

MEMORIALS

Week of February 26, 2012

Altar Rose

In Memory of Nick & Rosario C. Capilli

Requested by Wife & Mother

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Stephen Torelli III

Requested by Family

Madonna Candle

In Memory of Sabina Verdi

Requested by Norma

Wine

In Memory of Rosemarie Siciliano

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. James Spina

Host

In Memory of Iannuzzi Family

Requested by Niece, Rita & Family

COLLECTIONS


For February 19, 2012

First Collection: \$4,837

Second Collection: \$833 (Fuel)

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, 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, Louis Darigo, Millie Rego, Darlene & Donald Staddieri, Joann & Desire Lutz, Rose Beck, Richard Rosselli, Maryann Hoffer, Tonimarie Varallo, Carol Crivaro, Eric Majusiak.

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



We wish to welcome our new Catholic Christians who have received the Sacrament of Baptism:

Nicholas Carmen Lerro

Shane Michael Gurney

may they always walk in the light of Christ.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2012

We are glad that you are here this morning to mark the season of Lent. During this season, we are all together in need of divine forgiveness and in need of power to lead a more faithful Catholic Christian life. Acceptance and support await you in our church.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

(Psalm 51)

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



FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT-2012

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 22, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rice Bowl," which aids countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

AUGUSTINAN MISSION COLLECTION

On the weekend of March 3 & 4, there will be a special Collection in support of the Augustinian Missions in Japan, Peru and South Africa. Kevin Krainz will speak at all Masses sharing stories of the poor and often the forgotten world. We ask you to share generously of the blessings which God has bestowed upon you.



**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 12:00 Noon and returns by 9:00PM. Deposit of \$20.00 is due to reserve a seat on the bus. Call Floss 215-833-1671.

**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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. Retreat Dates: March 23, 24, 25 at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA. Call 215-906-6337. Strictly Confidential.

CONGRATUALATIONS!!

To Henry Dang for winning the American History Essay Contest sponsored by Independence Hall Chapter.

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.

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.

**LENTEN JOURNEY THROUGH THE
EYES OF ARTISTS**

The weekend of March 30-April 1 at IHM Spirituality Center, Immaculata, PA. Enter Holy Week with its cycle of life and death by reflecting on artists' depictions of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem through His Resurrection. Guided by Sr. Helen David Brancato, IHM, we will meditate on the works of sculptors from Chartres Cathedral as well as the contributions of Third World artists. Participants are welcome for the weekend or on Saturday only. For more info, call Sr. Barbara Cook at 610-647-4136 or visit ihnspscenter@hotmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD BINGO NIGHT

Hey! Get your bingo chips and ink dabbers ready for a night of bingo sponsored by South Philadelphia Civic Association at Stella Maris School Hall on Friday, March 9. The kitchen will be open for refreshments. For more info, call Carmella at 215-465-2336.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married? When was the last time we got away and took time to listen to each other? The next weekend getaway will be March 16-18. For more info, call 1-800-456-8330.

MEN'S GRIEF & LOSS GROUP

Meet twice a month on Thursday evenings at the Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia. This is a support group for men who are mourning major losses of any kind and would like to seek recovery and healing in a confidential space with others. For more info, call Fr. Jim Paradis, OSA at 215-546-8333 x25.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY (1912-2012)
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

Come celebrate St. Nick's Centennial year in an evening of Italian-American short films and trivia. Join us on Sunday, March 11, 4:30-7:30PM in St. Nicholas Hall. Free admission and popcorn, prizes for Quizo Trivia winners. Fee \$5.00 for Quizo Trivia Team participants. Proceeds benefit the Centennial Fund.

**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

43 Offering

"We, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from your own gifts and bounty the pure victim, the holy victim, the spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation" (Eucharistic Prayer I). In each of the Eucharistic Prayers of the Roman Missal, *Offering* follows *remembrance*. "From the rising of the sun to its setting" (Malachi 1:11), Christ, the Lamb of the eternal sacrifice is present and offered to the Father under the form of bread and wine. In communion with the Church in every place, the priest and faithful offer to the Father the sacrifice that "brings salvation to the whole world" (Eucharistic Prayer IV).

The offering of Christ, Head of the Mystical Body, cannot be separated from the offering of his members. In offering Christ, we learn to offer ourselves at Mass and in all the circumstances of life. There is room on the altar of Christ's sacrifice for every joy, suffering, prayer and work of ours. "I appeal to you by God's mercies," says Saint Paul, "to offer up your bodies as a living sacrifice, consecrated to God and worthy of his acceptance" (Romans 12:1). The unity of the Church is forged in her one offering.

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 26

- 8:00AM Giovanni, Angela & Graziella Picone
9:30AM Vittorio Vernacchio
Sol.Rite 11:00AM Raschella-Ferarra & Sitongia Families
6:00PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 8:00AM Vincenzo Vernacchio
12:00N Nick & Rosario C. Capilli
7:00PM Larry Formosa

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 8:00AM Rosa Tortola
12:00N Vita Family
7:00PM Mary May

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 8:00AM Deceased Members of Martorano Family
12:00N Charles Molinari
7:00PM Stephen Torelli III-1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

- 8:00AM Joanne Galasso
12:00N Rose Ferrara
7:00PM Beniamino & Emilia Casciato

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

- 8:00AM Sabina Verdi
12:00N Lucy & Charles Sulpizio
7:00PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 3

(St. Katharine Drexel)

- 8:00AM Maria Moiola
Vigil 5:00PM Sesso, Russo & Auriemma Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:00AM Yolanda, Maria & Carmela Marchio
9:30AM Ricky Ferrer-1st Anniversary
Sol Rite 11:00AM Pisano Family
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.