



I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF NOT FOR MY FAMILY

Vincent Santillo wanted to publicly thank his family for surviving as long as he did and giving him the quality of life he enjoyed. Vinny was quadriplegic since the age of 14. He was hospitalized before he could write his thank you and passed away on May 10, 2011, a month shy of the thirty-fifth anniversary of his accident.

Vinny loved the water, swimming and especially diving. He would do it with confidence and joy. He was playing in a friends pool on June 24, 1976 and a routine dive ended in tragedy when he injured his 3rd and 4th vertebrae. The diagnosis was not good. Vinny was quadriplegic, he had little or no movement of upper and lower extremity muscles. He would be confined to a wheelchair the rest of his life and in need of constant care and assistance in activities of daily living. Though the outlook was grave, Vinny's approach to life was extraordinary and the dedication of his family was virtuous.

The shock and surprise of Vinny's accident slowly turned into harsh reality for his parents and siblings. During the three months that Vinny was in Alexian Brother's Hospital the family converted the storefront of their home into his living quarters. Santillo's Pizza, the family owned business since 1912, would no longer have seating and instead would offer take-out and delivery only. There were many other physical adaptations to accommodate Vinny but none of them compared to the emotional and psychological adjustments of loved ones. Ironically his sisters credit Vinny for helping them cope instead of him being needy in that department.



(above) Dolores Santillo with her son Vinny, her best freind in the world.

Vinny was the youngest of eight children, he had six sisters and one brother. At the time of the accident all of his siblings were living at home except for his sister Noreen and his brother Al, who was in the service. Alison moved out not long after. His sisters went above and beyond any expectations in helping their brother but more so, his mother, Dolores, would dedicate every second of every day to her son. Survival rates for spinal cord injury victims are dismal in the first year or two. He did remarkably well considering he was being cared for at home. The fact of the matter was that for the first ten years of being injured he was cared for primarily by his family. In the 1970's and 80's health care was not nearly as sophisticated as it is today. Survival was less likely and treatments for the side effects of his condition that would cause death were inadequate or non-existent. Kidney failure, pneumonia, pulmonary emboli and septicemia were common inflictions.

His family nicked named him "The Bull" because he was invincible. Vinny fought through countless bouts of terminal illnesses that surprised even his doctors. He would casually rattle off the long list to doctors admitting him for his next treatment. There were many times that the outlook for Vinny's survival was bleak. It would take a terrible toll on his family. Yet every time he would pull out of it and come home smiling.

Smiling was what Vinny did best. He would light up a room and crack up a room with his sense of humor. Vin never considered himself handicapped because he had his sharpness of mind. His limitations were purely physical, but he even disregarded those. Vinny was a free spirit and would go on adventures like any other kid. He rode a motorized wheel chair, the first one he operated had a joy-stick, and then another with a blow tube and eventually one operated with head commands. He drove the streets of Elizabeth with the wind blowing through his hair getting into a little fender bender on more than occasion. He wasn't reckless but this was a time before there were curb cuts and other handicap accessibilities.

Like every mother, Dolores would worry about her son. And like every son, Vinny would give her something to worry about. He had friends who would put him up for the night but he would forget to call home to tell his mom. He ended up breaking his fragile legs in two of those fender benders. That too would put him in the hospital.



Vinny's stays in the hospital would highlight how exceptional his home care was. It was during treatments in the hospital that his vision was impaired and his short term memory was affected. He thrived at home.

After his mother passed away in September of 2004, Vinny was moved for the first time into a nursing home. He immediately ended up in the hospital. After returning home his sister Marlane moved back to the house to care for her brother properly.

No one knows what challenges life has in store or how one will react to them. Those who cared for Vinny rose to a challenge, unselfishly, without obligation. Their only motivation was an unwavering moral compass pointed to doing what was right. They put Vinny's well being above their own comfort. Though it is in a postmortem tribute, for that he thanks them.

(left) Al at his graduation from Elizabeth High School in 1980, four years after his accident. His sister Denise is by his side and twin sisters, Marlane and Adelane are to the far right.



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President's Message

The St. Anthony community had a beautiful funeral service for past pastor Fr. Pat Diver (2004-2010). It was one of the most remarkable services that I've

witnessed. About twenty priests assisted the Provincial of the New Rochelle Salician Province who presided. As is a tradition in the Salician order, the priests sang

in Latin, Salve Regina, as the casket left the church after the 7:30 p.m. mass on Tuesday August 9, 2011. Fr. Pat was buried in his home state of Massachusetts. Salisian nuns from North Haledon, NJ were well represented along with the Sisters of Charity from our convent.

Fr. Pat laid in state in the church Monday evening through Tuesday giving the opportunity for parishioners to pay their last respects.

They then filled the church that evening to hear mass and a sermon delivered by Fr. Pat's classmate Fr. Thomas

Fr. Pat made a great impact at St. Anthony's during his tenure, evident by the outpouring of support from the community in prayer and tears.

God bless, / / John Sacco, President Sons of Peterstown Sports Club

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Hi Joe,

I went to get a few copies of this months Peterstown Paper for Diane's picture with the Beanie Babies and noticed the interesting article on the front page on the RFK Train. Great article with very interesting facts I never knew and it was actually also very historically accurate. I remember that day because I had to play with the Jeff marching band at a Jefferson High football game in the afternoon and could not go to the train station to catch the RFK Train. I was however able to go and climb up the South Elmora bridge overpass a block away from my house and was excited to see the train with Robert's wife Ethel in the caboose passing by and waving to the few that were there.

After I returned home and was getting dressed in my band uniform the phone rang and my mom answered. She sounded shocked at the news and when I asked what had happened she said her Aunt who was Antoinette Severini, was hit by the Kennedy train along with her friend John Curia. Antoinette was the sister of my grandmother, Mary Volpe. Both of their maiden names were Chirichillo and they spent most of their life down the Burg. Antoinette and John were holding my two small second cousins, who were Antoinette's grandchildren, Adam and Debbie Kwiatek, in their arms when the train struck and they had the presence of mind to push them to safety.

Both of the children were very shook up by what happened and were bruised from the fall but lucky to survive. Adam and Debbie's mom, Anna Kwiatek and her family were also interviewed for the documentary by the film maker. I was told that they received a letter of regret years ago from the Kennedy family about their loss. It was one of those days in the history of Elizabeth and the Nation that will stay in everyone's mind forever. Your article pointed out how many lives of people that we know from the Elizabeth area were touched by the events of that day.

Thank you, Bob Renna Kenilworth, NJ

Despite a minor error (it was a Saturday, not a Sunday) I read with great interest the story of the RFK train and the additional tragedy with two bystanders hit by a commuter train. I don't think America realized how much RFK was loved. I think the authorities anticipated a handful of mourners and well wishers clustered around the train stations. Little did they realize that masses of people would gather around each station and the steady line of people extending the entire length of the tracks running from NY to DC even in rural areas. I recall that Saturday night, the Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson had a star studded lineup planned. But sensing the incredibly sad mood of the nation, NBC pulled the show off the air as we were not in the mood to laugh and see light hearted entertainment. The Tonight Show was replaced with a discussion of RFK's life and contributions.

Jeff Scheckner Union, NJ

Dear Joe,

I can't thank you enough for publishing my letter requesting help for any information that your readers had concerning my husband's grandfather Angelo Colicchio. I was contacted by Sal Angelo Sr., who had a treasure trove of information. He had done extensive research into the Colicchio's, as his wife Mary was a cousin to my

husbands' grandmother, Maria Adelina Leone Colicchio. Vito and I spoke with Sal and were totally flabbergasted by the amount of information he accumulated. He was kind enough to send us a book which contains all the pedigree sheets, references, and copies of records from the Vallata Vital Records Office. The information dates back into the

mid-1700's!!

Also, Vito spoke with Mary Angelo and she told him stories about his grandfather that he never knew -i.e.: after he retired, he had a horse drawn ice cream truck and on his route, he collected broken toys from his customers, which he repaired and gave back out to the community.

We're still looking for photos of Angelo Colicchio. If you have any old original photos from the Vallatese Club, can you please let me know if I can obtain copies. We are hoping that Mary Angelo and/or cousin Theresa Colicchio Santillo Schade can help identify Angelo.

Thanks again Joe. Best regards, Celia Milano-Colicchio Vero Beach, FL

Hello Joe,

Just wanted to thank you for the terrific article you wrote on my Dad and I in the RFK documentary.

You made my Dad very happy. He has such wonderful memories growing up in Peterstown and being in the "Peterstown, Elizabeth, NJ" was very special to both of us.

Thanks again,

Eileen Feminella

Dear Mr. Renna

I am originally from Linden, NJ and moved to Anchorage, Alaska to be with my high school sweetheart, now fiance, who is originally from Elizabeth, NJ. We were remembering our teenage years going to the St. Rocco Feast and bowling at Jersey Lanes (he worked there as a teenager) and we decided to look online for some information. We were debating when exactly the Feast was.

I was excited to come across your mention of Ciao Amici - the language center in Cranford, NJ, in your April 2011 issue. I immediately contacted Filomena, the owner, and told her I spend my summers in New Jersey visiting my mother and working with children with autism, but would have three weeks before the summer session to brush up on my Italian. I studied at Middlesex County College for two semesters, plus lived for almost 2 years with my ex husband in Grottammare, Italy.

She put together an intermediate class which was perfect for me. I only wish I had more than 3 weeks! The class is about 5 people and is very friendly. It is great to have a place right here in Union County to speak in Italian. It is, after all, the most beautiful language in the world!

Grazie ancora per il tuo giornale, Marla Sandomenico

Please Note:

Anchorage, AK

I am now 83 years old. I lived in "The Burg" for 50 years. It is now very difficult to read the "reading" part of the paper. Why isn't it printed as DARK as the "ads" are?

I would gladly pay extra for inking the rest. Mr. Florence Carrano, Toms River, NJ

Dear Florence,

Do you also believe that TV commercials are louder than the shows? I assure you that there is no conspiracy to make the type lighter so that the advertisements get more attention.

Thank you for writing, Joe Renna, Publisher

next I'll hear that the Bonel Optical ad is blurry to trick people thinking they into needed reading glasses.



Editor's Opinion

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

I was always humbled by Vinny Santillo and his outlook on life. Even though he was quadriplegic, he accepted his disability and didn't see himself as handicapped. His good nature and sharp wit was intact and he made the best of what he had to work with.

What I really admire is the way his mother took care of him, I think of what a burden that had to be for her. But when I give it more thought I get ashamed that I even think that way. I don't think that his mom thought that way at all. It was just my own selfish nature projecting.

Vinny and his mom Dolores, whom he called BunBun, were the best of friends and enjoyed each other's company. Their time together was filled with laughter, always teasing each other and joking. He missed her dearly when she passed away in 2004.

I spent some time with his twin sisters Marlene and Adelene recently.

Marlene was one of his primary caretakers. The sisters shared endless stories about their brother that could fill volumes. He had more character than most people I know who do not have any physical limitations. Vinny had passion in his life and expressed himself openly. He loved food, music, sports and girls. He followed the Yankees, and challenged himself watching Jeopardy. Though it was difficult for him to read a book he would absorb knowledge from other resources. He was a great story teller and a bit of a history buff. He knew all about his hometown of Elizabeth, especially the people from the Peterstown section and their relationships.

Vinny's family shared with me that he also had a lot of compassion and he would always try to help others. He was the voice of reason when someone had problems to deal with. Amazingly, he even cared for stray animals.

When writing this newspaper I try to put into words

the essence of the culture that I was raised in. Sometimes I don't think it is possible. This is one of those times. I can tell you how Dolores or Marlane cared for Vinny but to explain why is impossible. The love that flowed through Vinny and his family and friends is indescribable.

Vinny had a Friend, Tommy Banasiak, who was by Vinny's side most of his life. They were friends since first grade and played basketball together. Tommy would take Vinny with him to gallivant about. He even lived with Vinny for awhile. Tommy passed away in 1996.

I'm proud to know Vinny and his family. This story illustrates all the good virtues that we were taught. Duty and honor, generosity, selflessness, acceptance, courage, trust, hope and love. The list is endless. Being part of the same community makes me feel that these traits are in me. And though I haven't been challenged in a way that tested my mettle, I feel that I have perfect role models in Vinny's story to emulate when I am ever faced with adversity.

Not for Nothing But...

quality of life is not a

physical measurement.

(right) Mike DiCosmo. (below) DiCosmo goes to the

aid of Referee Joe Walker who caught a KO punch when he tried to separate Mike from opponent Laurie Buxton. Walker didn't know who hit him.



FIGHT ENDS IN KAYO (OF REFEREE)

Dear Joe,

Letter

I read your "Around About Peterstown" from front page to last including the ads, each time I receive it. The ads for DiCosmo's Deli are a tribute to that family for its decades of longevity in serving only the very best of food. Italian or

Some of your older readers will recall a banner year for the famous DiCosmo name. In the 1940's after World War II Mike DiCosmo came into his own as the best post-war prizefighters the "Burg" had produced.

Peterstown was well known for its fighters back then. Such tough guys as Frankie Duane, Lenny LaBrutta, Jimmy Esposito and Birdie Loffa come to mind. Mike was known as the "Peterstown Southpaw". He could knock an opponent cold with either hand and was tough as nails.

Mike was a huge crowd pleaser and headlined many cards at the old Twin City Bowl and the Elizabeth Armory. He never let his fans down. Always giving an action packed performance. I was privileged to see him box many times.

A fight of his I'll never forget is one he lost (maybe). But it went down in fistic history as one of the true oddities of the sport. It also involved another famous Elizabethan, Joe

A few years back I wrote a short story of the history of the Lauren Garden and the Meadowbrook Bowl, two Newark, NJ fight arenas. They along with the Elizabeth Armory and Twin City Bowl were the hotbed sites of professional boxing

How could I possibly omit DiCosmo's historical knockout at Meadow Brook? I offer it to you and your readers including photos.

With Best Regards, Bob Fernandez Albrightsville, PA





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A letter of appreciation for Enza (Marciante) Jacobowitz

It is with great joy and appreciation that I thank everyone for their dedication and support to the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans. This year has been our best year ever - Cpl. Luigi Marciante Jr. who lost his life on September to date we have raised over \$100,000 and this year alone over 20th, 2007 in Muqdadiyah, Iraq. \$40,000!

Special thanks to the Villani Bus Company, Lt. Giacomo Sacca, Elizabeth Police Department and PBA Local #4, Elizabeth Fire Department, John Sacco and family, Larry's Generator, Emilio and Liz Rangone and of course Joe Renna for "Wager on Joe" which was another great success!

The Hope & Possibility 5M was nothing short of amazing. The weather was beautiful and we had over ninety team member in attendance and yes John Stewart was there! My husband Rich and I both had the honor of being "guides" for two Freedom Team members who were recently wounded in Afghanistan. To walk the five miles in Central Park with these brave young men was truly life changing and a true testament to the human spirit, and an experience we will never forget. We look forward to guiding athletes in the future.

Thank you again for your ongoing love, friendship and of course donations - we couldn't do this without you. Stand proud knowing that YOU make a difference every time a service man or woman sits in one of our chairs.

As always if you have any questions or would like to learn how you can help support the Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded Veterans please contact me: enzajacobowitz@gmail.com

Much Love, Enza

The motivation behind Team S.O.S. is Enza's brother,



(above, 1-r) Freedom Team member Justin and Rich Jacobowitz. This young Marine recently lost both his legs while serving in Afghanistan. They walked together and crossed the finish line in just over two hours!



(above, 1-r) Enza Jacobowitz crossing the finish line with a group of Freedom Team members.

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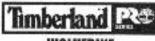
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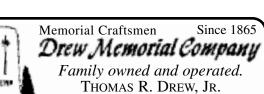
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Readers were asked to "Wager on Joe" and make \$10 donations for the opportunity to guess in which place Joe would finish. The person guessing the closest would win \$1,000 in gift certificates donated by advertisers in the newspaper. A total of \$1,135 dollars was collected to benefit Achilles Freedom Team of Wounded and Disabled Veterans in memory of Cpl. Luigi Marciante Jr., Enza's brother. 🎇 .

(left, r-l) Joe Adona redeems one of the gift certificates he won that was generously donated by Alen Jacobson of Jacobson's Distributing Company in Elizabeth. Joe Purchased a Washer and Dryer.

(below) Joe Adona, who also ran in the race, won the prize with a guess of 2270. The results below show the range of guesses from Michele Conway who thought Joe would finish in first place to his cousin Diane who was less optimistic.



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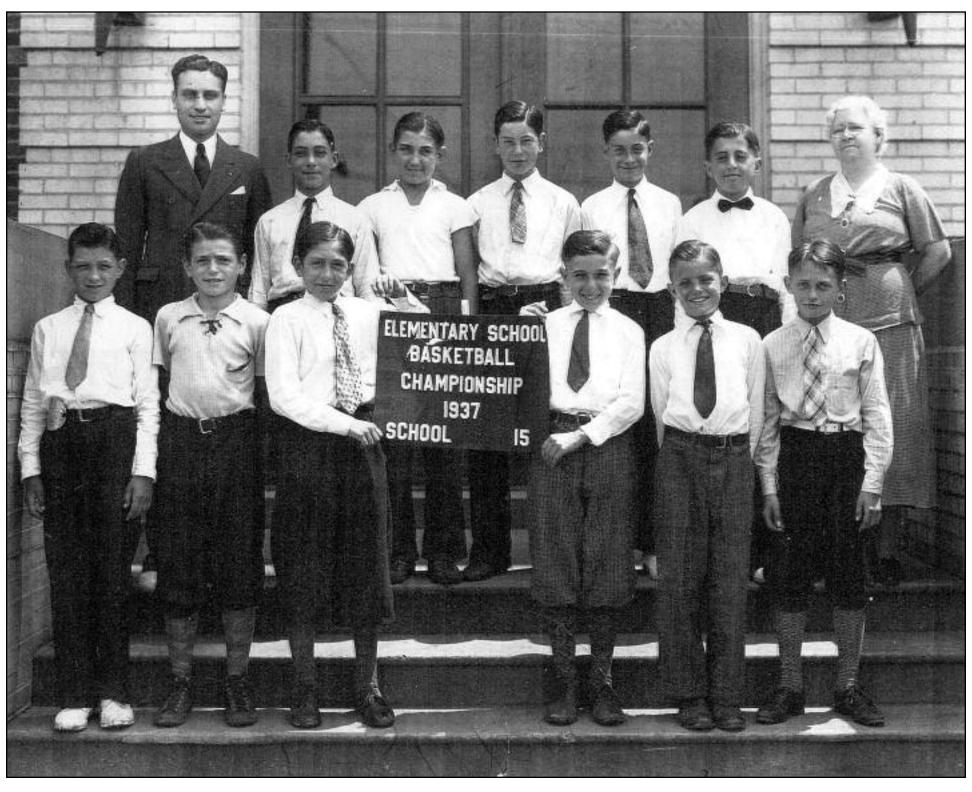
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Submitted by MaryClare DiMaggio

On August 11th, 2011 Officer Alberto A. DiMaggio Sr. celebrated his retirement with family and friends. Known to most as just "Al," he retired after nearly 28 years of duty as a police officer of the city of Elizabeth Police Department. Al DiMaggio embodies all of the qualities of an outstanding police officer, and is the epitome of what it truly means to "protect and serve."

Al was born and lived in Elizabeth until 1992. Al attended the police academy and was sworn in to EPD at the age of 23. Throughout his career he received many commendations; for helping fellow citizens, for his compassion towards the victims of crimes, and for taking the extra step while "on the job." He assisted firemen and emergency personnel, even helping people out of burning buildings himself. He was also certified as an Emergency Medical Technician. During the September 11, 2001 attacks at the World Trade Center, Al reported to work without any hesitation and selflessly returned to Ground Zero while off duty to continue further helping with the recovery of more victims.

Al is father to 5 children; MaryClare, Bernadette, Albert Jr., Thomas, and step-daughter Kaitie. He also has a son-in-law, Jonathan. Bernadette and Jonathan have given him a granddaughter, Madeline, and a second granddaughter is on the way.

MaryClare is an eight year veteran of the United Stated AirForce, and Albert Jr. is currently enlisted in the Virgina Air National Guard. MaryClare is attending Georgian Court University, Bernadette is a graduate of Berkeley College, Al Jr. is attending Old Dominion University, Thomas is a Brookdale graduate and is attending the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, and Kaitie will be graduating high school.

Al currently resides in Middletown, NJ. He has a well deserved retirement ahead of him filled with college graduations, grand kids, and time on his boat. He's hopeful that his patrol partner of twenty years, Officer

Patrick Mooney, will retire also and go fishing with him.

This article is meant to take a moment to acknowledge a true hometown hero, nearly three decades of decorated service, and an all around great guy. Alberto A. DiMaggio Sr. encapsulates what it means to be a civil servant and outstanding citizen.

As a veteran, I want to take this opportunity to give credit to Al not as my dad, but as one person who wore the uniform, gun, and vest to another. I want to thank Officer DiMaggio for his service to his country. Not enough praise is given to police officers, and the struggles they face each and every day of their careers. Luckily, Al came home to us every day, and will be enjoying his well deserved retirement.

VALLATESE ROOTS

Al mother's name is Angela. She immigrated to Elizabeth from Vallata, Italy. Her parents were Consiglia and Francesco Strazzella, who owned Archie's Corner on Elizabeth Ave. Angela married Dominic DiMaggio, Jr. Dominic's parents were Mary and Dominic Sr. Al has two sisters, Dina and Ceil and one brother, Dominic. The family grew up on Grove St. in Elizabeth, NJ.



(above) Al with his niece, Dina's daughter, Denise and his mom Angela in front of Dew's Tavern, now Michelino's, on South Street.



(above) Al DiMaggio with his granddaughter Madeline.





(above, 1-r) Officer Al DiMaggio in 2000 and as a cadet holding his newly commissioned badge.



(above, 1-r) Al and partner officer Pat Mooney.

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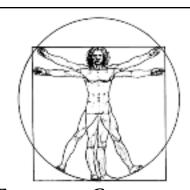
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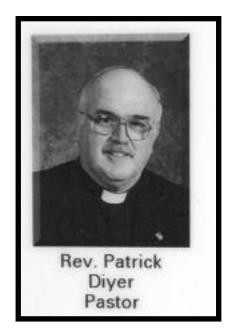
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REUNION IS BEING PLANNED FOR ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 1976

The 1976 St. Mary of the Assumption High School (Elizabeth) Reunion Planning Committee announces final plans for our 35th high school reunion.

The class reunion will be held on Oct. 8th from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Galloping Hill Caterers Regency Room, located at 325 Chestnut St., Union, NJ.

The Reunion Planning Committee is in the process of trying to locate former students from the St. Mary of the Assumption (Elizabeth) High School Class of 1976.

The Reunion Planning Committee is also collecting photos for a video montage/memorabilia board. Please send photos for inclusion to: stmarys76rerunion@gmail.com.

For additional information on the upcoming 35th class reunion, e-mail either Jack Gulino at jackgulino@optonline.net or Kathy Sisk-Addessa at kmpmkm@verizon.net

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FATHER PATRICK DIVER, S.D.B. (1943-2011)

Submitted by Fr. Tom Provenzano, SDB

Saturday we lost a great Salesian Priest, Fr. Pat Diver (pronounced like river). He was my predecessor as pastor here at St. Anthony's, and was a tremendous help during the transition period last year. More than that he was a brother in Don Bosco and he was loved by both his confreres and the parishioners here in Elizabeth. He had a warm heart, but also a feisty spirit, who didn't suffer fools or, being from Boston, Yankee fans gladly. But most of all it is that warm heart and dedicated spirit that people remember. As I went about the difficult task of informing the people this weekend at the beginning of our Masses, you could see the sadness expressed in the tears that were shed upon receiving the news. As I wrote, Fr. Pat had a feisty spirit, and bravely battled cancer for a number of years, never surrendering, always fighting to keep on serving the people of St. Anthony's who he loved so much.

OBITUARY BY FR. MICHAEL MENDL, S.D.B.

After a long bout with cancer, Father Patrick Diver, S.D.B., died early in the morning of August 6, 2011, at Father Hudson House, a hospice in Elizabeth, N.J. He was 68.

Father Diver was born in Boston on August 5, 1943, to Patrick and Mary Connolly Diver. Within the month he was baptized at St. Margaret's Church in Dorchester, which remained the family's parish.

Following his graduation from Don Bosco Technical High School in Boston in 1961, Patrick enrolled in Don Bosco College Seminary in Newton, N.J., as a candidate for Salesian life. In August 1962 he entered the novitiate, also in Newton, and made his first profession of religious vows on August 16, 1963.

Like all Salesian seminarians, Brother Diver majored in philosophy at Don Bosco College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in June 1967. He minored in classical languages.

Having volunteered for the foreign missions, Brother Diver was sent to the Philippines, where he taught at Don Bosco Academy in Pampanga, the province's high school seminary, from 1967 to 1970. At the same time he undertook a master's program in guidance and counseling at De La Salle College's Graduate School of Education in Manila, completing his degree in May 1970.

Brother Diver returned to the U.S. in 1970 to study theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio. He was ordained in Columbus on



March 30, 1974, and awarded a master of arts in theology from the Josephinum in June of that year.

Father Diver's first priestly assignment as dean of students at Don Bosco College in Newton (1974-1976). Twenty-one years of high school apostolate followed, during which he ministered as a guidance counselor at St. Dominic Savio High School in East Boston (1976-1980), treasurer at Dom Savio (1980-1984), and director of the school (1989-1995); he was treasurer at Mary Help of Christians School in Tampa (1984-1988) and then principal there (1988-1989), and guidance counselor at Don Bosco Technical High School in Paterson, N.J. (1995-1997). He later had another short stint as guidance counselor at Savio Prep in East Boston (2003-2004).

During his first assignment in East Boston he was certified as a school guidance counselor in Massachusetts (1978). Father Diver worked in parishes, too. He was pastor of Mary Help of Christians Church in Manhattan for a year (1997-1998), associate pastor at Nativity Church in Washington, D.C. (2002), acting pastor of St. Theresa's Church in Leeds, Ala. (2003), and pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in Elizabeth, N.J., and director of the Salesian community there (2004-2010).

From 1998 to 2002 Father Diver was director of Salesian Missions in New Rochelle, coordinating a vast fundraising program in service to Salesian missionary activities all over the world.

In 2007, while he was pastor in Elizabeth, Father Diver was found to have colon cancer and went through a long treatment and recovery.

In the summer of 2010 Father Diver completed his pastorate and directorship in Elizabeth and was assigned once more to the formation of young Salesians as a very experienced and highly valued staff member at the Don Bosco Residence in Orange, N.J. Late in the spring of 2011 cancer returned in a very serious form. When treatment was unavailing, he entered hospice care.

Brother Gustavo Ramirez, S.D.B., one of the young Salesians from Orange, said of him: "Father Pat Diver was a great example of perseverance and love for the young. I will always remember him as the vital man who loved the young to the last minute of his life."

Father Diver is survived by his sisters Kathleen Tubman and Maureen Fitzgerald, both of the Boston area, and by his Salesian confreres of the New Rochelle Province.





THE REUNION OF ALL REUNIONS

Submitted by Vicky Carta, St. Anthony's Alumni Memorial Fund Committee

In October of 2010, the St. Anthony's Class of 1970 had a very successful reunion at the new Ribera Club in our neighborhood. Old friendships were renewed and ever since the night of the party not many weekends have gone by without some classmates getting together to hang out and reminisce about the old and the new. We are always on the phone or emailing each other or communicating in some way. It has been a very rewarding and life-changing event for all of us. The future looks very bright for a long and happy renewal of friendships and family between classmates. Most of us are meeting each other's spouses and children for the first time, and it has been a breathtaking experience to say the least. We hold our years at St. Anthony's School very near and dear to our hearts. We want to share this newfound joy with everyone who attended St. Anthony's no matter what year you were at the school. Whether you are a former student, family member or friend we want to connect with you and hopefully you can experience the same joy that we have found by seeing your former classmates and friends.

We have initiated a charitable organization called The St. Anthony's Alumni Memorial Fund. This fund has been established to help the school and to remember our classmates who are no longer with us. We are hoping to get as many people involved from other classes to help in the cause of keeping the school strong in the coming years and also to celebrate our great community of Peterstown where we grew up. The idea is to help St. Anthony's, (now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy), whose principal is none other than our own Joe Caporaso (Class of '63), to keep thriving and to

continue the work our Italian ancestors began when they worked so hard as immigrants to build such a beautiful church and school.

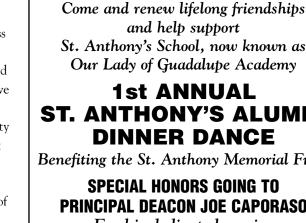
We have had many small events so far with our class only and now we would like to have everyone and anyone associated with the school and/or neighborhood to share in the happiness and joy we have found. So we decided to have an event to allow anyone who would like to come to be able to attend. The flyer for the party can be found in this issue of the Peterstown Paper that Joe Renna (Class of '74) has so graciously printed here for us. Hopefully it will be a night of music, dancing, friends and classmates from all through the years. As of this writing over 100 people have reserved a ticket for this event. We are hoping for as many alumni, family and friends as possible. 🎇

INDIVIDUAL CLASSES ARE ORGANIZING THEMSELVES TO ATTEND THE BIG REUNION

Over the years, and with more frequency, different classes from St. Anthony's have been getting together. The latest was the class of 1965 organized by Debbie Steele Harris on Friday, June 17, 2011 at Costa's in Roselle Park. It was a date chosen so both Vinny Malta from Georgia and Ray and Amy Lamia from Delaware were able to be there.

Classmate Linda Occhipinti invited the old CYO gang to her house in Freehold on Saturday, June 12, 2011. Some hadn't seen each other in 40 years.

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(above) St. Anthony Grammar School class of 1965 got together on June 17 and made plans to attend the All Year school reunion on November 12. (seated, 1-r) Camille Minitelli, Patty Altobelli, Rosemary Pantina, and Debbie Steele. (standing, I-r) Mary Ellen Giuliano, Frank Navarro, Lorraine Renna, John Marcantonio, Rosemary Bruno, Vinny Malta, Celeste Pike, John Lenahan, Barbara Petrillo, Maria Disporto, Rosemarie De Rose, and Ray Lamia.



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(above, 1-r) Rosanne and Don Barone met in the sixth grade and have been perfect together since, dismissing that thought that their meeting was just by chance.

A SIMPLE TWIST OF FATE

Fate began working in Rosanne Santirelli as early as the sixth grade, when a cute, freckled faced boy joined her class in Blessed Sacrament Grammar School in the North End section of Elizabeth, NJ. There was something about Don Barone that was different from the others. He was funny, a cut-up, and he knew how to dance. She would never have guessed that Don would one day be her husband.

The pastor of Blessed Sacrament, Father Hilary Stephen, was a kind man, who knew and addressed each of the five hundred students by their first name. He loved minstrels and shows. The most fun Rosanne had was rehearsing for plays and musicals with Father as director. One time, Don and she waltzed on the darkened stage with other coupled dancers using flashlights for reflection. During the same show they roller-skated on stage to a choreographed routine. She will never forget the moments on stage and rising to the occasion of doing what at the time seemed impossible.

And so it began...the story of their life unfolded.

Actually, Don proposed to Rosanne that year. Processing into school one afternoon in their structured parochial line, Don knelt down and asked Rosanne to marry him. She simply smiled in embarrassment and told him he was silly and to get up off his knees. Little did she know it was a prophetic statement. And so, he would walk her home at lunchtime and run home to eat his own lunch and then wait until she passed his house to walk her back to school. After school he would carry her books and pretend to be Romeo as she stood on the porch bidding him good-bye.

The rootedness and likenesses of their families drew them closer. Don's mother, Mildred Geier Barone, was Rosanne's Girl Scout leader. Rosanne came to know Don's extended family and sister, Carol, a grade younger than Rosanne, was also in the scout troop.

Don had lived in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth for the first ten years of his life, on Fourth Avenue, the home of his paternal grandfather, Vincenzo, and on Palmer Street as well. His relatives shared holiday times and enjoyed one another, as did his family. Rosanne's family was also From Peterstown. Rosanne's mother, Rose (Rosebud) Miglorie was the twelfth of thirteen children born to John and Rose Miglorie and raised at 213 Centre Street.

From childhood into the late 1940's Don's father Ben Barone worked for his cousins, the Papetti's, who owned a dairy farm in Peterstown located on Palmer Street. When the Papetti's decided to sell the business and concentrate on marketing the chickens they raised and the eggs produced, Ben purchased the dairy business and it became Palmer Dairy. Ben was also a charter member and officer of the Stallions Club and enjoyed the racetrack and a good card game with the guys. In 1954, Don's maternal grandparents, Frank and Frances Geier, along with his great aunt and uncle, Emma and John Sinnott, purchased a large home on Monroe Avenue in North End. That is when Don enrolled into Blessed Sacrament.

BARONE AND SANTIRELLI WERE DESTINED TO MEET

Though Rosanne and Don Barone's families were both from the Peterstown section of Elizabeth they didn't cross paths in any significant way that would create strong ties until they both moved to the North End.

Rosanne's mom, Rose Miglorie, told her that she and her siblings were not allowed to go to the other side of town; namely, the Fourth Avenue area, because the neighbors there were from another area of Italy. She would then laugh at the concept because times had changed and it was no longer a taboo.

Rosanne's father's family, the Santirelli's were from newark originally. They lived in North End four five years before the Barone's arrived. Rosanne and Don were immediate friends and his sister, Carol, was a girl scout with Rosanne's and his mom, Mildred was her scout leader. The full families though, didn't actually meet until three years passed and Rosanne and Don graduated

eighth grade. The families were introduced at the mutual parties that followed.

The discussions would inevitably lead towards stories about growing up in The Burg. A bond formed between the two families as they found much similarities in their lives, values, and traditions. Thier friendship was so natural it seemed destined. One remarkable shared experience that seemed to be more than a coincidence was the occasion of both their weddings. The Santirelli's and Barone's were both married on the same day and the same year, September, 15 1940! Amazingly, the future in-laws had back-to-back weddings in St. Anthony's Church in Peterstown. Strangers then and not knowing that they would befriend each other fifteen years later.

Rosanne and Don also chose September, 15 for their wedding twenty two years later in 1962. Like their parents they were married in St. Anthony's Church.



(above, 1-r) Rose and Fred Santirelli and Mildred and Ben Barone celebrating both their 40th wedding anniversaries in September 1980. In 1962 they celebrated their 22nd anniversaries at the wedding reception of their children Rosanne Santirelli and Don Barone.



(above, l-r) Lori and Lisa are seated with husbands Lou Sammartino and Kevin Papa standing behind them, next to their mom Rosanne and their dad Don taken at Tavern in the Park in NYC in 2008.

(left, l-r) Rosanne and Don's grandchildren Daniel Papa, Brian Papa, Jake Sammartino, Nicholas Sammartino, and Louis Sammartino.



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ROSANNE'S FAMILY LEGACY

The closeness of family, the support and affirmation received from aunts, uncles and cousins made a difference in Rosanne's character, personality, and faith. It was not unusual for her uncles or aunts to be visiting when she arrived home from school, offering big hugs and smiles. On the weekend, her older female cousins, (Bev or Gen Corvelli, or Joanne De Luca) would visit and play with Rosanne and her younger brother, Fred.

On some Sundays, Rosanne's bachelor Uncle, Joe would visit for the usual Italian dinner; he was the sweetest of gentlemenk, Rosanne recalls. Uncle Joe always brought boxes of Lofts chocolates and gave Rosanne money to go to the Sunday matinee.

Joe was a roofer and lived in the Centre Street home until he passed due to a roofing accident. He had his own roofing business and never married. As was the case in those days, the oldest son of the family often accompanied his mother to family weddings and affairs. This was the case, since his mother, Rosanne's Grandma Rose, married at fourteen years and was widowed at an early age.

Rosanne's two uncles, Mike and Franny, worked in the Peterstown open market; another, John, owned a local candy story, while another, Thomas, owned a restaurant. Two served in World War II, came home safely. Rosanne's mom, Rosebud (Rose), was one of four daughters.

Rosanne's father, Fred Santirelli, was a self-actualized man of many talents. At one time he and a partner owned a beauty salon on Elizabeth Avenue, but for over twenty-five years he was employed by the government in a covert position. This part of his life was not learned until after his passing in 1981. He worked both at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and New York City and at points in his career traveled to Paris, France and Switzerland for several months at a time in the line of duty. Rosanne considers her father a patriot for his service to the country.

From 1957 to 1959, the family lived on Atsugi Naval Air Station in Japan, with a special non military contingency where she attended schools in both Yokohama and Camp Zama. It was a charmed life for two years a cheerleader for the Navy/Marine Flyers' football team and enjoyed all the privileges of base living

and wonderful friendships which continue to this day. Fred was faithful churchgoer, who guided Rosanne in is the late 40's into the 50's. Birthdays, holidays, and her faith. She would work side-by-side with her mom enjoying music, cooking, dancing, and serving. Her mom always present, lovely and graced, kind and endearing to all who knew her.

Rosanne 's dad was from Newark and her mom from Elizabeth and played to gether as children but did not see each other again until they were adults when they attending a family wedding. They described it as "love at second sight." They were determined to get marry even though they found out later that they were first cousins.

For forty years they shared a blessed union. They became the Family Life Apostolate couple at St. Mary's Church in Elizabeth, Marriage Encounter Recruiters, lecturer at Mass, both sang in the choir, and Rose served Eucharist and volunteered weekly at the soup kitchen. They did Confirmation formation classes and teenage CYO weekends as well. A highlight of their combined ministry was staging and directing the Living Stations during Holy Week as performed by the parish teens. Rose and Fred were admired as a perfect couple, who partnered in a most admirable and humble manner.

Fred and Rose moved to Newark briefly after they married but then moved back to Elizabeth, to the North End. Rosanne was about five years of age and started to attend Blessed Sacrament Grammar School.

It was a good and simple way of living. It was suburbia

Sacraments were the most memorable moments when everyone gathered to celebrate.

Rosanne and Don's 49 years of marriage reflects an ordinary life of natural service to family, church, and community. Thirty three years of service to one parish and then moving on to another, there was no facet of ministry that they didn't do, except for bingo!

When first married the Barone's lived in Arlington, Virginia. Don as stationed at Bolling AFB and Rosanne was employed by the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington. It was a short lived hitch, as Don's dad was taken ill and requested his son return home to assist with the business. Don was granted a medical hardship discharge and we returned to New Jersey.

Thier first daughter, Lisa, was born a year later. Lori followed three years afterwards Rosanne was a stay at home mom for eighteen years, while being involved in church and school activities. She started a career in real estate sales in which she is still active. Up to 1999, Rosanne also managed RENEW International, an arm of the Archdiocese of Newark, promoting small faith sharing communities internationally. Don's work of over fifty years in purchasing, sales management, and operations for Turtle and Hughes Company in Linden.

Rosanne and Don live their lives devoted to faith and family, a life modeled after their parents.

ROSANNE AND DON'S TWO SIBLINGS

Don's sister, Carol, lives in Annapolis, MD, with her husband Dr. Celestino Casillas, a retired psychiatrist. Carol worked for the state of Maryland as a social worker, and previous to her marriage taught grammar school as a Benedictine religious. The Benedictine order had a profound effect upon her young life from the time she attended Blessed Sacrament School. Her decision to enter the convent was made after graduation from Benedictine Academy in Elizabeth. For eight years she went through the process of education and teaching children in both Elizabeth and Cranford. They have five adult children and twelve grandchildren, most of whom live in the immediate Annapolis area.

Rosanne's one brother, Dr. Saki Fred Santorelli, resides in Belchertown, MA, and practices in Worcester, MA, where he is Executor Director of the Mindfulness/Stress Reduction Center at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He and his wife, Rachmana, an educator, have two adult daughters, Chalice and Felice. Chalice is pursuing a medical career abroad after being in practice the past few years in Massachusetts, while Felice is seeking a Masters degree in dance and choreography. Saki attended St. Anthony's Grammar School after the Barone family returned from Japan, followed by graduation from St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth.









(left) The Miglrie Family in 1911. (See legend below for identification.)

- A) James or Vincenzo Migliore born 1869 - Died Jan. 5, 1927. Age 58
- B) Rosa (Rose) Patricco or Patrizio Migliore Born 1883 - died May 24, 1949, age 66

Rosa Patricco and Vincenzo Migliore were marieed on November 20, 1897. She was 14 and he was 28. They parented 13 Children:

- 1) Joseph (Joe) Migliore Born November 20, 1899 Died April 18, 1968, Age 69 Unmarried
- 2) Giorliamo (George) (Jill) Migliore Born August 24,1901 Died August 9, 1934, Age 33 Unmarried
- 3) John (Johnny) Migliore Born March 25, 1903 Died February 1, 1955, Age 52 Married Ethel Wilson Had 2 daughters (Ethel) & (Gladys)
- Mary Katherine Migliore -Born November 27, 1904 Died September 15, 1995, Age 90 Married Thomas Caivano Had 2 daughters (Rosemarie - Born June 30, 1928) & (Joanne - Born June 17, 1936)
- 5) Lena (Lee) Migliore -Born November 8,1906 Died June 13, 1978, Age 72 Married Michael Meola Had 2 sons (Michael Jr. - Born December 27, 1930 - Died October 6, 1996, Age 66) & (Richard - Born August 13, 1938 -Died May 8, 1974. Age 36)
- f 6) Vincenzo (James) (Jimmy) Migliore -Born February 10, 1908 Died October 27, 1942, Age 34 Married Catherine (Kate) (maiden name unknown) - Had 3 daughters (Rosemarie), (Betty) & (Barbara, who died December 16,
- 7) Anthony (Tony) Migliore -Born July 10, 1909 Died January 1, 1950, Age 41 Married Mary Folio. Had 2 sons (Vincent - Born June 21, 1938) & (Robert - Born August 9, 1943 - Died July 27, 1993, Age 50)
- 8) Conjeta (Esther) Migliore -Born November 11, 1910 Died October 15, 2001, Age 90 Married Michael Corvelli -Had 2 daughters (Genevieve - Born November 22. 1936) & (Beverly - Born February 28. 1938)
- 9) Michael (Mikey) Migliore Born February 29, 1912 Died October 4, 1961, Age 49 Married Louise Balboa. Had 1 son and 2 daughters (lames (jimmy) - Born September 14, 1937), (MaryLou - Born May 25,1943 - Died August. 1943) & (Maryiane - Born Aug 11. 1945 - Died March 14. 2002. Age 56)

(After this photograph was taken, 4 more children were born to James and Rose:)

- 10) Carmine (Charles) (Charlie) Migliore Born February 26,1914 Died August 24,1982, Age 68 Married Josephine Pastore - Had 1 son (Charles Ronald - Born September 17, 1953 - Died April 30, 1989, Age 36)
- 11) Donato (Thomas) (Tommy) Migliore -Born May 28,1916 Died July 27,1951, Age 35 Unmarried
- 12) Rosa Janet (Rosebud) (Rose) Migliore Born August 24, 1918 Died May 28, 1993, Age 75 Married Frederick Santorelli- Had 1 daughter and 1 son (Roseanne - Born March 28, 1943) & (Fred (Saki) - Born January 4, 1949)
- 13) Francesco (Francis) (Fran) Migliore -Born January 8, 1922 Married Rose (maiden name unknown) Had 1 son (John)

* Most of the records that where checked had the last name spelled "Migliore", not "Miglorie".

(left) The Miglrie Family in the 1940's. (back row, 1-r) Michael, Thomas, Joe, and Charlie. (front, 1-r) Mary Caivano, Lina Meola, Francis, Rosebud (Rose) Santirelli, and Esther Corvelli. (The women are listed by their married names.)



(above, r-l) Sylvia Spirito with husband Frank celebrating her 90th birthday July 4, 2011.



(above, 1-r) Sylvia's sister-in-law Janet Guiliano, brother Vincent (Wings) Guiliano, Sylvia, sister Anna DeMaio, sister Marie LaMorte in a photo taken August 2010.

(right, l-r) With the grandchildren in 1995, Christa Sporer Cerullo, Frank, Sabrina Peduto, Jessica Berzito, Giana Peduto, Sylvia, Amymarie Sporer, and Frank Zyla.

PETERSTOWN MOURNS FOR SYLVIA SPIRITO

Submitted by the children of Sylvia Spirito

Sylvia Spirito, nee D'Alessandro, passed away on May and helpful to her children, family and friends. 3, 2011. Sylvia was born at 810 Third Avenue in Elizabeth, NJ to Antonia and Sylvester D'Alessandro.

Sylvia was one of nine children. Her siblings are Pasquale, Thomas, Raphael, John, Vincent, Anthony, Marie and Anna.

Sylvia lived most of her life in the Peterstown neighborhood where she was loved and respected. Along with her brothers and sisters, Sylvia had four daughters: Beverly Anne Sporer, Gemma Defiregorio, Margo Berzito, Toni Peduto; six grandchildren: Francis Zyla, Amy Marie Sporer, Jessica Berzito, Christa Cerullo, Sabrina Peduro, Giana Peduto; two great grandchildren: Francis Zyla, Gerardo Cerullo. She also had 34 nieces and nephews, most of who were born and raised in Peterstown.

To all who knew her, Sylvia was always very generous

Sylvia was loyal to her roots, family, friends, St. Anthony's Church and School. She was truly devoted to her brothers and sisters and was dedicated to keeping the family close and although not the oldest, took on the matriarch role of the family. She maintained a close relationship with all of her siblings and took the time to know and love all of her nieces and nephews.

Recently, a 90th birthday party was held for Sylvia, with friends and family coming from Arizona, Boston, and Florida to show their love and celebrate.

Her husband Frank worked long days and nights in his family business, Spirito's Restaurnt. This did not stop Sylvia, who was full of life and adventure. While at home she loved having a house full of company, either in the backyard or in the basement where there were many parties and gatherings. Her home was open to everyone and there was always room for one more at the beach, whether it was family, friends or neighbors.

She loved to drive, and was always packing the family car for road trips to Florida, Canada or anywhere there was excitement. If anything, she was a modem day woman living in vesterday's time period.

Although she did not cook for the restaurant, Sylvia was an excellent cook. She prepared many holiday meals for the entire family.

She loved and enjoyed bowling and she was on a bowling league at Linden Lanes until the age of 90.

Many a night you would find Sylvia sitting on her front porch with one of her many standard poodles, all named Pierre, or driving around in one of her many large Cadillacs, where she could greet all of the neighbors and keep a watch of the comings and goings of the neighborhood.





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A Poem by Sandi Guida

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splat,

whisk. Eggs and cubed-taylor-ham bubbled in their crisco-oil-reunion so not to stick to the black-cast-iron-frying-pan. I slurped the A&P frozen concentrate orange juice from my Flintstones jelly-jar-glass, buttered the extra-crunchy-Saraceno's-hard-crust toast in anticipation of when omelette would nestle in between this scratchy-blanket-of-browned-dough. My mouth, eyes, even, nose drooled as my dad slapped it on my plate. I didn't wait until he sat down. Instead, I devoured the morning meal and the moment. He sipping his coffee,

reading the Elizabeth Daily Journal, me licking the luscious drippings. It's left behind, a slice of a 1960's Saturday morning, melted into the bank of my memory.

WHAT DID YOU DO ON **YOUR SUMMER VACATION**

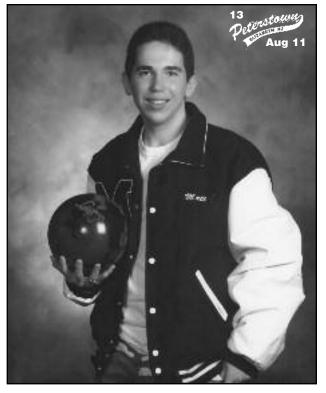
Matt Borrello is a standout student at St. Mary of the Assumption High School in Elizabeth, NJ. This summer he has added Space Camp to his resume of accomplishments. Matt won a scholarship to attend Space Camp in Huntsville Alabama.

At the camp, Matt got to see first hand what it is like to train like an astronaut. Some of the exorcises that he participated in were to lift off at 4 Gs and experience weightlessness on a Space Shot TM simulator; learn the real Moon Walk using a 1/6 Gravity Chair simulator; build his own rocket and launched it towards space from a Rocket Launch facility; tumble and spin in the Multi-Axis Trainer just like the Mercury Astronauts; experience a world without friction in a Manned Maneuvering Unit Simulator; and lift off in one of Space Camp's Shuttle Simulators. Campers were also given the opportunity to command or support everything from a Mission Control Center and live and work in Space Camp's International Space Station simulator.

Matt will be entering his senior year as the newly Elected Student Council President. He is hoping to continue his three year perfect attendance status. His first three years were highlighted by first honor awards along with awards in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Borrello has played on the St Mary's Bowling team for three years and will be captain for the 2011-2012 season. He finished last season with a 180 average -high average for the team.

Away from school Matt volunteers as an alter server for St. Anthony's church in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, where his proud parents Mary and Al Borrello originated. Matt also volunteers as a coach for the Special Olympics. K



(above) Matt Borrello, St. Mary of the Assumption High School class of 2012.

I was a space cadet

through all my

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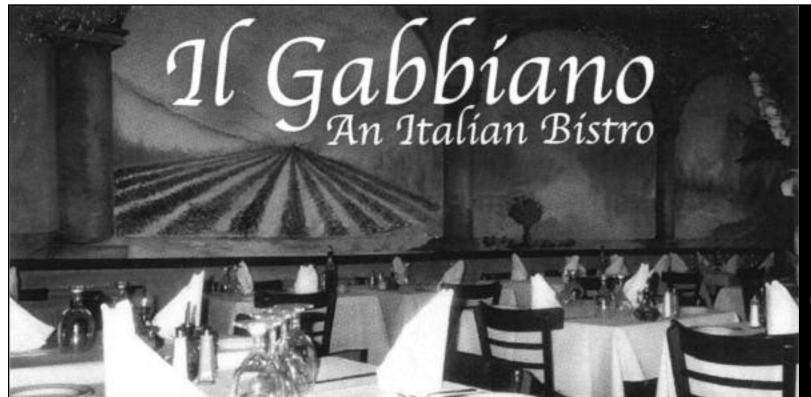
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(above, 1-r) La Campagnola owners Angelo and Maria Gencarelli



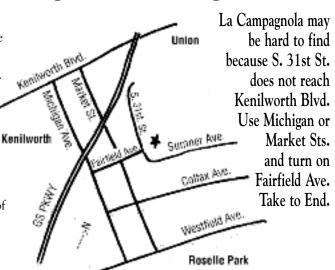
(above, 1-r) Server Rudy Lopez and Bar Tender Rosita Valdivieso both are rooted in Peterstown.

LA CAMPAGNOLA OPENS IN KENILWORTH

Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo, had the honor of cutting the ribbon in a June 2011 ceremony marking the grand opening of La Campagnola, a fine Italian Restaurant, located at 520 South 31st St. in Kenilworth.

Angelo Gencarelli is the hands on owner of La Campagnola which staff includes his family. His wife Maria and daughters Renee and Jessica share responsibility of hostess. La Campagnola features an Italian cuisine influenced by Italy's Calabria region where Angelo is from.

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(above, 1-r) Ribbon cutting ceramony for La Campagnola Renee, Maria, Maria's mom Ida Perri, Angelo, Mayor Fiamingo and Jessica.



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Featured on Monday is The Early Bird Senior Specials from 4pm – 6 pm; Tuesday is Pasta Night, Wednesday is Kids' Night from 5pm-9pm, Thursday features Prime Rib w/Soup & Salad Bar for only \$13.95, Friday Barbecue has Smoked Ribs, Pork, Chicken and \$2 Pints of Draft Beers.

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(left) Wednesday is Kids' Night at the Windsor Diner in Clark. Sienna and Gabriel Pastore of Westfield display toys that were distributed by Hello Kitty on August 17. Each Wednesday offers a different activity from face painting

to game playing.

Recipe

Submitted by Danny at Windsor Diner

Rib Rub

INGREDIENTS:

Sugar, (Dark brown, turbinado, granulated) Kosher Salt Garlic Powder Oninon Powder Cumin black pepper Paprika chili powder Habanero Pepper.

PREPARATION

- 1) Trim excess external fat from baby back ribs,
- 2) Remove membrane from bone side
- 3) Rinse ribs under cold running water, and pat dry with paper towels.
- 4) Give the ribs a light to medium coat of cheap yellow mustard and apply rub to cover and rub into the meat. About a ¼ cup per side, more or less to taste.
- 5) Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for about 18-24 hours, overnight will do.
- 6) For best results smoke at 220-240 degrees for about five hours until ribs break easily apar.
- 7) Apply your favorite barbecue sauce every fifteen minutes or so, during the last hour of cooling.

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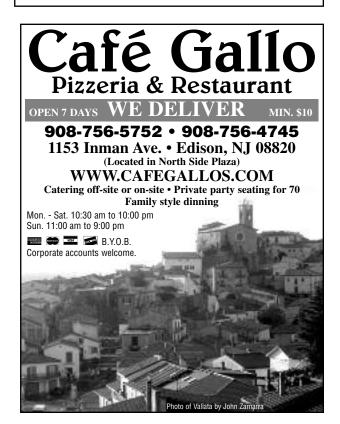
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(above) Vinny Santillo in 1977.

(above, 1-r) Jay Leno became close with the Santillo family when he was an up and coming comedian working the New Jersey waterfront to make ends meet. The pizzeria was his favorite eating place and though he didn't cut it as a delivery boy he still makes time to say to his favorite pizza makers. This hot was taken in NBC studios when Vinny visited back stage. His lifetime friend and side kick Tommy Banasiak accompanied him.



(above) Vinny and his Brother Al.



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VINNY SANTILLO'S LIFE IN PICTURES

(left) Vinny gives a class lecture in the 1st grade on his favorite hobby basketball.







(above) Vinny Climbing a tree at 7. (left) Riding his bike on Mystic Island, 1970



(above) Vincent diving off the family boat, "Sweet Del" named for his mom.





(above, I-r) Santilo Family reunion from 2007. Couple to the left is Nick and Adelene Sant Foster with son Nick Jr. and daughter Natura to his left. Next couple is Bill and Elaine Cittadino aith their daughter Marlow, Noreen and gary Specht are next with their daughter Cybil, Vinny is sitting next to Denise Santillo and Marlane Santillo, Alison Lodato are behind her and Alison's daughter Lorelle is to the right. Missing was Al and his wife Lorraine.



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During Vinny's life he trusted and was fond of Dr. Collins and Dr. Spivak, who both made his quality of life better. Your compassionate care towards Vinny will always be remembered by the Santillo family. Your understanding, professional care and respect for Vinny's life meant the world to us. He was courageous man!!!



(above) Vinny was ring bearer in 1997 for hsi sister Adelene's wedding.

(above, r-l) Vinnyl and his mom Dolores celebrating his high school graduation.



(above, r-l) Vinny and his dad Al

Vinny, You were my strength and inspiration when life was challenging. I love your golden heart and spirit. I thank you for being you and living your life with courage and grace. You were amazing! Until we meet again, my beloved brother, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. I than GOD for you. Our love always.

Adelene

Vinny's Eulogy to his Mom.

Mom,

Thanks for my life!

I will love you forever and always.

You were always my greatest source of strength and I will be as strong as my family needs me to be.

All you scarified was more than anyone could possibly deserve.

You made a difference in the world and in my life.

I'll be forever grateful.

Love, Vinny

My father was my father.

Through all the ups and downs, he's always been my father.

He always knew I loved him, and he loved me, too.

He did things I did not agree with.

In the end, I still loved him.

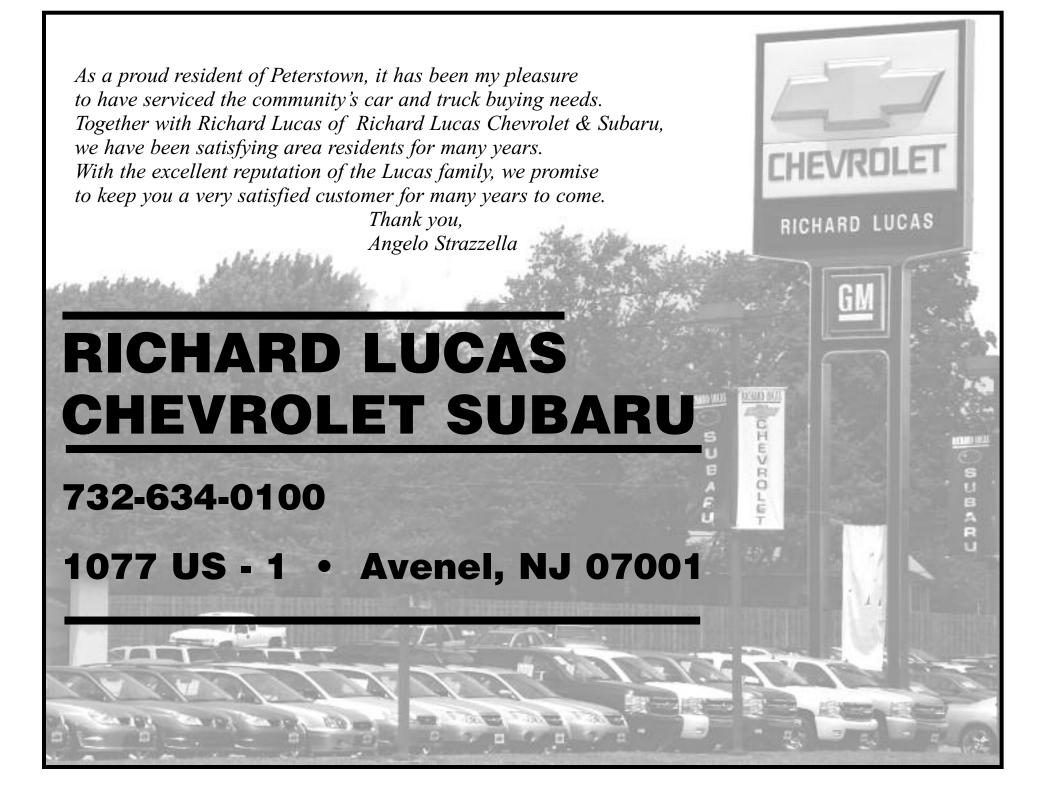
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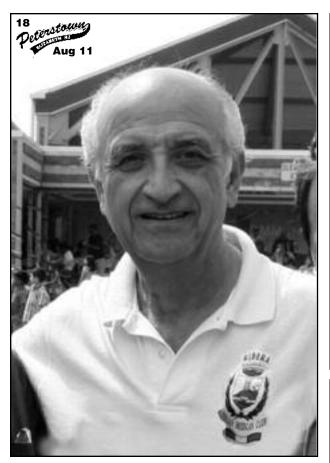
I told him I love him before

I hung up the phone, and he told me he loved me back...

and I was the last one on his answering machine.

Vinny's Eulogy to his Dad.





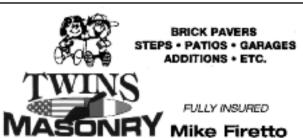
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GIACOMO (JACK) AGLIATA

Giacomo was the oldest of six children born to Giuseppi and Leonarda Agliata. When his father passed away in 1947, Giacomo (Jack) was the oldest child at home and so took on the responsibilities of providing for his mother and his siblings. Giacomo passed away on July 9, 2011 and is survived by his siblings who acknowledge the sacrifices that he has made for them.

The Agliata family was living in Ribera, Sicily at the time of Giuseppi's passing. Giacomo was 21-years-old at the time, his sister Margherita was 18, brother Giuseppi was 15, sister Angelina was 11 and Brother Pietro was 7-years-old. Older brother Gioacchino was 26 but was in Rome as a soldier in WWII and could not be located.

Giacomo took over his father's metal working business designing and fabricating railings and building material.

In 1953 Frances Colletti arrived in Ribera from America to visit family. Giacomo and Frances met and

EULOGY BY GRANDDAUGHTER THERESA GIANNATTASIO

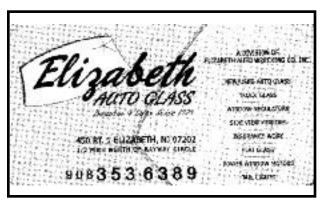
A loving husband, a devoted father, a loyal brother, a loving uncle, trusted friend and a one of a kind grandfather all describe Giacomo Agliata. He was one of the few men who truly made the world around him a better place.

My grandpa was truly one of a kind. He was a man who put family first, his wife, children and grandkids. He loved and gave with his whole heart. To be in his presence was truly special and to be loved by him was an honor.

He was a truly talented man. His mind was a thing of beauty working out finite details and breaking mechanisms down to their basics so he could reconstruct something better than before.

We were lucky to have been loved by such a man. You never wanted for anything in his presence; which explained why our bikes had hand-made training wheels as we sped around the backyard every weekend. He and my grandmother taught us how to be a family and really love each other. Our Sunday dinners, family parties and weekend visits were always filled with songs or a story or two. Some we knew by heart and others we thought were slightly embellished but each story was a glimpse into this amazing life and a lesson for us. Soon our heads were filled with stories and our bellies filled with fresh tomatoes, zucchini and cocuzza cultivated from his ever plush garden. You could never say no to a bag full of tomatoes or bushel of grapes, it was not allowed. Many times Grandpa would give you that mischievous smile, a flick upward of the eyebrows or that one shoulder shrug that let you know you were in his club and who wouldn't want to be?

Grandpa loved and supported each one of us in his very own way. He often said that he didn't need to win the lottery; he was already a millionaire---- 9 times over in fact, thanks to his grandchildren. Yet, Grandpa, we were the millionaires to have been loved by you.

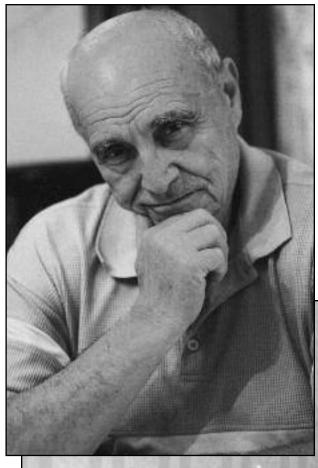




developed a relationship that resulted in them getting married the following year. After four years, they decided to move and make a life for themselves in America. In 1958 the couple moved to the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ, the Italian neighborhood where Frances lived previously.

While working as a machinist, Giacomo suffered an accident and was out of work and in need of assistance. His mother and brother Pietro flew to America to help Giacomo in his time of need. While his mom and Pietro (Pete) stayed in America the rest of the clan stayed in Ribera. Just before she passed away at the age of 91, Leonarda moved back to Ribera.

Giacomo was 85-years-old when he passed. He is dearly missed by his loving wife of 57 years Frances and their three children, Anthony, Joseph and Frances, along with ten grandchildren.





(left) Jack Agliata, 85-years-old at the time of passing.

(below, l-r) Photo from the 1990's of Agliata siblings together taken in Ribera; Gioacchino, Giacomo (Jack), Margherita, Pipino, Angelina and Pietro.

(eulogy) Pediatrician Dr. Theresa Gannattasio is daughter of Jack and Frances's daughter Frances.





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