



# FAITH THERE IS LIFE IN THE HEREAFTER

Sarah Malta passed away on December 6, 2010 just two months after her husband Jimmy passed. They knew each other their entire lives and were married 64 years. Their children say she died of a broken heart. They lived as one and died as one.

Sarah was not ill nor did she have any chronic condition. Though she was 84 years old, Sarah still worked as a lunch aid at Nicolas LaCorte School #3, a one-block walk from her home. A walk that she took for the past twenty years. Prior to working in the school Sarah worked side by side with Jimmy in the Luncheonette they owned on the corner of Third Avenue and Centre Street. For the Malta's, working together was pure heaven.

Their togetherness was something to behold. They cared about each other more than they did them selves and lived to make the other happy. Malta's Luncheonette was really a mom and pop shop. Not only does that describe the type of operation but it also described its clientele. The store was across the street from St. Anthony's Church and grammar School. Hundreds of students would descend on the shop before and after school and during lunchtime and recess. Jim and Sarah were mom and pop to everyone.

Jim and Sarah were active parishioners in St. Anthony's. Sarah was such a loyal attendee that she had a key to the church so she can open the doors for congregation attending the daily mass at 7:00 am. During her wake, her children lamented about the task of returnign the key, another memory of their mother that affirms their loss.

The Malta's lived just a few doors down from the store on Third Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. They lived their entire lives in the neighborhood and like many families settled into familiar settings. For approximately 100 years the neighborhood was strictly a traditional Italian-American community, many families staying for three and four generations. Jimmy and Sarah represent an old breed that stayed as the younger generations moved to find more open spaces.

Sarah grew up on Amity Street; her parents were James and Frances Renda. She had a brother Joseph and a sister Pauline Cupito. Together Jimmy and Sarah had two sons Frank, married to



(above) Sarah had a fanatic attraction to actor Chuck Norris. It was an anomaly to her conservative image of Italian homemaker. It also fueled some comic relief to those morning her loss.

Linda, and Vincent, married to Dianna and one daughter, Nancy. They also had four grandchildren, Frank and his wife JoAnna, Anthony and wife, Jessica, Michael and Kristen. Their three great grandchildren are Marisa, Anthony and Mia.

Sarah was five years younger than Jimmy. Their relationship took time to bloom and waited until after WWII developed. Jim and Sarah's brother Joe were best friends and enlisted in the military together. After returning from service Jim and Sarah dated and married in 1946. They virtually did everything together from that day on. Nancy describes her parent's relationship with an inspirational tone in her voice. Almost



like she is reading a handbook for a perfect marriage. She explains that her parents had no secrets, shared their feelings openly and avoided any conflict through mutual respect and a genial desire to please each other. Nancy said," They went to bed every night for 64 years holding hands.

Can the cause of Sarah's death be, as her son Frank said, from a broken heart? It can very well be, Jim was her soul mate and now their souls are one. Sarah through her faith believed in an after life and that she would be reunited with her loved ones. The solace for her family in the pain of their loss is an acceptance that she was at peace with herself and was moved by the prospect of being together with Jim again. The emptiness of being without him may have been too sorrowful to bear.

(left) Jim and Sarah Malta spent a lifetime here on earth and now forever in heaven.



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### President's Message

Like many freinds and neighbors of the malta Family I would likeot express my condolances for the loss of Jimmy and Sarah. They were a

remarkable couple who touched many lives. I am happy to see so many people getting together. There seems to be reunions on a monthly basis, grammar school, high school or just anyoen who

grammar school, high school or just anyoen who wants to get together for dinner. many of the guys and girls that are getting together haven'e seen each outher in years but a re now staying in touch.

The biggest get-together party of the year is the Sons of Peterstown Super Bowl Party. It is held in St. Anthony's cafeteria and \$35 gets you all you can eat and drink with a few hundred of your closest freinds. Teh superbowl party is a great way for a group to get tgether and have a perty within our party.

John Sacco, President Sons of Peterstown Sports Club

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#### To all of you who support our troops,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and ready for the holidays. Some of you may not be aware but on Thursday evening November 4th I was honored by Achilles as the 2010 Service Member of the Year. In the three years since we lost my brother Louie we have raised over \$70,000 and endowed 20 handcrank wheelchairs!

Thank you for your ongoing love, friendship and, of course, donations. You should all stand a little taller knowing that YOU make a difference everyday in the life of wounded veterans entering Walter Reed and Brooks Army Medical Center. Every time a service man or woman sits in one of our chairs - your donations give someone hope that they can overcome their obstacles.

Although I was recognized - I know that I have not cried one tear alone, not participated in one race or raised one dollar on my own.Were it not for the support of all of you none of this would be possible.

Much Love, Enza Jacobowitz Jackson, NJ

> In Loving Memory of Cpl Luigi "Louie" Marciante Jr. 11/10/81 - 9/20/07

Dear Friends,

Josephine nee Caterinicchio Piccolella 81 of Brick died Monday, August 23, 2010 peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Elizabeth, moving to Brick 17 years ago. Mrs. Piccolella was an accountant specialist for Harmonia Bank in Elizabeth for 28 years, retiring in 1990.

She is survived by her husband Alfonso Duke Piccolella, a devoted son Angelo and his wife Ema, one caring sister was Mary Papeti, two grandsons Angel S. and Christopher Piccolella.

Her viewing was at Colonial Funeral Home located on Route # 88 in Brick. Services were at St. Dominio's Church of Brick.

Burial was at Brig. General William C. Doyle cemetery for Veterans and wives located in Arnywotwn.

The family wishes to thank all who attended the funeral. Alfonso Piccolella, Brick, NJ

#### Dear Joe,

Thank you so much for keeping the past alive for those of us lucky enough to have lived in Peterstown especially in the 40's and 50's. We had Mattano Park, School #3 Playground, movie theaters, Broad Street and Elizabeth Avenue, Tomplin's ice cream, Spino's homemade Italian lemon ice, Spirito's pizza, Saraceno's pastries, St. Anthony's Parish Hall, CY0 get-togethers, the Market for fresh food and anything else you could possibly want, and so much more. It was a perfect time and a perfect place.

Keep up the good work. With best regards.

With best regards, Carmella Spino Helminski Clark, NJ

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Dear Mr. Renna:

The following is an obituary and photo for Mrs. Mary Jane Crincoli; a former Peterstown resident to share with your readers.

Mary Jane Damon Crincoli, 89, of Point Pleasant Beach, passed away, Sunday, October 24, 2010 at her home. Born in Michigan City, IN,



she formerly lived in the of Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ and has lived in Point Pleasant Beach since 1960. Her interment was at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown.

Surviving are her beloved husband, of nearly seventy years, Dr. Felix A. Crincoli; two sons, Anthony and his wife Patricia of Midlothian, VA and Philip and his wife Mary of Point Pleasant; his daughter, Pamela Cannone of Emmaus, PA; seven grandchildren, Brian, Stephanie, Michael, Matthew, Philip, Thomas, and Daniel; and five greatgrandchildren, Marco, Emilio, Gianna, Jonathan, and Nicholas.

Mrs. Crincoli was a former communicant of Saint Anthony R.C. Church, Elizabeth.

Friends may visit from 10 - 11 a.m., Friday, October 29, at the Pable – Evertz Funeral Home of Point Pleasant, 901 Beaver Dam Road, where at 11 a.m. a service will be held. Interment will follow at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown.

Eric McDonough

Pable – Evertz Funeral Home

Point Pleasant, NJ

Dear Joe,

I was born in 1916 round about 3rd Avenue and John Street, near Piccolo's Saloon. I then moved to 20 Christine Street between 2nd and 1st Avenues. I am retired from working for the state.

Gioacchino "Jake" Coniglio

Wichita, KS

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

People who try to intellectualize that there is no God are missing the point. God is beyond our comprehension and throughout history religions have tried to explain that which is transcendental. In surmising that all beliefs in a higher power are false assumes that every thing can be explained by science and we know that is not the case.

The more sophisticated science gets the more we reveal how much we don't know and will never know. Scientists are constantly reversing theories that stood the test of time as new discoveries prove them wrong. Some phenomenon, like gravity and magnetism are still beyond our grasp of understanding. I don't deny that magnets exist because I don't know how they work. I accept that there is something beyond our understanding at work. We know some things about them and maybe one day it will be figured out.

What got me thinking about my belief in God is the passing of Sarah and Jimmy Malta. These are two people who loved each other and love is a force that cannot be explained. So how do I explain love to an empirical person? In scientific terms love would be the purest form of energy. I say to them that God is the purest form of love. The terms scientists use to describe energy are similar to those used to describe God, for instance omnipresent and constant. This may all sound like semantics and be dismissed but what else do we have but words to describe the indescribable?

This challenge is no different than that which the

scribes faced thousands of years ago. Though the audience anger. I ask my atheist friends what powers their feelings? was more illiterate the exercise was the same. Scripture uses parables and metaphors to explain things in common currents in their nervous system? terms. Modern man makes the mistake of taking those writings literally failing to see the meaning and intent behind the story. And so the atheists and pseudo intellectuals who love to argue that there is no God need living hell. to first understand why God exists to so many people.

It is true very few people can philosophize to why they believe in God or who God is. Most people are indoctrinated from an early age and describe their beliefs in established jargon that may be too esoteric for others to understand.

The one theme that all religions address is the struggle between good and evil. Like magnetism there are positive and negative forces. This energy, that is God, gives us life, a dichotomy of spirits, positive and negative, and a free will to choose.

To my scientist friends the image of an angle and devil sitting on either shoulder may seem silly. But they represent our very existence, we make choices every second of the day. We weigh the options, good and bad.

What basis do we use to make those choices? For me it is the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus is presented as the Son of God. Flawed like every person, but showed what is right and wrong and how to choose through His example.

My goal is to be more like Jesus, but it's not so easy. I make many mistakes, and I feel the results. I have a conscience and emotions. I feel compassion but also

Are their emotions just random sequences of electrical

I don't have the answer, no one does. But I do know there is great satisfaction in doing good. And that is pure energy. It's heaven on earth. Just as evildoers are in a

Our senses experience only a small portion of the energy band, like heat and light, but energy goes far beyond. There is an existence beyond this world. It is the power of God and it is in us. It is our soul, and it thrives beyond our mortal bodies. Sarah Malta died two months after her husband passed away. He was her life mate and her soul mate. I think she joined him spiritually. 😭

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Dear Joe,

I would like to this opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed reading your article on my Uncle Jimmy. You coined it perfectly; "he was an icon in the Peterstown Community". It didn't surprise me of all of the great things people had to say about him over the past couple of weeks, and continue to do because I was privileged and blessed to have him as part of my life over the past 53 years.

My Uncle always treated me like a son and never like a nephew. Besides being my father's brother in law, he was also my Dad's best friend growing up. When my father was alive, he always told me that if he wasn't around for some reason, I could always go to Uncle Jimmy for support and guidance. That advise my father gave me held true after my father had passed away 26 years ago, because my Uncle was always there for me.

In closing I would like commend the gentlemen who stood in front of Sacco's' Butcher Shop to honor my Uncle as the funeral procession passed. That was an act of respect and class by those men which I will never forget.

Regards. Vince Renda Clark, NJ

Dear Joe,

I thank you for the beautiful tribute you printed about my first cousin Jimmy Malta. Our fathers were brothers, Jimmy and our family were very close. I loved him like a brother.

Lee Malta Degatano Holiday, FL

### LETTERS IN RESPONSE TO JIMMY MALTA OCTOBER OBIT

#### Dear Ioe.

On behalf of my family, I cannot thank you enough for the beautiful article you wrote about my Dad, Jimmy Malta. It brought comfort to me to read how well liked and respected my father was. My father had a great sense of humor - he was quick witted and gave very "colorful" descriptions of the world around him.

My father was extremely proud of his Italian heritage and just as proud to be a resident of the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, which has carried over to myself, as well as my brothers Frank & Vinny.

I would also like to say a since heartfelt thank you to Johnny Sacco, Paul Cozzolla, Pete Canu, Joe DiGregorio, Tony Izzo, Frank Crincoli (Puff) and John Sacco, Jr. and the countless others who frequent Sacco's on a daily basis. Words can never convey the gratitude I have for each and every one of them. They treated my father like family and their friendship, I believe, is what kept him going especially after his health started to fail. Even when he didn't feel well, he still went to hang out with the guys, who all looked out for him the minute they saw him step out his front door. Their kindness to my father, as well as to my mother, Sarah, will never be forgotten or can never be repaid.

Like my father, I am proud to be a product of Peterstown, and even prouder to be Jimmy Malta's daughter.

Nancy Malta Roselle Park, NJ

#### Hi Joe,

I have lived in Georgia for the past 17 years and I have always had 3 constant loves in my life:

3) The love for the friends and the neighborhood that I grew up in, "The Burg/Peterstown", along with our great Italian, Sicilian heritage.

My family structure was altered due to my father's death, the Yankees' season ended too soon, but the neighborhood showed what it means to be a product of that unique upbringing. The friends and relatives who paid their respect were numerous. Their company comforted my family and me a great deal.

My thanks to you for the kind words you wrote about him, Johnny's President message, and for all of the guys who watched out for him when he walked out the front door of 807 and made sure that he had a safe passage across Third Avenue to Johnny Sacco's butcher shop. I won't name anyone because you know who you are and I don't want to offend anyone in case I may fail to mention them.

I hope that "About Peterstown" continues to receive the attention and patronage from the people who moved out and live in neighboring towns and those who relocated to other states. Your publication gives everyone an opportunity to read, contribute and relive the days gone by.

Thank you for keeping the neighborhood alive. Vinny Malta Milton, GA

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## **IN MEMORY OF ANTHONY DEMAIO SR.**

One of Peterstown's own has recently passed. Anthony Michael DeMaio, Sr. was called home on November 20, 2010. He was born and raised in Elizabeth on Fourth Avenue, and for the past 30 years has resided in Clark, NJ. Anthony was 69 years old, the youngest of 8 children. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He is survived by his loving wife Jacqueline (nee Merlo) DeMaio of 47 years, cherished daughters Michele DeMaio, Maryellen Foley and her husband Scott, Son Anthony, Jr. and his wife Keara DeMaio, his adoring grandchildren Jacqueline, Rachel and Vivienne, his sisters Rose Moyle, Margaret Dominick and Carmella Cikonovich. He was pre deceased by his parents Marie Gagliardo and Salvatore DeMaio, his sister Mary Carberry and brothers, Ross, Vincent and Sal DeMaio. He will be missed and remembered by his much loved nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Anthony's maternal grandfather Vincent Gagliardo was the founder of the St. Rocco's feast originating in 1930 and continued in Peterstown for many years, he passed away in 1956. It was continued by the American Italian Cultural Society; it became a source of pride to our Italian community each year on August 16th. People still remember the good times at the feast and the richness of their Italian culture.

Mr. Gagliardo built a chapel in his home with a shrine of St. Rocco which today is still visible from the street. It is perched on the ground floor window overlooking Fourth Avenue.

Anthony was a man of strong sense of family; he had great honor and values. He was a union man and a member of Laborers Local 394 for over 40 years. In 1982 his dream of owning his own company came true, and

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He touched many lives during his lifetime he "did it his way" and his legacy will live on. He always believed it was so important to take care of one another and love one another. He will be sadly missed by all. May you rest in peace dear "Shoes" until we all meet again. God bless you forever. We've been truly blessed to have you in our lives.



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These busy men came Saturday after Saturday to finish the job before Thanksgiving. Manny Ortega, Council Representative, with the help of Local 155 business manager, Mike Rosa, organized the entire operation and managed to engage generous donors for the project.

He solicited the members of the Tapers Union, local 39, under the direction of the business agent, Kenny Corklin, to come and tape and spackle. Two wonderful supply companies, Jafco Supply Corporation in So.

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"These people and businesses were sent to us by God, in our desperate need for help," said Sister Mary Eleanor, coordinator of the project. "We are deeply indebted to them." The generosity of these carpenters and all the other good donors will make it possible for St. Joseph's to better serve over 200 clients that come through our doors each day. 🎇



(above) Carpenter's Union, Local 155 Council Representative, Manny Ortega and Vito Nigro.



(above) Luke Parin, Tim Devlin, Scott McGregor, Manny Ortega, Sr. Mary Eleanor Thornton, Taros Dyachenko.

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## **BLESSINGS AND SALUTATIONS TO REV. JOHN MARCANTONIO**

On November 13, 2010 John Marcantonio was received as a priest in the Episcopal Church by Bishop mark Bekwith of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

John's home parish is St. Luke's in Montclair, NJ. He is in the process finding out which church he will be servicing. It is the people in an Episcopal Church that chooses their clergy. John will be called to churches interested in him and go through an interview process.

Rev. Marcantonio brings a unique blend of religious and secular experience to his position. In May 23, 1981 he was ordained a Catholic priest. The Episcopal

Church recognizes the orders of the Roman Catholic Church as well as the sacrament. His new position will not be much different than his past experience, except for those issues that separate the two religions.

The Episcopal Church is both catholic and reformed at the same time. It holds onto catholicity of the early church but embraces the tenets of the Reformation. Some of the primary differences of the churches are in the structure of the hierarchy. The idea that the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, has authority over the entire church is not accepted. Other obvious differences are that in the





Episcopal Church clergy can marry and females can also be ordained as priests.

John also brings his career experience to his ministry. He is Director of Patient satisfaction at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway. He has been with the hospital in various healthcare positions. Prior to that he worked for a public child advocacy center. His insight into these services enhances his ability to understand and assist his congregation.

Rev. Marcantonio will be serving as a part-time minister. He will maintain his full time career. It is a situation that is embraced by the Bishop and encouraged by the church. The church believes that John's work experience brings a special perspective to his position.

Much credit for John's success and achievements must be given to John's parents Hank and Sally, now deceased. They taught and inspired John, through their actions, their love for family, community service and devotion to the church. They were a guiding light on John's spiritual path. Their memory was foremost in John's mind during his ceremony. The chalice and paten that was used was a gift from his parents from his ordination in 1981.

The Marcantonio family grew up in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. With that comes a rich Italian-American culture, a street-wise upbringing and a strong work ethic.

It may be this experience that shines through all others when he meets his new congregation. They should be prepared to share his passion for music, his satirical sense of humor and hardy appetite for home cooking. 💽

(left, l-r) Jackson, 8 years old, joined his dad, Rev. John Marcantonio and his mom Kimberly as John was received by Bishop Bekwith.



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This group of Italian men, all from the north east, have built a "family" that does its best to bring back the days of mamma's kitchen on a Sunday morning, and the love and pride that goes into cooking the dishes they ate as children growing up in "the neighborhood".

Started by son of Peterstown, Steve Marcantonio and his "paisani" in the music industry in 2007, this group grew from 9 to its current membership of 15. But not just anyone can join this elite club. The two main requirements are being Italian and knowing how to cook. Its most recent member, another son of Peterstown, Mark Chirico was "in" automatically thanks to Steve and another former "burg" resident Dominic DiCesare. It's fair to say that the Jersey cohort is alive and well in



### Nashville!

The guys meet about 4-5 times a year and call the gatherings "Mangia" because that's what its all about; great food, great friends and even greater stories (a little homemade wine doesn't hurt either). The food is home made with only the best ingredients (recently homemade ravioli were shipped from Garfield, NJ) which surprisingly have been hunted down in Middle Tennessee. Last March a special Mangia was held for our own Joe Chirico who visited Mark and his family in Nashville. Even Joe says it was like being home, hearing all the guys talk over each other about who's mamma made the best "gravy". Recently "The Tennessean", Nashville's largest newspaper, did a story on "The Men of la Mangia" and people are rushing to read about them.

Nashville may be "Music City" but it's also home to 15 of the proudest Italians south of the Mason Dixon line. If you're ever in Nashville look us up. We just might have something cooking.





(above, 1-r) Three Peterstown replants in Tennessee Mark Chirico, Dominic DiCesare and Steve Marcantonio.



(above, l-r) Dom and Steve in Action.





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## THE RED CADILLAC...TACOS & TEQUILA OPENS IN UNION

Joe Montes has been in the restaurant business for 30 years. He owned and operated some great places Primo's in Union, NJ, Tavern In The Park in Roselle Park, where Solar do Minho is now located, and Cadillac Bar in New York City where Joe and Tina Renna met. Jo concentrated on raising his family after selling Tavern ten years ago and now with family on board he's in the driver's seat in his new restaurant The Red Cadillac . . . Tacos & Tequila, located on the site of his old place Primo's at 228 Morris Avenue.

The Red Cadillac is different than most places. It's

not a theme restaurant but it does have distinct style. It blends many ideas that Joe has into its own style. The Red Cadillac is part restaurant with great food, part cafe with cappuccino and deserts and part cocktail lounge with live music and a full bar. The clientele is young and trendy, couples and mostly singles.

Joe is not surprised, though he is 50 he still feels like he's 25, and acts it. Few owners can accomplish what Joe has. His place really is an expression of him. Joe drives his 1968 Coupe de Ville to and from work and parks it on display out front.







(left) Infusions are a family tradition started with his grandfather in Spain where jugs of liquor and fresh ingredients were always brewing, the infusion concept now includes 8 flavors of tequila, bacon bourbon, as well as flavored vodkas.



(above) Keeping the garage decor, happy hour prices are posted on a gas station sign. The price of a shot of tequila or a beef taco is the same price as a regular gallon of gas. It changes daily, accordingly.

The motif is Car/Americana. Cadillac accessories hang on the wall, hubcaps, grills, hood ornaments, etc. Other car parts are sculpted into centerpieces. One wall has enlarged photos submitted by customers of them and their caddies. The artist/ interior designer is Joe's wife Jamey. Her signature style fills every crevice and the decor is ever changing. Jamey is never done creating.

For the past 20 years Joe perfected his craft of making infusion drinks. Infusion drinks are made by flavoring alcohol, vodka, tequila, gin, etc. with ingredients including spices, herbs, fruits, and even chilies. The combinations are only limited by Joe's imagination, which has no bounds. The ingredients sit and are allowed to dissolve over time, weeks and sometimes months. Customers can sample several different custom drinks each night.

Joe and Jamey have three children, 15-year-old Jolie and 11-year-old twines, JoJo and Paris. All three show an interest in being restaurateurs and so they are being schooled on the job helping their parents.

The Red Cadillac opened July 2010 to a swarming public. The success in the first three months is due in part by Montes's reputation in the business and the success of his previous establishments. Joe hosted plenty of informal reunions of girls and guys he went to high school with. They are now returning regularly.

A lot of credit to The Red Cadillac success is the suave way Joe has used social networking on the Internet. He has devoted his marketing to reaching out to people and keeping his customers informed using Facebook and Twitter. His accounts have grown interactive where customers are posting photos and memories of their night out at The Cadillac.

Facebook.com/theredcadillac will pique your interest but for a real good time get away from your computer and get out of the house.



### **GLORY DAYS** AT THE RED CADILLAC

Graduates from Roselle Catholic and Girl's Catholic had several get togethers at The Red Cadillac. Parties were planned using Facebook. Photos from nights at the The Red Cadillac are shared with over 1,000 followers. These photos are from the account of John Cerra, Joe's classmate from the class of '78.

(below) Joe's signature sign-off on facebook messages.

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Recipes Submitted by Joe Montes, The Red Cadillac, Union NJ

#### **Shrimp In Garlic Sauce Chipotle Chocolate Cake**

### **INGREDIENTS:**

1/2 - 3/4 pound shrimp, preferably very small, like a 51 / 60 count, shelled

coarse salt

- 8 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 large cloves garlic, peeled and very coarsely chopped
- 1 dried red chili pepper,
- stem and seeds removed, in 2 pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika 1 tablespoon minced parsley

### **PREPARATION:**

- 1) Dry the shrimp well.
- 2) Sprinkle salt on both sides.
- 3) Let sit at room temperature for 10 minutes.
- 4) Heat the oil in shallow 8 inch sautee pan.
- 5) Add the garlic and chili pepper.
- 6) When the garlic starts to turn golden add the shrimp.
- 7) Be careful not to overcook.
- 8) Cook over medium-high heat.
- 9) Stir for about 2 minutes or until the shrimp are just done.
- 10) Sprinkle in the paprika. 11) Add 2 ounces of cognac or brandy..Stand back..it's
- gonna flame up..Great Show Off Technique
- 12) Pour into a serving dish & top with fresh parsley
- 13) Serve immediately.
- 14) Provide lots of good bread for dipping in the garlic sauce.



### **INGREDIENTS:**

10 oz. of semisweet chocolate, roughly chopped or

(left, l-r) Joe Montes, Rich

Loalbo, Rocco DiPaola, Paul

Chiaramonte, Mike Tropeano, Garv Litchholt, Paul Bonifacio,

Jerry Bishop, Jair Brand, John

Cerra, Tom Conroy.

- chocolate chips
- 7 tablespoons of unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 5 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon of chipotle chili powder
- Dash of cayenne pepper, for extra heat..leave this one
- out at the restaurant
- Pinch of salt
- Powdered sugar for dusting (optional)

### **PREPARATION:**

- 1) Preheat the oven to 350°F.I like to use a muffin pan...spray with cooking spray (I love Pam for Baking cooking spray, myself).
- 2) Melt the chocolate and butter together over a double boiler or in the microwave, stirring occasionally until smooth.
- 3) Whisk together the eggs and the sugar in a large bowl, and then slowly, a bit at a time, whisk in the melted chocolate. Add the salt and spices and taste, adjusting the spices if needed.
- 4) Pour into muffin pan and bake for 22-25 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let it cool completely on a wire rack. Dust with powdered sugar and serve.

I Love serving this warm with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream over the top..to relax the heat a little...





(above, 1-r) Diane Sperduto Conroy, Helene Sutera Uborka, Natalie Savage, Seery Murphy Syers, JoAnn Kennedy Maulshagen, Susan Tartaglino, Christine Gurrera, Mary Beth Sheehan, Shari Bartlett Tropeano, Christine Bridges, Susan Esposito Moczulak, Erin Dolan Loalbo, Susan Vitale Szewczuk, Diane Fernicola Rubay, Lisa Pellicone Hetem.

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The photo must have been buried in my grandfather's attic on 2nd Ave all these years. After attending a wake at Corsentino's I decided to walk pass the old house which my grandfather, Frank De Paolo had lived his life since he arrived in America from outside Naples in the 20's and where my father, Bill De Paolo had grown up in. After my father's passing last April, the house was put up for sale and sold.

The new owners of the property must have found the photo while cleaning out the attic. I'm sure the photo had not seen the light of day all these years. I'm guessing the photo dates back to the 1930's. It was

placed on the mailbox outside the home by the new owners. I guess they did not want to throw the photo away, as it was in such good condition. After seeing the photo, I then showed it to Carl Corsentino who recognized some of the altar boys. He said the minister was Brother Francis. I guess he was in charge of the altar boys at that time.

The funny thing is my father (Bill De Paolo) 3rd from left in front row is sitting next to my Uncle Jimmy Cutro 4th from left in front row. I'm sure a lot of people may still recognize some of the altar boys in the picture. 🎇

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The Battin H.S. Class of 1955 and Jefferson H.S. Class of 1955 held separate reunions at Sir John's Restaurant in North Brunswick on Sunday October 10, 2010. A combined social hour preceded the reunions. The events were attended by approximately eighty people split almost evenly between the two schools.

Jeff grads attening included Vinnie Diamonte, Richie Jones, John Robinson, Ron Jacobson, Jerry Highsmith, John Trabachino and Mike DiCarlo. Larry Brown and Bob Kluge, Joe Amari, Dennis Rooney, Jim Green (and wife), Ray Smith, Bruce Shapiro (and wife), Carmine Campione (and wife), Lou Costanza (and wife), Ed Dubroski, George Dubroski, Tom Flor, Bob Frazier (master of ceremonies), Bob Fyne (event chairman), Ed Goldberg (and wife), Jerry Highsmith's wife, Steve Kyritsis, John Neidenbach, Art Rennings (and wife), Lee Spechts, Jake Stockl, Bruce Butler, Jack Ucci and wife, Mike Weiner and wife.



(above, standing l-r) Vinnie Diamonte, Richie Jones, John Robinson, Ron Jacobson, Jerry Highsmith, John Trabachino and Mike DiCarlo. (seated, l-r) Larry Brown and Bob Kluge.



### CARMELA CORDOMA-MAZZA CALLING ON ST. A'S GRADS

Anyone from the class of '75, and souronding years, interested in getting together at Spirito's on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 around 6pm please let me know. I sent invites to my FB friends who attended St. Anthony's. At least 10 are definite. Hope to see more! If anyone knows of someone who would like to join us, please tell them they are welcomed.

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(above, l-r) The Reunion Committee: Joanne Pareso, Ken Nascondiglio, Jackie Salemi, Joe Tedde.



(above, l-r) Cathi Busichio, Judy Mollozzi, Rita Ciaccio.

### ST. ANTHONY'S 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 1970 REUNITES

Class starts St. Anthony's Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund

On October 15th, 2010, the St. Anthony's Class of 1970 reunited for the first time in 40 years. The turnout was great. People came from near and far. About 65% of the class attended, along with members of the clergy, including our principal, Sr. Domenica, one of our 8th grade teachers, Sr. Eileen, Sr. Marissa DeRose, Sr. Beatrice, Brother Jerry, and Deacon Joe Caporaso, Class of 1963, who is now principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy (formerly St. Anthony's).

The reunion started with a special Mass followed by a school tour. We then moved onto the Ribera Club for what has been described as the party of the century!!! OMG what fun!!! Forty years may have passed, and we may have looked a bit different, but our core clearly had not changed. There were plenty of hugs and kisses, lots of dancing, and loads of memories of our childhood at St. Anthony's and in Peterstown. No one could explain the incredible feelings this reunion stirred within us. But time passed much too quickly and sadly the evening ended...

Wait!!! Is it possible to feel such a happy yet melancholy gush of emotion? It just cannot stop here. We each received such a precious gift of an excellent education and the gift of faith; this magic elixir which strengthened and prepared us for life's journeys, both past and future. Somehow this gift needed to be recognized and shared as a product of our teachings from St. Anthony's School. We all saw a school that has changed and is in need.

In the October issue of Around About Peterstown our class announced that we were starting The St. Anthony's Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund. We are happy to say that so far we have collected approximately \$3,500. However, in discussions with Joe Cap he informed us that the school needs approximately \$40,000 a year to keep operating. So although the Class of 1970 formed this committee, we discussed the fact that we would like to invite other classes and friends of St. Anthony's in joining our efforts to help Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy. Therefore, a decision was made to change the name of the fund to the St. Anthony's Alumni Memorial Fund in memory of all our beloved classmates who left us much too soon, and also to expand the limit of help beyond scholarships.

So, again, we would welcome other graduating classes and friends of St. Anthony's to join us in our goal to keep the school open and operating and providing the same Catholic education for today's kids as we enjoyed in the past.

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(above, l-r) Brother Jerry and Sr. Domenica, Sr. Eileen, Sr. Marissa, Sr. Beatrice, Deacon Joe Caporaso.



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(above, 1-r) Mary Lee Castagna, Frank Cistaro.



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## SAL ANGELO SOLVES PUZZLE IN HIS GENEOLOGY SEARCH



(above, 1-r) It was in the stars that Sal Angelo's cousin Rita (Ciaccio) married her husband Lou Labrutto.



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Dear Joe:

Since early 2000 when I was reviewing the Ribera vital records, there were occasions when I copied and kept some documents of interest because of a name or some other factor. By luck or chance when recently searching the Ellis Island website for some of my direct ancestors I came across a manifest of March 4, 1904 of the SS Napolitan Prince. The manifest had 25 Ribera residents sign on, 17 did not sail. Of the 8 residents that did, two names caught my eye., Vincenzo Termine and his wife Mariantonia Miceli. I searched my "hold" file and found three Ribera death records pertaining to them. I held these documents for 9 years because they mentioned the name Termine (part of my maternal lineage), John St. address, Elizabeth N.J. and "Peterstown".

I have traced the ancestry of both people and to my surprise, Mariantonia Miceli turns out to be related to Lou Lobrutto, who is married to my first cousin Rita Ciaccio. I want to share the details with you, it has a number of twists and turns.

Sincerely,

Salvatore M Angelo Sr.

### DEATH RECORD 1907 PART 2 DOCUMENT # 6 (HANDWRITTEN)

Translated it states: In the year 1907 on the day 19 of the month of September,

Before Cav. Salvatore Chiorenza mayor and Officer of the Vital Records of the Town of Ribera Appeared Pietro Miceli, age 75 occupation of farmer. He presented a copy of a death act of Vincenzo Termina, written in English from the Italian Counsel in Newark New Jersey USA to be placed into our Register of Deaths. Pietro Miceli will help translate.

The document was from the city of Paterson (Peterstown). County of Union, City of Elizabeth signed by the citys legal counsel John F. Kenah. It was dated May 31, 1907.

Vincenzo Termina died April 21, 1907 age 33, a laborer; he died in the house at 333 John St. Elizabeth NJ. His parents were Francesco and Antonia. He was buried in Mt. Olive Cemetry. The funeral director was M.M. Martino and Son

### DEATH RECORD 1908 PART 2 DOCUMENT # 22

It essentially corrected information in the 1907 Part 2 document 6 record. The Italian Ministry of Records in Sciacca presented the assistant mayor Cav. Giuseppe Gueli this information. The corrections were made November 24, 1908 and the changes included:

- 1. The deceased name is Vincenzo Termine not Termina
- 2. His wife's name is Mariantonia Miceli not Antonia.
- 3. Vincenzo's age at death is 41 years of age, not 33
- 4. His parents names are Francesco Termine and Antonina Quartararo
- 5. He died in the house at 333 John St. Elizabeth NJ, USA was confirmed

### DEATH RECORD 1908 PART 2 DOCUMENT # 16

Translated it states: " In the year 1908 day 30 of the month of October at the hour of 12, came before Cav. Giuseppe Giuli assistant mayor and officer of the town of Ribera's vital records. Mariantonia Miceli age 24, daughter of Pietro. She informed me of the death of Antonia Termine and presented documentation from the Italian Consul in Newark NJ, America and the City of Elizabeth, county of Union, State of New Jersey in America

Antonia Termine died June 2, 1908 at the age of 9 months 8 days, at the house at 333 John St., Elizabeth NJ. The witnesses were Michele Carbone age 48, Vincenzo Tranuela age 52 both residents of Ribera."

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### IN SEARCH OF VINCENZO & MARIANTONIA TERMINE

### **A BRICKWALL FALLS**

In the spring of 2002, while Living in Orlando, Fla and reviewing the microfilm vital records of my mother's town of Ribera, Sicily, there were occasions when some documents caught my interest, because of the persons name or other factors. I had copied three (3) of these documents and held them since for further review. These three (3) Italian documents mentioned the surname of Termine (part of my maternal grandmothers ancestry), the city of Elizabeth, State of NJ and John St. The Ribera town officials even erroneously wrote the neighborhood name of "Peterstown" as "Paterson in Union County. "

In October 2010 convergence of my research and these set-aside documents came together. While researching the Ellis Island.org website for arrivals of some ancestors, I came across the manifest of the SS Napolitan Prince of March 4, 1904 arrival in New York harbor. The manifest page had 25 Ribera residents signed on, but 17 of them did not sail. Of the 8 residents that sailed the names of Vincenzo Termine age 38 and his wife Maria Antonia Miceli age 20 were listed. They were to meet a brother-inlaw Antonino D'Acque in New York City. Their names caught my eye. I went through my records and located the three death records I put aside in 2002 and discovered it was they.

Using my transcribed Ribera records I located the

marriage date of this couple. They were married in Ribera residents, 320 Gian (John) St. October 3, 1901 doc. #70. Vincenzo was age 35; his parents were Francesco and Antonina Quartararo. Mariantonia Miceli was age 17 and her parents were Pietro and Maria LaBrutto.

The death documents show that they were living at 333 John St. in Elizabeth when Vincenzo died in 1907 (this document had several errors) and that a daughter Antonia died at the same address due to bronchial pneumonia in 1908 at the age of 9 months and 8 days. Vincenzo's death certificate was presented to the Ribera town officials by his father-in-law Pietro Miceli age 75. The errors on the 1907 document were corrected in the 1908 document. Sometime between 1907-1908 Mariantonia Miceli returned to Ribera to present her child Antonia's death record.

The dates of Vincenzo and Antonia deaths and the childs age at her death indicate that Mariantonia Miceli may have been four to five months pregnant at her husband's death.

Ellis Island records show she later married a relative of Lobrutto's first cousin 3 times removed (1C3R). Her the brother-in-law listed in her 1904 passenger manifest. On April 17,1915 she returned on the S.S. Italia to Elizabeth NJ with two children Pietro and Giuseppa D'Acque to meet her husband Domenico D'Acque, the address listed was that constantly used many other Ribera 🛛 studies. 🎼

Also of interest is that Mariantonia's mother, Maria Camela LoBrutto turns out to be a sister of Lou LoBrutto's great grandfather Luciano. (Lou is married to my first cousin Rita Ciaccio.) Maria Camela was born Sept 4, 1854 and she married Pietro Miceli May 8, 1880 in Ribera, he is the same Pietro mentioned in the 1907 death record of Vincenzo Termine.

Since Mariantonia arrived with her new husband in 1915, I researched the 1920 Federal Census and initially had difficulty locating the name D'Acqua. I searched by page and located them living at 308 John St. with three other Lobrutto families, John with his wife Mary and son Dominick. Rose and her son Louis. Joseph with his wife Josephine and their sons Luciano and Joseph. The D'Acqua name was misspelled on the census as looking like "halqua". The D'Acqua family had grown, since their 1915 arrival with the addition of two sons; Luciano and Joseph.

In summary: Mariantonia (Miceli) Termine is Lou daughter Antonia who died in 1908 is his first cousin 2 times removed (1C2R); Mariantonia's mother Maria Carmela Lobrutto is his great-great aunt. One never knows what surprises can be found in genealogical









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Elizabeth Avenue's Cleanest Facility with State of the Art Equipment. Featuring Castrol Products

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14 Poin	t Service
Chassis Lube	<ul> <li>Battery Fluid</li> </ul>
Oil Change	<ul> <li>Windshield Wash</li> </ul>
Replace Filter	Lubricate Doors
Speed Service Check	<ul> <li>Tire Pressure</li> </ul>
Transmission Fluid	<ul> <li>Radiator Fluid</li> </ul>
Brake Fluid	Check Air Filter
Differential Fluid	• Wiper Blades Che
<ul> <li>Power Ste</li> </ul>	ering Fluid



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