

MEMORIALS

Week of January 8, 2012

Altar Rose

In Memory of John & Frances Laino
Requested by Daughter, Theresa Blase

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Ilacqua & Farrar Families
Requested by Marie Giordano

Madonna Candle

In Memory of Carmela Mirra
Requested by Son, James & Daughter-in-Law Joan

Wine

In Memory of Teddy Droszcz
Requested by Mary Cappola

Hosts

In Memory of Anthony Pungitore
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. James Spina

COLLECTIONS

For January 1, 2012

First Collection: \$ 3,167

Second Collection: \$ 1,263(Solemnity of Mary)

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, Baby Ryan Joseph
Rosselli, Brianna Rosselli, Virginia Spang, Pina Sena Bloemker,
Phyllis Capitola, Joe Doddy, Len Salmieri, Carol Holman, Rosalie
Smith, Carol Bird, Jason Lukaitis, Carol Swinson, Louis Darigo,
Millie Rego, Darlene & Donald Staddieri.

**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 families of:

**ROSELYN RIZZO
JOSEPHINE ROCCO
MATILDA STRADA**

Please remember the deceased and their
families in your prayers.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS JANUARY 8, 2012

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi
Gras beads in the streets on New Orleans-purple, gold
and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of
the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold
for wealth, purple for power, green for good health.
The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ
Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the
myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to
die.

*All kings shall pay him homage,
All nations shall serve him.
Psalm 72:11*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK The Epiphany of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on the day revealed your only Begotten
Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in
your mercy that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime
glory. 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 to come to know God better?

2012 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you have not received your 2012 contribution
envelopes or you would like to start contributing in the
new year and need envelopes, please call the rectory
office.

MASS INTENTIONS AND MEMORIALS FOR 2012

There are still weekday Masses and Memorials
available for 2012. Please come to the rectory office to
reserve your memorials or Masses.

ADORATION FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

On Monday, January 9 there will be a special time for
Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30AM to 12 Noon as an
opportunity to spend time before the Blessed
Sacrament to pray for an increase in vocations to the
Priesthood. Plan to set aside some time that morning
for this important intention.



Magi from the east arrived

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

**26) Received from Gerald Rescigno
In Honor of Betty & Quentin Rescigno**

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**

**AMCI OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS
Franchetti's "Cristoforo Colombo"**

Staged at St. Nicholas Hall on Sunday, January 22 at 3:00PM. Tickets at the door: \$25.00, tickets in advance \$20.00, \$15.00 for seniors, \$10.00 for children 12 and under.

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 January 18.

THANK YOU MR. MAYNARD

We are very grateful to Mr. Maurice Maynard for giving over 30 years of faithful service to St. Nicholas Church and School by providing excellent maintenance work, decorating the church, helping set up for our festival, supervising projects, and so much more. As he retires we wish him the very best of luck and health. I'm sure we will still see the white hair and mustache active around St. Nicholas. God bless you and thank you again.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the family and friends of our deceased Parishioner, Anthony Miami for their additional donations of \$280.00.



**UPCOMING ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
CLOTHING DRIVE**

St. Paul on Thursday, January 19
Sacred Heart on Thursday, February 2
truck will be there from 9:00AM-2:00PM.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Too much holiday? Exhausted? How about a getaway weekend with your spouse. Listening to each other and hearing each other? Our next weekend will be January 27-29. For more info, call 1-800-456-8330.

SICK CALLS TO METHODIST HOSPITAL

Unfortunately Methodist Hospital no longer provides lists of Catholic patients for the visiting priest. Therefore, if you want to have a patient visited by a priest, it will now be necessary for you to contact the rectory office and give the name and room number of the person in need of a visit. Our priests visit the hospital every Friday and we do not want to miss our own parishioners in need of a visit.

**SS. JOHN NEUMANN AND MARIA GORETTI
HIGH SCHOOL**

On Thursday, January 19 we are having Universal Visitation day (snow make up day will be January 31, if needed). Evening Registration is from 6:00PM-8:00PM. For more info, call 215-465-8437 ext 248.



Attention- Bingo Lovers! The South Philadelphia Civic Association is sponsoring a "Bingo Night" on Friday, January 13 from 7:00PM- 10:00PM in Stella Maris School Hall. For more info, call 215-465-2336.

FREE ANIMAL CLINIC

On Monday, January 16 starting at 9:00AM at Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital, 3900 Spruce St. Pet owners planning to bring their pets for examination and vaccination should call 215-898-4680 for an appointment.

**CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE
EASTERN CARIBBEAN**

Last minute space still available! Deadline January 22. Come and sail away on a 7 night cruise with Father Murphy March 25- April 1 on the Carnival Pride out of Baltimore, MD. Prices begin at \$1,369.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. For further info, call 860-399-1785 or visit dpayttc@aol.com.

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
ARE IN THE MAKING



100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
(1912—2012)

Next year, 2012, our Parish will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its founding as a Parish. A gala event is being planned for Sunday, April 29, 2012. 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.

100th ANNIVERSARY COMMUNION
LUNCHEON

On Sunday, January 22, 2012 we will open our Anniversary year with a Communion Luncheon to be held at IATSE Ballroom, 2401 S. Swanson St. (near Forman Mills). Tickets are \$25.00: Includes tossed salad, chicken parmesan, sausage & peppers, eggplant parmesan, rigatoni, roasted potatoes, vegetables, desserts, soft drinks, coffee/tea. Guest speaker: Dr. Richard Juliani, Professor of Villanova University.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEW
MEMBERS WELCOME

Golden Age Club is in need of new members. They meet Monday mornings in the School Hall for bingo, bagels and coffee. "The place where good friends meet." Feel free to drop in for bingo or become a member. For more info, call the rectory.

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 office Meeting Room

call the Rectory office to register.



. 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.

#36 The Prayer over the Offerings

"I appeal to you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1). To conclude the Preparation of the Gifts, the priest appeals to the assembly: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." Called to pray, the people stand and make their response, holding themselves in readiness for the Mystery to unfold. The Mass engages not the priest alone, nor the people apart from the priest, but the people offering with the priest and through ministry. "The celebration of the Eucharist is an action of the whole Church, and in it each one should carry out solely but completely that which pertains to him or her, in virtue of the rank of each within the People of God" (GIRM, art. 5).

The Prayer Over the Offerings follows. It asks God to receive the offerings set before him and to give us, in exchange, the surpassing gift of himself. The faithful, uniting themselves to this prayer, make it their own by sealing it with the acclamation, Amen.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

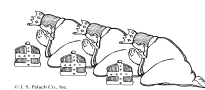
The annual Catholic Relief Service Collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and see "Jesus in disguise" in the faces on the poor, the hungry and the disadvantaged and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life.

The collection provides core funding for the work of five separate agencies that build the international social ministry of the Church. The work is done through advocacy on behalf of the powerless and impoverished, though relief and recovery services to victims of natural disasters, such as earthquakes and floods, and through resettlement services to victims of human trafficking.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia the weekend of January 14 and 15. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your generous response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to the Gospel to recognize Jesus in those in need and to respond in love.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia





SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:00AM Guiseppe & Maria Del Mastro
and Family
9:30AM Antonio & Gino Lusi
Sol. Rite 11:00AM Rosa Pisano
6:00PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 (The Baptism of the Lord)

- 8:00AM Ilagqua & Farrar Families
12:00N John & Frances Laino

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:00AM Mary Mikolaitis
12:00N Verdi Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

- 8:00AM Liborio Adamo
12:00N Cherie Secreto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:00AM Albert Pace
12:00N Naomi Di Sipio

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 (St. Hilary)

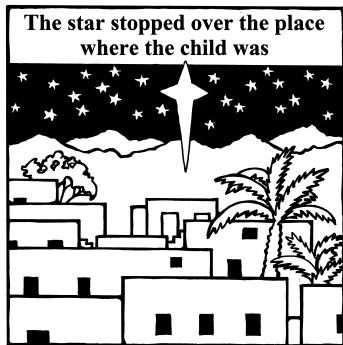
- 8:00AM Umberto & Paolina Di Benedetto
12:00N Ted Droszcz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

- 8:00AM Frederick Allegra
Vigil 5:00PM Joe Spina

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:00AM Concetta & Domenico De Marco
9:30AM Guiseppe & Maria Del Mastro
Sol. Rite 11:00AM Thanksgiving- St. Anthony
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 <http://archphila.org/evangelization/famlife/marriage.htm#couple>
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.

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