



Nativity BVM, INC. News

Development Newsletter

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

Nativity BVM Celebrates 69th Commencement Exercises

Nativity BVM High School celebrated its 69th Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 30, 2025. A total of 64 graduates walked across the stage, celebrated for their academic achievements, service, and personal growth. Collectively, the Class of 2025 was offered more than \$12 million in scholarships, grants, and aid—accepting nearly \$5 million to support their future academic endeavors.



Leading the Class of 2025 was Valedictorian Sam Spolski, who delivered a powerful speech reflecting on family and faith. Spolski has accepted an appointment to the prestigious United States Naval Academy, a testament to his academic excellence and leadership potential.

Salutatorian Nolan Daynorowicz also addressed his classmates, reflecting on the journey they've shared and the promise that lies ahead. Daynorowicz will attend Penn State University on a Navy ROTC scholarship. In total, five members of the 2025 graduating class will be entering the armed forces.



The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Frank Angelo, a proud member of the Class of 1964, for his outstanding accomplishments and unwavering support of Nativity BVM.

The ceremony also paid special tribute to Principal Lynn Sabol, who was honored for her 45 years of service in Catholic education. As she prepares for retirement, Sabol was celebrated for her unwavering dedication, compassion, and commitment to generations of Nativity students.

Our Catholic Faith is at the heart of the educational process at Nativity. We receive constant positive feedback from our graduates and we know that we are helping to produce vibrant, energetic, hardworking, and successful young adults.

We are looking forward to a school year full of positive excitement and renewal of our Catholic faith, great academic achievements, success on the athletic fields, promotion of music and the arts and exceptional participation in all activities. The Nativity community working together ensures this success.

We appreciate all of the hard work and dedication of our parents, alumni, and friends. Thank you to everyone for continuing to make our school the "Shining Light Upon the Hill." As a family, we treasure our traditions and look forward to another strong academic year. There is no substitute for a Catholic education where Catholic values are lived every day!

Thank you all!

Jennifer Daubert
Director of Development
Assistant to the Principal

Michael Grabowski
Principal

Nativity Alumni Updates

Eric Donatti, class of 94, graduated in May of 2024 from Alvernia University with an MBA.

Congratulations to **Mr. Michael Grabowski, NBVM Class of 1998**, who was named new Principal of Nativity BVM effective July 1, 2025!



Best Wishes to **Mrs. Lynn Lechleitner Sabol, NBVM Class of 1976**, on her retirement as Principal after 15 years of leadership at the school!



Community News

The former MARY QUEEN of PEACE CHURCH, 730 North Centre Street, Pottsville (Jalappa section), has recently been purchased by a private group (The Society of Mary Queen of Peace, Pottsville), and re-opened as a Catholic chapel through the Allentown Diocese under the direction of Bishop Schlert.

The society's mission is to preserve Mary Queen of Peace Church as a Catholic chapel in perpetuity.

Mary Queen of Peace Chapel will hold two masses per year, and can also hold services for funerals and weddings of former parishioners, and other sacramental activities to occur with approval of the Bishop.

Specialty Catholic devotionals, Rosary, Catholic intentions, and private prayer will be held on a regular basis.

The Rosary is said weekly on Sunday afternoons at 4pm.

Mary Queen of Peace Chapel is open each Sunday from 3 to 5pm (until further notice) with Rosary and devotions beginning at 4pm. Viewing and private devotions occur prior and after the Rosary.

The Society will continue to keep the public updated as to events and actions through the Facebook group: "Friends of Mary Queen of Peace Church, Pottsville".

Anyone who wishes to learn more or become involved in the society's work, including service hours, committee volunteers, or special requests including Chapel access should contact: ROBERT ANTONINI at (570) 640-4004.

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), computers, items for our Science labs and Art supplies. Thank you for your support of Nativity.

Religion

Math

Sciences

Computers

Business

English

Social Studies

Language

Health/Physical Education

School Play

JUNE 2025 SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

June 1	\$150	Rita Nawrocki-Chabin	June 15	\$300	Bill Beadle
June 2	\$100	Christian Modesto	June 16	\$100	Edward Schwartz
June 3	\$100	Michael Brennan	June 17	\$100	Nancy Lescavage
June 4	\$100	Susan Rowan	June 18	\$100	Joanne O'Toole
June 5	\$100	Judy Vesay Miller	June 19	\$100	Jennifer Sheriff
June 6	\$100	Jane Baker	June 20	\$300	Vince Fabiani
June 7	\$150	Michele and Toni Doyle	June 21	\$150	Marianne Myrick
June 8	\$150	Mark Scarbinsky	June 22	\$150	Mary O'Connor
June 9	\$100	Frank Glunz	June 23	\$100	Peter Lotz
June 10	\$100	Christine Romanko	June 24	\$100	Brian Doyle
June 11	\$100	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Andrusisian	June 25	\$100	Debby Reilly
June 12	\$100	Mark Grapsy	June 26	\$100	Rick Piccioni
June 13	\$100	Diane Thom	June 27	\$100	Eric Fees
June 14	\$150	Ev McGuire	June 28	\$150	Bob Jones
			June 29	\$150	Bill Purnell
			June 30	\$100	Ellen Burke



SAVE THE DATE

*Celebrating
70 Years of
Nativity BVM
High School*

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** more details to follow*

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

Class Reunions/Updates

The Class of NBVM 1959 held its 65th year reunion on August 24, 2024 at the Pottsville Zone. A reunion has been held every five years since graduation. They were the first class to spend four years at the newly built Nativity BVM High School. The guests were greeted by a caricature of Father John Nugent, their principal, which added a bit of nostalgia. On Sunday, the group attended mass at St. Patrick's Church and were welcomed by Father Philip Rogers. Mass was followed by a brunch at the Crimson House.



The Class of 1989 celebrated their 35th Class Reunion on October 12, 2024.

The Class of 1984 held their 40th Class Reunion on October 12, 2024 at Roman Delight in Orwigsburg.

The Class of 1970 held their 55th Class Reunion on September 13, 2025 at the Pottsville Zone.

The Class of 1967 had a picnic at the Schoentown Veterans Memorial on September 13, 2025 to celebrate their 76th birthday.

The Class of 1965 held their 60th Class Reunion on September 20, 2025 at the Pottsville Zone.

Members of the Class of 1975 held their class reunion on September 27, 2025. During their visit and tour of the school, they presented a check for \$1,000 to be used towards Nativity's faculty wish list fund. We are very thankful for their generosity, and appreciate their dedication to our school.



Nativity BVM High School Class of 1976

50th Reunion • Saturday, September 5, 2026

Mountain Valley Golf Course, Barnesville, PA

Save the date – more info to follow

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!

Members of the Class of 1980 had their reunion on August 23, 2025 and touring the school was a big part of their day. Classmates were very excited to be back at Nativity High School and had so much fun during their tour. They told many stories about their time here on the Hill, most notably was that they had to have their graduation ceremony at Pottsville High School due to a fire on the stage of the school.



Members of the NBVM Class of 1972 meet for lunch several times throughout the year. Their next lunch meeting will take place on January 16, 2026 at 12 pm at The Coney Island on West Market Street in Pottsville.



Members of the NBVM Class of 1991 have been meeting up each month at various locations throughout the county. All are welcome!



To find out 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 [@nativitybvm55](https://twitter.com/nativitybvm55).

Beach Bonanza Winner for 2024-2025

Congratulations to **Rev. John Chizmar '66**, winner of the 2025 Beach Bonanza Drawing. Thank you to all of our alumni and benefactors for their support!

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.

Athletic Hall of Fame 2025

Congratulations to the newest inductees into the Nativity Athletic Hall of Fame!



Congratulations to the four alumni and team inducted into the Nativity Athletic Hall of Fame. Pictured above from left to right—Dean Ghergel '88, Meghan Wynosky-Dolfi '01, Sean MacCready '00, and missing from picture Mark Grapsy '82.



The 1989-1990 Green Wave Football Team



The 64 Graduates of the Class of 2025 were offered a total of \$12,476,267 in scholarships, grants, and awards to continue their education and accepted \$4,861,124 of this money. Approximately 90% of the Class of 2025 is attending a 4 or 2-year university/college, trade school or the military.

2025 Century Benefit

Congratulations to the newest members of Nativity's Golden Cross Society who were inducted during the school's 55th Annual Century Benefit on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Mountain Valley Golf Course.

Photo: (l to r): Vincent Zimerofsky '92, Diane Yaneck, Dr. Richard Adams, Dr. Michelle Adams, Frank Angelo '64.



** Please Save the Date for our 2026 Century Benefit to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Mountain Valley Golf Course!*

Alumni Tailgate 50/50 2025

Congratulations to the winner of the 2025 Homecoming Alumni Tailgate 50/50 drawing, **Joanne Seaman Brennan '60** from Reading, PA. This year's take home prize was \$4,500.00. A special thank you to the entire Nativity community for their support!

Rest in Peace to the following Alumni:

Vincent Balitas '61	Helen Reilly Juba '63
Barbara Barone '74	Mary Dunningan Kelly PCHS '49
Ann Smalansky Bates '56	Patricia Tomlinson Kubeika '75
Robert Beadle '68	Gerald Lawell '76
Robert Bentz '61	Rita Minchoff Lotz PCHS '46
Francis Boord '60	Georjean R. Quinn McPhillips '61
Philip R. Brenneman '63	James Minchoff PCHS '55
Joseph Burns '59	John Mootz '61
Kris Calkins '90	Patricia Lipshaw Moyer '69
Julie Legutko Chillemi '68	Joanne Rabuck O'Connell PCHS '51
Kathleen Quinn Consugar '67	Anne Marie Glunz Ortiz '69
Janet Tray Conville '62	Isaac (Sonny) Pena '77
James Vincent Curran '63	Robert J. (Tank) Porter
Vincent Dodds '62	Judith Ann Capik Quinn '67
Leo Dubosky '71	Deacon Andrew Sabados '60
Patricia Ann Brown Dudash '58	Margaret Rose Keim Shamus '58
Brian Eckley (Friend of Nativity)	Robert L. Sheriff '64
Henry Eckley '56	Joseph Shollenberger '67
Louis Fanelli PCHS '50	Mary Ann Fedeles Sokola '61
Barbara Ann Umberger Faust '64	Theresa Klepckick Sommer '64
Mary Sabol Flanagan '63	Patrick J. Sura '60
John (Jack) Fredericks '58	Edward Tray '65
Regina Purcell Garrity '63	Mary Wade Troutman '64
Thomas Grady '62	Charles (Chuck) Weller '66
Agnes Cleary Gries '63	Rev. Joseph Whalen '61
Judith Marie Donahue Guyeski '57	Mary Zambo '57
Gerald Hudock '63	Guy R. Zelinsky '66
Anne O'Connor Jenkins '57	Anna (Nancy) Strausser Zimmerman
Dolores Ann Bauer Jordan '77	St. Stephen HS '48

GREEN AND GOLD RAFFLE WINNERS 2024

Congratulation to the 2024 Raffle Winners!

\$20,000 Winner Violet Woodford

Second Place Winners

# 344 Jer Sitkus	# 178 Stacey Strauss
# 117 Dave Mason & Mike Kitz	# 058 Jim Bohorad
# 197 Rick Purcell	# 345 Tony Riccio
# 327 Maria Rowlands	# 013 Dr Michael Zawisza
# 164 Patty Snyder	# 028 Christopher Cunningham
# 436 Huether	# 244 Herm Minning
# 172 Ken & Sharon Rossi	# 441 Diamond
# 103 Port Carbon Library	# 116 Doug & Luke Morgan
# 322 Tom Healy	# 122 Raymond Williams
# 408 Gina Lombard	# 208 Sherill Brennan
# 018 Eric Lieberman	# 213 Gregory Wolf
# 221 Megan Abbett	# 425 Mike Siro
# 370 Vincent Hock	

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. Our gift card program, with a wide variety of cards to meet all your needs, continues to offer great ways to support NBVM. For further information, please contact the school at 570-622-8110.