

## MEMORIALS

Week of February 19, 2012

### Altar Rose

In Memory of Anna C. Casta  
Requested by Stuart & Maria Pollack

### Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Frank & Rose Blase & Frank Jr.  
Requested by Theresa Blase

### Madonna Candle

In Memory of Anna C. Casta  
Requested by Lillian Fala

### Wine

In Memory of Domenic Virone  
Requested by Angie Virone

### Host

In Memory of Domenic Tricome  
Requested by Lucy Carto

## COLLECTIONS

### For February 12, 2012

First Collection: \$2,797

Second Collection: \$256

## 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 Doddy, Len Salmieri, Rosalie Smith, Jason Lukaitis, Louis Darigo, Millie Rego, Darlene & Donald Staddieri, Joann & Desire Lutz, Rose Beck, Richard Rosselli, Maryann Hoffer, Tonimarie Varallo, Carol Crivaro.

**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:

### **CAROL SWINSON**

Please remember the deceased and their family in your prayers.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 19, 2012

The message, sadly missed by many, is embrace the Lenten journey, and find your life transformed. Dedicate the next few days to savoring life's wonders, to the abundance of tables laden with great food and surrounded by the laughter of dear friends. Then, as you step forward to receive ashes on your brow, you will have already acquired a yearning for the renewing splash of Easter's waters.

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. 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:** What can I do this week that is pleasing to God?

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

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.

## SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed after the 7:00, 8:00AM and 12 Noon Masses. Also after the Prayer service which begins at 3:00PM and after the 7:00PM Mass.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. We ask all families to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES AND DEVOTIONS

Adoration: Monday to Friday, 8:30AM to Noon

Lenten Film Series: Every Monday, 7:00PM

Confessions: Wednesday, from 7:30 to 8:00PM

Evening Prayer: Monday to Thursday, 6:45PM

Lenten Mass: Monday to Thursday, 7:00PM

Stations of the Cross and Benediction: Fridays, 7:00PM

## NEW REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

With the approval of the Bishop our New Regional School between St. Nicholas and Annunciation B.V.M. Schools will be called:

### **St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Regional School**

Pray to St. Anthony for the success of our new school.

**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**

**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.

**STELLA MARIS  
STARS OF THE SENIORS**

Are having a trip to see Frank Sinatra, Jr. at the Taj Mahal on Wednesday, April 18. Cost \$66.00 and you will receive \$20.00 bonus slot, payment due by February 28. For more info call 215-463-3386.

**ANNUAL MASS HONORING PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES & THE DEAF COMMUNITY**

The Mass will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 11:00AM at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, 18th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a light reception following the Mass. For more info, call 215-587-3530

**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.mscphila.org>.

**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](http://www.archphila.org/catechetical).

**CYO HALL OF FAME BANQUET**

On Thursday, March 1 from 6:00PM-9:00PM at the Drexelbrook. The evening is for OYYA to honor selected individuals. This event serves as OYYA's main annual fund-raising initiative. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Thomas Higgins, M.Div. will be inducted into "The Hall". For more info, visit [www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org).

**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.

**JOHN W. HALLAHAN  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

**Scholarship Practice Exam:** Saturday, March 3 from 8:00AM-11:30AM at the school. Register by February 27, fee \$25.00. For more info, visit [www.jwhallan.com](http://www.jwhallan.com).

**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 March 21.

*It is I, I, who wipe out,  
for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember  
no more.  
Isaiah 43:25*

**100<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**Cocktail Reception**

Hors d'oeuvres, Chilled Seafood, Italian Antipasti, Skewers, Salad & Pasta Stations. Music by 2nd Chance, Nick Desidero & Kraft Strings.

**Dinner, Dance & Show**

3 Course Gourmet Dinner

Salad, Filet Mignon & Crab Cake Duet Entrée, Dessert.

**Top Shelf Open Bar Throughout The Evening**

Music & Dancing with

**The City Rhythm Orchestra**

Special Performance By

**Quaker City String Band**

Dinner Show Starring Singer/Comedian

**Joe Piscopo**

**Tickets: \$80.00 per person**

Tickets available in the Rectory Office

**OTHER CENTENIAL EVENTS**

**MOVIE NIGHT & TRIVIA CONTEST**

**Sunday, March 11, at 5:00PM- St. Nicholas Hall**  
Screening of Scorese's "Italian American", plus other short films, trivia contest, prizes and more.

**ITALIAN TRADITIONS FOR THE SENSES:  
A BOOK, A COOK, & MORE**

**Friday, May 18 at 7:00PM- St. Nicholas Hall**  
Lorraine Ranalli speaks about her humorous book on Italian Culture *Gravy Wars*, Mamma Maria demonstrates some classic recipes, Vivace Dancers teach The Tarantella-Topped off with a pasta tasting.

**ST. NICK'S NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES**

**Monday, July 23**

Catch the Phillies vs. Brewers on Italian Heritage Night

**TWO SPECIAL EVENTS BEING PLANNED**

1. Pilgrimage to Italy, with time in Tolentino, etc.
2. Trip to Ellis Island and New York's Little Italy

**AND MORE TO COME...**

**THE MASS**

**THE SACRED BANQUET CONTINUED**

**# 42 Remembering**

"Therefore, Lord, remembering the saving passion of your Son, his wondrous resurrection and ascension into heaven, and looking forward to his second coming, we offer you with thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

The Church retraces the whole passage of Christ through suffering and death into the glory of the resurrection and ascension. She remembers too his promise to come again. In the mysteries of Christ she sees the unfolding of the Father's plan, The "secret and hidden wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 2:7). Offering the sacrifice of Christ, she gives thanks. Having "passed through the heavens" (Hebrews 4:14), the ascended Christ, presents himself to the Father in an act of everlasting remembrance and thanksgiving. As the Church remembers and gives thanks, she too, in hope, "reaches that inner sanctuary beyond the veil" (Hebrews 6:19).

Each of the Eucharistic Prayers contains this prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving. The mysteries we recall—Christ's passion, death, resurrection, and return in glory—are not, like other events, locked in an irretrievable past or inaccessible future. In the Mass they are all present to us, and to the Father. The "here and now" of the Mass is God's eternity.

**LENTEN FILM SERIES**

Takes place in the Rectory meeting room  
on Monday evenings at 7:00PM

**February 27-Blessed Pope John XXIII, The Pope of Peace**-tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth to the papacy.

**March 5-Romero**-the true story of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated at the hands of the military junta of El Savador while celebrating Mass because he sought social justice for the people.

**March 12-Blessed Duns Scotus, Defender of the Immaculate Conception**-the inspiring true story of the holy Franciscan priest and theologian who won a famous debate against the Dominicans defending our Lady's Immaculate Conception.

**March 19-St. Philip Neri, I Prefer Heaven**- this captivating film highlights Neri's great love for youth contagious joy and humor, mystical spirituality.

**March 26-St. John Bosco: Mission to Love**-the great priest and educator of youth from Turin, Italy. Dramatizes the many challenges that he overcame.

**April 2-The Way of St. James**- This film follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination-Santiago de-Compostela. The Camino de Santiago that concludes at the shrine where St. James the Apostle is buried.

**Come whenever you can-No need to register**



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 8:00AM Pasquale Musolino & Antonio Tallotta  
9:30AM Deceased Members of DiSpigno Family  
Sol.Rite 11:00AM Angelo, Francesca Grasso & Lucia Starti  
6:00PM For Our Parishioners

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 8:00AM Domenico Marafioti-16th Anniv.  
12:00N James Smith  
7:00PM Marianna La Bruna

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

#### (St. Peter Damian)

- 8:00AM Frank, Angela & Frank, Jr. Celia  
12:00N Deceased Members of Campese Family  
7:00PM Giovanni, Pasquale, Fortunato & Carmela Russo

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

#### (Ash Wednesday)

- 7:00AM Ellen & Joanne Julian  
8:00AM Charles Molinari  
12:00N Villano Family  
3:00PM Prayer Service  
7:00PM John Raudenbush and Crafton Timmerman

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

#### (St. Polycarp)

- 8:00AM Madden Puleo and Domenico Romano  
12:00N Deceased Members of Adamo Family  
7:00PM Marie Galone

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 8:00AM Rosalie Smith  
12:00N Antonelli & Caramanna Families  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 8:00AM Lillian DelMastro & Virginia Verdi  
Vigil 5:00PM Anna C. Casta

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 8:00AM Giovanni, Angela and Graziella Picone  
9:30AM Vittorio Vernacchio  
Sol Rite 11:00AM Raschella-Ferarra and Sitongia Families  
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](http://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.