

MEMORIALS

Week of January 22, 2012

Altar Rose

In Memory of Peter & Margaret Canterino

Requested by Family

Wine

In Memory of Charles Molinari

Requested by Angie Virone

Host

In Memory of Charles Molinari

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. James Spina

COLLECTIONS

For January 15, 2012

First Collection: \$ 4,607

Second Collection: \$ 923

(Catholic Relief Services)

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, Joann & Desire Lutz.

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:

JOHN MANGANO

MARY ALBANESE

Please remember the deceased and their families in your prayers.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22, 2012

A warm welcome! The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace in our Savior. As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. May we together experience the presence of God.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Luke 4:18a

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 allow God to direct my actions this week?

UPDATE ON THE NEW REGIONAL SCHOOL

I hope the following information will be helpful for you in trying to understand the school situation. This is the only information we have available at this time:

1. We have been instructed by the results of the Blue Ribbon Commission that St. Nicholas and Annunciation Schools will partner to form a Regional School at the St. Nicholas Site.
2. At the end of this school year, St. Nicholas School and Annunciation School will no longer exist as parish schools. The new school will be the Regional School.
3. Registration will not take place until March so many details will be able to be worked out.
4. The new school will most likely have a new name or a hyphenated name.
5. Because St. Nicholas School and Annunciation School will no longer exist, the faculty, Staff and Principal will be without a job. That is why they must all reapply for a job at the new Regional School. Former Principals, teachers and staff from both schools will be given first preference for positions in the new school. Qualifications have been given by the Blue Ribbon Commission.
6. Implementation Committees will be formed at both schools consisting of the Pastor, Principal, 3 parents and a member of the Finance Counsel. These committees will work together in the planning process for the Regional School.

I will keep you informed as more information becomes available. Pray for the success of the new Regional School.

Fr. Nick

**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**

**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 The Immaculate Conception at 10:00AM.

A DAY OF PENANCE AND PRAYER

On the occasion of the 39th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on January 23. Come and pray before The Blessed Sacrament for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament from 8:30AM to 12 Noon.

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.

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.

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

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Had Enough of the holidays? Too busy? It's time for married couples to take time for us and renew and refresh our marriage. 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.

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.

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

Genevieve Williams

Sophie Angelina Antolis

May they always walk in the light of Christ.

**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.

*The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe
in the gospel.*

Mark 1:15

**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.

ADULT TEEN DANCE

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.

**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.

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.

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.

#38 Let our hearts be lifted high

The Eucharistic Prayer opens in a lyrical dialogue between the priest and people. "The Lord be with you. And with your spirit." Here, the familiar greeting becomes more solemn. Poised on the threshold of the Mysteries, priest and people together recognize that they are about to be enveloped in Christ's own prayer to the Father. "Let our hearts be lifted high. We hold them before the Lord." Every heart is held aloft: nothing is held back. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just." In ancient times, this response had the quality of a thunderous affirmation, solemn and spontaneous all at once.

The preface follows: a song of immense jubilation, a poem of thanksgiving to the glory of the Father. The Roman Missal contains a variety of Prefaces. Each one begins by acknowledging that the Father is always and everywhere worthy of thanksgiving. The middle part, drawing upon the wonders of creation and redemption, presents a specific reason for giving thanks. The final part soars heavenward, asking that our voices may be joined to those of the angelic choirs. The preface, by its very nature, cries out to be sung. The world's greatest musicians have recognized in the traditional melody of the Preface, a composition of unequalled simplicity and majesty.

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**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.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Will take place on Friday, February 3 the feast of St. Blaise after the 8:00AM and 12 Noon Masses. Also, Saturday and Sunday after all Masses.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM Teresa Colubriale &
Domenico Tallotta
9:30AM Ralph Rudi
Sol. Rite 11:00AM For all Priests
6:00PM For Our Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

8:00AM James & Irene Martorano
12:00N Frank Bocelli & Antoinette
& Antonio Brandolo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

(St. Frances de Sales)

8:00AM Joe Spina
12:00N Mr. & Mrs. Amato

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

(The conversation of St. Paul the Apostle)

8:00AM Shirley Smith
12:00N Dominick & Caroline Rosselli

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

(St. Timothy and Titus)

8:00AM Eda Adamo
12:00N Erna Maier

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

(St. Angela Merici)

8:00AM David J. Keating, Jr.
12:00N Assunta & Alberto
Vernacchio & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

8:00AM Deceased members of
Marzano & Marafioti Families
Vigil 5:00PM Vickie DelCiotto

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00AM For our Parishioners
9:30AM Tom Manogue-5th Anniversary
Sol Rite 11:00AM Benjamin, Theresa & Victor
"Deter" Alfonsi
6:00PM Elizabeth F. Sumner

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.