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# **GREENSLEEVES**



SUMMER 2026



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***Class of 2026***



# Experience the YC Difference

When you walk through the door, **you can feel it** - the indescribable energy that comes from a place where every student is known, cared for and inspired to learn. Join us to experience that energy firsthand and hear from students, teachers and parents what it means to be a part of the York Catholic Middle School and High School (we call it YC) family.

## We Hope to See You!

Get in touch to learn more or to register for one or more events. We look forward to meeting you!



# 2026-2027 Student Visitation Events

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Available September 2026 through May 2027

Prospective students are invited to spend the day at YC. Check out classes, meet teachers, make some new friends and discover all the great ways to get involved.

## OPEN HOUSE DATES

- July 14: 6-7:30 pm
- October 18: 12-2 pm
- February 4: 6-7:30 pm
- May 4: 6-7:30 pm

Enjoy a campus tour and connect with students, teachers, and administrators to see what sets the York Catholic experience apart. Reservations required.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- November 20  
Admissions Applications Due
- April 1  
Family Customized Tuition Deadline

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Dear York Catholic Family,

As we close the chapter on the 2025-2026 school year, we are excited to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. In this issue, you will read highlights about the many student accomplishments that have taken place in the last 6 months, most notably the successful completion of high school for the Class of 2026. We wish all 74 of them well as they take all they have learned at York Catholic onto their next venture, where we know they are fully prepared to serve the global community. I am especially pleased to share that over 30% of the Class of 2026 were able to take advantage of the York Catholic Guaranteed College Admission partnerships, where almost 40 colleges and universities guarantee admission and scholarships to our students simply because they have attended our reputable secondary school.

That mission to serve the global community continues to be exemplified by our alumni locally, nationally, and internationally. In this issue in particular, I hope you enjoy reading about the many alumni that have been called to serve the church as deacons. We all know how important their work is to the ministry of the Catholic faith and are grateful to them for their dedication. Likewise, we have several alumni called to the civic duty of serving as York County judges. While their path toward their positions was unique to each of them, their York Catholic roots were alike and clearly inspired their career choices along the way.

There is one member of the YC community whose service to others cannot be placed into words. During her eulogy to her husband, Nancy (Nolin) Spiese '68 teared up as she shared with the congregation that she and Sam prayed for three children. While they received that blessing, they had no idea that it would be repeated thousands of times over with the opportunity to have all of the York Catholic children in their lives during their decades of time on the staff here at YC. There isn't a corner of this building that Sam Spiese '64 was not a part of during his time in these halls. Whether you were a scholar, an athlete, a musician, a thespian, a middle school student at the civil war re-enactment, or a combination of all, each one of us that was gifted with the opportunity to know Mr. Spiese has a story to share. As Nancy mentioned, we probably shouldn't repeat them all in certain company, but we are blessed to have those fond memories that make us smile every time we think of Sam Spiese.

Finally, thank you to those of you who have served this community in the last year with your time, talent, and/or treasure. In April, 200 of us gathered at the Green & Gold Gala to celebrate all that is well and good here at York Catholic, especially the wonderful students and those of you who continue to support their lives here at YC.

*Thank you for all you do and for continuing the mission of service in our world.*

Sincerely,

Katie Doyle '96  
President

Cover: President's Award Winners  
John Kellett '26 and Zoe Oskam '26



## KATIE DOYLE PRESIDENT

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Guided by a Christian moral compass, we educate our students in an atmosphere of faith, family, and mutual respect, preparing them to serve the global community.*

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# STRATEGIC PLANNING: Honoring our Past, Building our Future

Katie Doyle, President

## HONORING OUR PAST BUILDING OUR FUTURE

I am pleased to announce that York Catholic has begun its second ever Strategic Plan. As many of you know, the last plan took us from 2019 to 2024. During that time, we saw the successful completion of the *Grow Today, Impact Tomorrow* Capital Campaign, where we renovated 100% of the academic space here at the school to include the introduction of air conditioning. We saw an increase in faculty and staff compensation that has led to YC boasting the highest faculty and staff retention rate in the Diocese of Harrisburg. We moved to a President/Principal model, allowing for a more strategic focus on external and internal relations between those roles. And, we have increased community awareness and interest in our school as the number of non-partner school students has grown from 20% of the student body to over 40%.

Now, a couple of years later, it is time to *Honor our Past and Build our Future*. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the climate survey that was sent in May. Your feedback is invaluable as we plan for the next five years of continued success here at York Catholic. During the next several months, we will be gathering data, holding listening sessions, and engaging members of the YC community. This input will be used to formulate a plan that will take us into the next century of Fighting Irish pride and success.



# Investing in High School Excellence for Student Success

*Throughout the year, York Catholic publishes a variety of helpful educational articles that are shared over social media with the greater community. We recently posted the following article that we wanted to include in this issue of Greensleeves to make it easy for you to share with your friends and neighbors.*



Choosing where your child will attend high school is more than an academic decision; it's an investment in their future. At York Catholic, families discover that investment pays lifelong dividends beginning with academic preparedness for college and extending to personal growth and development of strong values as they prepare to launch into the "real world."

Through small classes, individualized guidance, and a community rooted in faith and trust, YC equips students not just for higher education and career, but for life. Each

day, our students are challenged to think critically, act with compassion, and lead with integrity — developing the skills, confidence, and character to thrive. It's an education that builds both competence and conscience, preparing students to make a meaningful impact wherever they go.

Private schools do require a financial investment from families, but there are many reasons why pursuing this type of education is highly valuable.

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## Prepared for College — and for Life

A York Catholic education builds confidence, discipline, and a deep love of learning that sets students apart when they enter college. In our recent College-Ready, Every Day feature, we were proud to share that the Class of 2025 earned more than \$16.5 million in scholarship offers, proof of the tangible return families experience when they invest in their child's education.

The true measure of that value is found in the stories graduates share — reflections that affirm how YC's rigorous academics and supportive faculty prepare students for real-world success. Every assignment, lab, and project is designed to build not only subject knowledge, but also essential life skills such as critical thinking, communication, and perseverance.

A recent alumnus noted in an email to a former teacher:

*"I would like to take a moment to brag because after I received my first graded college paper, I got an A and the compliment that it was the 'best response in the class.' I was reminded of how grateful I am to you [Mrs. Euclide] and the other English teachers for preparing me for this!"*

This is just one of many reflections we have heard from former students and parents over the years, demonstrating that at York Catholic, college preparation goes beyond coursework. It's a mindset nurtured every day through healthy challenge, encouragement, and care.

## Safety that Builds Trust and Belonging

When prospective families visit our campus, one word rises to the top in every conversation: safety. But at York Catholic, safety means more than secure facilities. It's about trust and intentionally building and nurturing an environment where students feel known, supported, and safe to be themselves.

Lori Keith, York Catholic's Communications Director, shares:

*"Our small size allows us to get to know the students. They readily go to their teachers and counselors for life advice beyond the classroom. Everyone who tours is usually amazed that we don't have locks on the lockers. That's due to trust and respect."*

That trust is visible in the hallways, on the field, and in every classroom. Teachers know students' names and their stories. Counselors and staff are constant, caring presences who help guide students through both academic and personal challenges. Contributing to a sense of security allows students to thrive, knowing they're surrounded by a community that cares about their growth and well-being.

## What Our Community Has to Share:

*"When I was a student, the guidance counselors were people I knew I could turn to, no matter what issue I was dealing with. Their door was always open, and they were ready to listen."*

-Moses K. '20

From physical safety measures to emotional and spiritual care, York Catholic fosters a sense of belonging that helps students grow in confidence, compassion, and courage. Families often describe YC as "the right size to be seen" — large enough to offer a diverse range of extracurricular activities and athletics, yet close-knit enough that every student feels like they fit.



## Guided Every Step of the Way

At YC, no student walks alone. Teachers and counselors serve not only as educators, but as mentors and advocates, helping each student explore interests, set goals, and discover their unique path forward.

*“Every single one [of the teachers]. So passionate and enthusiastic. You can tell that they love what they do and that they truly care about the kids.”*

-YC Parent

This dedication and care show up both in and outside of the classroom. It’s not uncommon to see teachers in the stands cheering for students at a game or performance, reinforcing students are supported in every part of their lives. This holistic approach helps students develop confidence, leadership skills, and a strong sense of belonging, qualities that empower them to make a difference in the world.



## SEE THE LIFELONG VALUE FOR YOURSELF

Choosing York Catholic means choosing a school where your child will be challenged, supported, and celebrated — academically, spiritually, and personally.

Schedule a tour today and discover how a YC education equips students to be college-ready, career-prepared, and life-confident. Because at York Catholic, you belong in a community that believes in your potential.

**You Belong at YC - reach out to Admissions Director Christina Lee at 717-846-8871 x1354 or [admissions@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@yorkcatholic.org) to schedule a tour, shadow day, or to have your questions answered.**

## An Accessible Investment with Lifelong Value

Families are often surprised to learn that individual tuition contributions at York Catholic are tailored to each family’s unique means and needs. Through the Family Customized Tuition program, YC ensures that a high-quality, values-based education remains accessible to families from diverse financial backgrounds.

This model reflects a York Catholic core belief: that every child deserves the opportunity to learn in a place where they’re known, valued, and inspired to reach their potential. And when you pair that accessibility with the exceptional academic, social, and spiritual growth that YC offers, it’s clear why so many families view this as one of the most meaningful investments they’ll ever make.

*“A York Catholic education is something of great value and something that should not be taken for granted. A faith-filled learning environment is important for young people and allows students to explore their faith alongside their peers.”*

-Ian Shelley ‘14

From scholarship opportunities to personal formation, families who invest in York Catholic are making a decision that pays dividends for a lifetime — through confidence, compassion, and a foundation of faith that endures long after graduation.



# Spain Trip

Maura Hoffman '27

To begin, I would like to thank everyone who made this trip to Spain possible. Thank you to York Catholic and to my parents for supporting this opportunity. This trip would not have happened without them. I also want to give one special thanks to York Catholic World Language teacher, Frau Richards, who made this experience the best it could have been with her expert planning and reassurance through thick crowds and many busy metro rides. This was my first time out of the country, and I could not have asked for a better experience. We partnered with ACIS and had our tour guide, Raquel, who navigated through crowded streets and provided her expert answers to all of our questions.

We started our travels in Seville where we had the pleasure of experiencing Palm Sunday Mass at the Real Parroquia de Santa Maria Magdalena, de Sevilla, and even visited a monastery building across the street. With Palm Sunday being the start of Holy Week or “La Semana Santa,” processions began to fill the streets. Crowds gathered around wide streets and narrow alleys as the Nazarenos marched with candles in hand, followed by floats carrying statues of Mary and Jesus with a band marching close behind. The processions continued throughout Holy Week.

We attended a dance class and learned the fundamentals of flamenco, followed by watching the professionals perform on stage. Experiencing more pieces of Spanish culture, we participated in a fan-making workshop and customized our own fans, which became one of my favorite souvenirs. We also experienced much of Spanish culture with our group dinners each night, which often consisted of two courses and a dessert or a Spanish favorite, tapas! Some of our desserts included lots of gelato, chocolate-covered strawberries, sorbet, and delicious churros with chocolate sauce.



Spain has a lot of beautiful architecture, which we had the opportunity to view and learn about. In Seville, we visited the Plaza de España and were educated on the many different regions of Spain. We also went on a tour of a Cathedral, which is the burial place of Christopher Columbus and the home to the largest altar piece in the world. The details on the altar piece were intricate and breathtaking. At the Cathedral, we had the opportunity to climb the church tower and get a bird’s-eye view of the city.

In between Seville and Madrid, we went to Cordoba, where we learned about the blends between Islamic and Christian culture, which is present in the Cathedral/Mosque, which acts as a present-day Cathedral, but is still widely referred to as a Mosque by locals due to the building’s former purpose as a Mosque. Our tour guide left us with the message that, “Culture is meant to be shared.”



One train ride later, and we entered Madrid. In Madrid, we went to the Prado art museum with a guided tour, viewing all sorts of famous pieces from paintings, drawings, sculptures, and even furniture. Our guide pointed out pieces by Goya and showed us the spots where you could observe his revisions within his paintings. Our guide asked us to observe differences in the figures of paintings to show us how the societal ideals of beauty impacted artists. She gave us the wise advice that, “We are all beautiful, and that beauty is subjective.”

All aboard the bus, and we traveled to Toledo which was my favorite view with bridges and beautiful water. There is even a zipline for visitors looking for a thrilling alternative to the bridge, but we passed on that one. Toledo had a wide variety of cultural impacts with its immense history. In Toledo, some of us tried award-winning and local favorite Manchego cheesecake.

Our final day in Spain concluded with visiting the Reina Sofia modern art museum and viewing Picasso’s “Guernica” as well as other pieces, and even an immersive art room with digital screens. We spent the rest of the day shopping the streets of Madrid and spending our final euros. Our final site to see was the Egyptian temple. We ended the day saying goodbye to our fabulous tour guide, Raquel, and to all the friends we made along the way.

In the end, it was a fabulous experience that I could never duplicate, no matter how much I wish I could. If you are able to do so, I highly recommend taking advantage of the chance to explore and learn on a York Catholic international trip. Thank you again to everyone involved for making this possible for my classmates and me!

# YC Recognizes Alumni Serving as Deacons

Barbara (Ember) Full '78



Deacon Stephen Pichler '70



Deacon James Koch '79 (right) with his nephew, Rev. Stephen Logue (left)

The word Deacon arises from the Greek *Diakonos*, which means servant. The very first Seven Deacons were mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7). There are two types of deacons: transitional deacons, men who are continuing on for priestly ordination and permanent deacons. In 1967, after the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI installed permanent deacons, those who chose not to continue on in formation to another ministry, but instead serve the Church in worship assistance, pastoral care and community service. York Catholic helped to “plant the seed” of service in this way with at least five alumni who selflessly went on to become deacons in their Churches. Mike Bahn '61, now a retired deacon, served at St. John the Baptist Church in New Freedom, PA, and currently resides at Country Meadows in West York. Christopher Spiese '00 is currently assigned to a parish in Columbus, OH. Stephen Pichler '70, Jeff Baylor '78, and James Koch '79 are all assigned to local parishes, St. Mary's York, St. Peter's Columbia, and St. Patrick's York, respectively.

Deacons Steve Pichler and Jim Koch were both accepted into Harrisburg's Deacon Formation Class of 2015 and ordained in 2020. Steve reflected, “I had been discerning a vocation to the priesthood, but after meeting my wife, Sharon, I put discerning a religious vocation on the ‘back burner.’ We were busy raising our three children; making the sacrifices to put them through Catholic schools, and becoming involved by helping in their various activities. Yet, I still felt that God was calling me. It was not until our youngest son Dan '11 was in college that after much discussion with Sharon about how the Diaconate would change our lives, and many hours of prayer with the Lord, that I applied to the program.” Jim was reading *The Catholic Witness* newspaper and saw where Bishop Gainer was calling for a class of permanent deacons and it resonated with him. He spoke with his wife and his pastor, and they encouraged him. Jim is grateful that he was running Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen at the time and was able to fit in the demanding course work and meetings with his work schedule. Diaconate formation requires five years of Graduate level studies in Philosophy, Theology, Biblical Studies, Liturgy, Sacraments and how to Administer them, Group Dynamics, Personal Interactions, and Counseling. It also requires five years of spiritual development for both the deacon and their spouse, as 90% of the deacons in the United States are married.

There are many rewards in this ministry: baptizing people, bringing them into the faith, administering the Sacrament of Marriage to couples, helping them to share their lives with Jesus Christ, preaching, and teaching various religious educational classes to help people improve and strengthen their relationship with God. Steve shared that

“the most rewarding ministry I do is to visit the sick people of the parish with Holy Communion, whether in nursing homes or the homebound. The love and joy they show to me at each visit, and the fervor of the belief for the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord is for me an experience in true humility. It makes the ups and downs of my daily ministry worthwhile.” Jim remembers performing a small graveside service for a niece who had just lost her aunt. The niece shared that she was not very strong in her faith, but was so appreciative of the meaningful service. He left the cemetery praying that his simple act would help her realize that living her faith, as she had done that day, was the most important thing in this life, to help her get to the next! Pray for your parish deacons, for they truly strive to serve the People of God.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The third annual Spring Alumni Social at the White Rose Bar & Grill was better than ever with record attendance. Each year, this gathering gets bigger and bigger. It's a great opportunity to connect with classmates, and alumni in other classes as well. Memorable stories were shared, some tall tales told, and the YC community had a fun evening together. We are grateful our events continue to grow because we know how important it is to keep your relationships thriving. We look forward to seeing you at the Homecoming football game on September 25, and we'll gather at Vito's Pizza & Beer afterward.



*Jean (Bonaduci) Staley '72, Deanna (Poet) Arnold '72, Kathy (Schmitt) Sibol '71, Judy Chambers '68*



*Alexa (Citrone) Yokemick '17, Mary Anne (Keffer) Burnside '87, Kadja Kamara '18, Peg Allton, MaGayla Welsh '17, Lacey (Hess) Harang '06, Betsy (Pistner) Hanuska '87, Kadie Kamara '18, Dan Yokemick '17*

## HOMECOMING HAPPENINGS

We'd love for you to stop by and say "Hi" at our Alumni table before you find a seat in the bleachers for the Homecoming football game on September 25. Please look for our pop-up tent, stop by, and share some information with us so we can keep you up to date on what's happening on campus. You can earn a chance at some cool YC merch, too!

After the Fighting Irish square off against the Nighthawks from Hanover, please join us at Vito's Pizza & Beer for our 4th Annual Alumni After Party. This is an opportunity to connect with your classmates, and share some old stories and memories. **For more information, please call Dave Salter, YC Fund and Alumni Relations Director, at 717-846-8871 x1325.**



**CONGRATS**  
CLASS OF

**2026**





## CLASS OF 2026

**\$14**

million in college  
scholarships earned

**88%**

continuing education  
at college/university

**5%**

continuing education at  
trade or technical school

**5%**

entering the  
work force

**1%**

entering the military

**1%**

entering missionary work

**10,548**

hours of service

# Senior Reflections

Margaret McKeague '26

The York Catholic Class of 2026 has done it all. Some of us have been together since kindergarten, while others have joined us only a few years ago. No matter how long we have spent with each other, the culmination of these years has been characterized by its ups and downs, failures and successes, and victories and losses, all of which have been slowly transforming us into the class we are today. As children, many of us found ourselves at YC football games, “futures” events, and shadowing days during elementary school, trying to envision ourselves as one of the “big kids” at York Catholic.

Even though our initial years at YC were spent learning through masks and plastic dividers, this time in our lives unknowingly instilled a deeper respect for one another and strengthened us as a whole. It took some getting used to, but the challenges of middle school adequately prepared us for the exhilarating four years of high school we so eagerly dreamed of.

Even if we didn't realize it at the moment, everything that has happened to us inside these walls has prepared us for something bigger in life. Every school Mass, Mini-THON, musical, sports game, retreat, challenging class, service hours, and so much more has helped shape us into the people we are today. Together, our class excelled not only in the classroom, but also in many of our 60 sports and activities offered at York Catholic. Several district championships were won, unforgettable musicals were performed, impressive academic excellence was achieved, and countless hours were spent volunteering our time to those in need.

As each of us explores a new path in life, we can proudly attribute our strong roots in faith, advancement of knowledge, and attitudes of humility to our York Catholic family. I have no doubt the Class of 2026 will jump into this next chapter of our lives with love, compassion, and bounding confidence.



Maggie McKeague '26



Military Commitments

## Military Commitments

Four York Catholic seniors have made a commitment to serve in the military after graduation. Shown left to right, Carson Stahl will serve in the United States Air Force ROTC program while at Arizona State University, Elisa Daijubu will enter the United States Marine Corps, Ava Firth will attend Georgia Military College for a year of prep school prior to entering the United States Naval Academy, and Connor Russ will serve in the United States Army ROTC program while at Penn State Berks. We thank you for your continued commitment to service.

# Valedictorian & Salutatorian

John Kellett was named Valedictorian and Reagan Miller was named Salutatorian for York Catholic's Class of 2026. Using grades through the third quarter of senior year, they have a cumulative grade point average that ranks them first and second among their classmates.

While at York Catholic, John Kellett was President of Student Ambassadors, served on the Students for Life Leadership Team, and was on the Executive Board of Service Club. He was also a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Soccer, Volleyball, Cross Country, Winter Track, Peer Ministry, Band, Graduation Band, Ink Society, Theology Club, Lord of the Rings Club, Spanish Club, Extraordinary Ministers, Knights of the Holy Temple, and Mission Representative. He was also involved in Boy Scouts, National Youth Leadership Training Staff, and was a soccer referee. His favorite class was Philosophy because "the class trained me to think logically, and the discussions it prompted were a lot of fun; we debated everything from the nature of justice to the use of AI. What I learned in philosophy has influenced the way I look at every other class I take and the way I approach my life in general." His two favorite events at YC were Homecoming 2026 and Senior Retreat. When asked if there was one thing he would do differently it would be to "spend less time worrying about academics. Working hard is a good thing, but time spent worrying is time wasted." The life advice he wished he had received earlier: "God has a purpose for you every moment of every day; live like it." He is most proud of winning the 2024 Speech Festival. He plans to serve a mission year with the Regnum Christi Mission Corps. He is the son of Marie and Thomas Kellett and is a member of St. Joseph Church in York.



*Valedictorian & Salutatorian*

While at York Catholic, Reagan Miller was involved in Student Ambassadors, National Honor Society, Students for Life Leadership Team, and Varsity Volleyball where she was named Captain. She was also involved in Club Volleyball, Competitive Shooting (USPSA), Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Line Dancing, and served a Dental Assistant internship. Her favorite class was Advanced Placement Biology saying, "the content was interesting, I loved the people I took the class with, and it cemented my passion for science." She lists her favorites as "Senior Homecoming and listening to the 'National Anthem' and 'Let's Get it Started' in the gym before each home volleyball game." If there was one thing she would do differently it would be "to take Honors Biology freshman year." The life advice she wished she had received earlier: "Don't let competition get in the way of your joy." She said her biggest accomplishment at YC was "graduating Salutatorian." She plans to attend the University of Maryland - College Park to study Biology - Arts/Dentistry. Reagan is the daughter of Amy and Donald Miller of Freeland, MD.

***Congratulations John and Reagan!***



# President's Award of Irish Excellence

The President's Award of Irish Excellence goes to one male and one female in the graduating class who have each demonstrated their understanding of the mission of York Catholic High School through their curricular and co-curricular involvement and their overall example as a Fighting Irish citizen. It is also accompanied by a \$1,000 scholarship to be used toward their future educational endeavors. Congratulations to the 2026 President's Award of Irish Excellence recipients, Zoe Oskam and John Kellett.



**2026 President's Award Presentation**  
(left to right) Bishop Senior, John Kellett '26,  
Zoe Oskam '26, President Katie Doyle '96

Zoe Oskam was President of Student Council, and a member of Student Ambassadors, National Honor Society, Competitive and Football Cheerleading, Yearbook Club, Spanish Club, Diversity Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Service Club, Varsity Club, and was a Mission Representative, and Homecoming Queen, while holding a part-time job. She said her favorite class was Advanced Placement Literature because, "we were a tight knit group and we had lots of fun while diving deep into literary work. I thoroughly enjoyed each and every one of the classes I took with Mrs. Euclide." Zoe said, "The best school event I have attended, which technically was not at school, was our trip to Germany last year." As for her favorite YC tradition, she said, "I love all of the homecoming festivities that surround the homecoming dance. The pep rally, spirit week, and homecoming game were always a highlight throughout high school." If there was one thing she would do differently, she said, "I'd focus less on my grades and more on the experiences and people. We don't have much time in high school, and while it's important to try your best and do well, don't lose sight of the fun that comes along the way." The life advice she offers to younger students is to, "show up and be present. Life is so busy and it is so important to slow down and appreciate everything that surrounds you." When asked about her biggest accomplishment at YC, she said, "I am proud of having a successful Mini-THON and planning various events with the Student Council Executive Board to bring our senior class together." She will attend Pennsylvania State University to study Communication Arts and Sciences.

John Kellett was profiled as the Valedictorian in this issue of *Greensleeves*. In addition to his accomplishments in the classroom and through his school activities, he is also revered by his peers. He is a leader, well-liked and respected, not just among his classmates, but within the entire school. John is a living testament of being Christ-centered and is admired for his convictions. During Senior Retreat, the class was asked to think of someone who they look to as a spiritual example to follow within their everyday life. You would think some would respond with a saint's name or maybe a grandparent. One classmate responded, "John Kellett," and many agreed. John is the epitome of a York Catholic student and deserving of this award that encompasses everything he represents. John will be serving a year with the Regnum Christi Mission Corps after graduation.

***Congratulations to Zoe and John!***

# York Catholic Girls' Basketball Celebrates 1,000 Wins



The York Catholic Girls' Basketball program achieved a milestone only a few games into the 2025-26 season. On Tuesday, December 9, the program scored its 1,000th win in school history with a victory over Hanover.

The YC girls' basketball program started in December of 1929 under the direction of head coach, Reverend Joseph Schweich, at the St. Mary's Gym on South George Street (York Catholic's first location). A stall in the program during war time and modest success followed through the years until the late 1960s when Janet Young '70 led the Irish and continued on to play in college for the Mighty Macs of Immaculata College who won three consecutive national championships from 1972-1974.

Head Coach Anne Lengle later led the Fighting Irish to its first state championship in 1979. In 10 years, her teams

garnered 211 wins. Head Coach Andy Bria followed with the next state championship in 2006. Then Kevin Bankos '82 led the York Catholic girls' teams to 2 State Championship gold medals, 4 State silver medals, 11 District gold medals, and 5 District silver medals. Bankos ended his coaching career in 2025 with 434 wins.

The 1000-win achievement was recognized prior to one of the regular season games in January. Former and current coaches and players were honored, trophies were on display, and videos were shown for fans to reminisce and relive the success of the girls' basketball teams.

York Catholic would like to thank the York County community for its support throughout the past century. Even with over 10,000 alumni, the Fighting Irish teams count many more among their fans who have adopted YC as "their team."

## Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

York Catholic High School's Athletic Booster Club inducted four new members into its Sports Hall of Fame in January. The Sports Hall of Fame honors former coaches and student-athletes, administrators, and volunteers. Those being inducted were (left to right): Phil Autrey (volleyball coach), Hannah Laslo Thole '15 (soccer & basketball), Kahan Jenkins '90 (basketball), and Art Full '80 (football, basketball, baseball). Congratulations!



# Alumni Seek Justice for All

Barbara (Ember) Full '78

Did you know York Catholic has four alumni who are York County judges? Two are Common Pleas Judges, Maria Musti Cook '75 and Christopher Ferro '92, and two are Magisterial District Judges, Barry Bloss, Jr. '84, and Thomas Harteis '86. I asked Maria to update us since *Greensleeves* had previously featured her stellar career in 2018, and asked the others why they entered law and to share something that exemplifies one of the fulfilling moments of their career.

In January 2021, after 36 years in the legal profession, **Maria Musti Cook** became the first female President Judge in the Court of Common Pleas. The term of President Judge is five years and for her, this coincided with the last five years of her second term as a common pleas judge. During that time, she continued to maintain a caseload in the criminal division, as well as assume the administrative duties of president judge. Also, during that time, Maria served as a voting member of the York County Prison Board, and was a Trustee at York College of PA, her alma mater. She said, "To get a behind the scenes look at running a prison and a collegiate institution on a daily basis was incredible!" The York County Economic Alliance honored Maria by selecting her as Elected Official of the Year in 2022. Maria retired in January 2026 after 50 years in various careers, but remains a senior Judge so she can cover court matters in any county in the state as needed. She is learning mahjong and pickleball and told me she is better at the former than the latter! Maria credits with great fondness, the influence of the late Sam Spiese in making her high school years the success that they were.

One of **Chris Ferro's** college professors at King's College encouraged him to go to law school. He had never considered that path; Chris knew the professor saw something in him he had not even seen in himself. "I will always be grateful that he took the time to care about my future and gave me that first vote of confidence. It has always been a reminder to me that one person can make a profound difference in someone's life." Chris went on to get his J.D. at Duquesne University. His first position was as a prosecutor at the York County District Attorney's office. After several years, he then joined Greist, Himes, Herrold, Schaumann, Ferro LLP. In 2012, he started Ferro Law Firm

and ran that until he was recently elected Judge in York County Common Pleas Court in 2025. On the bench, he will strive to make the justice system fair for all. Chris reflected on his career so far, saying, "there is a sense of purpose in acting as someone's voice and protector in a courtroom." Once he represented a client on some very serious charges and Chris strongly believed he was innocent. At trial, he was acquitted of all charges; if convicted he would have been incarcerated for decades. Years later he saw this client, who was now married, had children, and a great career. It was an emotional moment for both. The client told Chris that he "had lost almost all hope," and was eternally grateful for the second chance he had been given.

After graduating from York Catholic in 1984, **Barry Bloss** went to York College and then onto Harrisburg Area Community College's Police Academy. He served for 22 years with the York City Police Department, retiring as a Sergeant. Positions he held while in the police department included field training officer, quick response team member, accident reconstruction, and forensic mapping, among others. When the opportunity presented itself to run for Magisterial District Judge in 2009, he decided to pursue it since he had spent years in and out of the courtroom and had become familiar with the inner workings of the criminal justice system. He was elected in 2010 for the 6-year term and re-elected in 2016 and 2022. Barry will never forget an offender that was arrested for public drunkenness for the second time. He had no criminal history, but explained he was going through hard times and instead of getting through it, he chose to lose himself in the bottle. Usually, he would send a person to jail for the second offense, but had a feeling about the man and decided to try an alternative sentence. He sentenced him to 90 meetings in 90 days at Alcoholic Anonymous. His AA sponsor had to sign verification of attendance. Barry figured he would fail and have to issue a warrant to pick him up. He was wrong. The gentleman came back to his office after the 90 days to show him the AA 90-day coin and was smiling ear to ear. He also came back one time after that to thank Barry for giving him a chance and to say he was still sober and employed.



*Maria Musti Cook '75, Chris Ferro '92, Tom Harteis '86, Barry Bloss, Jr. '84*

After a short enrollment at Gettysburg College, **Tom Harteis** realized accounting was not for him. He entered the work force and started reading the newspaper a lot, gravitating towards human interest and government columns. That interest developed into a fascination in “how do people and society govern themselves?” This in turn, led him to re-enroll in school at York College, where he majored in Political Science and Public Administration. After working many years on the operations side of plant manufacturing, he decided to work part-time for a local attorney as his paralegal. This helped him to learn criminal and civil procedure. His best memory is one of surprise and perseverance. Tom ran for office in 2013 and lost by 2 votes. He ran again in the primary election in 2021; going

to bed early that night because he was about 100 or so votes behind the incumbent. At 3 a.m. he got a text from a campaign advisor that he should get a lawyer because the incumbent will most likely challenge the result. He checked the county website and was up by 1 vote with all the precincts reporting in. He was calm (his wife says NOT!), but could not believe he had survived the challenge, and then went on to win the general election that fall. Community involvement is one thing Tom values and for the last two years he has been invited to address students at Crispus Attucks Youth Build program and he is teaching the Junior Achievement program to 3rd and 4th graders at Alexander D. Goode Elementary School. Of course, there is also the offer to come back to York Catholic!

# ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Mini-THON

Our high school students raised \$27,883.94 at their Mini-THON to support the Four Diamonds in the fight to conquer childhood cancer.



Mini-THON 2026

## Science Fair



Ashley Sudderth '29

Ninth grader Ashley Sudderth won 2nd Place in the Environmental Engineering category of the Junior Division at the York Adams Science and Engineering Fair. Her project was "What's in Your Water? Building a Filter that Every American Family Can Use."



Catherine Savoie '31

Seventh grader Catherine Savoie won 1st Place in the Biomedical and Health Sciences category of the Junior Division at the York Adams Science and Engineering Fair. Her project was "Striking Steps: The Impact of Irish Dance."



Hailey Hunter '27 & YC  
President Katie Doyle '96

## Leadership York

Junior Hailey Hunter participated in the Leadership York program.



Arianna Smock '26 &  
Ruby Hartman '26

## Technology Student Association

Seniors Arianna Smock and Ruby Hartman took 1st place in the Children's Story event at the Technology Student Association (TSA) competition. They created a short, illustrated book about Jane Goodall, and advanced to the TSA state competition.



Mathletes

## Mathletes

Our Middle School Mathletes participated in York County Math Counts. Special shout-out to Andrew Kellett for finishing in 5th place overall with over 90 competitors!



Andrew Kellett '30

## Geography Bee

Eighth grader Andrew Kellett was our 2026 Middle School Geography Bee winner.



Chase Myers '31

## Farm Show Winner

Seventh grader Chase Myers won 3rd Place in the Alpaca Competition at the PA Farm Show.

## Future Business Leaders of America

Four students represented York Catholic at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference held at the Hershey Lodge where they participated in competitions and leadership activities. Shown left to right: Sara Harris '27 - 11th Grade Conference Management & Job Shadowing Internship, Ava Williams '27 - Marketing, Eliza Oathout '27 - Business Communications, Ruth Motter '27 - International Business. Congratulations to these students for showcasing their professional skills at the state level.



Future Business Leaders of America

# ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Distinguished Young Women

Congratulations to juniors Ellis Alas, Meredith Doores, Eliza Oathout, and Ruth Motter who were selected to participate in the 61st Annual Distinguished Young Women of York County program.



*Distinguished Young Women*



*Prom Court 2026*

## Prom Court 2026

The following seniors were elected to the Prom Court for the Class of 2026. Shown left to right, seated: Erin Duffy, Mady Felpel, Maddie Gilden, Ava Klinedinst, Emma Feil, McKaylee Jufer, Gabby Colburn, Cydney Roberts; standing: Campbell Ridgley, Kyle Salko, Sam McKim, Carson Stahl, Joe Lang, Landon Brady, Alex Wagner, Pierson Geary, Jack Uphouse, John Mullen, Kien Sylvester, Grace Oakhem. Grace and Carson were crowned Queen and King.

## Scout Award

Congratulations to our students who completed their projects and earned Eagle Scout or the Girl Scout Gold Award. Shown left to right: Ricardo Po '28, Gavin Pennell '27, Eliza Oathout '27, Ben Witmer '26.



*Scout Awards*

# ARTISTIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Adaeze Ezeadum '29

## Artist - Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Freshman Adaeze Ezeadum was selected as a second-place prize winner for the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) art contest for the cover design for their convention program.



Artwork by Kalliope Kunkle '26

## Artists - YCASE

Fourteen York Catholic art students were selected as finalists in this year's York Community Art Scholars Exhibition (YCASE) exhibit.



Emily Weller '26

## PA Knights of Columbus Essay Award

Senior Emily Weller was named the 12th Grade winner of the Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Her essay advanced to be judged at the national level.



Daniel Munford '28

## Writer - Dallastown American Legion Essay Contest

Sophomore Daniel Munford placed 2nd in the 10th grade division of the Dallastown American Legion Auxiliary Post 605 essay contest. The subject was "Celebrating America's 250th Birthday and the Veterans who Fought for Our Freedom."



Creative York Writer's Eye Awards

## Creative York Writer's Eye Awards

Four YC students placed in the Creative York Writer's Eye Contest 2026. Congratulations to (left to right): 1st: Grace Oakhem '26 - "Do We Share the Same Moon?"; Honorable Mention: Joseph Motter '27 - "Two Friends on a Voyage"; 2nd: Kara Euclide '26 - "For Cheryl"; and (not pictured) 3rd: Erin Noel '26 - "The Lining of Clouds."

# ARTISTIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## Young Writers - Middle School

The creative writing of nineteen members of our 7th grade class is included in an upcoming Young Writers' publication titled, *Fright Club - Malevolent Minds*. Congratulations to: (seated) Nilsis De Leon, Victoria Fabre, Annabel Koons, Isabella Melbert, Olivia Eyster, Madelyn Campisi, Silena Frierson, Lydia Murren, (standing) Hailey Rodriguez, Luke Sierotowicz, David Hierholzer, Luke Garber, Zachary Szymanik, Adler Kraft, Emil Manon-Velez, Isaiah Kunkel, Cole Sudderth, Samantha Shaffer, Priscilla Bastarache.



Young Writers – Middle School



Young Writers – High School

## Young Writers - High School

Four YC high school students were selected by Young Writers to have their work appear in the *Twists of Reality* publication. Students had to write a “stranger saga” using 100 words or less. Congratulations to sophomores Izzy Gottesfeld, Zoe Carothers, Francis Gorrell, and junior Joe Motter.



Speech Festival Winners

## Speech Festival

Congratulations to our 2025-26 Speech Festival winners! Shown left to right: 2nd Place Ruth Motter '27, 1st Place Will Wachowski '27, 3rd Place Kyle Olinger '28.



Ashley Sudderth '29

## Speakers

Freshman Ashley Sudderth participated in the Mary Furlong Speech & Debate Invitational and won two rounds in the novice Lincoln-Douglas debate category.



Giovanni Caputo '26

## Live Entertainment

Senior Giovanni Caputo was selected out of 500 candidates to participate in the Rock Lititz Live Conference. Gio had an opportunity to learn about careers in live entertainment from leaders in the industry through immersive demonstrations and hands-on experiences.

# MUSICAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



*York County Honors Band - High School*

## York County Honors Band - High School

The following students auditioned and were selected for the York County High School Honors Band. Shown left to right: Parker Kovach '28 (trumpet), Christopher Pautz '27 (trumpet), Amelia Burkey '28 (clarinet), Lucas Rodriguez '29 (clarinet), Ruth Motter '27 (flute), Wyatt Brodbeck '28 (clarinet) Emily Weller '26 (flute), Luke Andrews '28 (trumpet).

## York County Honors Jazz Band & District Jazz Band

Sophomore Amelia Dobson had a busy winter. She auditioned and was selected for the York County High School Honors Jazz Band and the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Jazz Band playing baritone saxophone, and she placed 3rd in the PA Farm Show Talent Show with a piano performance.



*Amelia Dobson '28*



*York County Honors Band - Middle School*

## York County Honors Band - Middle School

The following students auditioned and were selected for the York County Middle School Honors Band. Shown left to right: Olivia Eyster '31 (flute), Ava Lecker '30 (trumpet), and Gabbie Burkey '30 (clarinet).

## YC Students Performing in Symphonies

Congratulations to (left to right) 9th graders Zoe Santillo (violin) and Freda Trunnell (bass), and 10th graders Parker Kovach (trumpet) and Amelia Dobson (clarinet) who auditioned and were selected for the York Youth Symphony Orchestra.



*Symphony Musicians*

# MUSICAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## District Band

Sophomores Amelia Dobson (alto saxophone) and Parker Kovach (trumpet) auditioned and were selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Band.



*District Band*



*District Chorus*

## District Chorus

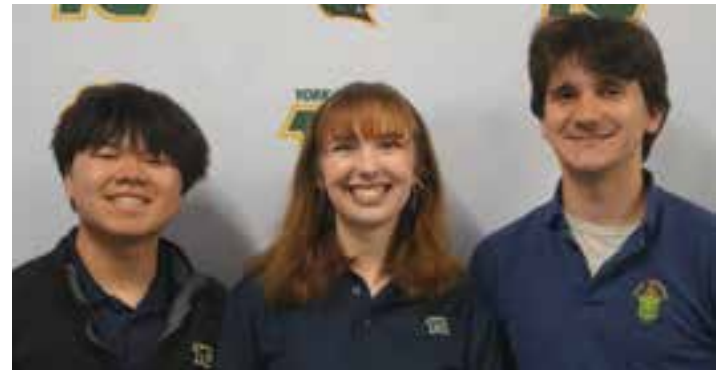
Junior Ruth Motter (Alto I) auditioned and was selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Chorus.



*York County Honors Choir*

## York County Honors Choir

Juniors Ellis Alas (left) and Ruth Motter (right) auditioned and were selected for the York County Senior High Honors Choir.



*Encore Scholarship Winners*

## Encore HS Musical Awards

Congratulations to our cast from “My Fair Lady” who performed at the Encore High School Performing Arts Awards. Michael Le ‘27, Grace Oakhem ‘26, and Ben Witmer ‘26 (shown left to right) were awarded scholarships!

## TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS BENEFIT YOU & YC

Turn your Pennsylvania taxes into tuition scholarships for York Catholic students. Available to individuals and companies, the state of Pennsylvania offers a tax credit program where your tax liability can be redirected to York Catholic. We partner with several organizations to help facilitate this opportunity, and all tax credit funds are used for tuition assistance.

Help us continue to create access to a transformational education at York Catholic. To learn more about this extraordinary benefit, contact Advancement Director Laura Burkey at 717-846-8871 x1323 or [lburkey@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:lburkey@yorkcatholic.org). There is also additional information at <https://yorkcatholic.org/give/eitc-ostc/>.

# ATHLETIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Ava Thoman '29 – District III-AA  
100-yard Backstroke Champion

## Athletic All-Stars

Congratulations to our athletes who were named to Fall and Winter Sports All-Star Teams. Spring athletes will be recognized in the Fall-Winter issue of *Greensleeves*.



Boys Basketball – District III-AA Champions



Girls Basketball – District III-AA Champions

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

YAIAA Division III Team  
Sportsmanship Award

### Leo Bradley '27

YAIAA All-Star First Team

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

District III-A Champions

### Jeff Alloway

YAIAA Division III Coach of the Year

### Sheila Driscoll '26

YAIAA Division III Runner of the Year

### Scarlett Bird '29

YAIAA All-Star First Team

### Abby Bullen '29

YAIAA All-Star First Team

### Izzy Frattone '29

YAIAA All-Star First Team

### Gwen Kerr '27

YAIAA All-Star First Team

## FIELD HOCKEY

### Joelle Sprunger '27

YAIAA Division III Defensive  
Player of the Year

### Kalliope Kunkle '26

YAIAA Division III Honorable Mention

## FOOTBALL

District III-A Champions

### Cam Fitze '27

YAIAA Division III Honorable  
Mention - Inside Linebacker

### Alex Kipple '28

YAIAA Division III Second  
Team - Wide Receiver  
YAIAA Division III Honorable  
Mention - Safety  
GameTimePA Honorable Mention

### Callahan Murphy '28

YAIAA Division III Second  
Team - Wide Receiver  
GameTimePA Honorable Mention  
EasternPAFootball.com Class 1A  
All-Star Honorable Mention

### Christian Noll '28

YAIAA Division III Honorable  
Mention - Center

### Reid Sinclair '27

YAIAA Division III Second  
Team - Offensive Guard  
YAIAA Division III Honorable  
Mention - Defensive Tackle

### Michael Staub '28

YAIAA Division III Second  
Team - Athlete  
GameTimePA Honorable Mention

## GOLF

District III-AA Champions  
YAIAA Division III Team  
Sportsmanship Award

### Vanessa Smith

YAIAA Division III Coach of the Year

### Sam McKim '26

YAIAA Division III First Team

## BOYS SOCCER

YAIAA Division III Referees Robert  
Bingaman Sportsmanship Award

### Joe Nattans

YAIAA Coach of the Year

### Joey Kelchaw '27

YAIAA Player of the Year  
YAIAA All-Star First Team

### Vince Buscemi '26

YAIAA All-Star First Team

### Michael Glezer '26

YAIAA All-Star First Team

### Kobin Proudfoot '27

YAIAA All-Star First Team

### Landon Baker '27

YAIAA All-Star Second Team

### Dylan Gonzalez '28

YAIAA All-Star Second Team

# ATHLETIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dylan Gonzalez '28**  
YAIAA All-Star Second Team

**Derek Noel '28**  
YAIAA All-Star Second Team

**JJ Bullen '27**  
YAIAA All-Star Honorable Mention

**Jesus Martinez-Ruiz '27**  
YAIAA All-Star Honorable Mention

**Brady Prendergast '27**  
YAIAA All-Star Honorable Mention

**Jack Uphouse '26**  
YAIAA All-Star Honorable Mention

## GIRLS SOCCER

YAIAA Division III Referees Herb  
Schmidt Sportsmanship Award  
YAIAA Division III Coaches Team  
Sportsmanship Award

**Zoe Carothers '28**  
YAIAA All-Star First Team

**Kara Dobe '26**  
YAIAA All-Star First Team

**Ava Firth '26**  
YAIAA All-Star Second Team

**Emma Wurm '28**  
YAIAA All-Star Second Team

## GIRLS TENNIS

District III-AA Tennis Doubles  
Champions

**Kylie Althoff '27**  
**Cydney Roberts '26**

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Isabella Zimlik '27**  
YAIAA All-Star First Team

**Jaydyn Brown '27**  
PA Volleyball Coaches Association  
District III-A First Team  
YAIAA All-Star Second Team

**Reagan Miller '26**  
YAIAA All-Star Second Team

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

District III-AA Champions  
Team - YAIAA Coaches Division III  
Sportsmanship Award

**Ashton Hirsch**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
Coach of the Year

**Jaydyn Brown '27**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star First Team

**Bethany Lawlor '27**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Second Team

**Olivia Potter '27**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Second Team

**Kylie Althoff '27**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Honorable Mention

**Landry Crabbs '28**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Honorable Mention

**Maggie Fifer '28**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Honorable Mention

## BOYS BASKETBALL

District III-AA Champions

**Evan Bischof '26**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star First Team

**Patrick Ilonga '28**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Second Team

**Sam McKim '26**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Second Team

**Sean Devitt '26**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Honorable Mention

**Tate Keffer '28**  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Honorable Mention

## GIRLS SWIMMING

**Ava Thoman '29**  
District III-AA Champion in  
100-year Backstroke



## 1000 LB. CLUB CONGRATS

Congratulations to senior **Connor Russ** who advanced in his ranking in York Catholic's 1000 Pound Club. Connor had lifts of 370 in bench (a new school record!), 405 in squat, and 329 in his dead lift, for a total of 1,104 pounds.

Congratulations to senior **Carson Stahl** for climbing the ranks of the 1000 lb. Club to improve his standing. He lifted 255 lbs. in the bench press, 415 in the squat, and 445 in the dead lift for a total of 1115 lbs.



Connor Russ '26



Carson Stahl '26

# Knights of Columbus

Dave Salter, York Catholic Fund & Alumni Relations Director



*Knight of Columbus – St. Joseph York Council #6353 East York Columbian Home Supports YC Students  
L-R: Cory Lee '30, Sebastian Springer '30, Isaiah Kunkel '31, Knights of Columbus representative Kelly Brown,  
Nathan Day '31, Tatum Proudfoot '30, YC President Katie Doyle '96, Victoria Fabre '31*

## Humble. Selfless. Determined. Dedicated.

Those are just a few words to describe the Knights of Columbus, Council #6353. The council exemplifies what it means to sacrifice of yourself in service to others.

Representing St. Joseph's Parish in East York, approximately 180 members volunteered 6,800 hours last year and raised nearly \$100,000. All of the funds raised are donated to charitable causes. The Knights keep nothing, not even administrative expenses. Beneficiaries of their generosity include York Catholic, local food banks, homeless shelters, Special Olympics, and the prison ministry.

The four pillars that guide the Knights' mission are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Their continuing goal is to serve, help, and support the local community. Kelly Brown, a Trustee with Council #6353, documented 80 different events that this Knights council organized and executed last year. To think that an organization comprised of

volunteers is able to coordinate 80 events and consistently raise nearly \$100,000 each year to support its community is remarkable.

York Catholic Middle & High School has been a beneficiary of the Knights' generosity over the years. Current students receive scholarships toward their tuition, and the organization contributed to the Capital Campaign that concluded in 2023. The Knights also make periodic donations to other activities during the school year.

"We are constantly in motion," Brown said. "We are always recruiting (new members), and we're always looking for volunteers."

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, check with your local parish to see if there is an active council there, or feel free to contact Mr. Kelly Brown at [kbbrown79@hotmail.com](mailto:kbbrown79@hotmail.com).



# GREEN & GOLD *Gala*

**Thank you to everyone who joined us for York Catholic's Green & Gold Gala at the Country Club of York!** The event raised more than \$105,000 to benefit the York Catholic Fund which supports our students and faculty. Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Stewart and Tate Construction, as well as our Major Sponsor, the Knights of Columbus Council #6353.

It was a great evening to celebrate York Catholic as our guests enjoyed bidding on auction items, listening to students speak about their YC experiences, and closing the evening out by dancing the night away. Mark your calendar to be sure to join us next year - April 30, 2027.



# GOLF TOURNAMENT

## *Start practicing your swing!*

The 36th Annual York Catholic Golf Tournament will be held at Regents' Glen Country Club on Monday, September 14, with the traditional morning shotgun start at 9 AM. The cost per golfer is \$125. There are a variety of skills competitions during the round, and lunch will be served in the pavilion after the tournament has concluded. There are numerous sponsorship opportunities available, too. Complete details will be available in July on the YC website at [yorkcatholic.org/golf-tournament](http://yorkcatholic.org/golf-tournament). If you have any additional questions, please call Dave Salter, YC Fund and Alumni Relations Director, at 717-846-8871 x1325.



## FINISHING THE RACE

It's hard to believe the YC Class of 2026 is on to their next adventure. It seems as though they just got started. Even though the academic year has concluded, the fiscal year still has some time left. Like a runner racing in the 200 meters is told to run through the finish line, so we will do as well.

### **The York Catholic Fund closes on June 30.**

Your gift to the York Catholic Fund helps us continue to provide a quality Catholic education to our students in all that they pursue: academics, athletics, music and the arts, and extracurricular activities. We thank you for your continued support. Contributions to the York Catholic Fund can be made by check or directly on our website at [www.yorkcatholic.org/give](http://www.yorkcatholic.org/give). Date your check or make your online gift by June 30.



**Scan here or visit:**  
[yorkcatholic.org/give](http://yorkcatholic.org/give)



If you have any questions, please reach out to Dave Salter, YC Fund and Alumni Relations Director, at 717-846-8871 x1325.

# Class Reunions

Our alumni have a special connection to York Catholic. Whether it's volunteering for school committees or hiring a YC grad, the Irish spirit runs deep. Class Reunions are typically held every 5 years for graduating classes, but many meet monthly. If you're planning a class get-together, let us know so we can help you spread the word.

We can place your notice in upcoming *Greensleeves* issues, post information on our website, and help you with a mailing list. Please contact Dave Salter, YC Fund & Alumni Relations Director, at 717-846-8871 x1325 or dsalter@yorkcatholic.org to let us know about your upcoming reunion.

## Class of 1958

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Classmates meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 9 AM at the Stony Brook Family Restaurant, 3560 East Market Street in York. Please contact Charles Small at 717-578-6730 or Charlie Staub at 352-408-9604 at least 5 days in advance so a group reservation can be made at the restaurant.

## Class of 1960

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Members of the class meet for lunch at Village Green Restaurant on East Market Street in York at 12:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every other even month. Please contact Mary "Fran" (Frey) Hughes at 717-309-6441 or Joann (Gaubert) Hano at 717-781-6984 if you will be joining the group.

## Class of 1962

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Classmates gather monthly for breakfast on the 4th Thursday at Lyndon Diner. Contact Liz (Wotherspoon) Kohler at 717-259-9082 or eak913@verizon.net, if you wish to be notified each month.

## Class of 1964

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It's an 80th Birthday Party for the Class of 1964! Join us September 18, 2026, at 5 PM at Vito's Pizza & Beer on South Queen Street in York. An RSVP is not required, but appreciated, to Mary Ann Houck at mahouck137@gmail.com.

## Class of 1967

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Class members meet the last Saturday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Victory Athletic Association, 471 S. Ogontz St., York. For more information, contact Kay (Daniels) Kuhn at rkuhn7@comcast.net.

## Class of 1969

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The Class of 1969 meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at Hoss's on White Street in West York. Class members can e-mail Marty Tassia at martytassia@comcast.net or Lynn (Gallagher) Maher at lynn.g.maher@gmail.com with questions or to update their information.

## Class of 1970

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Class members gather the 3rd Wednesday of the month at various locations published at YCHS Class of 70 Reunion site of Facebook. For more information, contact Jeff Witman at 717-615-9002 or jmwitman63@gmail.com.

## Class of 1976

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The Class of 1976 Reunion will be held September 11-12, 2026. On Friday, September 11, a tour of YC will be held at 6 PM, followed by the football game at 7 PM. On Saturday, September 12, meet for heavy appetizers and drinks upstairs at Rockfish in downtown York from 5-10 PM. Classmates can contact Tom Ortenzio at footfan@comcast.net or 717-873-7977. Look for updates on the YC Class of 1976 Facebook page.

# Class Notes



First Lieutenant Brian Hand '18

**First Lieutenant Brian Hand '18** earned his degree in Electrical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy in 2022. He commissioned into the United States Marine Corps that year and soon began his journey as an aviator. After completing The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, he reported to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, for Primary Flight Training, where he flew the T-6B Texan II. Selected for the Strike pipeline, he advanced to Naval Air Station Meridian, Mississippi, for Advanced Jet Training in the T-45C Goshawk. There, he distinguished himself and earned his Wings of Gold, proudly pinned on by his parents, Kathy and JT Hand, in January. Hand has now transitioned to Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, to continue his service with the Marine Corps as a pilot of the F-35C Lightning II—the Navy and Marine Corps' cutting-edge 5th-generation multi-role stealth fighter. To this day, he credits much of his success to the foundational skills, discipline, and values instilled in him during his time at York Catholic.



Bruce Lenon-Mixco '20

**Bruce Lenon-Mixco '20**, joined the Peace Corps and is currently serving in El Salvador, Central America. After completing three months of training abroad in culture, language, and technical preparation, he rang the bell to mark the beginning of his two-year service. During this time, Bruce is working in local communities, supporting education and sustainable development initiatives.

## LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

Phil Ferro '72, Van Hoffman '72, and Mike Land '72 (deceased) started their lifelong friendship while elementary school students at St. Patrick's. When they arrived at York Catholic, their group grew to include Ed "Jake" Javitt '72 from St. Rose and Tom Banks '72 (deceased) from St. Joe's York. Through over 50 years of friendship, they have had a fantasy football league for 40+ years, and have supported each other through births, deaths, and everything in between.

**Do you have an interesting YC Friendship story to share?  
Tell us about it by emailing us at [info@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:info@yorkcatholic.org).**



*Lifelong Friends*  
Left to right: Class of 1972 - Ed "Jake" Javitt,  
Phil Ferro, Tom Banks, Van Hoffman

# Memorials

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**Kristi (Enterline) Biltz '80**, wife of Ross Biltz; mother of Jacob Biltz, Rachel (Biltz) Barber; grandmother of Owen; sister of Lorna (Enterline) Murphy '74, David Enterline '77, Phillip Enterline; daughter of Philip (deceased) and Mary Dawn (Kurtz) Enterline '52 (deceased).

**William Eline '76**, father of Tessa and Drew; brother of Leonard '67 (deceased), Richard Eline '68, John Eline '70, Christine (Eline) Flick '74, Mary (Eline) Reed '77, Joseph Eline '78, Barbara (Eline) Thomas '82; husband of Cynthia (Shimko) Eline (deceased); child of James '45 (deceased) and Ruth Eline '47 (deceased).

**Mary Dawn (Kurtz) Enterline '52** wife of Phillip Enterline (deceased); mother of Lorna (Enterline) Murphy '74, David Enterline '77, Phillip Enterline, Kristi (Enterline) Biltz '80 (deceased); grandmother of 8; great-grandmother of 7.

**Bernard J. Kalisky**, husband of Marilyn (Fabbri) Kalisky; father of Lisa (Kalisky) Edwards '78, Brian Kalisky '81, Lori (Kalisky) DePorter '87; grandfather of 8; great-grandfather of 3; brother of Richard Kalisky. Bernie was a member of the York Catholic Hall of Fame and long-time member of the YC Athletic Association.

**Barbara (Stahle) Fisher '54**, sister of Elizabeth (Stahle) Wills '53, Robert Stahle '57

**Anita Gordon**, wife of William W. Gordon (deceased); mother of Gregory Gordon, Geri (Gordon) Peiffer, Scot Gordon, Eric Gordon, and Marc Gordon (deceased); grandmother to eight grandchildren; great-grandmother to one great-granddaughter. Anita was on the Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Schools Board and taught at York Catholic High School, York Catholic Middle School, and St. Rose of Lima Elementary School for several years.



Anita Gordon

**William W. Gordon**, husband of former York Catholic teacher Anita Gordon; brother of Ann (Gordon) Pascarella, Kathryn (Gordon) Jones (deceased); father of Gregory Gordon, Geri (Gordon) Peiffer, Scot Gordon, Eric Gordon, and Marc Gordon (deceased); grandfather to eight grandchildren; great-grandfather to one great-granddaughter.

**Richard Hildebrand '47**, father of Stephen Hildebrand '73, Mark Hildebrand '76, Diane (Hildebrand) Yocum '78. Dick was a member of the York Catholic Hall of Fame, long-time member of the YC Athletic Association, and cafeteria volunteer.

**Melvin Howard '69**, husband of Anna (Cronin) Howard.

**Vivian (Noel) Keith '52**, mother of Linda (Keith) Rentzel '71, Lori Keith '82; grandmother of Scott Rentzel '92, Brian Rentzel; mother-in-law of Geary Rentzel; great-grandmother of Simone Rentzel, Chloe Koons, Ethan Koons, Aidan Koons; great-great-grandmother of Natalie Powell.

**Margaret "Peggy" Nichol '64**, sister of Richard Nichol '60, Catherine (Nichol) Byerts '68.

**Barbara (Schmidt) Schmitt**, wife of James Schmitt; mother of Dr. James Schmitt '70, Kathy (Schmitt) Sibol '71, Christianne (Schmitt) Rupp '72, Steven Schmitt '74, Gregory Schmitt, John Schmitt (deceased).



**Lawrence Sentz**, husband of Margaret Sentz (deceased); father of Steve Sentz '74, Jeff Sentz '74, Diane (Sentz) Harper '75, Eric Sentz '79, Dan Sentz '83; father-in-law of Jane (Frey) Sentz '74, Cathy Sentz, Wayne Harper, Jodi Sentz, Laurie Sentz; grandfather to 16; great-grandfather to 27. Larry was a member of the York Catholic Hall of Fame and long-time member of the YC Athletic Association.

**Samuel Spiese '64**, husband of Nancy (Nolin) Spiese '68; father of Samuel Spiese III '96 (deceased), Sarah (Spiese) Gulick '98, Christopher Spiese '00; brother of Dawn (Spiese) Slothower '54 (deceased), Ann (Spiese) Wainwright '61, David Spiese '67 (deceased), Mary (Spiese) Short '67 (deceased). Sam held many roles during his 58-year tenure at York Catholic. He was a Physics Teacher, Athletic Director, Dean of Students, Stage Crew Director, Baseball Coach, Softball Coach, Substitute Teacher, and Cafeteria Volunteer.



Samuel Spiese

**Sister Virginia Maria Stanton**, York Catholic English teacher from 1978-1986.



Sister Virginia Maria Stanton



Jim Stoutzenberger

**James Stoutzenberger**, brother of Mary (Stoutzenberger) Hicks, Ann (Stoutzenberger) Potts, Richard Stoutzenberger, Joseph Stoutzenberger, Stephen Stoutzenberger. Jim was a math teacher and basketball coach at York Catholic from 1978-2010.

**Marjorie "Mardie" (Foster) Strong '65**, wife of Michael Strong '64; mother of Amy (Strong) Asfa '84, Brian Strong '86, John Strong '89; grandmother of Daniel Strong, Aileen Strong, Ryan Asfa, Andrew Asfa; sister of George Foster (deceased), Thomas Foster '57, Susan (Foster) Watson '64 (deceased), Kenneth Foster '66, Patricia (Foster) Taylor '69, Daniel Foster '70 (deceased).



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### **Golf Tournament**

*at Regents' Glen Country Club*  
**Monday, September 14**  
**8:30am Check-in & 9:00am Start**

*All proceeds support the York Catholic Fund*



### **Night at the Races**

*at York Catholic*  
**Saturday, October 24, at 6:00pm**

*All proceeds support the York Catholic athletic programs*



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