



Nativity BVM High School 29th Annual Raffle Winners List

First Prize — \$20,000

#271- Tom Schoffstall, Pottsville, PA

Second Prize—\$100 each

- #186 – Bill Coyne – Schuylkill Haven, PA
- #171 – Fran Bedway – Schuylkill Haven, PA
- #118 – William H. Makovsky, Zionsville, PA
- #113 – Camille Afshani (Graf), Williamsville, NY
- # 317 – Doug Naftzinger, Auburn, PA
- #119 – Richard S. Sotak, Emmaus, PA
- #170 – Joe & Patti Penkunas, Wake Forest, NC
- #194 – Scott Fellows, Pottsville, PA
- #060 – R. Derenzo, Auburn, PA
- #253 – Carolyn Tobin, Branchdale, PA

- #251 – Joe Wayne, Girardville, PA
- #064 – Kathy Cossuto, Norwalk, CT
- #109 – U.P & B.D. Pottsville, PA
- #044 – Mary Mongilutz, Allentown, PA
- #187 – Susan Klosinski, Schuylkill Haven, PA
- #157 - Pat & Bernie Boran, Orwigsburg, PA
- #394 – Lisa Wehr, Minersville, PA
- #391 – Robert McHale, Bernville, PA
- #105 – Marilyn Haffey, Westminster, CO
- #283 – Ferenchick, Pottsville, PA
- #107 – Stephen J. Yambor, Northampton, PA
- #254 – Arlene Leitzel, Barnesville, PA
- #039 – Rev. James P. Thomas, Belleville, IL
- #534 – Robin Reiley, Pottsville, PA

- #413 – Jim Markus, Middleport, PA
- #433 – Janet Zem, Palo Alto, PA
- #344 – Jane Cook, Pottsville, PA
- #195 – Francis Piccioni, Pottsville, PA
- #232 – Mohan Family, Hegins, PA
- #150 – Terrence Feeley, PA
- #496 – Cathy Carpenito, Pottsville, PA
- #441 – Raymond Dee, Naples, FL
- #196 – Michael Sausser, Schuylkill Haven PA
- #392 – Kathleen Shelcusky, Woodstown, NJ

\$500 Nativity Scholarship— Jacob Kuperavage

Athletic Hall of Fame

Our fifth annual Nativity Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held in January 2019. This year's inductees were: The 2005-2006 Girls Class A State Championship Basketball Team, George D. Fomey '65 (Coach), Debra Grapsy Guers '78 (Basketball, Volleyball), Fred Miller '60 (Football, Track), Dr. Jared D. Novack '01 (Football, Track), Christopher J. Brown '94 (Football, Basketball, Track), Elizabeth "Hootie" Mohan '01 (Basketball, Cross Country, Track and Field), and Patrick Dougherty '73 (Cross Country and Track). Congratulations to our newest members of the Nativity Athletic Hall of Fame!



Congratulations to the 70 graduates of the Nativity BVM High School Class of 2019 who were offered a total of \$7,838,146 in scholarships, grants and awards to further their education and accepted \$2,518,472 of this money! 97% of the Class of 2019 will be attending a 4 year or 2 year university/college, trade school or the military.

Nativity BVM HS School Store

To all our Alumni and fellow fans, we would like to invite you to visit the Nativity School Store. The shelves are filled with pullovers, sweatshirts, t-shirts and many miscellaneous items all with the proud Nativity label on them. Come and stop in anytime this summer—Tuesday through Thursday from 11:30 –1:00 or during the school year, Monday through Friday 11:30 to 1:00. For further information please contact Sue Eckley at 570-640-0930 or sueeckley@comcast.net.



Message from the Principal and Development Director of Nativity BVM High School

Dear Alumni and Friends of Nativity,

Gratitude to God for all His blessings is a main component of our beliefs here at Nativity BVM High School. Your generosity and support of Nativity is one of those blessings that has continued to provide an education dedicated to meeting the needs of our students and to enriching them through the formation of faith, outstanding academics, community service, social responsibility, cultural appreciation and athletic development.

Over the years, Nativity has also been blessed with many wonderful people who are willing to share money, time and expertise: our alumni, who respond to all our mailings, our donors, who generously support us, our parents, who spend many hours supporting school teams and fundraising projects, and all our volunteers and friends who work behind the scenes. We truly would not be able to continue without them.

Over the summer, we continue to update and refurbish our facilities. One of our main projects this summer is a refurbished gym floor which, combined with the painting of the bleachers last summer, gives the gym a fresh look. Phases I and II of the weight room project have been completed, due to a generous donor. Money received from the Rotary Club of Pottsville was used to upgrade the landscaping at the top of the hill. The washout on the front field bank was repaired and concrete blocks were installed to help prevent erosion.

We are proud to announce that the Nativity BVM Nittany Scholars Program began on October 3, 2018. This program was made possible through a \$25,000.00 donation from a Nativity benefactor and allows our students to participate in a special science program at Penn State Schuylkill.

As part of the 50th reunion for the Class of '67, donations were applied to the painting and refurbishment of the chapel. New lighting and drapes were also purchased. The overall look is one of light and beauty—a true place to reflect on the loving presence of God.

In February 2020, an Honor Roll Reception will be held at the school for all Nativity students who make the honor roll for two consecutive quarters (quarters 1 and 2 of the school year). The reception will consist of light refreshments for guests and the presentation of a certificate for recipients. This event is being sponsored by the Nativity BVM Class of 1963 and is a great way to honor the academic achievements of our students!

God has blessed Nativity BVM with many generous people who make up the Nativity Family. For this we will always be grateful and strive to honor the trust you place in us.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Lechleitner Sabol '76
Principal

Jennifer Forney Daubert '91
Director of Development

Please note that all alumni news information published in the Alumni Newsletter is submitted information to the school. Anyone wishing to send alumni news information to the school for publication in our next edition of the alumni newsletter can do so by e-mailing jldaubert@nativitybvm.net or mailing the information to: Development Office, Nativity BVM High School, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901.

Alumni News

Daniel Fergus Tamulonis '71 has had a short story published on Amazon. He continues teaching young children in a charter school he helped found in the Bronx.

Ned Schneider '78 has been awarded the Friend of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School Award in Ephrata, PA for his significant contribution to the support of the school and for his aid in furthering Catholic education in the parish.

Fr. Joseph L. Narog OSA '77 has been named Vocation Director for the Augustinian Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and Director of Initial Formation.

Larry Moore '90 has become Chief Operating Officer for GeoStructures, Inc. in Purcellville, VA. He recently celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary to Marianne Toro.

Edmund Burba Cook '58 was awarded the Westchester County American Legion 64th Annual God and Country Award for his outstanding dedication and service as: FDR Montrose VA Hospital Social Worker and Ossining Post 506 Boys State Chairman. He was also honored in the House of Representatives for his many years of service to American Legion Post 506 and to veterans in Westchester County, New York.

Kevan Schaeffer '96 was twice named Berks County Coaches Association Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Eric Prock '99 has been made an equity partner in the Fanelli, Evans & Patel Law Firm.

Judy Mekunis Saunders '75 and Jim Saunders celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on November 25, 2018.

Grace Ann Sophy Sabados '61 and Rev. Andrew Sabados recently celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.

ENGAGED — **Jill Spotts '07** and Matthew Minakowski

To find out all the latest happenings from "The Hill", please check out Nativity High School on our website, www.nativitybvm.net, our Facebook page, Nativity BVM High School Athletics and Events, and on Twitter at [nativitybvm55](https://twitter.com/nativitybvm55).

SAVE THE DATE:

October 4, 2019 – Annual Homecoming
January 18, 2020 — Nativity BVM Athletic Hall of Fame
April 18, 2020 — Century Benefit

Please remember Nativity High School in your will and estate planning.

Faculty Wish List:

We are grateful to all who have donated funds for items that are needed in all of our academic departments. Any help that you can provide us is greatly appreciated. Past support has enabled us to purchase additional text books (student and teacher editions), DVD's, DVD players and Art supplies. Thank you for your support of Nativity.

Religion	English
Math	Social Studies
Sciences	Language
Computers	Health/Physical Education
Business	School Play

2019 BEACH BONANZA DRAWING

Congratulations to our 2019 Beach Bonanza winners Jim and Anna Marie Kalochie '61 Riotto. Thank you to all our alumni and benefactors who supported this fundraiser.

JUNE SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

- 1st – Brian Doyle
- 2nd – Joseph A. Steficek
- 3rd – Marie Reiley
- 4th – Colleen Finn
- 5th – Joanne Valentine
- 6th – Regina Kleeman
- 7th – Charlie & Mernie Taronis
- 8th – Ann M. Studlack
- 9th – Pat Behler
- 10th – Lorna DiNicola
- 11th – George Harig
- 12th – Ali Ruawabe
- 13th – Paul Chekan
- 14th – Robert Sheriff
- 15th – Thomas Boroa
- 16th – Cecelia A. Kramer
- 17th – Mr. and Mrs. Brian Eckley
- 18th – Charles E. Fernor
- 19th – Bedway's
- 20th – John Bentz
- 21st – Zelda Bankston
- 22nd – Mary Maunas
- 23rd – Cassidy Donlin
- 24th – Anthony C. Carroll
- 25th – William Schlachter
- 26th – Frank Glunz
- 27th – G R Heffner
- 28th – Pat Behler
- 29th – Thomas Horvath
- 30th – James McDonald

Class Reunions

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of '59—will hold their 60th reunion on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at the Pottsville Zone, 337 Peacock St., in Pottsville. Time is from 2:00 to 7:00 PM and dress is casual.

Class of '60—members meet for lunch every other month from March through November. Any classmate interested in participating please contact Bob Fronza at 570-739-2539.

Class of '69—will hold their 50th class reunion at the Schuylkill Country Club on September 28, 2019. Please spread the word.

Class of '74—will hold their 45th class reunion on September 7, 2019 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM.

Class of '84—will hold their 35th class reunion on October 19, 2019 from 6 to 10 PM at Roma 2nd story Bar and Oak Room. A Facebook Event page with more information will be set up for classmates. Please RSVP to Madonna Balulis Hammer at 570-617-3416 or Gretchen Lieberman Witman at 570-617-9856.

PAST REUNIONS

Class of '63—celebrated a mini-reunion at NBVM on November 3, 2018 with lunch and a school tour.

Class of '68—celebrated their 50th reunion on September 15, 2018 at the Schuylkill Country Club.

Class of '83—celebrated their 35th reunion at Schuylkill Country Club on November 10, 2018.



Congratulations to the newest members of Nativity's Golden Cross Society who were inducted during the school's 50th annual Century Benefit on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Mountain Valley Golf Course! Photo (l to r): Robert MacCreedy, June Bednar, Barbara Halcovage, Henry "Herm" Minnig '66, Joseph Devine '73

ATTENTION ALUMNI

Please provide us with your current e-mail address, phone number and address so we can update our database. Any additions, corrections or updates can be sent to jldaubert@nativitybvm.net Thank you for your assistance!

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST:

Rev. Michael E. Ahrensfield '72	Francis "Jim" McGovern '58
Joseph Balulis '56	Barbara J. Lurwick McKeon '58
Michael Barrett '56	Rosalie Dronick McLoughlin '70
Charles E. Becker Jr. '66	Gregory E. Mickonis '61
Rosemary S. Horn Bendza '69	Regina Frances "Jeanie" Gober Morris '64
Clayton J. Bercher '68	William Moser PCHS '54
Theresa M."Chee Chee" Lynch Berger '65	Patricia A. "Patsy" Myro '62
Ann Callaghan Bettinger '66	Mary Ann Panchari Nicolo '59
Daniel J. "Chico" Bettinger '71	Thomas Nirosky '64
Ann Louise Sidler Bowman '67	Andrea Martz Norfleet '74
Robert J. "Bobby" Brennan Sr. '73	Donna M. Novak '66
William G. Buggy '61	Mary Jane M. Curran O'Connor '57
John J. Buleza Jr. '59	Thomas P. "Odie" O'Donnell '70
Robert J. "Whitey" Burns Sr. PCHS '55	Stacie Grace Noll O'Neill '72
Francis Vincent "Buck" Campion PCHS '51	Patricia Mack Palko '65
Daniel F. Carroll '71	Carole Ann Smith Parker '60
Paul Rodney "Pete" Cherrybon '68	Marguerite "Maggie" Connelly Pavalko (wife of long time Nativity coach, George Pavalko)
Patricia A. Hanney Cleary St. Stephen HS '55	Irene M. Shewokis Pavlis PCHS '54
David Clouser '66	Patricia Ann Shapella Pawk '57
Nancy D. Dougherty Connors PCHS '44	Karl F. Pfeiffenberger St. Patrick HS
Patricia A. "Pat" Murphy Consugar '57	Penny Alexis Pflueger PCHS '55
Joan B. Costello '64	George L. Post PCHS '50
Jeremy John "JJ" Costy '01	Dolores Costello Renninger PCHS '54
Nicholas T. "Nick" D'Alio PCHS '55	Mary M. Hanney Rhody St. Stephen HS
James R. "Jay" Dalvet '88	Marcy Minarick Rich '83
Peter J. DeAngeles PCHS '54	Donald Ruch '61
Ann Marie Fronza DiCello '68	Laverne Jamitis Sabados '63
Mildred A. Nertz Ditzler PCHS '44	Sandra E. Salaki '62
Edward J. Donahue Jr. St. Stephen HS '39	Leo J. Salle Sr. PCHS '45
Joan Ann Liddle Ebling '62	Gerald K. "Jerry" Schoenauer '65
Donna Jane Banavage Evans '70	Frances Terese "Fran" Stabinsky Schroder '63
Johanne R. Fabiani PCHS '44	Helen V. Adams Schultz PCHS
Kathleen F. Meehan Feryo '57	Barbara R. Mahoney Schwartz '66
Charles T. Forney '70	Edward J. Sep '62
Benard Gillespie PCHS '55	Elizabeth M. "Betty" Shirey St. Stephen HS
Barbara E. Gober '66	Thomas J. Slane St. Patrick HS
Martha K. Golca PCHS '55	Dorothy Yenfer Slish PCHS
Richard J. Grace '59	Debra A. Cooper Smith '72
Jeffrey C. Gray '76	Mary Ellen Stock Smith '70
Maria Bartush Groff '85	Joseph F. Struzinsky Jr. '76
Angela McDermott Hardy PCHS '50	Mary Ann Linebar Subalesky '62
John R. "Jack" Harley '59	Andrew M. Svrcek '88
Robert Dunn Higgins '60	Barbara J. Melenchick Tahaney '64
James J. Hoban '64	John M. Tassone '80
Connie Mack Homovich '61	Lawrence H. Terway PCHS '51
Blanche Hornberger PCHS '45	Florence T. Moser Toczek St. Stephen HS
Anthony J. Hudec Jr. '65	James J. Trabosh (Nativity volleyball coach)
John J. "Jack" Kephart '66	Frances Sharkey Trachte PCHS '38
Ann T. Roth Kilmurray PCHS '44	Michael Trianosky '59
Josephine Fanelli Kochol PCHS '52	Rita M. Rice Troutman PCHS
John J. Legutko '58	James Earl Uckele '69
Helen F. Novitsky Lescosky '60	Margaret A. Walchak Ebert Van Seyoc '67
John D. Lipsett '60	Msgr. Anthony F. Wassel St. Stephen HS
Mary Ellen Biltheiser Lubinsky St. Patrick HS '44	Robert Wassel PCHS '51
Patricia A. Luscan PCHS '55	Candida Marie Dooley Webber '69
Katherine "Kay" Barone Marianelli '70	Nicholas Winter Jr. '11
Alma M. Martz PCHS '47	Nicholas Winter Sr. '81
Loretta Mary Matto '62	Loretta E. Brennan Womer PCHS '47
Dolores Joulwan Mazzuca PCHS '43	Regina E. "Jean" O'Connor Yeasted PCHS '48
Michael J. Mazzuca '64	Vincent J. Yokitis '62
Alice M. Miller McCormick '61	Peter Zedonek '69
Catherine T. McGee PCHS '44	Joanne M. Zitka Zula '67
Rose Marie Waddell McGinty PCHS '45	
Anne Patricia Buckley McGovern '57	

NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL

**NOMINATION FORM FOR SELECTION INTO NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

TODAY'S DATE: _____

Name & Address (of Candidate): _____

Phone Number: () _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

NOMINATED FOR (Check One):

PLAYER: COACH: CONTRIBUTOR: TEAM:

I. If selected as a **player**, please furnish the following information:

A. Varsity Letters Earned:

B. Number of Sports (Please Name and Years of Participation):

C. Honors and Awards (Please Name All - Hold any school records):

II. If nominated as a **coach**, please furnish the following information:

A. Sports Coached (Please Name):

B. Years Coached (From when to when in each sport) and records, if possible:

C. Championships (Leagues, Districts, States):

III. If nominated as a **contributor**, state reasons, including years of service, nature of contribution, etc.:

Biographical Information (Other Achievements and Recognitions):

IV. If nominated as a **team**, please furnish the following information:

A. The Sport:

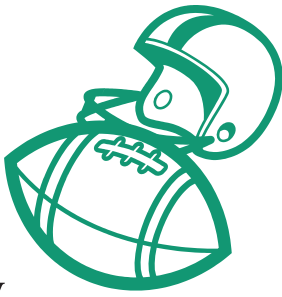
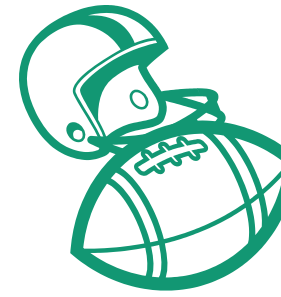
B. The Year:

Nominator's Name, Address and Phone Number: _____

Nominator's Signature: _____

*****USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY*****

FORMS ARE DUE BACK TO NATIVITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2019



TAILGATE PARTY 2019

You are invited
to attend our annual Alumni Tailgate Party
to be held this year at our football facility.
Location: St. Clair Memorial Stadium
St. Clair, Pennsylvania

Festivities will be held at the
Homecoming Game on Friday, October 4, 2019

Tailgate begins at 5:30 PM
Please join us for food & drinks
before the
Nativity Green Wave
takes on
Mid-West
Kick Off 7:00 PM

Once again we will hold our 50-50 drawing.
Last Year's winner, Terri Klinger,
profited over \$4403.50

For more information and additional tickets, please contact
Jennifer Daubert
Nativity Development
570-622-8110

Hope To See You There!

NEW SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT CREATED TO BENEFIT NATIVITY BVM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Since the establishment of the Pottsville Catholic High School Class of 1955 Scholarship Fund in 2005 (the very first Class Scholarship Fund to assist Nativity students), many of you have generously contributed to a Class Scholarship Fund designed to assist qualified students realize their dream of pursuing a Catholic education. At this time, Nativity is committed to embarking upon a much more ambitious and significant fundraising initiative.

Under the inspired leadership of Tom “Tipper” Lucas PCHS ’55 and Dr. Gerald “Jerry” Powers ’56, Nativity has established a *Memorial Scholarship Fund* to initially honor the late Dr. Bernard M. Gillespie PCHS ’55, who was a visionary in the establishment of this endowment fund, and Sister Cecile A. Reiley ’56. By honoring these two distinguished individuals, the school is not only recognizing the lifetime achievements of two of our most admired and respected colleagues, but also by extension, that pivotal transitional period in Catholic secondary education in Schuylkill County when Pottsville Catholic High School consolidated with St. Stephen High School to form Nativity BVM. Our plan is to recognize, each year, individuals who have made a lasting, positive impact on the Nativity community by awarding the scholarship in their name that year.

Bernie was a member and President of the last class to graduate from PCHS in 1955. He was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Notre Dame where he earned both his baccalaureate and doctoral degrees. He went on to serve as president of the Mobil Oil Solar Energy Corporation where he was instrumental in registering six U.S patents. He later joined the faculty of Marshall University where, in addition to serving as Professor of Engineering and

Director of the Technology Management Master’s Degree Program, he engaged in research that led to numerous publications in prestigious peer-reviewed journals that have contributed significantly to our current understanding of the conversion of sunlight to electrical energy.

Sister Cecile was a member of the initial graduating class from Nativity in 1956 where she distinguished herself as a scholar and class leader. After spending a year at Immaculata College, she entered Chestnut Hill College and the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1957, a decision that led to a 54-year career devoted to teaching language arts to grade school children and ministering to the needs of the most vulnerable, marginalized and disadvantaged members of society at St. Malachy Parish in Philadelphia. In addition to earning a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Counseling from the University of Scranton, she was a devoted mentor to generations of immigrants in the Philadelphia area as well as an accomplished artist and musician.

In honoring Bernie and Cecile this year and others in the future, we hope to pay tribute to all of Nativity’s graduates who, over the intervening years, have made major contributions to society and have contributed significantly to the stellar reputation of this outstanding educational institution. Nativity has established itself as one of the most prestigious Catholic High Schools in the State of Pennsylvania with 97% of its graduates going on to higher education. This past year alone they were collectively offered more than \$7,800,000 in higher education scholarships and related academic awards averaging over \$111,000 per graduate.

Unfortunately, parishes can no longer adequately subsidize Catholic education. Tuition is now \$6,250 a year. By today’s standards, Nativity’s early years of a free, four-year education can be valued at \$25,000. Because of these escalating costs, many prospective students who aspire to attend Nativity can no longer realize their dream. Our goal is to raise at least \$200,000 in an effort to help offset some of these costs for future generations of students. Having benefitted by a Nativity education, we are hopeful that many of you will feel that it may be an ideal time for those of us who can afford it, to “pay-it forward”.

Many of us are now at a time in our lives when it is normal for us to consider what our legacy should be with respect to the generations that follow. A small group of generous benefactors of the School have already donated more than \$70,000 of the \$200,000 goal. It is hoped that you may feel similarly inspired to join that group and contribute whatever you feel appropriate. There are very few charities in life that are more worthy than contributing to the education of the next generation of student scholars and national leaders.

There are numerous ways you can make your contribution, including by personal check, credit card by making an online giving payment via PayPal under the NPSF tab on Nativity’s website: www.nativitybvm.net, charitable gift annuity, etc. For additional information regarding creative ways to contribute, contact Jennifer Daubert (Nativity Director of Development) at the school via e-mail at jldaubert@nativitybvm.net. Please send personal checks to NPSF (*Nativity Preservation Support Foundation*), care of the Memorial Scholarship Fund noted on the memo line. Mail to: *Nativity BVM High School, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901*.

Your tax-deductible contribution will provide a tangible tribute to those who provided the educational

foundation for your many subsequent successes in life. On behalf of the Nativity family, as well as the many students who will most certainly benefit from your thoughtful contribution, we want to thank you for your generosity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Daubert by phone (570-622-8110) or by email (jldaubert@nativitybvm.net). God bless you and your family in your continued endeavors.

Please note that those classes who currently have an established Class Scholarship Fund will continue to solicit and award their own scholarships on a yearly basis unless other arrangements are made with Jennifer Daubert, Director of Development at Nativity BVM High School.

