bergen Catholic High School is a diverse, Catholic community which prepares young men to become leaders by deepening religious faith, developing academic excellence, and strengthening social consciousness and responsibility in accordance with the Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education.

**Office of Advancement**

The Office of Advancement, guided by the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, seeks to build growing, sustainable relationships with people and organizations who care about the mission of Bergen Catholic High School and to spread the "good news" of Bergen Catholic to all who care to hear it, embrace it and support it with their time, talent, treasure and prayer.



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