

"PAST & PRESENT"

ELEANOR MARCELLINO
BALMOS, JUDSON & CAMBRIA:
"I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR
A CALENDAR. I SENT THE ONE I
HAD TO MY FRIEND CONNIE
D'ANDREA IN CALIFORNIA. SHE
STOOD FOR US WHEN WE GOT
MARRIED. THE REUNION WAS
GREAT AND WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE. I
WAS GLAD TO SEE FR. MAGUIRE.
HE MARRIED US OVER FIFTY
YEARS AGO. KEEP THE
BALANCE OF THE CHECK FOR
EXPENSES."

DOLORES BARBIERI, 2910 N.
JUDSON ST. ST. COLUMBA'S:
"THANKS SO MUCH FOR
SENDING A COPY OF THE JJ. I'M
SO HAPPY TO BE ON THE
MAILING LIST. ENCLOSED IS A
DONATION TOWARD FUTURE
PUBLICATIONS. I'M SORRY I
WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE
REUNION, BUT WILL
DEFINITELY PLAN TO ATTEND
THE NEXT ONE. I RECOGNIZE
THAT THE EMPHASIS APPEARS
TO BE ON ST. MARY'S AND THE
AREA FROM INDIANA AVE. AND
ABOVE, BUT I CAN RELATE,
EVEN THOUGH I ATTENDED ST.
COLUMBA'S. I LIVED IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD UNTIL MY
PARENTS UPROOTED ME AND
MOVED TO THE FAR
NORTHEAST IN 1957. AT THE
TIME, I WAS THE RESIDENT
"TOMBOY". ALTHOUGH THAT
TERM IS NO LONGER USED AS
YOUNG GIRLS ARE NOW
ENCOURAGED TO BE
ATHELETIC, I HUNG OUT WITH
THE BOYS PLAYING HALF-BALL,
WIRE BALL, DEAD BLOCK,
MARBLES, TOUCH FOOTBALL,
ROLLER DERBY, ET. AL. TO SAY
NOTHING OF "PARKING CARS"
WHEN GAMES TOOK PLACE AT
CONNIE MACK STADIUM. IN
FACT, DONALD BOVE WAS ONE
OF MY BEST FRIENDS ALONG

WITH ERNIE DIBENEDETTO. AS
YOU REPORTED, IT WAS A
GREAT LIFE, BACK THEN. I
OFTEN REFLECT ON WHAT
GOOD TIMES WE HAD AND NO
ONE EVER GOT INTO SERIOUS
TROUBLE. IF YOU NEED ANY
HELP IN ORGANIZING FUTURE
GATHERINGS, PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO CALL ME!"

ANTHONY A. BONANNI, 2040 W.
CLEARFIELD ST. ST. MARY'S
1969: "I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
YOU AND ALL OTHERS WHO
HAVE GIVEN OF THEIR TIME TO
CREATE THIS ORGANIZATION
AND THE NEWSPAPER. I HAVE
KNOWN ABOUT IT FOR SOME
TIME. I WOULD GREATLY
APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD
ADD ME TO YOUR MAILING
LIST. I AM A BIT YOUNGER THAN
MOST MEMBERS ARE. AS A
REFERENCE POINT, YOU MAY
KNOW MY SISTER LAURA
MELILLO AND MY COUSIN
SQUID. I LOOK FORWARD TO
RECEIVING THE JJ."

JOSEPHINE MINISSALE
CALIANO, 2113 W. INDIANA AVE.:
"THANKS FOR THE JJ. I'M AN
OLD LADY OF 88 YRS. AND I
LOVE TO HEAR ALL THE NEWS
ABOUT ST. MARY'S. ENCLOSED
IS A CHECK FOR WHATEVER
YOU WISH. GOD BLESS YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY ALWAYS."

FRANK & JOSEPHINE CAPANO:
"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
CALENDARS. I RECEIVED THEM
TODAY AND FIND I NEED 3 MORE
FOR MY FAMILY. I WANT TO
GIVE THEM OUT AS A SMALL
CHRISTMAS GIFT. I AM
ENCLOSING A DONATION FOR
YOUR TROUBLE. THANK YOU."

JULES CAPRIOTTI, 2960 N.
JUDSON ST.: "MARCELLE AND I
REALLY HAD A GREAT TIME AT
THE REUNION. I MET PEOPLE
THERE THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN
FOR MANY YEARS. THE ARTICLE

IN THE INQUIRER BROUGHT
MANY PEOPLE FROM THE OLD
NEIGHBORHOOD INTO THE
STORE AND THEY SAID, "I SAW
YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPER.
IT WAS GREAT. THANKS AND
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

VERONICA CAPUANO, 2964 N.
TORONTO ST.: "I DIDN'T MAKE
IT TO THIS REUNION, BUT I
WENT TO THE LAST ONE. YOU
DID A GREAT JOB AT THAT
REUNION. I LOVE READING THE
JJ AND I MISS THE OLD
NEIGHBORHOOD A LOT. I NEED
A PLACQUE FOR MY MOTHER
MARTHA BONANNI AND 2
CALENDARS. THANK YOU!"

LYNN TORZONE CARR, 20TH &
LEHIGH AVE.: "PLEASE SEND ME
7 CALENDARS & IF POSSIBLE
NEWSLETTERS. WE ARE HAVING
A FAMILY GET TOGETHER AND I
WOULD LIKE TO SURPRISE MY
OLDER BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
THEY REMEMBER ST. MARY'S SO
VIVIDLY IN THEIR MINDS &
HEARTS. THANKS!"

LOUIS FRATTINI, 3010 N. 23RD ST.:
"AGAIN IT WAS A DELIGHT TO
READ THE JJ. THANKS FOR
HELPING TO KEEP THE
MEMORIES ALIVE. IF THERE IS
ANY EXTRA DONATIONS YOU
MAY NEED TO KEEP THIS
GOING, LET US KNOW. WE
WOULD BE GLAD TO
CONTRIBUTE. IN YOUR THANK
YOU COLUMN YOU HAVE A
SYLVESTER MARSH LISTED. I
USED TO PAL AROUND WITH A
LOUIS MARSH WHO WAS
KILLED IN GANG VIOLENCE IN
NEW YORK. HE WAS A SOCIAL
WORKER. PLEASE HAVE
SYLVESTER CALL ME AT 215 632
2537!"

JANET DILACQUA GREEN, 2315
W. CLEARFIELD ST. ST. MARY'S
1963: "FIRST LET ME SAY THAT
THE REUNION WAS FANTASTIC.
MY BROTHER JOHN AND I HAD A

WONDERFUL TIME. YOU AND YOUR TEAM SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR A JOB WELL DONE. WE WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT OUR DAD COULD NOT ATTEND. EARLIER THAT WEEK HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL. HE IS NOW HOME AND MAKING A SLOW RECOVERY. WE DID VIDEO TAPE THE NIGHT SO HE COULD SHARE IN SOME OF THE MEMORIES. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE MY DEAR FRIEND JOANN AMICI, WHO BY THE WAY HAS NOT CHANGED. ALSO THERE FROM MY CLASS WAS FRANK VIOLA, AS HANDSOME AS EVER. IT WAS TRULY WONDERFUL TO SEE THEM AGAIN. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH RICHEL D'AMBRA, SO WE CAN HAVE OUR OWN "GIRLS" REUNION. THE "GIRLS" WHO HUNG AROUND TOGETHER WERE JOANN AMICI, SOPHIA COLEMAN, RICHEL D'AMBRA, MARIANNE MCDADDE AND CONCETTA PICARELLO. I AM PUTTING A CHALLENGE TO MY CLASSMATES OF THE GRADUATING YEAR 1963...LET US HEAR FROM YOU. WRITE TO THE JJ - NOT TOO MANY OF US SHOWED UP FOR THIS WONDERFUL, ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT. PAUL GATTO, (BOB GATTO'S BROTHER), WHERE ARE YOU??? WE HAD SO MANY IRREPLACEABLE MEMORIES - HOPEFULLY WE CAN START SOME NEW ONES IN OUR OLDER YEAR'S (50)!"

TOM DEPASQUALLE, 27TH & INDIANA: "I AM LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH SOME OF THE GUYS I GREW UP WITH IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I WENT TO DOBBINS, BUT MOVED TO THE NORTHEAST IN 1962."
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MADLINE MARCOLONGO KOSCINSKI, 3105 N. HEMBERGER ST.: "ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND

MY CHECK TO COVER THE COST OF 3 CALENDARS. PLEASE USE THE BALANCE OF THE MONEY FOR POSTAGE. I ENJOY READING THE JJ. IT BRINGS BACK SO MANY MEMORIES AND HAPPY TIMES I DON'T THINK WILL EVER BE REPEATED. HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO KEEP THE MEMORIES OF THE "OLD NEIGHBORHOOD" SO ALIVE."

GENE LUCARINI, 3147 N. FOX ST.: "I WANT TO CONGRADULATE YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT JOB ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD REUNION. I HAD A GREAT TIME AND SO DID EVERYONE I TALKED TOO. I WAS DISAPOINTED THAT A FEW PEOPLE THAT I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO SEE WERE NOT THERE. WHERE WAS JANET SULLIVAN, HUGO AMOIA, JAKE AND CARMEN PETRUZZELLI, JOE RUGGIERI, STEVE TOMASSI, VICTORIA CODISPATTI AND A FEW OTHERS THAT I WAS HOPING TO SEE. MY WIFE GILDA SAW HALF HER ST. MARY'S CLASS. IT WAS SURE GREAT SEEING VIVIAN CATALDI AND HER MOTHER AFTER SO MANY YEARS, I WANTED TO SIT AND CHAT WITH ANN CONTI, BUT SHE HAD ALREADY LEFT. THE PERSON THAT WAS MOST ASKED FOR WAS BOBBY LUCARINI MY COUSIN. PLEASE ADD RUTH PETRILLO TO THE MAILING LIST."

PAT NICASTRO, 2955 N. BONSALE, ST. MARY'S 1954: "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR A CALENDAR AND TO HELP WITH EXPENSES OF THE JJ. I ENJOYED THE REUNION AND WAS ABLE TO MEET FRANCIS SALVATO A ST. MARY'S "54" CLASSMATE WHOM I HAVEN'T SEEN IN OVER 40 YEARS. I ENJOYED THE LETTER FROM HARRY BOCK, SINCE SOME OF MY

CLASSMATES WHERE WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO ROSEMARIE CANNATARO. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

JOANNE BOCCHI PALERMO, 3000 BLOCK OF 23RD ST., ST. MARY'S 1958: "I HEARD ABOUT THE JJ FROM A FELLOW 1958 CLASSMATE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER ME, BUT I REMEMBER YOU. I WAS THE SHY ONE. I HAVE BEEN RACKING MY BRAIN TRYING TO REMEMBER NAMES - I CAME UP WITH LINDA ARNONE, DELORES CICCARELLI, ANTHONY PICARELLO, JEAN KACKELEREIS, ROBERT BRILL, WALTER CANNON - ANYWAY, IF YOU COULD INCLUDE ME ON YOUR MAILING LIST, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH."
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VALENTINE PISTILLI, 2313 W. CLEARFIELD ST., ST. MARY'S 1958: "I ATTENDED THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR RACHEL PICARELLO. I HAVE INCLUDED THE OBITUARY, AS IT APPEARED IN THE INQUIRER. 'KIMBALL-PULINO RACHEL, 54, OF CT., FORMERLY OF PHILA. PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AFTER A COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER ON THUR. NOV. 23, 2000. BELOVED WIFE OF ANTHONY PULINO, DAUGHTER OF LOUIS AND ANNA (MARTINO) PICARELLO, MOTHER OF KRISTINA, KATHERINE AND AMANDA, SISTER OF ANTHONY PICARELLO, CONCETTA SURAVICZ. A MEMORIAL MASS WAS OFFERED TO CELEBRATE RACHEL'S LIFE AT ST. TITUS CHURCH IN NORRISTOWN. DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN RACHEL'S NAME TO THE LINDA CREED FOUNDATION FOR BREAST CANCER. I WENT TO THE MASS FOR RACHEL AND SAW ANTHONY AND HIS FAMILY. I AM WORKING WITH HIM TO GET HIS COMPUTER

BACK ON LINE SINCE AOL CRASHED TAKING THE COMPUTER WITH IT. WHEN ITS STRAIGHTEN OUT I'LL GIVE HIM YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS."

JOE & GINNY LEPP RAVENNA, 3010 N. RINGGOLD ST., "JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT A WONDERFUL JOB YOU DID. IT WAS REALLY GREAT TO SEE SOME OLD FRIENDS & TO TALK WITH THEM ABOUT THE "OLD DAYS". WHAT IS HARD TO BELIEVE IS THAT SO MANY YEARS HAVE GONE BY AND WHEN YOU SEE THESE PEOPLE ITS LIKE YOU JUST PICK UP WHERE YOU LEFT OFF. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR TIME & EFFORT."

ROSE DELLO RUSSO RICHARDSON, 2908 N. 24TH ST., "THE REUNION WAS LOVELY AND YOUR COMMITTEE IS TO BE COMMENDED ON ALL THEIR HARD WORK. YOU ALWAYS END EACH EDITION OF THE JJ WITH THE BEAUTIFUL PRAYER TO ST. RITA, SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO READ THE FOLLOWING THAT APPEARED IN THE CATHOLIC STANDARD & TIMES:" *"WHEN JOHN PAUL SPEAKS...ON ST. RITA OF CASIA AMONG US TODAY IS AN ILLUSTRIOUS PILGRIM WHO JOINS US FROM HEAVEN IN OUR PRAYER. IT IS ST. RITA OF CASIA, WHOSE MORTAL REMAINS, BROUGHT TO ROME BY THE ITALIAN POLICE, ACCOMPANY THE CROWDS OF THOSE WHO DEVOTEDLY CALL UPON HER WITH AFFECTIONATE FAMILIARITY AND CONFIDENTLY BRING TO HER THE PROBLEMS AND ANXIETIES THAT WEIGH UPON THEIR HEARTS. TOGETHER WITH HER YOU INTEND TO RENEW YOUR DEEPEST SENTIMENTS OF FIDELITY AND COMMUNION TO THE POPE, AS SHE DID IN HER LIFETIME. THE*

MORTAL REMAINS OF ST. RITA, WHICH WE VENERATE HERE TODAY, ARE A SIGNIFICANT SIGN OF WHAT THE LORD ACCOMPLISHES IN HISTORY WHEN HE FINDS HUMBLE HEARTS OPEN TO HIS LOVE. HERE WE SEE THE FRAIL BODY OF A WOMAN WHO WAS SMALL IN STATURE BUT GREAT IN HOLINESS, WHO LIVED IN HUMILITY AND IS NOW KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR HER HEROIC CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A WIFE, MOTHER, WIDOW AND NUN. - ON THE CENTENARY OF ST. RITA OF CASIA'S CANONIZATION MAY 20, 2000."

RON ROCCO, 2018 W. TORONTO ST.: "UNFORTUNATELY I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE REUNION, BUT I KNOW A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. THANKS FOR KEEPING THE GREAT MEMORIES OF A GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD AND PEOPLE ALIVE. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE CALENDAR AND SOMETHING EXTRA FOR EXPENSES.

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ROSEMARIE CINCOTTI ROWE, 2700 BLOCK OF 20TH ST.: "I JUST RECEIVED THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE JJ. ALTHOUGH I'M VERY UPSET THAT I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE REUNION, IT WAS FUN READING THE COMMENTS. IT SOUNDS LIKE EVERYONE HAD A TERRIFIC TIME AT A PARTY THEY WON'T BE FORGETTING FOR A LONG TIME. HOPE I CAN MAKE THE NEXT ONE! IF THERE ARE ANY CALENDARS LEFT, PLEASE SEND ME ONE. IF NOT, PLEASE USE MY CHECK FOR JJ EXPENSES."

FRANK SABATO SR., 3029 WOODSTOCK ST.: JUST A FEW WORDS TO SAY WHAT A GREAT JOB YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE ARE DOING KEEPING THE MEMORIES OF ST.

MARY'S AND THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD ALIVE. PLEASE SEND ME A CALENDAR AND A PLACQUE. HERE IS A CHECK FOR THEM AND SOMETHING FOR YOUR EXPENSES."

PHIL VISCONTO, 2121 W. CAMBRIA ST.: "REMEMBER GIUFFRIDA'S GROCERY STORE? THE IMPORTED CHEESES, PURE OLIVE OIL, HOMEMADE PORK SAUSAGE AND THE BARRELS OF OLIVES. JOSEPHINE (GIUFFRIDA) TARSI & HUSBAND PETE AND ROSE (GIUFFRIDA) VISCONTO & HUSBAND PHIL REMEMBER ALL THE WONDERFUL CUSTOMERS, THE GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND OF COURSE, ST. MARY'S CHURCH WHERE THEY WERE MARRIED IN A DOUBLE WEDDING CEREMONY. IT'S 36 YEARS NOW SINCE WE RE-LOCATED TO ROXBOROUGH. SO MANY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD NOW LIVE ON OUR VERY SAME STREET IN ROXBOROUGH. LIKE OLD TIMES! WE ARE SO LUCKY TO BE SURROUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING WONDERFUL LONG TIME FRIENDS: BETTY SALVATICO CONSELLO, CARMEN SHARKY SALVATICO, ALBERT GREENBERG SALVATICO, LAURA VALENTINE ORIO, IDA GIGLIOTTI RAFFAELE AND HER HUSBAND TONY, JOHN & BERNADETTE RANIERI AND MOTHER ROSE RANIERI, STEPHIE FIORVANTI CASELLA AND HUSBAND ED. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP CARRY ON YOUR GOOD WORK."

ADELE BELLO TRIFILETTI
1932 - 2000

2229 W. CAMBRIA STREET
GOOD-BYE OLD FRIEND!
MAY WE MEET AGAIN!

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MISSING IN ACTION!!!

This is the term that was used by Anthony Dello Russo in a recent e-mail that he sent to the JJ. It seems his cousin Fred

Ciaralanza was wondering what happened to many of his old neighborhood friends. Fred was at the October reunion and was hoping to see the following guys:

Tony Perna, Anthony Taconi, Louis Ricchutti, Angelo Salvatore and his brother-in-law Frankie, Gus DeStephano, Tony Carracchio, Dennis DeGregorio, Tony Saitta, Lou Eobbi, Dominic Mialetti, John Stellaccio, Jim Lardani and Jim Calabrese.

The JJ mailing list includes Jim Lardani, Lou Eobbi and Joe Stellaccio, but no John Stellaccio. We know that Tony Perna & Denny DiGregorio live in Roxborough and Louis Ricchutti lives in the Northeast but are now on the mailing list; Nettie Mialetti who is married to Dominic's brother John is on the mailing list; The other people you asked about are not on the list. We have over a 1000, subscribers as of this date and I'm sure that someone may know the whereabouts of these old neighborhood friends. If you are reading the JJ and know where these people are, please

contact them and ask them to write, or e-mail the JJ. Perhaps we can get them out to the next reunion!

WE HAVE PLENTY OF THE FANTASTIC CALENDARS THAT WERE GIVEN OUT AT THE REUNION. JUST SEND \$6.00 FOR EACH ONE AND IT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU PROMPTLY!

ALSO SEND YOUR CHECK FOR A ST. MARY'S PLAQUE NOW! SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$17.00 ASAP! WE HAVE PLAQUES IN STOCK, BUT THEY ARE MOVING VERY QUICKLY. IF YOU WANT TO PURCHASE ONE, PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TODAY!

PRAYER TO SAINT RITA OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.
GLORIOUS ST. RITA, THOU WHO MIRACULOUSLY SHARED IN THE PAINFUL PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, OBTAIN THAT I MAY BEAR THE SORROWS OF THIS LIFE WITH RESIGNATION, AND PROTECT ME IN ALL MY NEEDS.

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