

MEMORIALS

Week of January 29, 2012

Altar Rose

In Memory of William & Mary McCovick
Requested by Bill & Dot McCovick

Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Antonio & Mary Giordano
Requested by Marie Giordano

Madonna Candle

Special Intentions for Douglas McMichen
Requested by Rita Impagliazzo

Wine

In Memory of Anthony Palange
Requested by Niece, Annette Danilla

Host

In Memory of Bill DeTore
Requested by Bill & Dot McCovick

COLLECTIONS

For January 22, 2012

First Collection: \$ 3430

Second Collection: \$132

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:

ROCCO TANA

SALVATORE RESTIVO

Please remember the deceased and their
families in your prayers.

MEMORIALS FOR 2012

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 29, 2012

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient
feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of
the shining days of Christ's coming in the depth of
winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the
Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many
places, a procession forms outside the church. The
temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and
the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the
Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

*Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock.
You find them...one at a time.*
Anonymous

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with
all our mind, and love everyone in the truth of heart.
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 come closer to loving everyone in
truth of heart?

OUR CENTENIAL YEAR OPENS

Last Sunday at the 11:00AM Mass we officially opened
our year long celebration of the founding of St.
Nicholas Church. After Mass there was a beautiful
communion luncheon. Many thanks to Bob Buckley &
John Girardo for organizing this affair. Also, our thanks
go out to Peter Spina and the entire 100th Anniversary
Committee for all their planning and enthusiasm. Our
gratitude also goes to all the workers and those who
donated baked goods. Look forward to more great
events to follow marking our 100th Anniversary.

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.

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.

**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**

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.

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.

NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION

This night is set aside for all volunteers, workers and ministers of St. Nicholas Parish. It will take place on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00PM in the Chapel. Sign up sheet in Sacristy or call the Rectory office. More information to follow.



*Come, let us bow down in worship;
Let us kneel before the Lord
who made us.*
Psalm 95:6

My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
It is often asked by the Catholics in the community of faith, "What ever happened to Father so and so?" The Father they seek is usually the priest who administered many of their sacraments to them and their family or maybe taught them in high school. He may have comforted them during personal illness or the death of a loved one.

This is much like the memories Mark's Gospel shares with us. Simon Peter says to Christ, "Everyone is looking for you!" They remembered he cured many of their sick and drove out many demons. Priest continue to extend this living compassion of Christ to the faithful who search for Christ.

Many of these good and faithful men have gone on to retire due to age or health taking up residence in one of our Catholic Health Care Facilities: Villa Saint Joseph and Saint Francis Country House in Darby; Regina Coeli in Warminster; or in the rectory or private residence. They still continue their priestly ministry of service to you, the faithful, through their daily Masses, personal sacrifices and prayers.

Please extend your gratitude to them by your generous financial support of the 2012 Collection for the Care of Aging and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that is scheduled for the weekend of February 4 and 5. Please continue to pray for all priests and be assured of a daily remembrance in our Masses and prayers.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Jesus Christ.

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2012

Soon you will be receiving a mailing asking for your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the charitable works of the Archdiocese. In the mailing there will be a return envelope for your donation which can be returned directly to the Appeal office. There will also be an opportunity at all Masses on the weekend of February 11 & 12 to fill out pledge cards. Please be generous to those in need throughout the Archdiocese.

**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.msphil.org>.

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**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.



**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY
(for ages 21 & over)**

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.



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.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
SPRING CONCERT- DERVISH!**

On Sunday, March 4 reception at 3:00PM, concert at 6:00PM at the auditorium of Prendergast High School. Tickets \$45.00 includes snacks and beverages. For tickets visit www.littlesisterofthepoorphiladelphia.org or call Catherine 215-729-5153.



**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.

#39 Holy, Holy, Holy!

"Holy. Holy, Holy Lord, God of mighty hosts!" One can almost hear the rush of the angels' wings in the Sanctus, a hymn of adoration belonging to the Eucharistic Prayer itself. The biblical sources of the Sanctus are in the book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel of Saint Matthew; thus does it bring together the Old and New Testaments in a single song. "I saw the Lord," (Isaiah 6:1). Surrounding the Lord, the prophet saw Seraphim, angels of the fire calling out, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" The second part of the Sanctus echoes the cry of the children of Jerusalem waving palm branches before Christ the true king: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Mt 21:9).

The Sanctus expresses what lies at the heart of the Christian experience of God. The thrice-holy God adored by the angels is, at the same time, the humble self-emptying God who, in the Eucharist, gives us his Body and Blood. Like the Preface that leads into it, the Sanctus cries out to be sung. The Roman Missal provides a simple melody, easily learned, and suited to its place within the Eucharistic Prayer.

**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.

LADIES NIGHT

On Thursday, March 8 at 6:00PM at FOP Hall on Spring Garden St. Please join us along with several vendors coming to display their products. There will be light refreshments. For more info call Donna 215-820-0865



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 8:00AM Antonio & Mary Giordano
- 12:00N Antonio & Michelina Villano

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 (St. John Bosco)

- 8:00AM Theresa Matijosaitis
- 12:00N Clara Pinto

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 8:00AM Francesco Lazzaro
- 12:00N Deceased Members of Oriente and Corrado Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 (The Presentation of the Lord)

- 8:00AM Lucy & Charles Sulpizio
- 12:00N Tony Campese- 1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 (St. Blaise and St. Ansgar)

- 8:00AM Ana Matijosaitis
- 12:00N Sabina Verdi

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:00AM James, Jr., Maria Barbato & Laura Thomas
- Vigil 5:00PM Anthony, Sylvia and Domenic Ridolfo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:00AM For our Parishioners
- 9:30AM Lydia Russo
- Sol Rite 11:00AM Antonio Penza & Nunzio Picone
- 6:00PM Sam DeLuca



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.

