

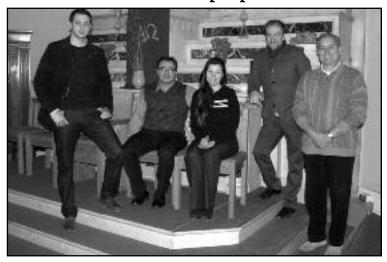
## **SPIRITS ARE ON THE RISE IN ST. ANTHONY'S**

**C**t. Anthony's Church has experienced an upturn in its life cycle spurred on by a Ocombination of two very interesting groups. The younger generations of the original Peterstown families are returning to the church and have joined with the new wave of immigrants in making the church both vibrant and purposeful.

All organizations go through cycles influenced by changes in environment, society and economy. The Catholic Church is no different and St. Anthony's Parish in Elizabeth, New Jersey is a classic example of the challenges faced by change.

The history of St. Anthony's runs parallel with the community it serves. The Peterstown neighborhood was settled at the turn of the twentieth century by Italian immigrants who built the church and its adjoining grammar school and made it an integral part of their day to day life. That was over one hundred years ago and the original generation of settlers have all passed away. The American-born second generation and subsequent arrivals have also aged and a significant number have moved away or passed. Naturally, through attrition, the church suffered a lull in activity and has suffered a downturn in participation and relevance in community life.

The baby boomers drifted both physically from their homesteads and culturally from their roots. The new society being forged by this generation broke form much of the traditions of their parents and grandparents. The importance of the roll of the church was one of the casualties. St. Anthony's Church lost much of its support and in the



(above, 1-r) Soccer Club Coordinator Ben Farina, CCD teachers Gino and Francesca Merendino, Youth Center Coordinator Marcello Crincoli, and Chaperone Gary Simonelli.

demographic transitions, it even had to separate from the school, which is now renamed Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy.

Change does open doors of opportunity and the void left in Peterstown has been filled with a new wave of Latino immigrants who have embraced the church and are filling its pews and classrooms. Like it was for the Italians, the church is a central part of this new community. Surprisingly, the baby boom generation that strayed has been becoming more active in the church and school also. They are bringing their children and grandchildren, who in most cases did not grow up in Peterstown, to experience the sense of community that they grew up in.

Home-grown Deacon Joe Caporaso is principal of the school and inspired alumni to form an organization in support of the school though fund raising events and reunions. New Pastor, Fr. Pat Angelucci, arrived in August of 2013. His initiatives have energized the congregation and inspired participation. There are approximately 30 altar servers and 20 Eucharistic ministers, lecturers and ushers. CCD classes, offered in Spanish and English, have over 500 students. The Youth Center hosts recreation nights on Thursday evenings for grades 4 to 8, and Friday evenings for high schoolers. Juniors and seniors are also welcome on Sunday afternoons. The church also started a youth soccer league. Few people know that the church runs a food bank run by volunteers that services up to sixty families. There are other groups that the church facilitates including a senior citizens club, and an adult choir. More information can be found their website stanthonyelizabeth.com.

Fr. Pat has created opportunities to serve and has invited everyone, old and new, to join in. The three tenants of his programs are to be Christ centered by helping those in need; to unite the parish and reach out beyond its scope; and to be dedicated to helping youth, the focus of the Salesian Order.

to action is for time, talent and treasure. Simply going to mass and being aware of what is going on is very important to

the foundation of the ministry. Talent is needed in simple and skillful ways. All programs can use assistants including but not limited to Youth Center chaperones, CCD teachers, handymen. The need for financial assistance needs no explanation.

The work is meaningful and important. There are spiritual, social and physical needs being met by the recipients of the services as well as the purveyors, especially for the youth. The respite that the church offers youth can make the difference in him or her becoming a well-adjusted adult. The same positive effect is shared by the young person who does the community service. It is time for boomers and their offspring to come back to the church and to their roots, to attend mass or the next event. They will find that it is a very rewarding experience like it has been for generations.

(left, back, l-r) Altar servers Justin DiGiorgio, Marc Anthony Morón, Frank Iazetta, Eucharistic Ministers maria Agliata, Cristian Morón and Martha Devia. (front, l-r) Altar servers Briana Lopez, Nicholas Arias and Gerardo Quaglia.



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### President's Message



It seems that throughout my years in St. Anthony's grammar school I was always in trouble with the priests and nuns. My friends and I probably had it coming. We were always up to mischief

and running around the schoolyard and almost comically being chased away. I was laughing at some of the stories in the shop with friends. As much fun it was for us kids to play around it had to be annoying for the adults keeping an eye on us. Ironically I now sit on the both the St. Anthony's Church Parish Council and Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy School Board. I'm now on the side of those who I pestered. The big difference is that I don't see any of the students today being as challenging as me and

The church and school are doing great work and I'll do my friends.

everything that I can to help them succeed. As my poker playing friends say, "I'm all in." A few of the guys and gals have also returned to help out. It is great seeing them back in the neighborhood and getting involved. I'm looking forward to a bunch more showing up to get involved.





#### Dear Mr. Renna,

My friends and I have been reading your book about Peterstown. We have the perfect page, "Are you a typical Italian?" Well yes, I am, but my friends are not.

We were flipping through the book, and we were inspired by the article "Pursuing a Dream Takes Courage." We have many dreams so that letter had really inspired us.

The article "I Wouldn't Be Here Without My Family" was really something, it made us very sad. We really think it is an amazing and inspiring story. My friends and I know that boy in the story "It Was a Life Saving Experience." It was crazy to see someone you know in a newspaper.

We just saw a Michelino's picture and it made us hungry! You're doing something so amazing. Thank you for the book and God bless!

Sincerely,

Our Lady of Guadalupe 5th Grade Students: Mia Mazza, Aisa Hage, Stephanie Cadima-Panlilio Elizabeth, NJ

#### Dear Joe Renna,

I grew up on John Street and Fourth Avenue, and then moved to Atlantic Street, which I still claim is part of the Burg. I went to St. Anthony's from Kindergarden through eight grade.

I miss the sense of community that was so strong. If I only knew then how we'd all disperse, I would have noticed and appreciated so much more. Your newspaper issues, which I download, remind me of so much that I took for granted at the time and that I try to foster now. I thoroughly enjoy your trips down memory lane, reminding me of how good we had it. The upside is that people are no longer struggling to make it in a foreign country with a foreign language and customs; downside is that I lament the loss of my tight-knit little community every time I see a new issue.

When my father passed away and I celebrated a Saturday evening Mass attended by at most 30 people, I was a bit sad, remembering that we once had to get there early in order to get a seat. And the waiting list at St. Anthony's was of no little concern to my mother (Rose (Fedele) Lody). I used to walk to church to serve the 6:30 am Italian Mass with Fr. Anthony Bregolatto before school each weekday, and I didn't even know Italian at the time. If memory serves, we had over 20 altar servers at just one of the Christmas Masses!

I may not have been lucky enough to have experienced the Burg in its heyday, but being of grammar school age in the 70's gave me strong enough and formative memories. I hope you realize what you're doing is a ministry of sorts.

Thanks for the memories! Fr. Joe Lody Jasper, Alabama

#### Hi Joe,

Just want you to know that we received the Peterstown book as a gift from our nephew Greg DeSaye. We read a little every day and really enjoy the memories of our youth.

Whitey will be ninety years old and I will be eightyeight. We thank the good Lord for our lives.

Especially would like to say hello to Canida, Florence and Carmine Evangelista. I lived on the first floor of their mom's home until I married at the age of twenty. I don't know their marriage names or where they live. We also love to send our love to all our friends that are living, and special hi to Tom Renna. Love to All, Whitey and Lucy Tampa, Florida

#### LETTER POLICY

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#### HAPPY 100TH B-DAY **TO FRANCES GAMBINO**



(above) Frances Gambino celebrating her 100th birthday on June 10, 2014 with her daughter Frances Paparella.

Dear Joe and Tina,

I was just glancing through the February/March 2014 issue of "Around About Peterstown" newspaper and saw a letter from my dear friend, Pauline Simpson, who is one of my lifelong friends. In her letter, she requested a copy of your Peterstown Book, which I and my family already have and are enjoying. She mentions that her mom would have been 100 years old on June 10, 2014 and that her mom's maiden name was Pauline Gambino. My mom, Frances Gambino, turned 100 years old on April 10, 2014, exactly two months before her friend, Pauline, would have been 100.

The coincidence goes on, as Pauline Simpson's mom's maiden name, Gambino, was the same as my mom's name when she married my dad. Even though the names were the same Pauline and my mom were not related, they were friends, though, for many years until Pauline passed away.

Another coincidence is that the Pauline's daughter, Pauline, and myself have also been friends for all many years. Funny thing is that we met years ago on our own, not through our moms. I have my mom's first name Frances, and Pauline has her mom's first name, Pauline. We often mention these facts and are amused by the fact that we might be related somewhere down the line.

I would also like to mention that my dad, Vincent Gambino, who passed away in 2005, was very active for many years in real estate and insurance and belonged to many charitable clubs over the years including Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Elizabethport Lions Club, Crestlin Boys, Elizabeth Elks Lodge, Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO, Union Pleasure Circle, Kingston Club, Moose Lodge, and volunteered with the Elizabeth Police Athletic League. This is just to give him a shout-out in recognition of his humanitarian

God bless, John Sacco, President

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#### Dear Joe,

We lost of a real man. Paul Partazana along with Frank King were one of my radio car teams when I was a Sargent a long time ago. As their supervisor I was able to closely observe their actions under all types of circumstances. I couldn't ask for more loyal, solid young men to have under my command. They were great partners and friends and in time became the President and Delegate for P.B.A. 4.

Paul was the type of person that every man would want for a son and every mother would want to marry her daughter. He was a teacher that taught his children well. Paul made his mark at home and at work and he made it with a smile.

We miss him. Sincerely, Ralph Froehlich, Sheriff endeavors for so many years.

Since my mom, Frances Gambino, turned 100 years old on April 10, 2014, her children and grandchildren would be love to mention it in "Around About Peterstown." This would be thrilling for her to see. We enclosed is a recent picture of her.

Thank you for your great newspaper which brings back so many old memories and also helps create new ones.

Sincerely,

Frances Paparella

Elizabeth, NJ

#### Hey Joe,

Pamela wrote: "Sending out a great Big THANK YOU to my 3 sisters Judy Davison, Debbie Londino Colletti. and Tracy Londino-Pozsonyi, for sending me the most thoughtful birthday present ever. The book 772 pages all about my home town called The Peterstown Book. I'll cherish it forever!! Thank you to Tina Renna and Joe Renna for writing it!! God Bless you all. Miss and love y'all!!" Pamela Londino Gartland

Austin, Texas

## **Editor's Opinion** everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

There are some more needy than others but everyone has something to give. The communal nature of the parish removed from that experience that stories of the past raises the quality of life for everyone. St. Anthony's Pastor, sound like fiction. Fr. Pat, says "time, talent and treasure" is needed to sustain a viable parish. The three items describe simply what people need and what they can give. The church is the conduit in connecting the two sides.

St. Anthony's Church has been at the center of the Peterstown community since its inception. It was built and maintained by the community, to serve the needs of the community. Though the parishioners were materially poor they had the ambition and work ethic to prosper and make a better life for their children. In the forefront of the effort were strong family values, education and following the teachings of the church.

There was a time when everyone needed the church and each other in order to survive. Our involvement with the church was out of need. We also gave back as best we could because the church needed its parishioners as much as they needed it.

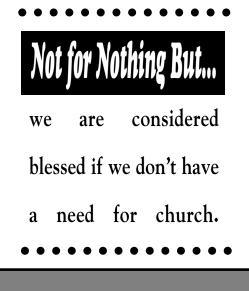
This wasn't the case with the baby boom generation. We were so much more privileged in our upbringing than our parents and even more so than our grandparents. We were raised understanding that difference, experiencing the changes first hand. We had more opportunity to gain wealth and with it independence. Reliance on the community and hence the church was no longer paramount. Our move to the suburbs hastened our break from our culture, traditions and the church.

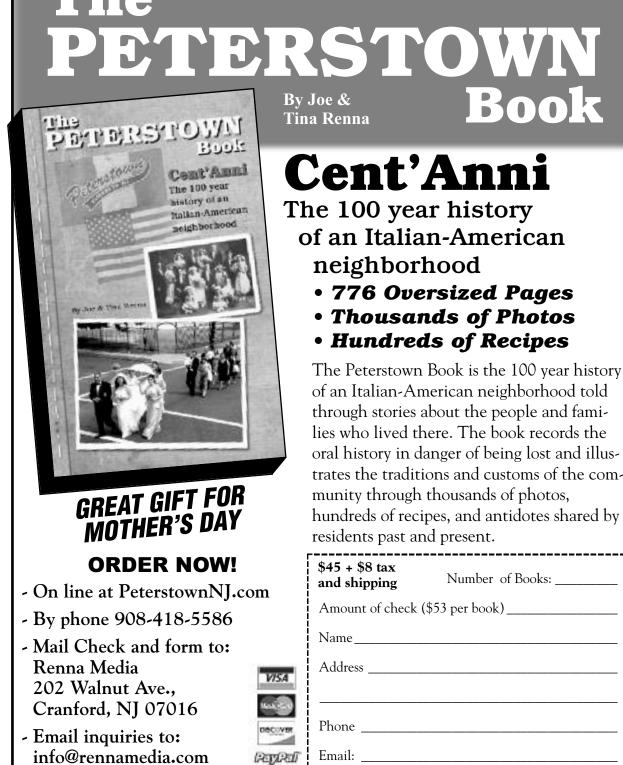
We are not in the position to "need" others or the church and the "I got mine" mentality prevails. Many from our generation lost the appreciation for what our parents and grandparents did. The church is a standing monument to where we came from and what our parents and grandparents achieved. Our children are so far

Ironically, we are considered blessed if we do not have a need for church. The idea that we need to go to church because of obligation, or that we need something misses the point. It is more meaningful and fulfilling to go to church because the church needs us, and the people that turn to the church for help need us.

I was pleased to see changes happening around the parish in recent years, the alumni association, the St. Vito Feast, and the youth programs. The church and school was host to several events for friends of mine who were in need of support and the community responded in a big way.

Our parent's time has now passed. It is our generation's time to step up and keep the church on track for the next hundred years. A true tribute to our parents and grandparents would be to return to St. Anthony's and to give time, talent and treasure to sustain it. 🕻







(above, 1-r) The Peterstown Book authors, Tina and Joe Renna with Gran Centorian President Robert Tarte, and Chairman of the Board Neil Curcio.

### **THE GRAN CENTORIANS HOSTS LECTURE ABOUT** THE PETERSTOWN BOOK

The Gran Centurions is a club located at 440 Madison Hill Road in Clark, New Jersey. Its mission, among other goals, is to foster and perpetuate the rich heritage of Italian ancestry, culture and history. Its mission is similar to that of the Peterstown Newspaper.

The Gran Centurions recently invited publishers Joe and Tina Renna to speak at their monthly meeting about the The Peterstown Book. The book is a compilation of articles from fifteen years of the newspaper. The book is the 100 year history of the Italian- American neighborhood in Elizabeth, NI.

Joe and Tina spoke about some of themes addressed in the book which stimulated conversation amongst the members and ended with a question and answer period.

The Gran Centurions operates a banquet facility catering to all types of events. The club also operates a swim club. Anyone interest in finding out more about The Gran Centurions can call the club office at 732-382-3477, the swim club at 732-382-1177, and the banquet hall at 732-382-1664.

Any organization who would like to host a presentation about The Peterstown book can call Joe Renna at 908-447-1295. 🔛

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### **SYMBOL OF ST. ANTHONY'S REBIRTH**

During the noon Sunday Mass on January 19, 2014 at St. Anthony's Church Glenda Rodriguez and her husband Yoni had to excuse themselves, quite hastily. Glenda's water broke and she went into labor. The couple rushed to the hospital and in one-hour's time Maria Nazareth was born.

The event was very symbolic of the rebirth that St. Anthony's Church has experienced driven by the influx of latino worshipers who fill the noon mass on Sunday. On Monday nights there is a Spanish Mass in the Youth Center, and Holy Hour is observed on Thursday nights. There is a Spanish Al-Anon meeting also held on Thursday evenings. The Spanish CCD class has over 400 youth in attendance. They also fill many of the desks at Our lady of Guadelupe Academy.

The Latino community has been at the forefront of the resurgence in parish life at St. Anthony's. They have supplied the church with much needed time, talent and treasure, as Pastor Fr. Pat Angelucci calls it. A benefit to not only the latino community but the traditional Italian-American one as well.

The Italian-American community is adjusting to the change, which is easier for the younger generation to do. The older generation Italians have so much time, talent and treasure of their own invested into the church over the past 100 years that they lament the loss of some of the traditions that they were used to, such as the Italian language mass which ended in September 2013.

The change though has been embraced by a growing congregation of all ethnicities. The Hispanic Ministry recently hosted a "Way of the Cross" ceremony where over 800 participants walked the streets in procession depicting the passion of Christ. There are a growing number of opportunities to get involved in one of St. Anthony's programs, and to attend services and events. Contact the parish at 908-351-3300 email elizsdb@aol.com or visit stanthonyelizabeth.com for more information.



(above, r-l) Fr. Pat introduced two week old Maria Nazareth to the church congregation during the 10:30 a.m. mass on February 2nd. Parents Yoni and Glenda Rodriguez attend services regularly with their children Isaac (2), Kiaria (4), Franklyn (11) and Tyler (15). Five children is not so unordinary for the parents. Yoni is one of eleven and Glenda is one twelve.

### **SPOTLIGHT ON DAVID CASTRO**

David Castro is a fine example of the youth movement developing at St. Anthony's parish. He is one of the many young people who are dedicated to community service and have chosen the church as their way to give back.

David is an Elizabeth High School graduate and currently is a freshman at Union County College pursuing a career in the medical field. He was born in Elizabeth and raised on Salem Avenue. His family are parishioners of St. Anthony's where he was baptized.

David has stepped up and volunteers when the need arises. His maturity is beyond his years and he has many talents to offer. David teaches CCD to Spanish students, He is an altar server and usher during mass and volunteers in running the Youth Group and Soccer League.

David's involvement has a great impact on the young people he helps. He serves as an example to them of what it means to be a Christian, generous and community minded. The skills that he has developed through his service will surely help him in his future endeavours. The church is grateful for David's service along with their other volunteers.





Reserve space in the next issue. Call Tina today at 908-418-5586 or email info@rennamedia.com

### **MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA**

William Aparicio, Vincente Guallpa and Henry Nolasco are young parishioners of St. Anthony's Church. They went on a mission trip to Nicaragua, in February along with by Fr. Javier. The church celebrated their departure with a farewell ceremony at one of the church services and welcomed them back during another service where they shared their experiences with the congregation.

The group spent a week constructing homes and reaching out to the poor in a mission of service.

(right, l-r) Henry Nolasco, William Aparicio, and Vincente Guallpa.



### MAY EVENTS AT ST. ANTHONY'S FOR ALUMNI, FRIENDS AND FAMILY



### Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy Super 50/50 CASH Raffle Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 7PM in the School Auditorium 227 Centre Street, Elizabeth, NJ



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(above) Bridget Moscaritolo stood as the congregation of St. Anthony's sang happy birthday to celebrate her 78th birthday at the 10 a.m. Mass held on March 1, 2014. The moment was shared with Maria Sapia and Marisa Moriello seated to her left and right.

### **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Monday: • 7:00 pm Mass - in Spanish at the Youth Center followed by a prayer group.

Tuesday: • Novena to St. Anthoiny - after 8:30 am Mass

• 7:00 pm Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults - in the Rectory

Wednesday: • Food Pantry open 1 pm - 4 pm in Rectory Basement

Thursday: • Holy Hour after 7:00 pm Mass

• 7:30 pm Al-Anon

- in spanish in Rectory Basement

Friday: • 7:30 pm Bingo in School Cafeteria

Join us for our 1st Annual **Feast of Mary Help of Christians** Sunday May 18, 2014 St. Anthony's Church 853 Third Avenue, Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ Mass will be at 12 noon followed by a procession through the streets of Peterstown with a Marching Band.



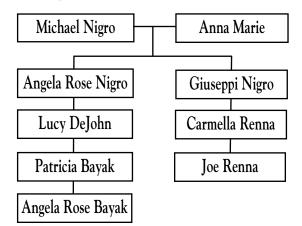
Followed by an Open House in the School Building and Reception in the Cafeteria Pizza, Beer, Wine and Cheese All Alumni, Friends and Family are Welcome to Attend All Proceeds Benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy Sponsored by the St. Anthony's Alumni Memorial Fund



(above, 1-r) Cousins Rosie Bayak and Joe Renna.

### **HOW WE'RE RELATED**

Rosie's great-great grandparents, Michael and Anna Marie Nigro, are my great-grandparents making us second cousins once removed.





(above) Rosie Bayak in the arms of her greatgrandmother, and namesake, Angela Rose Nigro who passed away just days after Rosie's birth on August 10, 1984.



# FROM 6 DEGREES OF SEPARATION FILE

#### Submitted by Joe Renna

I recently attended a business networking event at a restaurant named Flanagan's in South Plainfield hosted by the Tri County Chamber of Commerce. I joined that chamber to mix with the advertisers in the newspapers I publish in that area. I was spotted by another attendee from across the room who introduced herself. She was Rose Bayak and happened to be my second cousin once removed.

It has been a few years since one of our epic Nigro family reunions was held, but she remembers painting my daughters' faces. She recognized my face and my name

tag confirmed her suspicion of who I was. She changed a bit from when I saw her last, maybe it was her hair color, but her last name, Bayak, didn't ring a bell for me either.

I'm glad she recognized me. We had a long chat that night and talked about the prospect of a family reunion being planed for this fall. We have since connected on facebook where she sent me some family photos.

For any one interested, Rose is Co-Owner of Three Bridges, LLC in. South Plainfield, New Jersey, which supplies educational professional development and consulting for schools, families, adults and non-profits. Email: threebridgesllc@gmail.com.



(above) Cousins from the Rose Nigro branch at a family reunion held in 2008. Rosie is on the front right.



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**DENTAL HEALTH MONTH** 

Students from Joseph Sortino's Physical Education

and Health classes at Frank K. Hehley School celebrated

Arthur Szabela, a dentist at Garden State Dental Design

Sortino, a dental hygienist from the office of Dr. Frank

professionals reviewed oral homecare, healthy eating

toothbrushes and toothpaste to get a good start on a

Children's Dental Health Month by welcoming Dr.

on Raritan Road, Clark N.J. Also visiting was Lisa

Paternostro, Elizabeth N.J. Both dental health

habits and the importance of visiting the dentist

regularly. The students were supplied with new

lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

### **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION IN ROSELLE PARK TO HOLD ST. ANTHONY'S ITALIAN FAMILY FEAST**

On the Church grounds at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park. Starts Thursday, June 5 and runs through Sunday, June 10. Hours: Thurs 6-10PM, Fri 6-11PM, Sat 4-11PM, Sun 2-10PM.

You know that summer has arrived in Roselle Park. New Jersey when the Church of the Assumption's annual St. Anthony Italian Family Feast returns for its 14th year! Once again it will be four days of faith, fun, family and friends, packed full of delicious homemade cooking, an Italian style Café, food venders, a beer & wine garden, non-stop entertainment and music (more performers than 2013!), amusements, and games.

These four days will be packed full of fun for everyone. New this year will be an appearance by The Papermill Playhouse Broadway Show Choir on 6/5 from 6:00-6:30pm. There will also be a variety of local dance and karate studios performing, The Jersey Shades Band will be playing, singer Eric Delauro will do a Sinatra



(above) Members of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr Loretti Council 3240 carry the Statue of St. Anthony from the Church of the Assumption.

Tribute; plus on 6/8 at 4:00pm there will be a poetry program presented by Roselle Park's Poet Laureate, Leona M Seufert.

Also, two radio stations will add to the fun: On Thurs. 6/5 from 6:00-8:00pm - Magic 98.3FM Radio and on Sat. 6/7 from 6:00-8:00pm NJ 101.5 Big Yellow Prize Van will make appearances. And don't forget the rides, they will have your children screaming with delight!

The Feast is also a faith oriented celebration. After the 12 Noon Mass on 6/9 there will be a traditional procession through the streets with the statue of St. Anthony accompanied with music by the Metropolitan Festival Band (they will also be playing during the Feast that day). Once again, the beautiful 100 year old statue of St. Anthony, that was part of the parish when founded in 1907, will be the center piece of the procession.

Pre-Sale ride tickets will be available after all Masses starting in May with a discounted price of \$12.00 per sheet of 15 tickets. This is a 36% savings! And Thursday, June 6, 2013 is "Pay-One-Price" wristband night (not available at presale). Buy a wristband for \$25 and enjoy unlimited rides from 6-10 pm.

There will also be nightly 50/50's and a SUPER 50/50 (Super 50/50 Drawing will be Sun June 8 at 9:00pm) ! Since this is the single largest fundraiser for the parish you'll also be helping the parish while you are having fun.

For dates and times of all entertainment and to be updated on the latest developments visit http://www.assumptionrp.com/Feast.html Also visit Assumption's Facebook page, link is found on http://www.assumptionrp.com/ and "Like" St. Anthony's Feast. Contact rectory at 908-245-1107.

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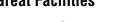
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### **FREINDS OF SAL COPPA**

A ad hoc committee quickly planed a fundraising event for Sal Coppa to assist him and his family during his recovery from a heart attack that happened on the steps of Elizabeth City Hall. The occasion was the raising of the Italian flag commemorating Columbus Day on October 9, 2013, and Sal had just stepped away from the podium after speaking when he fell.

The quick thinking heroic response form those in attendance and the professional actions of the first responders saved Sal's life. The continued exceptional care he received at Trinitas Hospital accounts for Sal making a steady recovery. Prayers and an outpouring of

(left, l-r) Cindy, daughter Gina and Sal Coppa.

love can take credit also.

The fundraising event was held in Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. This was where Sal was born and raised and the response from family , friends, and neighbors was overwhelming.

Sal and his wife Cindy still work hard everyday with his recovery but progress has been steady. There is much appreciation for everyone who helped to make the event a big success that Sal and Cindy would like to express. Thanking everyone by name is impossible. They hope everyone understands.

### THANK YOU LETTER FROM CINDY COPPA

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our friends and family who have been helping us since October 9, 2013. The last six months have been very difficult and we have been deeply touched by the outpouring of love and support extended to us in so many ways. Many thanks for the food, flowers, donations, emotional support, and other gifts. I am sincerely grateful for all of these and especially for your prayers which I know continue even to this day. We still need them.

Special thanks to the following:

- Steve Rinaldi, the skilled paramedics, emergency personnel, doctors, nurses, and nursing assistants at Trinitas Medical Center who didn't give up on Sal.
- All the members of the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO. You truly embody your mission of service to others. A special thank you to Lou Bani; Vito Tropiano, Joe Renna, the Marcantonios, Paul Rinaldi, Courtney Villani, and Carol Cascio for their individual caring outreach.
- All the members of the Sons of Peterstown, especially John Sacco (and his assistants whom I don't even know) for the very generous giving of their time, food, and culinary skills for the February dinner.

- The Elizabeth Avenue Partnership Dave, Mary Ann, and the board members - for their supportive visits, donations, and work for the fundraiser.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy and Deacon Joe Caporaso for his caring, time, talent, and use of the cafeteria as a venue.
- The musical talents of John and Jackie Schipani, and Mike and Melissa Reins - Your tribute to Sal will never be forgotten.
- Barbara, Norman, Sandy, Jason, and staff at the Magic Fountain. Your endless support (you know how!) is greatly appreciated.
- Mayor Bollwage, City Council, and our dear friends from the City of Elizabeth, the Sixth Ward Block Watch Group, the Elizabeth Garden Club, and the Master Gardeners of Union County.
  All those who provided pastries, beverages, and baskets for the fundraiser.

- The church groups and individuals who keep Sal and me in their prayers.

- Family who are always there for us.

With sincere appreciation, Cindy Coppa



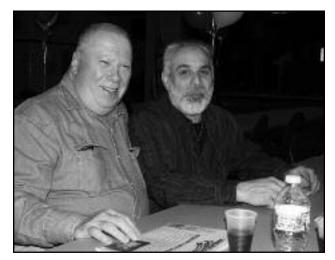




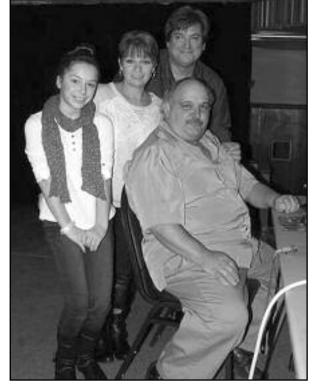






























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On Wednesday (10-09-13) at a flag ceremony at City Hall in the City of Elizabeth a worker suddenly collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. Without hesitation coworkers of the victim went right into action and brought over the AED which is located inside City Hall. One successful shock was given and care was taken over by Elizabeth Fire Department's Ambulance EMS 7, Fire Engine 6 and Trinitas Regional Medical Center Mobile Intensive Care Unit Medic 41.

The victim is recovering well!

(left, l-r) Carlos Gomez, national representative of International Association of EMTs & Paramedics and Mike Guarino Jr., Vice President of Elizabeth F.M.B.A. Local 9 at the fund raiser held for Sal Coppa.

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- On 10/9/2013, members from City Hall & Unico were having a Flag raising ceremony on the front lawn of City Hall when Sal Coppa fell to the ground.
- Aida St. John and Courtney Villiani assessed Mr. Coppa and found no pulse present.
- Miss St. John started CPR by giving breaths mouth to mouth. Ms. Villiani administered chest compressions.
- Steve Rinaldi immediately ran up the stairs to retrieve AED device. William Reyes assisted with AED with shock advisement & shock was applied, pulse was ultimately obtained.
- ALS / MEDIC 41 was the first to arrive on scene & assessed patient finding no pulse & CPR continued.
- MEDIC 41 applied additional AED shock.
- ELIZABETH ENGINE 6 & EMS 7 arrived & assisted with CPR & AED.
- MEDIC 41 & EMS 7 continued with additional treatment in Ambulance.
- Members from ENGINE 6 were assisting with CPR in the ambulance with additional shock advisement advised & applied.

#### CIVILIANS TO BE RECOGNIZED:

- Aida St. John UNICO
- Courtney Villiani -UNICO
- Steve Rinaldi City Hall employee
- William Reyes City Hall employee

#### FIRST RESPONDERS ON SCENE:

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Volunteer Manager and Trainer. Christie also just happens to be the President of the Rotary Club of Summit-New Providence.

The students were shown an instructional video and then participated in Hands Only CPR training.



(above) Students demonstrate rule number one in case of emergency: CALL 911.



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#### Submitted by: Tina Renna

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Angela Bellino

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 4 1-ounce square cubes of unsweetened chocolate (3/4 cup)
- 1.5 stick of butter
- 1 cup flour

1.5 tea. Vanilla

3 eggs

#### PREPARATION

2 cups sugar

- 1) Melt butter and chocolate in pot on low heat stirring constantly.
- 2) Add sugar, mix in eggs and vanilla then stir in flour.
- 3) Grease a 13 x 9 pan and bake for 30-35 mins. at 350
- (325 glass pan). Test by sticking tooth pick into center, it should be cakie when done.

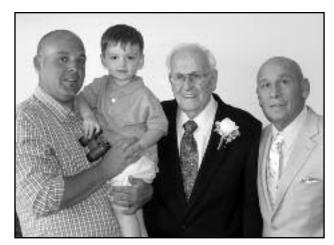


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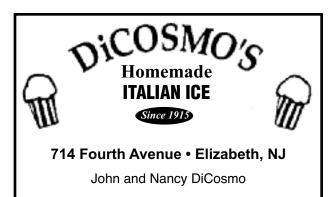
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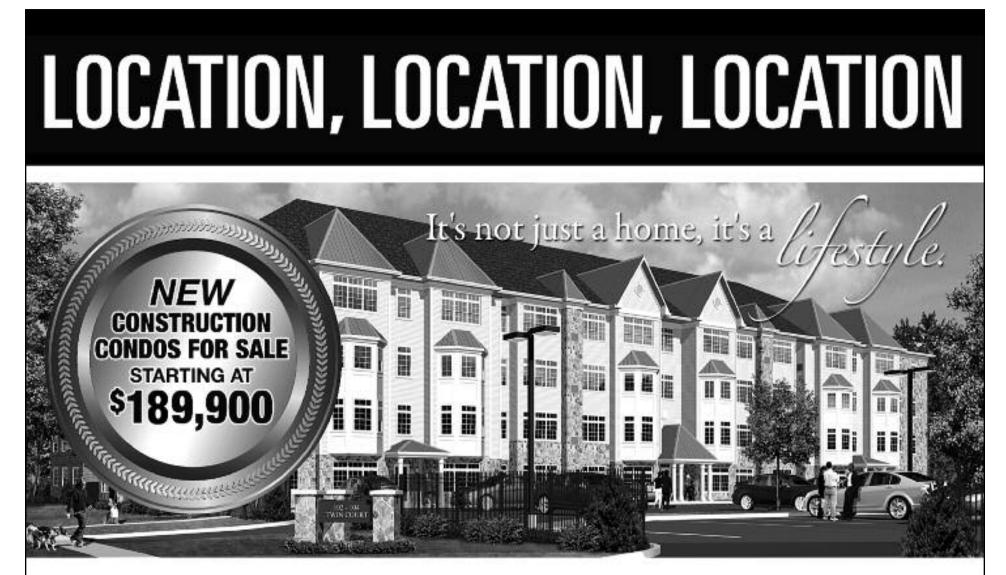
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### THE HONORABLE KATHI F. FIAMINGO WAS SWORN IN AS JUDGE OF THE TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY

Kathi Fiamingo has been a life-long resident of Kenilworth and has a long history of public service to the community which began as a member on the Board of Education in 1994 and culminated with her serving as Mayor from 2008 – 2014. When asked what inspired her passion for public service she replied "I felt that I could give something back to the community that had given so much to me."

Kathi is a first-generation American, her parents, Jack and Katherine (nee Spilingesi) immigrated from Calabria Italy as children, her mom from Brunello and her Dad from Spilinga. Both their families settled in Newark, NJ. After they married, the Fiamingos bought a home in Irvington, NJ and in 1953 they moved with their growing family, they went on to have eight children, to Kenilworth where Kathi's mom had family living at the time, including one of her brothers. Kathi was born in 1954. She attended St. Theresa's grammar school and David Brearley Regional high school. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude - from Seton Hall University and a Juris Doctor, Cum Laude - Seton Hall Law School. She also holds a Masters in Law (Taxation) from New York University School of Law.

During her swearing in ceremony Kathi stated "My parents would be very happy today, not just for me, but

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for all their children for what we've all achieved because of their parenting which taught us the importance of education, family and giving back."

All speakers at the ceremony lauded Kathi for her dedicated community service, work ethic, love and compassion for family, friends and community. Speakers included State Senator Thomas Kean, Jr.; Reverend Joseph Bejgrowtiz of Saint Theresa's Church; Philip Morin, Chairman, Union County Republican Committee; and longtime friends John DeSimone, Hon. Karen Smith, Esq., and John Iaciofano, Esq.

Prior to being elected Mayor of the Borough of Kenilworth in 2008, Kathi served as a Council member and Finance Committee Chairwoman from 2001-2003 and 2007. She served as president of the Kenilworth Borough Council in 2007. She served on the Board of Education from 1994-1999 and served as the Board's president in 1999.

In her professional life, Kathi was a Tax Attorney -Partner with the law firm of Iaciofano & Fiamingo and an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University Graduate Business Program. She also served as the Chairperson, Kenilworth Republican Municipal Committee from 2002-2004 and as Vice Chair, Republican Committee of Union County from 2006-2014.



(above, l-r) On April 1, 2014, the Oath of Office was given by Presiding Judge of Tax Court Patrick DeAlmeida with John DeSimone holding the Bible for Judge Fiamingo.

Kathi Fiamingo has resigned as Mayor of the Borough of Kenilworth. As Council President, Scott Klinder automatically became Acting Mayor. At the April 9th, 2014 Borough Council meeting the council will elect the new Mayor from among its members. The mayor's seat will then be placed on the ballot of the 2014 General Election to be held in November. The winner of the election will serve the remainder of Kathi Fiamingo's term, which expires Dec. 31, 2015.



(below, 1-r) Kathi Fiamingo's brothers, James, Joseph and Frank, helped in the ceremonial robing of Judge Fiamingo.









(above, r-l) History teacher A. Anthony Dalessandris held John Orosco and Diane Sergi with proofreading the Edisonian News. John used his high school publishing skills to put together the photos and captions for this article.

(right) The 1963 edition of the high school vearbook Edisonian features a photo of Orosco in his 1953 Murcury -convert with 23 coats of buick candy apple red paint turning off the Summer Street bridge turning into Mattano Park.

### **EDISON TECH CLASS OF 1963 CLASS REUNION**

The Thomas A. Edison High School in Elizabeth had a 50th year class reunion on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at Costa's Restaurant in Roselle park. There were 80 people in attendance. Entertainment was supplied by a DJ and an Elvis impersonator.

The reunion program included a tribute to classmate Astrus M. Mitchell Jr. who was awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action and Bonze Star with the "V" device which is the fourth highest individual military award with the "V" given for acts of heroism. During the Vietnam War Mitchell saved the lives of his comrades by holding off the enemy from inside their bunker. despite being injured he tossed back live grenades thrown by the enemy and broke their assault with machine gun fire.

The reunion program memorialized the forty classmates who passed away by listing their names in the program. 🎇

(right) The Daily Journal Article from 1966 of Elizabeth Mayor Tom Dunn pinning the Bronze Star on Astrus M. Mitchell Jr. was reprinted in the reunion's program.





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### PHOTOS OF EDISON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1993 IN 2013.



(above) John and Josephine Orosco

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(left) Vietnam veteran Arthur Muller is the cofounder and national director of Rolling Thunder, a motorcycle club that is advocated and/or co-authored legislation to improve the POW/MIA issue, veterans' benefits, concerns and interests.



, Arthur Muller, \_\_\_, and Darlene Ciccia (Above, l-r)



(above) Dot Daley



(above, l-r) Joe Krouse, Josephine Polizzi and Joe Laface



(above, l-r) Valerie Pilewski and Diane LaPlaca



(above, l-r) Theresa Robles and Paul Cosmas



(above) Carmela Colicchio



(above, 1-r) Carol Soyka, Tamara Falkenstern and Tony LaRocca



(above, l-r) \_\_\_\_, Ed Nycz and Tony Principato



(above, I-r) Mrs and John Dixon, Nick and Jackie Alfano



(above, 1-r) Richie and Debbie Nigro



(above, 1-r) Terry and Mike Lamorte



(above, 1-r) Pat Cap and Frank Kelleher





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