

MEMORIALS

Week of February 5, 2012

Altar Rose

In Memory of Ralph Ciandra
Requested by Grandchildren

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Charles Molinari
Requested by Tini Family

Madonna Candle

In Memory of Dorothy Russo
Requested by Norma

Wine

In Memory of Charles Molinari
Requested by Eleanor & Arlene Mecca

Host

In Memory of Charles Molinari
Requested by Lucy Carto

COLLECTIONS

For January 29, 2012

First Collection: \$5035

Second Collection: \$244

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

for those in Nursing Homes and for their caregivers.

Sharon Cimini, Steven Marchese, Jr., Frank Isabella, Jr., Ernie Zullo, Tom LaGrossa, Joseph Piazza, Jr. & Sr., Anthony Piazza, Georgio Repice, Donald Staffieri, Charles & Dianna DeMatto, Maria Busciacco, Nicola D'Angelo, Enrico Tini, Anna Mae Colanzi, Stephanie Nocella, Domenic Raschella, Elise Rosati, Dominick Galiano, Francesca Vittolino, Olivia Ruggiano, Beatrice Fasolo, Samantha Camarata, Anthony Mazzone, Rose Lutek, Henry Barone, Billy Vallejo, Lucy Palmer, Robert Pugliese, Jr., Micki Samma, Josephine Palella, Angelo Gigliotti, Lisa Iamuri, Vincent Villone Jr., Danielle Pizzo, Albert DeAngelis, Edith Longo, Joseph Lemons, Jake Carlettini, Lucille Germano, Maria Carto, Bernice Flannery, Carol Holman, Carol Bird, Baby Ryan Joseph Rosselli, Brianna Rosselli, Pina Sena Bloemker, Phyllis Capitola, Joe Dobby, Len Salmieri, Rosalie Smith, Jason Lukaitis, Carol Swinson, Louis Darigo, Millie Rego, Darlene & Donald Staddieri, Joann & Desire Lutz, Rose Beck Richard Rosselli.

Please notify the Rectory Office when a name can be removed. Tuesday morning is the deadline for inclusion of names.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

The Parish Community of St. Nicholas of Tolentine extends our deepest sympathy to the family of:

ANTONINA GALATI

Please remember the deceased and their family in your prayers.

MEMORIALS FOR 2012

There are still Memorials available for 2012.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Welcome to the house of the Lord! We have come to bring our worship to our God. May we do so in our singing, praying, giving, preaching, and listening. May God be glorified. Please join in the prayers and hymns.

Sing to the Lord a new song of praise

in the assembly of the faithful.

Psalm 149:1

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection Question:

How can I come to rely more on heavenly grace?

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to Rome on the occasion of the Conferral of the Pallium on Archbishop Chaput from June 25-July 2. The pilgrimage, will be visiting the major religious sites and Mass with the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square. For more info, call Maria at 800-727-1999 ext 150

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Will begin on Sunday, February 19, at the 11:00AM Mass, with Adoration until 6:00PM Mass. Monday, February 20, Adoration from 8:30AM to Mass at 7:00PM. Tuesday, February 21, Adoration from 8:30AM to Solemn Closing Mass at 7:00PM. Wednesday, February 22 is Ash Wednesday.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS 5 PART PARISH SERIES

In this study, we will explore the Scriptural roots of the Mass and come to know and understand the Mass like never before. You will discover the rich meaning behind why we say what we say and do during the Liturgy. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, leading to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Date: February 6 & 7, 13 & 14 and 20

Time: 7:00PM (one hour)

Where: Rectory Meeting Room

Call the Rectory office to register.

**ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE
"28" SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2011-12**

Once again, we are seeking donors of \$300.00 for scholarships. The scholarship will carry the name of the donor or anyone whom the donor designates, such as a deceased family member. If you choose to help our children by donating a scholarship, you can either designate the student recipient of the scholarship or allow us to make that determination as to who will receive the \$300.00 scholarship. When the scholarship is given, the following will occur:

1. The recipient's family will be asked to pray for the donor's intention.
2. The entire school will pray every day for the donors' intentions.
3. At every school Mass (usually First Fridays) the intentions will be for the donors.
4. A beautiful certificate will be given to the donor.
5. The names of the donors or the memorial names will appear in the school for the year.
6. The scholarship will be acknowledged in the Church Bulletin.

This Scholarship Fund is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones, pray for your intentions, help a family provide a Catholic Education for their child and help to ensure the future of St. Nicholas School.

May God bless you for your interest and concern for our Parish Community.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Nick

**60 scholarships were given for
school year 2010-2011**

SICK CALLS TO METHODIST HOSPITAL

Unfortunately Methodist Hospital will now only provide lists of all the Catholic patients in the Hospital for the visiting priest. The list will not give the names of those in a particular parish. Therefore, if you want to be sure that a patient from St. Nicholas is seen by our priest, please contact the Rectory office and give the name.

NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION

This night is set aside for all volunteers, workers and ministers of St. Nicholas Parish. It will take place on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00PM in the Chapel. Sign up sheet in Sacristy or call the Rectory office. More information to follow.

ST. GIANNA GROUP FOR LIFE

Meets the third Wednesday of every month for Adoration, Rosary and Mass. Begins 6:30PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. Next meeting February 15.

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY CARE
REGISTRATION**

We are now having registration for June and September 2012. On the weeks of February 6 and February 13 from 9:00AM-11:00AM and 1:00PM-3:00PM. For Ages 1-4. For more info, call 215-462-1515.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2012

Soon you will be receiving a mailing asking for your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the charitable works of the Archdiocese. In the mailing there will be a return envelope for your donation which can be returned directly to the Appeal office. There will also be an opportunity at all Masses on the weekend of February 11 & 12 to fill out pledge cards. Please be generous to those in need throughout the Archdiocese.

2012 MENS SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

"Strengthen One Another"

On Saturday, March 3 at 7:45AM at Archbishop Ryan High School. Guest speakers: Immaculee Libagiza, Tim Staples, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Rev J. Brian Branfield, St.D. To register or for more info visit <http://www.mscephila.org>.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the family and friends of our deceased parishioners who have donated to our Parish in their memory: William DeTore (\$965.00), Joe DeTolla (\$860.00), John Campolongo (\$400.00), Michelle Miraglia (\$75.00), Naomi DiSipio (\$10.00).

**MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES
SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you trying to cope with a loved one in prison? This support group is for you. The group will meet on Monday, February 20 at 7:00PM at Catholic Social Services, 7340 Jackson St. 2nd floor, NE Philadelphia. For more info, call 215-698-7656.

HEALING BROKEN LIVES, BROKEN WORLDS

**"Islam and its Contribution in the Work of
Peace and Healing"**

On Monday, February 27 at 7:30PM at the lower Shrine connected to St. Rita's Church. A presentation explaining the basic tenets of Islamic faith and practice by devout Muslims Reem Alalawi, B.S.N. and Fadel Selim, PhD. For more info, call 215-546-8333.

TEEN CONVOCATION 2012

"Source of Summit"

On Sunday, March 11 at Archbishop Carroll High School from 10:30AM-5:30PM. Keynote Presenter Father Augustino Torres, CFR will speak on the powerful presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Music by Mark Griswold and Mass by Bishop John J. McIntyre. Cost \$20.00 for the day. For more info, call 215-587-3760 or visit www.archphila.org/catechetical.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY
(1912-2012) CELEBRATIONS
FAITH, FAMILY, TRADITION**

CENTENNIAL MASS & GALA

Our Parish is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its founding as a Parish. A gala event is planned for Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Vie Ballroom by the Cescaphe Event Group, 600 N. Broad St. Mass at 2:00PM followed by cocktails & dinner at 4:30PM. Throughout the year 2012, we will have various events to commemorate this milestone in our Parish history. Save the date so you can be part of the celebration.

BE A PART OF HISTORY

We are in need of historical materials and photos for our Anniversary Commemorative Book. Photos, video or materials that involve important occasions at St. Nicholas, particularly in the earlier years, will be a great help. Start accumulating your memorabilia and we will let you know when we are ready to collect it.

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY
(for ages 21 & over)**

Dance the night away like when you were a teenager! On Saturday, February 18 at 7:30PM at St. Nick's Hall, 9th & Pierce St. Featuring DJ Zeem (Zack Marker). BYOB and snacks welcome. Tickets \$20.00 available at the Rectory.

WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Please join us in celebrating World Marriage Sunday on February 12 at the 11:00AM Mass. Come celebrate and renew the vows you made on your Wedding Day. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. Fill out the form and return by February 8 either in church or to the Rectory. Light refreshments following in St. Nicholas School Hall.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

TAKE A BREAK FROM CANCER

Share the Love!! Looking for something special to do this Valentine's Day? Come join "For Pete's Sake 12th Annual Beach Ball Gala" and share your love for families facing cancer. On Saturday, February 11 at the Crystal Tea Room in downtown Philadelphia. Register online at www.takeabreakfromcancer.org by January 30.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
SPRING CONCERT- DERVISH!**

On Sunday, March 4 reception at 3:00PM, concert at 6:00PM at the auditorium of Prendergast High School. Tickets \$45.00 includes snacks and beverages. For tickets visit www.littlesisterofthepoorphiladelphia.org or call Catherine 215-729-5153.

THE MASS

THE SACRED BANQUET CONTINUED

Each week we will give information on how to prepare for and participate in the Mass to make it more effective and meaningful.

#40 The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit

"The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (John 14:25). Ceaselessly the Holy Spirit brings to our remembrance the life-giving words of Jesus: "this is my body which is given for you" (Luke 22:19).

In the Eucharistic Prayer, while giving thanks to the Father, the Church "implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ's Body and Blood" (GIRM, art79). The church also prays that, by the action of the Holy Spirit, "the spotless Victim to be received in Communion be for the salvation of those who will partake of it" (GIRM, art 79).

At the Annunciation (cf. Luke 1:35) the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Virgin Mary, forming the Body of Christ in her womb. At Pentecost (cf. Acts 2:4) the Holy Spirit was present in a mighty wind and tongues of fire to form the Body of Christ, the Church. In every Mass the Holy Spirit makes fruitful the Church's obedience to the command of Christ: "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19).

LADIES NIGHT

On Thursday, March 8 at 6:00PM at FOP Hall on Spring Garden St. Please join us along with several vendors coming to display their products. There will be light refreshments. For more info call Donna 215-820-0865.

CASINO TRIP

Date: Sunday, May 20, 2012

Place: Resorts

Price: \$69.00

Package: \$22.00 slot play return, all you can eat buffet and "Beatles Tribute" show tickets (show starts at 3:30PM).

Bus leaves from 9th & Mifflin Sts. at 12:00Noon and returns by 9:00PM. Deposit of \$20.00 is due to reserve a seat on the bus. Call the Rectory 215-463-1326 or Floss 215-833-1671.

*The Lord tells the number of stars and calls them
by name.*

Psalm 147:4



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:00AM For our Parishioners
9:30AM Lydia Russo
Sol.Rite11:00AM Antonio Penza & Nunzio Picone
6:00PM Sam DeLuca

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

(St. Paul Miki and Companions)

- 8:00AM Salvatore, Maria, Joseph
and Marianna LaBruna
12:00N Antonio & Michelina Villano

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:00AM Sr. M. Patricia
Anthony Dalton, I.H.M
12:00N Joseph Spina

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

(St. Jerome Emilani & St. Josephine Bakhita)

- 8:00AM D'Aurizio & Leonelli Families
12:00N Louis DiSpaldo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00AM Dorothy Russo
12:00N Salvatore Vernacchio and
D'Amico Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

(St. Scholastica)

- 8:00AM Carmella, Louis and
Johnny D'Amico
12:00N Erna Maier

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

(Our Lady of Lourdes)

- 8:00AM Grace & Anthony Schiavo
Vigil 5:00PM Salvatore, Elizabeth and
Joseph Scafidi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:00AM Giuseppe Parisi & Antonio Talotta
9:30AM Clara & Angela Pasquarello
Sol Rite11:00AM Joe Spina
6:00PM For our Parishioners

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism—Third Sunday of every month at 1:00PM. Arrangement must be made personally, in advance, at the Rectory by the father or mother of child. Sponsors must be confirmed practicing Catholics at least 16 years of age. Sponsors from other parishes must have a letter of eligibility from their own Parish.

Sacrament of Marriage—The marriage policy of the Archdiocese reminds us of the sacredness of marriage and the beauty of the Sacrament. To assist engaged couples in growing toward this sacramental covenant, we ask at least 6 months notification of marriage to allow the proper time for preparation. Pre-nuptial instructions are required. Schedule and registration form can be obtained at www.flophila.org.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession)—Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00PM (in Chapel) or by appointment.

Care and Anointing of the Sick—For anyone confined at home, please notify the Rectory so that the Sacraments can be given. In an emergency, call anytime.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Aid for Friends—Frozen dinners for the homebound

Altar Servers—Boys & Girls—4th grade and up—to assist at Mass

Bereavement Ministry—Help in preparation for funeral liturgy

Care for the Poor—Meeting the needs of the less fortunate

Children's Liturgy of the Word—Sunday at 11:00AM Mass

Choir—Rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:45PM in upper Church—Choir sings on Sundays at the 11:00AM Mass

Community of Disciples—Faith sharing groups during Lent

CYO Sports—Catholic Youth Organization—Athletic Programs

Eucharistic Adoration Society—Tuesdays—9:00AM to Noon

Evangelization Committee—Bringing The Good News of Christ to All

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Communion to homebound

Finance Committee—Meetings quarterly

First Friday Devotions—After morning Masses every First Friday

Food Cupboard—non-perishable food for the needy

Golden Age Club—Mondays at 9:30AM in St. Nicholas Hall

Home & School Association—Meetings as announced

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)—Proclaiming God's Word at Mass

Morning Prayer—Monday to Friday at 7:45AM

Nar-Anon Support Group—Every Thursday at 7:30PM in Rectory

Nursing Home Greetings Committee—Greeting Cards mailed

Parish Pastoral Council—Meetings as announced

Pre-Baptismal Instructions—Thursday before Baptism at 7:30PM

Post Baptismal Journey Program—Spiritual support after Baptism

St. Gianna's Group for Life—Mass & Rosary every 3rd Wednesday of the month with Adoration & Rosary at 6:00PM and Mass at 7:00PM

Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary—Services every Monday at 12Noon

Video Library—Family & Religious Videos for rent in Rectory Office

Worship Committee—meetings as announced

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bible Study—Studies as announced. Call Rectory

P.R.E.P.—Mondays from 3:45 to 4:45PM—Religious instruction and Sacramental preparation for public school children. Anyone preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation must have two years' preparation before they can receive these Sacraments

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) - For adults seeking to commit to the Catholic Faith and for Catholic adults who have not received their First Holy Communion or Confirmation

DAY CARE AND CARES PROGRAM

Day Care is for children from 1-1/2 yrs to 4 yrs old from Monday to Friday from 7:30AM to 6:00PM. Call 215-462-1515.

Cares is an after school program for our students from 2:45 to 6:00PM.

REGISTRATION

Every Catholic family living within the parish should be registered. If you should move to another Parish, or the status of your family has changed, please notify the Rectory.