

MEMORIALS

Week of January 15, 2012

Wine

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

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.

COLLECTIONS

For January 8, 2012

First Collection: \$ 3,842

Second Collection: \$ 784

Christmas Collection \$ 25,446

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, 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 family of:

ANTHONY UMILE

Please remember the deceased and their family in your prayers.

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

-1 Corinthians 6:19a

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 15, 2012

A warm welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship the Lord. May our worship strengthen our faith and desire to serve Him who loves us. Please join in the prayers and hymns.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;

Sing the glory of His name.

Psalm 66:1-2

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 to help bring about God's peace?

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.

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.

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Catholic Social Services is looking for single or married adults to become foster parents to children of all ages and races. There is a special need for families who can provide care to teenagers, a population that needs love, guidance, and support as they move into adulthood. For more info, call 267-331-2502.

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.

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.

**ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE
"28" SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2011-12
27 & 28) Received from Reit Management
and Research LLC**

In Memory of Maria Rutter and Charisse Eschert

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.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
PEOPLE OF LIFE! PEOPLE FOR LIFE!**

On Monday, January 23 in Washington, D.C. Please join Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. For the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception at 10:00AM.

**CATHOLIC COMMITTEE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

On Sunday, January 29 will be the Annual Mass and Recognition Ceremony for Boy Scouts at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul. Archbishop Chaput will be the celebrant. For more info, visit www.ooya.org or call Pat at 215-965-4636 or visit pantonac@adphila.org.

ATTENTION!!

On Monday, January 16 there is no
Golden Age club.

**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**

Thursday, January 19 is Universal Visitation Day
Evening Registration is from 6:00PM-8:00PM.

New Scholarship/Placement Test

Will be on Saturday, February 11 & Saturday, March 31 from 9:00AM -12N. Registration fee is \$25.00. For more info, call 215-465-8437 ext.248.

**JOHN W. HALLAHAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

THURSDAY, January 19 is Universal Visitation Day. Catholic School 8th graders should register with their teachers, public/charter schools should register by calling 215-563-8930 ext. 254 by January 18.

Open house and Registration- Sunday, January 29 from 12:30-3:00PM.

**HEALING BROKEN LIVES, BROKEN WORLDS
"Healing the Troubled Girl & Unmarried Mother"**

On Monday, January 23 at 7:30PM at the lower Shrine connected to St. Rita's Church. A presentation by Rick Pytlewski, M.S.W., Administrator of St. Vincent's Home. For more info, call 215-5546-8333.

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, visiting the major religious sites and Mass with the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square. For more info, email Maria at mmichalik@ctscentral.net or call 800-727-1999 ext150.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FAITH, FAMILY, TRADITION

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (1912—2012)

Our Parish is celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its founding as a Parish. A gala event is 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.

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, January 16 at 7:00PM at Catholic Social Services, 7340 Jackson St. 2nd Fl. NE Philadelphia.
BECOME A PEN PAL

I was in prison and you visited me... When were you in prison and I did not visit you Lord? He will answer them, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me... Matthew 25:36. Total anonymity guaranteed. For more info, call 215-698-76556 or visit www.MaryMotherofcaptivessupport.org.

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.

#37 The Eucharistic Prayer

"When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that your Son may glorify you" (John 17:1). Thanksgiving was the heart of the prayer of Christ to the Father. It was in giving thanks that he instituted the memorial of his Passion, blessing his Father in advance for the glory of the Cross and for the joy it would bring into the world. Lifted up on the Cross and raised to the Father in glory, Christ became our everlasting Thanksgiving. "It was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens" (Hebrews 7:26).

The Eucharistic Prayer is the center and summit of the Mass. The Roman Missal contains four principal Eucharistic Prayers. The first of these, the venerable Roman Canon was for centuries and until quite recently, the only Eucharistic Prayer of the Roman Church. The Second, Third, and Fourth Eucharistic Prayers were introduced in the Roman Missal of 1970. In addition to these, the Roman Missal contains six other Eucharistic Prayers; three of these are for Masses with children.

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.

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.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00AM Concetta & Domenico De Marco
9:30AM Guiseppe & Maria Del Mastro
and Family
Sol. Rite 11:00AM Thanksgiving— St. Anthony
6:00PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00AM Frank Giordano
12:00N Domenic & Bridget Spina

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00AM Salvatore, Maria, Joseph &
Marianna LaBruna
12:00N Angie DiNucci & Rose Fantazzi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00AM Nicholas Bizzaro, Jr.
12:00N Carmela Quattrocchi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00AM Mary Quien— 9th Anniversary
12:00N De Gregorio & Fabiani Families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00AM Nunzio Picone, Giovanni, Angela
and Graziella Picone
12:00N Alida Garcia

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00AM Bernard DiStefano
Vigil 5:00PM Deceased Members of
Dattillo Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM Teresa Colubriale &
Domenico Talotta
9:30AM Ralph Rudi
Sol Rite 11:00AM For all Priests
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.