

"PAST & PRESENT"

MSGR. J. JOHN BUSCO, 2222 W. CLEARFIELD ST. "I AM FINALLY ABLE TO DROP YOU A FEW LINES. EVEN THOUGH I'M RETIRED I AM STILL VERY BUSY. I ENJOYED IMMENSELY THE JJ. IT WAS SO NICE HEARING AND READING ABOUT, OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S. I MISS THEM ALL. AFTER 22 YEARS THERE, IT WAS LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND ALL OUR ST. MARY'S FORMER PARISHIONERS."

AMELIA PASCUZZI, ST. MARY'S SCHOOL. "WHAT A WONDERFUL SURPRISE YOUR JJ WAS. IT BRINGS BACK MANY LOVELY MEMORIES. I'VE READ THE JOURNAL SEVERAL TIMES AND EACH TIME NAMES COME INTO FOCUS TO MATCH THE NAMES. ST. MARY'S WAS MY FIRST TEACHING ASSIGNMENT. HOW WELL I REMEMBER MY FIRST DAY! SIXTY FIRST GRADERS MEETING THEIR SECOND TEACHER IN TWO MONTHS! I TRULY WILL NEVER FORGET THAT DAY. I'M HONORED TO BE INVITED TO YOUR "REUNION." I'LL BE THERE!!!"

RITA BELLO CIARLANTE, 2229 W. CAMBRIA. "PLEASE ACCEPT THIS LITTLE STIPEND TOWARD YOUR EXPENSES FOR THE PAPER. HOW FORTUNATE YOU ARE TO PUT YOUR THOUGHTS IN WRITING. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

HENRIETTA YANNESSA HAGGERTY, 1950, 2916 N. 20TH ST. "I WAS FORTUNATE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE JJ. I CERTAINLY ENJOYED REMINISCING ABOUT ST. MARY'S AND OUR ROOTS. OUR CHILDREN WILL NEVER HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCES AS US GROWING UP IN AN ALMOST ALL-ITALIAN NEIGHBORHOOD. IT WASN'T UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL THAT I REALIZED PEOPLE EXISTED WHOSE

NAMES DID NOT END IN A VOWEL. I PRESENTLY RESIDE IN N.E. PHILA. AND HAVE SINCE I MOVED FROM ST. MARY'S. YOU MAY FIND THIS STORY INTERESTING... ONE OF MY SONS HAS A FRIEND NAMED JIMMY. (THEY'RE BOTH 35 NOW). I NEVER ASSOCIATED JIMMY TO ANYONE I KNEW FROM ST. MARY'S. ONE DAY I MET MARYANNE COLEMAN WHILE SHOPPING AND WE GOT TO TALKING. WHEN SHE MENTIONED HER MARRIED NAME (SCARPELLO), I ASKED IF JIMMY WAS HER SON, HE IS, AND TO THIS DAY OUR SONS STILL ARE FRIENDS AND EVEN WORK TOGETHER. ALSO, MY BROTHER RECENTLY MET A GENTLEMAN AT THE PHILA. AIRPORT WHO WAS A MEMBER OF ST. MARY'S, AND WHOSE GRANDPARENTS HAD THE CLEANERS AT 21ST & INDIANA. THIS PERSON NOW RESIDES IN KENTUCKY. HE SENT MY BROTHER A COPY OF THE BOOK ON SHIBE PARK, TO WHICH HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING SOME INFORMATION. LET ME SAY "THANK YOU", AND IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE WITH THE JJ."

FRANK J LINARDO, ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 42. "I JUST RECEIVED THE SPRING EDITION. IT IS ALSO MY FIRST. I WANT TO THANK WHOMEVER GAVE YOU MY NAME AND ADDRESS. PLEASE KEEP ME ON YOUR MAILING LIST." MARYANN VITALE LOSCHIAVO, 2218 W. INDIANA AVE. "I JUST HAD TO TAKE A MOMENT TO DROP YOU A NOTE THANKING YOU FOR SENDING US A COPY OF THE JJ, MAY 15 ISSUE. I DON'T KNOW IF THE INCIDENT WITH MY FATHER (JOE VITALE) REALLY HAPPENED, BUT IT WAS NICE TO SEE HIS NAME AND, KNOWING HOW INVOLVED HE WAS WITH THE BOY SCOUTS WHEN MY BROTHER JOE WAS YOUNG, I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE HE ACTUALLY WOULD TALK TO YOU THAT WAY. ANYWAY, IT

MADE MY MOTHER HAPPY TO READ IT. IT SEEMS AS IF YOU'VE TAKEN ON QUITE A TASK PUBLISHING THIS NEWSLETTER AND I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SEND US A COPY. WHILE READING THE JJ, I GOT TO THINKING ABOUT THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU. IT WAS AT ROXBOROUGH HOSPITAL WHEN I WAS DELIVERING MY TWINS. YOU CAME INTO THE LABOR ROOM TO TAKE MY BLOOD AND YOU AND PAUL GOT TO TALKING AND COMPLETELY IGNORED ME. I HAD TO REMIND YOU BOTH THAT I WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DELIVERING BABIES. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE SOMEONE THERE TO TAKE MY MIND OFF OF THE PAINS, AND LISTENING TO YOU AND PAUL REMINISCE MADE THE TIME GO FASTER. BY THE WAY MY TWIN DAUGHTERS WILL BE 26 YEARS OLD ON MAY 21 - THAT'S HOW LONG AGO IT WAS. IT WILL BE GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE REUNION IN OCTOBER."

MARY KATORIS MARQUIS, 2817 N. JUDSON ST. "WHEN MY DAUGHTER SHOWED ME THE JJ I WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE ALL THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE I KNEW AND GREW UP WITH AND WENT TO SCHOOL WITH. I WAS BORN IN THE HOUSE AT 2821 N, VANPELT ST. THEN MY FATHER MOVED TO 2836 ACROSS THE ST. WE LIVED BETWEEN THE MANGINI'S AND THE RAGNO'S. WHEN I GOT MARRIED MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED TO 2817 N. JUDSON ST. THE KELLY'S LIVED ACROSS THE ST. FROM US. IN FACT, CASS & HELEN USE TO BABY SIT MY CHILDREN. CASS MARRIED DAVE FORD. SMITTY, JACK KELLY AND JOHNNY O WERE ALWAYS IN MY HOUSE. HOW I MISS THEM AND THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD! I WENT TO PIERCE THEN TO GILLESPIE, BUT THEN MY MOTHER TRANSFERRED ME TO ST. MARY'S. AFTER GRADUATION I

WENT TO WORK. I BELIEVE I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH STEVE VASSO. MY BROTHERS USE TO HANG ON THE CORNER OF CAMBRIA & VANPELT. THEY WERE KNOWN AS THE KATS BROTHERS. I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 34 YRS. I HAVE 4 CHILDREN. MY SISTERS NAMES ARE HELEN, ANN, BETTY, AND IRENE. MY BROTHERS NAMES ARE JIM, GEORGE AND JOHN. HELEN DIED IN 1978 AT THE AGE OF 52. JOHN DIED IN 1980 AND GEORGE DIED IN 1989. HE WAS 59. WHEN I WAS READING THE JJ I SAW THE NAME ALPHONSE CRESCENZO. WELL, I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH HIM AT ST. MARY'S. IN FACT I CAN STILL SEE THE NUN CHASING HIM IN THE CLASSROOM. YOU KNOW THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS IN ST. MARY'S. JOSEPHINE ROSSI AND JOSEPHINE COCCIA AND ROSEMARIE CATRONE ARE JUST A FEW NAMES I COULD REMEMBER FROM MY CLASS. IT BRINGS BACK A LOT OF GREAT MEMORIES. THE MANGINI BROTHERS NAMES WERE JOHN (NOGS), JOE(DOGS), ERNIE(BACALA), AND ALBERT. THE SISTERS WERE ROSE AND ANN. THE RAGNO'S ARE DOMINIC(JR.), FREDDIE, AND GLORIA (BUNNY)."

JOANNE PULEO MELLOR SCHMIDT, 2958 N. 25TH ST. "I HAVE JUST READ A COPY OF THE JJ, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY DEAR FRIENDS EILEEN & HARRY CAPP. THEY WERE GIVEN A COPY BY MARY & PETE VACCA WHO ALSO LIVED IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS JJ IS WONDERFUL AND BROUGHT BACK SUCH GREAT AND LOVELY MEMORIES. NO ONE COULD UNDERSTAND THESE FEELINGS UNLESS YOU LIVED IN SWAMP POODLE, ST MARY'S PARISH AND WALKED UP AND DOWN INDIANA AVE. AND 22ND ST. I LIVED NEAR BOB'S SEAFOOD HOUSE, NEXT DOOR TO ANITA SAULINO. MY NAME

WAS PULEO, MY FATHER WAS FROM HAMMONTON AND MY MOTHER WAS A DEPASQUALE FROM 2122 W. TORONTO ST. I HAVE A FRIEND WHO LIVED AT 2908 N. 25TH ST. MARY ALLEN WHO WENT TO ST. COLUMBA'S. WE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE 2 YRS. OLD. WHEN I MARRIED, (FR. MCGUIRE OFFICIATED), I MOVED TO 2941 N. 25TH ST. UNTIL 1967. I AM AN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN WARMINSTER. I HAVE A SON, 3 GRANDDAUGHTERS AND A WONDERFUL HUSBAND FRAN. UNFORTUNATELY AND SADLY, MY PARENTS ARE DECEASED, AS IS MY FIRST HUSBAND. I'VE ENCLOSED A DONATION TOWARD YOUR EXPENSES. WHEN YOU SPEAK TO ANITA SAULINO AGAIN, DO TELL HER I SEND MY LOVE AND REGARDS, AND ALSO VI CRUPI. I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH BOTH."

RICK WRONA, 2257 W. YELLEN ST. "I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER ME? WE HUNG OUT AT THE HOT SHOPPE TOGETHER AND WENT TO CD. I JUST HAD TO WRITE AND SAY "THANKS" FOR THE MEMORIES AND THANKS FOR TAKING YOUR PRECIOUS TIME TO KEEP US ALL INFORMED. MY WIFE OF 32 YEARS, CANDY, AND I ARE LIVING IN BLUE BELL, AFTER COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT IN DELRAY BEACH, FL. WE MOVED BACK TO THE AREA, BECAUSE GOD CHOSE TO BLESS US WITH OUR FIRST GRANDCHILD "NICHOLAS". WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND THE REST OF THE GANG AT THE REUNION, TILL THEN THANKS AND GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY."

Answers to the last publications
Mind Teasers. 1. Auerbach's
2. Phillies & Senators. 3. The Boys Club.

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ON SO. 66TH ST. BETWEEN MEDIA
& HAVERFORD AVES. NO TICKETS
NEEDED! JUST BE THERE 7PM.
FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE.

**PRAYER TO SAINT. RITA
OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.**
*O GLORIOUS ST. RITA, THOU
WHO MIRACULOUSLY SHARED IN
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