

"PAST & PRESENT"

GERRY GIONTA ALBANO 2931 N. 23RD ST. "I GRADUATED ST. MARY'S IN 1956 AND HALLAHAN IN 1960. UNTIL RECENTLY I DIDN'T KNOW THE JJ EXISTED. IF MARIO & PAT EVANGLIST READ THIS LETTER I WOULD LIKE THEM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME BY PHONE 727-518-1289 OR EMAIL GERRYALBANO@HOTMAIL.COM. THE JANUARY EDITION OF THE JJ WAS GIVEN TO MY DAUGHTER BY THE EVANGLISTS. THEY WERE AT THE PHILLIES TRAINING CAMP IN CLEARWATER. I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN REACH THEM AND TO LET THEM KNOW I KNEW SIX PEOPLE LISTED IN THE JJ. I WAS ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH A DEAR FRIEND ERNIE CARUSO COPPOLA, BECAUSE HER TELEPHONE NUMBER WAS LISTED. ERNIE AND I HAVE SPOKEN OFTEN SINCE THE CONTACT WAS MADE AND WE NOW KNOW WE WILL NOT LOOSE CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER. I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF MY TIME IN ST. MARY'S FATHER WALKER CONDUCTING OUR DANCES AND HOW HE WOULD INVITE BILL HALEY AND THE COMETS TO OUR DANCE WHENEVER THEY WERE PERFORMING IN THE AREA. GREAT TIMES! LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM OLD FRIENDS. GOD BLESS!"

FR. MIKE CALLAGHAN, C. M. "THE FIRST TIME I EVER HEARD OF JUDSON STREET WAS WHEN I WAS 9 YEARS OLD. A NEW KID ON OUR BLOCK EXPLAINED TO ME THAT HIS OLD SCHOOL WAS ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL. A TITLE INDEED INTRIGUING. THE NEXT THING JACK CARDELLI AND HIS BROTHER DONNY TOLD ME WAS THAT THEY USED TO LIVE ON JUDSON STREET. THIS WAS THE SUMMER OF 1957. I LEARNED

FROM THEM NAMES THAT DIDN'T SOUND IRISH OR GERMAN: BOSCHETTI, PELLIGRINI, ANTONACCI, BELLO AND SANTONE. I WAS HOOKED: IF ITALY WAS GOOD FOR POPE PIUS XII, IT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. WHEN I ENTERED CARDINAL DOUGHERTY IN SEPTEMBER OF 1962, I MET RONNIE BELLO, SAM ANTONACCI, JOHN BOSCHETTI, GABE MELLILO, AND A HOST OF OTHER COLORFUL CHARACTERS FORM 22ND STREET. RONNIE BELLO, JOHN DIBENEDETTO AND GENE LALLI WERE IN MY HOMEROOMS AT CD. I NEED ALSO TO MENTION OUR CDHS ALL-CATHOLIC BASKETBALL STAR, JOHN GIARGIARI A CLOSE FRIEND OF RONNIE BELLO AND JOE MAURIELLO.

AS A SEMINARIAN AT ST. CHARLES, I MET AL PICCOLO, WHO PLAYED THE PICCOLO, WHO WENT TO ROMAN. SINCE ST. MARY'S AND CORPUS CHRISTI CHANGED HIGH SCHOOLS IN 1964. I MET MSGR. J. JOHN BUSCO ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO. I ASKED HIM WHAT HE KNEW OF THE HISTORY OF ITALIAN IMMIGRATION IN THE 20TH CENTURY IN NYC AND PHILLY. HE WAS MOST HELPFUL AND GRACIOUS; I SURE THAT'S NO SURPRISE TO YOU.

MY REFECTIONS ON 22 AND A IS THAT IT WAS A BELONGING AND COHESIVENESS. I RARELY SAW OR SENSED SUCH NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT. MY RELATIVES ARE NOT SO CLOSE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA; THEY ARE QUIET, LESS EMOTIVE AND SUBTLY HUMOROUS WHEN HUMOROUS AT ALL; ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE "BOOT" ARE EMOTIVE, EXPRESSIVE, WARM AND WELCOMING; MY FOLKS ARE TOO. JUST IN A DIFFERENT WAY. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS ARE EXAMPLES: WE GET TOGETHER WITH FAMILY AND

GRATITUDE IS A VIRTUE ALONG WITH BEING QUIET; NOT AT JACK AND DONNIES: HUGS, KISSES FOR EVERYONE FROM GRANDMOM, GRANDPOP AND AUNTS AND COUSINS AS WELL.

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY IN 1985 THE STUDENTS WERE MOSTLY ITALIAN AND IRISH NOW THE MINORITY IS THE MAJORITY. SJU WAS FOUNDED BY MY COMMUNITY OF VINCENZIANS TO EDUCATE THE CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS: IN 1871 THAT WAS MOSTLY IRISH, GERMAN AND ITALIAN KIDS. WHAT A GREAT AGE THAT WAS; WE HAD A PARISH, A PREP SCHOOL AND A COLLEGE ALL ON ONE STREET CORNER IN BROOKLYN: MYRTLE AND WILLOUGHBY AVES. IN BEDFORD STUYVESANT THE DEMAND FOR LARGER QUARTERS DUE TO GI'S FROM WWII WE BOUGHT A GOLF COURSE IN QUEENS IN 1955 NEAR WHAT WAS THEN IDLE WILD AIRPORT IS NOW JFK AIRPORT. I CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE TO BE A KID FROM PHILLY TEACHING AT A MAJOR UNIVERSITY; FR. DAN PIROLI AT CD GAVE ME MY START IN ENGLISH LITERATURE AND THE REST IS HISTORY; SO MUCH FOR CHEMISTRY WITH FR. BENISCHEK: I FAILED THREE OUT OF FOUR REPORT CARDS AND AVOIDED SUMMER SCHOOL BY THE SKIN OF MY TEETH!!! I DON'T KNOW IF ST. MARY'S NEEDS TO BE REPEATED AS A NEIGHBORHOOD OR PARISH: MOST PEOPLE MAINSTREAMED, BUT LOST A SENSE OF IDENTITY WITH FAMILY; LIFE SPINS ITSELF OUT IN DIFFERENT WAYS. WE NEVER HAD IN OLNEY WHAT YOU GUYS AND GALS HAD AT 22ND STREET.

ON THE DAY OF MY FATHER'S FUNERAL IN MAY 2003, OUR LIMO DRIVER CAME TO MY SISTER MARIAN'S HOUSE AND THEN WE DROVE TO CHURCH: ST. PETER'S, MERCHANTVILLE. HE ADMIRER

THE BEGONIA BUSH OUTSIDE THE HOUSE AND THEN WE DROVE TO CHURCH. ON THE WAY, CARMINE TOLD US HE WAS FROM PHILLY. HE THEN WENT ON TO TELL US ABOUT HIS GROWING UP IN ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL PARISH; I SAID I KNEW SOME GUYS FROM ST. MARY'S AT CD. CARMINE, WHO DRIVES FOR BRADLEY FUNERAL HOME, TOLD ME THEN ABOUT THE JUDSON JOURNAL. YA NEVER KNOW....."

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CONNIE D'ANDREA 2851 N. 24TH ST. "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP WITH EXPENSES. EVEN THOUGH I'VE LIVED IN CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 30 YEARS, I WILL NEVER FORGET THOSE WONDERFUL CHILDHOOD DAYS IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I ENJOY THE JJ AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT A SPECIAL PLACE."

ROSE DELUCA "I WANT TO INFORM YOU THAT MY MOTHER BRUNELLA "HILDA" AQUINDA DE LUCA PASSED AWAY ON FEB. 14, 2005. SHE IS SADLY MISSED BY ALL OF US. INCLUDING HER SISTERS LOUISE ESPOSITO AND JULIA DIODATA AND HER BROTHER CARMAN MARZANO"

BARBARA PATRIZI ESPOSITO 27TH & ALLEGHENY "FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT REMEMBER ME, MY FATHER WAS JOHN PATRIZI AND MY MOTHER WAS PAULINE ANZELOTTI. MY GRANDMOTHER, GUILIA ANZELOTTI, LIVED ON 22ND STREET NEAR LIPPINCOTT STREET. WE ALSO LIVED THERE BEFORE WE MOVED TO 27TH STREET. THEN WE LIVED ON HENRY AVE. IN ROXBOROUGH, DAD AND HANK STANZIANI HAD A GAS STATION AT PORT ROYAL AVE. FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CALENDAR ANT THE PHOTOS OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD! HOW

WONDERFUL TO SEE THE PICTURES OF THE NUNS, PRIEST, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM SO VERY LONG AGO. I PARTICULARLY ENJOYED READING THE NICKNAMES AND LAUGHED AS I REMEMBERED THE PEOPLE TO WHOM THEY APPLIED. ONE OF THE NAMES ON THAT LIST WAS "DAPPER DAN". DO YOU REMEMBER HIM? WELL, I DO BECAUSE HE IS THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR MY EMAIL NAME WHICH IS

is changed_27th street guy

I THINK I WAS A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL WHEN I HAD MY FIRST (AND ONLY) DATE WITH DAPPER DAN. AS I RECALL HE DESERVES HIS NICKNAME. BECAUSE HE WAS THE BEST DRESSED GUY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AFTER THE DATE, WE WALKED TO MY HOUSE ON 27TH STREET AND HE ESCORTED ME TO THE FRONT DOOR ON THE PORCH. I THANKED HIM AND SAID GOODNIGHT, BUT AS HE ATTEMPTED TO KISS ME I STEPPED BACK AND SAID, "No, I NEVER KISS ON THE FIRST DATE." DAN ASKED ME WHEN I WOULD KISS A GUY AND I TOLD HIM THAT WOULD NOT HAPPEN UNTIL THE THIRD DATE! (OF COURSE, I NEVER DATED A GUY THREE TIMES SO THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE TO HONOR MY RULE.) AT THAT, HE STEPPED BACK AND LAUGHED. THEN HE SAID THAT I CERTAINLY DESERVE THE NAME THE GUYS HAD GIVEN ME, WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT THAT NAME WAS, HE SMILED AND SAID THAT I WAS "THE ICEBERG OF 27TH STREET." WELL THE REST IS HISTORY...

SO, WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR COMPUTER, MY YOUNGEST SON, DEAN (WHO IS NAMED IN MEMORY OF DINO CURTI), SUGGESTED THAT I USE THE NAME THE BOYS CALLED ME WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER. SO IF A NEW LIST OF NICKNAMES IS COMPILED, I WOULD BE

DELIGHTED TO SEE THE NAME LISTED."

ROSE MAGGITT FERRARO "THANK YOU FOR SENDING THE JJ. I ALWAYS ENJOY REDAING ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND ESPECIALLY ITEMS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE. YOU HAVE KEPT OUR WONDERFUL TRADITIONS ALIVE. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP WITH EXPENSES."

RON GUERRA, ST MARY'S 1972 "ALTHOUGH I NEVER LIVED IN THE "OLD NEIGHBORHOOD" (HAVING GROWN UP IN NEARBY EAST FALLS, I HAVE A CLOSE CONNECTION TO IT. I ATTENDED AND GRADUATED FROM ST. MARY'S. MY GRANDFATHER AND FATHER - ANGELO AND ALBERT GUERRA RESPECTIVELY OPERATED A REAL ESTATE OFFICE ON 22ND AND INDIANA FROM THE LATE 1920'S UNTIL MY FATHER'S PASSING AWAY IN 1981. I STILL RUN INTO PEOPLE WHO TELL ME THAT THEY WERE HELPED BY MY DAD AND GRANDFATHER WHEN THEY FIRST CAME OVER HERE FROM ITALY IN BUYING THEIR FIRST HOUSE. I AM VERY PROUD OF THEM. I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AND CHURCH. I REALIZE NOW HOW MUCH I LOVED IT. IN FIRST GRADE, WE HAD 3 CLASSROOMS OF CHILDREN. BY THE TIME, I GRADUATED I THINK WE HAD 12 CHILDREN IN 8TH GRADE. THE NEIGHBORHOOD REALLY CHANGED RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES. I ALSO REMEMBER SAN MARETT BASEBALL. BUYING WATER ICE ON VAN PELT STREET AND HAICUTS AT LEO THE BARBER'S SHOP. I REMEMBER HANGING OUT ON 23RD STREET AND GOING TO GIUFRIDA'S FOR A SANDWICH OR LUNCHMEAT. MOST OF ALL I REMEMBER GOING TO CONNIE MACK AND

WATCHING THE PHILLIES (IN 50 CENT BLEACHER SEATS) AND SEEING PEOPLE I KNEW AT THE STADIUM WHO WORKED THERE AS A SECOND JOB. THESE ALL ARE GREAT MEMORIES THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET. I AM SAD TO REPORT THAT MY MOM, SARINA PASSED AWAY LAST SUMMER IN JULY. WE MISS HER A GREAT DEAL. I HOPE TO READ FUTURE STORIES FROM PEOPLE THAT MAY HAVE STARTED SCHOOL WITH ME OR EVEN GRADUATED WITH ME FROM ST. MARY'S. THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN PRODUCING THE JJ. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A CHECK TO HELP COVER EXPENSES. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK."

DOMENIC LEPONE "THRU THE JJ I MADE CONTACT WITH A 1950 ST. MARY'S CLASSMATE THERESA VINCIGUERRA CANUSO. IT WAS GREAT TALKING WITH HER. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE A REUNION OF OUR CLASSMATES. DROP A LINE TO ME AT 14 HUMMINGBIRD RD. AUDUBON PARK, NJ 08106"

JOANNA GIANNETTI MEYER 2948 N. JUDSON ST. "MY MOTHER FELICIA KAMINSKI GIANNETTI PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY JUNE 16, 2005, SHE WAS 95 YEARS OLD. MOM AND MY FATHER WILLIE OPERATED THE GROCERY STORE ON THE CORNER OF 24TH AND CLEARFIELD STS. THEY WERE MARRIED 43 YEARS AT THE TIME OF MY FATHER'S DEATH IN 1978. MY MOM LIVED WITH ME AND MY HUSBAND DOUGLAS IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. SHE LOVED COOKING AND SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY. IN 1992 SHE RECEIVED HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. FELICIA IS SURVIVED BY HER SON BUD, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND NINE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN."

TERRY JULIANA MILLER 3056 N. 25TH ST. "I ENJOY EVERY ISSUE OF THE JJ. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP DEFAY EXPENSES AND A COPY OF ROCKY BUMPS. ALSO I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF A RECIPE FOR THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD COOKBOOK. OUR FAMILY IS GROWING WE NOW HAVE 5 GRANDCHILDREN. MY MOM MARY JULIANA WILL CELEBRATE HER 85TH BIRTHDAY THIS JULY AND STILL GOING STRONG. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT ISSUE. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!"

DOMINIC PACIFICO 2118 STELLA ST. "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS! ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR EXPENSES."

JOHN PETRUZZELLI 2935 N. 24TH ST. ST. MARY'S 1957 "OUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO INFORM ALL OUR OLD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS THAT OUR FATHER, PAT (PASQUALE), PETRUZZELLI PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 8, 2005. HE WAS 89 YEARS OLD. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED THE FUNERAL SERVICES, AS WELL AS THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR THEIR EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY. WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S CONCERN AND WISH ALL OF YOU GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS."

REGINA POOLE "I WAS TALKING TO A CO-WORKER, JUDE SCARPELLO, ABOUT CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOLS, NUNS AND PRIESTS AND I WAS TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO HER WHERE CORPUS CHRISTI WAS LOCATED. HE SAID THAT HIS MOTHER LIVED NEAR CONNIE MACK STADIUM AND WENT TO AN ITALIAN CHURCH DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM HER HOUSE. I SAID THAT WAS ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL; MY MOTHER ATTENDED THE

GRADE SCHOOL THERE FOR A FEW YEARS AND MY PARENTS WERE (HUGH CAMBELL AND ETHEL FERRANTE) WERE MARRIED THERE. LATER EVEN THOUGH WE WERE MEMBERS OF CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, WE MAINTAINED CLOSE TIES WITH ST. MARY'S FREQUENTLY GOING TO MASS AND PENNY PARTIES THERE WHILE SEVERAL OF MY COUSINS WERE GOING TO GRADE SCHOOL. ALSO MY GRANDPARENTS (FORTUNATO VINCENT FERRANTE AND MARY RICCARDI FERRANTE) BOTH HAD THEIR FUNERAL MASSES THERE EVEN THOUGH THEY LIVED IN ROXBOROUGH AT THE TIME OF THEIR DEATHS. I LATER ATTENDED THE CLOSING MASS AT ST. MARY'S.

JUDE'S MOTHER, MARY ANN COLEMAN AND THE COLEMAN FAMILY WERE VERY CLOSE WITH THE PRIESTS AND NUNS OF THE PARISH. MARY ANN WAS MARRIED TO JOE SCARPELLO IN ST. MARY'S ON MAY 17, 1959. THE WEDDING RUNNER EXTENDED FROM THE CHURCH ALTAR, ACROSS 22ND STREET, TO THE STEPS OF MARY ANN'S FRONT DOOR! JOE AND MARY ANN HAVE 11 CHILDREN- 10 BOYS, 1 GIRL ALL THE NAMES BEGIN WITH "J"- JOE, JOHN, JIM, JEFF, JEROME, JUDE, JASON, JUSTIN, JANINE, JOSHUA, AND JEREMY! ALTHOUGH WE WORK IN PHILLY, WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT AREAS, SO I WAS AMAZED THAT I WAS SITTING NEXT TO SOMEONE WHOSE PARENTS WERE MARRIED IN THE SAME CHURCH AS MINE."

FRANK "HANK" SALVATORE "I ALWAYS READ THE JJ WITH MUCH DELIGHT!! I WANTED TO WRITE THIS TIME, BECAUSE YOU BROUGHT BACK SO MANY PLEASANT MEMORIES OF PEOPLE I REMEMBER FROM 23RD & CLEARFIELD. JUST SO YOU KNOW, IT WAS MSGR. BUSCO WHO

MARRIED GLORIA AND I IN 1947, (MAY BE BEFORE YOUR TIME). YOU HAVE SO MANY THINGS OF INTEREST TO ME, BUT MY NOTE WOULD BE TOO LONG TO MENTION ALL. I HAD DINNER WITH VINCE MANINNO AND HIS WIFE THE OTHER NIGHT. WE TALKED ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. MY CARDIOLOGIST IS DR. RICH VASALLO. WHO IS FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I HAVE TO MENTION FERNA FESTA, WHO WAS THE BEST DANCER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO GET ON HER CARD WAS AN HONOR. I SAW HER YEARS AGO WHEN SHE WAS A CROSSING GUARD AND IT IS GOOD TO KNOW SHE IS STILL DANCING AT 85. MAKES ME FEEL GOOD! I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE II. GOD BLESS YOU FOR DOING A YEOMAN'S JOB AND CONTINUE TO KEEP US ALL INFORMED. ENCLOSED IS A CONTRIBUTION!"

BILL "MUSCLES" SAULINO "MY FATHER BILL SR. PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 1, 2005 EIGHT DAYS FROM HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY. MY SISTER ANITA DID A GREAT JOB CARING FOR MY PARENTS IN THEIR LATER YEARS, ESPECIALLY AFTER MY MOM CATHERINE PASSED AWAY IN 1994. ENCLOSE IS A CHECK FOR A COPY OF ROCKY BUMPS AND EXPENSES TO KEEP THE MEMORIES COMING."

MARY VACCA "AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE JJ! WE LOOK FORWARD TO IT VERY MUCH AND APPRECIATE THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT GOES INTO ITS PUBLICATION. PETE, MYSELF AND MARIE AND DON NAPLES WERE IN FLORIDA RECENTLY AND VISITED JOE CORSO WHO GRADUATED ST. MARY'S IN 1944. HE ALSO ENJOYS THE JJ. PLEASE TELL FERNA FESTA PERGOLINO WE ENJOYED HER LETTER AND PICTURE. SHE

KNOWS ME AS CIAO. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION!"

JUBILARIANS

MSGR. J. JOHN BUSCO

MSGR. BUSCO CELEBRATED HIS 65 TH JUBILEE AS AN ORDAINED PRIEST THIS PAST MAY PRIVATELY. MSGR. BUSCO IS A RESIDENT AT VILLA ST. JOSEPH IN DARBY PENNSYLVANIA.

FR. C. J. MAGIURE

FR. CONNELL JOSEPH MAGUIRE CELEBRATED HIS 60TH JUBILEE AS AN ORDAINED PRIEST THIS PAST APRIL. FR. JOE AS HE IS AFFECTIONALY KNOWN BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS CELEBRATED A SOLEM HIGH MASS AND ATTENDED AN IRISH RECEPTION HELD IN HIS HONOR.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE JJ READERS AND FORMER PARISIONERS OF ST. MARY THE ETERNAL, WE EXTEND OUR HEART FELT CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH MSGR. BUSCO AND FR. MAGUIRE.

ATTENTION

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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

To all you JJ readers who have purchased my latest novel, "Rocky Bumps!" The following are some of the comments that I have received from those who have read it:

"I finally got around to reading your book and I'm very impressed. You managed to incorporate nostalgia, intrigue, mystery, adventure, romance, success/failure and repentance in a remarkably short story. I especially like the ending where a window remains open for a sequel. I can see Quentin Tarantino buying the rights for the movie."

John DiBenedetto- Little Atlas

"I want to congratulate you on the publication of your book. You have now been propelled into the elite and rare company of the literati. A spectacular achievement few of us mere mortals will ever match, well done. Sister Mary Germain is

ecstatic; I'm sure she is watching this whole thing from above."
Anthony Passamante, St Mary's Class of 1957.

Those of you who have not purchased a copy of Rocky Bumps can send a check for \$20, (JJ subscribers only), and \$26.17 for non subscribers. All Credit Cards are accepted. For a sample reading and ordering instructions you can visit, www.rockybumps.com. Those of you who do not have access to a computer may mail your check or credit card information to Judson Journal PO Box 58 Haddon Heights, New Jersey 08035; or call your credit card information to the secure voice mail number at 856-427-7850. **Primo Magazine**, a first class national publication dedicated to Italian-American culture printed an excellent review of the book, "Rocky Bumps" in the May/June 2005 issue. The magazine which is subtitled "A Taste of Italy in America" may be familiar to some of you, but to those of you who are not familiar with it can subscribe by sending a check to Primo, 2125 Observatory Place, N. W., Washington, D.C. 2007. The annual subscription cost is \$24.95. You may also subscribe on line at www.primomagazine.com. Don't forget to mention the Judson Journal! I guarantee you will not regret making the purchase. I have written an article that will appear in the next edition

about Italian-American life in South Jersey.
Thank You! Aaron Rossi
Domenico

"NEIGHBORHOOD RECIPE UPDATE!"

Summer memories abound. After reading Dad's column, 'It Was The Summertime For Us', my mouth is watering for some of Jersey's best! A Jersey beefsteak tomato and mayonnaise sandwich on a fresh Italian roll would be fabulous! Does anyone have a cherished recipe for Deviled crab cakes? Peppers are so popular now and presented in so many different ways, but the traditional way of frying them is still my favorite. How about breaded and fried eggplant on a roll with fried long hots? Watermelon is so juicy and refreshing; you can even put it in the blender and make a fat-free smoothie! Many thanks to Terry Miller for the casserole recipe, and Rose Ferrara came through with a classic version of Ricotta Cookies. Who doesn't love a couple cookies with a nice cup of tea? Scribble down a few recipes while you're on the beach soaking up the sun! I'll be waiting.....Chef Deb

WOULD YOU LIKE A NEW CALENDAR?

All of you who attended are last reunion received a copy of the nostalgic calendar. Mario Amici did a fantastic job deigning and printing the calendars for distribution. The cost of the calendar was included in the price of each ticket. Since the reunion the JJ has offered the calendar at a price of \$6.00 each and we still have about 200 more available. If anyone who did not get a copy is interested in purchasing one just send your check to the Judson Journal.
Mario has graciously volunteered to design a new calendar and

distribute it through the Judson Journal. However, he needs your help in order to make it another nostalgic piece to treasure. Many people asked why did he include only the pictures a few families. Mario's answer to that question is very simple. "With the exception of a few that were of such poor quality that they did not reproduce satisfactorily and one picture of Mike Pinque lighting the old gas street lantern that was lost I used every all that were sent to me or to the reunion committee." If you have any pictures of interest that depict your family, friends and old neighbors with an interesting background of the neighborhood sights send a copy to the Judson Journal.

The next step after Mario receives an adequate number of pictures will be to take orders in advance of printing for the new calendar. This means that there will be a limited supply printed by advanced order only. The price will probably be \$6.00 each. Pictures can also be sent via-mail. The Judson Journal information is listed below

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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