"PAST & PRESENT"

REV. CONNELL J. MAGUIRE. " I COULD READ THE JJ ALL DAY. IT REALLY BRINGS BACK MEMORIES, YOU MENTION YIDI, APE PETRONE---WITH THE STRENGTH OF A LION AND THE HEART OF A LAMB. ALSO THE STORES, SANTANIELLO'S, PICARDI'S. CUCINOTTI'S, ANN TOMASSI'S, TAMBORINI'S BAND, PARISE, ETC. YOU MAKE IT ALL COME ALIVE! MANY OF THE HAPPY MEMORIES OF ST. MARY'S ARE DUE TO MSGR. BUSCO. "RESURRECTING" THE SCHOOL. WINDOWS WERE ROTTEN, ETC. HE REPAIRED IT. PAINTED IT. DOUBLED THE ENROLLMENT, GOT NEW DESK, ETC., ETC."

MARIO AMICI,2132 W. CLEARFIELD ST. "I RECENTLY VISITED FR. NORBERT WALKER IN BRIGANTINE, N.J. HE'S RETIRED. ALMOST 80 AND IN FAIRLY **GOOD HEALTH DESPITE A STROKE** WHICH, IN MY OPINION, HASN'T SLOWED HIM DOWN TOO MUCH, AS HE WAS TRIMMING HIS HEDGES. HE LIVES AT 4TH ST. SOUTH WHICH IS THE HOME HIS MOTHER PURCHASED IN 1952. HE STILL SAYS PRIVATE MASS EVERYDAY. I HAD NOT SEEN HIM IN OVER 30 YEARS, BUT HE REMEMBERED ME WHEN I WAS AN ALTAR BOY. HE MENTIONED A FEW NAMES FROM THE OLD **NEIGHBORHOOD, ONE BEING MARIO DEGREGORIO, WHO WAS OUR** SCOUTMASTER. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE REUNION, BUT HE GETS TOO TIRED NOW AND GIVES **EVERYONE HIS REGARDS AND** BLESSING. HE HAS SEEN THE IJ AND THINKS IT IS WONDERFUL TO READ ARTICLES ABOUT ST. MARY'S." JOAN WALTERS CROTHMEL, 2966 N. **BAMBREY ST., 1954. "MENTIONING** MY UNCLE ALBERT CERVONE TOUCHED OUR FAMILY SO DEEPLY. MY MOM CRIED KNOWING SOMEONE

REMEMBERED HER LITTLE BROTHER KILLED SO MANY YEARS AGO DURING THE WAR."

RAYMOND BELLO, 2117 INDIANA AVE. "THANKS FOR THE ||. NICE TO SEE ST. RITA'S PRAYER INCLUDED. ST RITA HAS BEEN A BIG PART OF OUR LIFE." MICHAEL CERVONE, 2817 N. 21ST ST. "BILL FESTA FROM EMBASSY **FURNITURE AND CARPETING** SHOWPLACE AND ALSO THE GIULIO-CESARE LODGE OF THE SONS OF ITALY ON TORONTO ST. IS GOING TO BE 94YRS, OLD ON DEC. 7. HE IS DOING FINE AND IS A RESIDENT OF PENNYPACK NURSING HOME 8015 LAWNDALE ST. PHILA. 19111. SOMEONE MIGHT WANT TO SEND HIM A CARD OR VISIT HIM. I AM SURE NE WOULD LIKE THAT. HE IS IN ROOM #B-5."

MARIO "GOOCH" DELL'AGUZZO, 2057 W. STELLA ST. "I WAS RAISED ACROSS THE STREET FORM PAT CROCE'S FATHER, WHO'S MOM & MY MOM WERE GIRL FRIENDS IN THE OLD COUNTRY. MY BROTHER DOM "LEFTY", (DON WILDER IS HIS SHOW BIZ NAME), JUST RETIRED THIS YEAR. HE HAS APPEARED ON NATIONAL TV WITH WALTER MATHAU AND REGIS & CATHY LEE WITH HIS PATENTED THREE LEGS. MY SISTER LIL (DECEASED) WAS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AT OUR LUNCHEONETTE, **NEXT TO THE CAMBRIA MOVIES, ONE** OF THE LAST SODA FOUNTAINS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. MY DAD HAD THE RED, WHITE AND GREEN HOT DOG PUSHCART ON THE LEHIGH AVE SIDE OF SHIBE PARK'S IST BASE DOOR. OUR STELLA ST. HOUSE'S YARD WAS ADJACENT TO YOUR MOTHER'S YARD ON INDIANA AVE. YOUR UNCLE SAMMY PANICO GOT ME A JOB SETTING PINS AT STEEL HEDDLE'S BOWLING ALLEY AND WHEN I TUNED I6 HE GOT ME A JOB IN THE PLANT. I LATER JOINED AN

ELITE GROUP, (BRAGGING A LITTLE),
THE "AIRBORNE", CAESAR MADONA,
ERNIE LUCARINI, VINCENT PONGIA,
TONY GENTILE, FRED ANTONACCI,
ORAZIO DIGIACOMO TO MENTION A
FEW. 22ND ST. FOREYER"
CECELIA DIBRUNO, 2000 BLOCK OF
STELLA. "I JUST READ A COPY OF THE
JJ, I ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH. I
WOULD LIKE YOU TO SEND ME THE JJ
WHENEYER IT IS PRINTED. I HAVE MY
6TH GRADE GRADUATION PICTURE
AND THE NAME VINCIGUERRA
STRIKES A NOTE."

CECILIA CIQUERO DICATALDO,
CORNER OF HEMBERGER & INDIANA.
"I HAVE READ 3 JJ'S AND FOUND
THEM EXTREMELY INTERESTING.
THEY BRING BACK MANY MEMORIES
OF INCIDENTS AND PEOPLE. I
MARRIED AND LEFT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT MY BROTHER
AL AND HIS FAMILY LIVED THEIR
UNTIL THE EARLY 1970'S. MY OTHER
BROTHERS WERE JOE & MIKE, WHO
ATTENDED ST. MARY'S DANCES FOR
MANY YEARS. JOE & AL HAVE PASSED
AWAY."

ANTHONY SONNY DIDIO, D.D.S., 2958 N. 23RD ST. "A FRIEND OF MINE FROM "THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD", SONNY CHIODETTI, STOPPED BY MY OFFICE AND HANDED ME THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE JJ. I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED READING " A FEW BOLTS FROM THE PAST." I **RESIDED ON 23RD ST. WITH MY FOUR** SISTERS, TERRY, MARYJANE, DOROTHY AND FRANNY. FRANK MY FATHER WAS THE NEIGHBORHOOD POLICEMAN AND MY MOTHER. MARGARET, THE NEIGHBORHOOD DRESSMAKER. SINCE MY "SWAMP POODLE" DAYS, I GRADUATED TEMPLE'S SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AND MARRIED MY LOVELY WIFE IACQUELINE, (THE DAUGHTER OF DR. S. MADONNA). WE HAVE BEEN **BLESSED WITH 3 CHILDREN. I HAVE**

BEEN PRACTICING DENTISTRY IN FOXCHASE FOR 41 YEARS."

BOB FRIES, 2900 BLOCK OF 25TH ST.

"I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK TO
DEFRAY SOME OF THE EXPENSES AND
HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE YOUR
FINE WORK. OUR YOUTH WAS ONLY
A SHORT PERIOD IN OUR LIVES, YET
IT IS SO VIVID."

TRUDY GIUSTI, 22ND ST. "CHUCK LAURENZI STAFFIERI CALLED ME AND TOLD ME ABOUT THE JJ. I AM NOT ORIGINALLY FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT I MARRIED "RUDY RICH" AND LIVED THEIR FROM 1949 TO 1952. WE THEN MOVED TO ETTING ST."

EILEEN CAMPOLEI KEANE, 2958 N. JUDSON ST. AND MARTY KEANE, 2944 N. BONSALL ST. "MY SISTER MARGUERITE HOOVER HAS BEEN SHARING THE JJ WITH US. WE TRULY ENIOYED THE SUMMER EDITION. WE LIVED ON THE CORNER OF I&I NEXT TO CAPRIOTTI'S GROCERY STORE AND THAT SAME FIREPLUG. OUR MOTHER EDITH IS 86 YRS. OLD AND LIVES IN NORRISTOWN. THE MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIES WERE ESPECIALLY NICE. AS YOU MENTIONED NICK MARCELLINO, WHO IS MY MOTHER'S IST COUSIN. WE BROUGHT COPIES OF THE JJ TO A FAMILY REUNION AT HIS **BROTHERS HOUSE. HIS BROTHER AND** SISTER TRULY ENJOYED READING IT. MY HUSBAND MARTY KEAN ALSO WAS PART OF THAT CORNER CROWD. WE HAVE 4 SONS AND A DAUGHTER AND 2 GRANDSONS. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR YOUR EXPENSES." ALBERT MANDIA, 3000 BLOCK OF HEMBERGER. "THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE JJ. I REALLY ENJOY READING ABOUT THE "OLD NEIGHBORHOOD." **ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP** WITH THE COST OF THE II." CANDY MOY MCCOURT, 2125 W. SOMERSET ST. "THANKS SO MUCH FOR SENDING ME THE JJ. IT BRINGS

BACK SO MANY NICE MEMORIES OF ALL THE PEOPLE I KNEW AND ALL THE PLACES I REMEMBER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO DOC MCCOURT FOR 30 YRS. WE HAVE 2 CHILDREN AND 2 GRANDCHILDREN. THANKS AGAIN FOR THE MEMORIES."

MARY BUONVISO MCPEAK, 2042 W. INDIANA AVE. "FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU & THE "COMMITTEE" FOR WHAT I HEARD WAS A BEAUTIFUL, BEAUTIFUL REUNION THIS PAST SUNDAY, I ONLY HOPE I AM STILL AROUND TO GO TO THE NEXT ONE AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 83. I FEEL KIND OF ANCIENT AND SOMETIMES I THINK THIS BUSINESS OF "OLD AGE" IS FOR THE BIRDS. I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK TO COVER THE COST OF SENDING A BOOKLET OF THE AFFAIR TO BASIL DECINA. SHE IS THE FORMER LORETTA PIRACCI WHO LIVED AT 2030 W. INDIANA AVE. I WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH MUCH LOVE AND MANY FOND **MEMORIES.**"

TERRY JULIANA MILLER, 3056 N. 25TH ST. "JUST A NOTE FROM JOE AND I TO SAY A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO YOU AND THE COMMITTEE FOR ALL YOUR **EFFORTS IN GETTING EVERYONE** TOGETHER AT THE REUNION. IT IS ALWAYS SUCH FUN REMEMBERING THE GOOD TIMES WE ALL SHARED." **BILL MULLEN. "I REMEMBER WHEN** ST. MARY'S WAS THE BEST DANCE AROUND. SOME OF THE BEST SINGING GROUPS APPEARED THERE. THE BEST FRIENDSHIPS I HAD WERE AT THAT TIME OF MY LIFE. I MET **GUYS LIKE: CHUCK A BOOT, RICHIE** VITO, ROCKY, THE MALLON BROTHERS, DIGIACOMO AND MILT MUNCHNICK. AFTER THE DANCE THERE WAS ALWAYS ROSIE'S STEAK HOUSE, WHERE YOU COULD GET THE BEST STEAK AROUND. I WENT TO THE OLD NORTHEAST HIGH AND MY WIFE

GRADUATED DOBBINS IN 1956. SO WHEN MY BROTHER-IN-LAW WAS DOING SOME WORK ON A HOUSE IN ROXBOROUGH, HE CALLED ME TO TELL ME ABOUT THE JJ, I THOUGHT I'D PUT MY 2 CENTS IN."

BART MUSITANO, 2947 N. 24TH ST. "MY BARBER WHO IS FROM DUCKTOWN, (THAT'S ATLANTIC CITY'S VERSION OF THE "OLD NEIGHBORHOOD"), I'M GOING TO LEND HIM A COPY OF THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE JJ. TALK ABOUT **NICKNAMES! REMEMBER ALBERT** BEANS, EDDIE ONE EAR, NO NECK, TUBO, TRAINS, JOE TILT, FRANNY S--K (POLITICALLY INCORRECT THESE DAYS), EDDIE "MEDDICAN", "NUTHOUSE" AL, PUSSYCAT, CATTYUMP, BOMOLO, FUIIYAMA, BONEY, LIVIN, JOE PAT, WHIMPY, HAMBONE, YITTY, JIMMY YEARN, SQUID, KATHY WAX, FRANKIE DAGO, JIMMIE "MOON".

- I MADE UP A LITTLE QUIZ OF QUOTES ATTRIBUTABLE TO VARIOUS PEOPLE. WHO SAID:
- I. "GONE OUT BOY! NONGE YOU GOTTA HOUSE."
- 2. "HE WAS KISSIN' HER ON THE NECK! I SAID, "I DON'T KNOW THIS KID."
- 3. "WHO TOLD YOU TO COUNT 'EM, SACHETT!!!!!?"
- 4. "TAKE A BATH LADY!!!"
- 5. "ATS ALL JOSEPH!!!"
- 6. "ANYBODY TOUCH MY BOY TAC, I CHOP EM UP!"
- 7. "COME ON YOU GUYS. LET'S GET SOMEDUSTIN DONE!!"
- 8. "IS THAT BAD OR WHAT?"
- 9 "RHONDA!!!!"

IO DAM IF I COULD COME UP WITH A TENTH! ANYBODY HAVE ANOTHER. THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD CREATED MEMORIES THAT OUR KIDS, SADLY WILL NEVER HAVE. WE WERE HELD TOGETHER BY A GLUE THAT WAS OUR COMMON CULTURAL HERITAGE,

ONE THAT TRANSCENDED DIFFERENT **EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC** BACKGROUNDS. THE PLACES IN WHICH WE LIVE TODAY MAY BE MORE BEAUTIFUL, BUT THEY WILL **NEVER HAVE THAT CERTAIN** SOMETHING. REMEMBER WHEN YOU DID SOMETHING WRONG FIVE **BLOCKS FROM YOUR HOUSE AND** YOUR PARENTS WERE WAITING TO **CLOBBER YOU WHEN YOU GOT HOME? I DROVE THROUGH ABOUT 15** YRS. AGO. THE STREETS HAD THE SAME NAMES. KEEP UP THE GOOD **WORK AND PLEASE ACCEPT A SMALL** DONATION FOR POSTAGE OR WHATEVER."

ANGELO "AO" PACIFICO, 2013 W. INDIANA AVE. " I GOT A COPY OF THE II AND BOY DID THAT BRING BACK A LOT OF WONDERFUL MEMORIES. I REMEMBER OUR "CASINO A. C. **CLUB". PLAYING SOFTBALL AT COLLINS FIELD AND PARKING CARS** ON 20TH ST. FOR THE A'S AND PHILLIES; AND OF COURSE ST. MARY'S SUNDAY NIGHT DANCE." ROSEMARIE ROWE, ACROSS FROM **CONNIE MACK STADIUM. "I RECENTLY** SPOKE TO SOMEONE FROM PHILA. ABOUT THE []. I WAS BORNE AND RAISED IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE ||."

CARMEN RICCARDI, 3042 N.
HEMBERGER ST. "IN THE JJ'S AUG. IS
ISSUE FRANK LINARDO'S NAME WAS
MENTIONED. THAT BROUGHT BACK
SOME PAST MEMORIES. THIS WOULD
BE IN THE LATE 30'S EARLY 40'S. ST.
MARY'S HAD A YOUNG PRIEST UNDER
FR. PASTORE. HE WAS WELL LIKED. I
AM NOT SURE IF HIS NAME WAS
MANGAN OR MANIGAN. HE STARTED
ST. MARY'S DRUM AND BUGLE CORP
AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES. I CAN
GO ON FOR HOURS ABOUT THINGS
THAT FR. STARTED AND DID. I WANT
TO GET BACK TO FRANK. THIS WAS

AT MY VERY FIRST COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME. SINCE THIS WAS MY FIRST GAME EVER, I WAS NOT PREPARED WITH FOOD, MONEY THAT WAS OUT OF THE OUESTION. (KIDS IN THOSE DAYS NEVER HAD MONEY IN THEIR POCKETS). WELL TO GET TO THE POINT, HERE I AM JUST ABOUT STARVING AND NOTHING TO EAT. FRANK, DID HAVE SOME MONEY AND HAD BOUGHT A PUMPKIN PIE, IT WAS AN 8 INCHER. FRANK SAID, "DO YOU WANT SOME PUMPKIN PIE?" AT THIS POINT I HAD NEVER TASTED PUMPKIN PIE, BUT I WAS HUNGRY, AS I WAS I WOULD HAVE EATEN ANYTHING. FRANK OPENED THE PACKAGE BROKE THE PIE AND GAVE ME HALF. I DO NOT THINK THAT I **NEED TO TELL YOU HOW GOOD THE** PIE WAS AND EVERY TIME I HAVE A PIECE OF PUMPKIN PIE I REMEMBER FRANK J. LINARDO AND MY FIRST COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME. I DO NOT THINK THAT YOU CAN EVER FIND A **NEIGHBORHOOD LIKE THE ONE WE** HAD IN NORTH PHILLY. NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, IF YOU RUN INTO SOMEONE FROM THE OLD **NEIGHBORHOOD THEY WANT TO SEE** IF YOU KNOW THE SAME PEOPLE THEY KNOW AND YOU BECOME INSTANT FRIENDS."

HARRY "PAT" TRAITZ, 3038 N. 22ND ST. "I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I'M 78 YRS. OLD. I MOVED TO FLORIDA IN 1962, THAT'S 35YRS. AGO, BUT I FLY UP TO PHILLY EVERY YEAR TO VISIT MY **RELATIVES AND BUDDIES (WHAT'S** LEFT OF THEM). I WAS GIVEN THE [] BY DIAMOND DAN, ZIGGY AND ANGELO DIMARCO MY BROTHER-IN-LAW. I HAD MY FLOWER SHOP, "FLOWERS BY PAT TRACEY", NEXT TO THE JEWISH SYNAGOGUE WITH THE HIRSHMAN'S DRY GOOD STORE AND ANN TOMASSI'S DRESS SHOP ON MY RIGHT. I CHERISH AND LOVE THE

MEMORIES AND THE GOOD TIMES THAT I HAD GOOD FORTUNE TO LIVE MY BOYHOOD DAYS IN SWAMP POODLE. ITS IRONIC WHEN I THINK OF MY DAD WHO WAS AN OLD TIME PROFESSIONAL FIGHTER. I HAVE **NEWS CLIPPING AND WRITE-UPS** FROM NAT FLETCHER'S RING **ENCYCLOPEDIA THAT BILLS HIM AS.** HARRY "KID" TRACEY FROM SWAMP POODLE. MY UNCLE WAS THE SO-CALLED "BIG MAHOFF" AT THE TREE YARD AT CHRISTMAS TIME. ANOTHER **UNCLE STEVE TRACEY WAS A CEMENT** CONTRACTOR. MY COUSIN STEVE TRAITZ, ALSO WAS A "PUG". RIX **IOHNSON AND MY UNCLE IIMMY** WERE VERY GOOD FRIENDS AND **COULD REALLY LIST SOME RAUCOUS** AND ROUGH TALES OF THE OLD **NEIGHBORHOOD, ESPECIALLY AT** "CASTELL NUBULANO". WHENEVER YOU WALKED BY 21ST & TORONTO, THERE SAT PAT FELICE OUTSIDE THE **GROCERY STORE, ENJOYING A** BREATH OF FRESH AIR. ALTHOUGH HIS WEIGHT HANDICAP WAS A MINUS, HE ALWAYS HAD A CHEERFUL WORD FOR ALL. I REMEMBER COMING UP TO PHILA. FOR MY **BROTHER-IN-LAWS ANNIVERSARY** (HARRY & MARION DIGIACOMO) AND SINCE FLOWERS WERE NEEDED FOR THE TABLES, I WENT TO SEE MY FRIEND HELEN (DAUGHTER OF **JULIA'S FLOWER SHOP AT HEMBERGER & FOX). SHE WAS GRACIOUS AND KIND TO LET ME USE** HER WORKSHOP TO ARRANGE THE **CENTER PIECES. HELEN WHEREVER** YOU ARE THANKS AGAIN, AND IF YOU ARE EVER IN FLORIDA STOP IN AND SEE US. MY KIDS?(MEN!) ENJOY HEARING ME TELL THEM ABOUT THE **GOOD OLD DAYS AND THE HARD** TIMES WE SURVIVED. THEY LISTEN WITH A LOOK OF AWE WHEN TOLD THAT WE PUT CARDBOARD IN OUR SHOES WHEN THE HOLE GOT AS BIG

AS A HALF DOLLAR. I REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD 2 TELEPHONE **COMPANIES "BELL" AND** "KEYSTONE". WE WERE TOO POOR TO HAVE PHONES. WE HAD TO GO TO LUKOFF'S, (LATER SAM & NATES), **CANDY STORE TO MAKE PHONE A** CALL. A NICKEL! WHEN SOMEONE WOULD CALL FOR A NEIGHBOR, WE **WOULD GET A NICKEL FROM THE** ONE WE HAD TO WALK OR RUN TO. TO TELL THEM THEY WERE WANTED ON THE PHONE. I REMEMBER WHEN **HORNUNGS BREWERY, 22 &** CLEARFIELD, HAD A "TAP" DOWN IN THEIR WHERE ANYONE COULD GET A FREE CHILLED BEER. EVEN THE POST MAN, JOE THE COP, GEORGE **VORHEES THE COP, AND FR. GUASCO** WOULD GET A CHILLED ONE BEFORE HOPPING THE 33 TROLLY. TALK ABOUT STRANGER THAN FICTION! NO ONE ABUSED THE PRIVILEGE! SO DOMENICO, I'LL END NOW. **ENCLOSED FIND "A LITTLE BIT" TO** HELP COVER YOUR COST OF THE II."

PAT NICASTRO JOINS LARRY CHIODETTI'48 AS AN INDUCTEE OF ROMAN'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME!

FROM 1954 TO 1958, PAT NICASTRO WAS A MEMBER OF ROMAN'S CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK TEAMS, BOTH OF WHOM BECAME CHAMPIONS IN HIS SENIOR YEAR. PAT WENT ON TO BE BECOME A WILDCAT AT VILLANOVA WHER HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE TRACK TEAM FROM 1959 TO 1962. IN 1962, PAT WAS A MEMBER OF THE RELAY TEAM THAT WON THE PENN RELAY CHAMPIOMSHIP OF AMERICA IN THE 880-YARD RACE. WHETHER

RECEIVING THE BATON OR RUNNING INDIVIDUALLY, PAT WAS A FIERCE COMPETITOR.

THANK YOU!

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THE FOLLOWING EXCERP FROM "THE TRANSITUS OF ST. RITA" WAS SUBMITTED BY RAY AND JOYCE BELLO:

Roses With Strings Attached?

From tine to time the comment is still heard, "Better not to pray to Saint Rita, if she answers your prayer, she takes something away!" Perhaps! Though I have not yet received a letter, among the many thanking her for a grace received, in which the complaint is made of something having been taken. Unless, perhaps, the "something taken" is now understood, in the light of the grace received, as better gone. I can think of a few possibilities: peace of heart received- bitterness taken away.

Reconciliation obtained- spite and animosity gone; health restored- anxiety and pain removed. And even some more difficult ones: serenity achievedaddictive behavior relinquished; integrity found- dishonest activity given up; selfesteem attained-unhealthy relationship dropped! The Lord, from whom all graces come, is ever willing to fill us with good things. Saint Augustine well reminds us that sometimes the obstacle to our receiving them is that our hands and hearts are already full of our own lesser "treasures". For our part, we hold up our patroness. Saint Rita, artisan of peace and reconciliation, pray for us!

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PRAYER TO SAINT. RITA OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.

O 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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